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## 3A opening round

Homedale Trojans at Buhl  
Indians, 3 p.m., Saturday

## Trojans back in state playoffs

Team travels to meet 2006 state runner-up Buhl for 3A quarterfinals Saturday

After some disappointing finishes in recent years, the Homedale High School football team is back at a place that most in the small community see as a birthright.

With a stubborn defense, the Trojans edged McCall-Donnelly,

14-0, on Friday night at Deward Bell Stadium, earning a ticket into the 3A state playoffs.

Homedale's fans aren't the only ones who have been waiting to get back into the postseason.

"It's what you coach for," Homedale assistant coach David

Hart said. "I've been doing it for a lot of years, and it has been seven years since I coached in the state playoffs."

The Trojans (3-5 overall), led by first-year coach Rob Kassebaum, play a state quarterfinal game on the road at 3 p.m. Saturday

against Buhl (6-2 overall) from the District IV Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference.

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## Marsing election Candidate forum set for tonight

Mayoral and city council candidates will be on hand at the Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center at 7 tonight to express their visions and goals for the city.

Marsing residents are invited to attend the forum, sponsored by the Marsing Chamber of Commerce.

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, Stella J. Bush, and write-in candidate Marie Herman seek city council seats. Two seats are open, and incumbents Paula Enrico and Ed Pfeifer have decided against running for re-election. The election is Nov. 6.

— *The Owyhee Avalanche* will publish in-depth views from each candidate with special pre-election coverage in the Oct. 31 edition.

## Pumpkin artistry



### Pumpkin Harvest Fest attracts all ages

Delaney Percifield prepares to paint a pumpkin in Marsing City Park during Saturday's inaugural Pumpkin Harvest Fest sponsored by Marsing Chamber of Commerce.

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## Homedale P&Z aims to regulate town businesses

Proposals forwarded to council target vendors; business registration revisited

A hot dog vendor told the Homedale Planning and Zoning Commission last week that one of the ordinances it is recommending to the city will put him out of business.

At their Oct. 15 meeting, P&Z commissioners considered several code amendments that would affect Homedale businesses. Proposals regarding temporary uses of land and multiple uses of a single parcel were at the center of the majority of public input.

The city council has the option to accept commission recommendations. If the council elects to go ahead with any proposals, further public hearings will be scheduled.

Tom Murray, who operates a hot dog cart across from

Homedale High School, spoke out against the P&Z proposal to restrict temporary uses of land by a cart, mobile home, trailer, or other structure. The proposed ordinance, aimed at vendors, would allow the business to be in operation a maximum of three months in each calendar year and only between the hours of 8 a.m. and 10 p.m.

"The hours of operation are fine, but three months a year, I can't make a living in three months. It would basically put me out of business," Murray said. "I don't know if that is the intent

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Former Homedale man charged with rape

An Owyhee County grand jury has indicted a former Homedale resident on sexual misconduct charges.

According to dispatch reports, 37-year-old Douglas Scott Maxwell was arrested Oct. 15 by Canyon County Sheriff's deputies last week after a warrant was issued alleging rape and lewd and lascivious conduct with a minor.

Although he no longer lives in Owyhee County, Maxwell was staying in Homedale at the time the alleged crimes occurred. Maxwell was apprehended in Caldwell, where he works for the City of Caldwell building department.

Maxwell was transported to Canyon County Jail after his arrest. It is unknown if he was transferred to Owyhee County Jail.

An e-mail sent to Owyhee County Prosecuting Attorney Matthew Faulks seeking comment on the case was not answered by press time.

City awaits final Canyon impact

Homedale's footprint in Canyon County isn't cemented — yet.

Mayor Paul Fink went before that county's board of commissioners Wednesday to state his case for expanding the town's existing area of impact on the north side of the Snake River.

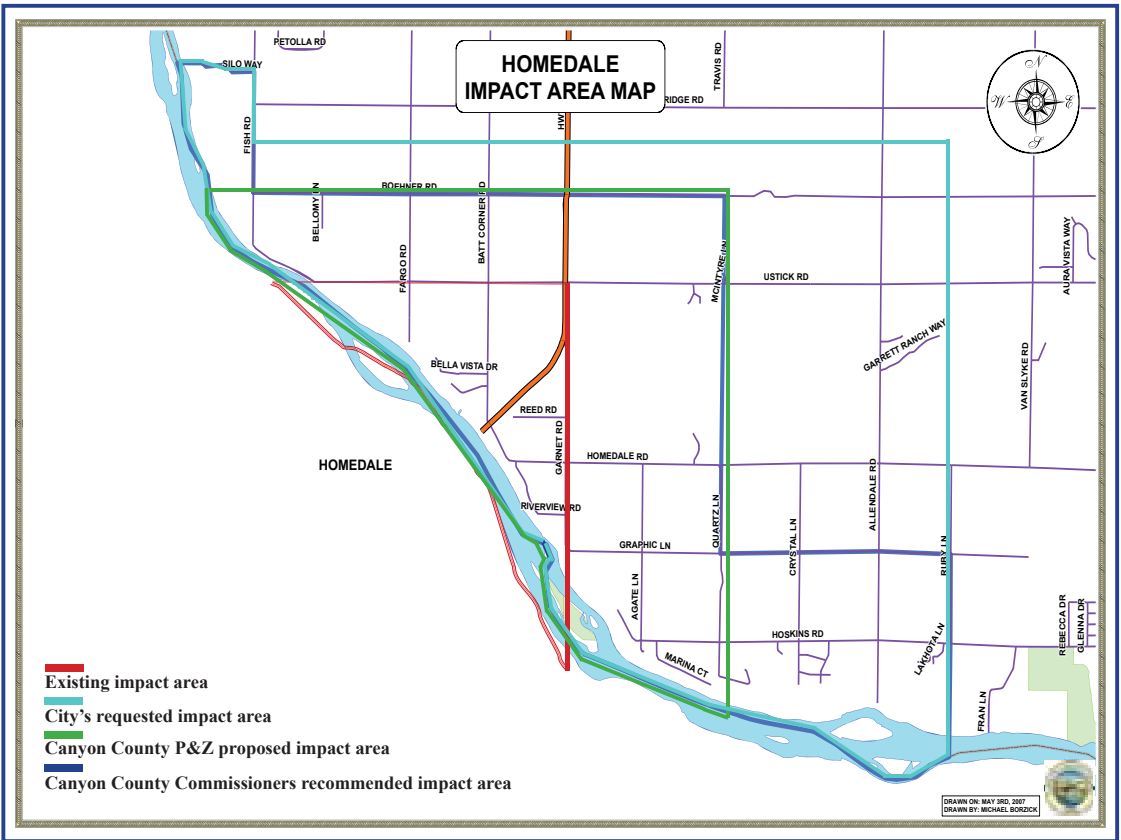
Fink was among city officials from four municipalities making their pitch. Canyon public information officer Angie Sillonis said Greenleaf's presentation was scrapped because of a "glitch" at the Planning and Zoning level.

After an hourlong hearing late in the day Wednesday, Fink learned that the commissioners' vision differs slightly from the city's.

"It wasn't as much as we went for to start with, but it was more than the P&Z had recommended," Fink said. "I think the balance is good."

Sillonis said another public hearing will be scheduled because the commission's recommended areas of impact for all the cities made "substantive" changes to the Canyon P&Z's proposal. No date had been set as of press time.

According to a report by Canyon County Development Services Department staffer Bonnie Ford-LeCompte, the P&Z suggested an area that encompassed 713 parcels,



6,743 acres and 327 homesteads.

Sillonis said the commission included the River Bend Golf Course in the area of impact after Fink testified that owner John Bideganeta requested city services for the homes being built near the 18-hole layout that hugs the Snake River west of Fish Road.

Sillonis also said that Homedale expects annexation applications from developments in the area.

"We just have say-so in this area," Fink said. "If someone

comes in and wants to put in a subdivision, we just look at the blueprints or the documents that they presented and see if it meets our regulations."

But Fink said he's pessimistic about immediate development because of the slump in the housing market.

The commission cut back the eastern boundary requested by the city. Homedale had asked for an east border running on a parallel line from the river, up Ruby Lane

and connecting with the northern boundary, which originally was halfway between Upper Pleasant Ridge Road and Bohner.

The commission moved the eastern line back to Quartz Lane between Bohner and the river.

"I think you're going to see in the future that that's going to be part of the City of Homedale," Fink said. "And I think it's very important for the city to have in place a lot of these regulations."

