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## Former councilman returns to run for mayor

- Three men to face off in Homedale
- Marsing will have new faces
- Grand View mayor runs again

A former city councilman who left his post to serve his country has returned to run for Homedale mayor in November's election.

Charles Garrison resigned his

council seat in May 2004 when he was called to duty as part of the Idaho National Guard detachment that was deployed to Iraq in the war on terror.

Homedale City Clerk Alice Pegram confirmed Friday that Garrison was one of three

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## Events give Initiative chair hope

The Owyhee Initiative recently achieved some major milestones that has the work group chairman more optimistic than ever.

Fred Grant said that the language written into the Owyhee Initiative Implementation Act now in the Senate could go a long way toward removing two major roadblocks on the document's pathway to becoming law.

He also briefly addressed the situation with Sen. Larry Craig (R-Idaho), the former ranking member on the Energy and Natural Resources Committee the bill has to negotiate to move forward. Craig has said he will resign at the end of the month, but Monday filed papers to have his guilty plea on disorderly conduct vacated.

Grant said that, in a lightly publicized move, the senator gave his blessing to the process after his staff took part in a recent field trip through the Owyhees.

"We're moving fast now," Grant said. "We've hit the fast track, and the current events that are going on, we can't do anything

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## Trojans band debuts



### Homedale musicians show off new duds

The Homedale school marching band, comprised of middle school and high school musicians, made its 2007-08 debut at halftime of Friday's football game at Deward Bell Stadium. Photo by Gregg Garrett

## Marsing copes with shortage of emergency staff

Marsing Ambulance Service finds itself struggling with the unenviable combination of increasing demand for services and a dwindling number of volunteer Emergency Medical Technicians.

While growing population and greater recreational activity have put higher demands on the service, the number of EMTs has dropped from 10 to seven in the past six months.

Faced with a personnel shortage that is approaching a critical level, Marsing Ambulance is test-

ing the community's interest in an EMT training class. Betty Ackerman, coordinator for the service, said that classes have not been scheduled yet. The classes are dependent on a sufficient number of community members expressing interest in attending the training.

The class is at least 120 hours of study and takes approximately three months to complete. Classes will likely be scheduled for two nights per week with some

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## Judge denies Faulks' request in Freund case

A district court judge has ruled that no one will lose a job in the wake of county commissioner Dick Freund's election and it should be business as usual in the Owyhee County offices.

In a declaratory judgment filed in Murphy on Sept. 4, Third Dis-

trict Court Judge Gordon W. Petrie denied a writ of prohibition requested by Prosecuting Attorney Matthew Faulks on behalf of the county and said that Freund should recuse himself from vot-

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# Drought means power rate increase for South Board

Bureau of Reclamation area manager Jerry Gregg told the South Board of Control board of directors at its Thursday meeting that the district’s power rate would be going up by almost 18 percent.

Gregg said that the federal agency’s Southern Idaho System,

which supplies power to the district at cost by contract, was currently at a \$3.8 million deficit in its power generation. He explained that rates are set in five-year increments based on estimated costs.

Gregg told the board that the Bureau of Reclamation had come

up with a new rate of 0.02280 cent per kilowatt hour.

The new rate is designed to make up for the current deficit and put the power rate at cost at the end of five years. The 0.00346-cent-per-kilowatt-hour increase hikes South Board’s rate by 17.9 percent.

Based on South Board’s estimated power usage of 21 million kilowatt hours, the power bill increase will be \$72,660 per year. That amounts to an increase of \$1.65 per acre over the 44,000 acres serviced by South Board.

The current rate of 0.01934 cent per kilowatt hour was set

based on an estimate of an annual generation of 1 billion kilowatt hours per year. Because of drought conditions, however, there is not enough water to generate the estimated amount of electricity. The system is actually generating closer to 847 million kilowatt hours, Gregg said.

## P&Z asks council to approve permits

The Homedale Planning and Zoning Commission has recommended that the City Council approve two zoning requests made during an Aug. 27 meeting.

Two public hearings were held before the P&Z commission on Aug. 27 at City Hall. The council next meets at 6 p.m. today.

Homedale Plaza Partners, LLC, the group developing the land that formerly housed Homedale Auto Recyclers on East Idaho Avenue applied for vacation of public right-of-way for the alley at Fifth Street and Riverside Avenue. The request was heard in the second hearing of the night.

The first Aug. 27 hearing dealt with a special use permit application filed by Homedale Christian Church. The church, located at 110 W. Montana, is seeking to build a 366-square-foot addition onto the entrance and west side of the existing structure.

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# Water outlook a matter of perspective

As creeks run dry, South Board banks on snowpack



**Water is available, but in short supply**  
*Irrigators will have sufficient water through the Oct. 12 shut off of Owyhee Reservoir; but next year’s supply is in question as the two-year storage facility is down to just 25 percent of its holding capacity.*

The odds seem stacked against area ranchers who have been dealing with unusually dry conditions this summer.

On Aug. 13, Gov. C.L. “Butch” Otter signed an order declaring a drought emergency in Owyhee County. The declaration cited below normal precipitation, little or no water resources for livestock, the hottest July on record, and reduced forage because of dry conditions.

The Malheur County Court declared a similar state of emergency on Aug. 8. That declaration cited a 50 percent reduction in available forage because of the exceedingly dry conditions.

U.S. Department of Agriculture reports show pasture conditions as “poor to very poor for 67 percent of Idaho,” an increase of 15 percent in the past four weeks, and an increase of 60 percent over the last year. USDA data also shows that as of June 1, none of the 22 SNOTEL sites in the four southside Snake River basins — including three in Owyhee County — had snow.

According to an August

hydrologic outlook from the National Weather Service, impacts of below-normal water supply “will likely continue to intensify through the summer and into the fall.” The report adds that “the three-month outlook leans strongly toward above-normal temperatures and below-normal precipitation, indicating little or no widespread relief for drought conditions through the fall.”

None of this information bodes well for ranchers, who have been coping with tinderbox conditions for some time now.

At the annual summer meeting of the Owyhee Cattlemen’s Association on July 28, Jordan Valley area rancher Dennis Stanford said: “There are a lot of

creeks dried up now that we’ve never seen dried up before. There will be a lot of water hauled that hasn’t been hauled in a long time.”

Stanford said that the problem is not just one of hot and dry conditions this year.

“We didn’t have a storm at all last year,” he said. “There was no snow pack. So it’s a question of recharge. We haven’t had the recharge we usually do.”

That recharge is just what area ranchers who are lucky enough to be on irrigation will be counting on this winter, as Owyhee Reservoir stood at just 25 percent full on Monday, and will be drawn down still further between now and the scheduled shut-off date of Oct.

12.

At full capacity, the reservoir holds two years’ worth of irrigation water for the area’s agricultural lands.

