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SEVENTY-FIVE CENTS

Otter to set up shop in Homedale

Governor to proclaim
town ‘Capital for
a Day’ on Sept. 29

A mutual friend facilitated making
Homedale the state capital for a day.

Pat Reilly Jr., the man who engineered
Mayor Harold Wilson’s successful po-
litical campaign and a friend of Gov. C.L.
“Butch” Otter, is being credited with land-

ing the governor’s citizen outreach program
known as “Capital for a Day.”

“My campaign manager and I discussed
these things when I was running, and he’s
been working on it ever since,” Wilson
said.

Otter and several high-ranking state
officials will spend Monday, Sept. 29, in
Owyhee County’s largest city listening and
learning about the concerns of residents and

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Environmental accident averted

US Ecology cleanup crews secure the scene before draining a tank of its caustic chemical Monday.

Hazmat mishap closes 78

A Quality Carriers tractor-trailer, loaded thousands
of gallons of caustic sodium hydro-sulfide, lost its
2,000-gallon pup trailer in an accident that closed
Idaho highway 78 just north of Grand View for the
better part of Monday.

Personnel from Grand View Fire Department and
Grand View Ambulance, nearby US Ecology and the
Owyhee County Sheriff’s Office converged on the
scene at milepost 55 on Idaho 78, four miles outside
of Grand View. They soon were joined by a hazmat
regional response team from Caldwell, Idaho State
Police, wreckers from Boise and fire trucks from as
far away as Nevada.

What could have been a serious chemical disaster
was nothing more than a complex cleanup. The
pup trailer, despite rolling at least 1½ times and
suffering extreme deformation, did not rupture. This
was especially fortunate as the trailer came to rest
directly atop an irrigation ditch, which was in use at
the time of the accident at about 6:40 a.m. The only
leakage was a very small drip from the pup trailer’s
top venting valve, and the sodium hydro-sulfide
(familiar to most as the active ingredient in the drain

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— More photos from the scene, page 15A

Official: Faulks’ inaction costs county \$20,000

With pair facing trial on cruelty
charges, deputy says PA’s oversight
leads to unnecessary boarding fees

A couple with a long history of
animal neglect faces a trial after
an expensive delay that, according
to one official, cost cash-strapped
Owyhee County tens of thousands
of dollars because prosecuting
attorney Matthew Faulks failed

to take advantage of a statute that
would have helped the county
avoid animal feed and boarding
costs.

A new trial date of Oct. 31 has

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Group wants sheriff to continue service

Citizens try to
convince Aman
to run as write-in

If a band of residents have
their way, there will be a race for
Owyhee County sheriff this fall
after all.

Several people have been seen
toting clipboards at public gather-
ings, seeking support for an in-
dependent campaign to convince
Sheriff Gary Aman to enter the
Nov. 4 general election as a write-
in candidate.

Chad Nettleton, a partner in

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County deals with new fiscal reality

Despite cuts, major road projects still on track

Bridge rehab, transportation plan eligible for grant funding

While county-funded roadwork could be at a minimum in the coming year, there are at least two major projects in Owyhee County that will go forward with the help of outside money.

Earlier this month, the Owyhee County Board of Commissioners heard an update on the plan to replace the bridge that carries Flint Creek Road over Jordan Creek.

The Jordan Creek Bridge project has an estimated construction cost of \$503,000 (plus \$103,000 for design work). Commission chair Jerry Hoagland said the Local Highway Technical Assistance Council would fund the work.

The Civil Science engineering firm submitted a concept report outlining three options available for Jordan Creek Bridge construction. Among the options:

- Keep the current bridge location and perform a complete replacement of the span, which commission chair Jerry Hoagland said has been in place since the mid-1960s.
- Leaving the bridge in its cur-

rent location without replacement, which Hoagland said isn't an option because the bridge has failed inspection by the Idaho Transportation Department.

- Spend an estimated \$25,000 to buy adjoining private land for right-of-way that would allow straightening of the roadway and relocation of the bridge.

Civil Science's report recommended the more costly roadway-straightening option, but the commissioners had other ideas, "especially with the financial restraints we're facing now," District 3 Commissioner Dick Freund said.

Rather than buying adjacent land, Freund suggested lowering the speed limit on that section of Flint Creek Road from its current 35 mph. Sheriff Gary Aman made a simple cost comparison — spend \$25,000 on the property or \$30 on a speed limit sign.

"Most of the roads are 35 mph, and we would reduce (the speed limit) to 25 mph," Hoagland said. "It's a little hard to drive 35 through there because of the

curves down there."

Civil Science also suggested lengthening the bridge to accommodate ITD's "50-year" storm guidelines.

Hoagland said there is a long process yet to come on the bridge project, including public hearings and the letting of the bids. Construction probably would be carried out in July or August of 2010, when Jordan Creek waters are at their lowest point, Hoagland said. The grant money from LHTAC won't be available until the 2010 fiscal year.

LHTAC has estimated a cost of \$527,000 for the work on the Reynolds Creek Bridge over which Upper Reynolds Creek Road passes. That price includes \$177,000 for engineering.

LHTAC representative Jerry Flatz cautioned that the projected replacement costs could change, though, because the figures reflect estimations from years-old applications submitted by the county.

"I suspect the actual costs for construction will be much more than what we now have programmed," Flatz wrote in an e-mail. "Many of our bridge projects cost more these days primarily due to escalating material costs."

He said that LHTAC makes every effort to find federal funding to cover the gaps in estimates and actual costs.

Flatz said that the county must

match 7.34 percent of the total cost — about \$90,000 — and a cash match is preferred over in-kind funding.

Flatz said both projects are in the preliminary design phases.

A Boise-based organization, LHTAC was created to assist cities, counties and highway districts maintain the state's local highway system.

There are other plans in the works regarding road rehabilitation, Hoagland said.

The county recently adopted a list of uniform public works standards required for agencies that take advantage of LHTAC funding. The Idaho Standards for Public Works, adopted by the commissioners at their Aug. 25 meeting, is part of a highway standards manual that creates design criteria for roads, culverts, bridges and other road projects.

Hoagland said the uniform standards will be applied beyond the vetting process for contractors bidding future road work.

"It helps Planning and Zoning in the permitting process, too, because they can make those (standards) a condition of the development when someone submits an application," he said.

Additionally, the county has applied for a Local Rural Highway Investment Program (LRHIP) grant through LHTAC to fund the creation of a county transpor-

tation plan.

Hoagland said having such a plan in place will give the county and its various road districts leverage in the competitive grant-awarding process.

"When you get the plan done, then that gives you points when you apply for other projects in LHTAC," Hoagland said.

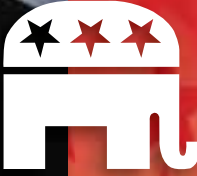
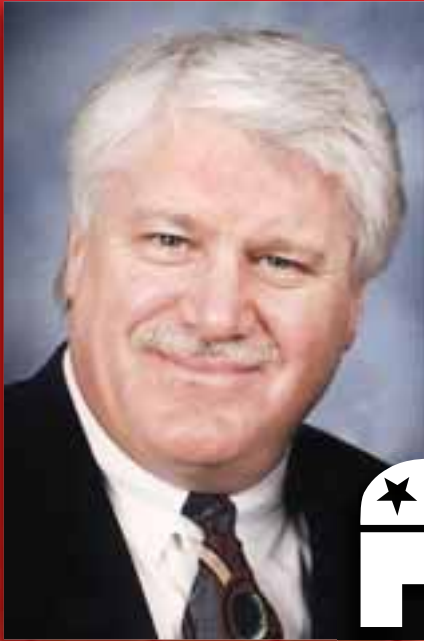
According to the county's application for a \$50,000 grant, the study will be formulated over an 11-month period from October 2008 to September 2009. The total cost of the plan is estimated at \$130,000, and the county and participating road districts will kick in \$10,000, each according to the grant application. Contributors or benefactors listed on the grant application include the county, Gem and Homedale highway districts and the City of Grand View. LHTAC asset manager Jim Zier said Gem Highway District also has applied for a \$50,000 grant for the same transportation plan.

The transportation plan will project out 20 years and prioritize which roads in the county need the most work now and in the future, Hoagland said. He added that LHTAC is putting a priority on severe cases of road rehabilitation right now. The plan covers 780 miles of roadway in the participating jurisdictions.

— JPB


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Pleasant Valley Road work marches on

The reduction in workforce related to the county's fiscal year 2009 budget will be felt most keenly in the two road and bridge districts directly administered by the board of commissioners.

Two full-time positions have been cut from Road District 1, and another full-time job has been eliminated in Road District 3, which serves the area east and south of Oreana, including Bruneau-Grand View and roads to the Idaho-Nevada border.

The layoffs set to take effect Oct. 1 will not affect emergency work or stall necessary projects that have other funding sources, board chair Jerry Hoagland said.

"There really hasn't been any major projects other than seal-coating," Hoagland said of the road district's agenda. "Snow removal last year really run employees to the limit. On emergencies like that (in FY 2009), we're looking at using part-time help."

Hoagland said work on Pleasant Valley Road will continue despite the elimination of two full-time positions in Road District 1, which handles road maintenance in the western reaches of the county. He added there is a short

window to complete the Pleasant Valley Road project because of favorable weather conditions.

"We have a pretty good-sized crew working on that project," Hoagland said, adding that the cost to the county is minimal compared to a job for which a contractor would have to be hired.

Hoagland said Pleasant Valley Road work includes shoring up the wet, clay-filled road bed because soft spots in the roadway have created potholes in sections.

