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## Homedale city clerk Mansisidor resigns

Susan Mansisidor has resigned as Homedale city clerk, primarily for the same reason she took the job less than four years ago — family.

She hopes to move into a real estate career full-time, but in the interim will work part-time with an old employer so she can spend more time with her loved ones.

“I have been in real estate part-time for three months, but I want to do it full-time just to be able to spend more time with my kids and show up at their events,”

Mansisidor said.

Her 14-year-old daughter, Kendra, plays volleyball for Columbia High School in Nampa, and the plan is for Susan and her

husband, Joe, to move to Nampa to cut down on the commute time required to attend Kendra’s games

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## Marsing addresses growth

**Ordinances aimed  
to handle future  
development**

The Marsing City Council voted unanimously to adopt three city ordinances at its monthly meeting last week. Council members also reviewed a proposed contract with CableOne and received a report from Owyhee County Sheriff’s Sgt. Gary Olsen.

Ordinances adopted Wednesday night covered construction sites, water and sewer service and irrigation water service.

Marsing Mayor Don Osterhoudt said these ordinances, which went into effect with today’s publication in the Public Notices section of The Owyhee Avalanche, are designed with the future in mind.

“We know we’re going to have growth,” Osterhoudt said. “We want to come into conformity with what other communities are doing.”

One new ordinance is designed to regulate activities surrounding building sites. The ordinance makes it mandatory for construction crews to place debris, building material waste and scrap in commercial containers. Contractors will be

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## Up close and personal



### Firefighter allays children’s fears

*Busy Bee preschooler Bryce Cornwall, right, analyzes Homedale Assistant Fire Chief Tom Pegram during a demonstration last week at the Homedale Fire Station. Pegram donned firefighting protective gear to show students how a firefighter might look, smell and move while conducting structural fire/rescue activities.*

## Homedale students learn fire safety

City police, fire and ambulance personnel rushed to Homedale Elementary on Thursday to respond to a fire alarm. But instead of smoke, flames and chaos, upon arrival crews saw orderly lines of students on the playground and schoolyard — safely away from the school building — managed

by watchful school staff.

The apparent emergency situation actually was a drill produced by the Homedale Elementary School staff in cooperation with local emergency services.

The fire alarm was staged by two Homedale firefighters who

intentionally set off a smoke detector to simulate a fire.

“This is valuable. Not only in school, but at home,” Homedale Fire Chief Scott Salutregui said.

“The goal was to see how prepared the kids and school are.

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## City could expand acreage

**Perfection Tire  
chain eyes  
Homedale locale**

As more businesses seem attracted to a seven-acre parcel in Homedale, Mayor Paul Fink announced last week that there could be more land available near the airport.

At Wednesday’s Homedale City Council meeting, real estate agent Alan McRae, a Homedale resident, presented the possibility that a Perfection Tire franchise could be interested in becoming part of the increasingly popular 7-acre parcel across Airport Road

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# Homedale solidifies its footprint in Canyon

Schultz plans to present proposal at next council meeting; city's Owyhee boundaries are getting tight

As the City of Homedale searches for impact area options in Owyhee County, the municipality has carved a comfortable niche in Canyon County.

City Councilman Steve Schultz told The Owyhee Avalanche after last week's council meeting that western Treasure Valley communities gathered in Greenleaf to divvy up parts of the county across the Snake River.

"It was a very good meeting," Schultz said. "It was really nice to see that many municipalities work that well together."

Representatives from Homedale met with reps from Wilder, Greenleaf and Notus to discuss impact areas in Canyon County for each town. The proposal hammered out at the Sept. 24 meeting chaired by Greenleaf Mayor Brad Holton eventually will be presented to Canyon County Planning and Zoning. No date for P&Z review has been set, according to Canyon County spokesperson Angie Sillonis, but that will be the first step toward approval by the Canyon County commissioners.

Schultz said he'll formally address Homedale's impact area boundaries in Canyon County at the city council's next meeting on Oct. 25.

"Once the council (passes) the resolution of those boundaries, then we'll submit that to the Canyon County P&Z and the county commissioners," Schultz said.

Homedale's area of impact in Canyon County will share its northern border with Wilder's impact area and its eastern boundary with Greenleaf's impact area.

The actual boundary lines have

'... this eliminates future problems as far as jurisdiction goes on the impact area and city limits.'

— Steve Schultz  
Homedale city councilman

been drawn up as:

- Eastern — Halfway between Allendale and Van Slyke roads
- Western — The Snake River
- Southern — Primarily the Snake River, but the boundary line jogs to also include the northern property line of River Bend Golf Course
- Northern — Halfway between Upper Pleasant Ridge and Boehner roads

"There's so much economic development and building going on that this eliminates future problems as far as jurisdiction goes on the impact area and city limits," Schultz said.

"The main objective of impact areas is future annexation, and even though the cities that were involved in (the meeting), I doubt that they will ever annex out that far, it still puts in place guidelines so there won't be any difficulties or controversies later."

Schultz said that defining Homedale's impact area in Canyon County will help county planners streamline their quest to keep the city abreast of development on



that side of the Snake River.

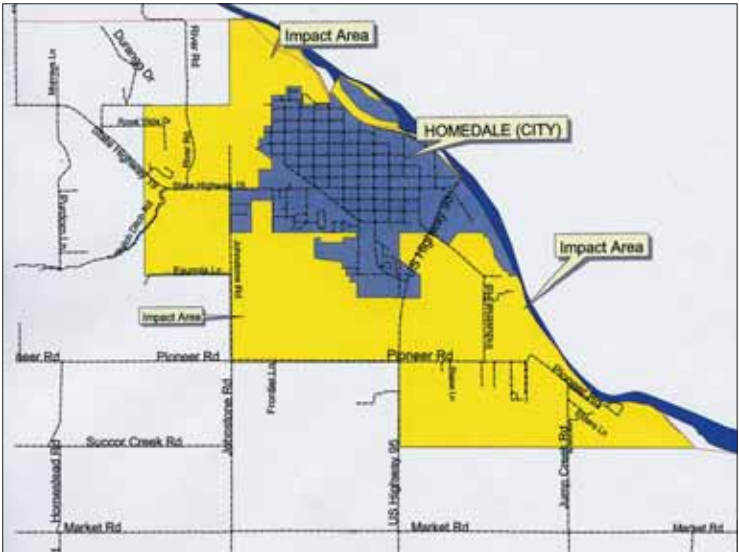
"Once we get these boundaries established, they'll be sending us updated information on development that's pertinent to our impact area rather than sending us information that's not in our impact area where we have no interest," Schultz said.

"What I see with Canyon County Planning and Zoning and the commissioners there is they are taking a proactive approach toward development."

Schultz also said that the issue of Homedale's impact area in Owyhee County also has been smoothed over, even though the city was unable to expand its boundaries.

"The issue is closed with Owyhee County," he said. "Basically after negotiating with Owyhee County, about all we have accomplished (is) a greater understanding and better communications, and we have a greater cooperation with building activity within our impact area."

