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HOMEDALE AIRPORT'S FUTURE



Several aviators looking for place to land

According to city public works supervisor Larry Bauer, Homedale receives several inquiries about hangar space at the Homedale Municipal Airport. Since January alone, two businessmen — John McBean and Carl Johnson — have opened up shop in expensive new hangars on the premises of one of the few riverside airports in Idaho. Photo by Carl Johnson

Sky's the limit

New tenants convince city of airfield's soaring potential

When John McBean planted his grass seed, he was told he never would get anything to grow at the Homedale Municipal Airport.

That was in the spring. Today, the Kitfox Aircraft LLC owner has a green patch in front of his two brand-new hangars that

gobble up tens of thousands of square feet of real estate at an airfield that is bursting at the seams.

"The possibilities are just incredible for the airport, and the opportunity it presents for Homedale is incredible," McBean said.

McBean says he moved to Homedale to live as well as work after transferring Kitfox from Caldwell.

"I want it to be the trophy of Homedale," McBean said of the airport, which is one of only about three in Idaho that sit on a river.

The Homedale airfield's unique qualities — and its proximity to the Owyhee Mountains and River Bend Golf Course, just for starters — makes it an ideal destination airport, McBean says.

"There are little airports that

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Marsing water

More money, more delays

Mayor rails on council decision

The price tag and timeline for Marsing's new water system increased recently as the City Council approved additional expenditures for an amendment to the city's contract with SPF Engineering and the drilling of yet another well.

The council approved the contract amendment — and a spending increase of \$144,800 — during a special meeting on Oct. 1.

Additionally, the council learned at its Wednesday meeting that another well must be drilled at a cost of between \$80,000 and \$90,000.

The \$1.7 million water improvement project virtually has been stalled since voters approved the work in a special bond election in August 2005.

After much discussion regarding the SPF contract in previous council meetings — and a special meeting in which J-U-B Engineers gave the city a presentation of an alternate, lower bid — Paula Enrico moved, Tony Purtell seconded, and the council voted

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City gearing up for Safe-n-Sane Halloween again

Display placards are now available for businesses interested in continuing the tradition of the fourth annual Safe-n-Sane Halloween Celebration in Homedale.

Organized by City Hall staff, the Safe-n-Sane celebration will be held on Oct. 31 from 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. or until participating businesses are out of treats.

Costume-clad children ages 12 and younger will be able to visit businesses in Homedale and receive treats safely.

Participating businesses will display orange Safe-n-Sane Jack O' Lanterns in their windows. The orange signs are available at City Hall.

A list of participating businesses also will be available at City Hall, 31 W. Wyoming Ave., beginning Oct. 30.

City Hall also is encouraging businesses to get into the spirit

and hold carnival-like games such as cakewalks, fishing booths and magic shows or to have balloons on hand. Employees of the businesses also are encouraged to dress up.

As in the past, the City Hall staff will hold a costume contest for the young trick-or-treaters. Judging is done when the youngsters visit City Hall for their treats. A photo of the winner will be published in the Owyhee Avalanche and will be on display at City Hall for a year.

Parents with children participating in the activity are asked to park away from downtown and walk to the businesses because of the persistent lack of parking. All traffic and pedestrian laws also will be enforced by the Homedale Police Department, according to a press release from City Hall.

For more information, call City Hall at 337-4641.

Melba Cottage Library board seeks volunteer treasurer

The Melba Cottage Library Board is seeking to fill the position of treasurer on its board of directors.

According to a press release, the library board is looking for "an enthusiastic and motivated person who enjoys making a difference in the community."

Inquiries into the volunteer position will be accepted until Nov. 1.

Call Christie Preisler at (208) 495-1016 for more information.

Gas franchise fee backtrack catches schools by surprise

District chief says he had no idea vote would be taken Wednesday

After taking steps toward repealing the city's natural gas franchise fee, the Homedale City Council reversed field Wednesday night and abandoned plans remove the charge from monthly bills.

Intermountain Gas Co., implemented the 3 percent surcharge as a way to offset the cost of bringing natural gas infrastructure across the Snake River and into Homedale.

In December, the council began the process of removing the charge after Homedale School District superintendent Tim Rosandick picked up the mantle of his predecessor, Bob Lisonbee, in trying to get the fee removed.

"I was a bit surprised by the action that was taken by the council last Wednesday night given that in December 2006 they had taken action to eliminate the franchise fee," Rosandick said.

Rosandick said he knew nothing of Wednesday's vote or even that the item was on the agenda. He attended the monthly Homedale School District Board of Trustees meeting Wednesday where, ironically, progress on the fee repeal was discussed, he said.

"I have been in regular contact with city officials regarding progress being made in the implementation of their December 2006 decision, and there has been

no mention of course reversal."

The school district has sought to remove the surcharge as a way to save money. Rosandick said the school district has paid \$3,400 in franchise fees in the past four years.

"If the reason the council reversed itself is because they feared the negative consequences of the lost revenue stream, I can understand that," Rosandick said. "Operating this school district on limited funds can be quite challenging, too."

"That's why we were looking forward to some relief from the franchise fee."

Homedale City Clerk Alice Pegram reported last week that in the past two years the city has received a total of nearly \$13,500 from the franchise fee on all Intermountain Gas customers.

Citing the potential loss of that revenue for the Parks and Recreation fund, Mayor Paul Fink withdrew his recommendation to the city council to remove the franchise fee.

Fink also justified his reversal by saying that the fee supports many programs in which Homedale School District students participate.

"The money goes into the rec program and benefits a lot of kids in the Homedale School District," Fink said. "I talked to (councilman) Bill Page, and he wanted to leave it on."

Page was absent from Wednesday's city council meeting. Councilmen Dave Downum, Steve Schultz and Tim Downing, all voted to keep the status quo. Earlier, Downing had questioned

what impact losing the fee's revenue would have on the rec program.

Schultz said he voted to maintain the fee because of the ambiguity on whether it could be reapplied at a later date if city programs required the revenue.

"Our attorney (Michael Duggan) said it would be permanent," Schultz said. "I can see where future councils may have greater need and it would be difficult to put it back on."

Rosandick said the franchise fee has had an "on-again, off-again" history. At the December meeting, he claimed that Lisonbee and former Mayor Hap Duryee had discussed repealing the franchise fee. In December, Schultz recalled that the Duryee-era council actually had voted to repeal the fee, but it had been reinstated.

In December, Schultz said: "I feel like it taxes the children. I'd be in favor of removing it."

The council voted 2-2 in December, with Fink breaking the tie in favor of repeal.

But Wednesday night, Fink made his change of mind official. He backed it up by saying that the city had recently paid \$12,000 to resurface the municipal tennis courts, which are used by the high school and middle school tennis teams in the spring.

"We don't restrict (the tennis courts) to just people here in town," Fink said.

"I think the city serves the kids in the Homedale School District very well."

The \$12,000 paid to Cascade Fence to resurface the courts amounted to only half the bill, though. The school district kicked in the other \$12,000.

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Homedale eyes money for redevelopment

Mayor says Commerce grant could help land King’s location

The council tabled plans Wednesday to approve a resolution that would have defined the boundaries of a redevelopment area through the center of town.

During analysis of a proposed resolution and map, it was decided that a wider swath needed to be included in the resolution to seek a \$500,000 Idaho Department of Commerce grant to address slum and blight conditions throughout downtown.

Councilman Dave Downum proposed tabling the resolution until the description of the area could be worked out.

The resolution was redrawn soon after last week’s meeting, and a 6 p.m. special meeting was scheduled for City Hall today.

Time is of the essence with the grant because the application must be submitted to the state by Nov. 20.

“We’ve got a real good chance to qualify for it this time,” Mayor Paul Fink said of the grant, for which the city had applied before.

The mayor said that Homedale would learn if it had been award-

ed the grant as early as the first part of December, but the funds wouldn’t be appropriated until July when the next state fiscal year rolls around.

The grant would be used for sidewalks, curbs and gutters in an area that stretches along the north side of Idaho Avenue from the Homedale Municipal Airport entrance west to 3rd Street West. The area mapped out by the council resolution also includes Owyhee Avenue from 3rd Street West back to the street’s dead end on the east side.

The boundaries were defined after a delegation — including Fink, councilman Tim Downing, new Western Alliance for Economic Development coordinator Mike Pollard, PEC Engineers vice-president Roger Simmons and Sage Community Resources business and community development director Pat Engel — toured the areas Friday.