Those on irrigation have generally not seen the hardship faced by other ranchers in this area, but the dry conditions are reflected in the level of the reservoir. According to the Bureau of Reclamation, Owyhee Reservoir was 67 percent full last year at this time, and on average is 56 percent full at this time of year. The water is much lower than normal, and should the winter recharge not come, everyone will be in the same boat, up a dry, dry creek without a paddle.

Still, Ron Kiester, water master and newly hired manager of the South Board of Control did not appear to be concerned. At South Board’s meeting on Thursday, he recalled that in 1992 the reservoir was dry, but the recharge came.

“This year is not typical,” Kiester said in an interview two weeks ago. “But I am not concerned yet. We rely on snow pack.”

Kiester said that one season’s snow pack has brought the reservoir back up to sufficient levels before, and he says that can easily happen again.

Stanford echoed Kiester’s tone of optimism, saying: “This county has always taken care of us, and it will.”

— RTH

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## ✓ Shortage: Agency floats idea of EMT classes this fall

Saturday coursework thrown in as well. In order to more easily come up with the required minimum number of students to set up the class, enrollment would be open to interested persons in the Marsing service area and other nearby areas, regardless of whether students intended to volunteer upon completion of the course.

Ackerman was unsure about class cost and estimated the course would probably start in November or December.

According to Ackerman, the current problem is not one of commitment.

“Our personnel are still very committed, so we do well as far as covering,” Ackerman said, “but we’re just worried that we’re going to burn people out if we don’t get more help.

It makes it very difficult for those that are volunteering because we don’t feel a freedom to



### Marsing Ambulance seeks some help

Marsing Ambulance Service coordinator Betty Ackerman has put the word out that an EMT class will be formed soon to replenish the volunteer agency’s workforce.

be away to do personal things. We just tend to feel a need to stay in Marsing in case there’s a call.”

Marsing Ambulance Service has a vast response area, extending from the Marsing township

and rural areas west on Idaho highway 55 to Jump Creek Road, south on U.S. Highway 95 to the Oregon state line and on Idaho 78 to Murphy and beyond in Owyhee County and also in a portion of

Canyon County.

For more information on the class or volunteering, contact Ackerman at (208) 896-4562 or (208) 350-9137.

— RTH

## HMS pupils again sell magazines, Avalanche

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

Fifth- through eighth-graders will be out in the community selling magazine subscriptions as well as one-year subscriptions to The Owyhee Avalanche. The students compete for prizes and other rewards based on the volume of subscriptions sold.

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

The event, which has been an annual occurrence at HMS for nearly 30 years, ends Sept. 24. Students will turn in orders on Sept. 17, Sept. 20 and Sept. 24 to judge the various contest winners.

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

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

For more information on the subscription drive, see the advertisement on the back page of Section B of today’s Avalanche.

### Single victim in a Sunday ATV accident

Rescue personnel prepare to load the victim of an ATV accident into an ambulance for transport to West Valley Medical Center in Caldwell. The accident occurred Sunday afternoon in the vicinity of Graveyard Point Road south of Homedale.



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**Classifieds!**

## Marsing High celebrates Homecoming

Homecoming festivities begin tonight for Marsing High School and conclude on Friday with the crowning of Homecoming royalty.

Boys volleyball begins at 6:30 p.m. today on campus, with a powder puff football game, class competition tug of war, and bonfire following.

The Homecoming parade is scheduled for 1:45 p.m. on Friday. The theme is “The Jungle.” Homecoming royalty will be crowned at 6:30 p.m., at the football stadium prior to the Homecoming game against Glens Ferry.

Homecoming royalty candidates include: freshmen,

Katelyn Blackstock and Trevor Lootens; sophomores, Jessica Freeman and Ethan Salove; juniors, Cherie Daniel and Devon Cook; and seniors, Amy Beagley, Elisa Moreno, Stephanie Powell, Natalia Salinas, Amanda Staudenmier, J.T. Corta, Taylor Nielsen, Ethan Sauer, Joseph Taylor and Kris Young.

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# Ron Kiester hired as next SBOC manager

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— JPB

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### ✓ Mayor: Write-in candidates have until Oct. 23 to enter political races

individuals who had filed candidacy papers to seek the office of mayor in Owyhee County's largest city.

He will be opposed by incumbent Paul Fink, who is seeking his sixth term as mayor, and resident Harold Wilson.

The Homedale mayoral race will be only one of several contests decided in municipal elections in the county's three cities on Nov. 6. Friday was the final day to file candidacy papers to get on the ballot for the election.

Write-in candidates have until Oct. 23 to file for any election in Homedale, Marsing or Grand View. To be eligible, candidates must be at least 18 years old and registered to vote, and they must

have lived for 30 days in the town in which they will run for office.

While Fink is seeking another term as mayor in Homedale, Don Osterhoudt kept his promise and will not seek a second term as Marsing's chief executive.

Marsing residents James E. Thomas and Keith D. Green will face each other in a bid to succeed Osterhoudt, according to Marsing City Clerk Janice Bicandi.

Incumbent Paul Spang will try to retain his position as Grand View mayor, according to City Clerk Lani Race.

No other incumbents will run for office in Grand View, and only two people have filed to seek any of the four city council seats up for grabs.

Opal Ward, who was a citizen member of a committee empowered to develop a replacement ordinance for Grand View's open container law, has filed to run for one of the town's two-year council seats. Marie Hipwell also will seek a two-year term.

William "Bill" Lawrence and Rodger Dillard currently hold the short-term seats. Neither man will seek another term.

No candidates have come forward to run for the town's open four-year council seats. Franklin Hart and Derron Frederick both declined to seek additional terms.

Grand View voters also will face two bond issues on the

November ballot. The city is seeking a \$70,000 bond to make repairs to the municipal sewer lift station. Another \$1.5 million bond for arsenic removal from the city water system also will be on the ballot.

Race also said city voters must consider whether to consolidate the Grand View Sewer and Water Association with the rest of the city government, a move that has been "highly recommended" by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Rural Development agency, Race said. The USDA Rural Development will provide the funding for the water and sewer projects once the bond is passed.

While Grand View struggled

to find folks willing to run for office, there is no shortage of city council candidates in Marsing and Homedale.

In Homedale, neither incumbent — Steve Schultz nor Bill Page — opted to seek another term. But four people have declared their candidacies, including former council hopeful Aaron Tines, Donna Call, Eino Hendrickson and Kris Roberts.

Both seats carry four-year terms, and the top two vote-getters will win election.

In Marsing, where incumbents Paula Enrico and Ed Pfeifer have decided one term each was enough, Stella J. Bush and Joshua Bauer will seek office.

— JPB

### ✓ Case: County must pay Freund family attorney \$9,000 in legal fees

ing on or deliberating any salary or employment matters involving his wife, Lynda Freund, or daughter, Tiffany Walker.

"I think it's resolved," Freund attorney Clayton Andersen said from his Coeur d'Alene office. "The judge entered his decision that outlines what everybody is supposed to do and, essentially, was Dick Freund had been willing to do since the onset."

