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SEVENTY-FIVE CENTS

Election '07

Homedale

327 of 702 voters cast ballots
(46.6 percent turnout)

Mayor

| | |
|------------------|--------------------|
| x-Harold Wilson | 130 (39.8 percent) |
| Paul Fink | 109 (33.3) |
| Charles Garrison | 86 (26.3) |

City Council (four-year terms)

| | |
|--------------------|------------|
| x-Aaron Tines | 221 (67.6) |
| x-Eino Hendrickson | 117 (35.8) |
| Kris Roberts | 114 (34.9) |
| Bill Page | 34 (10.4) |

Marsing

147 of 379 voters cast ballots (38.8)

Mayor

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|-----------------|-----------|
| x-Keith Green | 92 (62.6) |
| James E. Thomas | 51 (34.7) |

City Council (four-year terms)

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|---------------------------|------------|
| x-Stella Bush | 113 (76.9) |
| x-Marie Herman (write-in) | 41 (27.9) |

Grand View

71 of 166 voters cast ballots (42.8)

Mayor

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|--------------|-----------|
| x-Paul Spang | 56 (78.9) |
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City Council (four-year terms)

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|--------------------------|----------|
| x-Patricia Beaman | 9 (12.7) |
| x-Linda Lewis (write-in) | 9 (12.7) |

City Council (two-year terms)

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|--------------------------|-----------|
| x-Opal Ward | 47 (66.2) |
| x-Marie Hipwell | 44 (62) |
| Bill Lawrence (write-in) | 2 (2.8) |

Proposition A

Arsenic removal

| | |
|-----|-----------|
| No | 37 (52.1) |
| Yes | 33 (46.5) |

Proposition B

Water/Sewer association consolidation

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|-----|-----------|
| No | 37 (52.1) |
| Yes | 33 (46.5) |

Gem Irrigation

399 ballots cast

Division 3

| | |
|-----------------|------------|
| x-Dennis Turner | 223 (55.9) |
| Dan Felty | 176 (44.1) |

x — Winner

What's next for each entity, 2-3A

City suspends grant request

City officials 'misinformed'
that U.S. 95 intersection work
had to be completed first

The Homedale City Council
unanimously voted to table the
city's application for an Idaho
Community Development Block
Grant during a public hearing

Thursday night.

Mayor Paul Fink did not attend
the hearing. City Clerk Alice
Pegram said he had called and

— See *Grant*, page 5A

Bruneau's water wait is over



Next generation helps unveil new generation of water

State and federal officials gathered Wednesday in Bruneau for the grand re-opening of the community's water treatment plant, and Bruneau Water and Sewer District president Pat Welsh, with scissors, joined Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter representative Clete Edmunson, back left, and Ryan White of Sen. Mike Crapo's office, back right, and Bruneau Elementary sixth-graders to cut the ribbon at the new filtration facility. Submitted photo

More on the new water system, Page 13A

Sheriff attends summit in D.C.

Owyhee County Sheriff Gary Aman represented Idaho sheriffs in Washington D.C. last week at the Bureau of Land Management's Western States Sheriffs Summit.

The summit is an annual series of meetings between the BLM, sheriffs from 12 western states, and other law enforcement officials.

Gary Aman

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Homedale's Fink an election casualty

- Grand View bond issues fail
- Green wins in Marsing
- Turner ousts Felty in Gem race

Voters went to the polls in strong numbers last week and brought in sweeping change in Owyhee County's three cities.

Come January, there will be two

new mayors and eight first-time office-holders on city councils when new administrations surface in Homedale, Marsing

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One of many
Brenda Watson places her ballot in the ballot box during last week's city election at the magistrate courtroom in Homedale.

Wilson prepares to lead Homedale

Homedale Mayor-elect Harold Wilson is aware that he has a lot of things to learn about his new position. But he's prepared to try to bring the city together.

"We need to learn to work with the different phases of government — the council, planning and zoning, the police department, the maintenance department, the Chamber of Commerce and the school district," Wilson said. "I want to get us all working together."

Wilson beat incumbent Paul Fink by 21 votes in the Nov. 6 election. Fink was seeking his sixth term as Homedale mayor.

Former councilman Charles Garrison, who finished third, said

he would run again.

"I'm going to continue right along, I think," he said. "I think it's important. I do expect to run again in four more years."

He also said he might run for a council seat.

Wilson and new city councilmen Aaron Tines and Eino Hendrickson can attend seminars for new city office-holders. Wilson and Tines said they would attend the meeting, which takes place Nov. 27 in



Harold Wilson

Boise. An attempt to reach Hendrickson was unsuccessful.

Although Hendrickson has been in the Homedale area for 32 years, he received a mention in the biggest newspaper in his home state. Doug Moe, a columnist for the Capitol Times in Madison, Wis., acknowledged that Hendrickson — a former Wisconsin high school basketball star who played at the University of Wisconsin — had won a seat on the Homedale council.

Tines has confidence in Wilson. "I think he'll do a good job," Tines said. "Of course, the first year for any of us is going to be a little bit bumpy being new. Hopefully we can work together to fig-

ure out each other's roles and aid each other in our roles.

"If Harold goes to this class in November, it will help him learn what his responsibilities and limitations are."

Wilson, who said he spent about \$1,600 on his campaign, wants to dedicate the land next to Homedale Municipal Airport to airport expansion.

"I will end all negotiations to anybody," he said when asked if that meant breaking off talks with King's Discount Department Stores. "It should be strictly for airport expansion, and I'll do my best to get that done."

— JPB

✓ Election: Grand View voters reject water system improvement bond

From Page 1A
and Grand View.

Members of all three new administrations are scheduled to be sworn in during the first 2008 meetings of their respective city councils on Jan. 9, 2008.

Homedale

Paul Fink's bid for a sixth term as Homedale mayor was quashed by challenger Harold Wilson.

With an impressive 46.6 percent of the town's registered voters turning up at the polls, Wilson won a four-year term to lead the city by 21 votes over the incumbent Fink. Wilson garnered 130 votes, or 39.8 percent. Former city councilman Charles Garrison was third with 86 votes.

Come January, there will be two new faces on the city council, too.

Aaron Tines won election to a four-year term in his second campaign for public office. He received nearly 68 percent of the vote.

Eino Hendrickson, a former University of Wisconsin men's

basketball player, captured the second-highest vote total with 117, and will fill the other four-year seat. He edged Kris Roberts by just three votes.

Incumbent Bill Page, who won a two-year term in 2005, received just over 10 percent of the vote and finished fourth in a four-person race.

The ballots were canvassed during a special meeting of the City Council on Thursday.

Marsing

Keith Green is the new mayor of Marsing. Green, 41, garnered 92 votes, while opponent James E. Thomas received 51 votes in the race to succeed outgoing mayor Don Osterhoudt.

The voter turnout was 38.8 percent.

Green, who has no previous political experience, inherits leadership over a seemingly bogged down water system improvement project, a recent spate of vandalism issues, an overcrowding problem at Marsing

Middle School, and a potential growth management crisis looming on the horizon.

"I want to serve the town of Marsing," Green said about why he was running for mayor. As to the issues he faces once in office, Green said: "Critical issues are growth and how our infrastructure can handle the growth, primarily water and sewer. The process is already on the way and needs close supervision and management."

The two candidates for city council were each elected to an open seat, with Stella Bush receiving 113 votes, and write-in candidate Marie Herman collecting 41.

Grand View

The Grand View city council election wasn't finalized until Wednesday afternoon because of a hiccup in the voting process. But while there was confusion on the council vote, it was crystal clear that voters didn't want to pay for \$1.6 million in bonds to upgrade the municipal water system.

City Clerk Lani Race originally reported late on Election Day that city council incumbent Bill Lawrence had retained a seat on the four-person panel as a write-in candidate. But by Wednesday afternoon, Race had amended the totals after 14 of the 16 votes Lawrence had earned had to be thrown out because they were placed on the wrong part of the ballot.

Lawrence was a write-in candidate for a two-year term on the council, but the overwhelming majority of the electors who voted for him wrote his name in the four-year slot, nullifying that portion of their ballots.

The new totals put Patricia Beaman and Linda Lewis, both of whom filed as write-in candidates, on the council as four-year members. Opal Ward and Marie Hipwell were the top vote-getters in the race for the city's two two-year seats.

Mayor Paul Spang, who ran unopposed, was re-elected to a new four-year term.

Voters failed to pass two critical bond issues Tuesday.

Propositions A and B failed by identical margins, and Race said that meant the city would lose any chance of obtaining an Idaho Community Block Grant this time around to help pay for the infrastructure improvements.

Proposition A would have authorized the city government to acquire the Grand View Water and Sewer Association and its debt. There were 37 votes cast against the \$70,000, 30-year bond and 33 for it.


Proposition B asked voters to approve a \$1.53 million, 30-year bond to finance federally mandated improvements to the municipal water system that now are six years overdue. The measure lost 37-33.

A total of 71 people cast ballots, for a 42.8 percent turnout of all registered voters. Race said the propositions went unmarked on one ballot.

There was a concern that the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality could condemn the water system because of non-compliance with federal Environmental Protection Agency arsenic guidelines. But on Wednesday, Dave Flesher of the U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development said that as long as the city works toward solving the problem, condemnation could be avoided. Attempts to contact DEQ representatives were unsuccessful.

The earliest Grand View next can put the arsenic and consolidation measures on the ballot is May.

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Gem Irrigation

In a changing of the guard on the board of directors of the Gem Irrigation District, Dennis Turner has defeated incumbent Dan Felty in the race for division 3 director. Turner was elected by a vote of 223-176.