During the council meeting, Fink openly showed his disdain for a previous city administration that he says let \$1.5 million in potential funding get away that could have been used for side-



City proposes redevelopment area

In a proposed resolution, the City of Homedale has designated the above “Redevelopment Area” along an east-to-west corridor that includes the entrance to the Homedale Municipal Airport, and one block north of Idaho Avenue down to North 3rd Street West. Map illustration by Rob Aman

walks, curbs and gutters along Idaho Avenue.

According to then-Homedale Revitalization Committee representative Larry Bauer in the Oct. 21, 1998 edition of The Owyhee Avalanche, 60 percent of business owners were ready to along with a plan for a local improvement district (LID) in which they would incur higher property tax rates to help pay for improvements.

The LID would have allowed the city to qualify for a \$500,000 block grant similar to the one it seeks now plus another \$1.45 million in funding.

But Wednesday Fink accused the succeeding mayoral administration — which would have been that of Mayor Ervin Gifford — of squandering the opportunity.

“I spent many, many years in here trying to do something, and it got shot,” Fink said.

The city already has received a \$50,000 grant to do traffic studies, and it’s Fink’s hope that the \$500,000 Department of Commerce grant can be used to realign East Idaho Avenue and Airport Way at the two streets’ intersection with U.S. Highway 95.

Fink also said the grant is a major sticking point in negotiations with King’s Discount Department Stores CEO Tom King for a lease on part of the 7-acre parcel southwest of the airport.

“If we can come out with some type of agreement on the entrance, Tom will have first chance at development,” Fink said.

“Tom’s waiting for us to get back with him because of access, and a lot of it has to do with if we get the grant.”

— JPB

Diaz-Monreal pleads not guilty to felonies



Gregorio Diaz-Monreal

Prosecution won’t seek death penalty on kidnapping charge

A pre-trial hearing has been set for 9 a.m. Dec.14 for a Homedale man accused of two felonies after he was arrested with a runaway from Las Vegas earlier this year.

Gregorio Diaz-Monreal pled not guilty to charges of lewd conduct with a minor under 16 and kidnapping in

the first degree during his arraignment Friday morning in Third District Court in Murphy.

A court official said Monday that the prosecution elected not to file a motion for the death penalty for the kidnapping offense. Prosecutors have the option of seeking the death

penalty of life imprisonment for the felony.

Diaz-Monreal will appear before District Judge Gregory M. Culet on Dec. 14.

A jury trial could begin at 9 a.m. Jan. 3 in the courtroom of District Judge Thomas J. Ryan, the former Owyhee County magistrate. Both proceedings will take place in Murphy.

Monreal was arrested during the summer in a Homedale mobile home

park in the company of a 15-year-old girl who had run away from her home in Nevada.

It is unknown if federal charges are pending in the case.

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Owyhee towns unite to find future prosperity

A long-awaited and, in some eyes, a much-needed partnership formally came together earlier this month with the launch of the Western Alliance for Economic Development.

Owyhee County's three cities — Homedale, Marsing and Grand View — are part of a seven-city group paying \$1 per resident to fund the organization's efforts to strengthen the business communities in each municipality.

"My job is business retention, business expansion and business attraction in these communities," WAED coordinator Mike Pollard said during last week's Homedale Chamber of Commerce luncheon.

In addition to the money from Owyhee's three incorporated cities, the county has contributed \$500 to the organization.

A three-year partnership between the cities and counties, the WAED also includes Canyon County towns of Greenleaf, Wilder, Parma and Melba.

"This is the first time I know of that individual cities, along with two counties, have joined forces to improve the economic base and business climate within the region," Pollard said.

Homedale Mayor Paul Fink said the city's WAED affiliation is simple to explain.

"To create jobs. That is our big goal," he said. "We're hoping to get some kind of agriculture processing or some kind of marketing in the agriculture field."

The money collected from the cities and counties funds the tools Pollard needs to do his job, and it covers his expenses, he said.

The former Caldwell Chamber executive director, Pollard works



Chamber learns of new alliance
Mike Pollard, coordinator of the Western Alliance for Economic Development, addresses the Homedale Chamber.

out of the Sage Community Resources office in Garden City. Other Alliance partners include Canyon Owyhee School Service Agency, the Idaho Department of Commerce, and Caldwell/Canyon Economic Development.

"Sage Community Resources provides many in-kind services to the Alliance, including oversight of the coordination position, GIS mapping and grant administration," he said.

Pollard has been on the job officially since Oct. 1, so he said the first weeks have been spent visiting each community and its civic and business leaders to discover

what each area requires from the Alliance.

He said next on the agenda are site visits to businesses in each city to find out ways to market the businesses and communities to prospective customers, investors and other firms that might be looking at relocation. He said the visits also will cover analysis of city infrastructure, such as roads, sidewalks, curbs and gutters and water and sewer systems.

Beyond making sure cities bolster their business communities, Pollard said the biggest goal is creating a solid economy.

"If there is one thing I want to stress, it's that the Western Alliance for Economic Development is about retaining and creating jobs and supporting business," he said. "We are interested in helping the citizens of these rural communities to work locally so they don't have to commute long distances."

Pollard said WAED can be a source of funding, but one primary purpose is helping small businesses create multiyear business plans and build for the future.

He said putting a timeline on when cities could see results would be unrealistic but the veteran business owner who began Client Relationship Marketing after leaving the Caldwell Chamber said he was optimistic about Owyhee County.

"Based on the meetings I've held thus far with people like Mayor (Paul) Fink of Homedale, the Chamber leaders and folks in Marsing, I am very encouraged by their support of the Alliance and their interest in supporting business," Pollard said.

— JPB

Bruneau-GV patrons may get tax breaks

District announces lower bond interest rate than originally expected

Bruneau-Grand View School District Superintendent Vickie Chandler announced Friday that property tax rates connected to the district's new bond will be lower than advertised prior to the August election.

District patrons overwhelmingly approved a 20-year bond worth nearly \$5 million during an Aug. 28 election. The money will be used for improvements at the district's three schools — Grand View and Bruneau elementaries and Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School.

Voters approved a bond with a projected annual interest rate of 4.3 percent.

But after the bond sale Thursday, Morgan Keegan & Co., of Memphis, Tenn., bought the bonds at a 3.99 percent interest rate.

"This is very exciting for the

school district," Chandler wrote in a press release. "Not only had there not been a bond sold at this rate in recent history, the savings to the taxpayers in the Bruneau-Grand View School District is great."

With the 3.99 percent rate, the annual tax impact for a house with a full value of \$100,000 will be \$38.96, down from the original estimate of \$42.17. The new rate knocks the monthly impact down 26 cents from \$3.51 to \$3.25.

"We are pleased to let our constituents know that the property taxes they will pay toward the bond will be lower than what was approved at the bond election on Aug. 28," Chandler said.

Chandler also said that the new interest also equates to a savings of \$20,000 per year on interest payments for the bond, or \$400,000 for the life of the loan.

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Fink, Garrison profess similar ideas for city

Two candidates in Nov. 6 race attend Chamber lunch

Two of the three men striving to become the next mayor of Homedale visited the Chamber of Commerce luncheon Thursday.

And both men — incumbent Paul Fink and challenger Charles Garrison — seemingly had the same vision for the future. Except for one minor detail.

“The only difference between Paul and I is our age,” Garrison said. “We’re taking Homedale in the same direction.”

A third candidate, Harold Wilson, was unable to attend Thursday’s meeting at Owyhee Lanes Restaurant. Local businesswoman Virginia Landa was his proxy.

“He has been in Homedale a long time,” Landa said of Wilson, who she said couldn’t make the luncheon because of a long-standing hunting trip. “He has a business here and his children are here. He is passionate about bringing the city together.”



Landa touched on city beautification, which was a common theme with all the speakers.

Fink reminded the business community gathered for the lunch that under his watch the city has tried to obtain grants to widen streets and bring curbs, gutters and sidewalks to many of the town’s thoroughfares.

“We have received \$50,000 for a transportation study to take

a look at town because our kids walk down the middle of the street because there are no sidewalks, curbs and gutters,” Fink said.

Garrison said improvements have been on the horizon for years.

“Homedale is at a point where it has potential, and we’ve been reeling in potential for years,” he said. “Homedale looks the same as when I was in school.”

— JPB



Chamber hears hopefuls

Homedale mayoral candidates Charles Garrison, left, and Paul Fink, above, outlined their vision for the city during last week’s Chamber of Commerce luncheon.