The commissioner also said that crews will apply magnesium chloride to the roadway as a dust retardant. Applying the salt-like substance also is a cheaper alternative to seal-coating and helps prevent the road surface from breaking up, he said. Preparation for the magnesium chloride application began earlier this month with crews deliberately putting potholes in about 1,000 feet of roadway to see what the consistency of the road foundation is.

While seal-coating utilizes hot oil, magnesium chloride can be applied in colder temperatures, extending the time that crews have to put the chemical compound on the roadway. Magnesium chloride

also has been used as a de-icer.

"There is a lot of discussion about magnesium chloride on how it can help keep roads together," Hoagland said. "It's been around for quite a few years. (Road experts) are finding out things that it can help with in maintenance where you're using the graders less and using less gravel."

The commissioner said magnesium chloride is 75 percent cheaper than seal-coating.

"It takes a lot longer to get stuff prepared and it doesn't last as long as seal coat, but it has some characteristics of its own that you can come back and seal coat later when you have the funds," Hoagland said. "And maybe some of those roads, depending on the amount of traffic, that's (magnesium chloride) all it needs."

He added that gravel needed for roadwork, such as seal-coating, won't be purchased until 2010.

"We're looking at (Bureau of Land Management) and other sites to get it priced," Hoagland said, adding that the gravel will have to be centrally located for easy access from both road districts.

— JPB

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Homedale utility rates set to rise Oct. 1

The Homedale City Council approved an annual five percent increase in water and sewer rates during its Wednesday meeting to battle inflationary trends.

The 3-0 vote authorizes the city to increase water rates by two percent every year each Oct. 1. Sewer rates will rise by three percent on the same day.

The five percent total threshold was maintained, allowing the council to raise rates by resolution rather than going through the public hearing process, which is mandated by state law.

Although council president Dave Downum asked for general comments from the sparse audience after the vote, no one spoke up about the rate hikes.

Downum didn't cast a vote because he presided over the meeting in the absence of Mayor Harold Wilson, who was stranded on the East Coast after missing a flight returning from a business trip.

The increase means city water users with a 3/4-inch meter will see the base rate on their bills rise



Ready for new paint

The chip-seal project on North Main Street is complete, and Homedale public works supervisor Larry Bauer said striping will be applied to the roadway this week.

38 cents from \$18.91 per month to 19.29. The base monthly sewer rate for the same size meter will be \$10.46, up 31 cents from the current \$10.15.

Utility users with larger meters, from one inch to four inches, will see five percent increases, too, meaning those with the largest meters will pay \$555.90 per month for water (up from \$529.42) and \$292.53 per month for sewer (an increase of \$8.52).

Public works supervisor Larry Bauer recommended the council

approve a rate increase on an annual basis to prevent dramatic one-time increases such as the council has had to undertake in the past, including 25 years ago when Bauer himself was a city councilman.

Bauer's request for immediate action came during his bi-monthly public works report.

His Wednesday report included news that his crews have been responded to an unusual number of line breaks in the municipal irrigation system this year. He

speculated that the rise in pipe failure could be linked to the construction to rehabilitate the city's water system earlier this year.

"It's possibly from the vibration from the construction we had," Bauer said. "So far, we haven't had any damage from it."

Bauer also said that seal-coating work in Main Street north of Idaho Avenue has been completed and crews could begin applying diagonal parking lines this week. He also said the sometimes-controversial cement lane dividers place in the first block of North Main will return after the city ordered barriers from Owyhee Sand and Gravel.

When asked by Downum about traffic on the road, Bauer reported that in the time that the barriers have been missing there have no crashes.

Three officials from Project Engineering Consultants, Inc., in Nampa presented an update on the city's transportation study.

PEC, Inc., vice-president Roger Sorenson reported that his firm,

which employs city engineer Fred Ostler, has spent as much as \$12,000 more than the \$50,000 grant earned by Homedale to pay for the study. With civil engineer Ryan Lancaster in the lead, PEC has been working on the study for about six months. Study organizers received no input from Public meetings held earlier in the summer, Lancaster said.

The study has been built through traffic studies by the Idaho Transportation Department and other agencies as well as through four steering committee meetings attended by PEC staff, Bauer, Councilman Aaron Tines, Mayor Wilson, the Homedale School District and other Homedale-based interest groups.

Sorensen urged the council to consider wrapping up the comment period and moving forward with approving the study, which will prioritize projects throughout town and is aimed at making Homedale more attractive for grants when they become available.

— JPB



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✓ **Otter:** Public will have chance to address governor, other state officials

the business community.

Homedale Chamber of Commerce president Gavin Parker announced the event during the organization's monthly luncheon Thursday at Owyhee Lanes Restaurant. The governor's office confirmed that Homedale would be Capital for a Day in a press release later that afternoon.

The Txoko Ona Basque Center, 333 S. Main St., will serve as the headquarters for Otter and representatives of several state agencies, but it seems all of Owyhee County will be able to have its concerns heard beginning at 9 a.m. on Sept. 29. Wilson said he will invite all the county's elected officials to attend.

"Homedale is less than an hour's drive from Boise, but it can seem a lot more remote when it comes to being involved with state government. My goal is to do something about that," Otter said.

"Issues like transportation, energy and health care — as well as grazing, wildfires and water — are critical to all Idahoans, and it's important that local folks from places like Murphy Hot Springs, Grasmere and Oreana have the opportunity to weigh in on our policies and our priorities. I'm eager to spend some quality time listening to the people of Owyhee County by bringing Boise to them."

Otter's office said he will be at the Basque Center from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Parker told business leaders during Thursday's meeting that the day will be split into four segments:

- From 9 a.m. to noon, the governor and other officials will meet with concerned citizens on a first-come, first-served basis.
- Noon to 1:15 p.m., the governor, Wilson and other state officials will attend a no-host luncheon catered by Txoko Ona members. Parker said the lunch will be open to the public.
- After lunch, Otter and the others will continue meeting with citizens.
- After 3 p.m., according to Parker, the governor will take a tour of the area around Homedale and learn about other issues facing the community.

Otter has visited several other towns around the state as part of the program, including Parma, Emmett and Fairfield, among others. The Capital for a Day distinction is accompanied by an official proclamation from the governor, too.

According to the governor's office, other dignitaries scheduled to attend the Capital for a Day proceedings include state Department of Labor director Roger Madsen, Col. Bill Shawver, the director of the state Bureau of Homeland Security; Bill Deal, director of the Idaho Department of Insurance, a former legislator and father of Homedale High School baseball coach Burke Deal; Brian Oakey, deputy director of the state Department of Agriculture; Margie Gonzalez, the executive director of the Idaho Commission on Hispanic Affairs; Donna Denney of the Idaho Commission on Aging; Tiffany Floyd, the deputy regional administrator for the Department of Environmental Quality; Idaho Fish and Game Commissioner Bob Barowsky; Scott Reinecker, the regional supervisor for the state Department of Fish and Game; Scott Stokes, the deputy director of the Idaho Transportation Department; Dave Jones, district engineer of ITD; and Bob Ford, the director of business, trade and rural development for Sen. Mike Crapo (R-Idaho).

District 23B Rep. Stephen Hartgen (R-Twin Falls) said Friday that he also would be on hand.

"Hopefully it'll mean a lot," Wilson said of the impact of the governor's visit on the area. "It'll let the people come forward with the problems that we have. It'll help the city and help our farming community."

— JPB

✓ **Sheriff:** Spokesman says complacency played role in May GOP primary defeat

the Joyce Livestock Co., is one of the organizers of Citizens for Gary Aman.

"He's very dedicated; very dedicated," Nettleton said of the three-term sheriff who has spent the bulk of the past three decades in the county sheriff's office.

"And we just want to let him finish the things that he wanted. I know he didn't want to be retiring this early, so we want to see him see the job through."

Nettleton said Doug Hipwell has been nominated committee president.

In addition to drumming up support throughout the county for their campaign, committee organizers still have to convince their candidate of choice to file the necessary paperwork by the Oct. 21 deadline to declare a write-in candidacy.

"We've spoken to him a little bit," Nettleton said of Aman. "It's just citizens coming together, and Gary said, 'Well, come up with 1,400 signatures, and I'll file the paperwork.'"

"I'm pretty sure, regardless, that Gary is going to file the paperwork because, I mean, if we got 1,400 signatures, that's almost as many as voted in the primary. That would be a pretty sure thing."

Nettleton said the campaign to get signatures is progressing. Clipboard-wielding volunteers were seen last week at political gatherings in Marsing for both Democrats and Republicans.

"It's going well. There's no

way of telling how well because there are so many petitions still out there," Nettleton said. "There have been hundreds of those petitions passed out."

Daryl Crandall won the Republican nomination in the May primary when he received 981 of 1,786 votes cast. Aman received 805 votes.

"We were all shocked when he lost in the primary," Nettleton said. "It took a little while, and then we decided that we've got to keep him in there and do what we've got to do."

An Owyhee deputy with several stops in Oregon and Idaho during his law enforcement career, Crandall is set to run unopposed for the job of Owyhee's top cop. Homedale Police Cpl. Perry Grant, who had filed to run as an independent, withdrew from the race on Aug. 5.

Nettleton said complacency may have led to a low voter turnout in May.

"Possibly there wasn't a lot on the ballot, really," he said. "There was a commission race and the sheriff. I don't think there were any other real contested races."

"I saw a lot of Crandall signs up, so I thought it was going to be closer than I thought a lot of people did. But a lot of people I talked to said, 'Oh, we didn't vote. We thought Gary would win easy.' There's just kind of a lot of outcry that something needs to be done."