— JPB



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Council plans executive session Thursday

The Homedale City Council is scheduled to enter into an executive session to discuss a personnel issue during its Thursday meeting.

According to the agenda released by City Hall on Monday, the council has scheduled an executive session pursuant to Idaho

Code 67-2345(b), which allows for a closed meeting to consider evaluation, dismissal or disciplining of a public official or city employee or public school student.

The code also allows for such meetings to hear complaints or charges against a person covering the above categories.

The city council's second meeting of October will begin at 6 p.m.

Also on the agenda:

- A school project to landscape the area around the tennis courts at City Park.
- A playground equipment grant presentation by Toni Kelly.



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# Page throws hat into Homedale council ring

Homedale City Councilman Bill Page has decided to run for re-election. Page, who was elected to a two-year seat in May 2005, filed his declaration to be a write-in candidate on Friday. Originally it seemed that Page wasn't going to try to retain his seat, to which he was elected in November 2005. "We need to keep our town together," Page said. "That's the only reason I'm running."

Page joins Donna Call, Eino Hendrickson, Kris Roberts and Aaron Tines in the race for the council's two open four-year terms. Steve Schultz thus far has declined to run for re-election to his four-year seat. Qualified electors had until Tuesday to file as write-in candidates. Elections for city council and mayor positions in Homedale, Marsing and Grand View will be held on Nov. 6. Incumbent Paul Fink, seeking his sixth term in Homedale, is being challenged in that town's mayoral race by Charles Garrison and Harold Wilson. In Marsing, Keith Green and James Thomas are squaring off in the mayoral race. Incumbent Don Osterhoudt isn't seeking a second term. There are two seats open on the Marsing City Council, too, with incumbents Ed Pfeifer and Paula Enrico declining to run. Stepping forward in an attempt to fill the void are Joshua Bauer, Stella Bush and write-in candidate Marie Herman. Both seats carry four-year terms. In Grand View, Mayor Paul Spang is seeking another term, and he will be challenged by former water and sewer board member Wally Biladeau. All four Grand View City Council seats also are up for grabs with none of the incumbents — William "Bill" Lawrence, Franklin Hart, Derron Frederick and Rodger Dillard — desiring to run for re-election. Spang appointed Frederick, Dillard and Lawrence to two-year terms when the city didn't receive enough prospective candidates before the 2005 election. Four candidates have stepped forward for the election, including Patricia Beaman, the daughter of a former mayor, Marie Hipwell, Linda Lewis and Opal Ward. It is not known if Grand View City Clerk Helena "Lani" Race has received any write-in candidate applications. If there are only four hopefuls for the Nov. 6 election, all four women could find themselves on the city council come January.

— JPB

## Meeting on GV measures tonight

Voters will be asked to approve bonds totaling \$1.6 million in November

Residents of Grand View will be able to get more information about the propositions that are on next month's ballot at a public meeting tonight at the Rimrock Senior Center. The public information meeting is scheduled to run from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the center, 525 Main Street. In addition to city office elections for mayor and all four city council seats, the Nov. 6 ballot also includes special bond elections for a \$70,000 repair on the town's sewer lift station and a measure totaling more than \$1.5 million to pay part of the cost for improving the water system to get arsenic levels down to acceptable EPA standards. The city announced plans for the public meeting in a legal notice signed Friday by Mayor Paul Spang and published in today's edition of The Owyhee Avalanche. The sewer lift station measure has been dubbed Proposition A, while Proposition B covers the water system bond. Each interested party will have three minutes to speak at tonight's meeting. Written comments also can be dropped off at City Hall by 5 p.m. today. For more information on the public meeting, call City Hall at (208) 834-2700 or state Department of Environmental Quality staffers Tiffany Floyd or Steve Staufer at (208) 373-0550. As part of Proposition A, voters also will be asked whether the City of Grand View should acquire the Grand View Water and Sewer Association. The consolidation has been a recommendation by the U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development agency, which will provide the funding for arsenic removal and sewer lift station repair projections.

## Homedale finalizes blighted area

Mayor: Town should know fate of grant request in December

The Homedale City Council has unanimously passed a resolution solidifying an application for a \$500,000 Idaho Department of Commerce community block grant. The action came during special meeting a City Hall on Oct. 15. The boundaries of the resolution are the same as were reported in The Owyhee Avalanche last week:

- Airport Way running southeast from the intersection of U.S. Highway 95
- West on Idaho Avenue along the north side of the street to the intersection of North 1st Street East
- One block north from Idaho Avenue to Owyhee Avenue
- West to the intersection of West Owyhee Avenue and North 3rd Street West

Garden City-based Sage Community Resources will write the grant for Homedale. The grant must be submitted to the Department of Commerce by Nov. 20. "We're preparing the grant, and it should go in by the first of November," Fink said. Fink said he is confident the city has a good chance to receive the grant, and final word should be received by the first part of December. The funds won't be available until July, though. According to the resolution approved last week, the council considers the region inside the redevelopment boundaries an area of slum and blight conditions. The resolution claims all but 1,000 feet of sidewalk in the area is substandard, and all 2,800 feet of water line in the area is substandard. Furthermore, the resolution claims that 1,200 feet of a total of 2,200 feet of sewer line in the zone is substandard, and that 3,000 feet of storm drain, or gutters, must be improved. The resolution also stresses that the intersection of Airport Way, U.S. 95 and East Idaho Avenue (or Idaho highway 19) must be "redesigned and rebuilt to safely handle traffic flows."

Fink recently said that the realignment of that intersection is a major factor in finalizing a lease agreement with King's Discount Department Stores to bring a retail location to Homedale on the land south of the airport.

— JPB

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# Hunters' lost weekend keeps sheriff, posse busy

Aman says weather change caught most men unprepared for elements

Two reports of overdue hunters and a hunter's request for assistance between Friday and Sunday strained the resources of the Owyhee County Sheriff's Office and Posse during the weekend, according to Sheriff Gary Aman. The searches came on the heels of another search for an overdue hunter on Oct. 16.

At press time, the sheriff's office was handling a third incident of a lost hunter.

The first incident of the weekend was reported at 7:59 p.m. on Friday.

According to Sheriff Aman and dispatch reports, two Nampa men, ages 28 and 30, along with a 31-year-old Mountain Home man, called to report that they

were lost on Whiskey Mountain near Murphy.

Although there was a full tank of gas in their truck, the three unidentified men were separated from their vehicle.

The weather had turned cold, there was snow on the ground, and rain was falling when the men reported that they were lost, Aman said.

"They were very ill-prepared to be out there," Aman said. "They were wet, they had no food or water, no way to build a fire, and one of the men had a medical condition."

Sheriff's dispatch reports indicate that one of the men has a heart valve condition, which made the situation all the more

serious. Six members of the OCSO and Posse, along with members of the public, were able to locate the men after a 2½-hour search.

"They were fortunate that we got them," Aman said.

"They were at the point of hypothermia."

Just three hours after the three men were located on Whiskey Mountain, Fidel Cardenas, Jr., 22, of Homedale was reported missing after he failed to return from a hunting trip.

Cardenas had left at 6 a.m. Friday to hunt in an area off U.S. Highway 95 near Jordan Valley. Searchers located Cardenas' truck, but he had left the vehicle on an ATV. More than a dozen searchers joined in the attempt to locate him.

According to Aman, Cardenas had built a fire and was very

well-prepared for a night out in the elements, and when searchers located him at 9:20 on Saturday morning, about 8 hours after he was reported overdue, Cardenas was in good shape.

At just after 1 p.m. on Sunday, a hunter called the sheriff's office to request assistance. He reported that he was 7 miles north of Wild Horse Table off Duncan Butte Road near Bruneau, and had a dead battery in his vehicle. Aman was unable to locate the man where the sheriff's office thought he was.

At press time, the search was still ongoing. The sheriff said that the man had food and water and was well-prepared.

Aman said that a turn in the weather caused the men in all three cases to require assistance. Unexpected snow, rainstorms, mud from the rain and snow, and low clouds limiting the hunters' ability to see where they were all contributing factor in their being

lost or overdue. Prior to the weekend's searches, Phil Maupin, 47, of Melba was reported missing at Boulder Creek on South Mountain at 8:07 p.m. on Oct. 16.

Six OCSO and Posse members were joined by an equal number of private citizens to search for Maupin, a diabetic, who was reported to have had a low blood-sugar count prior to departing on his trip.

Aman said that the search was given an even higher priority because of Maupin's reported medical condition.