But, even with a better-defined impact area, Schultz said Homedale is running out of room. The councilman said developers for subdivisions on the old Taka Cora farm property (Ron Woods) and Trout Farm



## Homedale secures room to grow

**Top:** Homedale's city fathers met with representatives from several western Canyon County communities recently to hammer out areas of impact for each town. Homedale's boundaries are represented in pink as well as the orange line to the north. **Above:** A map provided by the Owyhee County assessor's office shows Homedale's impact area inside Owyhee County in yellow. The purple represents Homedale's city limits.

property (Dave Holton) both have inquired about annexation that will push against the city's southeast impact area boundary. A public hearing regarding Woods' annexation proposal is scheduled for next month.

Schultz said a recent annexation of the area that includes Homedale

Middle School on Johnstone Road has brought the city to within about 400 yards of the western boundary of its impact area.

"I personally would like to see the impact area moved out further, and I think that's something we need to do," Schultz said.

— JPB

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## Homedale band, choir plan benefit

Members of the Homedale High School band and choir are selling tickets for a benefit spaghetti feed.

The event will be held from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Nov. 11 at the Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave.

Tickets are \$5 per person or \$20 for families of four or more.

For more information, contact a band or choir member or music director Karla Kachelmier at the high school at (208) 337-4613 [kkachelmier@homedaleschools.org](mailto:kkachelmier@homedaleschools.org).



# Trial date set for suspects in beating of Homedale resident

Two Homedale men accused of beating and robbing Douglas Grever outside a Homedale bar in September will stand trial in January.

Adam Cook and Steven Dickson were both charged last month after an alleged beating and robbery left Grever, a 50-year-old Homedale resident, unconscious and in critical condition.

Grever is now out of the hospital and recovering from his injuries.

Cook and Dickson remain in custody on a \$100,000 bond. Their trial date has been set for Jan. 30.

Cook was arrested in Nampa by Homedale Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller and Cpl. Ian Takashige on Sept. 19 after more than two days of surveillance at area motels.

Takashige said last month that he and Eidemiller worked "46 hours in two days" tracking Cook in the Nampa area until they were finally able to take him into



Adam Cook

custody with help from the Nampa Police Department.

Grever's injuries were so severe that he was transported by air ambulance to Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise after the attack. He was admitted to the intensive care unit and was listed in critical condition for several days.



Steven Dickson

— JWB

# Owyhee County Fair manager steps down

Teri Nielsen, the secretary-manager for the Owyhee County Fair and Rodeo, tendered her resignation at the fair board's most recent meeting.

Nielsen, who told The Owyhee Avalanche about her resignation Wednesday, said she was leaving the post because it had become too time-consuming and was taking away from her long-standing business. She makes and sells custom cinches for saddles.

Nielsen's resignation was accepted by the fair board at its Oct. 5 meeting. She said last week that she will remain in the position until a replacement is found, which could be by the end of the year.

While she is leaving to concentrate on her business, Nielsen said it is difficult to walk away from the fair, an event that she has helped expand during her

time in the position.

"I have mixed feelings because I want to see the fair succeed," Nielsen said. "I'll be there to help any way I can."

The Homedale resident said she is proud of her work with the fair, and she will help the new secretary-manager settle into the job.

This the second time Nielsen has given her letter of resignation. She said fair board members talked her out of the decision the first time she tried to leave the post.

An ad seeking to fill the part-time job has been running in the Avalanche.

Nielsen's departure is the second major loss for the Owyhee County Fair since the 60<sup>th</sup> annual edition closed Aug. 12. Mary Tibbett resigned as parade coordinator immediately after the fair.

# Sheriff adds two new deputies for C.J. Strike

The Owyhee County Sheriff's Office recently hired two part-time deputies for the C.J. Strike Reservoir area.

The deputies were hired as part of a cooperative agreement with Idaho Power. The county recently hired retired Fish and Game Officer John Nagel and retired Nampa Police Lt. Rick Wiley.

According to Chief Deputy Dick Freund, very little training time will be required with either of the two

deputies, as they have a combined total of approximately 60 years of law enforcement service.

The sheriff's office is currently

in the recruitment process for an additional deputy for the Marsing area and for the Bruneau/Grand View area.

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and practices. Joe works for a Caldwell construction company.

Mansidor tendered her letter of resignation on Sept. 29 after realizing that her desire to attend her daughter’s events would diminish her ability to attend night meetings for the council.

“I just had a (City Council) meeting that I knew I couldn’t attend because my daughter had a volleyball tournament,” Mansidor said. “I fully believe the more parental influence you have, the better your child turns out.

“And that’s when I let them know I could not fulfill the duties as city clerk.”

Mansidor has been absent for the past three city council meetings.

“Trying to run back and forth (for night meetings) is hard,” Mansidor said. “By the time (Kendra is) done with practice and I head this way, the meetings are over.”

At the time she was appointed to replace city clerk Pam Dugger in January 2004, Mansidor said she wanted a job closer to her Homedale home, which she and Joe shared with her three daughters and the couple’s twin sons at the time.

“What she did for the city is brought some trust back to the city,” Homedale Mayor Paul Fink said. “That’s what I see, because



City clerk calls it quits

Susan Mansidor smiles during her last day on the job as Homedale city clerk on Friday at City Hall.

her work has always been pretty professional to me.”

Although Mansidor said Friday that Fink had appointed

Wilder resident Alice Pegram as her successor, the mayor said later in the day that he didn’t expect to make a decision until the weekend.

“I’m going to notify (the new clerk) sometime this weekend,” Fink said. “Alice is one of the top ones, yes.

“But I want to see some of her work. They are appointed. They are a contract employee. If they can’t do it, they’re not going to work for the city.”

Idaho law mandates that the city council must appoint a clerk, or confirm Fink’s appointment, and that the clerk must bonded. As of Friday, no special meeting to appoint a clerk had been planned, and the next regular city council meeting isn’t until Oct. 26.

“I’ve got the right to hire the person, but if the council doesn’t like that person, they don’t have to approve my appointment,” Fink said. “There will be somebody in place before the next meeting.”

Fink said the opening had been advertised in two regional newspapers as well as through the Idaho Association of Cities Web site. A source at City Hall said the job was open for applicants until Friday.

Mansidor leaves the position after a tenure that emerged from a cloudy time in the city’s history.

“Right when all the trauma started,” Mansidor said.

Mansidor was hired to replace Pam Dugger when Fink’s new administration declined to reappoint her to the position in the midst of an investigation of alleged financial wrongdoing. Two other clerks also resigned during that tumultuous time.

“I’d like to say I smoothed it out for everyone,” Mansidor said.

Homedale Public Works Supervisor Larry Bauer said Friday that Mansidor helped the city make strides in rebounding from the controversy and was key in helping Homedale restore its integrity.

And, although her last official day was Friday, Mansidor said she’ll still help Homedale during the transition period between clerks. Deputy clerk Marsha Hays will continue in her capacity, too.

“I’ll be assisting (Hays) through e-mails and conversations and by coming by in the evenings,” Mansidor said. “That way there is no lack of communication.”

Mansidor said she’s open to helping her successor get acclimated, too.

“And I’ll be assisting in the evenings after my other job,” she said.

Mansidor plans to return to Idaho Sand and Gravel, for which she worked 10 years in the past, until she can become a full-time employee at ReMax Mountain West Realty in Nampa.

She has been working at Mountain West for three months, but Mansidor said that has put a grind on her because of the distance between her Homedale home and Nampa.

“Right now, I’m commuting back and forth, sometimes three times a day,” she said.