Chambers to sponsor candidate forums next week

Homedale mayor hopefuls face off

Homedale voters will get a chance to hear where mayoral candidates stand on the issues Monday night.

The Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a candidates’ forum and has invited all three mayoral hopefuls to the event.

It takes place at 7 p.m. at the Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave.

Incumbent Paul Fink and challengers Charles Garrison, a for-

mer city councilman, and Harold Wilson are expected to attend.

The forum will be moderated, and questions submitted by residents beforehand will be read. The deadline to submit questions is 5 p.m. today.

Questions can be submitted by mail to The Owyhee Avalanche at P.O. Box 97, Homedale, ID, 83628, by e-mail to jbrowneditor@cablone.net or by dropping off questions at the Avalanche office at 20 E. Idaho Ave.

Chamber president Gavin Parker said for the sake of keeping the timeframe of the forum at a

reasonable length, questions will not be taken from the audience at the forum.

The format will include candidates introducing themselves and sharing their background before fielding questions. The evening will wrap up with each candidate outlining his reasons for running.

Parker expects the forum to run between an hour and 1 hour, 15 minutes.

No other write-in candidates have come forward for the mayoral race or to seek candidacy for either of the two city council seats that will be contested on Nov. 6.

Council, mayoral candidates set to attend Marsing talk Oct. 24

A mayoral and city council candidate forum is coming up at the Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center at 7 p.m. on Oct. 24.

The Marsing Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring the forum ahead of the Nov. 6 election.

Marsing residents are invited to attend the forum, where Chamber officials say candidates will express their visions and goals for the city.

Keith D. Green and James E. Thomas have filed candidacy papers to succeed Don Osterhoudt as mayor. Osterhoudt will not seek a second term.

Joshua Bauer and Stella J. Bush will seek city council seats. Two seats are open, and incumbents Paula Enrico and Ed Pfeifer aren’t running for re-election.

Marie Herman also has thrown her hat into the ring as a write-in candidate.

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✓ Delays: Council approves changes that could cost residents \$250,000

at a recent meeting to retain SPF to develop the city’s water system. The vote came on Sept. 12 after Mayor Don Osterhoudt insisted to city clerk Janice Bicandi that the following statement be placed in the council’s minutes word for word:

“My personal opinion, and I want it on the record, Janice, before you guys vote, that in my personal opinion that J-U-B would put more pipe in the ground we uh, uh, move forward, save ourselves 50,000 bucks that we don’t spend on engineering fees and we can spend for pipe. So if I have to say it, I have to say it, I think J-U-B oughta be our new engineers. Council decision ...”

At last week’s meeting, Osterhoudt said he wouldn’t make

the Sept. 12 minutes official with his signature until his statement was placed in the minutes as originally requested.

The council’s Oct. 1 meeting was held to review the scope of SPF’s engineering work on the improvement project.

Shaun Kohtz of SPF had told the council at the Sept. 12 meeting that his firm’s original bid was based on a particular scope of work, and that because of Marsing’s particular needs, the scope of the project needed to be expanded.

After a 30-minute executive session on Oct. 1, Enrico moved, Purtell seconded, and the council authorized the mayor to sign the \$144,800 contract amendment with SPF, pending USDA

approval. The council also voted to add to the contract the statement “Work not performed shall not be billed and won’t be paid.”

The city council received more bad news regarding Marsing’s delayed plan to upgrade the water system during its meeting Wednesday.

City Engineer Amy Woodruff informed the council that test pumping of the city’s well No. 8 showed a capacity of only 65 gallons per minute (gpm), and she presented a packet from SPF engineering detailing plans to drill a shallow well No. 9.

The mayor asked Woodruff if another well was needed at this point.

“I think you need it, mayor,” Woodruff said, “and better sooner

than later.”

Woodruff said that the new well would be drilled near well No. 8, and would be drilled to a depth of 100 to 225 feet. Woodruff estimated the flow rate of the new well would be “more than 60, less than 100 gallons per minute” but cautioned that “it’s pretty hard to tell, we just don’t have good data.”

Woodruff added that the city could use an expedited bid process rather than a full-blown procurement process. She said

the new well would cost an extra \$80,000 to \$90,000, and would be less expensive than it could have been because “the engineering for the shallow well has basically been done.”

The goal of drilling a shallow well is to avoid arsenic found in deeper wells.

“If we don’t have arsenic in the shallow well, that’s a very positive component to the project,” Woodruff said.

— RTH

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Obituary

Wilbur P. Leonard ‘Len’

Len, age 93, was born in Silver City, Idaho, on January 30, 1914, the 5th of 8 children, and passed away in Oakland on October 3, 2007.

Beloved husband of 55 years to Nettie, and loving father of four children and their spouses – Sonja Kland (George) of Fresno and Bob Leonard (Carol) of Boise by his first wife, and Steve Leonard (Gale) of Fairfax, Virginia, and Ken Leonard (Madeline) of Oakland – 10 grandchildren, 22 great grandchildren, 1 great great grandchild, and many nieces and nephews.

His lifelong printing career was interrupted by World War II, where he was awarded a Purple Heart and a Bronze Star while serving in Europe.

Len was a loyal, active member and officer of the Oakland Typographical Union. He was a faithful member and officer of American Legion Post 514, the Past Commanders Club and a member of Masonic Lodge 13 of Silver City, Idaho, and the Scottish Rite and Live Oak Lodge 61 in Oakland. He served in many of these organizations for over 50 years.

His funeral was held Tuesday, October 9, 2007 at 1:00 p.m., at the Chapel of the Chimes at 4499 Piedmont Avenue, Oakland, Calif.

Marsing church presents country gospel concert

The Marsing Church of the Nazarene will bring a country Christian recording artist to town for a free concert Sunday.

Charlie Walker, a singer based in Prineville in the Central Oregon high desert country, will perform at 11 a.m. at the church, 12 2nd Ave. W., in Marsing.

Walker has been performing country gospel music for 10 years, since leaving the Northwest country band, Countrified, when he sensed a call to gospel music.

The Kentucky native has recorded three solo albums, including “Come Home” this year, “Rest in His Promise” in 2002 and his debut “God’s Country” in 1999.



Charlie Walker

of original Country Gospel music, humor, stories and life lessons he has learned. His music has been well received by audiences of all ages, according church pastor Bill O’Connor.

Walker’s wife, Charlene, is an eighth-grade math and language arts teacher. She travels with him to run his sound board and sell his products.

Walker got his start when he formed the band Countrified with a friend in 1985. The band had a steady performance schedule for years in the Northwest, playing fairs, conventions and other events. The band also opened for several well-known national performers.

Death notices

LODICE GRANT, 70, of Nampa died Wednesday, Oct. 10, 2007, at home in Nampa. Viewing was held at 11 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 14, at Alsip & Persons Funeral Chapel in Nampa. The rosary was at 2 p.m. Sunday in the funeral chapel. Funeral mass was held at 2 p.m. Monday, Oct. 15, at St. Paul’s Catholic Church in Nampa.

HMS prepares for another Academic Bowl season

With a new advisor, the Homedale Middle School Academic Bowl team opens another season at home today.

The first Snake River Valley conference competition begins at 4:15 p.m. today at HMS.

Teams from HMS, Weiser, Fruitland, McCain of Payette, Payette Lakes of McCall and Ontario, Ore., will compete for points by answering questions in several academic subjects, including science, mathematics, history, vocabulary and geography.

Carri Lauson is the new advisor, taking over from Barbie Vander Boegh.

Other competitions are scheduled for Nov. 14 in Weiser, Jan. 16 in Fruitland, Feb. 13 at McCain in Payette, March 19 in Ontario and April 16 at Payette Lakes in McCall.

The district championship round takes place May 21 in Payette.

School menus

Homedale Elementary

Oct. 18: Spaghetti or pizza hot pocket, French bread, green beans, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

Oct. 19: Ham/cheese or turkey sandwich, yogurt, potato wedges, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

Oct. 22: Wiener wrap or chicken bacon melt, mac & cheese, green beans, fruit & veggie bar, rice krispy, milk.

Oct. 23: Beef or chicken taco, corn, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

Oct. 24: Chicken patty or rib-b-que, potato wedges, fruit & veggie bar, cake, milk.

Homedale Middle

Oct. 18: Lasagna or pizza hot pocket, green beans, fruit & veggie bar, bread stick, milk.

Oct. 19: Pizza or popcorn chicken, salad, fruit & veggie bar, cookie, milk.

Oct. 22: Chicken patty or rib-b-que, tots, fruit & veggie bar, cookie, milk.