The change also affects the South Board of Control, where Felty serves as board chairman.

— JPB and RTH

Owyhee County considers fee for new addresses

The county is set to address at least one part of burgeoning residential growth at a December public hearing.

The public hearing will give residents a chance to comment on the establishment of a rural county addressing fee. It'll be held at 10 a.m. on Dec. 3 inside Courtroom 2 in the Owyhee County Courthouse in Murphy.

The basis of the meeting will be review of a fee schedule created by county building official Arlyn Tietz. Tietz said he devised the schedule after a July request from the board of commissioners, sheriff's office and assessor's office.

The proposed \$70 fee will cover GPS mapping as well as the physical address sign, signpost and installation. The revenue also will cover any necessary equipment updates to the rural addressing system. It will cover new development in residential and commercial structures as well as properties requiring new addressing.

The system is in place to make it easier for law enforcement, fire and medical personnel to find the location of an emergency when it is reported through the 911 system.

If the fee is created by county ordinance, Tietz said, the one-time fee will be charged as part of the building permit process for new construction. He said the new fee would be payable when an address is requested.

All money from the fees will go into the general fund, Tietz said.

Tietz said the annual revenue from the new fees will depend on the amount of address sign requests and new construction undertaken. If the fee had been in place in 2006 when approximately 97 permits were issued for new construction, Tietz said the county would have received nearly \$6,800.

Further information on the fee proposal is available at the county Department of Building Safety between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Important GV water repairs delayed at least another year

Paul Spang faces his second term as Grand View mayor with the same old problem — getting the water system within federal regulations.

Spang, who four years ago was the only man to file for the mayoral job in Owyhee County's smallest town, again ran unopposed in the Nov. 6 election.

He will be sworn in with four new city council members on Jan. 9 at the first monthly meeting of the new administration.

Voters also elected Opal Ward, Marie Hipwell, Linda Lewis and Patricia Beaman to the council. Beaman, the daughter of former Grand View mayor LeRoy Beaman, and Lewis will serve four-year terms. Ward and Hipwell were tabbed for two-year terms.

"I think it'll go all right," Spang said of the new council. "The girls are new, and they've all got level heads."

Two of the women — Hipwell and Ward — currently serve on the Grand View Water and Sewer Association board of directors, which meets during regular city council meetings, so both have seen the government up close in recent months.

And both — along with outgoing councilman Bill Lawrence — have seen the trials and tribulations of trying to get the city's water system into compliance with federal arsenic regulations.

Grand View voters narrowly defeated a \$1.53 million bond proposition that would have fi-

nanced necessary upgrades to bring the water system into line with Environmental Protection Agency mandates that have been in place since 2001.

The defeat of Proposition B and the \$70,000 Proposition A that would have consolidated the water and sewer association dealt blows to the city's attempt to secure a Idaho Community Block Grant to help finance the work.

Dave Flesher, a Rural Development specialist for the U.S. Department of Agriculture, said that the defeat of the bonds could delay any work for a year.

But he speculated that the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality, which enforces regulations for the EPA, probably won't take the drastic measure of condemning the water system like it did 10 years ago with nearby Bruneau.

"Most of the time they are more than willing to work with communities that are working to solve the problem," Flesher said. "The challenge is to keep moving forward, and Marsing is a good example. The project they put together is not the same project they originally had."

Flesher said his agency will stay in Grand View's corner if the newly elected officials can continue to come up with creative ways to advance the project.

He said the loss of the bond has

put a serious dent in Grand View's chances to get an Idaho Department of Commerce grant.

"They will not have a competitive application where the bond didn't pass," Flesher said. "The best-case scenario is it has postponed the project for at least a year."

The next possible opportunity Grand View has to put the bond initiative on the ballot is May. The city must now apply for a fiscal year 2010 grant, the deadline for which is next November.

Spang said the delay also will cut into the value that Grand View would have gotten for its money.

"I think people thought it was going to cost them a lot of money, and they are probably right at this point," Spang said. "It's not going to raise their taxes, it's just raising their water rates."

The mayor said that skyrocketing construction materials prices will continue to drive up the cost of the project. And PVC pipe used for the water lines is petroleum-based, adding more cost with the volatile crude oil market.

"The disappointment is that the longer these citizens put off deciding this issue, the more it's going to cost," Spang said. "And it's already cost them twice as much as it would have if the prior council had gone ahead with it in 2001."

— JPB

Holiday affects Avalanche deadlines

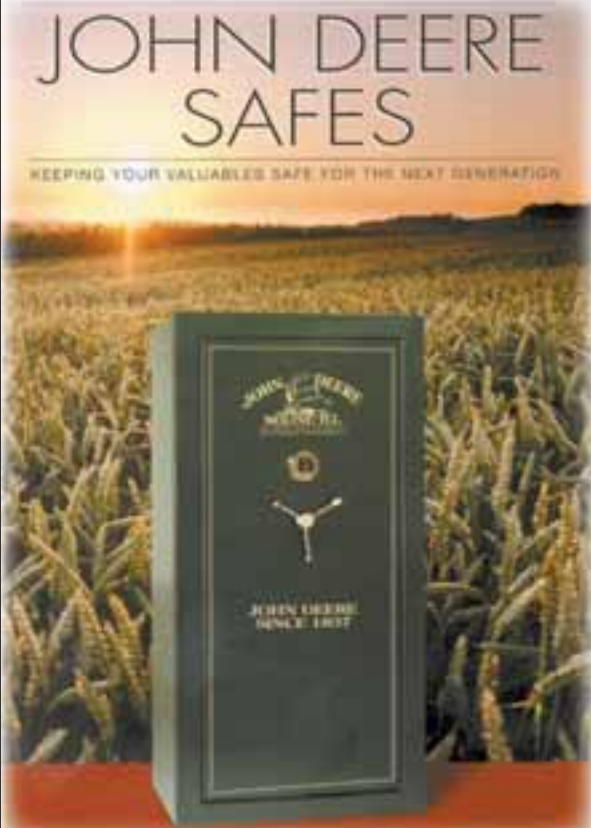
The Owyhee Avalanche offices will be closed Nov. 22-23 for Thanksgiving.

The office will open for normal business hours at 8 a.m. on Nov. 26.

Because of the holiday business

hours, the Avalanche deadlines for classified advertising and legal notices will be noon on Monday, Nov. 26.

The deadline to submit a display ad for the Nov. 28 issue is 5 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 21.




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The computer labs will be available for educational purposes, and students can do homework in the lunchroom.

In the computer lab, students can use the school's Web site, which has educational games, the PLATO system that enhances students' learning of Math, Reading, and English, and students can work on essays or PowerPoint presentations or test on Accelerated Reader books.

Teachers Bev Bauer, Kelly Schamber, and Nick Schamber have volunteered to be available before school for students, and LuKrena Schoonover has taken on bus duty in the morning.

GV Fire's expansion clears hurdle

Commissioners change description of property adjacent to landfill, approve MOU for federal prosecutor

The Owyhee County Board of Commissioners had a busy meeting Nov. 5 in Murphy, approving a law enforcement contract with Marsing and giving the green light for the Grand View Fire Department to explore a location for a second station.

The commissioners also voted unanimously to correct the legal description of the property in the Notice of Closure of Rimrock Landfill. The change was made so that a 5-acre parcel adjacent to the landfill site could be surveyed for the Grand View Fire Department's new fire station.

Grand View Fire has been looking at a portion of the property around the old landfill to build a second station that would improve service to the part of the district that includes Rimrock High School.

The law enforcement agreement between the City of Marsing and the Owyhee County Sheriff's

Office was unanimously accepted, with the 2008 contract in the amount of \$74,160. The commission also sent out a letter asking for a renegotiation in April for the 2009 service contract.

The commissioners unanimously voted to take on the responsibility for upgraded voting machines, as mandated by the Help America Vote Act of 2002 at a price tag of \$3,300.

The law was passed by Congress to replace punch card and lever voting machines, but counties now will be responsible for maintenance and upkeep of the machines.

The commissioners voted to cover maintenance costs of 10 AutoMark electronic touch screen voting machines. The maintenance cost is approximately \$330 per machine per year.

The commission approved Memoranda of Understanding (MOU) between the county and

the Treasure Valley Partnership, and between the Owyhee County Prosecuting Attorney's Office and the Idaho Attorney General, regarding Special Assistant United States Attorney Christian Nafzger. The MOU with the Idaho Attorney General is an agreement for Nafzger to prosecute cases in the federal court system involving gang-related violence, controlled substance, and firearm offenses that occur in Owyhee, Canyon, and Ada counties.

The MOU with the Treasure Valley Partnership sets Owyhee County as the administrative agency for TVP's portion of Nafzger's salary and benefits.

Owyhee County will invoice TVP quarterly for Nafzger's payroll expenses.

Nafzger will work out of an office in Boise.

Dan Wiebold Ford of Nampa was the only bidder on a contract for new Owyhee County Sheriff's Office vehicles when bids were

opened at 3:30 p.m. on Nov. 5. By a 2-1 vote, the commissioners accepted Wiebold's bid of \$50,894 for two 2008 Ford 4x4 pickups. District 2 Commissioner Jerry Hoagland cast a dissenting vote.

The commissioners approved a pair of resolutions confirming service contracts between Owyhee County and the engineering firms Forsgren Associates and Paragon Consulting for the fiscal year 2008. The agreements are in addition to an agreement with the engineering firm ERO Resources.

According to county clerk Charlotte Sherburn, the county will work with Forsgren on land development and planning and zoning issues, Paragon will take on road and solid waste projects, and ERO will handle water issues.

