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## P&Z aims to squelch anti-ag newcomers

The Homedale Planning and Zoning Commission took a stand last week against urban newcomers who try to shut down existing agricultural operations in their neighborhoods.

A proposed change in language on all plats prohibiting challenges of legally run agricultural operations was among the amendments to city code suggested by the commission at its Oct. 2 meeting.

In all, commissioners agreed to refer six proposed ordinance amendments to the Homedale City Council. Planning and Zoning Administrator Sylvia Bahem said the proposed ordinance changes

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## County, Marsing renew pact

The City of Marsing will pay Owyhee County office \$72,000 in fiscal year 2007 for 228 hours of law enforcement service per month from the sheriff's office.

This number is up from \$69,000 for the past two years but is less than the \$90,000 the county had sought for this year.

Marsing Mayor Don Osterhoudt said last week the contract is a "win-win" situation for both his city and Owyhee County.

"They had a right to ask for the

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## Craig speaks frankly on Initiative



### Craig faces constituents in Marsing

About 50 people from Owyhee and Canyon counties, including Marsing Mayor Don Osterhoudt, listen to Sen. Larry Craig (R-Idaho) during his town hall meeting Thursday at the Phipps-Watson American Legion Community Center in Marsing.

Marsing forum  
also covers illegal  
immigration,  
federal spending

Some supporters of the Owyhee Initiative have been wondering where Idaho U.S. Sen. Larry Craig stands on the issue. He may have given some clues during his visit to the county Thursday.

In an exclusive interview with The Owyhee Avalanche, Craig outlined his concerns and tried to bring what he called "an understanding of the reality" of how difficult it might be to get funds appropriated for certain key elements of the implementation legislation.

He also said that he felt the Owyhee Initiative Implementation Act of 2006 introduced into the Senate earlier this year by Sen. Mike Crapo (R-Idaho) should include a "trigger" clause that — if passed into law — the legislation wouldn't be enacted until after the money is secured

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## Deadline to register for Nov. 7 election looms

Owyhee County Clerk Charlotte Sherburn reminds all new residents and people who have not yet registered to vote that Friday is the last day to register early for the Nov. 7 general election.

Although registration on

Election Day is available, Sherburn encourages folks to register early. Voters must be 18 years of age and must have lived in Owyhee County for 30 days.

Registration is available at any city hall in the county or at the

Owyhee County Courthouse in Murphy.

A registration form also is available on the Internet through the county's Web site, [owyheecounty.net](http://owyheecounty.net). Navigate to "Voting maps" then click on the

[www.idahovotes.gov](http://www.idahovotes.gov) link. Print the form, fill it out and send it to the Owyhee County Clerk, P.O. Box 128, Murphy, ID 83650.

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# Homedale battery suspects to stand trial

Two Homedale men will stand trial for the alleged Sept. 8 beating and robbery of fellow Homedale resident Douglas Grever.

During a preliminary hearing held Friday morning in Murphy, Magistrate Judge Thomas Ryan found probable cause to hold Steven Dickson and Adam Cook over into District court to stand trial on felony charges stemming from the early-morning attack on Grever near an Idaho Avenue bar.

Cook and Dickson are both still in custody. Each is being held on a \$100,000 bond each. They

are scheduled to appear in District court in Murphy at 9 a.m. Friday for arraignment in front of Judge Gregory M. Culet.

Cook and Dickson were arrested on Sept. 19 on charges of aggravated battery and robbery.

According to the court clerk, Ryan heard testimony from four



Adam Cook

state's witnesses during Friday's hearing. The victim did not testify, and the defense did not call any witnesses.

During the Sept. 8 incident, 50-year-old Grever was robbed of his wallet and an undisclosed amount of cash. The attack left the victim unconscious.



Steven Dickson

Grever was initially treated by Homedale Ambulance crews, before being transported to Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center by helicopter, where he remained in the intensive care unit for several days.

Grever's father, Douglas, said Friday that his son is out of the hospital and staying at his home in Homedale. He has not yet returned to work and lives with the assistance from his family, the elder Grever said.

— JWB

## Candidate forum planned

The Marsing Senior Center plans a political candidate "speak-out" on Saturday that will feature a barbecue chicken dinner as a fund-raiser for its Meals on Wheels program.

The event will be held at 6 p.m. at the senior center, 218 Main Street.

The center is inviting the candidates or their representatives for county, state and national offices to speak and answer questions.

The meal will feature chicken, baked beans, cole slaw, baked potato and dessert. The cost is \$7 per plate.

Tickets will be sold for the barbecue to gauge how much food will be needed. Call (208) 896-4634 or drop by the center.

The center said in a press release that Rep. C.L. "Butch" Otter, the Republican candidate for governor, has been invited to the event.

## Man dies on Idaho 51

Owyhee County emergency personnel were kept busy during the weekend with several calls, including another fatal motorcycle accident on Idaho highway 51.

The Owyhee County dispatch center received a report of a motorcycle accident near milepost 47 on Idaho 51 at 4:45 p.m. Saturday. When emergency crews arrived on scene, they found the male driver of the motorcycle had died.

It was the third motorcycle fatality on that stretch of State Highway 51 road this year. A summertime accident claimed the lives of a Boise man and woman.

Earlier this year, before learning of the second and third fatalities on the highway, county sheriff Gary Aman spoke up about the treacherous stretch of Idaho 51 between milepost 35 and milepost 47.

"It's a real bad stretch of road," he said. "In nine years, we've had five fatalities and 21 serious injury accidents."

Aman and two of his deputies responded to Saturday's accident

as did county coroner Harvey Grimme and crews from Grand View Ambulance and Bruneau Quick Response Unit.

No other details, including the identity of the driver, were available at press time.

A one-car rollover on Idaho highway 78 between Marsing and Murphy sent four people to Mercy Medical Center in Nampa with injuries Sunday.

According to an Owyhee County dispatch report, females ranging in age from 36 to 9 were involved but were walking around when emergency personnel arrived. Marsing Ambulance, Homedale Ambulance and Melba QRU responded.

Marsing Ambulance also responded to a hunter's report of an accidental self-inflicted gunshot on Clark Island on Saturday afternoon.

According to reports, the hunter shot himself in the arm with a .22 rifle. He was transported to West Valley Medical Center in Caldwell.

No other details were available on either incident at press time.

## Former Homedale clerk due back in court on Dec. 11

If former Homedale City Clerk Pamela Dugger goes to trial on charges of misusing public funds and grand theft, the proceedings won't begin until April.

On Sept. 5, Dugger's attorney filed a motion to extend the timeframe of her pending case in order to file motions and oral arguments, according to records at the Canyon County courthouse in Caldwell.

Dugger is scheduled to attend a 9 a.m. motion hearing on Dec. 11, but details of that hearing are not available at this time.

Dugger has been charged with nine felonies, including eight counts of misuse of public funds and one count of grand theft. The charges stem from questionable spending reports from Oct. 1, 2003 through September 2004. The city of Homedale turned over investigation of financial irregularities to the state in 2004. A Canyon County grand jury handed down indictments earlier this year.