The decision grew out of an Aug. 2 hearing at which Petrie ordered the two sides to submit a declaratory judgment in accordance with his preliminary opinion.

"It appears, however, the parties cannot agree on what the court clearly states," Petrie wrote in his summary. "Accordingly, the court enters the judgment set out below."

Faulks, acting as an agent of the county, has until Oct. 8 to file an appeal.

In an e-mail response to a request for comment from The

Owyhee Avalanche, Faulks didn't specifically address the issue of an appeal.

"The Court's decision seems to speak clearly in its judgment and order on the matters," Faulks wrote in a one-line reply.

Faulks had submitted a request for a declaratory judgment on any possible conflict of interest Dick Freund may have in dealing with county matters that involve



Matthew Faulks

his wife, who works in the Faulks' office, or his daughter, who is employed by the Owyhee County Sheriff's Office.

Petrie's ruling allows Walker and Lynda Freund to remain in their positions, and won't affect their eligibility for pay increases.

The county commissioners voted on the fiscal year 2008 budget on the day that Petrie's ruling was filed. Freund said he did what he said he would always do — recuse himself from any discussion or vote on sections of the budget that would directly affect his wife or his daughter.



Dick Freund

Freund was able to vote on the budget. But after the budget was approved, a second item was passed stipulating that Freund approved the budget as presented with the exception of the two items involving his wife and daughter. Freund said he also recused himself from any action on the prosecuting attorney's budget because of the ongoing litigation.

Freund said he had investigated any possible conflicts of interest before deciding to run for county office prior to the May 2006 primary. And at that time he arrived at the solution to any possible conflict.

"If there ever was an issue that dealt with salaries or promotions or budget items or anything like that that I would recuse myself voting on them as the law allows,"

Freund said.

"I told (Faulks) that before I was ever elected. In May 2006, I told him that, and I told him that the day before he filed his suit."

Freund said the litigation brought by Faulks had cost the county nearly \$9,000 in legal fees. Because Faulks brought a lawsuit against county employees, Owyhee County was obligated to pay the Freunds' attorney fees.

A former Owyhee County prosecutor, Andersen still questioned why the case was ever brought.

"I wish it would have been handled differently," Andersen said. "I think the law wasn't quite as difficult as the prosecutor wanted to make it. One of the options is exactly what the judge did."

— JPB

### ✓ Initiative: Craig endorsed process in little-known move

about those, so we've decided we're moving ahead."

Moving ahead includes new language written into the bill requiring the Secretary of the Interior to implement a memorandum of agreement (MOA) between the Bureau of Land Management and the working group when the president signs the legislation.

The BLM and Initiative supporters are negotiating the MOA now, Grant said.

He also said that similar agreements are in the works to address science review, law enforcement and the Initiative's cultural protection program.

"When we get to the hearing on the bill, particularly if we have the MOA all ready to sign or fleshed out, it ends the questions

of who's going to control this or that," Grant said. "It takes away huge layers of negotiation at the congressional level, which is the hardest to get through anyhow. I don't have any doubt we can get the MOA. When the BLM signs it, it takes away their objection to the bill."

"I think it was a great, great step forward toward getting passage in 2008."

Another positive step is the stipulation that private money must be used to buy the animal unit months (AUMs) that will be retired through the land exchange. The precedent of using public money for the AUMs concerned some western GOP lawmakers, Grant said.

Grant said that it seems now that only about \$10 million

cash will be required to pull off the land exchange needed to create wilderness areas. Original numbers were about \$15 million, and public funds originally were going to be used.

"We're excited about getting private money for the exchange," Grant said.

He said the working group is now working to find organizations working to preserve grazing rights or rural land to help bankroll the land exchange.

In another important move, Owyhee County Board of Commissioners recently drafted a letter to state BLM director Tom Dyer asking that the land appraisal process get underway.

Organizations involved in the working group recently hired Knipe Co., land appraisers to

compile a range of values to ensure that an objective appraisal was possible before the BLM began its study.

"I'm very confident there will be a valid appraisal that supports what the ranchers have asked for their properties," Grant said.

Grant said that a hearing by fall isn't out of the realm of possibility, and that the climate of passage will change dramatically if the process drags beyond the 2008 presidential election.

"You don't know what will happen there," Grant said of a change in power. "It could change the whole dynamic."

"We won't have the current White House and the Council of Environmental Quality that supports us now."

— JPB

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# Obituaries

## Michael Asa Brown

Michael Asa Brown left this earth to be with his loving savior on Tuesday, September 4, 2007 at the age of 65 as a result of heart failure.

Mike was born in Ontario, OR on July 13, 1942 to Asa and Maxine Brown.

He spent his younger years in Huntington, OR before moving to Stanfield, OR where he graduated from Stanfield High School in 1960.

Mike joined and served in the U.S. Army until 1962. After his enlistment, he worked for various railroads until 1974 when he was employed by Morrison-Knudsen in Boise, ID. He retired in 1991.

Mike met his best friend and lifelong partner Betty Lynn Cheshire of Cheshire, OR in 1968. Mike and Betty entered into Holy Matrimony on February 7, 1969.



Mike is survived by his wife Betty, two children Douglas (Maria) of Star, ID and Heather (Ted) of Boise. He is also survived by his brother Jim of Springfield, OR. His sister Margaret (Frank) of Cheney, WA and his twin sister

Patricia (Lauren) of Gilbert, AZ. Five grandchildren, Amanda, Brandon, Joshua, Caleb and Faith, numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and his beloved dog “Muggs.”

Mike will be greatly missed by all of his family and those who loved him. He faithfully served the Lord even in his last days. Mike was a stranger to no one. His gift of generosity and his wonderful sense of humor served all who knew him.

A memorial service will be held at the Golden Gate Baptist Church in Wilder, ID (301 2<sup>nd</sup> Street) on September 29th at 2:00 PM with a reception to follow. In lieu of flowers, the family ask that you make a donation to United Ministries Fellowship, P.O. Box 6835, Glendale, AZ 85312 in support of Juan Angulo or your favorite charity.

## Herbert Nelson Lemrick

Herbert Nelson Lemrick, age 64, of Wilder, died Sunday, September 2, 2007 at a Boise hospital. Funeral services were held at 10:30am Friday, September 7, 2007 at the Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Homedale. Interment followed at the Wilder Cemetery.

Mr. Lemrick was born October 27, 1942 in Caldwell, a son of Clarence E. and Jeanette L. Wray Lemrick. He was reared in Homedale and graduated from Homedale High School in 1962. He married Linda K. Adams on February 28, 1970 in Homedale. Herb farmed and worked as a long haul trucker, most recently for United Hauling. He was a member of the Oasis Worship Center, Caldwell.

Surviving family include his wife Linda of Wilder; two sons, Christopher Lemrick and Nathan Lemrick, both of Wilder; a brother Vern Lemrick of Troutdale,



Oregon; two sisters; Ruth Serratos of Wilder and Eleanor Haddox of Anchorage, Alaska and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Friends called Thursday from 5pm to 7pm at the Flahiff Funeral Chapel in Homedale.