In a fortunate turn of events, Aman said that sheriff's office employees were hunting in the area, and were able to begin the search earlier than would otherwise have been possible. Maupin was located in good condition 2 hours after he was reported missing.

— RTH

## Corrections

The leases for Carl Johnson and John McBean appearing in an Oct. 17 article on the future of the Homedale Municipal Airport were incorrectly calculated. According to Homedale City Hall, Johnson pays \$464.75 per year on his lease, while McBean paid \$1,100 in 2007 and will pay \$1,155 in 2008. The leases were incorrectly calculated at 2.5 cents per square foot per month, but the city charges 2.5 cents per square foot per year.

The amount Owyhee County contributed to the Western Alliance Economic Development Committee was incorrectly reported in an Oct. 17 article. The county contributed \$5,000.

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✓ P&Z: Administrator says existing businesses wouldn't have to change

of it, but it would put me out of business.”

Murray usually works Monday through Friday during much of the nine-month school year at his spot on East Idaho Avenue.

“The last two years, I have been there pretty much year ’round except for weather,” Murray said.

Planning and Zoning administrator Sylvia Bahem clarified that commissioners have proposed the ordinance with specific businesses in mind. She also said that “no one can be legislated out of business,” and that existing businesses that would be deemed illegal by any new ordinance would be exempted through a grandfather clause.

“What we’re concerned with is the mobile homes and trailers parked on a spot that already has a business on it,” Bahem said.

Lori Badiola, owner of Moxie Java in Homedale, asked: “What about tents like the one across from Jacksons?”

Badiola was referring to the Mr. Taco Mexican food business that shares space with Owyhee Repair at the corner of East 1<sup>st</sup> Street North and East Idaho Avenue.

“That’s what we’re talking about,” Bahem said. “Unfortunately, if we pass an ordinance, we can’t make it retroactive. But the problem is, if we don’t do something about it, they are going to keep popping up all over town.”

Planning and Zoning commissioner Herb Fritzley said he was concerned about proper sanitation for such businesses.

The proposal was unanimously passed for recommendation to the council.

Also on the agenda was a related proposal that would allow only one use per property. For example, a parcel zoned as

residential could only be used as residential property, and one zoned as commercial could have only one commercial use.

Commissioner Gypsy Jackson asked how the proposed ordinance would affect a business like Homedale Drug and the liquor store.

Bahem said the proposed ordinance was aimed at businesses such as Mr. Taco or Tacos Flor del Valle, which is operated out of a recreational vehicle on the west side of town.

“They are in the same building, in a similar business,” Bahem said of Homedale Drug. “We’re talking about the taco stand on the mechanic’s premises; the motor home on the parking lot premises.”

Badiola, whose Moxie Java franchise is situated in the same building as Owyhee County Real Estate at the corner of Industrial Road and U.S. Highway 95, agreed that action was needed on businesses like Mr. Taco and Tacos Flor del Valle.

“We definitely need to do something about it,” Badiola said. “It just doesn’t seem right. They don’t have to pay property taxes or anything.”

Homedale Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller said that there is more at issue than lost tax revenue.

“It goes a little beyond that with these pop-up businesses,” Eidemiller said. “The city agencies who provide services to them have no idea who they are. We have to be able to know who to contact, who the owners are, who the key holders are. It protects the citizens, it protects my officers.”

Discussion shifted to city business registration, and Fritzley said that the Chamber of Commerce had been working on a plan for such registration but had not come through with anything.



Sign code change recommended for Homedale

The Homedale Planning and Zoning commission recommended that the city council approve a change to the city’s sign ordinance to allow businesses to have two signs on a building, such as the newly opened Idaho Pizza Co., on East Idaho Avenue has. Currently, only one sign is allowed on a building without granting of a variance.

Homedale Mayor Paul Fink only recently formally presented the Chamber of Commerce with information on the city’s attempt to initiate business registration, which has been ongoing for about a year. At the Chamber’s Oct. 11 luncheon, Fink gave Chamber officers a packet with a proposed registration form for the city as well as information on how other municipalities deal with business permits.

“I have really never been in favor of business licenses,” Fink told the Chamber. “If we’re going to pay \$50 to \$100 a year, what will the city do for (businesses)?”

Fink asked the Chamber for input on the process.

“We want to hear from you,” he told the gathered business owners. “We’re not against business licenses, but we want to make sure it’s fair for you.”

At the P&Z meeting, the commission approved Fritzley’s motion that the city council meet with the Chamber of Commerce to discuss options regarding multiple uses on a single parcel and business registration.

Late last year, then-Chamber president Aaron Tines told the City Council that he was working on a list of business owners who could serve on a business registration advisory board. The Chamber now has a new president, Gavin Parker, and Tines, who is running

for city council, is less active in the business organization.

The commission also passed a recommendation that the city’s sign ordinance be changed to allow for two signs on a building. The proposal specifically mentions businesses on corner lots, with the apparent intention of allowing such businesses to have a sign facing the road in each direction.

The current code allows only one sign on a building, but there are several businesses in town that already have two. Among those are the new Idaho Pizza Co., and Owyhee Auto Supply, both on East Idaho Avenue.

— RTH and JPB

Fan club sells Trojans gear for Christmas

The Homedale Fan Club is taking Trojans apparel orders for Christmas.

In the past, the fan club has used proceeds from fundraising to supply new bleachers for the school, shirts for the golf and basketball teams, practice mats for the cheerleaders and a digital camera and camcorder for the school’s advanced communications class, among other things.

According to the flyer volunteers were handing out at Friday’s football game, the Homedale Fan Club has donated more than \$6,500 for equipment for various

extra-curricular programs at the high school.

While most of the money the club uses for donations comes from membership fees, the group is selling Trojans merchandise to bolster its funding.

Merchandise currently available includes sweatshirts, \$30; T-shirts, \$12; long-sleeve T-shirts, \$15; ladies vintage T-shirts, \$18; stadium blankets, \$27; stadium seats, \$25 and hats, \$12.

All orders intended for Christmas gifts must be received by Nov. 26.

For more information, call 899-6142 or 880-1221.

✓ Trojans: First trip to 3A state playoffs

Losers in last year’s 3A state championship game to Fruitland, the Indians snapped a two-game losing streak with a 37-0 rout of Declo on Friday night.

Saturday marks the first postseason appearance for Homedale since the Trojans reached the 2A state semifinals in 2003. It also will be the first time that the Trojans tackle the 3A tournament after moving up from the 2A ranks after the 2003 season, which ended with a 40-17 loss to Grangeville in the Kibbie Dome in Moscow on Nov. 15, 2003.

Homedale (3-5 overall, 2-2 3A SRV) needed to beat the Vandals to sew up the 3A Snake River Valley conference’s third and final

The road to the playoffs

Here’s how to get to Buhl High School from Homedale High School. The game is scheduled for 3 p.m. Saturday, and it takes about three hours to make the trip, according to Google Maps:

- Start out on East Idaho Avenue heading east
- Turn left on to U.S. Highway 95/Idaho 19
- Turn right on to Idaho 19 at Wilder toward Caldwell
- Get on Interstate 84 eastbound in Caldwell
- Take Exit 141 for U.S. 26 toward Gooding/Hagerman/U.S. 30
- After about 28 miles, turn left of U.S. 26 at the intersection with U.S. 30
- U.S. 30 becomes Sawtooth Avenue, and Buhl High School is located at 525 Sawtooth Ave.

berth in the state playoffs. Last year, McCall edged the Trojans in the final regular-season game

to move into the playoffs.

— JPB



# School menus

## Homedale Elementary

Oct.. 25: Enchilada or corn dog, scalloped potatoes, fruit & veggie bar, brownie, milk.  
Oct.. 26: Cheese pizza or PB&J, salad, fruit & veggie bar, cookie, milk.  
Oct.. 29: Burrito or French dip sandwich, green beans, fruit & veggie bar, cookie, milk.  
Oct.. 30: Nachos or baked potato, fruit & veggie bar, cinnamon breadstick, milk.  
Oct.. 31: Chicken nuggets or egg roll, rice pilaf, veggies, fruit & veggie bar, fortune cookie, milk.

## Homedale Middle

Oct.. 25: Nachos or baked potato, fruit & veggie bar, rice krispie treat, milk.  
Oct.. 26: Chicken tenders or country-fried beef steak, potatoes/gravy, roll, fruit & veggie bar, milk.  
Oct.. 29: Hamburger or hot dog, tots, cookie, fruit & veggie bar, milk.  
Oct.. 30: Chicken nuggets or egg roll, rice, veggies, fruit & veggie bar, fortune cookie, milk.  
Oct.. 31: Burrito or fish sandwich, corn, fruit & veggie bar, apple crisp, milk.