Dugger allegedly illegally obtained advances for travel and meals to attend an out-of-state seminar and used a city credit card on that trip. The grand theft charge

stems from accusations that Dugger charged more than \$1,000 to her city credit card to pay for gasoline for her personal vehicle and for unauthorized travel. Dugger is also accused of using a city credit card to buy personal items at a Wal-Mart store in Caldwell.

Dugger is scheduled to appear at a pre-trial conference March 26, 2007 and for trial between April 3 and April 13.

If convicted, Dugger would be barred from ever holding public office in the state. The maximum penalty for each count of misuse of public funds is 10 years in the state penitentiary.

The charge of grand theft carries a maximum of 14 years in prison and a \$5,000 fine. Sentencing is ultimately at the discretion of the trial judge.

According to the War Eagle Speedways Web site, Dugger currently serves as vice president for the proposed motor sports complex near the Elmore-Ada county line. Robert P. Walker, who served as Homedale's city engineer when Dugger was city clerk, is the president of War Eagle Speedways.



Pamela Dugger

— JWB

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increase. The cost of business is going up," Osterhoudt said.

Initially, the county had sought \$90,000 for the one-year contract. Osterhoudt said that while the current contract is for less than that in terms of a dollar amount, the city is also providing an office for sheriff's deputies in Marsing for a cost of only \$350 per month, including all utilities.

Osterhoudt said this type of "in-kind" compensation for the sheriff's office helps to offset the disparity between the sheriff's original asking price of \$90,000 per year and the agreed-upon amount of \$72,000.

"I think I presented our case about how much we could afford," Osterhoudt said. "We budgeted in good faith."

"We started dialogue with reasonable people, and this is what we came up with," the mayor said. "We're happy, satisfied, with the coverage we're getting."

Osterhoudt said his city did not seriously consider the option of establishing its own police department.

Osterhoudt said that, in the past, his city has considered the option of consolidating police services with the city of Homedale and looked at the Canyon County cities of Wilder and Greenleaf as a model.

"Wilder and Greenleaf share police protection," Osterhoudt said. "Other cities are doing it (consolidating)."

Osterhoudt said that while this was an option, the city of Homedale's price for services was more than Marsing could afford, and that consolidation with Homedale "didn't seem to fit" his city at this time.

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**Paul’s granted vacation of right of way**  
*The Homedale Planning and Zoning Commission approved a request by city resident Paul Zatica to vacate the right-of-way of an alley that lies to the west of Paul’s Market on East Wyoming Avenue. The alley runs north and south between Wyoming and East Colorado Avenue. Zatica said the area will be used for parking by store employees.*

# Homedale P&Z grants permit for tattoo shop

Without lengthy debate, the Homedale Planning and Zoning Commission last week voted unanimously to grant a special use permit to West Idaho Avenue tattoo shop Munster’s Ink.

The commission also voted to vacate the alley running north/south between Colorado and Wyoming, directly to the west of Paul’s Market. Paul Zatica had requested the action on behalf of the Homedale-based store chain.

Michael Munster, who owns and operates Munster’s Ink with his wife, Karoline, answered the few questions posed by the commission in reference to the business.

Questions centered on age requirements for patrons and health and sanitation issues regarding the business.

Munster quickly dissuaded fears of under-age patrons and cleanliness issues by detailing his personal policies of refusing service to minors (regardless of parental consent) and maintaining health and safety standards set by neighboring states, even though Idaho has no official regulation of the tattoo industry.

Homedale does not require business licenses. But unless a business falls into a clearly defined category such as a retail business or service industry — such as a hair salon or doctor’s office — a special use permit must be granted.

Planning and Zoning Administrator Sylvia Bahem said the commission did not feel a tattoo parlor fell into the types of businesses listed in the city ordinance, and thus would require a special use permit to operate.

On July 31, the Munsters received a letter from Homedale City Planning and Zoning stating that they were required to have a special use permit, granted by the Planning and Zoning Commission, in order to operate a tattoo shop.

The commission also voted unanimously to vacate the public right-of-way for the alley running north/south between Wyoming and Colorado, west of Paul’s Market.

Zatica said he hoped to use the area for employee parking, and firmly stated he did not plan to build on the property.

— JWB

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still must be drafted and published before they are discussed at a Nov. 6 public hearing. From that point, they will be referred to the city council.

To address the contentious battle between agriculture and the advance of urban development, the commission suggested requiring the language on all plats that lie within the vicinity of agricultural businesses specifies that agricultural operations can result in the presence of “noise and or other inconveniences,” including the possibility that lights and the use of machinery during nighttime hours are a possibility.

The amended ordinance would prohibit owners or subsequent owners of property identified in such plats from challenging agricultural operations that are run within the boundaries of legal guidelines.

Bahem clarified that the proposed language is designed as a safeguard for agricultural areas against urbanization and complaints against farms from new residents that move into the area.

“We want to prevent situations like in Canyon County where residents complained of a farmer bailing hay in an existing field,” Bahem said, pointing out that this verbiage is necessary in rural/urban interface areas, such as the new Homedale area of impact.

The amendment prohibiting



**P&Z proposes sign ordinance change**  
*Under an ordinance amendment proposed by Homedale Planning and Zoning, businesses would be allowed to have two signs affixed to the business, instead of one. Planning and Zoning Administrator Sylvia Bahem said the amendment will especially affect businesses such as the AutoZone — which lies at the intersection of two streets — that wish to have signs facing two directions.*

challenges to agricultural businesses that operate within legal guidelines is one of two P&Z proposals that addresses elements of the growth explosion Homedale is experiencing.

The other proposal would allow city business owners to attach two signs to their buildings. Currently city code only allows one attached sign per business.

Bahem clarified that the proposed sign ordinance only referred to signs placed directly on the building. She stressed that, under the current ordinance, a business could have two signs, but only one affixed to the building. If one of the two signs is free-standing, both signs are legal under the current statute. Additionally, there are several businesses in the city, which are exempt from the ordinance due to a “grandfather clause.”

This issue surfaced because of the new AutoZone auto parts

store on Main Street. Bahem said this sign issue is particularly pertinent to businesses that are on corner lots, such as AutoZone and Family Dollar Store.

Commissioners stressed that the amendment still would not permit a business to activate a flashing lighted sign.

Other city code amendments proposed at last week’s meeting include:

- Requiring an attached garage be included in all new home construction.
- Requiring curbs, gutters and sidewalks as well as concrete driveways extending to the street on all new construction.
- Setting size limitations on accessory building, such as shops
- Requiring two-story homes to have at 1,000 square feet on the main level.

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'I can't predict that, if you're still running deficits.'

— **Sen. Larry Craig (R-Idaho)**  
on when funding would be available to pay for elements of the Owyhee Initiative

## Craig tackles questions in Marsing

Sen. Larry Craig (R-Idaho) gestures during the early portion of his 50-minute town hall meeting Thursday in Marsing. The senator visited other parts of Owyhee County on Thursday, including sites that will be included in a brief DVD presentation on the county's history



# Craig developing DVDs on Idaho county histories

The town hall meeting in Marsing wasn't the only reason Sen. Larry Craig (R-Idaho) was in Owyhee County on Thursday.