Memorials may be offered to the family in care of the Oasis Worship Center, Caldwell

## Juanita Johnstone

On September 4, 2007 Juanita Johnstone passed away at home with her family by her side. The family received visitors at Dakan Funeral Chapel, 504 South Kimball Avenue, Caldwell, from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM on Monday September 10th. Funeral services were held at 11:00 AM on Tuesday, September 11th at Dakan Funeral Chapel with the burial immediately following at Canyon Hill Cemetery in Caldwell. A luncheon followed at the Homedale Senior Center, 224 West Idaho Avenue, at 2:00 PM.

Juanita was born on October 22, 1923 in Olney Springs, Colorado, to Harry and Oda Sipes. When she was a young girl her family moved from Olney Springs to Ridgeview, OR. where she attended and graduated from Adrian Schools.

She attended many community dances where she met James (Jim) Johnstone. On October 22, 1941 Juanita married Jim Johnstone in Homedale and then resided at the Johnstone family ranch near Homedale. Juanita and Jim had two sons, Alan and Brian, prior to Jim passing away in April of 1953. Juanita continued to live on the Johnstone farm and on June 3, 1955 married George Johnstone. Their daughter Anita was born in 1962.

Juanita spent her life caring for her family, and family meant



especially loved the times spent at her South Mountain Cabin when family and friends would visit. Juanita had many talents; she was actively involved in the Homedale Christian Church and was the secretary/treasurer of the church for many years. When Anita was young she enjoyed being her Brownie and Girl Scout leader. She was awarded Honorary Life Member of the Owyhee Cattlemen’s Association in 2005 and she loved to sew and continued to cross-stitch until the last weeks of her life.

Juanita is survived by three children, Alan Johnstone, Brian Johnstone of Homedale and Anita (Mike) Johnston of Caldwell; 9 Grandchildren and 13 Great Grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband George Johnstone, her parents and two sisters.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to Juanita’s friends and care givers, Donna Fisher, Linda Woodhall & Jerilynn Keisel for their care and assistance in Juanita’s final weeks.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be given to the Homedale Christian Church, PO Box 867, Homedale, ID 83628, or the Homedale Senior Center, 224 West Idaho Ave. Homedale, ID 83628.

everything to her. She was an exceptional wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother & friend. Mom was an excellent cook for our family, as well as the community and many hired farm hands and sheepherders. She

# Death notices

**CONNIE J. FOLGER**, 59, of Homedale, died Saturday, Sept. 1, 2007, in Beaverton, Ore. Services pending.

**JAMES O. KENNEDY**, 87, of Homedale, died Thursday, Sept. 6, 2007, at a Caldwell hospital. Services are pending through Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Homedale.

**GEORGIA JOHANNA PARKER**, 89, of Adrian, died Monday, Sept. 3, 2007, in Ontario. Services were held Monday at First Presbyterian Church in Homedale. Burial followed at Roswell Cemetery.

## OCD seeks poster entries

Entries are being accepted for the annual Idaho Association of Soil Conservation Districts poster contest.

This year’s theme is “Conservation’s Power,” and the Marsing-based Owyhee Conservation District once again is looking for local entries.

The contest is open to fourth-through sixth-grade students. Only posters on 14-inch-by-22-inch media will be accepted.

Students can create a flat or two-dimensional entry using paint, crayon, colored pencil, charcoal, construction paper or other paste-on materials and/or computer-generated artwork.

The top three artists in the OCD poster contest will qualify for the division-level judging, and the top three at the division move on for consideration at the state level.

The state champion will qualify for the national contest.

Posters should include at least one of the following themes: soil, water, wildlife, forest, range conservation and/or this year’s theme.

Entries will be judged on message (40 points), originality (20 points), art and balance (20 points) and neatness (20 points).

Each entry must include the student’s name and address, name of the school, teacher’s name, conservation district and division represented. This information must be on the back of the poster.



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Wife must protect remaining assets from AWOL hubby

Dear Dave,

My husband just left me after not working for months and developing a drug problem. We lived in an apartment together, so there's no mortgage to worry about. I love him and want him back and well, but I'm scared and wonder if I should protect the bank account and credit card. There's about \$12,000 in the bank right now. Nothing is owed on the card, but it has a \$20,000 limit.

— Heather

Dear Heather,

This is a scary situation, and you need to protect yourself. Pull out at least half of the money that's in the bank today! Take your name off the account, and open a new one at another bank under your name only. Right now, you'll be liable if he runs up \$14,000 worth of hot checks and your name is still on the account.

Call the credit card company, and get your name off that account, too. Send them a certified letter overnight — return receipt requested — stating that as of today you are no longer responsible for any charges on the card. Here's the thing. If either of these places try to come after someone for money, they'll come for you. You'll be easier to find and harass than a druggie who's trying to run away from things.

Heather, I'm really sorry you have to go through this. But remember, even if you do the things I'm saying it doesn't have to mean the marriage is over. It just means that you protected yourself financially. Hopefully, he'll come back, come to his senses and get some help!

— Dave

Dear Dave,

I'll be graduating college in December with a degree in elementary education, and I have a job waiting for me. It will be the first time in my life I've made more than minimum wage, and it will bring our household income up to about \$75,000. I've got \$15,000 in student loan debt, \$6,000 to pay off from a repossession a while back and \$3,000 in credit card debt. How should I handle this salary increase?

— Mickey

Dear Mickey,

Congratulations on your degree and the decision to get serious with a plan for your money! And here's some more good news for you. If you guys keep living the way you have been and put the rest toward debt, you can have it knocked out in about a year.

But just because you're making some money doesn't mean you



should double your entertainment budget or pick up a car payment. Sit down together and work out a written monthly budget. Give every dollar a name before you spend it, and don't forget to work the debt snowball, too. List your debts from smallest to largest, pay minimum payments on the two largest and then attack that credit card debt with a vengeance! Chances are you can get these taken care of in a month or two. Once you've paid that off, roll the money from that payment over and apply it plus any other cash you can scrape up toward the car repo. If that debt has any age on it you can probably work a deal for 50 cents on the dollar and get out paying just half.

Once you've done this, you'll have a bunch of cash to throw at those student loans and get the debt off your back once and for all. Good luck, Mickey!

— Dave

Dear Dave,

I'm married, make \$50,000 a year and we have no debt. We also have no retirement savings. I'd hoped to invest in my company's 401(k), but they stopped matching the contributions two days after I became eligible to invest. Should I still invest in their 401(k) or do my own thing somewhere else?

— Jim

Dear Jim,

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You can even go the easy route and have the contributions auto-drafted from your checking account each month!