The juggling of her life is something Mansidor won’t miss, but she said she’ll miss working with her fellow employees and Homedale citizens.

“My favorite part of the job was meeting the Homedale residents and becoming familiar with them,” she said.


“Even though I’d always lived here, I’d always lived in the country, so it was nice to see all the Homedale faces on a daily basis.”

— JPB

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# Homedale strives to keep an eye on city property

The Homedale City Council approved the purchase of a video recorder at its Wednesday meeting, aimed at completing a surveillance system that officials hope will cut down on theft in the city's storage yard behind City Hall.

Homedale Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller asked the council for the funding to buy a time-lapse video recorder to be used in conjunction with a camera that the city had purchased during the previous mayoral administration.

"We have an obligation and responsibility to the people who own that equipment, and that's the taxpayers," Eidemiller said. "We have every obligation to make sure that equipment isn't stolen."

Public Works Supervisor Larry Bauer said the camera would be mounted on the eave of a roof on the west side of the fire station.



## Homedale storage yard

*Thieves recently made off with a pile of lumber stored near the base of the old water tower in the City of Homedale's storage yard behind City Hall. A camera will be mounted on the west side of the fire station, in background at left, to help with security in the area.*

From that vantage point, the camera will film the storage yard from which fencing material — valued by Bauer at about \$100 — recently was stolen. Ironically, the 30 feet of lumber

stolen from city property was surplus material donated by Homedale's AutoZone location to build a fence around the base of the old water tower to furnish secure storage and clean up part of what Bauer called the "unsightly" city storage area.

The council also discussed putting a padlock and chain on gates around Sundance Park. Eidemiller said juveniles recently stole a golf cart from the park and all but destroyed the vehicle during a joyride.

"We've got a lot more vandalism and theft going on," Homedale Mayor Paul Fink said later in the week.

Fink speculated that three incidents involving two pieces of equipment and the donated wood resulted in a loss of about \$4,500 for the city.

In other city council business from Wednesday's meeting:

- Council members approved

Fink's request to enlist Sage Community Resources to write a grant for sidewalks, curbing and other improvements in the Fourth Street and Owyhee Avenue area where Homedale Plaza is planned.

Fink said the grant, administered through the Idaho Department of Commerce and Labor, would be valued in relation to how many quality jobs the development near Homedale Airport will generate. During the meeting, Fink said the incoming businesses could qualify the city for as much as \$250,000 in grant money. The formula is \$10,000 per employee earning a living wage.

• City attorney Kathy Edwards reported that she still is trying to confirm a meeting with the Idaho Transportation Department to discuss access points off U.S. Highway 95.

— JPB

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### ✓ Acreage

from the Homedale Airport.

With McRae's revelation at Wednesday's meeting, at least five entities have expressed interest in a piece of the land.

"I shake my head and kind of wonder," Fink said about trying to make all the prospective parties fit on the property, "but it's not up to me to wonder if it's going to work. All I can do is think I hope it works for everybody."

With councilman Bill Page absent, the council voted to send a lease draft to the Perfection Tire franchisee as well as Meridian-based dentist Lon McRae, whom Alan McRae revealed as the doctor interested in building a medical arts facility on the site. Lon McRae is the real estate agent's brother.

With King's Discount Stores already working on a lease proposal for two acres, things potentially could get crowded near the airport.

• The Perfection Tire location, which Alan McRae said would be owned by the brother of Homedale resident Gary Rupp, would take



## Retailers flock to Homedale pasture

*As more businesses express an interest in grabbing a piece of this 7-acre parcel off U.S. Highway 95, Homedale Mayor Paul Fink said last week that tiling an irrigation ditch on the north side of the property would add more space.*

about two acres, according to McRae. Kelly Rupp already owns a Perfection Tire franchise in Kamiah, and McRae said last week that the company has 17 stores in eastern Washington and northern Idaho.

• Burley-based King's Discount Stores head Tom King has said his company will need up to two acres for its department store.

• Lon McRae's medical arts building would take up about an acre. Alan McRae said Wednesday that a physical therapy company has

been in contact about leasing space in any prospective building.

• Homedale businessman Steve Burton reported at a recent city council meeting that he would like up to five acres for a log furniture retail outlet and factory.

• An unnamed bank, represented by Alan McRae, also has expressed interest in a Homedale branch in the area. McRae said the location would take about an acre.

A quick tally shows as many as 11 acres in the mix, but Fink said at last week's meeting that the 7-

acre parcel could be expanded by a few more acres.

"Once we fill in the (irrigation) ditch, you're looking at nine or 10 acres," Fink said.

After the meeting, the mayor elaborated on his comments about the irrigation ditch that runs parallel to Airport Road between the airport and the 7-acre parcel.

"By filling that ditch in, you've added 75 feet on to that seven acres for probably over a quarter of a mile, which relates to two or three acres," Fink said.

Public Works Supervisor Larry Bauer reported at Wednesday's meeting that city crews are ready to tile the ditch, and material is piled at the ready nearby. Water had been diverted earlier this year, and now that irrigation season is over there's less water in the canal, which, Fink says, means it'll be easier to tile the ditch.

"It should be done within the next couple of months," Fink said.

There are other requirements that must be met before the area is developed into a retail park, namely figuring out where the businesses will go in relation to U.S. Highway 95 frontage and bringing water and sewer service

to the area.

Fink said that he met with city engineering consultant Fred Ostler on Friday to set the wheels in motion on laying out how all these prospective businesses will squeeze into the acreage. The mayor said a layout should be available some time this week.

During the council meeting, Fink seemed pleased about the possible relationship between Perfection Tire and King's.

"If you bring in people for tires, they can shop at the department store," he said.

But there could be another variable that went unspoken at the meeting. A Perfection Tire store, which McRae said really is a full-service repair shop, would be located on the U.S. 95 corridor less than a mile from Dennis Pruett's Les Schwab Tires location.

"You just kind of wonder if small communities can stand two businesses," Fink said. "Les Schwab does a great job as far as I'm concerned, and you wonder if we can support two businesses, but (Rupp) must have done the research and decided it could support his business."

— JPB

### ✓ Marsing

required to store all equipment and material on the construction site, clear debris at the conclusion of each workday and repair any damage crews cause to adjacent landscaping or property.

The ordinance also authorizes the city to post a stop-work order if any section of the ordinance is violated.

The council adopted a water and sewer ordinance in which the actual property owner — not a

tenant — will be required to sign an application and place a deposit for city water and sewer services in order to receive the utilities. This is similar to an ordinance passed by Homedale City Council earlier this year.

The council also voted to adopt the Marsing Municipal Irrigation System Ordinance.

Osterhoudt said that Marsing has never had an irrigation ordinance, and the city has been operating on the "honor" system, with regards to which residents water on certain days, etc.

"We had an issue of people who would waste water," Osterhoudt said. "In the honor system, there must be some teeth."

The council also discussed the city's contract with CableOne, in which the city receives 3 percent of the revenue that CableOne receives from customers inside Marsing. Osterhoudt said the city will negotiate the contract so the city will receive 3 percent of expanded services, and not just basic cable service.

Osterhoudt said that as part of the contract, CableOne provides

cable services to city buildings. Osterhoudt said he also would like to see the contract include the Marsing Resource Center, which operates from donations and grants, as well as city buildings.