Oct. 23: Fish nuggets or mini corn dogs, rice, fruit & veggie bar, brownie, milk.

Oct. 24: Crispito or toasted cheese sandwich, taco salad, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

Homedale High

Oct. 18: Chicken patty or hamburger, potato wedges, fruit & veggie bar, sherbet cup, milk.

Oct. 19: Chicken taco or French dip sandwich, corn, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

Oct. 22: Pizza, nachos, chef’s salad, fruit & veggie bar, cookie, milk.

Oct. 23: Chicken nuggets or egg roll, rice pilaf, green beans, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

Oct. 24: Haystack, burrito, pizza hot pocket, fruit & veggie bar, cinnamon roll, milk.

Bruneau

Oct. 18: Lasagna, tossed salad, garlic bread, fruit, milk.

Oct. 19: Corn dog, fries, veggie, fruit, cookie, milk.

Oct. 22: Pizza, tossed salad/croutons, corn, pineapple, milk.

Oct. 23: Cheese yum, potato soup/crackers, fruit cup, milk.

Oct. 24: Spaghetti, tossed salad, garlic bread, peaches, milk.

Marsing

Oct. 18: Mac & cheese, veggie, fruit, milk, burrito, salad bar 4th-12th, roll.

Oct. 19: Nachos, fruit crisp, corn, milk, chicken patty/bun, salad bar 4th-12th, roll.

Oct. 22: No school.

Oct. 23: Tostada, fruit, milk, hamburger, salad bar 4th-12th, roll.

Oct. 24: Chicken nuggets, chocolate pudding, veggie, milk, chicken fajita, salad bar 4th-12th, roll.

Senior menus

Marsing center

Oct. 18: Chicken, potatoes/gravy, green beans, carrot salad, soup, dessert, beverage.

Oct. 22: Breakfast to order.

Oct. 23: Liver & onions or ham, macaroni & cheese, winter mix vegetables, pea soup, salad, dessert, beverage.

Oct. 24: Breakfast to order. BBQ chicken, mixed vegetables,

rice, salad, bean soup, dessert, beverage.

Homedale center

Oct. 18: Spaghetti & sausage, salad, bread, beverage.

Oct. 23: Chicken chow mein, fried rice, stir fry vegetables, beverage.

Oct. 24: Hearty beef stew, roll, beverage.

Weather

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Oct. 9	77	36	.00
Oct. 10	83	48	.00
Oct. 11	62	33	.07
Oct. 12	no reading		
Oct. 13	no reading		
Oct. 14	no reading		
Oct. 15	70	33	.00

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Your finances Sagging home market leaves seller little choice

Dear Dave,

My wife and I each had our own houses before we got married. We've tried unsuccessfully for five years to sell hers, but the market there is really bad right now. We owe \$43,000 on it, and it's been appraised at \$62,000 so that's what we're asking. Any ideas on how we can get rid of it?

— Mark

Dear Mark,

Five years is a very long time for a house to be on the market. From what you're telling me, this home is located in a very distressed market.

Basically, market value on a house is what a willing buyer will give a willing seller without duress. It looks to me like values have dropped but your price hasn't.

I hate to say it, Mark, but it sounds like you've got two choices. You either become a landlord, or you slash the price on the place. If you rent it you'll still have the problem of an extra house on your hands, but at least you can see some income in the deal.

But considering the housing situation you've described, you may have to let it go for the amount of the loan. Sometimes there are no tricks to selling a house in a depressed market — except pulling the trigger on the price!

— Dave

Dear Dave,

We've leased our last couple of vehicles, and to me it seems like we're just throwing our money away. At the end of the term, we have nothing. What is your take on buying new cars or leasing? What is the best way financially to go about getting a vehicle?

— Anna

Dear Anna,

To start with I've got to tell you that I'm a boy, and I love cars. But when you run the numbers you find that automobiles represent the largest purchases Americans make that goes down in value.

Kiplinger's Personal Finance magazine says that a new car will lose 60 percent of its value in the first four years. Turning \$30,000 into \$11,000 is not a good plan! So financially speaking — and common sense agrees — that if you pay cash and buy a two-year-old car with very low miles in great condition, someone else has already taken the bulk of the loss in value.

This is what the typical millionaire does. Very few millionaires lease cars — or as we call it, "fleecing" a car — because it's the worst deal on the car lot. Consumer Reports, Consumer Federation of America and Smart Mon-



ey Magazine have all done articles on the "fleece" and the fact that it's a rip-off. The only one who comes out to the good in an auto lease is the dealership. Have you noticed, too, how they never mention those high interest rates you're getting roped into?

Buy a two- or three-year-old or older vehicle, and pay cash for it. You'll never be able to build wealth when you're throwing your money away on car payments!

— Dave

Dear Dave,

I bring home about \$30,000 a year, we're debt-free and my wife is full-time, stay-at-home mom. We live in a 2,000-square-foot apartment in a small town with a toddler and another baby on the way. We're due in April, and we're trying to decide whether to move now using a no down payment loan, or wait until six months after the baby's born. We're worried about being cramped, plus we've always wanted our own place.

— Knox

Dear Knox,

You've got 2,000 square feet and only three — soon to be four — people under the roof? You're not cramped, that's plenty of space. Especially when two of them are tiny!

I want you to own your own home someday. It's a great feeling to have a place you can honestly call your own. But you've got to make sure you're ready financially for that kind of commitment. The best way to start the ball rolling is by saving for a big down payment.

With no debt, you should be able to save up for a 20 percent down payment — or more — in no time. If you do this you'll reduce the amount of your mortgage, plus you'll avoid having to pay Private Mortgage Insurance. Also, make sure that your monthly house payment will be no more than 25 percent of your take-home pay. In your case, that would be about \$750 a month.

— Dave

— Dave Ramsey is the best-selling author of *The Total Money Makeover*. He also is the host of a show on the Fox Business Channel. You can find tools to help with finances or previous columns at Davesays.org.

Calendar

Today

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

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 St., Marsing. (208) 896-7001

Thursday

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

Summer reading activity day, 11 a.m., Melba Cottage Library, 109 Charlotte Drive. (208) 495-1063

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), 5:30 p.m. weigh-in, 7 p.m. meeting, First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St., Homedale. (208) 482-6893

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

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

Saturday Night Dance, 7 p.m., \$3 at door, bring finger foods, Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave. (208) 337-3020

Sunday

Christian country music concert featuring Charlie Walker, 11 a.m., free, Marsing Church of the Nazarene, 12 2nd Ave. W., Marsing

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. 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

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


Marsing mayoral and city council candidates forum, 7 p.m., Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center, 126 2nd St N.

Submit information on upcoming fund-raisers, meetings, 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 jbrownditor@cablone.net. For more information on submissions, call (208) 337-4681.

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GAUGING THE FUTURE OF HOMEDALE'S AIRPORT

Where it all began

1948
City of Homedale purchases land as a site for a future airport.

July 23, 1957
Homedale Flying Club is organized with Ray Mansidor as its first president.
During its first meeting, the club discusses obtaining an agreement with the Amalgamated Sugar Co., to secure land to build an airstrip parallel to the Snake River.

May 27, 1958
Homedale City Council kicks off the process to obtain a 22-acre easement from the Amalgamated Sugar Co. The easement will be used with the land purchased in 1948 to build an airport.
During its meeting, the council also sets a community airport day, during which volunteers will build a dirt runway, for June 21

June 1958
The Homedale Flying Club agrees to pay Mac Tolmie \$500 for a 6-acre clover seed field. The parcel will be added to the acreage planned for the airport.
Mayor Joe Eiguren issues a proclamation that June 21, 1958, would be Community Airport Day in Homedale

June 21-22, 1958
Using equipment donated by local farmers, valley businesses and the Idaho Department of Aeronautics, volunteers begin two days of work that results in the construction of the Homedale Municipal Airport.
Dale Jackson, piloting a Piper Tri-Racer, is the first man to land at the airfield.
Later, Owyhee County hands over administration of the airport, which was built on land outside of the city limits, to the City of Homedale.