The third-term U.S. senator also spent part of the day at the Bruneau Sand Dunes, the Simplot feedlots in Grand View, Silver City and in the county seat of Murphy as part of an ongoing educational project.

"I've been making DVDs with 8 to 10 minutes on the history of each county that can be used in grade schools in Idaho," Craig said.

Homedale native Jacq Landa, one of Craig's newest staffers in Washington, D.C., accompanied the senator on his Owyhee County trip.

"Jacq's doing well. She's doing very well," Craig said. "We're

pleased to find someone with her talent with Idaho roots. That's always important."

Craig said he's not quite halfway through the endeavor that will include all 44 of the state's counties.

With each new county covered, though, grade-school teachers will have another resource to help teach Idaho history specific to their counties.

Craig, who was first elected to the U.S. Senate in 1990 after serving five terms in the state's First Congressional District, says he holds about 20 to 25 town hall meetings around the state each year. He has been combining the filming of the educational DVDs with forums, he said.

— JPB

## ✓ Craig

in the federal budget.

"It is not an impossible task, but it is a difficult task," Craig said of obtaining money for the bill. "So I suggest that to build a sense of urgency to move this issue that it ought not be complete and ought not be enacted until the financial side of it is met along with the land designation side."

Craig also relayed that message to the 50 constituents who attended Thursday afternoon's town hall meeting at the American Legion Phipps-Watson Community Center in Marsing.

Owyhee County rancher Jerry Hoagland said he was pleased that Craig addressed the difficulties the bill may face in Congress. Its journey began two weeks ago when Craig's Public Lands and Forests subcommittee held a hearing on the legislation.

"He explained on the Owyhee Initiative what we knew. I'm just glad he pointed it out to the group," Hoagland said. "I don't know if there is any other way to do that than to get (the funding) authorized."

Craig stressed that the Initiative bill is merely an authorization bill. Congress would have to appropriate funds to finalize the \$15 million grazing land exchange program and other elements of the Initiative.

"The only thing I said that concerns me is that if the bill were to become law tomorrow, those who wanted wilderness and those who wanted wild and scenic rivers would get it," Craig said before the town hall meeting.

"Those who agreed to compromise for the land exchanges, the grazing buyouts and all the other parts of it along with the range consulting center that would be developed here, they would have to wait for the

money to come down the road."

Craig said he draws his reasoning for simultaneously enacting both the financial and land designation portions of the bill from his previous experience trying to create wilderness legislation during his congressional career, which began in 1974 in Idaho's First Congressional District.

He hinted that pushing the bill through without appropriations could dissolve the delicate alliance between the different land-use groups that have worked 5½ years on the details of the Initiative. And he conceded that some groups don't readily embrace the idea of waiting until the money is available to enact the bill.

"That never falls on popular ears because our environmental friends get what they want and they disappear," Craig said. "Once they achieve in law what they want, they're never there to help those who were a part of it."

The senator said the reality of the situation in Washington is that there are several other appropriations vying for money as it is, including his own Craig-Wyden legislation that uses federal timber receipts to help school districts in counties, including many in Idaho, that lose revenue because of an abundance of public lands that are exempt from property tax.

"(The Initiative funding) is new money, and you go after it against a \$300, \$400 or \$500 billion deficit, and you go after it against other competing items, and some of them are relatively mandatory," Craig said.

Craig drew a few vigorous nods from the crowd when he likened the Owyhee Initiative to the Steens Mountain Wilderness Act, which authorized grazing land exchanges to create an Oregon wilderness but never received federal funding for the compensation package.

"We're still waiting," Craig said.

The senator said it was impossible to know when there could be money available to fund the Owyhee Initiative land exchanges.

"I can't predict that, if you're still running deficits," he said. "And we're cutting budgets now to get deficits under control, yet there are proposals like this that will add millions back into it."

Illegal immigration, feds' spending, CAFOs discussed

The course of Thursday's forum had to be steered toward discussion of the Owyhee Initiative by Marsing Mayor Don Osterhoudt, who introduced the senator at the beginning of the 50-minute meeting and brought up the Initiative in the midst of pointed questions about illegal immigration, border security, the reduction of federal spending and the alleged toxicity of runoff from concentrated animal feeding operations (CAFOs).

• To an audience member who questioned whether federal spending actually has been reduced, Craig explained that the growth rate of the federal budget has been cut in half from 8 percent to 4 percent.

"Not only have we actually cut spending this year as a rate of increase, but in all fairness we've had a phenomenal economy, and in the past two quarters of this past fiscal year we have had the highest growth in revenue in the history of our government," the senator said.

"So, high growth in revenue and a reduction in spending should bring the tab down to about a \$275 billion deficit, and I have helped, with a group of others, to try to bring that down another \$100 to \$150 million, \$200 million next year."

• Craig said that the federal



## One-on-one opportunity

Barry Peterson of Mountain Home, left, chats with Sen. Larry Craig (R-Idaho) after Thursday's town hall meeting in Marsing.

government's commitment to public schools has increased \$6 billion in the past two years and he expects another \$3 billion added this year in an effort to finance the No Child Left Behind mandate that has put a strain on school districts nationwide because — much like Steens — proper funding didn't follow authorization.

• The senator was able to set the record straight during a particularly contentious line of questioning about a piece of legislation, H.R. 4341, that would amend 25-year-old legislation to remove manure from the Superfund list of hazardous substances. He said that while CAFOs and other agribusiness entities will be exempt from the jurisdiction of the Superfund legislation they still must observe regulations under the Clean Water Act and Clean Air Act.

• The discussion of illegal immigration and border security melded into one as Craig outlined congressional efforts to build a

fence along the Mexican border and his own efforts, through his AgJOBS bill, to regulate the seasonal employment of guest workers.

"If we had a cooperating partner south of us of the kind we have to the north of us, the border would be substantially more tighter than it is," Craig said, comparing Mexico's attitude toward border security to that of Canada's. "But because we don't, we're going to have to build a fence."

Craig related a conversation he had with the Mexican ambassador to the U.S., as justification for the continuing efforts to construct a fence along the county's 2,500-mile border with Mexico.

"Remember an old poet by the name of Carl Sandberg? He said good fences make good neighbors? Well, in this instance a good fence will make a better neighbor out of Mexico, and it will save a lot of our problems," Craig said.

— JPB



# Obituary

## George Houston Call

George Houston Call of Homedale, Idaho passed away at his home of lung cancer on Thursday, October 5, 2006 at the age of 77 years, 3 months, and 3 days.

He was born in the Ozark Mountains of Douglas County, MO on July 2, 1929 to William (Bill) Call and Ethel T (Irwin) Call. He attended a one-room school at Bakersfield and graduated from Mountain Grove High School in 1947. He never missed a day of school until the last week of his senior year when flooding was so bad near Green Mountain and Graff where the family lived that he was unable to make it.