The contract between CableOne and the city gives CableOne access to public rights-of-way in order to bury cable.

As of last week's meeting, the contract was still under review by city attorney Stephanie Bonney.

The council also heard from Olsen in reference to the renewal of the Marsing Law Enforcement

Contract with Owyhee County. Olsen reported that the Sheriff's Office had utilized 399 man-hours in Marsing from Aug. 21 through Sept 17. Olsen said there had been a recent, small increase in the number of calls-for-service within Marsing. Those calls included domestic disturbances, battery and theft.

The new \$72,000 contract with the county provides 228 man-hours per month for patrol in Marsing during Fiscal Year 2007.

— JWB



## Family plans 90<sup>th</sup> birthday for George Bye

A 90<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration for former Marsing resident George Bye will be held Tues-

day. The open house, hosted by his children, takes place from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday at the Phipps-Watson American Legion Community Center at 126 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> St. N., in Marsing. Friends are invited to drop by. No gifts please, but cards are welcome.

George and his late wife, Rose — longtime residents of the Marsing and Caldwell area — owned and operated Bye House Movers.

If you're unable to attend the open house, cards can be sent to 324 W. Logan St., Apt. 203, Caldwell, ID 83605.



George Bye

## Masons to hold scholarship breakfast

Members of Silver City Masonic Lodge No. 13 in Homedale will hold their next Silver City Scholarship breakfast on Sunday.

The all-you-can-eat breakfast will be held from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday at the lodge at 19 W. Idaho Ave. The price is \$5, and the menu includes ham, eggs, hotcakes, juice and coffee.

This is the major fund-raiser for the lodge's scholarship program for students in the Homedale, Marsing, Wilder and Parma school districts.

The Silver City lodge also recognizes a teacher of the year in each district.

For more information about Sunday's breakfast, call Bill Shaw at (208) 337-4466.

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# Calendar

### Today

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

### 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 8<sup>th</sup> Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 896-5474 or (208) 896-4104

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 Dance, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., \$3 and finger-food plate, 224 W. Idaho Ave. (208) 337-3020 or (208) 337-4737

### Sunday

Silver City Masonic Lodge No. 13 scholarship breakfast, \$5, Homedale Masonic Lodge, 19 W. Idaho Ave. (208) 337-4466

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

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

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

Pure Word recovery meeting, 7 p.m. (208) 880-8962

Let's Talk About It discussion program, Lewis and Clark Expedition: Sacajawea, free, 7 p.m., Eastern Owyhee County Public Library, 520 Boise Ave., Grand View. (208) 834-2785

AA meeting, 8 p.m., Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave.

### Thursday, Oct. 26

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

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, Oct. 27

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

*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@cableone.net.*

# School menus

### Homedale Elementary

Oct. 19: Spaghetti or hot pocket, French bread, green beans, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

Oct. 20: Hot ham & cheese or cold turkey sandwich, yogurt, potato wedges, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

Oct. 23: Early release. Beef wiener wrap or chicken pot pie, mac & cheese, green beans, rice krispie treat, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

Oct. 24: Beef or chicken taco w/cheese, lettuce, tomato, corn, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

Oct. 25: Chicken patty or rib-b-que/bun, potato wedges, applesauce cake, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

### Homedale Middle

Oct. 19: Lasagna or hot pocket, bread stick, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

Oct. 20: Pizza or popcorn chicken, salad, cookie, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

Oct. 23: Early release. Chicken patty or rib-b-que, tots, cookie, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

Oct. 24: Fish nuggets or corn dog, rice, brownie, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

Oct. 25: Crispito or tst. Cheese sandwich, taco salad, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

### Homedale High

Oct. 19: Chicken or hamburger/bun, potato wedges, dessert, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

Oct. 20: Chicken taco or French dip sandwich, corn, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

Oct. 23: Early release. Pizza, nacho bar or chef's salad, dessert, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

Oct. 24: Chicken nuggets or egg roll, rice, green beans, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

Oct. 25: Idaho haystack or burrito, cinnamon roll, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

### Bruneau

Oct. 19: Lasagna, tossed salad, garlic bread, fruit, milk.

Oct. 20: Corn dog, fries, veggie, fruit, cookie, milk.

Oct. 23: Pizza, tossed salad/croutons, corn, pineapple, milk.

Oct. 24: Cheese yum, potato soup/crackers, fruit cup, milk.

Oct. 25: Spaghetti, tossed salad, garlic, bread, peaches, milk.

# Senior menus

### Homedale center

Oct. 19: Spaghetti & meat sauce, tossed salad, roll, milk.

Oct. 24: Chicken chow mein, fried rice, stir fry vegetables, milk.

Oct. 25: Hearty beef stew, roll, milk.

### Rimrock center

(Tuesday-6pm/Thursday-Noon)

Oct. 19: Salisbury steak, cauliflower w/cheese, oven fried fries, mixed fruit cup, buns.

Oct. 24: Chicken chow mein,

rice w/egg & bacon, bean sprouts w/celery & onion, tossed salad, Chinese noodles, peaches, cookies.

### Marsing Senior Center

Oct. 19: Hot dog, sauerkraut, cheese, chili, fries, salad, soup, dessert, drink.

Oct. 20: Chicken, potatoes/gravy, green beans, carrot salad, soup, dessert, drink.

Oct. 23: Hamburger pot pie, potato, peas, salad, soup, dessert, drink.

Oct. 24: BBQ chicken, mixed vegetables, rice, salad, bean soup, dessert, drink.



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# Your finances

## Identity theft by Mom should be reported to police

Dear Dave,

I recently discovered that my mother has taken out several credit cards in my name. I want to report this as identity theft, but have been told that I'd have to file a police report. Can I do this even though the cards were obtained a few years ago?

— Jason

Dear Jason,

I don't think you'll be penalized just because this happened a few years ago, but you definitely need to contact the police and tell them your identity was stolen by a criminal.

Whether you have a police report or not, you do not owe this money to creditors. The fact that it didn't happen just yesterday doesn't change anything. You do NOT owe the money!

Contact the credit card companies, and make sure they understand the situation. I know dealing with something like this is hard, especially when your own mother is to blame. But at this point it's the right thing to do.

— Dave

Dear Dave,

I've always been intrigued by the restaurant business and wanted to open one of my own. Recently, the opportunity presented itself to open a McDonald's franchise. I really want to do this, but it would take years for me to save up the money.

Is it OK to borrow money to start a business?

— Jim

Dear Jim,

You're right. It will take longer to save up the money and open the business debt-free, but that's exactly what you should do. Most small businesses fail within the first five years. One of the main reasons for failure is the struggle to repay debt.



If you're into restaurants, try starting small with a catering business out of your home. This will give you a taste of managing your own food service business, and let you know if you really like that kind of work.

It will also give you the opportunity to make and save some money. That way, when your restaurant dream becomes a reality you can honestly say that YOU own the business instead of IT owning you!

— Dave

Dear Dave,

Not long ago, I loaned someone money, and now that person has filed bankruptcy. Can I claim this bad debt as a deduction, or am I just out of luck?

— Bill

Dear Bill,

You can claim the amount of the loan as a deduction if it was for business purposes AND if the money was previously included in your income.

But if this was just a simple loan to a friend, and this friend is either unwilling or unable to pay it back, I'm afraid you may be out of luck. Sorry.