Signs of the times
Left: A plane is parked facing the Snake River beyond the modest sign welcoming anyone traveling down Airport Way to the Homedale Municipal Airport, which has become home to several aviation-related businesses, including two in less than a year.
Below: Planes line the grass near the windsock on the northeast perimeter of the airport during the Kitfox Fly-in during Labor Day weekend in a vision of what might be at the airport. Photo from John McBean

√ Potential: Airport could be new gateway to Owyhees

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bring in literally millions into the local economy,” he said. “We’re talking small airports, specifically Snohomish (in Washington state). It employs 400 employees and brings \$4 million into the economy.”
McBean says Homedale has the potential of being a corporate commuter airport much like Caldwell Industrial and Nampa Municipal, where former Secretary of State Colin Powell landed Monday before his summit with Gov. C.L. “Butch” Otter and a Korean trade delegation.
“What’s happening all over Greenleaf and Caldwell and Wilder?” McBean asked. “There are golf courses, wineries. People want to go see this. They want to be able to get there and see what’s going on.”
“The airport in Homedale, in my opinion, is a gateway in that.”
Homedale Chamber of Commerce president Gavin Parker agrees.
“I’ve always thought that the potential of the airport as a catalyst for economic growth is huge,” Parker said. “We really need to not only make the locals aware of the potential of the airport, but market to outsiders as well.”
“I especially like the airport as a gateway to the recreation opportunities of the Owyhees (such as) hunting, fishing, guided trips.”
Parker said the Chamber plans to market the airport through its upcoming business directory and the planned joint Web site with the city.
With recreation — and the airport’s proximity to the Snake River — in mind, more business and more tenants may be in a holding pattern just waiting for



clearance.
McBean announced at a recent city council meeting that he has been in contact with an Idaho businessman who wants to locate a floatplane operation in Homedale.
But there are many hoops through which to jump before such an ambitious venture can come together.
“We’ve seriously talked about it many times,” Homedale public works supervisor Larry Bauer said of the idea of docking a floatplane in the river.
At the moment, Bauer says the city has made contact with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, which has jurisdiction over development in the Snake River, about what it would take to bring in a floatplane operation.
There would have to be floatplane-specific improvements

made to the airport, too.
But one thing holding back the city is a lack of funding to dedicate to the airport, which turns 50 years old next June.
Rent is cheap at the airport, and at 2.5 cents per square foot, it’s not going to put much in city coffers. But with the explosion of development at the airport, the tax base has ballooned.
In 2007 alone, at least three new hangars have gone up.
McBean has erected two buildings — one for his manufacturing plant and one for his offices.
Ten-year Homedale resident Carl Johnson recently anchored his Air Flair Aviation helicopter rebuilding and airplane restoration and maintenance business at the Homedale airport after bouncing around from his home in Homedale to Caldwell to Boise to get his work done.
“I lived here, and I wanted something close to my home,” Johnson said. “I got tired of driving into Caldwell or Boise with maintenance jobs.”
And Johnson and McBean both cementing — literally, Johnson finished cement work around his hangar last week — their ties to the community through development at the airport means more tax dollars.
“All of it is a good thing for the community,” Bauer said of the airport growth. “There is a lot of tax base down here.”
But some would argue that the tax base and the user fees — the leases — aren’t being utilized correctly by the city.
According to City of Homedale figures, the airport’s fiscal year

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GAUGING THE FUTURE OF HOMEDALE'S AIRPORT



Glimpses of progress

Above: Several planes in various stages of construction peek out of the hangar at Kitfox Aircraft LLC at the Homedale Municipal Airport. John McBean and his wife, Debra, have had their business in Homedale since the first of the year. **Below:** A worker places forms near one of the entrances of Carl Johnson's Air Flair Aviation hangar at the airport. Johnson finished cement work on his new facility last week.

✓ Potential: Maintenance, city-tenant cooperation important for growth

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2007 budget was \$3,700. The FY 2008 budget ticked up to \$5,060.

Johnson and McBean both have 20-year leases with usage reviews every five years. They both pay 2.5 cents per square foot each month.

For McBean, with a complete area of nearly 47,000 feet, that's about \$13,800 a year.

Johnson pays about \$5,500 a year.

Bauer says it will take \$40,000 to pave Airport Way, something that McBean would like to see happen at some point to lessen the presence of prop-damaging road gravel on the runway.

Bauer also says other improvements are needed, such as cleaning up the runway, installing a security fence around the perimeter and sprucing up some of the airport's older buildings such as the Valley Air Service structure in the southwest corner near U.S. Highway 95.

But there's not enough money in the airport budget to pull off improvements like that.

Most of the revenue from the airport goes into the general fund, but the city finally may be realizing what type of revenue-generator the stretch of blacktop that started half a century ago as a volunteer-made dirt airstrip has become.

"The tax base is fairly sizable, and it should go back into the airport," Bauer admits.

"The line item; basically it's something that we've come aware of that needs to be addressed."

Bauer said that a line item specific to the airport could become a reality in Homedale's FY 2009 budget.



The realization seemingly has come with the rush of folks who want a piece of the airport.

But rather than a loud, sharp, sudden trumpeting, the epiphany has been more like the building drone of cattle stampeding on the horizon.

"I believe the city didn't realize what we are doing down here," McBean said. "We were trying to get serious about it and, honestly, I was getting frustrated. I had been looking at Emmett, Ontario, Payette, and I had my eyes set on being here."

"Six months later, they've recognized that we were serious, and they got serious."

McBean has been in his Homedale digs for only a few months. He and his wife, Debra, were serious about making Kitfox native to Owyhee County much like its animal namesake is native to parts of Idaho.

So serious that they moved their household to the Homedale area.

"They're starting to recognize there is potential for the airport," McBean said of city officials.

The potential is hidden in a cloud of dust in the summer and mired in muck in the winter, though.

Airport Way isn't paved all way to the end of what usable hangar

space there is currently at the airport. The road dead-ends just beyond McBean's property, and there's nowhere to go because of a mangle of trees, weeds and dirt.

"I've been trying to get the road done for a year," McBean said. "With the road the way it is right now, there is no property that can be leased to anybody."

"And the city doesn't know where to go next. If they can't get it done (prospective lessees will) go somewhere else."

A few hangars to the northwest of McBean, John Rogers has two parcels, and he has built his Aerocolor Inc., aircraft refinishing and restoration business in one hangar.

He knows the battle with the city all too well.

"We've been trying to get the city involved in the airport for years," he said. "I gave up on it about five years ago."

Rogers and the late Gary Hubler both were nearly shut down by the city six years ago when the state Department of Environmental Quality discovered soil contaminated with something called dynoseb. The chemical had leaked from an underground tank, and there was talk of locking the gates on the airport for a \$2 million cleanup that would

have idled Rogers' business and Hubler's Valley Air Service.

Eventually the DEQ softened its stance and the airport remained open, but Rogers hasn't forgotten.

"The dynoseb problem cost everybody a lot of money down here," he said. "It was kind of a thorn in my side. There was no reason to warrant it, but we had to get an attorney to fight it."

Rogers, who is airport manager, is having problems with the city again. He has a parcel that he leases but hasn't developed. The city council asked him to bring a plan for development as part of his five-year review. He missed the mid-September deadline.

He says he has plans for the ground, but he doesn't want to go into debt with a huge bank loan to appease the city.

"I'm willing to work with the city, but the pressuring part I don't really care for," Rogers said. "They need to come to me and talk about it."

Even with a 10-year history at the airport and his less-than-rosy relationship with City Hall, Rogers exudes pride in the airfield that began to take shape six decades ago when Homedale bought some land for future plans.

"We're starting to pay attention now," Rogers said. "When you have a whole bunch of people, it seems to go a little better."

"We have big-dollar hangars out here now, and of course people want it to look nice."

There has been talk of the airport tenants getting together to outline what they can do to help the facility reach its full potential.

"We've talked about the

renters getting together to form a committee or organization to figure out what we think might be best for the airport," Johnson said.

McBean and Johnson both stress that a master plan for the airport is essential to get any of the potential off the ground.

"The folks at the airport and city need to be working together on an overall plan of what we want to see the airport do," McBean said.

"Do we want it to be a bedroom-type airport to where people are commuting to Boise, Mountain Home and Twin Falls?"

The catalytic potential of the airport — and the change in outlook of its tenants — isn't lost on Mayor Paul Fink.

"I think the attitude has turned around 180 degrees," he said.

Business-wise, Fink is aware of what could be on the horizon.

"I think it would be a great asset for the city," he said. "It contributes to Homedale's economic well-being because people fly in and come into the restaurants."

McBean said Homedale desperately needs a hotel to help take advantage of the gateway potential.

And, he said, with the river nearby, the airport's aesthetics need to be exploited as well.

"One of the things I used to look at every day was I'd hit the river and the first thing you see is the airport," McBean said.

"Let's make it something that people look at, and the first impression is, 'Wow!' It just takes some time and some desire to do so."