Following graduation he went to Bentedorf, Iowa, Nevada, Wilder, Idaho, and to John Day, Oregon to work. He was working at Blue Mountain Mills until Army service took him to Germany and Switzerland. He returned to John Day following his service, spending 14 years as a Western Pine Lumber Grader and worked as a carpenter in his spare time as well as building his own home. He moved to Homedale, Idaho in 1960 and made a home for his mother close to his sister, Joyce and her family. He continued to work as a carpenter, building his current home with his brother Irwin Call. Houston loved working with wood, building cabinets, and finish work. He spent many hours working for and with Cecil Burnett, Greg Grammater, and Marian Vance during the past 46 years.

Houston seldom returned to Missouri but he dearly loved the hills, the people, and the music. In his Oregon days, he was an avid roller skater, skating 4 and 5 times a week. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, and trap shooting. During later years here in Homedale, he had a wonderful garden, canning, selling and giving away the beautiful produce.

He belonged to the Carpenter's Union, was a 53-year member of NRA, and had all the issues of the magazine for those 53 years; belonged to American Legion for 53 years and was a 28-year member of Post No. 32 in Homedale.

Although he never married, he leaves his beloved best friend,



Myrle Jones of Homedale; one sister, Joyce (Blackman) Mickelson and husband Dave of Elk River, MN; nephew, Carson Blackman and wife Jen and children, Jared, Britni and Katie of Roscoe, NE; niece Cami and husband Mike Prochnow and children, Morgan and Chase of Seward, NE; nephew Wesley Blackman and Tim Evenson of Minneapolis, MN; step nieces and nephews, Roxanne Olson and husband Tim and children Sydney and Zack of Elk River; Rhonda Mickelson and Niki of Plymouth, MN; and David, Connor, and Parker of MN; A very special cousin, Vera and husband Paul Coonts of Wilder, Marilyn Romjue of Nampa; Loren and Bonnie Dobyns of SD, Sue Bunch of WA; Eldon Dobyns of CA; and Olive Pursel of NV; as well cousins in Idaho, Missouri, Iowa and Texas.

He was preceded in death by father, mother, brother Irwin, paternal grandparents, Call and Platt; and maternal grandparents Irwin (Beck) and Coffin.

A special thank you to "Mrs. Jones" for all the wonderful food and special care which allowed him to spend his last days at home under the care of hospice ... her love and kindness can never be repaid.

Also to Rev. Ray Gerthung and family of the Wilder Church of God, Leland Anderson and loved ones and friends for all their support. It is so appreciated when family is far away. Also a special thank you to Dr. Augustus and Dr. Eastman and Four Rivers Hospice for their wonderful care.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, October 7, 2006 at Flahiff Funeral Chapel Homedale. Burial followed at the Wilder Cemetery.

# School menus

## Homedale Elementary

- Oct. 12: Chicken or beef nuggets, broccoli, cinnamon roll, fruit & veggie bar, milk.
- Oct. 13: Pizza or popcorn chicken, salad, cookie, fruit & veggie bar, milk.
- Oct. 16: Hamburger or fish patty/bun, fries, cookie, fruit & veggie bar, milk.
- Oct. 17: Chicken tenders or CF beef steak, mashed potatoes/gravy, roll, fruit & veggie bar, milk.
- Oct. 18: Crispito or tst. Cheese sandwich, taco salad, churro, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

## Homedale Middle

- Oct. 12: Idaho haystack or split top sandwich, churro, fruit & veggie bar, milk.
- Oct. 13: Chicken tenders or CF beef steak, mashed potatoes/gravy, roll, fruit & veggie bar, milk.
- Oct. 16: Hamburger or hot dog, fries, cookie, fruit & veggie bar, milk.
- Oct. 17: Chicken or beef nuggets, broccoli, cinnamon roll, fruit & veggie bar, milk.
- Oct. 18: Enchilada or chicken & noodle, corn, apple crisp, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

## Homedale High

- Oct. 12: Chicken patty/bun or sandwich & soup, potato wedges, dessert, fruit & veggie bar, milk.
- Oct. 13: Crispito or rib-b-que/bun, corn, taco salad, fruit & veggie bar, milk.
- Oct. 16: Pizza, chicken fritters or chef's salad, dessert, fruit & veggie bar, milk.
- Oct. 17: Beef nuggets or corn dog bites, potato or macaroni salad, roll, fruit & veggie bar, milk.
- Oct. 18: Lasagna or burrito, French bread, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

## Bruneau

- Oct. 12: Chili, coleslaw, applesauce, cinnamon roll, milk.
- Oct. 13: Chicken nuggets, potatoes & gravy, veggie, pineapple cake, milk.
- Oct. 16: Chicken fajita, fried rice, stir fry veggie, fruit cup, milk.
- Oct. 17: Sloppy Jo, tossed salad, fresh fruit, cookie, milk.
- Oct. 18: Chicken patty, scalloped potatoes, corn, roll/butter, fruit, milk.

# Senior menus

## Homedale center

- Oct. 12: Baked fish, macaroni & cheese, carrots, roll, milk
- Oct. 17: Liver & onions, mashed potatoes & gravy, green beans, roll, milk.
- Oct. 18: Chicken patty/bun, macaroni & cheese, broccoli, milk.

## Marsing center

- Oct. 12: Sweet & sour pork, rice, broccoli, salad, soup, dessert, drink.
- Oct. 17: Meat loaf, mixed vegetables, potatoes, pork &

- beans, salad, soup, dessert, drink.
- Oct. 18: Liver & onions/chicken wings, scallop potatoes, corn, soup, salad, dessert, drink.

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- (Tuesday-6pm/Thursday-Noon)
- Oct. 12: Chicken maxim w/dressing & cream soup in casserole, vegetable sticks, beets, roll, ice cream.
- Oct. 17: Liver & onions, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad w/cauliflower & tomato, buns, peach or rhubarb crisp.

# Three Creek

by Lola Blossom

Last Saturday, when there wasn't a cloud in the sky, a fire started on Grassy hill. It burned near the windmill and burned power poles causing a power outage. Phones in Three Creek were out all day Sunday.

School has started again with Mrs. Boss as an enthused teacher. She has four students and is happy with them. They are Jessica Gonzales in the seventh grade and Dianna Gonzales in the fifth grade. They are from Steve Aslett's House Creek Ranch. Santa Maria Valdez is in kindergarten and comes from Brackett's Flat Creek Ranch. The other kindergartner is Kodee Lyn Severe from Devil Creek Ranch. The school is having a Fall Get Together at 7 p.m. on Oct. 27. They hope to see everyone there. They would like for us all to save box tops and cans for them.

September was a fun month for me. My brother, Ray Colyer, wheeled me around to enjoy the Filer fair. My sister-in-law, Bonnie Colyer, came up and took me to Bruneau for four days, and I got to take in the Bruneau Rodeo. What a fun time. A lot of people attended, but they are like on big happy family. Everyone knows everyone else. In the grand entry, Shona Gennette cut a fine figure as she galloped around the arena riding bareback on a paint horse packing a large American flag. What a neat way to wave Old Glory to the breeze.