— JPB

"... We want to see him see the job through."

— Chad Nettleton
Citizens for Gary Aman spokesman

✓ **Hazmat:** No chemical spilled in wreck

cleaner Drano) barely moistened a patch of gravel.

Officials said no other chemical was spilled and none reached the irrigation water. The canal flow was shut off soon after authorities arrived on the scene.

County responders immediately closed off the highway and the irrigation ditch was blocked off and drained. A clean-up crew from US Ecology — the Grand View hazard waste dump that was the truck's original destination — was called in and by noon had drained the mangled pup trailer prior to having it removed.

"We shut the ditch down," Sheriff Gary Aman said at the scene. "Crews will be putting zeolite down around the trailer to contain anything in case of a spill."

Zeolite is a highly absorbent clay used to contain liquids.

All eastbound truck traffic was rerouted from the junction of Idaho 45 and Idaho 78, and westbound trucks were turned onto the alternate route at the junction of Idaho 78 and 67. The highway itself was closed to all traffic from milepost 52 to milepost 57.

The Kenworth truck, driven by Tyler Redman of Pocatello, and the 4,000-gallon load in the main tanker were waiting to be emptied at that time. The larger tank required draining before it could be chained to a wrecker and towed, as the right rear dual wheels of the truck were flattened and the axles bent, and the kingpin itself was damaged in the accident, as the wheels bounced over the shoulder and edge of the pavement. The truck could not be moved for fear of causing further damage to the trailer and possibly triggering a leak.

Redman told investigators from the sheriff's office and ISP that a car passed him, cut him off and caused the accident.

The cost of the cleanup, which will run into many thousands of dollars according to county emergency services coordinator Larry Howard, likely will be borne by Quality Carrier's insurer, Crawford and Co. Juan Soriano, representing Crawford and Co., and present at the scene, refused comment, as did driver Redman.

— MML

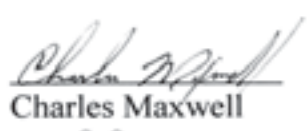
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Homedale lends big hand to student mentoring group

Homedale dignitaries like Mayor Harold Wilson and ordinary citizens went to “jail” Friday for a good cause.

Paul’s County Jail, set up for six hours at Paul’s Market on East Wyoming Avenue, was a fund-raising idea for The Mentoring Network, which provides adult volunteers to help children at Homedale Middle School and other area schools with one-on-one attention.

People put behind bars at Paul’s were bailed out by generous friends who made donations to The Mentoring Network.

Organizer Betty Arriaga, a mentor at HMS and a Homedale-area resident, said that the jail benefit raised \$266. She said Wilson was “jailed” three times during the day for the cause.

Volunteers for The Mentoring Network, such as Homedale resident Betty Arriaga, who helped organize Friday’s county jail fund-raiser, spend one hour a week with their students, discussing life’s trials and triumphs and lending extra support in education.

The Mentoring Network will hold another fund-raiser from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday with a yard sale at Zamzow’s in Nampa, 1201 Franklin Blvd.

Hot dogs, chips, beverages, Starbucks coffee and doughnuts will be available while supplies last.

For more information on the yard sale, contact Linda Goff at 880-7123 or lindagoff@cableone.net.



In the jail house now

Homedale Mayor Harold Wilson and wife Mary did their time behind bars for a good cause during the event on Friday. Wilson was a popular inmate, and wound up being bailed out three times.

Death notice

MOLLIE GLIDDEN, 89, Bruneau, died Sunday, Sept. 7, 2008, at home. Services were held at 11 a.m. on Friday, Sept. 12, 2008, at the Bruneau American Legion Hall. Burial followed at the Bruneau Cemetery. Arrangements by Rost Funeral Home, McMurtrey Chapel, Mountain Home.

Senior menus

Homedale center

Sept 17: Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, grilled onions, California blend vegetables, roll, beverage.

Sept 18: Baked ham, sweet potatoes, green beans, roll,

beverage.

Sept 23: Baked meatloaf, mashed potatoes, California blend vegetables, roll, beverage.

Sept 24: Chili con carne, ham & cheese on bun, lettuce & tomato, beverage.

Marsing center

Sept 17: Lasagna, green salad, squash, French bread, cookies.

Sept 18: Roast beef, mashed potatoes/gravy, tossed salad, Calif. veggies, roll, cherry crisp.

Sept 22: Breakfast to order.

Sept 23: Clam chowder w/milk, sandwiches, salad bar, apricots, sweet roll.

Sept 24: Beef stew w/potatoes & carrots, salad, biscuit, peach crispy, ice cream.

School menus

Homedale Elementary

Sept. 17: Crispito or toasted cheese sandwich, tacos salad, fruit & veggie bar, churro, milk.

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

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

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

Sept. 23: Beef of chicken taco, corn, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

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

Sept. 25: Enchilada or corn dog, scalloped potatoes, fruit & veggie bar, brownie, milk.

Homedale Middle

Sept. 17: Enchilada or chicken & noodles, corn, fruit & veggie bar, turnover, milk.

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

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

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

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

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

Homedale High

Sept. 17: Lasagna, burrito or pizza hot pocket, French bread, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

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

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

Sept. 22: Pizza, nachos, or chef salad, fruit & veggie bar, cookie, milk.

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

Sept. 24: Idaho haystack, burrito or pizza hot pocket, fruit & veggie bar, cinnamon roll, milk.

Marsing High

Sept. 17: Chicken burger, veggie, soup & sandwiches, salad bar, milk, fruit bar.

Sept. 18: Burrito, desserts, hot dog or chorizos, salad bar, milk, fruit bar.

Sept. 19: Pizza, desserts, garden salad, baked potato or chili bar, salad bar, milk, fruit bar.

Sept. 22: No school.

Sept. 23: Nachos, refried beans, chicken nuggets, roll, salad bar, milk, fruit bar.

Sept. 24: Waffle w/scrambled eggs, sliced ham & strawberries, chicken burger, salad bar, milk, fruit bar.

Bruneau

Sept. 17: Corn dog, tots, veggie, fruit, cookie, milk.

Sept. 18: Cheese yum, chicken noodle soup, celery & peanut butter, fruit, milk.

Sept. 19: Chicken wrap, fried rice, stir fry veggie, fruit, cherry crisp, milk.

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

Sept. 23: Roast beef sandwich, tots, veggie, oranges, brownie, milk.

Sept. 24: Sweet & sour chicken, rice, stir fry veggie, fruit salad, fortune cookie, milk.

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Sept. 13		no reading taken	
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Your finances Low-key lifestyle makes 100 percent down payment real

Dear Dave,
I’m 21 and make \$45,000 a year. I’ve heard about your 100 percent down plan to buy a house. I’d like to know more about this and where I should put the money I’d be saving.
— J.P.

Dear J.P.,
I like the way you think! But there’s really no big “plan” to what I’m talking about. It’s not rocket science. It’s just a matter of saving like crazy and living on rice and beans for a few years so that you can save up the cash to buy your home outright.
If you’re looking at buying a place in less than five years, I’d put it in a money market account. In this case, you’re not going to be saving long enough for the interest to be a good friend. Your best buddy is going to be a low-key lifestyle.

If your timeframe is more like 15 or 20 years, then you should look into a mutual fund. Most people don’t stretch the idea out over that period of time, but if you do you’ll get some great help from a friend named compound interest.
I don’t beat people up for taking out a 15-year, fixed-rate mortgage. But I’m always for people living like no one else so that later they can live like no one else. Go for it, J.P.!

— Dave

Dear Dave,
At what age do you stop paying your children’s life insurance? My son is 24, and he’ll be getting out of the Navy next year and starting college. My daughter is currently in college, and we’re paying for her education in addition to her life insurance.

— Sandra

Dear Sandra,
I think you need to scrap the whole concept. You don’t buy life insurance for kids. A small rider — just enough to cover burial costs — on your policy will do the job in the event that something tragic happens. And make sure you’re using a good, term life policy.



When your kids are out on their own, that’s when you turn everything over to them and let them live their own lives. This means paying the bills and any insurance they need!

— Dave

Dear Dave,
How should a new, small business that competes with larger, established companies sell their services?

— Anonymous

Dear Anonymous,
You know, it’s really not that hard to beat a bigger company. If you connect with a customer professionally and at the heart level you’ll win most of the time.
Start out with a superior level of service, and a vastly superior team around you. Quality people are an essential component — especially with a small business.
Make them part of the dream and the vision of what you’re trying to accomplish. It makes all the difference in the world when the people representing you actually care about the business and the customers, and take the time to create real relationships with them.

And, of course, a better price doesn’t hurt, either!

— Dave

— Dave Ramsey is the best-selling author of *The Total Money Makeover*. He also is the host of *The Dave Ramsey Show* that airs at 6 p.m. daily on the Fox Business Channel. You can find tools to help with finances or previous columns at *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* or write *Dave Says*, 1749 Mallory Lane, Brentwood, TN 37027

Breakfast benefits Lizard Butte

Friends of the Lizard Butte Library and the Canyon County Sunrise Rotary Club are teaming up to raise money for Marsing’s public library.
A community breakfast will be held inside the library from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. on Saturday, with proceeds going to the library,

which is located at 111 3rd Ave. W., in Marsing.
Cost is \$5 per person and \$2 for children 12 and younger.
The library will be open at 10 a.m., and the library support group encourages folks to take tours.
Call 455-2550 for more information.