— Dave

— Dave Ramsey is the best-selling author of *The Total Money Makeover*. For more financial advice, visit the Web site or call (888) 22-PEACE. 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 Avenue, Homedale. (208) 337-4641

Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan public meeting, 6:30 p.m., Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School, 39678 State Highway 78, Grand View

DivorceCare recovery support group, 7 p.m., Mountain View Church of the Nazarene, 26515 Ustick Road, Wilder. (208) 337-3151

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

Marsing City Council meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall, 425 Main Street, Marsing. (208) 896-4122

Owyhee Watershed Council meeting and open house barbecue, 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. with meeting following at 3 p.m., Owyhee Watershed Council office, 106 Owyhee St., Adrian. (541) 372-5782

Thursday

El-Ada Community Action Partnership commodity distribution, 11 a.m. to noon, Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main Street, Grand View. (208) 337-4812

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

Homedale Chamber of Commerce luncheon, noon, Owyhee Lanes Restaurant, 18 W. 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Homedale. (208) 37-3252

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

TOPS (Take Off Pounds

Sensibly), 5:30 p.m. weigh-in, 7 p.m. meeting, First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6<sup>th</sup> St., Homedale. (208) 482-6893

Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan public meeting, 6:30 p.m., County Courthouse, 31 W. Wyoming Ave., Homedale

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

Owyhee Conservation District board meeting, 8 p.m., 19 Reich Street, Marsing. (208) 896-4544

Owyhee County Fair Board meeting, 8 p.m., county fairgrounds, Homedale. (208) 337-4575

Adrian School District Board of Trustees meeting, 8 p.m., school library

Friday

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

Saturday

Silver City Open House, noon to 5 p.m., \$10 adults, \$5 children

Bruneau Roundup rodeo, 12:30 p.m., \$6 adults, \$5 seniors, \$4 ages 7-12, 6 and younger, free. Bruneau Rodeo Grounds.

Sunday

Silver City Open House, noon to 5 p.m., \$10 adults, \$5 children

Bruneau Roundup rodeo, 12:30 p.m., \$6 adults, \$5 seniors, \$4 ages 7-12, 6 and younger, free. Bruneau Rodeo Grounds.

Monday

Marsing Lions Club monthly meeting, 8 p.m., Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center, 126 2<sup>nd</sup> St.

N., Marsing. (208) 896-4204

Tuesday

Homedale Senior Citizens Center monthly foot clinic, \$10, appointments required, Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave. (208) 337-3020

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

El-Ada Community Action Partnership commodity distribution, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., El-Ada Owyhee office, 15 W. Colorado Avenue, Homedale. (208) 337-4812

Story time 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. Snake River Valley Fellowship, 16613 Garnet Road, Wilder. Homedale. (208) 475-3733

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

Wednesday, Sept. 19

El-Ada Community Action Partnership commodity distribution, 11 a.m. to noon, Marsing Senior Center, 218 Main Street, Marsing. (208) 337-4812

Inaugural Homedale Chamber of Commerce Golf Scramble, 3 p.m., River Bend Golf Course, 18539 Fish Road, Wilder. (208) 337-3254, (208) 337-4693 or (208) 337-5585

DivorceCare recovery support group, 7 p.m., Mountain View Church of the Nazarene, 26515 Ustick Road, Wilder. (208) 337-3151

Marsing Chamber of Commerce monthly meeting, 7 p.m., Essence of Life, 107 Main Street, Marsing. (208) 896-7001

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# Labor tops ag tour lunch agenda

Owyhee reps say dairyman's impassioned plea to preserve workforce matched by water, urban sprawl concerns

During Treasure Valley Legislative Agriculture Tour 2007, state lawmakers such as Owyhee County state Sen. Tom Gannon and Rep. Jim Patrick heard pleas to help secure the way of life that helps bring food to the nation's tables.

The majority of the time during the three-day tour that ended Thursday, two busloads of legislators concentrated on sites in Canyon and Payette counties.

But on Wednesday, the delegation stopped in Homedale for a luncheon at Txoko Ona before taking in a tour of Homedale-area ag business Treasure Valley Seed Co.

"I'm just glad to see that they came over and recognized this wonderful facility," Gannon said of the local Basque center.

"Owyhee County is unique. It's tied to two communities with Nampa-Caldwell on one side and Grand View-Bruneau and Elmore County on the other.

"I deal with basically three or four different communities."

But Gannon and Patrick, both Republicans, are fully aware that agriculture is the lifeblood of the



## Homedale-area bean plant in spotlight

Don Tolmie of Treasure Valley Seed Co., explains part of his company's process during Wednesday's tour of the facility on U.S. Highway 95 north of Homedale.

county.

During the luncheon, United Dairymen of Idaho representative Jack Davis of Kuna made a plea for help in rectifying the immigrant labor situation. Marsing Housing Authority director Rob Troxel also voiced concern over a federal crackdown on bogus Social Security numbers.

But Davis' main concern was the impact any new enforcement would have on the workforce and, consequently, the productivity of the various operations that rely on

immigrant labor.

"To close the borders and send them home would be devastating to Idaho agriculture," Gannon said.

Patrick said that other concerns were raised during the tour, including water and the effects of urban sprawl on ag and emergency services.

"We've got to do a lot more to manage our aquifer and try to preserve what water we've got," Patrick said.

— JPB

# Probation, PA among highlights of new budget

The county board of commissioners approved a fiscal year 2008 budget valued at nearly \$9 million during a public hearing Sept. 4 in Murphy.

The budget included a 24.2 percent increase in the probation department budget.

County probation will work with a budget of \$258,151, up nearly \$51,000 from 2007.

Some of the money will be used to pay for classes for students who are no longer allowed to attend public schools — either in the county's systems or at the alternative Centerpoint High School in Caldwell.

According to a budget worksheet obtained from the county, salaries for the probation department will rise nearly \$22,000 to \$149,331 for the next year. The chief probation officer, Doris Jewett, will get a \$4,000 raise, while other probation officers will see their salaries rise by \$4,000 or more and the classroom coordinator will get a \$3,000 increase.

Commission chair Dick Freund said one reason for the increase in the probation department budget is an attempt to keep better track of grant monies received by the program.

In the past, grant money was funneled into a trust fund, and Jewett made draws off the fund for departmental expenses.

Now, Freund says, all the

money that used to go into a trust fund will be built into the department budget to ensure better accountability as the year goes on.

"In the past, it hadn't been done that way," Freund said. "It's just good budgeting management."

It also is an oversight tool used in the other departments in the county, he said.

"It gives the commissioners a handle on what each department is spending and brings the probation department in line with everybody else," Freund said.

The probation department FY 2008 worksheet shows \$36,000 for capital purchases, Interlock funds, consultants and training that wasn't lined out in previous years.

In other budget moves, the commissioners earmarked \$30,000 for a deputy prosecuting attorney, and Freund said that there is a candidate to serve as an assistant for Prosecuting Attorney Matthew Faulks.

The deputy would attend commission meetings and serve as a civil counsel. Freund said that on occasion the deputy would be available for criminal proceedings.

Freund said no contract has been signed yet, but a final decision could come soon.