I got to see my nephew Kyle Colyer and his wife Bobby Jean be fastest in team roping on Saturday. Saw little niece Emma Carly in the mutton busting on Sunday and Bobby Jean barrel race. I saw Samme and Bailey Bachman team rope with their mom and dad. They as little girls helped us put cattle on the mountain. The biggest surprise was when I didn't know Ellen Tingstrom who had helped us so many, many miles with our cattle when she was a kid. The sad part of the rodeo was when Ross Cameron led the saddled horse of Blaise Black around the arena.

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# Your finances Communication key to establishing harmonious budget

**Dear Dave,**  
My wife and I are debt-free except for our home. As part of our budget, we set aside an equal amount each week for us both as our personal spending money. Do you think this is OK, or is it a selfish thing to do?

— Dale

**Dear Dale,**  
There's nothing wrong with having a little blow money figured in as long as you're both in agreement on the amount and having this category as part of your monthly budget.

Everyone needs a little pocket money and the freedom to have a little fun. It's a healthy thing. The problems start when couples don't agree on these kinds of things, or even worse, when they start lying to each other.

There are two things that happen once people get married. They either grow together or they grow apart. When you start hiding things from your spouse you're essentially keeping separate lives. That's growing apart, and it's a sure ticket to divorce!

Having an agreed-upon budget isn't just telling your money what to do. It's also an important part of the sharing and communication process between a husband and wife.

— Dave

**Dear Dave,**  
I've just begun following your advice. I've got \$1,000 in the bank, and I'm making a budget every month. After all my expenses are figured into the budget, I have \$125 left over. Right now, I have three debts totaling about \$18,000. I was wondering if I should pay this off or invest the money.

— Holly

**Dear Holly,**  
You're doing a great job so far by getting \$1,000 in the bank. That's Baby Step One. Baby Step Two is paying off all debts except the house.

Let's put the investing off for now. Squeeze every dollar you can out of that budget, and do a debt snowball. Make a list of your debts from smallest to largest, make minimum payments on all but the smallest debt and attack it with a vengeance. As soon as you get that one paid off, move on to the next one and then the next one.

Once you finish the snowball, and you're debt-free except for your house, you can work toward Baby Step Three — a fully funded emergency fund of three to six months of expenses.



When this is done you can really begin concentrating on long-term investing, which is Baby Step Four.

It's important to save, Holly, but it's also important to become debt-free. This is what makes saving easy!

— Dave

**Dear Dave,**  
My mother-in-law is addicted to credit cards. My husband and I are debt-free and live on a budget, but we keep bailing her out every time she gets in a bind. We both love her and feel obligated to help because my husband is her only child, but it's putting a real strain on us financially and emotionally. What should we do?

— Christine

**Dear Christine,**  
If she were doing drugs, would you buy her more drugs? You're not helping this lady by bailing her out every time she creates a mess. You're enabling her, and that's the same as telling her it's all OK.

A very blunt, but loving, discussion is in order here, and it needs to come from your husband — not you. If you swoop down in the middle of this, you'll immediately become the wicked daughter-in-law. He needs to sit her down and very gently tell her that it's over, and the two of you are not going to continue to fund her financial stupidity.

He also needs to tell her that the two of you will work with her on how to handle money more responsibly and plan a monthly budget. Explain to her that's what the two of you do, and it's one of the reasons you're in good financial shape.

Work with her, educate her and love her, Christine. You can even buy her some groceries if the cupboard gets bare. But one thing needs to be clear — you guys are not giving her any more money!

— 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

Calvary Chapel Home Fellowship Bible study, 7 p.m., 532 W. California Ave., 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

Homedale Senior Citizens Center Christmas Bazaar, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., \$12 large table, \$6 small table vendor rental, 224 W. Idaho Ave. (208) 337-3020 or (208) 337-4737

Marsing Senior Center candidate speak-out and barbecue, Meals on Wheels fund-raiser, 6 p.m., \$7, advance tickets, 218 Main St. (208) 896-4634

### Sunday

DivorceCare recovery support group, 9:30 a.m., Mountain View

Church of the Nazarene, 26515 Ustick Road, Wilder. (208) 337-3151

A Study in Heaven, 10 a.m., Marsing Church of the Nazarene, 12 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave. W. (208) 896-4184

### Tuesday

AARP Driving Safety Program, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., \$10, advance registration required, Marsing Senior Center, 218 Main Street. (208) 896-4634

Homedale Senior Citizens Center monthly foot clinic, 10 a.m., Homedale Senior Citizens

Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave. (208) 337-3020

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Storytime for first- through third-graders, 4:20 p.m., Lizard Butte Public Library, Owyhee Plaza, 105 Main Street, Marsing. (208) 896-4690

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# Construction means new business in town

Homedale to see  
several new  
arrivals in  
coming weeks

A new strip mall located in the 100 block of East Idaho Avenue in Homedale will bring at least one new business to downtown Homedale, while providing a new venue for at least one other established business in town.

Developer Steve Thomas of Eagle said there is space for four businesses, but he wouldn't confirm any of the tenants for the unnamed plaza.

However, a Curves women's fitness franchise began advertising membership opportunities in this week's edition of The Owyhee Avalanche and lists its address as 132 E. Idaho Ave., which would place it in the new mall.

Staff at Rehab Authority said last week that the physical therapy organization's Homedale location also will move to the strip mall from its current address in the 100 block of West Idaho Avenue.

The new Subway sandwich shop in the latter stages of construction at the corner of East Idaho Avenue and East 3rd Street is scheduled to open later this month, according to its owners.

The restaurant co-owned by Homedale residents Pilar Wheeler and Virginia Landa will employ



10 to 15 part-time employees. The Homedale Auto Recyclers building on the east end of town still is awaiting demolition. The land now occupied by the green building, the old auto salvage yard and the home demolished early last week near the intersection of U.S. 95 and East Idaho Avenue will be the site of the Homedale Plaza business development that will include a Best Western motel and a restaurant.

Thomas is part of the Homedale Plaza development group.

— JWB



## Changing face of Homedale

**Above:** A new strip mall in the 100 block of East Idaho Avenue will be home for Rehab Authority and a Curves women's fitness center, possibly a childcare facility and a chain restaurant. **Left:** Mike Wood of Steve Thomas Construction uses an excavator with precision to tear down a house near the intersection of East Idaho Avenue and U.S. Highway 95. The site will be used to build the Homedale Plaza business development.

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## Marsing offices open Vets Day, closed Nov. 24

The Marsing City Council recently approved closing City Hall on the day after Thanksgiving this year in exchange for the keeping the doors to city offices open on Veterans Day.

The move, which was approved during the council's September meeting, means city employees would get a long weekend for Thanksgiving.

Marsing City Clerk Janice Bicandi said the City Hall building on Main Street will be open both Veterans Day (Nov. 11) and the Friday after Thanksgiving (Nov. 24). While city offices will be closed for the holiday on Nov. 24, the county's Department of Motor Vehicles office will be. On Nov. 11, DMV will be closed while the city offices will be open.

## Chamber lunch to honor Giedd

The Homedale Chamber of Commerce invites the public to attend its next luncheon when chamber members will bid farewell to long-time secretary Tammy Giedd.