## Homedale High

Oct.. 25: Chicken patty or sandwich & soup, potato wedges, fruit & veggie bar, cookie, milk.  
Oct.. 26: Crispito or rib-b-que, corn, taco salad, fruit & veggie bar, milk.  
Oct.. 29: Pizza, popcorn chicken, chef’s salad, fruit & veggie bar, cookie, milk.  
Oct.. 30: Country fried beef steak or chicken filet, potatoes/gravy, roll, fruit & veggie bar, milk.  
Oct.. 31: Spaghetti, burrito, pizza hot pocket, French bread, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

## Bruneau

Oct.. 25: Roast turkey, potatoes/gravy, peas, roll/butter, fruited pudding, milk.  
Oct.. 26: Chicken wraps, fried rice, stir fry veggie, fruit, milk.  
Oct.. 29: Hamburger gravy, mashed potatoes, veggie sticks, roll/ butter, fruit cobbler, milk.  
Oct.. 30: Nachos, tossed salad, corn, fruited jello, cinnamon stick, milk.  
Oct.. 31: Weiner wraps, potato wedges, veggies, maple bar, fruit, milk.

## Marsing

Oct.. 25: Red Baron pizza, pineapple, salad, cookie, milk, sandwich, salad bar 4<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>, roll.  
Oct.. 26: No school.  
Oct.. 29: Turkey, corn, milk, cf steak, maple bar, salad bar 4<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>, roll.  
Oct.. 30: Hamburger, veggie, fruit, milk, hotdog, salad bar 4<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>, roll.  
Oct.. 31: Chicken patty/bun, veggie, fruit, milk, soup & sandwich, salad bar 4<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>, roll.



## Trojans take breast cancer cause onto field

*Homedale High School football players Jake Tolmie (80) and Kevin Mercado (28) and their teammates wore pink ribbon stickers on their helmets at Friday’s game to show their support for breast cancer awareness. Submitted photo*

# Homedale comes together to raise breast cancer awareness

Homedale High School football players sported another decal on their helmets Friday night. The Trojans wore pink ribbon decals to raise awareness about breast cancer during their 14-0 victory over McCall-Donnelly at Deward Bell Stadium. The decals were part of an awareness campaign partnership between the football team, Southwest District Health and the Homedale community. October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. “Since breast cancer is the second-leading cause of cancer deaths in women today and is the most common cancer among women, Southwest District Health is grateful to the football team and the Homedale community for the support in getting this message across,” said Kathy Moore, Men’s and Women’s Health Manager for Southwest District Health. As part of the awareness promotion at Friday’s football

game, promotional coupons from Owyhee Lanes, Paul’s Markets, Family Video and the Frosty Palace were distributed by Homedale High School seniors Sarah Scarratt and Katie Cammack. The coupons were attached to a card with Southwest District Health’s message to promote breast cancer awareness. A pink ribbon to wear in support of women also was affixed to the card. Additionally, Homedale Mayor Paul Fink signed a proclamation declaring Friday Breast Cancer Awareness Day in the city. Fink said he signed the proclamation Wednesday. “I just hope the information gets out there to all the women because that is such a terrible disease,” Fink said. “And hopefully if ladies get out there and have exams early enough, it is something that can be cured.” Fink was hopeful that the proclamation, along with the football team’s efforts, would

“keep everything in the forefront” and get more women to have mammograms. According to Fink’s proclamation: • The American Cancer Society estimates that 920 cases of breast cancer will be diagnosed in Idaho this year, and 170 Idaho women will die of the disease. • The 2005 Idaho Behavioral Risk Factor says Surveillance reports that 66.1 percent of women age 40 and older don’t have health care insurance and are less likely to have mammograms and clinical exams than women who have health coverage. • With more successful treatment with early detection of breast cancer, there are 2 million survivors in the United States today. • The Healthy People 2010 initiative has a goal to increase to 70 percent the percentage of Idaho women 40 and older who report having had clinical and mammogram exams in the past two years.



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# Your finances

## Further education shouldn't mean selling your house

Dear Dave,

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I could finish my degree over the Internet, but she would have to physically go to college because her teaching program is not offered online. This means cutting back on her hours at work.

If we do this, I'm afraid we'll really be strapped financially. Our parents have even suggested we sell our house, and move into a cheap apartment. Apart from the home, we have no other debts and our house payment is \$750 monthly.

— Ben

Dear Ben,

I'm all for going to college. Education is a great thing, but be careful not to confuse college with a meal ticket!

The truth is that if you're making \$45,000 in your early 20s, your career is going pretty darn well. And here's a secret for you. The saying that goes "I'll never make more money without a degree" is a lie. You're barely getting started at this thing called life. Don't limit yourself!

But as far as selling your house goes, don't do it. With your income you can handle your expenses — especially since you have no other debts. I like the idea of you taking classes online and still working during the day. It would be a lot more flexible and allow you to maintain a good income. It will also get you guys accustomed to what it's like to be married, working AND in school. Then, after you're finished, you could even work a part-time job a few nights a week to bring in extra cash while your wife finishes her degree.

Trust me, with a little creativity and some hard work you can make this happen without having to sell your home!

— Dave

Dear Dave,

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— Robert

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And remember to diversify, spreading your investments evenly over the following types of funds: growth, growth and income, aggressive growth and international.

— Dave

— Dave Ramsey is the best-selling author of *The Total Money Makeover*. He also is the host of a show on the new Fox Business Channel. You can find tools to help with finances or previous columns at [davesays.org](http://davesays.org). 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

**Today**

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.

**Thursday**

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

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

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

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**

Denise Stewart fund-raiser dinner, raffle and auction, 5:30 p.m., donation requested, Bruneau American Legion Hall. (208) 845-2920, (208) 845-2345, (208) 8452-2282 or (208) 466-2878

**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**

Homedale Safe-n-Sane Halloween, 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., throughout downtown. (208) 337-4641

Marsing Community Trunk or Treat Halloween carnival, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., Marsing High School gymnasium, Main Street.

Marsing Community Trunk or Treat Halloween celebration, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Marsing High School gymnasium parking lot, Main Street. (208) 896-4238 or

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

**Thursday, Nov. 1**

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

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, Nov. 2**

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

**Tuesday, Nov. 6**

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

Marsing PTA meeting, 7 p.m., Marsing High School Commons Room, 208 S. 8th Ave. W., Marsing.

Pure Word recovery meeting, 7 p.m. Snake River Valley Fellowship, 16613 Garnet Road, Wilder. Homedale. (208) 475-3733

Ridgeview Irrigation District monthly board meeting, 7 p.m., 118 S. 1st St. W., Homedale

Gem Irrigation District monthly board meeting, 7:15 p.m., 118 S. 1st St. W., Homedale

South Board of Control monthly

board meeting, 7:30 p.m., 118 S. 1st St. W., Homedale

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

**Wednesday, Nov. 7**

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

**Thursday, Nov. 8**

Owyhee Conservation District board meeting, 10 a.m., 19 Reich St., Marsing. (208) 896-4544

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

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

Homedale Chamber of Commerce luncheon, noon, Owyhee Lanes Restaurant, 18 W. 1st St. (208) 337-3252

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

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.

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

**Friday, Nov. 9**

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

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# Marsing Trunk or Treat slated

PTA uses Halloween in controlled environment as fundraiser

For the second straight year, children will stroll through the Marsing High School gymnasium parking lot for Halloween.

The Marsing PTA has scheduled its second annual Marsing Community Trunk or Treat event for 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. next Wednesday in the parking lot of the gym on Main Street.

A carnival will be held inside the gym from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

“We really want it to do well this year because we want to make it an annual event that parents can have lots of fun taking their kids to,” Marsing PTA vice-president and Trunk or Treat co-chair Kym Bowers said.

The trunk or treat concept entails trick-or-treaters shopping for candy by going from car truck to car trunk in the parking lot. The PTA is looking for folks to bring their cars, decorate the trunks and hand out the donated candy.

Organization officials bill it as a safe alternative to going door-to-door on Halloween.

Individuals who want to use their trunk for the trick-or-treaters will pay \$5. Businesses can participate for a \$20 donation. The fees will be taken during registration, which is available until Tuesday at the three schools in the Marsing School District and City Hall.

No on-site registration will be taken, and car participants are asked to arrive early Wednesday because, for the safety of the children, the parking lot gates will be closed at 6 p.m.