— Dave

— Dave Ramsey is the best-selling author of *The Total Money Makeover*. You can find tools to help with finances or previous columns and a special offer for readers 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

## Annual Melba Basque Dinner slated

St. Joseph's Church in Melba presents its annual Basque Dinner on Saturday at the church hall. The church is located on Randolph Drive.

The evening begins at 5:30 p.m. with happy hour and music provided by Txantxan Gorriak, followed by dinner at 6 p.m.

The cost is \$20 for adults and \$7 for children younger than 12. For reservations, call Susan Mendiola Jaca at (208) 495-1169.

The menu for the dinner includes garbanzo soup, salad, the Basque pork dish solomo with pimientos, baked cod, Basque rice, tripas made by Luisa Bilbao, mine made by Dorothy Ansotegui, rolls, wine and coffee and dessert.

Proceeds from the dinner, which has been held since about 1986, will be placed in the St. Paul's parish general fund, which, in turn, is used to help those in need. St. Joseph's is a mission within the Nampa-based St. Paul's parish.

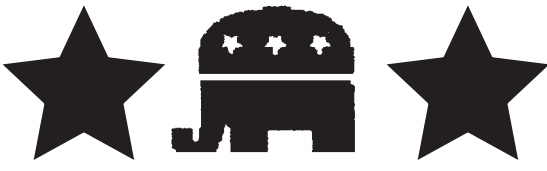
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✓ Safety

They did an excellent job. I'm very impressed."

After the drill, emergency services personnel gave a fire safety presentation, and Homedale Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller handed out smoke alarms to students for their homes. Trent and Lisa Price from the Homedale Ambulance gave a presentation on what to expect if emergency services personnel respond to help.

But, the showstopper was when Homedale volunteer firefighters Greg Kelly and Larry Corta crawled through the audience in full firefighting protective gear — including helmets and air packs — to demonstrate what firefighters look like when responding to a structure fire and to soften what can be an intimidating image for some children.

The students were able to touch the firefighters and talk to them without protective gear afterwards.

Drills such as these are not limited to fire emergencies. They are equally important for any type of public safety emergency.

Homedale School Resource Officer Michelle Babcock said the drills are important to make sure everyone is following procedures already in place.

H o m e d a l e S c h o o l s Superintendent Tim Rosandick said the drill at the elementary school went very well.

"It went really well. Kids got out in an orderly, timely way," he said, adding that this was the first drill of this type to his knowledge.

"This was a 'cold drill.' There was no forewarning," Rosandick said, explaining that none of the students were aware of the drill beforehand, and only a select few staff members were aware.

Rosandick said that even though the Homedale community doesn't have a fulltime fire department, it is still prepared to respond to an emergency.

"Today's drill demonstrated that if there were a fire, they (the students) would be safe," Rosandick said.

Friday, preschoolers from Busy Bee Preschool and Homedale kindergartners visited the Homedale fire station and were introduced to Assistant Fire Chief Tom Pegram, who wore full



**Fire Prevention Week at Homedale Elementary**  
*Homedale Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller and School Resource Officer Michelle Babcock watch as Homedale Firefighter Greg Kelly crawls through a crowd of Homedale Elementary students.*

firefighting protective gear. They also were given a tour of the inside of the Homedale Ambulance by emergency medical technician Lisa Price.

— JWB

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County sets polling places for election

County commissioners established Owyhee County's polling places for the Nov. 7 general election during their Oct. 2 meeting in Murphy.

The locations of the polling places for each precinct, including address, are:

- North Homedale — Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave.
- South Homedale — Homedale City Hall/Magistrate Court building, 31 W. Wyoming Ave.
- North Marsing — Phipps-Watson American Legion Community Center, 126 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> St. N.
- South Marsing — University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Office, 238 8<sup>th</sup> Ave. W.
- Wilson — Murphy-Reynolds-Wilson Firehouse, 10427 Johnston Lane (off Idaho highway 78)
- Murphy — Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Hwy. 78
- Oreana — Oreana Community Hall, 18092 Oreana Loop Road
- Grand View — Eastern Owyhee County Library, 520 Boise Ave.
- Bruneau — American Legion Hall, 29776 Davis Road

Pleasant Valley, Riddle and Three Creek have been designated as mail ballot precincts, and registered voters should have received their ballots in the mail sometime after Oct. 9.

Mail-in ballots must be filled out and received in the county clerk's office by 8 p.m. on Nov. 7.

In-person absentee ballot voting takes place at the Owyhee County Courthouse in Murphy.

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## BLM battles wildfire near Flint Creek

Bureau of Land Management firefighters were dispatched to a 100-acre wildfire approximately 10 miles east of Jordan Valley near Flint Creek on Oct. 3.

According to BLM initial attack fire dispatcher Chris Miller, two fixed-wing aircraft, one helicopter, one bulldozer, four engines and 20 firefighters were called to the area. The fire took approximately 24 hours to contain.

The fire began on private property near Flint Creek and spread to public land. The blaze consumed approximately 75 acres of private land and 25 acres of public land.

Miller said the cause of the fire was described as “human caused,” but details of the exact cause are unknown.

It is known that at least one vehicle was destroyed in the fire, but how or if this vehicle is related to the cause of the fire is not known at this time.

There were no reported injuries, and no structures were threatened during the fire.

— JWB



### Crews contain small wildfire

**Top:** The charred remains of a 1999 Subaru wagon sits in an area burned Oct. 3 by a fire located 10 miles east of Jordan Valley. **Above:** A helicopter drops water on the flames. Photos by Tiffany Hipwell, Rafter T Photography

## Rimrock FFA news

by Chelsey Lemon, reporter

On Sept. 27, the Rimrock FFA traveled to Kuna for dairy foods and cattle judging. The foods team consisted of Leigh Martin, Cole Merrick, Ariel Turner, Chantel Smith and Shawn Servis. The team placed fifth.

Then the chapter traveled to a dairy in Kuna where chapter members judged the quality of the cattle. The dairy team consisted of Geoff King, Leigh Martin, Chelsey Lemon, Cole Merrick and Shawn Servis. The team placed third, bringing back a plaque. Merrick placed fifth high individually.

## Commission changes status of two roads

### Triangle ruled public, Field designated private

The Owyhee County Commissioners decided the fate of two rural roads in Owyhee County at their meeting Oct. 10, after holding public hearings.

Field Road was declared to be a private road at the request of the Field family.

“As we get more growth, we get more problems,” Owyhee County Clerk Charlotte Sherburn said last week. Sherburn added that no specific problems concerning this road were discussed at any meetings.

The commission also decided to make Triangle Road a public road. This was considered after a request was made by Darren Nelson to change the status of the road from private to public. Nelson owns a portion of the property the road lies on. The Board of Commissioners held a public hearing March 7 in reference to the road.

Field Road runs south of Highway 78 at mile marker 64. According to county records, it lies totally on private property, and while it has been used by the public on occasion, it will remain a private road. The Board held a public hearing in reference Field Road June 12.

Triangle Road provides access between Oreana and Jordan Valley.

The section in question is a quarter mile in length, and has been gated and locked at times in the past. According to county documents signed by Owyhee County Commissioners Hal Tolmie and Dick Reynolds on Oct. 10, the Board of Commissioners

found that “the action of gating and locking out access to the (Triangle) road, including the disputed portion, obstructs public access to public lands....The Board (of commissioners) finds that obstructions to public access across a right of way of 50 feet on the road, must be removed, thus allowing the public access to which it is entitled.”