The board went with three companies to take advantage of particular strengths of each firm in the areas they will address for the county, Sherburn said. According to the contracts, none of the companies will be paid unless requested to perform work for the county.

— RTH

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Correction

The Owyhee Avalanche reported in a Nov. 7 article that Malheur County Sheriff's Office deputies found and arrested Ralph Brisbin in Oregon on Nov. 1, ending a search for Brisbin that began in Homedale after his wife screamed

for help from the couple's vehicle. Brisbin was actually located and stopped on Fawn Road in Oregon by Homedale Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller, and subsequently turned over to Malheur County Sheriff's Office deputies.

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✓ **Grant:** Outgoing mayor doesn't attend public hearing on state money

said he had another meeting to attend. Attempts to reach Fink for comment were unsuccessful.

The grant, which would have been worth \$498,600 according to grant writer Sage Community Services, was to be used to begin improvements within a redevelopment district designated by a council resolution in October.

On Thursday, council president Dave Downum presented a motion to, in effect, suspend the city's grant application until next year. Tim Downing — who cast the only dissenting vote for the October resolution — seconded the motion, and Downum, Downing and City Councilman Bill Page unanimously approved it.

Downum said he would like to see the primary focus of the redevelopment district move west along Idaho Avenue.

"I feel there were a few things I felt I was misinformed on," Downum said.

Fink had envisioned using nearly half of the grant to realign a major intersection near a 7-acre parcel on which King's Discount Department Stores had been in negotiations to build a Homedale location.

Downum said that he was under the impression that the improvement at the intersection of East Idaho Avenue, U.S. Highway 95 and Airport Way had to be done in the first phase of any redevelopment project in order for the grant to be awarded.

City Public Works Supervisor Larry Bauer cited an Oct. 10 letter from Idaho Department of Commerce community development specialist Pat Madarieta as the source of the confusion. In the letter, Madarieta accepted the city's grant application contingent on the stipulation that the grant funds and the matching private and public money "are spent in the project area and are spent within 12 months prior to or up to 12 month after the application deadline."

Sage Community Resources business and community development director Pat Engel presented the city's grant application outline to the council during Thursday's special meeting. The handout listed a \$6 million investment from Burley-based King's as part of a \$7.8 million matching package. After the meeting, Engel said Fink reported the \$6 million figure to her after the city's preliminary negotiations with King's. She said she never saw the figure directly from King's.

Council to hear about finances

The Homedale City Council will hear about the annual audit of the city's finances during Wednesday's regular meeting.

Payette-based CPA Tim Folke will deliver the report.

The council also is scheduled to approve three bartender licenses and hear the semi-monthly department reports from Homedale Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller and public works supervisor Larry Bauer.

The meeting begins at 6 p.m. inside the magistrate courtroom at City Hall, 31 W. Wyoming Ave.

Madarieta clarified his letter on Friday, saying that work on the intersection never was a requirement for the grant. He said the area merely had to be included in the redevelopment zone submitted with the grant application.

The dynamic of the grant application seemingly changed overnight when Fink lost his bid for re-election on Nov. 6 to Harold Wilson. The 80-year-old mayor-elect made it clear that he wouldn't stand for development of the seven acres unless it was tied to airport expansion. He softened the stance late last week saying that development such as King's could be acceptable as long as airport expansion was integrated into any plan for the acreage.

The city included the \$23,000 used to buy the parcel as part of its matching funds package. The land was purchased from the State of Idaho Military Division in 2006. The public hearing notice for the purchase specifically stated that the land would be used "for airport expansion purposes." Fink later said the focus was shifted to retail development because of safety concerns.

Wilson and city councilman-elect Aaron Tines attended Thursday's meeting. During the hearing, Wilson pledged he would work with the city council on



Development of seven acres put on hold

A piece of heavy equipment sits in the middle of the vacant 7-acre lot southeast of the Homedale Municipal Airport. While city crews had moved some dirt to level the land, Thursday's action by the City Council leaves the immediate future of the property in limbo.



Sage Community Resources makes pitch

Homedale City Council members Tim Downing, left, and Bill Page follow along as Sage Community Resources director of business and community development Pat Engel reads the material outlining the city's grant application to the Idaho Department of Commerce. The council later voted to table the application until next November.

resubmitting the grant application for the next eligibility phase. The submission deadline for fiscal year 2010 Idaho Department of Commerce funding is Nov. 14, 2008.

It's unclear if the King's investment will be around for that application. Madarieta said that while the city is free to change the focus of the redevelopment area, losing the reported \$6 million in private investment would hamper Homedale's chances.

"They would be eligible, but I don't know how competitive they would be," he said. "There's limited money."

"We always look at this grant money and see how we can leverage it against private investment. If you have a business that's willing to put in \$7-8

million, it looks better."

Madarieta added that the Fink administration was using the large King's connection to "sell" the grant to the Department of Commerce.

"Our grant was going to help them bring more business in there," he said.

Engel told the council that taking the time before the next application deadline to rally business support behind redevelopment — including a local improvement district (LID) in which businesses agree to pay property taxes to help improve the blighted area — would strengthen the city's chances of getting the money.

Engel said that the Department of Commerce agreed to continue to count the water and sewer

improvement projects as part of the matching funds for the city in a 2008 application — work valued at more than \$1.3 million in her handout. Hanging in with the city is a rare move for the state agency, she said, and it showed that the Department of Commerce wants to partner with Homedale despite the city's past history of eschewing help. A previous city administration had rejected a similar Commerce grant after it already had been awarded six years ago.

But Engel stressed that the new administration would have to follow through with an application next year, or risk losing the equity amassed with the infrastructure improvements.

— JPB

Keep up on Owyhee government in the Avalanche

Obituaries

Cassie Obeta McBride

Cassie Obeta McBride entered peacefully into rest at home on Friday, November 2, 2007. A celebration of Cassie’s life was held at 12:30 PM Friday, November 9, 2007, at the Homedale Senior Center. At her request she wanted to be cremated. Services are under the direction of Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Homedale. A luncheon followed the service at the Homedale Senior Center. Inurnment followed at the Wilder Cemetery.

Cassie was born August 10, 1925 in Harriet, Arkansas to Florence and Troy Sutterfield. She attended school in Arkansas until a teenager. The family moved to Idaho where she worked as a farm laborer. She met Charles (Chub) McBride, they were married on July 4, 1942, and shared 61 wonderful years together. They were blessed with four children. Many years were spent



working in farming and custom hay hauling. They retired after 13 years of driving long haul truck and enjoyed spending time with family and friends, playing music, hunting and fishing.

Cassie’s days were filled with phone conversations, gardening, baking and quilt making. She

had made over 125 quilts. She enjoyed spending time at the Homedale Senior Center and sharing her pumpkin rolls and mock apple pies. She did so much for everyone and welcomed all into her home. She will certainly be missed by all who knew and loved her.

She is survived by her four children: David and Sue McBride and Larry and Donna McBride both of Homedale; Pat and Jim Gonzales of Nampa; and Ellen and Mike Swift of Boise; 16 grandchildren, 39 great grandchildren and 1 great-great grandchild; sister Dottie and Ken Beavers of Caldwell; brother Earl and Darlene Sutterfield of New Plymouth; and many loving relatives and friends. She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Charles (Chub), mother, father, sister Buna Chambers and brother Russell Sutterfield.

Leo LeRoy (Roy) Dewey

Leo LeRoy (Roy) Dewey, 89, of Homedale, went home to be with his Lord on Friday, November 9, 2007, having passed away at home.

Born October 10, 1918, in Brush, Colorado, Roy was one of 11 children born to Lewis and Addie (Terrell) Dewey. He married Zelma Edwards (deceased) on September 1, 1936, with whom he had 6 children (Barbara, Charlotte (deceased,) Vernon, Delmer, Bob, Ruby). After the passing of Zelma he married Norma Leonard on May 31, 1978, with whom he spent the remainder of his life.

Besides 41 years with the Union Pacific Railroad, he worked many other jobs, including logging, mining, rodeo and ranching.

For many years Roy was active on many levels in the Assembly of God Church in Homedale,



including long-term membership on the church board.

Roy especially enjoyed ranch life during the later years of his life. His great passion was horses. He headed the committee which organized the opening of the

Three Island Crossing in Glens Ferry during the early 1970s. He was also active in the U.P. Old Timers and took part in county fairs for Elmore County.

Roy is survived by his wife and 5 children, 6 stepchildren, 2 brothers (Orval and Kenneth), 2 sisters (Ada Redlock and Mary Wultzl), 24 grandchildren, 38 great grandchildren and 12 great great grandchildren.

Viewing was held from 6:00 to 8:00 PM on Tuesday, November 13, 2007 at the Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Homedale.

Funeral services will be held at the Homedale Assembly of God Church, pastor George Greenwood presiding, at 10:00 AM Wednesday, November 14, 2007. Interment will be at the Riverside Cemetery, Payette at 1:30 PM.

‘Christmas in Melba’ comes early this year

Community organizations in Melba are planning an event on Dec. 5 to celebrate the Christmas season.

Organizers describe “Christmas in Melba” as a night filled with holiday music, stories, and celebration.

Randolph Avenue in downtown Melba will be closed at 7 p.m. so visitors can walk through, listen

to children’s and church choirs, visit a living nativity, and hear the Christmas story.

The lights on the city’s Christmas tree at City Hall will be turned on at 7:30 p.m.

Refreshments will be available at the American Legion Hall, compliments of the Grange.

City residents are encouraged to join in the celebration by turning

on their Christmas lights on Dec. 5.

Visitors can participate in the Christmas spirit by placing a canned food item under the city Christmas tree. Food donations will go to the Melba Senior Center Food Bank.