— JPB



Elementary students learn about firemen, ambulances

Left: Homedale Fire Chief Scott Salutregui shows kindergarteners what a fireman in a mask looks and sounds like at the John Matteson Memorial Fire House on Friday. Teacher Marilyn Maybon looks on. Students visible facing the camera are, from left, Garrett Elordi, Christina Guzman, Baldomero Vega, and Daniel Uranga. **Right:** Homedale Ambulance information officer Jeff Blodgett talks to Homedale Elementary School Kindergartner Tristian Addington about emergency medical equipment while inside an ambulance during a presentation on Friday for National Fire Safety Week. Looking on, from left, are Kaytlynne Neil, Arianna Larzelier, and Daniel Uranga.

Kindergarteners learn about safety

Kindergarteners from Homedale Elementary School went on field trips to the John Matteson Memorial Fire Hall on Friday, in conjunction with National Fire Prevention Week.

Personnel from the Homedale Fire Department, Homedale Ambulance, the Homedale Police Department and the Owyhee County Sheriff’s Office were on hand to talk to the children and demonstrate equipment at a pair of presentations, at 9:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

The emergency services personnel had set up three education stations inside the fire house to instruct the young students in fire safety, the ambulance and medical emergencies, and the concept of stranger danger,

enticement, and dealing with law enforcement emergencies.

Fire Chief Scott Salutregui and volunteer firefighter Darren Krzesnik joined Homedale Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller at the fire safety station. The theme of National Fire Prevention Week was “Practice Your Escape Plan!” The children were told that they should have an escape plan in case of a fire at home, and that they should practice the escape plan at least twice a year. The fire escape plan should include more than one exit from each room in the house and a place for family members to meet outside the house to make sure everyone gets out safely.

The children were taught what a smoke alarm sounds like, and to

yell “Fire!” if a smoke alarm goes off. They also were instructed to stay close to the ground if there is smoke in the room, to check closed doors for heat before opening them, how to “stop, drop, and roll” if their clothes catch on fire, what firemen do, how to recognize a fireman in their house, and other important safety information.

Fire department personnel changed into turnout gear, and Salutregui donned an oxygen mask in the demonstration, which was presented before a wall lined with helmets, boots, coats and other gear.

Ambulance crewmember Jeff Blodgett showed the kindergarten classes the inside of an ambulance, demonstrated equipment, and explained about the purpose and function of emergency medical personnel.

Sheriff’s Office Cpl. Chris Even and Sgt. Gary Olsen gave the presentation on personal

safety. The officers talked to the students about the importance of not talking to strangers or going anywhere with strangers, or even people they know without their parents’ knowledge. The children were told that they have a right to feel safe and to say no if someone says or does something that they feel is wrong, and that they should tell someone about it, and keep telling until someone listens. The students also were instructed as to how to react if someone approaches them inappropriately, who to trust, what law enforcement personnel do, and how to contact them.

At the end of the presentations, firemen demonstrated the horns and sirens the fire trucks use on the way to an emergency. Finally, the students enjoyed cookies and punch, and were given packets of safety information to take home.

— RTH

Posse member joins HPD

Homedale Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller announced last week that he has hired a patrolman to bring the department back to full strength

In his semi-monthly report to the Homedale City Council, the chief told city fathers that former Owyhee County Sheriff’s Posse member Jeff Wasson has been hired to fill the vacancy left when Michelle Babcock resigned from the force earlier this year.

Eidemiller said Wasson already has started with the force on a “limited” basis, and that he would appear at the Oct. 25 City Council meeting for a formal introduction.

The chief added that Wasson will have 14 weeks of in-the-field training before he can enroll in the next session at the Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) Academy in Meridian.

Eidemiller also said that the police car wrecked in a New Year’s Eve accident has been sold for \$1,100 plus labor for other needed repairs on the police fleet.

Public works supervisor Larry Bauer told the council that the city has received tentative approval from the state Department of Environmental Quality to proceed with the municipal water system improvement project.

He said that the city has received two bids on the drilling of the test well from Stevenson & Sons in Boise and SOS Well Drilling and Pump out of Meridian.

Bauer also said that city crew soon would begin replacing irrigation lines in some parts of the city.

U of I offers health class for women

Marsha Lockard, University of Idaho extension educator in Owyhee County, is directing a fitness and nutrition program called “Strong Women Stay Young” beginning Oct. 25 at the extension office in Marsing.

The title refers to the idea that strength training can improve muscle mass, bone density, and balance while increasing energy and helping with weight control.

The program instructs participants in eight strength-training exercises that can be done virtually anywhere, even in a chair at work.

The class will meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30 to 10:30 through early December at the Owyhee County Extension Office, 238 8th Ave. W., Marsing.

Pre-register by calling the extension office at (208) 896-4104, or by email at mlockard@uidaho.edu.

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Beginning October 23. Tuition cost: \$75.00

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Beginning October 23. Tuition Cost: \$125

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Owners vow to clean up King's Court

'I've been coming by here since I was 13. Emotionally it's nice to see (the cleanup).'

— Art Young
New co-owner of
King's Court
mobile home park



HHS grad among men refurbishing mobile home park

A Homedale High School graduate and his two real estate partners have tackled an improvement project at one of the town's mobile home parks.

Art Young and the father-son team of Parma's Ted Badasci and Boise's Matt Badasci bought King's Court on Main Street in July, and they have been working long hours to shore up its infrastructure and change its image.

"I've been coming by (King's Court) since I was 13," Young said. "Emotionally it's nice to see (the cleanup)."

With Ted Badasci serving as primary spokesman, the trio visited the Homedale City Council meeting Wednesday to talk about their plans for the facility.

The group bought the mobile home park from area real estate agent Alan McRae in July and has been working on-site ever since to turn the park into something comparable to neighboring Sunset Mobile Home Park, Ted Badasci told the council Wednesday.

"We want Homedale to be beautiful," Ted Badasci said as he sank some plants into the soil at the park Friday.

The men already have moved a few of the outdated mobile homes from the park, which has more than 20 spaces.

"We've pulled out three so far, and I think we may pull out



Homedale mobile home park soon may be fit for a king

Top: The new owners of Homedale's King's Court mobile home park had the old sign refurbished by Allied Signs in town. Above: Parma resident Ted Badasci, one of three new owners of the park on Main Street, puts a plant in the ground as part of early landscaping plans.

another one," Matt Badasci said. "Fifty percent of the work is cleanup."

With Young and Matt Badasci saying he is the gardener of the group, Ted Badasci already has begun to plant several flowers around the grounds to bring some color to the gravel-road 4-acre facility.

Ted Badasci said the key to turning around the image—and yes, self-image—of the mobile home park is a constant management

presence that will make tenants understand that it's OK to take pride in your surroundings.

Young lives only a few miles away from the park, and the men are spending many hours each day on the premises, cleaning up and getting to know the tenants.

"The tenants are starting to get on board with what we're doing," Young said.

One of the biggest projects for the men will be bringing the exterior electrical up to code.

"One of the problems down here was there were overhead powerlines on one side of the court and wires going every which way," Ted Badasci said. "We're in the process of going underground, so we had to pull units out to put the lines underground."

The elder Badasci said he has been dealing with real estate investment for 10 years. He spent 37 years as a tire retailer.

But he makes clear that while other investments in his career may have been to "flip" a house, he, his son and Young are taking on King's Court as a long-term project and property holding. He and Young also have three or four rentals that they have rehabilitated. One of those houses is in Homedale.

Ted Badasci told the council that it would take at least a year to bring the mobile home park up to the men's vision for the area.

"We're really pleased that someone like you wants to step up to the plate," councilman Steve Schultz told the men.

The men also are removing trash, other debris and dangerous tree stumps from the mobile home park.

"We all have children, so safety is important to us," Matt Badasci said. "And we want to make this park safe."

— JPB

Dines finishes Guard training

Army National Guard Pvt. Troy A. Dines has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson in Columbia, S.C.

The 2007 Marsing High School graduate is the grandson of George Dines of Marsing.

During the nine weeks of training, the soldier studied the Army mission, history, tradition and core values, physical fitness, and received instruction and practice in basic combat skills, military weapons, chemical warfare and bayonet training, drill and ceremony, marching, rifle marksmanship, armed and unarmed combat, map reading, field tactics, military courtesy, military justice system, basic first aid, foot marches, and field training exercises.