Triangle Road provides access to Triangle Ranch, a ranch established by Jacob Bachman as early as 1902. The road was used for public travel and commercial use as early as 1915.

According to county documents, Jacob Bachman took up a homestead in 1902 and used a triangle as his brand, thus the name. Bachman was appointed postmaster of the Triangle Post Office in 1915.


An airstrip was constructed at the Bachman Ranch at Triangle in 1948, and maintained until 1974. The airstrip touches the road, making the road an access point to the airstrip. Public funds were used to maintain the airstrip throughout its lifetime.

In 1948 the Board of Owyhee County Commissioners made the decision to abandon all county roads and review which roads were necessary as public roads. When commissioners reported back that same year, the Triangle Road was named “Highway No. 7.” County documents further state that the road was never formally abandoned, as would be required by state statute. County officials have treated and maintained the road as a public road. Backcountry Deputy George Reed has enforced laws on the road.

The Board of Commissioners’ final decision was that the road is classified as a public road.

—JWB

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# Homedale sixth-grader wins art contest



**OSCD representative, school principal present winner with award**  
*Homedale Middle School sixth-grader Malina Geertson, center, smiles as school principal Keith Field, left, and Owyhee Soil Conservation District administrative assistant Gina Millard present her with a certificate and check for winning the district's annual art poster contest.*

## Students from Jordan Valley, Marsing also advance to divisional contest for chance to reach state level

Young Malina Geertson has turned her days hunting on her grandfather's property in Homedale into award-winning inspiration.

Malina, a sixth-grader at Homedale Middle School, recently won top prize in the Owyhee Soil Conservation District's 2006 poster contest.

"It's pretty cool," the 11-year-old said after OSCD administrative assistant Gina Millard presented her with a \$15 check last week.

"This is the first time I've won anything like this competition."

Malina is one of three grade-schoolers to earn recognition in the OSCD's contest. Sandy Warn, a fourth-grader in Jordan Valley, won \$10 for second place,

and Marsing Elementary fourth-grader Hayden Dines, earned \$5 as the third-place artist.

All three posters were entered into the Idaho Association of Soil Conservation Districts Division III contest last week in Cascade. The top three artists in the division judging will be entered into the state contest that will be judged in November in Pocatello. There are 51 conservation districts around the state.

Top prize at state is \$100 and a plaque. The state champion will qualify for further judging at the National Association of Conservation Districts annual meeting, which takes place Feb. 4-8 in Los Angeles.

The contest called for posters

dealing with soil, water, wildlife, forest or range conservation.

Posters were judged on message, originality, art and balance and neatness. Message scoring accounted for 40 percent of the total score.

Malina's 14-inch-by-22-inch poster, entitled "Farmers Use Water Wisely," depicts how her grandfather's corrugations draw irrigation water for crops then return the water into the cycle. She outlined the work in pencil before finishing it with blue, yellow, green, red and brown markers.

In all, there were 11 entries in the OSCD contest, which began three weeks ago.

"All the kids that entered did a good job," Millard said.

Malina said she got the idea for her artwork from the pond and corrugations on Homedale property owned by her grandfather, Ron Geertson.

— JPB

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Crunching numbers in the sunlight

Homedale FFA chapter member Megan Harper works on her Dairy Herd Improvement records during a recent Boise Valley District Dairy Career Development Event. Submitted photo

Homedale FFA heads to nationals

Chapter raises \$9,000 with Harvest Auction

by Homedale FFA chapter  
The Homedale FFA chapter is ready for the national FFA convention Oct. 25-28 in Indianapolis after a round of competition and its annual fund-raising Harvest Auction.  
Chapter members Kortney Bahem, Rye Hyer, Jessica Eubanks and Sarah Black will leave for Indianapolis on Sunday morning and return Friday.  
Bahem, Hyer, Eubanks and Black will take part in the national horse team competition in Indianapolis.  
Homedale FFA is kicking off to another very successful year in other areas, too, with the start of Career Development Event competitions.  
Members have competed in dairy foods, dairy cattle and range judging.

The range team of Kortney Bahem, Alysha Bahem, Summer Megargee, Mitch Quintana, Anna Salas and Sierra Aberasturi stepped it up a notch to win the recent Boise Valley District championship. The group qualified for the state competition, which was held Monday in Burley.

Back at the district level, the dairy foods team of Alysha Bahem, Kortney Bahem, Drew Farwell and Megargee recently placed fourth as did the dairy cattle team of Megan Harper, Karly Bertagnoli, Megargee and Alysha Bahem.  
Harper came out with sixth high individual in dairy judging, and Megargee placed fourth overall in dairy foods.  
The Homedale FFA’s major fund-raiser, the Harvest Auction, raised more than \$9,000. It was held at the Hyer Ranch on Sept. 30, and chapter members want to thank the people who supported the chapter and helped make the event a success.  
The chapter, including 30 members and advisor, Lori Harrison, were auctioned off along with many donated items from several generous supporters and business owners.  
There was a great dinner enjoyed by all, and the chapter wants to express a huge thanks to all the parents who brought salads and desserts. Special thanks to Tracy Fisher, Sandy Sarceda and Gail Batt for preparing the delicious hams for the dinner.  
Also thanks to auctioneers Steve Nash, Kelly Aberasturi and Jeff Hansen. The gentlemen’s hard work helped make the auction run smoothly.  
Some of the buyers and the

chores for which they will utilize the chapter members include: Dwayne and Tracy Fisher (babysit, build fence, yard work), Steve and Leslie Nash (build fence, yard work, feed calves), Jeff and Kelly Hansen (dig ditch), Dave and Sue Williams (feed calves & paint).  
“Most of them are local people and have the kids do chores, especially in the fall or spring as more things need done,” chapter advisor Lori Harrison said.  
“I like to point out that the kids are ‘working’ for their money, not asking for handouts.”  
The funds will help pay for all the travel costs for state competitions, making travel available to everyone in the chapter. The money also aids in our Gift of Green project in the winter and the Ag Expo, which is held in the spring.  
The expo hosts approximately 600 second- and third-graders to educate them about agriculture.  
In addition, the chapter has begun its “Meat the Need” project in which will raise five hogs to butcher and donate the meat to local churches and food banks.  
“A big thanks to everyone involved and for all your support,” Harrison said. “We really appreciate it.”