For more information, contact Beth Cole at 495-1260 or Nita Luttrell at 495-1179.

School menus

Homedale Elementary

Nov. 14: Crispito or toasted cheese sandwich, taco salad, fruit & veggie bar, churro, milk.

Nov. 15: Spaghetti or pizza hot pocket, French bread, green beans, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

Nov. 16: Turkey & gravy, mashed potatoes, fruit salad, roll w/jelly, pumpkin pie, milk.

Nov. 19: Wiener wrap or chicken bacon melt, mac & cheese, green beans, fruit & veggie bar, rice krispy bar, milk.

Nov. 20: Beef or chicken taco, corn, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

Nov.21-23: No school.

Homedale Middle

Nov. 14: Enchilada or chicken & noodles, corn, fruit & veggie bar, turNov.er, milk.

Nov. 15: Lasagna or pizza hot pocket, green beans, fruit & veggie bar, bread stick, milk.

Nov. 16: Turkey & gravy, mashed potatoes, stuffing mix, fruit salad, roll/jelly, strawberry shortcake, milk.

Nov. 19: Chicken patty or rib-b-que, tots, fruit & veggie bar, cookie, milk.

Nov. 20: Fish nuggets or mini corn dogs, rice, fruit & veggie bar, brownie, milk.

Nov. 21-23: No school.

Homedale High

Nov. 14: Lasagna, burrito, pizza hot pocket, French bread, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

Nov. 15: Turkey & gravy, mashed potatoes, stuffing mix, cranberry sauce, jello fruit salad, roll, pumpkin cake, milk.

Nov. 16: Chicken taco or French dip sandwich, corn, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

Nov. 19: Pizza, nachos, chef’s salad, fruit & veggie bar, cookie, milk.

Nov. 20: Chicken nuggets or egg rolls, rice pilaf, green beans, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

Nov. 21-23: No school.

Marsing

Nov. 14: Burrito, fruit, rice, milk, hamburger, salad bar 4th-12th, roll.

Nov. 15: Corn dogs, fruit, veggie, milk, fajitas, salad bar 4th-12th, roll.

Nov. 16: Sloppy Joe, fruited jello, veggie, milk, chicken patty/bun, salad bar 4th-12th, roll.

Nov. 19: Beef stew, fruit, milk, pozole, salad bar 4th-12th, roll.

Nov. 20: Homestyle turkey, corn, fruit, milk, chicken-friend steak, salad bar 4th-12th, maple bar.

Nov. 21-26: No school.

Bruneau

Nov. 14: Popcorn chicken, potato wedges, veggie, fruit, milk, cookie.

Nov. 15: Turkey dinner, mashed potatoes/gravy, peas & fruit, roll, pumpkin dessert, milk.

Nov. 16: Ham & cheese/bun, fries, veggie, fruit, milk.

Nov. 19: Spaghetti, salad, peaches, garlic bread, milk.

Nov. 20: Chicken sandwich, tots, veggie, fruit, brownie, milk.

Nov. 21-23: No school.

Senior menus

Marsing Senior Center

Nov. 14: Breakfast or order or liver & onions or hot dogs, sauerkraut, scalloped potatoes, salad, soup, dessert, beverage.

Nov. 15: Chicken, potatoes, beets, salad, soup, dessert, beverage.

Nov. 19: Breakfast or order or soup & sandwich.

Nov. 20: Turkey w/stuffing, yams, green beans, mashed potatoes/ gravy, cranberry sauce, jello fruit salad, soup, dessert, beverage.

Nov. 21-22: Closed.

Homedale Senior Center

Nov. 14: Beef tips over noodles, broccoli, beverage.

Nov. 15: Spaghetti & meat sauce, salad, bread, beverage.

Nov. 20: Barbecue beef, baked potato, carrots, roll, beverage.

Nov. 21: Roast turkey dinner plus all the fixings! beverage.

Nov. 22: Closed.



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Keeping Owyhee beautiful



Homedale musicians rake leaves to finance next trip

Band, choir members have another go with falling foliage Saturday

Members of the Homedale school band and choir are ready to tackle another Saturday of autumn cleanup this weekend.

The musicians are raking area yards to raise money for an educational trip to Disneyland. The fundraising effort is being coordinated by band parent Carol McMichael.

The band and choir raised \$350 clearing four yards on Nov. 3.

Anyone interested in the yard-cleaning services can call Carol McMichael at 337-3359 to make an appointment or e-mail Homedale School District music director Karla Kachelmier at kkachelmier@homedaleschools.org for more information.

The money will help send band members to Magic Music Days in Anaheim, Calif., where participants will record music and learn about studio musicianship, among other aspects of music.

Next up on the performance schedule are holiday concerts.

The middle school show takes place inside that school's gymnasium on Dec. 11, and the high school show is inside the Homedale High School gymnasium on Dec. 13.

Both concerts begin at 7 p.m.



Homedale musicians rake up for funds

Above: Wilder homeowner Don Yelm hands a check to a group of Homedale school band and choir members earlier this month after they raked up the leaves in his yard. The students who did the work included, from left, Mariza Fernandez, Derek Hellman, Mackenzie McMichael, Cameron McMichael and Mariah Mackie. Also participating in the first day of raking on Nov. 3 were Preston Stevenson, Phaedra Stevenson and Ashley Downum. *Below:* Stevenson, front, helps Downum bag some leaves. Submitted photos



FHLA chapter rounds up City Park leaves

The leaves were flying Friday morning as members of the Homedale High School chapter of the Future Hispanic Leaders of America cleared City Park of discarded foliage. *Above:* Raking on the west side of the park were, from left: chapter secretary Jose Albor and members Ricardo Magallon and Ramon Lira. *Below:* Dozens of students fanned out in the park, including, from left: Members Lucia Vega and Teresa Jaramillo and chapter historian Corrina Sanchez. Belen Vega is the president of the Homedale chapter. City public works superintendent Larry Bauer commended the students on the great job they had done to help keep the park clean.



Owyhee Garden Club institutes new award

The Owyhee Garden Club recently decided to recognize the efforts of community members who do outstanding work in beautifying and improving their neighborhoods by creating and maintaining aesthetically pleasing landscapes. Five club members volunteered to form a committee to select residents and businesses in Homedale and Marsing to receive the new "Good Neighbor" award.

The committee developed a list of 12 criteria with which to evaluate area landscaping. The judges looked for landscaping that was pleasing to the eye, well manicured, color coordinated, and varied in texture.

In addition, the judges looked for borders, trailing and climbing plants, area flower beds, vegetable gardens, fruit trees, rocks or yard art, area sprinklers or drip

systems, and emphasis on water and soil conversation.

The committee selected one residential and one business winner each in Homedale and Marsing.

The Homedale Good Neighbor winners were Stephanie and Tom Muir in the residential division and Subway Restaurant in the business class.

The Marsing Good Neighbor winners were residents Sue and Brion Showalter and business recipient the Sandbar Restaurant.

An honorable mention award was also presented to Fannie Mrak, who at 91 is still an active gardener.

Each winner received a certificate, and the winners' names were engraved on a plaque that will be displayed in the mayor's office of each city.

Postcard from the Iraq front

Marine keeps eye on snakes, insurgents

Homedale graduate Uria deployed to Anbar-area air base in August

Homedale High School graduate Tristen Uria has more than just insurgents to deal with during her deployment at Iraq's Al Asad Air Base.

The 23-year-old Marine, who is the daughter of Ric and Terri Uria, also has to keep an eye out for the local wildlife — namely scorpions and snakes.

The 2003 Homedale grad has been deployed to Al Asad, which is in the Al Anbar province of western Iraq, since August. Her unit's stateside home base is Miramar Marine Air Corps Station near San Diego.

"I work from midnight until noon, seven days a week," Tristen wrote in an e-mail to her mother.

"When we arrived in Iraq in August, the temperature was 130 degrees. Now, it is only about 100 degrees, and it cools off to 50 degrees at night."

Uria joined the Marines after graduating from Homedale in 2003.

She works on communication and navigational computer systems in the F-18s that are assigned to the Marine All-Weather Fighter Attack Squadron, which is part of the 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing.

Uria's outfit has been characterized as an "eye in the sky" for the ground forces.

"We supply close air support for the Marines on the ground," she said.

"We fly reconnaissance missions with the computer/laser systems I work on, take pictures of the enemy and directly send them to the Marines on the ground so they can take out the bad guys."

"Or if the Marines on the ground run into trouble and need air support, we fly bombing missions and blow up the insurgents."

Uria is stationed at the same air base to which President Bush paid a surprise visit in September, but she didn't get a chance to meet the commander-in-chief.

But there have been plenty of chances to meet — or more appropriately — avoid the local reptiles and arachnids.

Recently, Uria received an e-mail briefing with photos about the dangerous snakes and scorpions that she could expect to come across.

Included in that group were the blunt-nosed viper, the Persian sand viper, the Desert black snake and two types of ominous-sounding scorpions — the Death Stalker, which is the most prevalent scorpion on the air base grounds, and the Black scorpion.

The briefing's warning said that the Death Stalker is the second-deadliest scorpion in the world and its venom is capable of killing a 225-pound man in three hours. The Black scorpion is the world's seventh-most deadly scorpion.