The farewell gathering takes place at noon Thursday at the Owyhee Lanes and Restaurant, 18 W. 1<sup>st</sup> St.

For more information on the luncheon or the chamber, call president Aaron Tines at (208) 337-3252.



Tammy Giedd

## Church offers divorce support

DivorceCare, a divorce recovery support group, meets at 9:30 a.m. Sundays at the Mountain View Church of the Nazarene at 26515 Ustick Road in Wilder.

DivorceCare features nationally recognized experts on divorce and recovery topics. Seminar sessions include information on topics such as anger, loneliness, depression, new relationships, childcare and forgiveness.

For more information, contact the Mountain View Church of the Nazarene at 337-3151.

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# Chenoweth-Hage stood up for Owyhee

Owyhee County lost a strong ally in the fight to preserve the area's unique way of life with last week's passing of Helen Chenoweth-Hage.

"She was an Owyhee County cowboy's best friend," former county board of commissioners chairman Dick Bass said. "She stuck up for us, and I think we would have been sunk a long time ago without her."

A former three-term Republican congressman from Idaho's First District, Chenoweth-Hage died in an Oct. 2 single-vehicle auto accident on a highway near Tonopah, Nev. She was 68.

"Helen Chenoweth was a remarkable person and congressman," Owyhee Initiative chairman Fred Grant said.

"The interests of Owyhee County, its citizens and its ranchers, in particular, were always a priority for her. She started her upset primary campaign in the county and never forgot the loyalty and support she drew from here."

Grant also is litigation chairman for Meridian-based Stewards of the Range. Margaret Hage Byfield, who became Chenoweth-Hage's stepdaughter after the former congressman married Nevada rancher Wayne Hage in 1999, is



*Helen Chenoweth-Hage* a member of the organization's board of directors.

Chenoweth-Hage walked away from Congress after the 2000 election, honoring her pledge to serve only three terms.

"I missed her when she decided she would retire," Sen. Larry Craig (R-Idaho) said Thursday before his town hall meeting in Marsing. "But I also honored her commitment."

"That's what she said she would do. She did it, did it well and did it with style."

Although Chenoweth served Idaho in the U.S. House of Representatives, she never was shy about supporting ranchers from outside her district in their property rights battles.

"She not only represented

us here in Idaho and Owyhee County, but she watched out for people in southeastern Oregon, too," Jordan Valley rancher Mike Hanley said.

"She really did stand up and fight for us. She got involved in the Steens Mountain issue, too, and she got reprimanded by her (House) colleagues because it was outside her district. But she said it was a private land issue and affected everyone."

Her husband, Wayne Hage, who died in June, also made stands for property rights and western land issues.

Chenoweth-Hage was involved with those issues in the Owyhees even before her career in Congress began in 1995.

She was a staunch supporter of the Sagebrush Rebellion in the 1980s and was involved in the Jarbidge Shovel Brigade in northern Nevada.

Bass, who served as county commission chairman for eight of his 18 years on the Owyhee board, said Chenoweth-Hage was the primary reason for a highly successful Sagebrush Rebellion fund-raiser in Caldwell. Her consulting firm had been hired to help drum up ideas for the event.

"We thought if we got more than 10 people we were doing really well," Bass said.

She secured national radio personality Paul Harvey for the well-attended fund-raiser at O'Connor Fieldhouse and surprised everyone with the success of the evening.

"I said if you get him and this becomes a success, I'll just eat my old black hat," Bass said. "Afterwards, I gave her a feather out of my hat, a crow feather. I told her I couldn't eat my hat, but I'll eat plenty of crow."

"She meant a lot to us. And Wayne did, too."

County rancher Jerry Hoagland and Marsing businessman Chris Salove helped organize campaign fund-raisers in the county for Chenoweth-Hage. Hoagland said her upbringing in the western way of life shaped her dedication to the county's ranchers later on.

"She was Owyhee County's congressman," Hoagland said. "She told us that, 'I'm here. Whatever you want, I'll do what I can.'"

"She wanted to preserve that lifestyle. And the only way to preserve it was her ideology, which was the same as ours: Protect that private property so you can be able to have the freedom to do those things."



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# Judge blocks some grazing regs

The frustration Owyhee County ranchers feel toward the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals bubbled forth again recently when a portion of the new federal grazing regulations were upended by a temporary injunction.

Judge B. Lynn Winmill handed down a Sept. 25 ruling that enjoined parts of the new Bureau of Land Management (BLM) regulations that would change the rules on the Fundamentals of Rangeland Health (FRH) criteria and ownership of range improvements.

Earlier, Winmill had granted an emergency injunction request by environmental extremist group Western Watersheds Project (WWP) after the BLM published new regulations in the Federal Register on July 12. Without the

injunction, the rules would have taken effect 30 days later.

Now, ranchers will have to wait until after a court trial to see if the rules will be implemented.

“The Owyhee Cattlemen’s Association is most disappointed to learn that Judge Winmill has once again chosen to disregard rational thought and sound scientific results in favor of a politically biased agenda,” OCA president Russ Turner wrote in an e-mail to The Owyhee Avalanche last week.

“This individual has not been able to set aside personal bias in his decisions regarding livestock producers nor has he had the professional courtesy to recuse himself from such issues.”

Under new criteria, BLM wouldn’t have to rely on the FRH if standards are in place on the state level. Another alteration would allow the agency to use data from multi-year monitoring rather than all available data to determine if standards or guidelines are violated. And the BLM would have up to 24 months to adopt a new grazing decision and another year after that to implement it.

Another amendment calls for shared ownership of permanent range improvements made under agreements between the BLM and permittees. The title would be shared in proportion to each side’s contribution to a project.

Winmill sided with the WWP, writing that the FRH criteria violates procedural requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act. He also agreed with the WWP when he wrote that with rules allowing ranchers to own the improvements they make to federal rangeland, such projects would multiply in number because the BLM already is considering several improvement proposals in Idaho and throughout the nation.

A spokesman for the BLM said that while the injunction blocks part of the new regulations, the agency is confident that the rules will stand up in court.

“The ruling is simply a preliminary injunction on certain aspects of the regulations, not all of them,” said Barry Rose, public affairs specialist with Idaho’s BLM office. “We think (the regulations) are fair and that they fully comply with NEPA and will promote long-term rangeland health.”

“We look forward to laying out our side of the story in court, and hopefully (Winmill will) see it our way.”

Turner said Winmill’s ruling is tantamount to an attempt to render federal agencies — and, by association, Congress — powerless in land decisions.

“Judge Winmill appears to be dead-set on installing himself and WWP as the land manager for federal lands in the western states, effectively making the Department of the Interior and the Department of Agriculture bystanders,” Turner said

“Additionally, since these departments carry out the laws instituted by our elected representatives in Congress, this judge is effectively thumbing his nose at the legislative branch.”

Turner said Winmill’s latest action magnifies the need to split the Ninth Circuit.