Geidd trades Chamber for Cambridge eatery

The Homedale Chamber of Commerce said goodbye to its longtime secretary, Tammy Geidd, during a farewell luncheon Thursday at the Owyhee Lanes and Restaurant in Homedale.  
Geidd is leaving the chamber post and her job at Homedale’s Emerald Insurance Agency to open a restaurant in Cambridge. Geidd and her husband plan to move to the Cambridge area, and have purchased an existing restaurant, The Gobbler.  
Chamber president Aaron Tines wished Geidd good luck in her new endeavors and said she would be greatly missed.  
Geidd has been chamber secretary since 1999, Tines said.  
“She has been a great asset to the chamber,” Tines said. “With changes in administration, she has always been there. She has always been very knowledgeable. I wish her the best. ... I wish we were keeping her.”  
A Marsing resident, Geidd has been working in the Homedale area for the past 10 years. Since 1996, she has been employed by Emerald Insurance Agency on

East Idaho Avenue. Geidd’s last day at Emerald was Oct. 6.  
“I’ve seen a lot of growth,” Geidd said of her observations of the past 10 years.  
“The people are the best thing about working in Homedale,” she said.  
Geidd was born and raised in Emmett. She moved to the Marsing area in 1981, where she and her husband, Morris, own land.  
Geidd said her parents live in Emmett. She and her husband have two daughters, Kera and Kendra. Kendra, who is currently living in Colorado, plans to tend to Tammy and Morris’ home in Marsing when the couple moves to Cambridge. Kera lives in Caldwell.  
Geidd already has picked out the name “Mrs. G’s” for her new project and says the menu will include homestyle cooking as its main fare.  
The Gobbler is located at 20 E. Central Blvd. in Cambridge.  
The Geidd’s plan to open the restaurant as Mrs. G’s Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>.  
— JWB



Chamber bids Geidd adieu

Departing Homedale Chamber of Commerce secretary Tammy Geidd, center, chats with well-wishers during her farewell luncheon at Owyhee Lanes and Restaurant last week.



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CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

Two amendments to the Idaho Constitution will appear on the November 7, 2006 general election ballot. These amendments have been proposed to the people for ratification following action by the legislature. The proposed amendments, the Legislative Council's Statements of Meaning and Purpose and the Effect of Adoption, and the Statements for and the Statements Against are listed as follows:

H.J.R. 2

"Shall Article III, of the Constitution of the State of Idaho be amended by the addition of a new Section 28, to provide that a marriage between a man and a woman is the only domestic legal union that shall be valid or recognized in this state?"

Legislative Council's  
Statement of Meaning & Purpose  
H.J.R. 2

The proposed amendment would add a new Section 28 to Article III of the Constitution of the State of Idaho, stating that a marriage between a man and a woman is the only domestic legal union that shall be valid or recognized in the state of Idaho.

Effect of Adoption

If adopted, the proposed amendment would add language to the Constitution of the State of Idaho to provide that a marriage is only between a man and a woman. The language prohibits recognition by the state of Idaho and its political subdivisions of civil unions, domestic partnerships, or any other relationship that attempts to approximate marriage. The language further prohibits the state and its political subdivisions from granting any or all of the legal benefits of marriage to civil unions, domestic partnerships, or any other relationship that attempts to approximate marriage.

Legislative Council's Statements  
FOR The Proposed Amendment

1. Same gender marriages are not currently allowed under Idaho statutes, and this amendment provides for the same prohibition at the state constitutional level to ensure that Idaho state courts do not allow or require the recognition of same gender marriages.
2. This amendment would prevent Idaho state courts from recognizing same gender marriages that are legally allowed in other states or other countries.
3. Because marriage is a public institution with special importance to society, the state of Idaho has a legitimate interest in establishing the marriage policy for its citizens.
4. This amendment does not prevent private industry from extending certain benefits to its employees nor does it limit a person's right to name medical and financial agents or to enter into contractual agreements.
5. This amendment does not deny any existing rights under Idaho law, but Idaho's current marriage laws could be weakened in the future without this amendment.

Statements AGAINST  
The Proposed Amendment

1. This amendment is not needed since Idaho Code already limits the right to marry to one man and one woman and does not recognize out-of-state marriages that are in conflict with Idaho public policy.
2. This amendment uses the term "domestic legal union," which is not defined and will likely result in costly and lengthy litigation.
3. Because this amendment is broadly drafted, it could be construed to prohibit domestic partners of private-sector employees who receive health and other benefits from access to Idaho courts to enforce such benefits.
4. This amendment could in the future deny same gender couples in committed relationships the protections and benefits available to married couples, such as access to spousal Social Security benefits upon a partner's death, automatic "next of kin" emergency medical decisions and "family member" hospital visitation rights.
5. Just as the United States Constitution's Equal Protection Clause guarantees equal treatment under the law for all persons, Idaho's Constitution is designed to protect liberties and should not be amended to exclude certain people from legal protections.

S.J.R. 107

"Shall the Constitution of the State of Idaho be amended by the addition of a new Section 18, Article VII, to create an Idaho Millennium Permanent Endowment Fund to consist of eighty percent of the moneys received each year by the state of Idaho on and after January 1, 2007, pursuant to the Master Settlement Agreement entered into between tobacco product manufacturers and the state of Idaho, and any other moneys that may be appropriated or otherwise directed to the Idaho Millennium Permanent Endowment Fund by the legislature, including other moneys or assets that the Idaho Millennium Permanent Endowment Fund receives by bequest or private donation, to provide that such moneys shall remain inviolate and intact except that the state treasurer shall distribute five percent of the Idaho Millennium Permanent Endowment Fund's average monthly fair market value for the first twelve months of the preceding twenty-four months to the Idaho Millennium Income Fund, to provide that such distribution shall not exceed the Idaho Millennium Permanent Endowment Fund's fair market value on the first business day of July; to create an Idaho Millennium Income Fund, subject to appropriation as provided by law, to consist of the distribution from the Idaho Millennium Permanent Endowment Fund and other moneys that may be appropriated or otherwise directed to the Idaho Millennium Income Fund as provided by law; and to provide that the remaining twenty percent of the moneys received by the state of Idaho on and after January 1, 2007, pursuant to the Master Settlement Agreement entered into between tobacco product manufacturers and the state of Idaho and the earnings thereon, shall be deposited to the Idaho Millennium Fund, to provide that the Idaho Millennium Fund may consist of any other moneys that may be appropriated or otherwise directed to the Idaho Millennium Fund by the legislature, including other moneys or assets that the Idaho Millennium Fund receives by bequest or private donation, to provide that moneys in the Idaho Millennium Fund shall be allowed to accumulate, but shall not exceed a maximum limit as determined by law, to provide that any amounts so accumulating in the Idaho Millennium Fund which exceed the maximum limit, shall be transferred, no less than once a year, to the Idaho Millennium Permanent Endowment Fund and to provide that such moneys and earnings in the permanent endowment fund shall also remain inviolate and intact?"

Legislative Council's  
Statement of Meaning & Purpose  
S.J.R. 107

The purpose of this proposed amendment is to create a permanent endowment fund into which 80 percent of the money received

annually as a result of the settlement between the state of Idaho and tobacco product manufacturers will be deposited. The remaining 20 percent of the annual settlement will be deposited into the existing Idaho Millennium Fund. No portion of the permanent endowment fund, including earnings, will be transferred, used, or appropriated, with the exception that each year 5 percent of the endowment fund's average monthly fair market value will be distributed to an income fund that will be subject to appropriation. In addition, any money in the Idaho Millennium Fund in excess of a maximum amount, as provided by law, will be transferred annually to the permanent endowment fund.

Effect of Adoption

If the amendment is adopted, 80 percent of the tobacco settlement money Idaho receives each year will be deposited into a newly created permanent endowment fund and 20 percent will be deposited into the existing Idaho Millennium Fund. All money in the permanent endowment fund will remain in the fund, with the exception that every year 5 percent of the fund's average monthly fair market value will be deposited into an income fund that is subject to appropriation. In addition, each year any amount in the Idaho Millennium Fund in excess of a maximum amount, as provided by law, will be transferred to the permanent endowment fund.