All vehicles must be decorated with a Halloween theme. There will be prizes for the best decorated vehicle in each of the following categories: Business, school club or team and individual.

Bowers said the PTA already has received commitments from Marsing Ambulance and the Marsing Fire Department to supply vehicles for the trunk or treat. The Idaho National Guard also will have a Humvee on hand, and Lizard Butte Library will hand out free books while supplies last.

In preparation for the PTA fund-raiser, the parent-teacher group is accepting donations of bags of candy or funds to purchase candy. Donations are being accepted at any district school and City Hall.

Through a media blitz, Bowers is expecting a larger turnout than last year’s inaugural event, which attracted four cars and 50 trunk-or-treaters.

Before the Trunk or Treat, a carnival will start at 4 p.m. inside the gym.

The carnival will feature food, pictures, games and prizes for the best costumes.

The food will include hot dogs, drinks and caramel and candied apples. There also will be a cupcake walk.

Parking for both events will be available in the parking lot on the east side of the gymnasium.

For more information on the festivities call Bowers at (208) 896-4238 or co-chair Shannon McKey at (208) 896-4260.

The Marsing PTA has been in its current incarnation for two years after the group reorganized as a chapter of the National PTA.

Bowers said the club was merely a parent-teacher organization without affiliation before restructuring under the PTA banner.

Sarah Grossman is chapter president, while Edith Sturkenburg serves as secretary and Muriel Briggs is treasurer.

The chapter has 70 members and is looking for more participation. Bowers said that a prize drawing for new members will be held at the Trunk or Treat. The prize is a \$110 gift certificate to Marsing merchants.

The Marsing PTA meets at 7 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month inside the Marsing High School commons room.

The group used money from last year’s Trunk or Treat and the spring carnival to fulfill supply wish lists submitted by teachers in Marsing’s schools.

— JPB

# Authorities make progress on ring tied to Marsing burglary

Canyon County Sheriff’s deputies have made two arrests in connection with a string of burglaries, including one in Marsing last month.

Middleton residents Alejandro Armijo Jr., 55, and Ida Sanchez, 46, were arrested Oct. 15 after a search was executed in the 23000 block of Hartley Lane in Middleton.

Sheriff’s Det. Roy Walthall confirmed that the search warrant and subsequent arrests were related to the recent rash of burglaries in several counties, including the theft of construction surveying equipment in Marsing last month.

Canyon County deputies recovered about \$60,000 in surveying equipment after a search in Caldwell earlier this month.

Walthall said Armijo and Sanchez are believed to have set up an operation to fence the stolen items, but he said they aren’t believed to have taken part in the actual burglaries.

Walthall said that authorities should make between four and five arrests “real soon” in connection to the burglaries.

Armijo and Sanchez are being held in Canyon County on charges of grand theft, possession of a controlled substance and weapons-related offenses.

The search warrant served last week was the fifth executed during a four-month investigation into a theft ring, according to a press release from the Canyon County Sheriff’s Office. More than \$15,000 worth of stolen items were located during last week’s search in Middleton, and authorities say more than \$195,000 in stolen property has been recovered since the investigation began.

Several different law enforcement agencies have been involved in the investigation, including sheriff’s offices in Owyhee, Canyon, Ada, Gem and Valley counties as well as police departments in Nampa, Caldwell, Emmett and Meridian.

“Once we found out that we were all pretty much victims of the same group, cooperation has been outstanding,” Walthall said.

— JPB



Alejandro Armijo Jr.



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**BLM enhances Wilson Creek area**  
*A new restroom, information kiosks, and parking lot are among recreation enhancements made by the Bureau of Land Management.*

**Agency improves rec areas**

The Bureau of Land Management has made more than \$2 million worth of upgrades and improvements to recreation areas in Owyhee County in the past two years, and the federal agency plans an environmental assessment this winter with an eye toward additional enhancements.

Most recently, the BLM created new recreation sites along Wilson Creek Road in the Wilson Creek Travel Management Area: The Wilson Creek Trailhead, the Wilson Creek Overflow Parking Area, and the Wilson Creek Wayside.

Parking areas also were constructed at Chalky Butte, Kane Springs, and Black Mountain in the Hemingway Butte area.

Four new restrooms have been installed as part of the project: one placed at the Wilson Creek Trailhead, two at Hemingway Butte, and one at Rabbit Creek Trailhead. In addition, 11 information kiosks have been placed around the sites. According to a press release, the BLM is working on a trail map of the area and will post information at the kiosks this winter.

Further improvements will be the topic of an environmental assessment this winter. Final results are due next summer.



# Senior menus

## Marsing Senior Center

Oct. 25: Corned beef and cabbage, potatoes, carrots, soup, cake, beverage.  
Oct. 29: Breakfast to order.  
Oct. 30: Tamale pie, corn, carrot, salad, pineapple, soup, dessert, beverage.  
Oct. 31: Breakfast to order. BBQ boned ribs, spooky spuds, night crawlers (green beans), creepy coleslaw, steamy soup, Charlie Brown pumpkin pie, Halloween punch.

## Homedale Senior Center

Oct. 25: Baked fish, macaroni & cheese, carrots, roll, beverage.  
Oct. 30: Meatloaf, mashed potatoes/gravy, California blend vegetable, roll, beverage.  
Oct. 31: Sausage & biscuits, country gravy, carrots, beverage.

## Homedale holiday parade set for Dec. 8

The Homedale Chamber of Commerce announced last week that the annual Homedale for the Holidays Christmas parade will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 8.  
Chamber members are working out details for the parade, and more information will be available soon.  
Marsing Chamber of Commerce officials said the organization won't stage a Christmas parade this year.

## Homedale library presents puppet show

A puppet show featuring the story "Harriet's Halloween Candy" by Nancy Carlson will be presented at 10 a.m. Thursday at the Homedale Public Library, 25 W. Owyhee Ave.  
Will Harriet learn to share her Halloween candy with her brother Walter? Children of all ages are invited to attend and find out.  
For more information, contact the Homedale Public Library at (208) 337-4228.

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*by Lola Blossom*  
The Three Creek school kids had honored guests lately when Myrle Leach, who taught at the school 46 years ago, and her sister Vernita Talbott came and taught them how to tap dance. A number of years ago, Myrle Leach tapped down Broadway in New York City. The kids were overjoyed at getting to go on a train ride. On the 11<sup>th</sup>, they went to Guerry's and got to watch them shear sheep. The only boy in school, Chandler Rambow, has left and moved to Oklahoma.  
Sunday the 14<sup>th</sup>, I went to Hagerman to the Old Timers' gathering. Faye Tupper told of her husband's family and showed

pictures. The Tupper Grade is named for them. Many roses were placed in two large vases for old timers who have passed away in the past year. Among them were Bill, Shirley and Mable Clark — old Three Creekers. We had good music and fabulous food.  
October has been a sad month. On Oct. 5, Nancy Prall from the Forest Service called to tell us that Tom Stefini has been killed by a roadside bomb in Afghanistan. Tom was well-liked and had been in our district about three years. His mom and dad, Barbara and Steve Stefini, live in Auburn, Calif.  
Then Nancy V. Chapin of the Diamond A Ranch lost her aged grandmother Helen Krepcik of

Twin Falls.  
On Oct. 6, Grace Louise Tingstrom passed away at her home near King Hill. Gracie and her husband, LeRoy, and baby boy, Andy, came to the old Dunn Home Ranch at Three Creek in 1960 from Carson City, Nev. They later worked for Bracketts a short time then went to work for Swans at Deadwood and House Creek. In 1967, they moved back to Carson City until 1970 when they returned to Swans and stayed until 1983 when they bought their own place at King Hill. While at Three Creek they helped everybody in the country. Gracie riding and what ever needed to be done, and LeRoy was quite a vet. Their kids,

Andy and Ellen, started riding for us as soon as they got big enough to get on a horse. Gracie loved horses and all kinds of animals.  
Gracie Louise was born Oct. 23, 1938 in Chico, Calif., to George and Laura Partridge. She married LeRoy Tingstrom on Nov. 1, 1958. She is survived by her husband, LeRoy Tingstrom of King Hill, her son Andy (Lori) Tingstrom of Florida, daughter Ellen and grandson Ty of Sand Hollow, her sister, Ruth Partridge of Carson City, Nev., and several cousins.  
A remembrance of her life will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 27, 2007 at the VFW Hall in Glenns Ferry.