Calendar

Today
El-Ada commodity distribution
11 a.m. to noon, Marsing Senior Center, 218 Main St., Marsing. (208) 337-4812
DivorceCare recovery support group
7 p.m., Mountain View Church of the Nazarene, 26515 Ustick Road, Wilder. (208) 337-3151
Marsing Chamber of Commerce meeting
7 p.m., Essence of Life, 107 Main St., Marsing. (208) 896-7001

Thursday
Exercise class
10:45 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
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, September 20
Community breakfast
8 a.m., \$5 adults, \$2 children 12 and younger, Lizard Butte Library, 111 3rd Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 455-2550
Bruneau Round Up rodeo
12:30 p.m., Bruneau Rodeo Grounds
Bruneau Round Up barbecue
5 p.m., Bruneau American Legion Post 83 hall
Homedale FFA Harvest Auction and Dinner
6 p.m. dinner, 6:30 p.m. auction, Txoko Ona Basque Center, 333 S. Main St., Homedale.
Dance
7 p.m., live music, admission \$3 and finger food, Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave. (208) 337-3020
Bruneau Round Up dance
9 p.m., Bruneau community park
Bruneau Round Up midnight breakfast
Midnight, Cowboy’s Pastime

Sunday
Parenting class
9:30 a.m., “Parenting with Love and Logic”, Homedale Friends Church, 17434 Hwy. 95. (208) 337-3464
Bruneau Round Up rodeo
12:30 p.m., Bruneau Rodeo Grounds

Monday
County commissioners meeting
Courtroom 2, Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Hwy. 78, Murphy
Delta Dental sealant clinic
Homedale Middle School, 3437 Johnstone Road, Homedale. (208) 337-4033

Tuesday
Exercise class
10:45 a.m., free, Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave. (208) 337-3020
Pure Word recovery meeting
7 p.m., Snake River Valley Fellowship, 20 E. Oregon Ave, Homedale. (208) 475-3733
AA meeting
8 p.m., Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave.

Wednesday
AARP Driving Safety Program
9 a.m. to 1 p.m., \$10, Marsing Senior Center, 218 W. Main St., Marsing. (208) 896-4634 or (208) 337-4647
Chamber of Commerce golf tournament
2 p.m. shotgun start, 5 p.m. barbecue, \$35 per

person for golf, \$7.50 for dinner only, hole sponsorships available, River Bend Golf Course, 18981 Fish Road, Wilder. (208) 337-3271
DivorceCare recovery support group
7 p.m., Mountain View Church of the Nazarene, 26515 Ustick Road, Wilder. (208) 337-3151

Thursday, September 25
AARP Driving Safety Program
9 a.m. to 1 p.m., \$10, Marsing Senior Center, 218 W. Main St., Marsing. (208) 896-4634 or (208) 337-4647
Exercise class
10:45 a.m., free, Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave. (208) 337-3020
Homedale City Council meeting
6 p.m., City Hall, 31 W. Wyoming Ave. (208) 337-4641
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, September 26
Jordan Valley Rope & Ride
9 a.m., cow dog trials, muley and horse roping, stock saddle bronc riding, Jordan Valley Rodeo Arena, Jordan Valley, Ore. (541) 586-2551 or (208) 337-4094
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, September 27
Jordan Valley Rope & Ride
9 a.m., cow dog trials, muley and horse roping, stock saddle bronc riding, Jordan Valley Rodeo Arena, Jordan Valley, Ore. (541) 586-2551 or (208) 337-4094

Sunday, September 28
Jordan Valley Rope & Ride
9 a.m., cow dog trials, muley and horse roping, stock saddle bronc riding, Jordan Valley Rodeo Arena, Jordan Valley, Ore. (541) 586-2551 or (208) 337-4094
Parenting class
9:30 a.m., “Parenting with Love and Logic”, Homedale Friends Church, 17434 Hwy. 95. (208) 337-3464

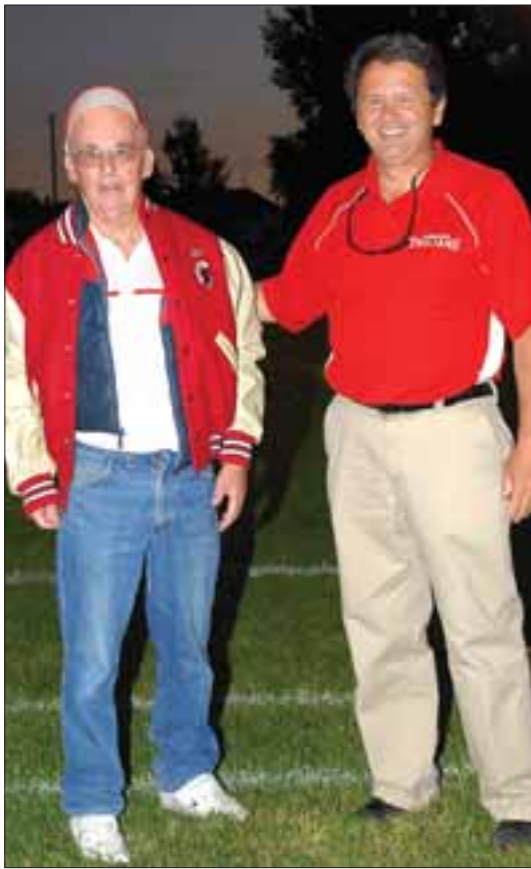
Tuesday, September 30
Exercise class
10:45 a.m., free, Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave. (208) 337-3020
Pure Word recovery meeting
7 p.m., Snake River Valley Fellowship, 20 E. Oregon Ave, Homedale. (208) 475-3733
AA meeting
8 p.m., Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave.

Sunday, October 5
Parenting class
9:30 a.m., “Parenting with Love and Logic”, Homedale Friends Church, 17434 Hwy. 95. (208) 337-3464

Wednesday, October 8
AARP Driving Safety Program
10 a.m. to 2 p.m., \$10, Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020 or (208) 337-4647

Submit information on upcoming events to *The Owyhee Avalanche* by noon Fridays for inclusion in the calendar. Drop off at the *Avalanche* office at 19 E. Idaho Ave., Homedale, mail to P.O. Box 97, Homedale, ID 83628, fax to (208) 337-4867 or e-mail them to *jbrowneditor@cableone.net*.

HHS Homecoming 2008



Dedication to the community honored during Friday ceremony

Homecoming night at Deward Bell Stadium took on a traditional tone long after the king and queen had been crowned.

Ashli Kesler and Trevor Meligan won honors as 2008 Homedale High School Homecoming queen and king in a ceremony held prior to Friday's non-conference football game against Melba.

But the accolades weren't over. At halftime, two men with far-reaching ties to Homedale schools were placed in the spotlight.

John Kushlan became a fixture at Trojans sporting events 62 years ago when he began operating the scoreboard at basketball games. When the football team moved into Deward Bell Stadium 40 years ago, Kushlan was the man behind the microphone.

Friday, he was the man of honor in front of the main grandstand, his wife of 62 years, Shirley, at his side and high school principal Mike Williams standing nearby. The Kushlans marked their 62nd wedding anniversary Tuesday.

Williams presented Kushlan with a community service award in the form of a commemorative plaque.

After Kushlan's award, Homedale School District superintendent Tim Rosandick assumed emcee duties and honored longtime district clerk and financial mastermind Jim Duncan for his more than 50 years of employment.

Duncan, who recently retired from his position, received a letterman's jacket from Rosandick during a brief ceremony.

A reception for the 79-year-old Duncan will be held from 3:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the district office, 116 E. Owyhee Ave., on Thursday.



Clockwise from top right: Superintendent Tim Rosandick and Jim Duncan pose after Rosandick presented the retiring school district employee with a letterman's jacket; With wife Shirley at his side, John Kushlan was honored for year of service to Homedale sports; Powderpuffs dished out as much action as any varsity match; the Trojans helmet gets a last-minute trim before Friday's Homecoming parade; Homecoming Queen Ashli Kesler and King Trevor Meligan are all smiled after coronation Friday evening.

Final summer mass Sunday in Silver City

Nampa contractor replaces roof on Our Lady of Tears church

The Our Lady of Tears Catholic Church in Silver City will host its final summer mass during the second day of the Silver City Open House on Sunday.

Fr. Saul Reyes from St. Paul's in Nampa will conduct mass at 1 p.m. on Saturday.

For more information, contact St. Paul's at 466-7031. Our Lady of Tears is a mission of St. Paul's.

Our Lady of Tears is a fixture among the buildings in Silver City, Owyhee County's historic mining town.

And through the years, residents of Silver City have tried to keep the building in shape.

Dave Wilper, the caretaker for the church, said that the most recent rehabilitation project has involved the roof. After receiving a certificate of appropriateness from the Owyhee County Historical Preservation Committee, Wilper assigned Nampa carpenter Bill Lunstrum to the task of re-applying a tin roof to the church structure. Lunstrum began work Sept. 2.

Wilper said the most-recent certificate of appropriateness actually marks a second time that he has applied for permission to do the roofing job.

"We reapplied with a variance on the tin because our contractor (Lunstrum) was having a hard time finding the tin that was approved," Wilper said.

Wilper said he took over a church caretaker in 1989. In the past 20 years, the century-old building has seen massive restoration.

"We've done everything from the foundation on up," he said.

A new foundation was placed in 1987. And a new roof and handrail was installed in 1990, Wilper said. Lunstrum built and installed new pews in 2002, about the same time the floors were refinished and new stained-glass windows were put in place. The doors also were replaced six years ago, Wilper said.

"All of them had to be custom-made," he said. "The materials aren't available nowadays."

An essay written by a Boise Diocese pastor in the 1950s recounted the history of the Catholic Church in Silver City.