“The OCA hopes that the unprofessional behavior by this judge becomes a call to action by Congress to, at long last, begin the process of re-forming the Ninth Circuit into two separate districts so that appeals may be heard in a timely manner and that rouge judges’ actions will be better spotlighted and corrective actions taken.”

— JPB



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15	16	17 Team Penning: 7pm	18	19 Team Roping Practice: 7pm	20	21 Play Day: Register 8am
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# Meeting planned on Bruneau snail

Gathering part of review of species' endangered status

State officials and members of the Bruneau Hot Springsnail Conservation Committee are set to do their part in reviewing the endangered species status of the invertebrate that is native to a small area of Owyhee County.

A 9:30 a.m. meeting is scheduled Friday in Bruneau, and field analysis is expected to take place later in the day near hot springs and Jack's Creek, according to Nate Fisher from the Governor's Office of Species Conservation.

"Because of the declining water levels and a series of blowouts in the (irrigation) systems, we don't know how many snails are there," Fisher said.

The meeting will include Fisher, who is an environmental liaison for the Office of Species Conservation, as well as representatives from the springsnail conservation committee, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), the Department of Water Resources, the Department of Environmental Quality and the Idaho Soil Conservation Commission — of which the Bruneau Soil Conservation District is part.

Owyhee County Commissioner Dick Reynolds and Bruneau rancher Eric Davis are members of the Bruneau Hot Springsnail Conservation Committee, which was formed by Gov. Phil Batt.

"We're going to bring together the most pertinent scientific information we have on the hot spring snail so we can submit it to Fish and Wildlife," Fisher said.

The data collected during Friday's daylong meeting will be forwarded to the USFWS before the Nov. 1 deadline for inclusion in the five-year review of the snail's endangered species status. The review is mandated by the Endangered Species Act.

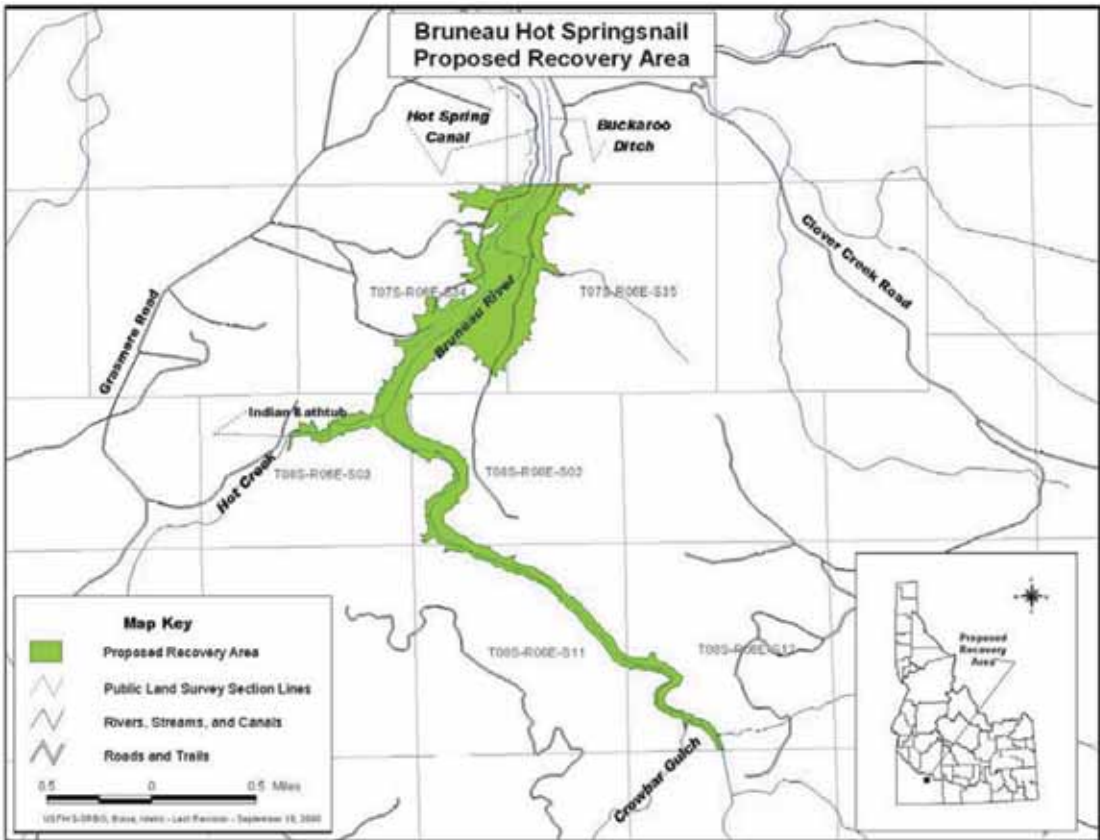
This is the first status review for the Bruneau Hot springsnail, which was declared an endangered species in 1998. Cary Myler, a biologist in the Boise office of the Fish and Wildlife Service, said many factors caused the three-year delay of the study, including research projects on several other endangered species in the Pacific Northwest.

"There is a lot of research, and (the studies) do take a lot of time," Myler said.

The Fish and Wildlife Service will use the data collected during the review process to determine if the snail's status should be changed.

"Based on the most up-to-date and pertinent scientific information, the Service will either suggest (the snail) remains listed, develop a rule delisting the species or change its status," Fisher said.

Myler said an announcement on the Fish and Wildlife Service's recommendation can be expected sometime in July. At that point, the proposal will be subject to a



## Habitat of Bruneau Hot springsnail

A meeting and field study are scheduled Friday in Bruneau at which officials will examine the effectiveness of conservation efforts for the Bruneau Hot springsnail. The freshwater snail is found only in a limited area of Owyhee County, primarily around hot springs. U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service illustration

public comment period.

In late September, the Fish and Wildlife Service proposed delisting four other freshwater snails found in and around Idaho. Studies showed that the snails — once thought to be four different species — were, in fact, the same.

Fisher said that revelation — based on the five-year review of those species — won't have an effect on the Bruneau snail because it is definitely a species unto itself.

The Bruneau snail is found only in hot springs in and around the Bruneau River in places with names like Indian Bathtub and Hot Creek. It was first discovered in 1952, and originally was listed in 1993 as endangered because of the loss of habitat caused by the declining water levels in the aquifer from agricultural irrigation.

Fisher also said habitat has been lost because of the "mucking up" of Indian Bathtub, which has slowed hot spring flows there.

Friday's meeting also will give officials an idea of how well snail recovery strategy is working.

"The five-year status review gives us a chance to come back and review everything," Fisher said.

Although the recovery plan itemizes a 10- to 15-year timeframe, seemingly rendering a five-year review pointless, Fisher said the process can help validate the efforts to preserve the snail

## Recovery ideas

Nate Fisher of the Governor's Office of Species Conservation says there are several ideas on how to boost the Bruneau Hot springsnail population in an effort to remove the invertebrate from the endangered species list:

- **Translocation** — Some ranchers have volunteered to use hot springs on their land as mini wildlife refuge areas, so the snail can be "relocated" to places with more ideal habitat
- **Excavation of Indian Bathtub** — Fisher said that years of mud has all but dammed up the hot spring sources at Indian Bathtub. One idea is to use a backhoe to dig out the area to restore water flow to a more natural state and, hopefully, the improved habitat will trigger an increase in population
- **Recharge the geothermal hot springs** — Fisher said that several decades ago the Civilian Conservation Corps built an earthen dam on Jack's Creek that blocked water flow. He said there has been some preliminary engineering on the feasibility of building a dam to redirect the water so it could soak back into the ground in the area or be used for irrigation

and, more importantly, keep the area ranchers in business.