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## Adrian's Green (music) Machine

Adrian High School band members, from left, Autumn Snyder, Amanda Peutz, Rebecca VanCorbach and Jessica Morton show their school spirit at the Antelopes' football game Friday. Photo by Kat Sillonis

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# Walking track christened Sept. 21

The official grand opening of the walking track at Homedale Elementary School isn't until Sept. 21, but that fact hasn't stopped people from using the quarter-mile rectangle surrounding the playground on the west side of the school.

Maricela Guzman, Karla Haylett and Sherri Krzesnik were using the track on Friday, and said they try to walk it three or four times per week. The women said the track is a good thing for them and also for the students that they see using it.

Haylett, Guzman and Krzesnik's response is all according to Homedale Elementary teacher Dan Moore's plan. Moore sought funding for a walking track at the school not only for students, but also for the community.

"It is a community track," Moore said. "The school is very close to the senior center, and the track gives senior citizens a place to walk."

Moore applied for funding from the Idaho Women's Charitable Foundation not once, but twice, before receiving a grant of \$22,500. The foundation received 106 letters of inquiry from various non-profit entities seeking funding. Of those, 28 were selected to make full grant proposals. The foundation made site visits to 17 potential grantees and selected 12 projects for a ballot to be voted on by its membership.

Moore's walking track was one of just six projects to be funded in May.

According to IWCF president Susan Smith, the group's members make charitable decisions based on community needs and fund projects in order to make the greatest impact in strengthening the chosen community.

Moore is a strong advocate of



## Teacher's pet project becomes reality

*Homedale Elementary School officially will unveil on Sept. 21 a new quarter-mile rectangular stretch of pavement that teacher Dan Moore hopes will be used by schoolchildren and the community for exercise.*

encouraging children to become more active, and says a great way to combat the growing problem of obesity is to promote a lifestyle of activity and physical fitness. Moore has used walking as one of several motivational methods

to foster his students' involvement at the elementary school, and he has also encouraged his students to bring parents and grandparents to school to participate in walking for fitness.

The walking track's grand

opening is at 10 a.m. on Sept. 21 at the track, on the west side of the Homedale Elementary School grounds. The entire community is invited to attend.

— RTH

# County denies byway

A proposal requesting a recommendation from the Owyhee County Commissioners to designate 23 miles of county roads as portions of the Western Heritage Historic Byway was denied at a recent meeting.

The Western Heritage Historic Byway is part of the Federal Highway Administration's National Scenic Byways program. Byway designation is promoted by the federal government with signage and listing on the byways Web site, [www.byways.org](http://www.byways.org). The goal of designation is increased local revenue through tourism.

The byway, which extends 21 miles from Meridian to Swan Falls along Idaho highway 69 and Swan Falls Road, would have more than doubled in length under the proposal. The extension would include portions of Victory Lane, McDermott Road, Warren Spur Road, Sinker Road, Hill Road, Ferry Road, and Idaho 78.

According to chair Dick Freund, the commission declined to make the recommendation because the potential cost of the designation might prove more than the benefit it would bring. The county's experience with a scenic byway from Pleasant Valley to Grand View has been more burden than boon, as the increased traffic has brought increased maintenance costs with no additional revenue to make up the difference.

Freund also cited the need for increased law enforcement and potential risk to culturally sensitive areas as reasons for turning down the request.

# Bruneau snail's Endangered Species status unchanged

A few dozen concerned residents learned about the outlook for the Bruneau hot springsnail Thursday, hours before the federal government announced the organism's endangered species status would be unchanged.

"There were very many questions regarding the gradual decline in the geothermal aquifer," Nate Fisher, coordinator of the Governor's Office of Species Conservation said of the meeting.

"But, overall, folks understood that we need additional conservation measures to protect both the snails and our groundwater supplies."

Fisher said between 30 and 40 people attended the two-hour meeting at the Bruneau American Legion Hall.

On Friday, the Boise-based Snake River Office of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) announced the publication of the five-year review on the

snail's status, saying that the mollusk's placement on the Endangered Species list would go unchanged.

The tiny snail, which measures 2 millimeters, has been on the endangered list since 1993. The USFWS is required to review all new scientific and commercial

information concerning the population status of and threats to endangered species every five years.

The review revealed that the threats to the species, including unstable groundwater levels and dwindling geothermal springs habitat, are still present. The

document also said conservation efforts are falling short of addressing the threats.

The USFWS report also cited conservation projects to be continued, including efforts to stabilize geothermal water levels, habitat restoration near Hot Creek and control of non-native fish that

prey on the snail.

"We cannot 'mine' the water resource," Fisher wrote in an e-mail. "We must find ways of creating a sustainable supply, not only for the snail but for the livelihood of the farming community in the area."

—JPB

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**Several gospel groups play fairgrounds**  
*The musical groups scheduled to perform Sept. 23 during the Mountain View Church of the Nazarene Family Fair and Roundup include, clockwise from top:*

**Daybreak Trio** — From left, Dallas Holton, Dave Mangum and Randy Jahn

**The Root Family** — From left, McKenna Calzacorta, fiddle, Duane Root, upright bass, Matt Paxton, guitar and vocals, Brenda Paxton, accordion, Cheryl Calzacorta, mandolin, and Justine Calzacorta, fiddle

**No Other Name** — From left, Janice Holton, Betty Holton and Missie Johnson

**Tradition** — Top row, from left, Doug Jenkins, fiddle, Bob Greer, guitar, and Dennis Goff, upright bass. Bottom row, from left, Bill Elmer, mandolin, Pat Massie, dobro, James “Rudy” Corbett, banjo

**Joyful Sound Trio** — From left, Phillip Batton, Allard Smith and Pete Wilson

# Something for everyone at fair

Gospel music, roping events and family fun and games are on tap later this month as part of the Mountain View Church of the Nazarene Family Fair and Roundup.

The sprawling event set for Sept. 23 at the Owyhee County Fairgrounds is the third installment of an annual reunion and roping festival sponsored by the church.

This year, though, will mark the biggest event yet and the addition of a gospel music festival at the Tumbleweed Theatre.

This is the first year that the event has been held at the fairgrounds.

Entries are being taken for the team roping and breakaway roping competition, which will begin at 1 p.m. inside the rodeo arena.

King Cattle Co., of Homedale will supply the stock for the roping. Registration will be held from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. on Sept. 23, but pre-registration is encouraged.

Call Michaelann Seider at (208) 989-6517 or the church at (208) 337-3151 to enter the roping competition. The entry fee is \$15 per team or breakaway roper.

Prior to the roping, a Cowboy Church service will be held inside the arena beginning at 10 a.m. The service will include musical performances by The Morning Praise and Worship Team and

guests.

The daylong event is geared toward welcoming back former pastors of the Homedale church as well as anyone who has ever attended the church.

The event is free, and several food booths will be open. All proceeds will benefit different ministries of the church.