Ironically, the Rt. Rev. Cyprian Bradley wrote in a 1956 unpublished history of the Boise Diocese that the Boise Cabrini Club and the family of Howard and June Davies banded together in September 1954 to re-paint the church and install a galvanized metal roof.

"They're largely responsible for the church still standing today," Wilper said, adding that Del Eytchison was entrusted with the caretaker responsibilities in the 1970s and early 1980s.

Other phases of restoration on the current structure have included the interior, which features the

altar from Our Lady of Sorrows. That altar exists only because — unlike the other accessories pulled from the church — it wasn't stored at the Joyce Ranch, which was flooded by the 1943 breach of Sinker Dam.

The Catholic Church in Silver City dates back to the late 1860s.

The current building, which marks its 110th year in 2008, was deeded to the Catholic Diocese by the Episcopal Church 80 years ago. According to a brief history on the church's Web site, www.ourladyoftearsidaho.org, the Episcopal Diocese transferred St. James Episcopal Church to the Catholics to save it from Nampa businessmen who sought to turn it into a dance hall.

Three buildings have served as Catholic churches in Silver City.

The first church, a former Methodist church re-named St. Andrew's by Fr. Andre Poulin, housed services from 1868 to 1873 before the building was sold for \$300. Poulin bought the building and moved it from Ruby City.

Nine years later, the Catholic Church again had a presence in Silver City with St. Andrew's re-dedicated as Our Lady of Sorrows in a new building — formerly the Graham Building — on Jordan Street across from the Idaho Hotel. Father Nattini purchased that building, according to Wilper.

Over the first quarter of the 20th century, mining activity in Silver City declined, and with it the vibrancy of the town. Years of snowstorms and a structure weakened by the original remodel of the Graham Building resulted in the decay of Our Lady of Sorrows. The building was abandoned in 1925, a decade before Silver City lost the county seat to Murphy.

Although Our Lady of Sorrows is gone, the bell was recovered after the 1943 flood waters subsided, and it is still in use in the belfry of Our Lady Queen of Heaven in Oreana.

— JPB



Catholic church gets new roof

Above: The Our Lady of Tears Catholic Church in Silver City stands last week without a sheath of tin roofing prior to completion of a project by Nampa carpenter Bill Lunstrum. **Left:** Scaffolding and ladders allowed workers to scale the steep roof to apply the new tin. Submitted photos. **Below:** Nestled on a hilltop, this is how the church looked before the old galvanized roofing was removed.

County offices find new home in Marsing

DMV, sheriff to move to former conservation office after remodel

Over the dissension of one commissioner, Owyhee County has finalized the purchase of a Marsing satellite office.

Now comes the task of refitting the old Owyhee Conservation District building on Reich Street for use by several different county agencies.

“We’re looking at a minimum remodel at this point,” county Board of Commissioners chair Jerry Hoagland said. “There are no real structural changes; we’re just adding some walls.”

The final price tag, approved by the commissioners, 2-1, last month, is \$240,000. Hoagland said the building at 19 Reich Street has about 3,800 square feet of space.

District 2 Commissioner Harold “Hal” Tolmie cast a nay vote when commissioners OK’d the purchase price at their Aug. 18 meeting. Tolmie previously had pitched the new construction of a county annex building on a portion of a seven-acre parcel southeast of Homedale Municipal

Airport.

The deal with the Owyhee Conservation District was finalized later in August after the title policy was completed, and Hoagland signed the sale agreement on Aug. 28.

When about \$20,000 in renovations are complete, the Marsing building will have room for a division of motor vehicles office, a sheriff’s office substation and a satellite probation office as well as room for coroner’s office use.

The state Department of Corrections also may utilize a portion of the building for a District Three felony probation and parole outpost, which most likely would be manned by former Homedale Police Officer Michelle Babcock, who handles the state’s Owyhee caseload. Hoagland said the state agency would lease space from the county for its office.

County Sheriff Gary Aman said the new building will afford Homedale/Marsing-area deputies room to breathe compared to the

cramped quarters now endured at City Hall. The county’s branch DMV office also operates out of City Hall, which isn’t far from the Reich Street property.

Aman said the Owyhee County Sheriff’s Office has used Marsing City Hall as a satellite office since before he joined the agency as a deputy in 1980.

The sheriff said the roomier confines will help cut down on fuel costs associated with frequent trips to the agency’s Murphy headquarters.

“The new office is big enough for two desks and will make it available for the patrol sergeant (Sgt. Gary Olsen) to go over reports without having to drive to Murphy as much,” Aman said. “It also gives us room to meet for officer meetings, pre-raid meetings, etc.”

Aman said more money will be saved with the evidence processing room that will be built in Marsing. The sheriff said it won’t be a storage room for evidence — that facility is in Murphy — but it will give investigators a place to dust evidence for fingerprints and perform other clue-gathering procedures.

The sheriff’s office portion of the building also will include an official interview room.

“A room designed for this purpose has been proven by law enforcement to be effective in interviewing and interrogation of suspects,” Aman said.

Hoagland said the building retrofit will include walls for the sheriff’s office area, raising the floor in the DMV section and installing restricted-access doors in some hallways.

The \$20,000 for the remodel will be financed by funds drawn out of the different departments that will use the building, the commissioner said.

“This will free City Hall up,” Hoagland said. “I think it’s a huge benefit for the city. And the location: You’re off the main street, but it’s accessible right there. And it’s centrally located to Givens Springs, Homedale and Pleasant Valley.”

Citizens in those communities usually travel to Marsing City Hall to do their county business, such as renewing car registration and driver’s licenses.

“Customer service has always been at the highest quality,”

Assessor Brett Endicott said. “That’s why we have many people from Ada and Canyon County come to the Marsing office to do their motor vehicle registration and driver’s license.

“This move will also allow us to expand our personnel in the future as the need arises.”

Endicott, whose office oversees DMV, also said there is more parking and traffic accessibility at the Reich Street location as compared to Marsing City Hall.

County Clerk Charlotte Sherburn said the seemingly overwrought telephone/utilities line item in the fiscal year 2009 Assessor’s Office budget — \$16,000 approved by commissioners on Sept. 4 and \$14,800 over what Endicott had requested — is geared toward paying for all utilities for all departments that will use the Marsing building.

Hoagland said Coroner Harvey Grimme will use part of the building for storage. File cabinets will be moved in to store office records that Hoagland said have been stored in Grimme’s office at his private business elsewhere on Main Street in Marsing.

— JPB

Lizard Butte Library helps parents teach children

The Lizard Butte Library will be holding an “Every Child Ready to Read” program starting Oct. 14 at 6 p.m., that seeks to teach parents

the skills needed to encourage and help their young children to become great readers.

“It’s a family story time,” library

director Janna Streibel explained. “It’s a way for parents to train the skills they need to get their child ready to read.”

Those skills include things such as teaching a child print awareness, Streibel said; showing the youngsters that print is everywhere, and making them conscious of it.

“It’s for children (ages 6 and younger) and their parents,” she said. “It’s a six-week program.”

She encouraged enrolled parents to try to make it to all six one-hour sessions, which will be held on successive Tuesdays at 6 p.m.

Those in the program will get a book every week, and interested parents can contact the Lizard Butte Library and Streibel for more information, or to register for the program, at 896-4690.

“It’s really fun,” she said. “Every week we’ll focus on a different skill for the parents; but we also

read stories, we have songs and some crafting.”

Crafting can include letter-blocks, using Play-Doh to form letters or other games or activities that help very young readers familiarize themselves with books and the alphabet, as well as giving something for the children to take home along with their weekly book.

Streibel asks that any interested parents register as early as possible, in part because the library needs to have an idea of the number of books and volume of crafting materials needed for the program.

The Idaho Commission for Libraries is the parent of the program, and supplies the books handed out during the program. This is the first year the program is being tried, Streibel said, and the library and involved parents will be helping to amass the initial data on the event.

The Every Child Ready to Read Project began with the American Library Association (ALA) in 2007. The ALA’s information on the project points to research that shows that it’s never too early to introduce a child to reading, and that it is critical that parents be instructed as to their role as a child’s first teacher.

The program has only recently begun to expand into public library settings around the nation.

“We are one of the pilot libraries that are getting to do this, so it is kind of a neat thing, and I’m hoping to have a good turnout,” she said.

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Award-winning county agent tips hat to co-workers

National group cites
Jensen for work
in ground-breaking
ag programs

University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Education Scott Jensen is in the business of helping people. But he quickly acknowledges that fellow personnel in the Marsing office played a large role in his recent award.

"I would say that much of what I have accomplished is due to the outstanding people that I work with," Jensen said. "None of my major programming efforts/successes could be attributed to me alone.

"I have been fortunate to be involved with great teams of people who come together to accomplish some great things."

Jensen received the Achievement Award

from the National Association of County Agriculture Agents during last month's Annual Meeting and Professional Improvement Conference held in Greensboro, N.C. Jensen was one of several honorees representing the top 1 percent of the membership selected by their peers and the Director of Extension.

The Marsing resident received his certificate July 17.

"The reality is that to do what I do requires a significant amount of time out of the office," Jensen said. "If I didn't have great people to work with within the office, I would have to spend more time babysitting them to see that they got their work done and less time on the ground in the projects that I am involved in.

"We truly have a great team of people in our office."

Jensen, who is president of the Idaho As-



Scott Jensen

sociation of Agricultural Agents, was honored for his work in programs focusing on livestock and grazing management as well as involvement with 4-H programs in southwestern Idaho.