# Big night planned to help local woman

As is the tradition in small communities, Bruneau will come together for one of its own Saturday night.  
The final touches are being put on a fundraiser for longtime Bruneau business owner Denise Stewart, who continued to recover after suffering a brain hemorrhage more than four months ago.  
A homemade lasagna dinner, two auctions and a raffle will be held beginning at 5:30 p.m. Saturday at the Bruneau American Legion Post 83 Hall.  
"We're still getting donations trickling in, which is great," said Ginny Roeder, one of the event's organizers.  
The lasagna dinner also will include fixings such as tossed green salad, garlic bread and brownies with ice cream for dessert. Coffee and punch will be served.  
A silent auction will be held early in the evening, and raffle tickets are being sold for a drawing. The live auction is scheduled to start at 7:30 p.m.  
Roeder said items available

Saturday will include prime rib dinners, a \$100 gift certificate to Jim's Lumber in Mountain Home, three fleece throws, handicrafts and a bed valued at \$500.  
The centerpiece for the auction, which will be officiated by Kyle Colyer and Dick Strickland is a time-share vacation valued at \$1,000.  
T-shirts featuring a mountain scene and the words "Bruneau, Idaho 2007" will be sold for \$10 each. Roeder said there are children's and adult sizes.  
The 52-year-old Stewart owns the Fishin' Hole with her husband, Mike. The couple has owned the store for 10 years, and Roeder said they've lived in Bruneau a few years longer than that.  
"She's a very outgoing, happy person," Roeder said. "She likes to visit with people."  
Stewart, who spent nine of her 10 days in Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in the intensive care unit, will have plenty of opportunities to visit Saturday.  
Proceeds from the fundraiser

will go toward helping the Stewarts offset her medical costs. Roeder said Stewart's health insurance covered less than 20 percent of the total medical bill.  
She said Stewart was taken by ground ambulance to Elmore County Medical Center in early June after not feeling well and suffering from a "terrific" headache. After arriving at Elmore, she was LifeFlighted to St. Al's.  
Roeder said Stewart, who is a graduate of Kuna High School, stayed with her parents in Kuna soon after being released from St. Al's so she could be closer to medical treatment.  
Roeder said Stewart hasn't had to undergo any physical therapy.  
When Stewart was transported to Elmore County Medical Center, there's no doubt she was surrounded by friends and colleagues. She is an emergency medical technician with the Bruneau Quick Response Unit.  
Roeder said it was appropriate the folks would enjoy a homemade meal while helping Stewart.

"She's a very good cook with wild game and birds, pheasants," Roeder said, adding that Denise and Mike are avid outdoors people who like to fish, hunt, hike and camp.  
Stewart also is a member of the Bruneau Valley Library board of directors and serves as secretary/treasurer of the Bruneau Water and Sewer District, Roeder said.  
On top of that and owning the Fishin' Hole, she fills in at the post office when needed and also cooks at Bruneau Elementary when the kitchen staff is short-handed.  
For more information on the fundraiser, call Roeder at (208) 845-2282, Liz at (208) 845-2970, Clara at (208) 845-2345 or Roxanne at (208) 466-2878.  
Donations for the auction can be dropped off at the Bruneau Beauty Shop or by calling one of the above numbers.  
Cash donations can be made at any branch of Washington Mutual Bank in care of the Denise Stewart Donation account.  
— JPB

# Homedale senior center offers flu shot clinic, Christmas bazaar

The Homedale Senior Citizens Center has scheduled a flu shot clinic on Tuesday, and its annual Christmas bazaar will be held Nov. 3.  
The flu shot clinic will run from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The

vaccination fee is \$20, and the provider will bill Medicare for those who are eligible.  
Anyone wanting a flu shot can sign up by calling Shirley McAbee at (208) 337-3020. Pre-registration will ensure that enough doses are

available for all who would like to be vaccinated.  
The bazaar will be open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Nov. 3. Homemade arts, crafts, and food will be on sale. Sellers can rent a small table for \$6 and a large

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# Pumpkin Harvest Fest pick of the crop

## Marsing Chamber deems inaugural event successful

Marsing's inaugural Pumpkin Harvest Fest drew somewhere between 150 and 300 visitors to City Park on Saturday, and people turned out along the entire route for the parade, according to organizers at the city's Chamber of Commerce.

"In all my years of being involved with parades, I have never seen a turnout of parade-watchers like that," Chamber director Cathy Streibel said. "The streets were lined up almost solid all the way down to the park.

"The people at the park could hear the band coming. A lot of them didn't even know Marsing had a band. The band stayed and played after the parade for an hour. They really went above and beyond."

The parade boasted 15 floats, with the Snake River Mart float judged best entry. The Marsing High School Cheerleaders and mayoral candidate Keith Green tied for second place, and the Marsing 1<sup>st</sup> Ward LDS Young Women's Club took third, according to Chamber officials.

The Chamber invited student clubs to compete for cash prizes in a window-painting contest during the week leading up to the fest. The Marsing High School Future Hispanic Leaders of America won first prize and \$100 for best reflecting the pumpkin harvest theme on the window of Harvey's Auto Center, while The MHS Choir earned second place and \$75 for decorating the Snake River Mart window, and the MHS Cheerleaders took third place and a \$50 prize for decorating Nina's Hair Care at 429 Main Street.

Residents recognized for

decorating their homes in keeping with the festival theme were Laura Bowman, Kelly Ineck, and Pumpkin Harvest Fest Grand Marshals Bob and Judy Malmberg, while In The Grind won in the business category.

A scarecrow-making contest on Saturday morning provided decorations for the park's festivities. Kathy Sherrow and Joanne Waters won that event.

Twenty-four vendors had booths at the park, with a wide array of items for sale.

Clyde and Joe Sevy's band performed while attendees drifted between vendors booths and contests.

John Heidt, Drew Maisey, and Logan Moore won the eldest to youngest divisions of the pie-eating contest, respectively.

There were three divisions in the pumpkin painting/carving contest. In the 12 and older contest, John Heidt was judged the winner, Ashleigh (no last name on entry) took second, while Chad Jensen was third. In the 11 and younger carving, Ciara Reed was the winner, followed by a pumpkin entered by True, Asia, and Lily (again, no last names on entry), and Ellie Folwell. In the 11 and younger painted pumpkin category, the winner was Kinley Folwell. Anthony Sugai placed second, and Ethan Henderson placed third.

According to Chamber of Commerce members, the inaugural Marsing Pumpkin Harvest Fest was a great success, and the Chamber hopes to make the festival an annual event to draw the community together.

— RTH



### Pumpkin fest sights

*Clockwise from top: Marsing High School's Future Hispanic Leaders of America chapter took top honors in the window-painting contest;*

*A pumpkin carving/painting contest before and after gallery;*

*Troy McClain of Caldwell and a Marsing Wookiee study each other as Troy's father Trent looks on;*

*The Boy Scouts, sponsors of the pumpkin carving/painting contest, check the gourds.*





# Pumpkin Harvest Fest pick of the crop



## Pumpkin Harvest Fest windows, parade on display

*Clockwise from top right: Delaney Percifield and Anthony Sugai paint pumpkins;*

*Parade floats move up West 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue;*

*Members of the Treasure Valley Antique Power Association drive tractors in the parade;*

*The Marsing High School band marches in the parade;*

*The MHS band's window decoration;*

*A girl takes a whack at a pumpkinata;*

*Kalob Myers takes a whack at a van in the festival's car bash.*





# Park owners: P&Z suggestion conflicts with code

## Planning commissioners recommend ordinance changes to City Council

The Homedale Planning and Zoning Commission last week asked the City Council to consider changes to city code regarding manufactured homes and airport property.

The new owners of King's Court mobile home park in Homedale, Ted Badasci, Matthew Badasci, and Art Young, attended the Oct. 15 meeting to voice concerns over a proposal to allow Homedale's building inspector, Mike Millward, to determine if mobile homes constructed prior to 1976 are suitable to be brought into the city limits.

"It's going to create a conflict with Idaho code," Matthew Badasci said.

Commission administrator

Sylvia Bahem stressed that the meeting was to consider possible changes and receive public input, and that city attorney Michael Duggan would review the wording of actual changes to city code.

"I've talked to the city attorney about this, and he doesn't see a problem with it," Bahem said. "When it comes to drafting an ordinance, the city attorney will be writing it."

"We just don't want to be butting heads with the building inspector," Young said.

Young and the Badascis have owned King's Court since July, and they say they have been putting in long hours to make the mobile home park safer and more attractive.

"Our intent is to make it a safe, clean, affordable park, and it's going to take time," Ted Badasci said. "It has looked rough, but we have had some wiring issues and had to pull the whole back row (of homes) out in order to get the wiring underground."