Murphy teen completes Guard basic

Army National Guard Pvt. Elizabeth B. Smith has graduated from basic military training at Fort Jackson in Columbia, S.C., to be a member of the Army National Guard or Reserve Split-option Program.

The program allows students between their junior and senior years of high school to attend National Guard or Reserve weekend drills while still in school and pursue a military career specialty after they graduate from high school.

The daughter of Carmen Magart of Murphy, Smith is a student at Melba High School.

During the nine weeks of training, Smith studied the Army mission, history, tradition and core values, physical fitness, and received instruction and practice in basic combat skills, military weapons, chemical warfare and bayonet training, drill and ceremony, marching, rifle marksmanship, armed and unarmed combat, map reading, field tactics, military courtesy, the military justice system, basic first aid, foot marches, and field training exercises.

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Students pick up Pride Paws

The September recipients of Pride Paws, the symbol of a new citizenship program at Marsing High School, include: **Back row, from left:** Molly Rice, Amanda Staudenmier, Matt Hill, Marcus Miller and Robert Myers. **Middle row, from left:** Michael Butler, Oscar Ceballos, Patrick Usog, Francisco Martinez and Angela Martinez. **Front row, from left:** Araceli Contreras, Saul Moreno, Jesse Carlson. Submitted photo

Marsing High program spotlights student behavior

Marsing High School first-year principal Wade Pilloud has implemented a new program to reward students for positive behavior during their daily school life. The Pride Paw program acknowledges students who exhibit positive behavior during the school day and at extra-curricular functions. The name of the program is derived from the

high school's Husky mascot. Pilloud said the new program is a way to bolster the morale of both teachers and students. "Sometimes it seems all we get to do is deal with the negative behaviors," Pilloud said. "This is an example of what can be done to help lift up kids and improve student to staff relations." When a teacher sees a student exhibiting a behavior that is

deemed as going above and beyond, the teacher will give that student a "Pride Paw." At the end of the month, the name of every student who received a Pride Paw is put into a drawing and the winners receive a Marsing High School T-shirt or sweatshirt. "The program is a win-win for both students and staff," Pilloud said. "Students get rewarded for good behavior, and teachers get a tool that helps them reinforce school and community spirit."

Teacher praised for approach to students

Skeen earns monthly award in recognition of 33 years in district

The Homedale School District Board of Trustees honored one of the most long-standing and most involved teachers in its stable last week.

Homedale Middle School teacher Wayne Skeen, who has taught in the Homedale district since his student teaching days in 1974, was given the Award of Excellence at Wednesday's October board meeting.

"Wayne has proved to be a teacher of the highest caliber, who meticulously researches his content or sport and follows through with his objectives and goals," fellow HMS teacher Brenda Reay said in a statement read by principal Luci Asumendi-Mereness at Wednesday's presentation.

Skeen teaches fifth grade at the school. He also has coached the younger Trojans' volleyball team for 13 years.

Asumendi-Mereness, who this year became the sixth principal for which Skeen has worked in Homedale, also has been activities director at the middle school. She said Skeen epitomizes the school's mission statement: "To create a safe and caring environment in which all students are empowered to excel academically, build mutual respect, and develop the skills necessary to become responsible individuals with integrity."

"Mr. Skeen teaches the students what respect means by living it out in front of them," Asumendi-Mereness said. "By treating the students with respect regardless of the situation and at the same time holding them accountable for their actions, he has been an example of 'responsibility with integrity' more times than he knows."

"He models a calm approach regardless of the situation."

Skeen has been more than just an example for his students, according to fellow fifth-grade teacher JoAnn Morris. Morris,

and Homedale Elementary School third-grade teacher Leslie Parker both did their student-teaching tenures in Skeen's classroom.

"I learned a lot about classroom management and direct teaching from him," Morris wrote in a statement read to the trustees. "I have always been impressed with the unique way he uses humor to get and keep students' attention in the classroom."

"His ever-present sense of humor endears him to his students."

Morris said Skeen has worked with the school's pool of fifth-grade teachers "for the betterment of our curriculum and the benefit of our students."

"He has always been willing to try new things, with student progress and academic achievement as the goal," she said.

Morris said Skeen's philosophy of respect also has helped him in his years as a coach. And Asumendi-Mereness said Skeen's dedication has been just as evident in athletics.

"Wayne has coached almost every year that he has taught," Asumendi-Mereness said. "He coached both grade levels in basketball, practicing in the morning with one grade level and after school with the other."

Asumendi-Mereness also said Skeen helped build pride in the district by ensuring that the seventh-grade volleyball athletes attended high school matches to support the parent teams of the program.

Reay said Skeen's expectations of unity and achievement from his students and athletes are reflective of his own path.

"Wayne is an innovative self-starter who accepts responsibility and exceeds expectations," Reay said.

"Wayne sets goals in all areas of his life and pursues them with vigor."



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BLM Vale District schedules burn near Jordan Valley

The cooler temperatures and scattered rain showers have improved forest conditions enough to begin implementing the Bureau of Land Management Vale District's fall prescribed burning program.

Even though the district has had significant wildfire events this fire season, officials say prescribed fire is still an essential and beneficial part of the Vale District's program of work.

There are six prescribed burns that may be executed in the Vale District in the fall/winter of 2007-08, but only one in the Owyhee country.

The Juniper Point burn will cover 150 acres in the Owyhee River drainage. The jackpot burn will be located about 18 miles south of Jordan Valley. A jackpot burn is the controlled burning of trees, brush and branches removed during thinning or the burning of concentrated fuels.

Whether the burns are pulled off or not is dependent on narrow criteria of weather conditions. Wind speed and direction, temperatures, relative humidity, and fuels moistures are all taken into consideration. When these values fit into the parameters

outlined in the prescribed fire plan, burning can then occur. The prescribed fire plans are developed well in advance of the actual project implementation.

All prescribed burning activities comply with federal, state, and local air quality and smoke dispersal guidelines to reduce the impacts of smoke on local residents.

Prescribed burning can help reduce the damaging effects of high intensity wildfires. Burning under favorable conditions clears out vegetation, such as small trees, shrubs, and brush that can eventually fuel a much larger fire. Fuel treatment areas can also be used to help successfully suppress high intensity fire.

Fires are also necessary to the ecosystem. Plants and animals that grow and live in eastern Oregon developed with fire in their environment, making fire a necessary element in their habitat.

The impacts of fire can vary dramatically with severity and intensity. The late fall prescribed burning conditions are designed to have low to moderate intensity which produces beneficial post-fire effects.

Stewart medical benefit approaches in Bruneau

More details are coming together for the Oct. 27 fundraiser to help an ailing Owyhee County resident.

The Denise Stewart Fundraiser will be held at 5:30 p.m. Oct 27 at the Bruneau American Legion Hall. Proceeds will help Stewart pay medical bills stemming from a June hospital stay after a brain hemorrhage.

The dinner features a menu of homemade lasagna, tossed green salad, garlic bread, brownies and ice cream and coffee or punch. A donation is suggested.

A silent auction kicks off the event at 5:30 p.m., and a live auction will be held after dinner.

T-shirts also will be sold for \$10 as part of the fundraiser.

Auctioneers will be Kyle Colyer and Dick Strickland.

Donated auction items include: a time share vacation; a coffee table built from barn wood and hames with a glass top; a wooden ammo box; cases of canned tuna and salmon; a barn wood cooler; oil paintings; Disney glasses; a basket of books; a quilt; a gift basket of baked goods; a set of Western pillows; and handmade purses.

Organizers still are looking for items for the auction. Donations for the auction can be dropped off at the Bruneau Beauty Shop, or more information is available by calling Liz at (208) 845-2970, Clara at (208) 845-2345, Ginny at (208) 845-2282 or Roxanne at (208) 466-2878.

Cash donations can be made at any Washington Mutual bank branch in care of the Denise Stewart Donation account.

Marsing Chamber puts finishing touches on Pumpkin Harvest Fest

Marsing's inaugural Pumpkin Harvest Fest is set for Saturday, with festival activities going on around town through the week, according to organizers at the city's Chamber of Commerce.

The Chamber has invited student clubs from Marsing and Homedale high schools to compete for cash prizes in a window-painting contest during the week. Clubs will paint windows of Marsing businesses with designs reflecting the pumpkin harvest theme. Prizes of \$100, \$75 and \$50 will be awarded to the clubs producing the three best designs.

Businesses have been invited to decorate their shops with pumpkins and other decorations reflecting the harvest theme.