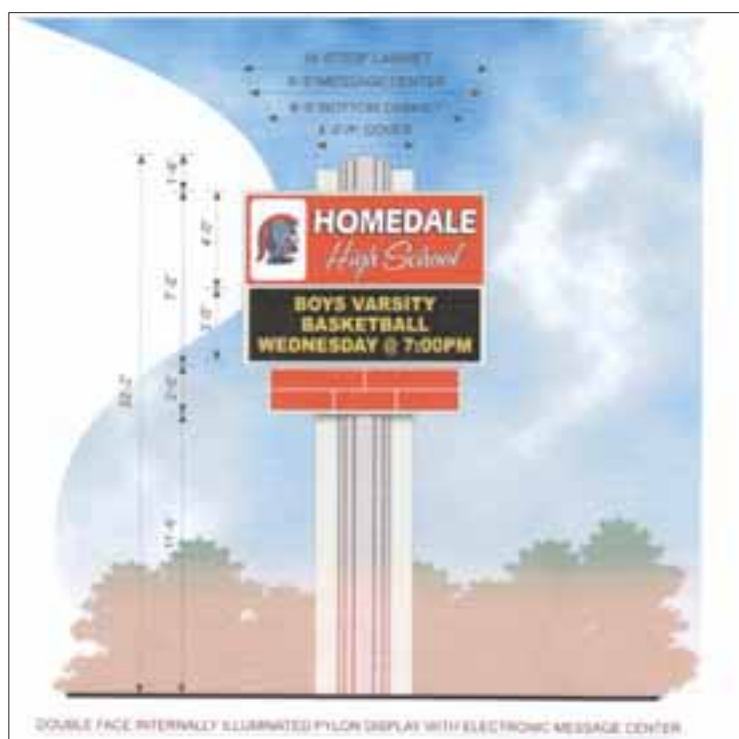


Tristen Uria



HHS grad helps Marines strike from air in Iraq

Above: Tristen Uria, who enlisted in the Marine Corps after graduating from Homedale High School in 2003, flew on a troop transport plane to Al Asad Air Base in Iraq in August. Left: She has seen her share of sun as the high temperatures hit 130 degrees when she first arrived. Submitted photos



Information age about to get brighter at HHS

Thanks to \$25,000 in donations, the Homedale School District is prepared to install a lighted, digital reader board at Homedale High School sometime next month. Submitted rendering



Homedale High could get digital reader board soon

Financed solely through donations, state-of-the-art outdoor display could be in place next month

The goal of placing a state-of-the-art reader board in front of Homedale High School will become a reality next month.

Homedale School District superintendent Tim Rosandick said that the board of trustees was expected to approve the purchase of the sign and selection of the installation contractor during Monday's monthly meeting.

Results from the meeting, which was held at the district office, weren't available at press time.

The sign project, which costs \$25,000, was financed completely through donations, Rosandick said. He added that an updated

reader board had been the dream of school officials as well as the Homedale Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber played a major role in bringing the current reader board to the school.

The new reader board will be a three-line digital board capable of alternating messages. The major sponsors will be part of the permanent structure, which will be two-sided and will be fully integrated into the architecture of the high school.

"What I hope will be noticed is that we're not just going to put a sign on a stick," Rosandick said. "We're going to have the sign complement the architecture of

the high school."

The sign's manufacturer, Daktronics, Inc., of South Dakota, is one of the leading companies dealing in the technology, which is on display at the Marsing High School gymnasium as well as several schools throughout the Treasure Valley.

Superior Signs of Caldwell has been contracted to install the reader board.

Rosandick said it's not clear what will become of the old sign, which has been used to advertise upcoming school events — primarily athletic contests.

The drive to bring an electronic reader board to Homedale began last year at a Chamber meeting, and the effort was helped along through donations and fundraising events such as the International Smorgasbord in February.

Property owners now can pay taxes with plastic

Tax bills to be mailed by week’s end; treasurer says many levy rates reduced

As property tax bills go into the mail this week, Owyhee County has given its property owners another payment option — plastic. Through state agency Access Idaho, the Owyhee County treasurer’s office has made it possible for property owners to use a debit card or credit card when paying their tax bill in person at the office in Murphy or over the phone or by fax. “More and more citizens expect government entities to accept the same forms of payment as retail stores,” county treasurer Brenda Richards said. “Paying by credit or debit card is faster and a more convenient option for many people.” The county will accept Visa, MasterCard, Discover and Ameri-

can Express as well as traditional cash and check payment forms. Richards said that while a 3 percent convenience fee will be charged, the county receives no extra money from credit and debit card transactions. The 3 percent surcharge goes directly to Access Idaho. No tax dollars or county funds have been used to set up the system. Richards said the disclaimer about the surcharge will be posted in the treasurer’s office in Murphy and also will be read with each attempted phone transaction. Richards said that she first began contemplating instituting the system when she was appointed to the treasurer’s position prior to the 2005 election. “We get numerous phone calls

asking if we can take payments over the phone, and I am very excited to be able to say ‘Yes’ to that feature now,” Richards said. Richards said that property tax bills will be mailed out by the end of the week. The first part of the payment or the full payment is due Dec. 20. The second half of the payment is due June 20. Monthly and partial payments are accepted by the treasurer’s office, but Richards said the total amounts due on Dec. 20 and June 20 must be received by those dates to avoid late fees and interest. She said that property taxes are devised by multiplying assessed property values against the levy rate. Questions about assessed value should be directed to the assessor’s office, Richards said. Many property assessments went up when assessment notices were mailed in June. The budgets of each taxing dis-

trict also play a part in property taxes, Richards said. Each taxing district, such as fire, school and library districts, set budgets after public hearings in July and August. Richards said that while property values increased, the levy rate went down in 26 districts or code areas. Slight increases were seen in 17 code areas, but Richards said the rate increase was between .0001 to .0003. Last year, the Idaho Legislature decreased levy rates by eliminating a maintenance and operating tax for school districts. A one-cent sales tax was enacted to make up for the loss for the 3-mil school levy. Richards also explained the four phases of the property tax process: • Property values are set through the assessor’s office, and notices are sent out in June. Property owners have until the third Mon-

day in June to appeal their valuations. • Local taxing districts set their budgets for the next fiscal year. The dates for public budget hearings are published on the back of the assessment notices. • The Board of County Commissioners set levy rates by dividing a taxing district’s budget total by the total assessed value of property in the district. The Idaho State Tax Commission certifies levies in October. • At the treasurer’s office, the levy rates are calculated against the assessed value of property minus any homeowner’s exemption. A solid waste fee is added to establish the total tax bill. Residents who have received a circuit breaker reduction will see the amount credit on their bill, Richards said. — JPB

Shakespeare to visit Homedale thanks to grant

Young thespians and Shakespearian actors will entertain Homedale School District students early next year thanks to a grant recently received by one of the town’s elementary teachers. The \$1,500 Whittenberger Foundation grant will finance a visit from a troupe of actors from the Idaho Shakespeare Festival and the Idaho Theater for Youth (ITFY). Both groups will perform in Homedale in early spring, Homedale Elementary School

second-grade teacher Glenda Eubanks said. Eubanks wrote the application, and she will pick up the grant during an 11:45 a.m. luncheon Nov. 30 at The College of Idaho in Caldwell. “I am excited that we will receive the funding from the Whittenberger Foundation,” Eubanks said. According to the foundation’s mission statement, Whittenberger grants are dedicated to “innovative

and enriching projects which significantly improve the quality of life for children and young people.” Eubanks said actors from the Shakespeare Festival have visited Homedale each of the past three years. Next year’s performance by the Idaho Theater for Youth will be the first by that company. “There are so few of our students in Homedale who have or will have the opportunity to attend professional theater performances

in Boise or elsewhere,” Eubanks said. “It is my hope that they will be entertained and share the transition and understanding between literature and life events. “This is a great opportunity for sharing the fine arts.” Eubanks said she originally invited the Shakespearian actors to visit the high school and middle school three years ago, but the Idaho Theater for Youth never has performed in Homedale.

“I believe a couple of elementary classes have been able to attend ITFY in Boise in the past as field trips, but that does not involve many students,” Eubanks said. Eubanks doesn’t have an exact date for the performances yet, but she said the Shakespeare troupe will perform an adaptation of “Hamlet” for the middle school and high school students. The youth theater will present “Tomas and the Library Lady.” — JPB

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√ Summit: Aman meets with Kempthorne, others on issues in the West

The purpose of the meetings is to work on inter-agency cooperation, make networking contacts, and discuss common issues and possible solutions to those issues. Aman was the sole Idaho representative at the meeting. According to Aman, the summit has been held annually for five years, with the Idaho representative selected from among members of the Western States Sheriff’s Association. This was Aman’s first trip to the summit. At the conference, Aman met with senior officials from the Department of the Interior, including the Secretary of the Interior, for-

mer Idaho Gov. Dirk Kempthorne, as well as BLM Office of Law Enforcement and Security director William Woody and deputy director Keith Aller, and W. Patrick Ragsdale, director of the Bureau of Indian Affairs. Aman spoke to officials about The Owyhee Initiative and how the Owyhee County Sheriff’s Office and other agencies could best work together with regard to public safety issues on public lands in Owyhee County, and he received positive feedback about the performance of the sheriff’s office. “The Owyhee County Sheriff’s Office seems to be highly thought

of in the high ranks of the BLM,” Aman said. Kempthorne, Woody, and Aller all have Idaho ties, which Aman said likely gives them some beneficial familiarity with issues facing Owyhee County. The BLM put together presentations and round table discussions for the assembled sheriffs geared toward fostering and enhancing cooperation and coordination of the agencies whose jurisdictions cover public lands. The presentations covered recreation, fire, and crime prevention programs. “It was a chance to get together

and discuss issues, what we can do, and what the BLM can do to help us,” Aman said. Some examples of public lands management/law enforcement scenarios discussed at the meetings include the Burning Man festival in Nevada and Imperial Sand Dunes Recreation Area in California. The Burning Man festival is an annual one-week event in the Nevada desert that this year drew more than 45,000 people to the temporary city of Black Rock City. Imperial Sand Dunes Recreation Area is a huge formation of sand dunes in Southern California that attracts 20,000 to 30,000 visi-

tors on an average weekend. The BLM shared with the sheriffs issues faced and insights gained through dealing with those and other situations throughout the West. Aman said he has been lobbying the county commissioners to pass some kind of gathering or festival ordinance for the past 10 years. The BLM’s Hemingway Butte off-highway vehicle play area and other public land recreation and scenic areas draw many visitors to the county, and that is also a concern to Aman. “It’s a huge issue for us, and it’s going to get bigger,” Aman said. Aman said that the meetings provided several ideas that can be implemented in the county, and that he hopes he can go to the summit again. “I think nothing can happen tomorrow, but it has given us some ideas on how to work with the BLM,” Aman said. “We got a lot done. It was probably the best meeting that I have ever been to.” — RTH

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P&Z board kept busy with conditional use bids

Farm sues to keep dumping dairy waste; nuclear power plant planners seek wind tower

The Owyhee County Planning and Zoning Commission has faced some legal questions recently regarding conditional use permit (CUP) applications.