Legislative Council's Statements  
FOR The Proposed Amendment

1. Placing 80 percent of tobacco settlement money in a constitutional, permanent endowment fund will protect the settlement money from transfer to the General Fund in years of financial difficulty, while still allowing a fixed amount to be distributed and spent each year.
2. The creation of a permanent endowment fund will provide the State Treasurer with the opportunity to make long-term investments, at higher rates of return, with Idaho's tobacco settlement money.
3. Greater return on the long-term investment of money in the permanent endowment fund will result in more money being available for purposes such as tobacco prevention and cessation programs, and for relief to counties for the cost of caring for indigent persons with tobacco-related illnesses.

Statements AGAINST  
The Proposed Amendment

1. The proposed amendment is unnecessary because an existing law already provides for a fund into which Idaho's tobacco settlement money is deposited, and the amount of the distribution of money from a permanent fund should not be fixed in the Idaho State Constitution.
2. The Idaho State Constitution is a legal blueprint for government in Idaho and a historical document that should not be changed for relatively minor matters, which can best be managed administratively. Changes to the Constitution should be made only for major issues of interest to the entire state or in the event of a constitutional crisis.
3. Protection of the tobacco settlement money from transfer to the General Fund in years of financial difficulty for the purpose of balancing the budget can be addressed through governmental constraint rather than a constitutional amendment.

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Museum  
deems  
sale huge  
success

The ION Heritage Museum indoor yard sale was such a hit last earlier this month that the museum's fund-raising arm will keep a thrift store open to continue to generate money.

The two-day indoor yard sale held Oct. 7-8 in Jordan Valley brought in more than \$1,200 for the continued development of a museum building.

"It was a great success," museum spokesperson Adele Payden said. "It was so great, in fact, that Matteson's has let us use the building and turn it into a second-hand store."

Payden said plenty of items are left over from the two-day sale.

The yard sale was held inside the old Owyhee NAPA Auto Parts store in Jordan Valley. Store co-owner Kim MacKenzie confirmed last week that her company has allowed the museum to use the vacant building on Swisher Avenue as a second-hand store for the foreseeable future.

MacKenzie owns the chain of Matteson's businesses with her brother, Mike. She's married to former Jordan Valley resident Tim MacKenzie.

"My husband was raised in Jordan Valley, so that's home basically," Kim MacKenzie said. "And his family has a lot of history around there."

Kim MacKenzie said she likes the idea of a Jordan Valley museum chronicling the Idaho-Oregon-Nevada corner region's history.

"I think it's wonderful," she said. "There's so much history up there."

The second-hand store will be open from noon to 4 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. Payden said the hours might expand if more volunteers are found to staff the store. Consignment items are encouraged, Payden said.

"We are always accepting any form of donations, and we are in need of volunteers and (museum) members," Payden said.

For more information, call Payden at (541) 586-2818, leave a message at (541) 586-2460 or call museum curator Joanne Cunningham at (541) 586-2984.

Jordan Valley area rancher Mike Hanley still is recruiting folks for a three-day cattle drive. For more information, call Hanley at (541) 586-2216.

Payden said that — in addition to the thrift store — museum supporters will sell items at the annual Community Bazaar on Nov. 18 and are holding a raffle with a Basque blanket as the prize.

Raffle tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5.

The Community Bazaar runs 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Nov. 18 at the Lions Community Building.

— JPB



# Adrian district voters face school bond on Nov. 7 ballot

Patrons have two options to rebuild grade school; board president reminds to vote on both resolutions

The Adrian School District is asking patrons to pass a bond levy in a Nov. 7 election, but voters will have a choice of plans.

The ideal option in the eyes of the Adrian School Board is a \$4.985 million bond measure, dubbed resolution 06-07-2, that will build and furnish a new school for kindergarten through eighth-grade students and a gymnasium for district-wide use.

A second option, a \$3.785 million bond to build only the K-8 school, also will be on the ballot as resolution 06-07-3.

Both are 40-year bonds, and Allison stressed that patrons must cast ballots for both measures. A simple majority is needed for passage. If both pass, the board will select the \$4.985 million bond for the new school and gym.

“It’s an update need,” school board chairman Neil Allison said. “Our facility is in very, very poor condition. We’re talking system-type problems.

“The electrical system. And the delivery system for the boiler is in very poor shape. There are very extensive problems to fix.”

Allison said bringing the Adrian grade school up to code would cost about \$3 million.

“And that would not be up to complete code, but to bring it up as far as we could,” he said.

The school was built in the early 1950s, Allison said.

The gymnasium/grade school bond would finance demolition of most elements of the existing school, which would become the site for the gym. The new grade school would be built on land directly south of the current elementary school building. The old school’s cafeteria, which is a newer addition, would be preserved.

Bleachers and locker rooms for the gymnasium would be built with existing district funds, and wouldn’t be subject to the bond, Allison said.

Allison said he is optimistic after public meetings about the bond proposals. An informational mailer will go out this week, and volunteers will place phone calls to patrons as part of the campaign.

“We had a public meeting that was pretty well attended and fairly positive,” Allison said, adding that there are 750 registered voters in the district.

Allison said the school district decided to put two bond options on the ballot because of the agricultural base of the Adrian economy.

“We’re a farming community, and agriculture is tough, and they’re the ones that basically pay the property taxes,” Allison said. “I’m a farmer myself. I don’t want my taxes to go up, but I also see that we need a school that these children can be proud of and safe in.”

Patrons currently pay \$3.75 for every \$1,000 in property value. The most expensive option would raise 2007-08 taxes to \$4.12 per \$1,000. The school-only option would raise ‘07-’08 taxes to \$3.13 per \$1,000. In both bonds, the levy rate would decrease incrementally over the next 12 years to \$2.80 and \$2.16 per \$1,000, respectively.

Oregon is a mail-in ballot state. Allison said the registered voters within the Adrian School District boundaries can expect to see ballots in their mailboxes some time after Saturday.

The Adrian High School building was built in the 1930s, but Allison said the structure is in “much better shape” than the grade school facility. The school board chairman said trustees and administrators, including superintendent and high school principal Gene Mills, decided a \$14 million overhaul project for both schools would be too expensive for the district and its patrons.

Allison said a bond issue was

floated about the same time he joined the school board eight years ago but failed by just five votes.

The current bond campaign has been in the works for five years, he said, and is an attempt to get ahead of anticipated residential expansion.

Enrollment has increased in the tiny district in recent years, too, Allison said.

“We are experiencing a little bit of growth at the moment, and with Boise growing and Idaho growing, I can’t see it changing,” the chairman said.

— JPB

# New owners take over restaurant on Main Street in Marsing

The Gateway Grill restaurant in Marsing began operating under new ownership last week, and a new name is on the horizon, too.

Marsing residents Peggy and Jack Prater purchased the Main Street eatery from previous owners George and Mica Wilson.

Peggy Prater said last week that the restaurant will be renamed The Vine Dinner House to reflect the growing wine country feel that is developing in the region with vineyards, wineries and tasting rooms.

Prater also said the restaurant will change hours in November. The eatery will be open from 5 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Wednesday through Friday for dinner.

Weekend hours will be 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. for breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Menu changes also are planned.

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