One food booth, The Dog Waggin’, will sell hot dogs. The hot dog sales will go toward helping Homedale Drive-In owner Pat Shenk pay medical bills in the wake of his motorcycle accident.

The gospel concert runs from 12:45 p.m. to 6 p.m., and features several area musical artists.

Event publicist Jo Howell urges attendees to bring lawn chairs.



## Homedale Class of ’87 holds reunion

*The Homedale High School Class of 1987 held its 20<sup>th</sup> reunion Aug. 17-19. More than 30 classmates attended the activities, which included an informal gathering at the Cowboy Up Saloon, formal dinner and dance at the Nampa Civic Center, family picnic at the Homedale City Park and a tour of Homedale High School. Some of the classmates posed for a photo in the bleachers of the high school gymnasium. Front row, from left: Jodee Warwick, Alicia (Medina) Binford, Martin Gonzalez, Kerry (Krezesnik) Smith, Randy DeLeon, Second row, from left: Steve Anderson, Tina (Doughty) Purdom, Sharon (Huter) Arneson, Denise (Sonke) Carter, Walt Sutterfield, Melissa (Fountain) Farrar, Rhonda (Murr) Smith. Third Row, from left: Mike (Rusty) Middleton, James Guffie, Marvin Curtis, Paul Miller, Mike Gale, Tracy (Leavitt) Neff, Back Row: Kent Miller, Ted Aspiazu, Randy Matthews, John Lowder and Fred Seibold. Not pictured but attending the reunion were: Kristeen (Frank) Butcher, Rob Cook, Steve Purdom, Joe Masar, Kris Ware and Bill (Camel) Conko*

# Kitfox Fly-in dubbed success

More than three dozen planes flew into town during the Labor Day weekend for the first Kitfox Fly-In at the Homedale Airport.

The event was built to showcase the airplane manufacturing company that has set up shop in the airport, and company co-owner Debra McBean said even a freak storm on the afternoon of Aug. 31 couldn’t dampen spirits.

McBean owns Kitfox Aircraft LLC with her husband, John.

Forty planes were on the tarmac at any given time, and Debra McBean said she appreciated airport neighbor Carl Johnson’s gesture of lending his hangar to the effort to protect the planes from the fast-moving wind and rainstorm that hit Aug. 31.

McBean said Kitfox enthusiasts began arriving Aug. 30. One pilot, David Abels, flew from Bristol,

England, for the event. He also had float rating scheduled in Minnesota, during which time he would be certified to land on water.

The farthest domestic flight was pulled off by Rocky and Denise Whitman, who flew from Central Texas town of Wimberley, Texas, which is northeast of San Antonio.

The enthusiasts took part in a poker flyout Sept. 1 in which contestants flew to six different airports to collect cards for a poker hand.

The flyout stopped at airfields in Weiser, Emmett, Cascade, Nampa and Ontario, Ore., before

returning to Homedale.

Greg Beard of Snohomish, Wash., won the best hand. Mark Ferkin of Caldwell received an award for the worst hand.

Also Sept. 1, the Homedale Chamber of Commerce served a hamburger lunch, and a smoked pork dinner prepared by Kitfox owner Tim Petsche of Meridian also was served. McBean said about 75 people attended the dinner, and about 60 took advantage of the Chamber lunch.

“We’re going to do it every year on Labor Day weekend,” McBean said. “It went off as planned, and everything was good.”

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**Barnhills make bear hunting a family affair**

Three generations of the Barnhill family has perfect success during a recent bear hunt near Riggins. From left: Jeff Barnhill, son, Tanner Barnhill, granddaughter on her first hunt, and Don Barhill, grandfather. Submitted photos

**Hunt nets bears for 3 generations**

Three generations of a family with Owyhee County ties pulled off a rare hunting feat late last month.

Murphy resident Don Barnhill, his son, Jeff, and granddaughter, Tanner, arrived in camp for their first bear hunt on Aug. 29 and by Aug. 31 all three had bagged animals.

“This is usually a three-day hunt, but since all the bears were shot in the first two days, we were done early,” said Wayne Hungate, outfitter for the Barnhills’ hunt.

Bear season opened Aug. 30, and the group wasted little time filling their tags from Hungate’s Whiskey Mountain Outfitters camp on John Day Creek north of Riggins.

Tanner, who at 14 was on her first hunt of any kind, was the first to get her bear. Hungate said Don Barnhill shot the biggest bear of the three hunters about 5 minutes after Hungate and Tanner had left to pack out her animal.

Jeff Barnhill got his bear in the afternoon of the second day, Hungate said.



**First time’s a charm for young hunter**

Tanner Barnhill, 14, and the bear she shot on Aug. 30 near Riggins.

Hungate said the bears migrate into the hunting ground to eat wild plums that grow in the area.

“Don and Jeff counted the bears between them and are sure they saw 28 bears in the time they were in my camp,” Hungate said.

Hungate, who is a Farm Bureau Insurance agent in Homedale, also serves as an outfitter and guide for deer and cougar hunts in Unit 40, which encompasses the northern portion of the Owyhee Mountains.

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**Sage-grouse hunt derailed**

For the second year in a row, the sage-grouse hunting season in parts of Owyhee County has been modified.

The season is set to open Saturday, but many areas will be restricted because of the numerous wildfires in Idaho this summer.

In response to habitat devastation wrought by the Murphy Complex Fire, the Idaho Fish and Game Commission voted Friday to make emergency changes in the hunting season for the eastern portion of the county.

The area of the county closed to hunting this year lies east of the Bruneau River. Last year, the land west of the Bruneau was closed to hunting after Fish and Game studies revealed a high mortality rate attributed to West Nile Virus. The West Nile threat to sage-grouse has subsided this year to non-existent levels.



Hunting class salutes graduates

Graduates from the August Marsing Hunter Education class pose for a group photo at the Homedale Rod and Gun Club wearing their new orange Hunter Education Graduate hats. Back row, from left: Instructor Craig Mickelson, Brian Faulks, Katie Point, Tad Muller, Joanna Point, Tim Point, Samantha Anderson, Jackie Casey, Josh Porter, Marcus Snyder, Eddy Nelson, Cheralee Snyder, Cody Thompson and instructor Matthew Faulks. Front Row, from left, Tanner Meeks, Micah Faulks, Luis Garza, Jordan Johnson, Kelsey Aevermann. Not pictured: Instructors Brian Marek, Walt Rost, Mark Cox, Mike Shetlock and Jeff Baroli. Submitted photo

F&G-led Marsing Hunters Ed. session graduates 17

Several students from the west end of the Treasure Valley received their hunter education certificates Aug. 25 at the Homedale Rod and Gun Club.

The 17 students hailed from Marsing, Homedale, Wilder, Greenleaf and Caldwell.

Students ages 10-17 also received a 60-day temporary junior hunting license for completing the 20-hour course.

Students were taught about the different types of firearms, basic shooting skills, basic hunting skills, preparing for the hunt, survival skills, hunting regulations, conservation, ethics and wildlife identification during the portion of the course taught at Marsing Middle School.