Bahem acknowledged the group of new owners has begun to turn the park around, but she made a distinction between what the state code enforces and what the proposed city ordinance amendment would enforce.

"The state inspection usually looks at electrical and plumbing," Bahem said.

"The building inspector wants to be able to look at other things, such as insulation. He wants the authority to be able to say 'You've got your certificate, but I don't feel that it's safe.' This is not just about you. I have

been out there four or five times, and I have seen some drastic improvement."

Commissioner Herb Fritzley seemed to counter somewhat Bahem's statement as to the objectives of the proposed ordinance.

"The things we are looking at are safety, electrical, water and sewer. We just don't want a situation where you have one burn down with loss of life like we had three or four years ago," Fritzley said.

A Homedale mobile home fire claimed the life of 6-year-old Carolina Davis last May.

"We also had a problem before of someone dragging one in and just leaving it, without state certification, and that's a no-no as far as we're concerned," Fritzley added.

The commission also

recommended that the city enact an ordinance regarding airport property, "especially with regard to items left laying around outside hangars that can be blown out onto the runway and with regard to the maintenance, upkeep, and appearance" of airport property.

"The building inspector contacted me, and his concern was that there were people building little shacks, little sheds out of scraps," Bahem said. "I think he wanted something stricter at the airport."

No airport tenants attended the meeting.

The city council is not obligated to accept the recommendations. Should the council choose to go forward with the proposals, a public hearing will be scheduled.

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# Homecoming 2007

Adrian and Jordan Valley high schools



### Adrian High School selects Homecoming court

Adrian High School crowned its homecoming queen and king during halftime of Friday's football game. Members of the court were, from left: Jessica Morton and Blake Ishida (freshman princess and prince); Ronja Conrad (sophomore princess); Homecoming King Colton Wynn, Homecoming Queen Kassi Daugherty; Kirsten Phillips and Kyle Rogers (senior princess and prince); Jasmine Brown and Duc Le (senior princess and prince); Ranea Orosco and Chance Wood (sophomore princess and prince). Not pictured: Junior prince Levi Jones. Photo by AHS Photography



### Adrian puts a twist on Homecoming

A capacity crowd attended the Adrian High homecoming festivities, which featured staff members vying for the homecoming queen crown. The voting was a virtual tie between, from left: Barry "I used to be a Vegas Showgirl" Hartley; Joe "Class Flirt" Culley; Jim "Heartbreaker" Haydock; Jerry "Drama Queen" Camp; and Kevin "Little Miss Stuck-up" Purnell. Photo by AHS Photography



### Jordan Valley celebrates Homecoming

**Top:** Senior Athena Beckwith, standing with her escort Trent Richardson, was crowned Jordan Valley High School Homecoming queen Friday. Other candidates included: Emma Johnson of the junior class escorted by Cole Scown; sophomore Anne-Marie Eiguren, escorted by Dusty Easterday; and freshman Shelly Payne, escorted by Garrett Williams. **Above:** A pep rally featuring many fun games was held Thursday afternoon at the school. Photos by Tara Echave, JVHS

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# JV Ambulance staff EMT training gets under way

Annual membership fees due to non-profit service now

Jordan Valley Ambulance’s staff of emergency medical technicians will more than double once the current crop of recruits finish training, according to the ambulance board’s vice president.

Terry White said Wednesday that five people have come forward to take an EMT course and commit to work for the volunteer ambulance service.

“The ambulance board would like to thank these five members for stepping up and taking the EMT class,” White said. “Also the board would like to thank the employer for letting two of them off from work early to attend the classes.”

White said Robin Easterday, Kathy

Johnston, Shawn Johnston, Michael White and Zelda Workman currently are taking the EMT classes, which began earlier this month. The course ends in April, and the five will be certified as EMTs after passing a test.

Classes are being taught on Mondays and Thursdays by Treasure Valley Community College instructors in the ambulance room at Jordan Valley City Hall.

The Johnstons are new members to the ambulance service, while Easterday, White and Workman have volunteered as first-responders for several years, White said.

“We’re really happy with the two new members because we just can’t get people to commit,” White said. “Where it’s all

volunteer, it’s just very hard to get people to commit and volunteer their time.”

The membership-based Jordan Valley Ambulance is non-profit and not assisted by a taxing district. The ambulance covers a vast area in Malheur County, including Juniper Mountain, Jordan Valley, the state line at McDermitt, Nev., and as far west as Burns, Ore.

White launched a campaign to get more EMTs certified because currently the ambulance only has two EMTs and two intermediates on staff. Intermediates are certified to start an IV and give medicine, but can’t do much more treatment.

Ideally, she said the service would like to have nine EMTs and intermediates.

White said the ambulance service has several first-responders throughout the area, but while those staff members can go

to the scene and assist with the treatment of accident victims, in most cases an EMT must be present for the patient to be transported.

The only transportation allowed by a first-responder is to rendezvous with an air-ambulance or a certified EMT, she said.

The agency’s two ambulances are parked in Jordan Valley, but White said there is a first-responder vehicle in Rome, Ore., where a first-responder, EMT and driver live.

The rest of the Jordan Valley staff live in the Jordan Valley and Cow Creek areas, White said.

White also said that those in the community who haven’t paid their ambulance membership fees should contact Helen McDonald at (541) 586-2805.

— JPB

# FFA members qualify for nationals, attend convention

The second time was the charm for a group of Homedale FFA chapter members Oct. 15 as they earned a trip to a national competition.

The team of Alysha Bahem, Kortney Bahem, Summer Megargee and Anna Salas won the state title during the FFA Range state championships in Burley.

“These girls tied for second last year and came back with a lot of determination this year,” Homedale FFA advisor Lori

Harrison said.

The determination paid off not only with a state championship, but also with a ticket to the national range and land judging career development event (CDE) in Oklahoma City in May.

Salas placed third to lead the individual results. Kortney Bahem was fifth, and Megargee grabbed ninth.

The group started their road to the state championship in the Boise Valley District competition

in late September in Kuna.

This week, Kortney Bahem and seven other chapter members are in Indianapolis for the national FFA convention.

In addition to Bahem, Homedale members in Indiana through Saturday include Nina Bell, Rachelle Christoffersen, Austin Emry, Drew Farwell, Mat Hansen and Laken Hiser.

The seven FFA members and their chaperone departed Boise for the national convention Monday.

The convention begins today and runs through Friday.

They spent Tuesday in the area surrounding Louisville, Ky. The group took a walking tour of Mammoth Cave National Park in Kentucky and toured the Corvette factory in Bowling Green, Ky.

An afternoon visit to Churchill Downs and the Louisville Slugger baseball bat factory also were on the agenda before making the trek to Indianapolis.

Today’s itinerary included a visit to Indianapolis Motor Speedway before settling in

for the FFA Mall and Career Fair and opening session for the convention.

Tonight, there are two dinners at which members will be honored, including the National Chapter Award dinner for Emry and Christoffersen. The night will be capped with a concert by country acts Montgomery Gentry and Danielle Peck.

Thursday’s schedule includes livestock judging.

Friday’s schedule has workshops in the morning and an afternoon visit to the Indianapolis Zoo.



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## Homedale FFA brings back a championship

*Homedale FFA chapter member Alysha Bahem, left, goes through the paces during the FFA Range state championships in Burley last week. Bahem and three FFA teammates — Kortney Bahem, Summer Megargee and Anna Salas — earned a berth in May’s national championships by winning the state title on Oct. 15. Submitted photo*

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# Character development group visits schools

## Homedale-based motivational speaker sends anti-bullying message

Game Time International, a youth development organization based in Nampa, presented four programs at schools in Homedale and Marsing recently.

Motivational speaker Colleen Trefz, from Homedale, spoke three times at Homedale Middle School, while founder and CEO Derrick Boles held an athletic competition at Marsing Middle School in conjunction with the organization's L.E.A.D.E.R.S.H.I.P. 1<sup>st</sup> Youth Challenge.

Trefz spoke to students at an assembly on Oct. 12, to middle school faculty on Oct. 15, and to parents and the community on Thursday. Trefz's message, titled "Be Real — It's Game Time," focuses on the impacts of bullying and negative images, and on the power of making virtuous affirmations a daily reality.

Trefz draws from her involvement with a tragic shooting at Frontier Junior High School in Moses Lake, Wash., where her son was a student. On Feb. 2, 1996, Barry Loukaitis killed three people and wounded another.