The Idaho native has been a part of two education programs recognized nationally for excellence in Extension programs — Lost Rivers Grazing Academy and the Living on the Land Program.

The Lost Rivers Grazing Academy takes place Sept. 16-19 at the Nancy M. Cummings Research, Extension and Education Center in Salmon. Jensen can be contacted at 896-4104 or scottj@uidaho.edu for more information on the academy.

In addition to his involvement with the two state programs, Jensen has served on mentoring committees for three new extension educators, also known as agents.

Jensen also has conducted numerous

youth livestock field days and judges livestock shows at fairs across the state.

"I am most proud of being able to help people. My job is about education and service," Jensen said. "I love helping producers be more productive, efficient and sustainable.

"I also love the opportunity to work with kids through the 4-H program. Helping kids learn about the importance of agriculture is very rewarding."

He has been married to Sharla for 20 years. Seven of their eight children still live at home and attend Marsing schools. His oldest child is married and attends chiropractic school in Kansas City.

Jensen is an educator that practices what he preaches. He has acreage between Marsing and Homedale where the family raises alfalfa and a variety of animals. "Thanks mostly to my wife," he adds.

— JPB

Homedale driver's education students receive rebates

Lower operation costs result in nearly
half of fees being returned to families

The parents of students who took driver's education classes from Homedale High School this summer are in line for some interesting news, according to school superintendent Tim Rosandick.

The program, taught by Homedale Middle School teacher Luci Asumendi-Mereness and school district employee Gini Carrow, was available to students for a fee of \$152.

But after an audit of the 2008 session, the district has mailed rebate checks.

"At the conclusion of this past summer's driver's ed. Course, we determined that the student fees more than adequately covered

our costs, so we refunded back to the students and their parents \$72 each," Rosandick said.

Assistant clerk Faith Olsen said 22 rebate checks were distributed — a total refund of \$1,584.

The \$152 fee was tabulated to make the program self-sustaining and cover costs for fuel, vehicle maintenance, instructor wages, the cost of materials and other associated expenses.

"This school district takes its financial responsibilities seriously and runs on a very prudent budget," Rosandick said. "We do not ask for financial support from the community unless it is warranted.

"This rebate is indicative of this

kind of philosophy."

In other district financial matters, Rosandick recently brief the board of trustees on protocol for enacting an emergency levy. He told The Owyhee Avalanche that the briefing during the August school board meeting merely was informational.

"The administration has no plans at this point in time to request the board authorize such a levy, should the district be eligible to do so," Rosandick said.

Rosandick pointed out that, in general, emergency levies are becoming realistic issues on the horizon for many school districts as the financial pressures of educating students outstrips the enrollment-based revenue derived from the state.

He said that, even though each new student to the district would result in \$6,000 in additional revenue, those dollars are not going as far as they once did.

"Increases in funding on a per-student basis are not keeping pace with the cost of operations," he

said. "Therefore, it is becoming very common for school districts to go to emergency levies to help pay for the additional teachers, books, materials, busing, etc., required to educate the increased number of students."

— JPB

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Homedale FFA chapter will hold its fifth annual Harvest Auction at the Txoko Ona Basque Center, 333 S. Main St., on Saturday. The event starts with a tri-tip dinner at 6 p.m. The auction follows at 6:30 p.m. and includes lots such as eight hours of labor each from 50 FFA chapter members. Other items on the block include calves, apples, fertilizer, custom jewelry, and also a pig and a lamb for next year's fair from champion blood lines. Auction proceeds will help pay for our trip to October's national convention in Indianapolis.

Members Mat Hansen, Kortney Bahem, Drew Farwell and Rye Hyer will compete in Livestock judging, and Aubrey Nash, Kali McRae, Summer Megargee and Alysha Bahem will compete in Horse judging. The money also helps fund our Meat the Need project, which provided the community's churches and food banks with 1,100 pounds of pork last year and our Gift of Green that benefits a needy family during Christmas. Other projects include travel to state conventions and scholarships to outstanding seniors.

MHS students honored


Two Marsing High School students are scheduled to appear in the 2007-08 edition of the National Honor Roll publication after their applications were accepted by the organization. Katie M. Huffman-Tallman and Ruben Rodriguez, sophomores at Marsing this year, were selected after submitting information about their freshman years. Both students had perfect attendance, were voted students of the month and landed on the Marsing honor roll, according to school counselor John Cossel. Huffman-Tallman, who lives in Canyon County with her parents Angela and Tony Tallman, was active in the Drama Club, the Music Club, the A Cappella Choir, Chorus and school play. She also participates in Girl Scouts and has won awards for her poetry.

The son of Maricruz and Tibursio Rodriguez participated in the D.A.R.E. program and served as a library aide and a teacher's aide. He was a member of the Marsing chapter of the Future Hispanic Leaders of America as well as a freshman class officer and a freshman rep on the Student Council. Rodriguez also participated in Huskies basketball and track and field. According to the organization's Web site, the National Honor Roll recognizes high school and middle school students who have achieved exceptional academic success. Induction in the National Honor Roll is an honor shared by a very small percentage of students nationwide. National Honor Roll also offers services that encourage the further success of its student members.

Marsing eyes water work bids

Irminger Construction of Boise appears to be the lowest bidder on the Marsing municipal water project, with a bid of \$1,024,000 for the next phase of the plan. The city opened pre-qualified bidding on Aug. 28, and eight bids were received. The final agreement to partner with Irminger on the project, which includes a new municipal storage tank, water lines and hydrants, is subsequent to final approval by the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality and the federal Environmental Protection Agency. The project cost is estimated at \$3.1 million, with \$3,582,000 available. Any extra funds will go toward "getting more pipe in the ground," City Engineer Amy Woodruff and head of city maintenance Danny Martin agreed. Woodruff explained that the grant money within the total funding is "spent last" — in other words, \$25,000 left unspent would be deemed unused grant funds that the city could not use on other projects, as the grants are spent after all other funds. This applies directly to the EPA's \$412,000 matching funds State and Tribal Assistance Grant (STAG). Also, Owyhee County Sheriff's Sgt. Gary Olsen gave his monthly report. With the office short-handed with one deputy attending the Idaho Peace Officers Standards and Training academy and two jailers out for medical reasons, the city saw 333 man-hours on patrol by OCSO personnel between July 21 and Aug. 17. The council approved the proposed law enforcement contract presented by Olsen at the behest of Sheriff Gary Aman. The ratified pact was largely unchanged by the law firm. The policy specifies that, after an initial letter of violation is issued by the city, the county will investigate, write any citation(s), take appropriate photos, levy charges and prosecute if need be. Sheriff's deputies will accompany city enforcement agents on an initial complaint if there are fears for the safety of the agent. With the establishment of the enforcement policy, council members turned their attention to amending city ordinance by discussing a plan to reduce most misdemeanors to infractions. No action was taken Wednesday after warnings from acting City Attorney Paul A. Turcke. Turcke currently is filling in for usual Marsing City Attorney Stephanie J. Bonney. Turcke delivered the proposed amendment, with a warning. In the matter of the changes to Marsing's city code — changing misdemeanors into infractions — the proposed amendment "raised the hairs" on Turcke's neck, he said. "It was tricky ... it was a statutory drafting nightmare, but I can't see a way around it," he said. His concerns arose from the fact that the hundreds of citations on the books with the city will now have to be codified as infractions, or at least a comprehensive listing or methodology will have to be presented to law enforcement and, most importantly, judges. As soon as the amendment is enacted, any violation of a Marsing city ordinance is an infraction punishable by a \$100 fine, rather than a misdemeanor. This allows the city to pursue those violating ordinances without a misdemeanor hearing or trial, and without directly involving the county prosecutor. An offender would, in fact, just have to mail in a fine. The city has the option to choose to make a subsequent violation by an individual a misdemeanor. "I like having the choice of being able to do an infraction or a misdemeanor," Olsen commented. Mayor Keith Green liked that option as well, saying that in many cases a misdemeanor was a bit more than a citation required, but that having the option was a good thing. "This will create some issues. I know it will happen," Turcke warned. Misdemeanors are the "default" legal definition of an offense, he explained. In codifying offenses in any code of law, felonies are described in detail, usually with an "all other offenses are hereby deemed misdemeanors" clause or similar wording. That, he said, could raise a challenge in the future, with a person receiving an infraction pointing to the now-nonexistent misdemeanor charge (as it would have become an infraction in the record) and disingenuously arguing that no law was broken to cause the infraction to be issued, as the city no longer defined the action in question as a misdemeanor. The amendment was tabled to give Green a chance to look it over in detail.

— MML



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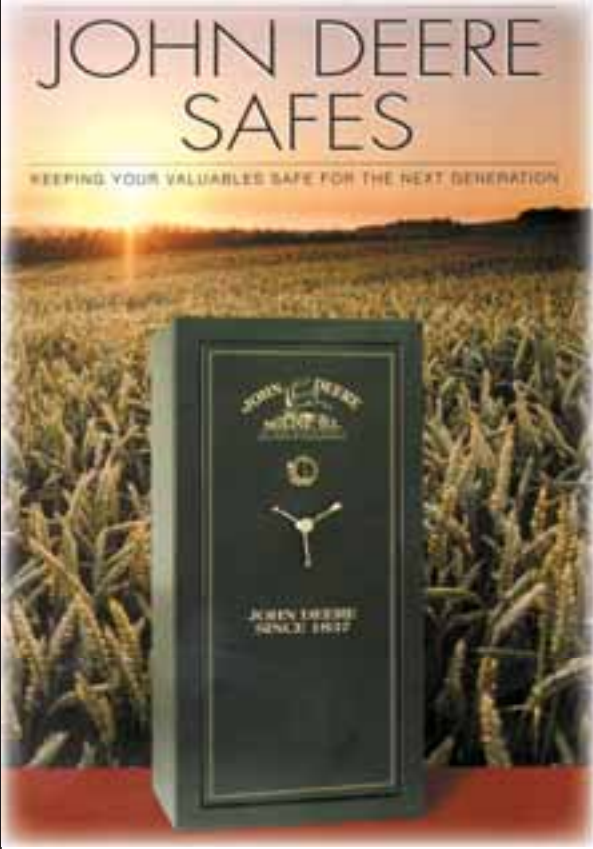
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State devises plan to improve GV-Bruneau area groundwater

DEQ plans similar process soon for Marsing-Homedale region

The state's water quality watchdog is halfway through its mission to develop groundwater management plans for the most populous areas in Owyhee County.