The class was co-taught by Idaho Fish and Game Conservation Officer Craig Mickelson and Owyhee County Prosecuting Attorney Matthew Faulks.

On the field day, students went through stations at the Homedale Rod and Gun Club, including a range exercise, fence-crossing exercise, blood-tracking exercise, and a leave-no-trace hunting presentation.

Two Marsing students, Kelsey Aevermann and Joanna Point, were selected to participate in a mentored hunt led by Mickelson by completing an essay about "Why do I want to take hunter education."



Students pull off successful hunt

Marcus Snyder, left, and Cheralee Snyder display the black bear they tracked during the blood tracking exercise. Submitted photo

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American Legion Hall  
Bruneau, Idaho

All interested area residents and landowners are invited to this public information meeting on the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Military Munitions Response Program Site Investigation slated in the near future for the former Bruneau PBR2. The Corps will use the results of the investigation to determine if future work is needed to clean up any residual munitions of concern or munitions-related components used at the aerial range.

For more information, please contact Rodney Taie, Project Manager, at (206) 764-3498 or by e-mail at [rodney.r.taie@nws02.usace.army.mil](mailto:rodney.r.taie@nws02.usace.army.mil). More about Bruneau PBR2 and the Military Munitions Response Program is available on Corps's Seattle District website at: [http://www.nws.usace.army.mil/PublicMenu/Menu.cfm?sitename=PMEM&page=Bruneau\\_PBR\\_No\\_2](http://www.nws.usace.army.mil/PublicMenu/Menu.cfm?sitename=PMEM&page=Bruneau_PBR_No_2)

Water report

The Bureau of Reclamation Web site showed that, as of Monday afternoon, Owyhee Reservoir was 25 percent full and that water was being released into the Owyhee River at Nyssa, Ore., at a rate of 230 cubic feet per second. The reservoir held 177,985 acre-feet of water.

The following statistics were gathered from the National Resources Conservation Service Web site at 4:30 p.m. Monday:

Reynolds Creek				
Date	Year to Date	Temperatures		
	Precipitation	Max.	Min.	Avg.
09/04	13.3	90	62	77
09/05	13.3	75	49	64
09/06	13.3	62	48	54
09/07	13.3	72	52	61
09/08	13.3	75	52	63
09/09	13.3	65	44	55
09/10	13.3	65	45	55

South Mountain				
Date	Year to Date	Temperatures		
	Precipitation	Max.	Min.	Avg.
09/04	29.1	86	65	74
09/05	29.1	72	45	60
09/06	29.1	61	44	51
09/07	29.1	70	49	58
09/08	29.1	74	50	62
09/09	29.1	66	44	53
09/10	29.1	64	44	52

Mud Flat				
Date	Year to Date	Temperatures		
	Precipitation	Max.	Min.	Avg.
09/04	11.9	93	52	74
09/05	11.9	80	50	65
09/06	11.9	68	45	56
09/07	11.9	76	43	60
09/08	11.9	81	42	64
09/09	11.9	75	42	58
09/10	11.9	69	35	54

Rose Creek Fire contained quickly

Federal fire crews contained the Rose Creek Fire in Owyhee County at 363 acres Thursday.

burning about 31 miles south of Murphy in the afternoon on Sept. 3.

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Reports said the fire had burned 300 acres in its first six hours on Sept. 3.

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# Silver City welcomes tourists

### Silver City Open House

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- Catholic church
- Schoolhouse
- Stoddard Mansion
- Simkins House
- Masonic Lodge

Most days, the thought of a throng of tourists traipsing through Silver City can send a shudder through the property owners in the old mining town.

But this weekend, 10 properties within the town will be open for tours as part of the 15<sup>th</sup> annual Silver City Open House.

Tickets for the event, which takes place Saturday and Sunday, are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and younger. Show hours are noon to 5 p.m. both days, and maps will be available at the ticket booth and also at the horseshoe pits near the center of town.

Proceeds from the open house traditionally have been used to pay for the winter watchman, but Open House co-chair Jim Barnes said money has been spent to repair the town’s water system and buy the Odd Fellows building.

The watchman’s quarters were built in the ground floor of the Odd Fellows, with the club retaining the upper level for its lodge, Barnes said.

Barnes also said that some of the part-time residents of Silver City get in on the act by dressing up in period clothing.

He said no outside vendors or re-enactments are allowed because the residents want to project an authentic feel for their visitors.

“We have fought very hard to have it be just a normal day in Silver City, but people can go look in the buildings,” Barnes said.

— JPB

# Eastern Owyhee library honors reading champs

Several participants in the Eastern Owyhee County Library youth summer reading program were honored with certificates of achievement and prizes during an Aug. 31 ceremony at Grand View Elementary School.

The library’s summer reading activities wrapped up Aug. 14.

Torsten Pearson was the grand prize winner in the reading goals program. He was awarded a DVD player and a DVD, which were donated by US Ecology.

Torsten and 34 other participants read a combined 1,900 books during the summer. More than 100 children participated in the summer program at the library.

“We applaud all who did keep up their reading skills during the summer vacation months,” library organizers said in a press release.

The program was highlighted by several visits, including McGruff the Crime Dog and others.

Owyhee County Sheriff’s Deputy Travis Woodbury discussed crime prevention in the home and the community and instructed the children on how to report crimes and how to be a good citizen.

Dave Daniels of the wildfire prevention team of the Boise office of the U.S. Forest Service read a story about Smokey Bear, and the Grand View volunteer firemen roared onto the scene in a fire truck in which Smokey was riding. The children were able to visit with Smokey and climb all over the truck before roasting marshmallows and making s’mores over a parking lot campfire.

The Forest Service visit included a display about being careful with matches and campfires.

The Southwest Idaho Resource Conservation and Development Council and Bureau of Land Management provided information and donated books on wildfires.

In addition to the above individuals and groups, summer reading program organizers also extended thanks to Airman Eric Schrieber of Mountain Home Air Force Base, the library steering committee members, volunteers Ellen Jess and Estrella Ayala, parents of the program participants, library staff and trustees. Prize donations were made by Carleen Best, Sariah Knight, Modern Woodman Youth Programs, Barbara Lindquist, Willie Roby and Kathy Chick.

The Fred Meyer Foundation donated books for the children, and Grand View Elementary School was instrumental in the advertising of the program as well as the distribution of books and prizes.

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# Melba cites summer readers

Ciera Reed won the grand prize of a Nintendo Wii video game system at the conclusion of the Melba Cottage Library summer reading program.

Participants were rewarded with prizes during the library’s end-of-summer party last month.

More than 100 teenagers and children signed up for the reading program at the library, which runs solely on donations.

The library continues to look for funding sources in the wake of the failure of an election to create a taxing district.

Volunteers and funding are sought. For information or to help, e-mail [melbalibrary@speedyquick.net](mailto:melbalibrary@speedyquick.net).

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