Afterward, Loukaitis claimed that ceaseless bullying had driven him to commit the shooting. One of the victims had bullied Loukaitis.

"Bullying is an emotional crime against the human spirit, and it must stop," Trefz told the assembled students during her speech.

Trefz, formerly a parent coordinator in the Moses Lake school district, came up with the idea of posting one-word signs of character-affirming virtues throughout the community after the shooting. Words like "Compassion," "Excellence," "Forgiveness," "Integrity," and "Love," were on display at the student assembly at HMS.

Trefz led the students in repeating several times: "Violence is never a solution to your problems."

"Do not think that watching violent movies and playing violent video games has no effect on you," Trefz said at another point. "It does. What you put in your mind will come out in some

way."

Boles, an assistant coach with the NBA Development League's Idaho Stampede and the former head coach of the Treasure Valley Community College men's basketball, was at Marsing Middle School's gym with other Game Time personnel, putting seventh- and eighth-grade Huskies to the test in one of four physical challenges as part of a character-building and athletic competition for scholarships.

The competition is open to participating schools in the Treasure Valley.

"Part of L.E.A.D.E.R.S.H.I.P. 1<sup>st</sup> is learning to have fun with challenges," Boles said. "You can't let it be a big scary thing."

Boles then laughed and told the students: "You're going up against all the kids in the Treasure Valley. But no pressure!"

"It's nice for the kids to see someone from outside the school who is interested in their academic achievement," MMS physical education and health teacher Scott Bryant said. "For them to also have a chance to have fun and win some prizes, it's a great program."

"This is about athletics and character building. We're doing a big thing about character building at the middle school, and this helps with that."

Before participating in the physical challenge, the students had to complete an online assessment regarding awareness and understanding of the words that make up the acronym L.E.A.D.E.R.S.H.I.P. 1<sup>st</sup>: Loyalty, Education, Accountability, Discipline, Empowerment, Respect, Service, Honesty, Integrity, and Perseverance.

The students then had the opportunity to select an athletic challenge in football, basketball, soccer, or speed and agility.

Casey Allen, wide receiver/defensive back with the Boise Burn of the arenafootball2 league, who worked with students in the football challenge, said that he is a firm believer in L.E.A.D.E.R.S.H.I.P. 1<sup>st</sup>.

"A lot of times, all kids see is



### Game Time International holds programs at local schools

**Above:** Game Time founder and CEO Derrick Boles, center, talks to students in the Marsing Middle School gym. **Below, right:** Boles talks to MMS student Colt Taylor during Game Time's youth challenge event. **Below, left:** Game Time motivational speaker Colleen Trefz makes a point to students at Homedale Middle School.



the bad stuff about sports that they see in movies or on SportsCenter," Allen said. "This is a chance to introduce them to leadership and discipline, and these are the things that are going to carry through the rest of their lives."

The top scorers in each challenge advance to subsequent rounds of competition, with final winners receiving a scholarship and recognition at the Humanitarian Bowl at Bronco Stadium in Boise on Dec. 31.

A Dec. 29 seminar is also scheduled and addresses character development as applied to sports and life. State of Idaho First Lady Lori Otter will emcee the event, and scheduled speakers include: Boles; national PRIDE spokesman Milton Creagh; Boise Burn head coach Lee Leslie; former Boise State football star and current Boise Burn player



Lee Marks; former NBA players Randy Livingston, who played with the Stampede during its CBA incarnation, and Jerome Kersey; and a mystery guest.

All participants in the

L.E.A.D.E.R.S.H.I.P. 1<sup>st</sup> Youth Challenge and their parents are invited to attend the free seminar.

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### HMS begins Academic Bowl season

Homedale Middle School kicked off the Academic Bowl schedule last week by playing host to the first round. The HMS team, including eighth-grader Anthony Adams, left, and sixth-grader Liam Condon Wade, went up against squads from Weiser, Ontario, Ore., Payette, McCall and Fruitland. The next meet is Nov. 14 in Weiser.



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# Locals advocate for after-school programs

Lights on After School events held in Marsing, Homedale as part of national campaign

More than 100 children, parents, and community leaders met last week at elementary schools in Marsing and Homedale to emphasize the importance of maintaining after-school programs.

The events, Oct. 15 in Marsing, and Thursday in Homedale, were part of 7,500 Lights On After School events held throughout the nation in an effort to keep the lights on and the doors open for after-school activities in the wake of tight budgets forcing cutbacks in and, in some cases, elimination of vital programs.

Marsing Lights On After School events saw students participate in activities centered around the community garden which included: salsa making, crafts, a garden tour, seed saving, finding compost critters with a magnifying glass and the ever-popular green tomato toss. Kindergarten through fifth-grade students took part in the activities.

The Marsing after-school program has been in place since 1992, beginning with the efforts of Marsing Elementary teaches Jan Odlum, John Barenberg and Debbie Elizondo.

The University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Office's 4-H program offered various after-school programs through a five-year Children, Youth, and Families At Risk grant, and the local 4-H program continues to partner with Marsing Academies, which is now funded with a 21st Century Community Learning Centers grant from the U.S. Department of Education.

Marsing Academies serves almost 100 children, providing homework assistance, tutoring, recreation, and 4-H activities.

Homedale Lights On After School participants enjoyed salsa made by the Nutrition group

after completing their activities in Robotics, Aerospace, Leathercraft, Sewing/Que Rico!, Animal Science, Scrapbooking, and Electricity.

"The Homedale Lights On After School celebration reveals the remarkable work being done by the Homedale High School students who volunteer their time to lead the activities offered to the students who attend the after-school program," Owyhee County Extension 4-H Youth Development coordinator Judith McShane said.

"After-school programs keep children safe and help them learn, while relieving working parents of worries about how their children spend their afternoons."

The Homedale after-school program is known as the I Can Do Kids Club, and it's backed by the efforts of Neighborhood Inc.

The I Can Do after-school program is in its fifth year. The club meets from 3:05 p.m. To 4:30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. According to program coordinator Becky Forth, the program serves 56 students in kindergarten through fourth grade.

"On Tuesday nights, we have snacks, music and work on homework and read," Forth said. "On Thursday nights, we have partnered with Future Hispanic Leaders of America from Homedale High School and the University of Idaho extension program and do 4-H projects, music, snacks and homework."

More than 30 high school volunteers and 15 adult volunteers assist the club, which also has extra activities such as bowling, skating, family fun nights and community projects.

The eighth annual events were sponsored by the After School Alliance and marked the 10th an-



**Events across nation shine light on after-school programs**  
*Children from Marsing Elementary School visited the Marsing Community Garden on Oct. 15. The field trip was one of 7,500 Lights on After School events nationwide. The coordinated observance was aimed at bringing to light the importance of after-school programs. Submitted photos*

niversary of the federal 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers initiative, which has made after-school programs available to hundreds of thousands of children across the nation during the past decade.

But funding has not kept up with demand, and millions of children are left alone and unsupervised each afternoon after the school days end. Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger (R-Calif.) is the Lights On After School chair.

Lights On After School is a project of the After School Alliance, a nonprofit public awareness and advocacy organization working to ensure that all children have access to quality after-school programs.

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**Homedale Elementary students take stance against drugs**  
*Left: Students from Leslie Parker's third-grade class at Homedale Elementary School tied a banner to the fence in front of the school on West Washington Avenue on Friday in preparation for Red Ribbon Week, which began Monday. Taking part in tying the banner were, from left: Bailey Fry, Daisy Vega, Lindsey McRae, Samantha Bedolla, Belen Contreras and Mariah Gaines. According to school counselor and Life Skills instructor Randee Garrett, elementary students received red ribbons Monday and were encouraged to wear them all week. "The emphasis will be 'I've got better things to do than drugs,'" Garrett said. Garrett and physical education teacher Dan Moore were scheduled to emphasize the message in their classes throughout the week, and drug-free pledge banners are hanging in the school halls for students at all grade levels to sign.*





# Homedale woman wins top prize in trivia contest



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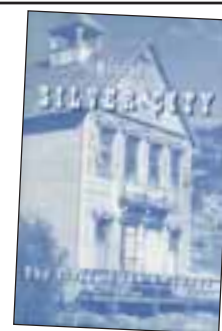
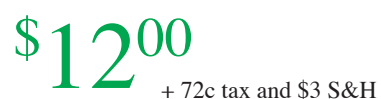
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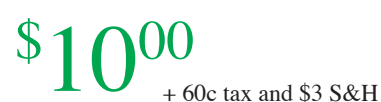
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