Representatives from the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality met with commissioners to discuss the Bruneau/Grand View Ground Water Quality Management Plan.

The Bruneau/Grand View planning process began with public meetings in the fall and winter of 2006. Now, DEQ officials told the Owyhee County Board of Commissioners that they will begin a similar process to develop a plan for the Marsing/Homedale area.

All four communities showed up on the state agency's 2008 Nitrate Priority Area Delineation and Ranking Process document, which outlines 32 areas throughout the state that have groundwater nitrate levels exceeding milliliters-per-gram ratios based on federal drinking water standards.

"We get the stakeholders together and come up with strategies to implement and find ways on how to reduce nitrate loading into the soil, which eventually is going to go into the groundwater," said Michael McCurdy, the groundwater and remediation manager for the DEQ's Boise regional office.

Groundwater nitrate levels are elevated by several human activities, including the use of pesticides on crops, raising livestock and the leeching of wastewater into the soil from various sources, including septic tanks.

McCurdy said that DEQ is contemplating a public meeting to present the findings of the Bruneau/Grand View document and also give associated agencies such as the Idaho State Department of Agriculture and area conservation districts a chance to present their plans.

The Marsing/Homedale information gathering process will begin with workshops, possibly with

an advisory committee, sometime in September or October, McCurdy said.

"We'll ask other agencies and the conservation district and the county commissioners who we should specifically target to invite," McCurdy said. "We'll also send a notice to announce the meeting because we want it open to the public."

"We're just gathering the minds and the masses together to document these strategies, but it's really up to the city and county governments, the developers, community groups and the citizens themselves to figure out how to improve the water quality."

While the Marsing/Homedale management plan isn't set for completion until next summer, the Bruneau/Grand View document has been published and is available online at http://www.deq.idaho.gov/water/data_reports/ground_water/bruneau_grand_view_nitrate_priority_areas_gw_plan.pdf. Copies also were presented to the county commissioners, the City of Grand View, and the Bruneau River Soil Conservation District's Bruneau Field Office.

McCurdy said DEQ was the facilitator for drafting the plan by bringing together city and county government representatives, developers, state and local conservation reps, health officials and agricultural officials to hammer out details based on input and data.

"The groundwater quality management plan summarizes that information, provides the action items for the different groups and entities to implement to do what they can to try to at least maintain if not improve the quality of the groundwater in those areas," he said.

McCurdy added that the intent of the management plan is to educate the public on methods to improve existing conditions and prevent further nitrate degradation.

The point is to reduce contamination to protect public health and

remove Grand View and Bruneau from the statewide nitrate watch list, McCurdy said in an e-mail. One element of the mitigation process is to encourage the voluntary implementation of best management practices (BMPs), including modifying operations management to reduce nitrate loading to groundwater.

Some of the strategies identified by the plan:

- Protect wellheads by providing information to private well owners on setbacks for activities and devices that can potentially contaminate groundwater, such as septic systems; fertilizer storage, handling, and cleanup; livestock facilities; manure storage and silos.

- Encourage private well owners to regularly test their water.

- Reduce nitrate contributions from septic systems by promoting maintenance.

- Control runoff and infiltration from livestock facilities by enforcing existing regulations and providing education, training, and incentives to producers to control animal waste.

- Encourage private landowners through education, training and incentives to properly store and apply animal waste at agromonic rates.

- Encourage consideration of all nitrogen sources in determining proper nitrogen-based fertilizer application rates to crops and recommend all applicators test field soil to determine appropriate application rates. Other nitrogen sources include legume crop plow-down, applied manure, residual nitrate in the soil, and nitrogen in irrigation water.

The plan contains four pages of action items to be carried out by numerous agencies, including DEQ, Southwest District Health, the Idaho Association of Soil Conservation Districts, the Idaho Soil Conservation Commission, the Bruneau River Soil Conservation District, the Idaho State Department of Agriculture (ISDA), the Idaho Department of Water Resources (IDWR) and a ISDA-led confined animal feeding operation (CAFO) site advisory team including staff from DEQ and IDWR.

— JPB

Document outlines strategy for cleaner water

The Idaho Department of Environmental Quality's Bruneau/Grand View Ground Water Quality Management Plan includes four pages of action items in the effort to reduce nitrate levels in the region's groundwater.

The action item list tasked six different agencies or panels with different assignments ranging from testing well water and public drinking water systems, to Clean Water Act grant oversight, to monitoring septic systems, to launching an education through brochures, public service announcements, tours, demonstrations and mailings.

The concerted effort will be carried out by the likes of DEQ, Southwest District Health, conservation districts reps from the state association, the state commission and the Bruneau River Soil Conservation District, the Idaho State Department of Agriculture, the Idaho Department of Water Resources and a Confined Animal Feeding Operation (CAFO) site advisory team.

The majority of actions will be conducted as needed or requested. Some, such as review of facilitation and reporting of the plan, the awarding of grants, and assessment of and funding availability for a groundwater monitoring project, will be annual events.

The DEQ recently completed a nitrate priority area study for the entire state, which is listed as an action item on the Bruneau/Grand View management plan. The study is to be carried out every five years.

The conservation district representation is responsible for irrigation water management outreach through workshops with producers, promotion of the Idaho Power Energy Efficiency in Irrigation Program and helping producers optimize their application of irrigation water.

The groundwater quality plan calls for the creation of a steering committee consisting of Bruneau conservation district members and staff from the state agencies and the Natural Resources Conservation Service. Once funding is secured — which according to the DEQ document probably won't be until next spring — the steering committee will be asked to develop a Best Management Practices (BMP) plan to prioritize activities for nutrient management planning (NMP), irrigation water management (IWM) and total maximum daily loads (TMDLs).

In keeping with another part of the plan, Southwest District Health currently supplies information on options to treat septic systems and reduce nitrate seepage. Those details are available at public locations in Bruneau and Grand View as well as the Owyhee County Courthouse in Murphy.

Southwest District Health also will continue to publicly post guidelines on how to be a responsible private well owner and where to locate a well to reduce potential sources of a contamination.

The ISDA also will conduct outreach with producers to educate about soil contamination and continue monitoring of how local dairy and feedlots are adhering to guidelines to control runoff of animal waste that could seep into the water supply.

The state Department of Ag also is in the process this year of disseminating information on the usage of feedlot animal waste as fertilizer on parcels of private land. The education program is aimed at broadcasting proper manure storage and application methods through seminars, workshops and mailings.

The ISDA also will continue to monitor groundwater to examine nitrate contamination and nitrate concentration trends and to investigate whether groundwater contamination has escaped the boundaries of the priority area. The Department of Water Resources will conduct similar monitoring through the Statewide Ambient Ground Water Quality Monitoring Program.



OCD accepting poster contest entries

The Idaho Association of Soil Conservation Districts have themed its 2008 poster contest "Water is Life".

Fourth- through sixth-graders can enter the local competition through the Owyhee Conservation District. The entry deadline is Oct. 8, and each poster must be a 14-inch-by-22-inch composition.

There are cash prizes — ranging from \$25 for first place to \$10 for third place.

"The Owyhee Conservation

District feels we have some of the best and most imaginative students in the state, and we want them to win this year's state competition," the OCD wrote in a press release.

The winning poster from the local competition will be judged at the Division III meeting on Oct. 14, and the division winner qualifies for the contest held at the IASCD's annual conference on Nov. 11. The state champion qualifies for the National

Association of Soil Conservation District annual contest.

Contest rules are available at the Owyhee Conservation District office at 250 N. Bruneau Hwy., in Marsing or by visiting the IASCD Web site at www.iascd.state.id.us

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✓ **County:** Pair was accused of animal cruelty in Elmore County in 2004

been set for Homedale residents Deborah Hopson and Zach Robinson, who were charged with animal cruelty in January after dozens of animals were seized from their property west of Homedale.

The action by the Owyhee County Sheriff's Office marked the third time in four years that the couple has been suspected of animal cruelty.

Hopson and Robinson originally were scheduled to stand trial earlier this month, but proceedings were delayed.

When Owyhee County Sheriff's personnel seized 29 horses, three burros, two cows, two llamas and approximately 30 dogs from the 5282 Sage Road location shared by the couple, it wasn't the first time authorities had to step in.

Animals seized in Elmore

According to the Mountain Home News, Hopson and Robinson were charged with two counts of animal cruelty after 32 horses, five donkeys, seven to 10 cats and eight or nine dogs were taken from the pair living at Tipanuk.

In both cases, county sheriff's personnel seized the animals because of malnutrition and disease. In both cases, the animals were in such poor shape that officials were concerned that they would die if not removed from the couple's care.

Owyhee County Sheriff's Det. Jim Bish, the investigating officer in the current case, said there was yet another, similar incident in Canyon County involving the pair, and even involving some of the same animals.