"It may seem obvious that we still have a lot of problems down there, but I think one of the more assuring things about the Bruneau Hot spring snail is (that) the work goes on and we're continuing to strive to conserve water," he said.

Water conservation efforts include curtailing the practice of flood irrigation through the federally funded installation of pivot sprinkler systems. There also is a moratorium on the creation of new wells.

Although Fisher says he

doesn't know how much water has been saved through these efforts, he insists it is a critical step in making federal officials understand that work is being done to help the snail while preserving the livelihood of area ranchers and farmers.

"They have to acknowledge that we're working on this and trying to conserve water with the pivots and the moratorium on well drilling, so that there will never be a shutoff for an irrigator," Fisher said.

— JPB



Columbia spotted frog

## Plan to save frog limits grazing

A Candidate Conservation Agreement and Assurances (CCAA) document signed by federal and state agencies last week will eliminate livestock grazing on a small portion of Owyhee County land near Sam Noble Springs for the next 25 years.

The CCAA announced Thursday by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is designed to keep the Columbia spotted frog off the endangered species list.

The CCAA was developed by the Fish and Wildlife Service and the Idaho departments of Lands and Fish and Game and pertains to a 680-acre parcel in the Sam Noble Springs complex.

The plan calls for resting 104 acres of land around the ponds used by the frogs. Fish and Game will lease the land and build a fence to exclude livestock for 25 years.

The retirement of the land from livestock grazing will help preserve vegetation around the ponds that the frogs use for cover against predators and also as a food source because it is habitat for insects. The absence of livestock also will help maintain water levels in the ponds and protect the frogs from trampling.

According to the CCAA, in order to keep water levels up in the 104-acre area, grazing will be reduced 43 percent from 254 animal unit months to 144 on the remainder of the 680-acre parcel. Water for livestock will be piped outside the new enclosure for the livestock.

Another aspect of the CCAA calls for the refurbishing of two ponds and the construction of a third pond elsewhere on the 680 acres. Part of the new pond will be fenced to keep livestock from encroaching on the frogs. All three ponds will help facilitate grazing, the document said.



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Owyhee Garden Club news

This year’s Owyhee County Fair is over; however, the Owyhee Garden Club is already making plans for beautiful flowers for the 2007 fair.

Last week, club president Sharon McIlveen and several members of the club spent an afternoon doing a flowerbed makeover on the beds around the fair office in Homedale. Annual flowers were taken out and replaced with perennial plants. When the soil warms in the spring, club members will finish the beds with annual flowers.

The club keeps active with garden tours and speakers, At the most recent monthly meeting, members of the Nampa Garden Club taught Owyhee members how to make concrete leaf yard art.

Club meetings usually are held at 1 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month at the Owyhee County Extension Office. This month’s has been postponed until 1 p.m. Oct. 19 at the extension office in Marsing.



Owyhee Garden Club does more fair work

The Owyhee Garden Club spent a recent afternoon re-planting flowerbeds around the Owyhee County Fair office in Homedale. Participating members included: Front row, left to right, Bonnie Christensen and club president Sharon McIlveen; Back row, left to right: Ellen Dines, Judith McShane. Jan Aman also helped out but isn’t pictured. Photo by Jan Aman

New members are always welcome. For more information, call McIlveen at (208) 896-5474.

Class of 2008 dominates Adrian Homecoming

by Kat Sillonis, AHS  
Adrian High School concluded its Homecoming Week with the crowning of the King and Queen at halftime of Friday’s football game against Burnt River.

Sarah McPeak was crowned queen. McPeak, 18, is the daughter of Perry and Kelli McPeak. Sarah is a senior and plays a variety of sports at Adrian including volleyball, basketball and track.

King Jorge Michel, 17, is the son of Eladia and Manuel Michel, Jorge is a senior and plays football. He is also heavily involved with the Oregon Association of Student Councils, and is currently the at-large representative for OASC, as well as Adrian’s Associated Student Body president.

Prince Joseph Witty, son of Marshall and Darla Witty, and

Princess Amanda Simpson, daughter of Russell Simpson and Rhonda Simpson, were first runners-up. The second runners-up were Prince Derick Rios, son of Eric Rios, and Princess Ryann Bowns, daughter of Dennis and Julene Bowns. All of the runners-up are seniors.

Class representatives were Maurus Hope and Paige Branstiter for the juniors; George Ellsworth and Terra Rust for the sophomores, and freshmen Justyn Findling and Erica Griffin.

The junior class won Spirit Week this year. The class as a whole dressed up the best throughout the week. The dress-up days this year were Crazy Head Day, Punk or ’80s Day, Thrift Store Prom Day and Dress Like Your Float Day. The sophomores were in second place, with the freshmen third. The senior class rounded it out in last place. The juniors won the coveted Spirit Helmet for their hard work.

The junior class also won the Homecoming parade float competition with its theme “In the Ring with the King.” The sophomores were in second with “Conquer the Bulls,” and the third-place freshmen made it with the theme “Operation: Win.”

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# Scenes of school spirit



### Homedale High School’s marching band hits the field

The Homedale High School marching band put on its first halftime performance of the football season Friday night at Deward Bell Stadium. Under the direction of Homedale School District music director Karla Kachelmier, the band appeared on the field in uniform for a brief performance before returning to the main grandstand to resume duties as the pep band for the second half of the Trojans’ 34-0 3A Snake River Valley conference loss to Weiser. Photo by Gregg Garrett



### Jordan Valley Homecoming victors crowned

**Top:** Seniors Holly Deen and Josh Terry were named Homecoming King and Queen at Jordan Valley High School’s football game against Monument-Dayville on Friday afternoon.

**Left:** The senior class girls of Jordan Valley took on the rest of the school’s girls in powder puff football, winning 14-0 to complete their record of four undefeated years. Top row, left to right: Tina Stanford, Luisa Lowry, Megan Mackenzie, Sequoi Trautman, Holly Deen, Lacey Kershner, Angela Larsen and coach Josh Terry. Bottom row, left to right: Chelicy Payne, Breann Hipwell, Michelle Elsner, Shantel Gleanson and Bailey Kershner. Not pictured: Coach Jerry Wroten. Photos by JVHS Journalism



### JV seniors’ Homecoming float foretells football future

The senior class float “Timber the Tigers” was a small part of the huge Jordan Valley High School Homecoming parade that featured senior, junior, sophomore and freshman floats and royalty. The seniors’ float predicted the outcome of the afternoon’s football game, in which the Mustangs trampled Monument-Dayville 64-12. Photo by JVHS Journalism







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