The Pumpkin Harvest Fest celebration winds down with a full day of activities Saturday, beginning with a scarecrow-making contest on the morning. Scarecrows must be entered at the park by 9:30 a.m., and the entries will be used to decorate City Park for the day's festivities.

The public is invited to participate, and prizes will be awarded to the top three entries. Judging takes place at 4:30 p.m. Those interested in entering a scarecrow should call Pat Bowen at (208) 841-9013 for more information.

A parade, which will wind

its way from the high school to City Park beginning at 11 a.m., is scheduled to feature entries from the Boy Scouts, the Marsing American Legion Post 128, Marsing High School's band, Mark Prater and his show horses, the Antique Tractor Association, and the Marsing 1st Ward LDS Young Women's Club. Those wishing to participate in the parade should meet at the staging area in the high school parking lot by 10 a.m. Prizes will be awarded to the top three floats. Each float must display a minimum of three pumpkins to be considered for an award.

Judy and Bob Malmberg, who have been involved in the Marsing community in various capacities for years, are grand marshals of the parade.

The Chamber has invited individuals to ride horses or decorate and ride bicycles in the parade.

The Boy Scouts will be supervising a pumpkin-carving/painting contest. The contest will be open to children of all ages, with prizes up for grabs in various age categories. The contest begins at noon, and pumpkins will be provided.

A pie-eating contest is on tap for 2 p.m.

City Park will be the home of vendors of arts, crafts or produce

throughout the day. Cathy Streibel, a member of the Chamber's board of directors, said that the vendors offer attendees the opportunity to "start your Christmas shopping early." The vendors will market their wares to the beat of live music, and the Marsing High School Boosters Club will offer dinner for sale from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. The dinner will consist of pulled pork sandwiches and dessert, and will cost \$6 per person, \$10 for a couple, and \$25 for a family of up to six.

The Friends of Lizard Butte Library will have a booth at the fest, and will have on hand a variety of used books, audio tapes and videos for all ages and interests.

White Automotive is sponsoring a car bash, where participants purchase sledge hammer whacks at a donated car, with proceeds going toward a drug-free graduation party for Marsing High School's senior class.

The Caldwell, Homedale and Wilder Chambers of Commerce have been invited to participate in the fest, and all interested citizens and businesses are encouraged to take part as well.

For more information regarding the festival, contact Melissa Streibel at (208) 896-7001.

— RTH

Homedale to host S. American school administrators next week

Homedale High School is one of seven public schools in Idaho that will play host to 21 school administrators from Bolivia, Ecuador and Venezuela from Sunday to Oct. 27.

The visiting administrators, who arrived in Boise on Saturday, are participating in weeklong leadership and civic education programs at Boise State University,

and will spend their second week with local host families and job shadowing at local schools.

Besides Homedale High School, participating schools include Boise, Caldwell, Centennial, Melba and Vallivue high schools, and Caldwell's Syringa Middle School.

The program is co-sponsored by the Idaho Human Rights Education

Center and AFS Intercultural Programs, and is funded by the U.S. Department of State.

The three administrators staying in Homedale will observe classes, complete case study and technology assignments, attend administrator, faculty and student meetings, and partake in athletic, music and other extra-curricular events throughout the week.

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Homedale band marches to 2nd at Caldwell fest

Things seem to be coming together for the Homedale School District marching band.

Second-year music director Karla Kachelmier’s squad of 34 middle school musicians and 10 high school students won the 2A division championship Oct. 6 at a Caldwell High School music festival.

“What a great gift Karla has given this school district and this community by reviving this valuable program,” HMS principal Luci Asumendi-Mereness said. “It offers a great deal of enrichment to our middle school and high school students.

“I can’t remember the last time Homedale has entered a marching band competition, and this year they will be in three in one month.”

In addition to the team trophy, the band also was honored for Best Effects, Best Percussion, Best Visual and Best Music.

Drum majorette Katie Holloway led the band through its routine of the music from Batman.

The band performed in another competition Monday in Ontario, Ore. Results weren’t available at press time.

The Homedale school marching band also is scheduled to compete Saturday at Boise State University on the blue turf at Bronco Stadium.

The band’s final halftime performance of the year comes Friday during the 3A Snake River Valley conference football game between Homedale and McCall-Donnelly at Deward Bell Stadium.

Dust Devils 4-H club lauds successful trail ride competition

On Oct. 6, the Dust Devils 4-H Club held the inaugural Owyhee Mountain Trail Challenge.

According to a club press release, the challenge began as a horse show, but evolved into something between a horse show and a trail competition, and was thus dubbed a trail show.

The trail course competition took place at Thistle Creek Ranch in Wilder. Sylvia Bahem directed the event, and Kortney Bahem did much of the planning and designing of the trail courses.

The courses were designed to give riders the feeling of being on a “real trail,” as they navigated a series of obstacles that might be found in real trail situations, such as water crossings, ditches, steep banks, logs and wildlife.

Competitors in a number of categories were judged on execution, horsemanship and the willingness of the horse. A clinic was held in conjunction with the show.

The event featured 32 riders, who competed in nine different classifications. Prizes were awarded to the top three finishers in each class, as well as the entrants with the highest overall scores.

Kortney Bahem was the overall high point winner, while Tara Roland earned reserve high point honors.

In the individual age classifications, Lexcie Hawkins finished first among those 12 and younger, Kortney Bahem took the honors for the 13-18 group, Jamie Hafen won in the 19-49 group, and Marlene Hurren took the top award in the 50 and older classification.

In other categories, Roland was first in both the gelding and bare-back groups, Jessica Will won in the mares category, Kortney Bahem scored highest in the junior equine class, which is for horses that are 5 years old and younger, and Carlie Purdom was best in the in-hand category, which is for leading horses through the course rather than riding.

Doug and Michelle Rutan of Jordan Valley served as judges for the event.


“We consider it to have been a great success,” Sylvia Bahem said of the competition.

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lb.

Red & White Onions **49[¢]**
lb.

Red Bell Peppers **69[¢]**
lb.

Acorn, Spaghetti, Butternut Squash **49[¢]**
lb.

Nalley Chili



5 for \$5
15 oz.

Western Family 16 oz.
Butter Quarters **\$2⁶⁹**
ea.

Western Family Ice Cream



2 for \$5
Half Gallon

Western Family 7.25 oz.
Macaroni & Chesse Dinner **2 for \$1**

Pepsi Products



3 for \$11
12pk 12oz Cans

2 Liter Bottle
Pepsi Products **\$1²⁹**
ea.

Budweiser Beer



\$1299
ea.

18pk 12oz Bottles

18pk 12oz Cans or Bottles
Coors Beer **\$1²⁹⁹**
ea.

Pillsbury Biscuits **\$1⁴⁹**
16.3 oz. ea.

Darigold Sour Cream **\$1⁵⁹**
16 oz. ea.

Heinz Ketchup **\$2¹⁹**
36 oz. ea.

Home Pride White & Wheat Bread **\$1⁹⁹**
20 oz. ea.

Tostitos Salsa; Con Queso; Creamy Dips **2 for \$5**
12.25-15.5 oz.

Doritos & Ruffles Chips **2 for \$5**
12-13 oz.

Western Family Apple Juice & Cider **\$2⁸⁹**
128 oz. ea.

Manwich Sloppy Joe **\$1³⁹**
15.5-16 oz. ea.

Hunts Snack Packs **\$1²⁹**
4pk- 3.5 oz. ea.

La Choy Chow Mein, Beef Pepper, Chicken Sweet & Sour **2 for \$6**
42 oz.

Karo Red Label Light Corn Syrup & Pancake Syrup **\$4¹⁹**
32 oz. ea.

Western Family Cat Litter **\$2⁰⁹**
10 lb. ea.

Arrowhead Spring Water **\$5⁹⁹**
24pk .5 lt Bottles ea.

Western Family Buttermilk Pancake Mix **2 for \$3**
32 oz.

Western Family Maple Pancake Syrup **2 for \$3**
24 oz.

Western Family Frozen Waffles **\$1²⁹**
10 ct. ea.

Kleenex Cottenelle Double Roll Bath Tissue **\$4⁶⁹**
6pk ea.

Kleenex Tissue **\$1⁶⁹**
80-200 ct. ea.

Budget Gourmet & Yu Sing Egg Rolls **89[¢]**
Asst'd ea.

Funsized Candy Asst'd Varieties **\$2⁷⁹**
ea.

Chex Mix **\$1⁶⁹**
8.75 oz. ea.

Pop Secret Microwave Popcorn **2 for \$3**
3 Pack

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1/2 Bushel

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