The latest wrangling has come with Falcon Butte Farms, which had a CUP extension request denied by the commissioners on Sept. 19. The operation wants to continue dumping dairy processing waste on its land off Murphy Flat Road.

The county Board of Commissioners issued a temporary stay on the P&Z decision at its Oct. 1 meeting. The commissioners' action allowed Falcon Butte to continue dumping, but that stay expired Oct. 15.

Falcon Butte and the county were in district court in Murphy last week as a judge heard the farm's request to continue dumping the waste until the appeal process is exhausted. Results of the injunction hearing weren't available at press time.

The county commissioners are scheduled to hear Falcon Butte's appeal during a 1:30 p.m. hearing at their Nov. 26 meeting.

County Planning and Zoning Administrator Mary Huff said Falcon Butte claims the county denied the farm due

process in the CUP application process. The farm's original permit to haul waste from Sorrento Lactalis' Nampa cheese factory to the Owyhee County location expired on Sept. 25.

Huff said Falcon Butte didn't file for a CUP extension until Aug. 7, which given the weekly publication of the official newspaper for the county — The Owyhee Avalanche — made for a tight window to schedule a public hearing before the expiration of the permit, according to Huff.

"We held the meeting as quickly as we could," she said.

Huff also said that a conference call was held on Sept. 13 to discuss the case, with no final decision being reached.

"The road was a concern from the opponents," Huff said. "The applicant's response was that the road was bad to begin with.

"The opponents also complained of odor, flies, spilled waste on the roads from the trucks hauling the loads, poor application methods, over-application and concern for their well water."

Huff said Falcon Butte also is asserting that there will be financial harm for its operation as well as the Nampa cheese factory if the permit is denied. According to Huff, Falcon Butte claims there is no other place to legally dump the waste.

IEC anemometer permit

Representatives for the proposed 1,600-megawatt nuclear power plant near Grand View have reapplied for a conditional use permit to erect a meteorological tower on the site.

If the CUP is granted, the tower would be used to gather information for Idaho Energy Complex's licensing application with the federal Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

The permit application faces a Dec. 5 public hearing before the P&Z commission.

Huff said IEC representative Jay Clark, a Mountain Home attorney whose family works the land where the nuclear plant will be built, resubmitted the group's application after there was a question whether the P&Z commission would approve the original request.

Originally, IEC officials wanted to build an anemometer, which measures wind speed, and asserted that they would include a telecommunications tower to improve

cellular phone service to the area.

But, Huff said, several questions arose about the original application.

"The commission couldn't see how they could approve it," Huff said. "There was confusion about legal liability because of what the permit application was filed under."

Huff said the permit application made it unclear which party would be responsible for the tower — IEC, Alternate Energy Holdings, Inc., CEO Don Gillispie or landowner James Hilliard.

Bruneau Quick Response Unit member Sherry Colyer questioned the legitimacy of the cell service claim during the public comment period, Huff said. Colyer said Bruneau QRU had been trying unsuccessfully for years to bring better cell service to the area.

It was later learned that IEC had yet to sign a contract to bring cell service to the area, Huff said.

She also said the IEC didn't wait for a rejection of the first application before resubmitting an amended request.

"Even before the written decision, there was a re-application for the permit with Hilliard taking responsibility," Huff said.

— JPB

Birthday

Shirley Floyd to celebrate 80th birthday in Marsing

The family of Shirley J. (Dennis) Floyd invites you to join with her for a celebration of her 80th birthday.

Come join us on Friday, Nov. 23, 2007, from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community

Center, 126 N. 2nd St.

There will be a program and tribute at about 3 p.m. The family asks folks to come and share memories, but they request no gifts please.

For more information, call Peggy at 724-2716.

Anniversary

Jayos set to celebrate 50 years of marriage

Ted and Vera Lea Jayo will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with an open house hosted by their children and grandchildren in Grand View on Saturday, Nov. 24, 2007.

The open house will be held at the Rimrock Senior Center from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. in Grand View.

Ted Jayo spent his childhood growing up in Oreana, the seventh child of immigrants from the Basque Country. Beginning in the ninth grade, he lived in Filer with his oldest sister and her husband and attended Filer High School, where he graduated. After Ted's discharge from the U.S. Marine Corps, he returned to Oreana. There he attended a dance where a local high school girl caught his eye. Vera Lea Shaw began spending time with Ted.

Vera Lea grew up on a farm in Grand View and graduated from Grand View High School. She



Vera Lea and Ted Jayo, 1957



Ted and Vera Lea Jayo, today

then moved to Boise to attend business school. By now, Ted and Vera Lea were making plans for their future.

They were married in St. Henry's Catholic Church, Grand View, on Dec. 21, 1957.

Their first home was in Boise, and they later settled in Marsing for 13 years and returning to Grand View in 1973. Ted worked on the family farm and retired after several

years at Triangle Dairy. Vera Lea was employed by the Bruneau-Grand View School District for 28 years, retiring in 2001.

The couple's four children: Jeff and Karrie Jayo, Hagerman; Jeff and Jana (Jayo) Cole, Gooding; Dale and Julie (Jayo) Koger, Halfway, Ore.; John and Jenny Jayo, Davis Creek, Calif.; along with their grandchildren are hosting the open house.

Archaeologist to talk at OCHS meeting

The next general meeting for the Owyhee County Historical Society is scheduled for Friday in Murphy.

Anthropologist and archaeologist Sheila Turner will be guest speaker for the meeting, which is scheduled 7 p.m. at the Owyhee County Historical Museum.

Turner, who helped excavate the 1869 Nevada mining town of Shermantowne, will speak on "The Cutting Edge of Archaeology."

Information about Idaho Indians, their tools and lives on the Snake River Plain will be included in the talk.

The OCHS also is preparing for its annual Christmas Bazaar and Charlie Brown Christmas Tree sale on Dec. 7-8 in Murphy.

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HMS student prepares for summer trip to D.C.

A Homedale Middle School student is preparing to head to the nation's capital this summer.

Seventh-grader Mariza Fernandez will join a select group of students representing their schools, communities and country at the People to People Leadership Summit in Washington, D.C., in July.

Former HMS teacher Barbie Vander Boegh nominated Fernandez for the program.

Fernandez, who will turn 13 in January, is the daughter of Alicia Serrano.

The leadership summit will be held at George Washington University and American University from July 7 to July 16.

Fernandez has raised \$1,000

for the trip through yard sales and a raffle.

She also has applied for a scholarship to help with expenses, and she'll know in March if she has won.

The summit is one of 10 People to People summits planned for the summer throughout the United States.

Fernandez said she wants to attend Harvard University after high school.

The People to People Ambassador Program was founded in 1956 to fulfill the vision of President Dwight D. Eisenhower to foster world citizenship.

President George W. Bush is the current honorary chairman for People to People International.



Mariza Fernandez

Great Basin Buckaroos 4-H

Time is running out to join the Great Basin Buckaroos 4-H club's second year.

The enrollment deadline is Thursday to join a group that focuses on learning the working ranch lifestyle and saving the Western heritage.

To enroll, call the University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension office at (208) 896-4104 or group leaders Bruce and Terry Reuck at (541) 339-3019.

The Great Basin Buckaroos is a pilot project of the Idaho Youth Horse Council, District II working ranch horse project. Each group works at their own pace through four check-off levels. The disciplines practiced include roping, cow work, reining, learning ranch equipment, terms, tying knots and restraints.

Other optional western skills available through the group include cowboy poetry, Dutch oven cooking, leatherwork, rawhide and horsehair braiding,

and rangeland stewardship.

Previous meetings have featured Leanne Givens Colwell showing how her family makes horsehair ropes and mecates. Millie Porter recently shared cowboy poetry about her family while members braided horsehair.

A goal of the group is to create a cowboy poetry cookbook with favorite Dutch oven recipes and original cowboy poetry created by group members.

The group plans to attend the Cowboy Christmas Boutique in Bruneau on Sunday. Each member will bring materials to begin a set of reins.

Members are practicing braiding before they meet with a rawhide braider in December to work on rawhide buttons.

Group leaders said they encourage and appreciate support from local ranchers, rawhide braiders, leather craftsmen and other individuals interested in preserving the western heritage.

Homedale library presents Saturday puppet show

The Homedale Public Library is presenting a puppet show at 10 a.m. Saturday.

"Iktomi and the Kettles" is a retelling of a Lakota legend about Iktomi and Coyote. Coyote is a common character in Native American stories. He is a trickster who often gets himself into trouble. Iktomi is a spider, another mischief-maker. Iktomi is also a shape-shifter, who can assume the appearance of a human, animal, or even a plant, but most often appears as a spider. These characters are used in Native

American stories to teach lessons about how to behave better.

In this story, Iktomi appears as a man, and Coyote wants some of the ducks Iktomi plans to eat for supper. Iktomi doesn't want to be polite and share. Coyote tries to trick Iktomi into sharing, while Iktomi tries to trick Coyote into going away.

Children of all ages are invited to attend the show, and watch what tricks two tricksters try, to slyly trick each other.

For more information, contact the Homedale library at 337-4228.

Chamber news Homedale sets Christmas parade planning in motion

The Homedale Chamber of Commerce began hammering out details for its annual Christmas parade during Thursday's monthly luncheon.

The parade will begin at 10:30 a.m. on Dec. 8. Businesses are encouraged to enter floats, and there was talk that other groups also would have parade entries, including the Homedale schools band and the Homedale Fire Department.

"It's a good way to advertise and give back to the community," Chamber vice president and treasurer Brad Dines said of the parade.

Local businesses again will have boxes for folks to enter drawings for turkeys and gift baskets. The entry stubs will be printed in a special section of the Dec. 5 edition of The Owyhee Avalanche.

Parade entries can be obtained by calling Chamber secretary Robin Aberasturi at Alliance Title, 337-5585.

Business owners must have their gift baskets, which can be chock full of merchandise specific to their stores, turned in to the Chamber by Dec. 7.

The drawings and a visit by Santa Claus will be held on Main Street immediately after the parade. This is a change from years past when there was a long wait between the end of the parade

and the start of the drawing. Many spectators, unwilling to brave the cold temperatures, went home after the parade and didn't stick around for the giveaways.

Parade volunteers are being sought. A special planning meeting for the parade will be held in the near future.

Chamber member Greg Evans of Idaho Power Co., won the monthly membership drawing and donated the \$10 prize back to the parade organization effort.

Dines, who conducted the business meeting Thursday in place of president Gavin Parker, said that the Chamber's marketing committee had decided to hire Hometown Marketing, a Caldwell-based firm, to produce a promotional map of the City of Homedale.

Aberasturi told business leaders that the project will cost the Chamber no out-of-pocket funds. Hometown Marketing's founder, Joe Rowley, sells ad space on the map to finance its production.

Aberasturi said ads would cost anywhere from \$50 to \$600 each, depending on the size, and that Chamber-member businesses would have first chance to buy ads before Rowley opened the bidding to other town businesses.

Hometown Marketing would provide 5,000 maps for distribution at Homedale's city offices, businesses and real estate

offices, Aberasturi said. The maps will be published by Jan. 31.

The Chamber continues to work on a business directory, too.

Aberasturi also gave an update on the Chamber's joint effort with the city government to re-ignite a Web site for the city. She said the former site's domain name, Homedale.org, had been taken. She also stressed attendance at marketing committee meetings to give input on the project.

Evans told of a new Idaho Power energy conservation program through which commercial customers can have a device called a Vending Miser installed on their cold drink vending machines for free.

Using infrared technology, the Vending Miser diminishes the electricity flowing to the machines when it senses offices are closed, but still keeps the drinks refrigerated. Evans said the device could save businesses up to \$80 a year in energy costs.

He also spoke about other energy conservation programs available to businesses, including one that gives incentives for converting to efficient lighting and away from fluorescent bulbs. He said that program not only saves energy on lighting costs, but also on cooling costs because the newer lights produce less heat than fluorescents.

— JPB

Nampa Chamber boss to visit Marsing counterparts tonight

The Marsing Chamber of Commerce will next meet at 7 tonight at Essence of Life. Georgia Bowman-Gunstream, president and CEO of the Nampa Chamber, will talk about how to improve the Marsing Chamber and its effectiveness in the community. The public is welcome, and refreshments will be served after the meeting.

The Marsing Chamber voted not to sponsor a Christmas parade this year, and has replaced the parade with a community

Christmas project called "A Day at the North Pole." Details are still being worked out, but the event is scheduled to take place from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Dec. 1 at the Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center. Santa Claus will be on hand for photos.

The Chamber is seeking ways to involve local businesses in the event, and invites those with ideas to share them with the Chamber at tonight's meeting.

The Chamber also is getting

ready to participate in the second annual "County Hug Day" on Nov. 28. Participating merchants will offer store specials to customers who donate non-perishable food items, toiletries, or personal care items at their stores that day. This year's proceeds will support the El-Ada Community Action Partnership in Homedale.

For more information, contact Cathy Streibel at 896-7001. Merchants wishing to participate in County Hug Day must contact Streibel by Friday.

Holiday bazaar planned Saturday in Adrian

A holiday bazaar will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday at the Adrian Schools cafeteria.

A wide variety of items will be available, including crafts, arts, photography, hand thrown pottery, Avon, home interiors and

others. Cinnamon rolls and dinner rolls also can be pre-ordered by calling (541) 372-2337 between 6:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. or by calling Julie Morton at (541) 372-2860 or Jan Sillonis at (541) 723-5030.

Vendors can secure a table by calling one of those numbers, too.

The middle school cheerleaders and middle school and high school bands will serve a taco dinner Saturday.

Follow county news in the Owyhee Avalanche

Broken pump closes Rimrock

Students from Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School were kept home for the day Thursday because the campus midway between Grand View and Bruneau was without water.

Bruneau-Grand View School District clerk Cathy Sellman said the main water pump for the school was broken, and water wasn't being pumped from the school's well. The problem was discovered at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, and officials closed the school until repairs could be made.

A crew from Hiddleston Drilling and Pump Co., from Mountain Home, pulled the pump out of the water system Thursday morning and had the issue resolved by the afternoon, Sellman said.

Students returned to class Friday morning.

Money from a bond worth nearly \$5 million has been earmarked to bring the high school's water system into compliance with federal Environmental Protection Agency arsenic level guidelines. Voters passed the bond, which will finance various repairs and upgrades at the district's three campuses, in August.

A total of \$3.5 million from the bond will be dedicated to Rimrock. Only a portion of that will be used for the arsenic removal project.

Bruneau Cowboy Christmas set Sunday

Organizers are making plans for the seventh annual Bruneau Cowboy Christmas Gift Boutique.

The event, sponsored by Miller's Etched OutWest, will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday at the Bruneau American Legion Post 83 hall. Admission is free.

The event features local artists offering handmade, one-of-a-kind western home décor, cowboy gear and tack, furniture, metal work, quilts, western books, crafts, art and hand-crafted silver jewelry.

Artisans from Idaho, Nevada, Oregon, Montana and California will present plenty of early Christmas shopping opportunities.

The day will begin at 8:20 a.m. with Cowboy Church. Vendors will begin selling at 9 a.m., and Santa Claus will be on hand throughout the day to visit with children.

Ten years later, Bruneau celebrates its 'perfect' water

State, federal reps help inaugurate filtration system

A decade after their water system was condemned by the state, Bruneau residents can use their taps with confidence.

State, federal and local representatives turned out Wednesday for the ribbon cutting at the water filtration system for the community. The new system has been online since July, according to Bruneau Water and Sewer District board president Pat Welsh.

"I love a success story," Welsh said. "It was a pretty great feeling. It's been a long time coming."

The project, priced at \$1.2 million according to a press release, was accomplished in three phases in the past six years. The system was originally condemned in 1997 by the state Department of Environmental Quality because of excessive fluoride levels. New federal regulations lowering acceptable arsenic levels also became a concern in 2001 — about the time the district applied to the U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development for assistance to build a reverse osmosis water treatment plant, new storage tank and new water meters for the nearly 90 water users.

Welsh said the water users had been drinking bottled water for the past 10 years, at an average cost of about \$100 per month, per user. Now that the system is in place, water users will see their monthly basic bill increase from \$19 to \$27 beginning next month. Users are charged \$1.90 for every 1,000 gallons of water consumed.

USDA Rural Development specialist Dave Flesher said the filtration system includes the reverse osmosis filter for the fluoride, a green sand filter to knock down the arsenic level, and a bag filter.

"The bag filter basically is there to protect the reverse osmosis filters, which are a lot more expensive," Flesher said.

Welsh unveiled the water system by cutting a ribbon while surrounded by sixth-graders from Bruneau Elementary School. She was joined in the ceremony by Ryan White, a representative



Bruneau unveils new water system

Top: Showing off the check from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Rural Development were, front row, from left: USDA Rural Development representative Dave Flesher, Ryan White of Sen. Mike Crapo's office, Bruneau Water and Sewer District president Pat Welsh, and Sage Community Resources representative Pat Engel. Back row, from left: District board member Paul Turvey, J-U-B Engineers representative Rich Wiebe, Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter representative Clete Edmunson, district board members Bill Sullivan and Stacey Buckingham, former Owyhee County District 3 Commissioner Dick Reynolds and USDA Rural Development state director Mike Field.

Below: The storage tank and building to house the reverse osmosis filtration system were part of a three-phase project to bring Bruneau's water back from condemnation.

Submitted photos



from Sen. Mike Crapo's office, and Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter representative Clete Edmunson.

"We don't just have good water, we have perfect water," Welsh said after the ceremony.

Welsh and board members including Stacy Buckingham, Walt Calderwood, Paul Turvey and vice president Bill Sullivan also accepted a check from USDA Rural Development state director Mike Field. Also on hand were Rich Wiebe, the lead engineer from project engineering firm J-U-B Engineers, and Pat Engel

from Sage Community Resources. Field grew up in nearby Grand View.

USDA Rural Development

provided more than \$1 million in grants and a \$145,000 loan. The water and sewer district also received a \$500,000 Community Development Block Grant and \$15,000 cash from the district's savings account.

"I think probably (getting) the funding was the most nerve-racking," Welsh said. "Dave Flesher really worked hard for us. He found money in places everybody had overlooked."

"He's the one who really got us through this."

The project has created a Class 2 water treatment plant. The Bruneau district doesn't have personnel qualified to run such a sophisticated system, so Glenns Ferry public works superintendent Jeff Cook will monitor the system until someone can be trained.

Through an agreement with Glenns Ferry, Cook will visit Bruneau on a weekly basis. He also can keep track of the system through his laptop computer any time he wants. Welsh said he also will be paged if an alarm trips in the Bruneau system. The Bruneau district will pay Cook an hourly wage as well as mileage.

Welsh said that board member Buckingham will begin training to earn certification to run a Class 2 system. After a lengthy apprenticeship and five years of classes, Welsh said Buckingham will be ready to take over from Cook.

The significant upgrades were made on a system that originally went online in 1975. Flesher said the original distribution system still is in good shape. New lines were run from the old well in town up to the new treatment plant, he said.

He added that the district may have money left over to upgrade the meters so they can be read electronically by swiping a wand over the lid.

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Fatal wrecks near Jordan inspire billboard

Property, labor donated in effort to slow motorists on U.S. 95

Traffic safety partners in Malheur County hope that a billboard placed on U.S. Highway 95 north of McDermitt near the Oregon-Nevada border will be a reminder to travelers using this rural southeast Oregon route and reduce serious injury and fatal crashes.

A photograph taken at the scene of a fatal crash in 2005 near Jordan Valley illustrates the billboard’s message. The stretch of road has been the scene of two deadly accidents since February, including one in the vicinity of the billboard.

Working in cooperation with Meadow Signs and a local property owner who agreed to place the safety billboard on her property, the Malheur Traffic Safety Commission developed the billboard with a fatal crash scene photograph accompanied by the message “Don’t End Up Like This. Slow Down & Live.” The double-sided billboard is visible to both northbound and southbound traffic on U.S. 95.

“Our hope is to get drivers’ attention and reduce the horrible crashes on this remote stretch of highway where emergency response will take a lot of time before it arrives,” Oregon State Police Lieutenant Richard Pileggi said. “Speed, fatigue, and inattention are just a few of the main factors related to crashes on the over 120 miles of Highway 95 that lies in Oregon.”

The fatal crash scene photograph used on the billboard is from

a single-vehicle accident that happened July 16, 2005 in which a 14-year old Nevada girl died after she was ejected from the car she was riding in when it crashed on U.S. 95 southwest of Jordan Valley. The occupants reportedly were traveling from Nevada to Boise. The car, driven by the girl’s 17-year-old sister, rolled near milepost 69 after the driver lost control. The 17-year-old and a 15-month-old child were seriously injured.

Earlier this year two fatal crashes happened on this stretch of highway, one of which was just north of where the safety billboard has been erected:

- On May 25, four members of a Nampa family died when their vehicle collided head-on with a commercial truck on U.S. 95 about 15 miles north of the Oregon-Nevada border. Both vehicles caught fire and were destroyed.
- On Feb. 26, Oregon State Police and Malheur County Sheriff’s Office jointly investigated a fatal crash on U.S. 95 about six miles south of Jordan Valley that resulted in the death of a 5-year-old girl. The pickup she was a passenger in had a total of seven occupants, three of whom were seriously injured.

Meadows Signs and its representative, John Lehman, donated the work, production design and costs of the safety billboard. Rosemary Warn owns the property on which the sign stands.



Oregon officials hope to prevent deaths

Five people have died on the stretch of U.S. Highway 95 between Jordan Valley and the Nevada border in less than six months. The Malheur County Traffic Safety Commission and Oregon State Police have commissioned a billboard along the side of the highway to convince motorists to slow down. Photos by OSP and Malheur County Traffic Safety Commission

Rimrock FFA news

by Jackie Thurman, chapter reporter

A group of Rimrock FFA chapter members was one of 46 teams to participate in the 2007 National FFA Agricultural Mechanics Career Development Event on Oct. 24-27 at the 80th annual national FFA convention in Indianapolis.

Team members included Chris Hipwell, Jay Long, Cole Merrick and Connor Merrick. Leigh Martin was one of the original team members that qualified at State, but he was unable to attend the national competition because he has earned a full-ride scholarship to the Merchant Marines Academy.

The team placed fifth in the nation. Connor Merrick placed ninth individual, first in Power Systems, and received a \$500 scholarship. Cole Merrick placed 17th individ-

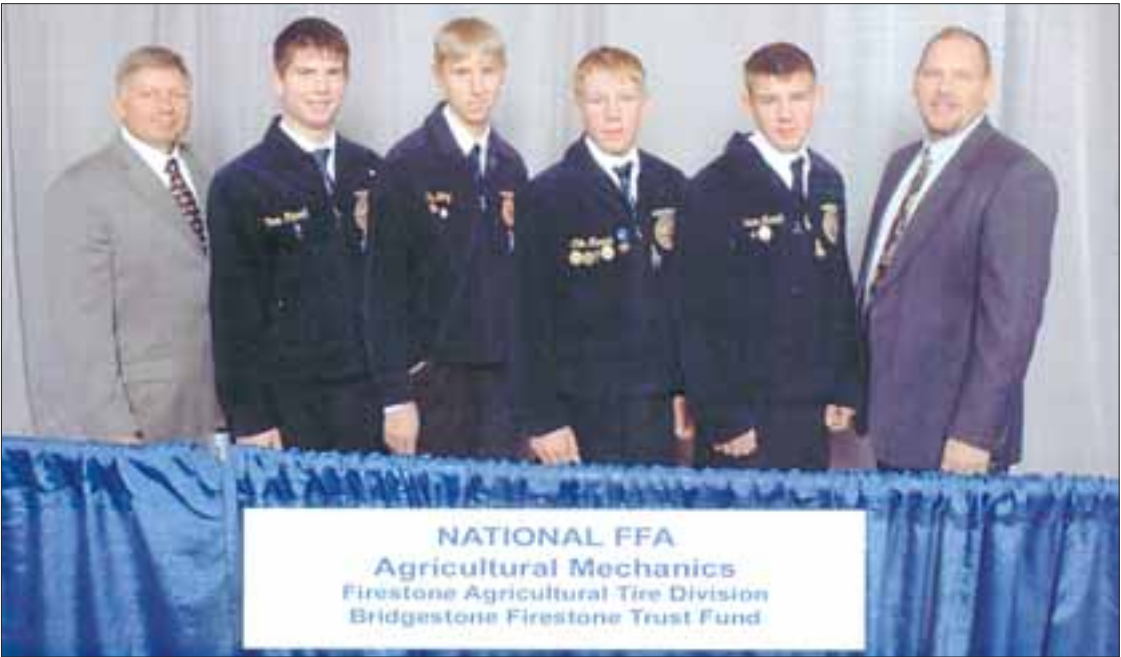
ual. Both Connor and Cole Merrick received the Gold Award, Jay Long received the Silver Award, and Chris Hipwell received the Bronze Award. The team won a welder and a welding cart.

During the event, the four-member team took a written test and demonstrated their skills through hands-on activities.

The participants were tested on agricultural machinery and equipment, industry and marketing, environmental and natural resources, and structures and energy.

The team was led by Agricultural teacher and FFA advisor Alan Schoen, and members met with event sponsor representative Michael Bogunia, the director of sales of the Firestone Agricultural Tire Division.

We are so proud of our boys. Great job, Ag Mechanics team.



Rimrock Ag Mechanics team places fifth

The Rimrock FFA Agricultural Mechanics team finished fifth at the national competition last month in Indianapolis. From left: Michael Bogunia, director of sales of Firestone’s Agricultural Tire Division, chapter members Chris Hipwell, Jay Long, Cole Merrick and Connor Merrick, and chapter adviser Alan Schoen. Submitted photo

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 - 1/2 cup diced fresh tomatoes
 - 1/2 cup diced red peppers
 - 8 slices Italian garlic bread, toasted

In a small bowl mix tuna, artichokes, red peppers and tomatoes with marinade from the artichokes. Spread cream cheese evenly on the slices of bread. Top evenly with the tuna mixture.

Recipe compliments of StarKist®

- Lunar Tuna Scramble**
Start your day the right way with a delicious and nutritious breakfast.
Serves: 4
- 6 ounces (canned in water or pouched) chunk light or chunk white tuna
 - 1 medium tomato
 - 3 tablespoons milk
 - 6 eggs
 - Nonstick vegetable cooking spray
 - 2 slices (about 2 ounces) Swiss cheese

Preheat broiler. Drain canned tuna until all liquid is removed. Place tuna in a bowl; flake into small pieces with a fork. Cut tomato into quarters; scrape with a small spoon to remove seeds and soft pulp. Chop into 1/2-inch pieces. Whisk milk into eggs in a medium bowl. Stir in flaked tuna and chopped tomato. Spray a 9-inch microwave-safe pie plate or shallow casserole with nonstick cooking spray. Pour in egg mixture; cover with plastic or lid, microwave on high for 90 seconds. Carefully remove plastic, stir the egg mixture with a fork. Re-cover, continue to microwave on high for 3 to 3 1/2 minutes longer, stirring after each minute, until eggs are no longer runny and just barely firm. Arrange cheese slices over eggs. Place 4 to 5 inches beneath broiler for 30 to 40 seconds, or until cheese is melted.

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