"It's been the same thing all the way through," Bish said. "Part of these horses are the same horses we have photographs of from Elmore County. They've just been moving around; when the pressure gets on, they move."

Hopson and Robinson are facing a jury trial before Judge Dan Grober — a trial Prosecutor Matthew Faulks would not comment on to The Owyhee Avalanche.

"He doesn't want to say anything, because the trial is coming up," was the extent of the information given by his office.

"Matt told me the other day he had a deal in the works," Bish said. "But they (Hopson and Robinson) are determined to go to court, though their attorney wants them to settle — to take it and run."

Their defense attorney is, according to Bish, disgusted with the entire affair.

"Their attorney doesn't want to be in court with them," he said. "He's had it. He's tried to get out of it — tried to quit — but the judge won't let him."

Bish said the delay created by the apparent conflict between

the defendants and their legal representation isn't the only reason the county has been forced to spend thousands of dollars in connection with a case that will be nearly a year old if it goes to trial late next month.

A veteran of the sheriff's office, Bish said the \$20,000 spent by the county on feeding and housing the impounded animals could have been avoided had the prosecutor simply familiarized himself with Idaho statute 25-3520B.

"They've got things in place now," Bish explained, referring to Idaho Code that allows expediency in animal impound cases.

Avoiding county expense

There is an existing clause in Idaho Statute 25-3520B that allows an agency seizing and holding animals to ask for a hearing — prior to trial — at which a judge can order forfeiture of the animals to the organization caring for the animals.

If the petitioner can prove probable cause that the defendant cannot or will not pay the costs incurred by the caretakers, that agency can take the animals as a forfeiture, so long as the defendant(s) do not pay an amount, set by the court, sufficient in the court's opinion to house and feed the animals for 30 days. The statute also authorizes the court to order additional anticipated costs.

"If the prosecutor's on the ball, once we go in and seize these animals, there will be a forfeiture done within five days," Bish said. "They'll either pay the bond to feed them, to keep them, to take care of them, or they will forfeit at that spot, and we'll sell them and we don't run up the bill."

"But that didn't happen," he continued. "The prosecutor told us there was nothing in (state law) to do that — that he couldn't do that. And then, three months into it, we got with some of the animal people out of Boise from the Humane Society, and they said 'Are you aware of this law? Why haven't you got them forfeited?'"

The source at the Humane Society gave the statute's code to the investigators, who returned to Faulks' office.

"The prosecutor still said it didn't exist. Then we gave him the code number, he looked it up, and said 'Well I'll be damned,'" Bish said.

"A lot of money could have been saved if he'd been up on this," he said.

Animal neglect on the rise

Owyhee County isn't the only place suffering from this sort of issue, though the lack of forfeiture and the additional costs the county accrued add a painful dimension to the problem.

"Right now, it's bad. There's a certain amount of this (animal neglect) that goes on across the state of Idaho. This year was especially bad for the state and the counties, because the price of hay is so high, fuel is so expensive, people are out of work — this year was a little more (extreme) than others, but the other counties were all doing the forfeitures."

"And our prosecutor didn't."

This was the second major animal neglect/cruelty case that Bish and OCSO have dealt with in less than a year. The other case, involving 45 cattle seized from George Beck in December 2007, just a month before the Hopson/Robinson case, also cost the county money for feeding and housing the animals, which were later sold.

"The defense attorney's the one that helped us out on that," Bish said. Beck's attorney said his client didn't need to own cattle, and added to the settlement of the

case a provision prohibiting Beck from owning cattle in the future.

"Instead of him getting half of the cows back, like Matt (Faulks) wanted to ... his attorney said, 'No, he shouldn't have them, we want to sell them all,'" he said.

"There's no sense finger-pointing," Bish said. "Mistakes were made, but our legal beagle didn't have the correct information to give us legal advice."

Light penalties possible

No matter the court outcome for Hopson and Robinson, the potential penalties the pair faces are relatively slight.

A first offense under Idaho law cannot be punished with more than six months in jail, or by a fine greater than \$5,000. A second offense is limited to nine months and \$7,000, and the penalty for a third citation is capped at one year and/or \$9,000.

The law does permit the court, in a case where a defendant pleads or is found guilty of cruelty to animals, to issue an order terminating the defendant's ownership of the animals in question. If the court so chooses, it can issue an order stopping those involved from legally owning animals in the future.

Up until now, at least, no such order has been issued to Hopson and Robinson.

An agreement to abide by such a condition was part of a plea bargain offered initially, Bish said. However, the trial date and plea fell through when Hopson and Robinson set their hearts on a court trial and refused a plea deal, despite the advice of their lawyer, he added.

Neglect cases can grow out of lack of money, foresight, or a "hoarding syndrome," as Elmore County Sheriff's Det. Mike Barclay said in 2004 in an interview with the Mountain Home News.

"It's an unfortunate thing when people get that way," Bish said. "If you realize you can't feed them (the animals), why don't you go sell them? Why don't you give them to somebody who can take care of them?"

"In the case of these people, they were on their own rescue mission, and they were their own worst enemies."

— MML and JPB

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Supporters get behind their candidates

Both Republicans and Democrats turned out last week to attend Marsing rallies for their respective candidates. **Top:** About 30 people showed up Friday for a fundraiser for GOP U.S. Senate candidate Jim Risch. **Left:** Approximately the same number of people filed into Marsing City Park on Sept. 9 to hear from Democratic candidates for state and local offices.

Monday morning mop-up



Corrosive cripples county corridor

Workers from US Ecology (yellow) and Caldwell Hazmat (white) complete cleanup efforts after Monday's crash of a semi and trailers carrying a caustic chemical near Grand View. The accident closed Idaho 78 for several hours.

Trojan pride on display

Mike Shenk decorates the Idaho Avenue windows of Napa Auto Parts on Tuesday in Homedale for homecoming week. The business decided to show off its Trojan pride in hopes of encouraging others to do the same.

"I remember when I was going to school," Shenk said. "You'd come downtown and wouldn't see anybody — because everyone was at the game."

Shenk hopes his artistic talents will help fire people, and the town in general, up.



Senior soiree raises money for center

The Seniors Night Out Soiree held Saturday raised \$2,400 for the Homedale Senior Citizens Center.

Organizers Betty Arriaga and Donna Fisher reported Monday that the amount raised by the dinner show will be split evenly between the center's building fund and the gas fund for the local Meals on Wheels program.

"Community help was just marvelous. It was just fantastic," Fisher said. "We want to thank them for all the support with the fund-raiser."

A packed house, which included Owyhee County Sheriff Gary Aman and his Chief Deputy, Bruce Cameron, were entertained Saturday night by several local

acts, including Judy Phelps playing classic piano, Homedale's Finest Comedy performing two skits

Bruneau native Tom Hall, a longtime rancher, kept the audience in stitches with hilarious quips about married life and life in general.

New Homedale Middle School counselor Mark Biggs and his brother, Bruce, played two songs for the audience, too.

Elvis impersonator Jim McDonnell capped the event with renditions of songs such as "Blue Hawaii" and "Blue Suede Shoes" as well as numbers made famous by Ricky Nelson, Dean Martin and Frank Sinatra.

— JPB



Counselor or crooner?

Homedale Middle School counselor Mark Biggs, left, and his brother, Bruce Biggs, belt out "Swinging on a Star" during Saturday's event.

Motorcycle fairy tale roars into library

"Once Upon a Cool Motorcycle Dude" will be Homedale Public Library's puppet show at 10 a.m. on Saturday. The show will be performed by librarian Margaret Fujishin and her husband, Barry.

Based on the children's book by Kevin O'Malley, it's an argument between a girl and a boy about the best plot of a fairy tale they are making up together. The girl prefers a princess whose ponies are being stolen. The boy wants a hero roaring up on a motorcycle to save the ponies, while the princess just sits around spinning thread.

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<div><div>American Beauty Pasta 32-48 oz. \$3⁴⁹ ea.</div></div>	<div><div>Jello Gelatin 6 oz \$1¹⁹ ea.</div><div>Jello Pudding .8-3.9 oz. \$1⁰⁹ ea.</div></div>	<div><div>Liptons Rice-n-Sauce & Noodles-n-Sauce \$1³⁹ ea.</div><div>Asst'd</div></div>	<div><div>Blue Diamond Almonds 6 oz. \$2⁶⁹ ea.</div></div>
<div><div>Ragu Pasta Sause 26 oz. \$2⁴⁹ ea.</div></div>	<div><div>Glad Press-n-Seal 70 ft. \$3⁰⁹ ea.</div></div>	<div><div>Hotess Dunkie Bag Donuts 2 for \$4 11.25-11.5 oz.</div></div>	<div><div>Western Family Trail Mix 6 oz. \$1³⁹ ea.</div></div>
<div><div>Marie Callender's Frozen Pies Asst'd \$6⁶⁹ ea.</div></div>	<div><div>Solo Cups, Plates & Bowls \$3¹⁹ ea.</div><div>20-36 ct.</div></div>	<div><div>Wonder Kids Sandwich Bread 2 for \$4 24 oz.</div></div>	<div><div>SRM COUPON 1/2 Bushel Any Fruit 50¢ OFF NO LIMIT • PER VISIT • 9/17-9/23/08</div></div>
<div><div>Michelina's Entrees & Egg Rolls \$1²⁹ ea.</div><div>Asst'd</div></div>	<div><div>Angel Soft Bath Tissue \$5⁰⁹ ea.</div><div>6-12 Roll</div></div>	<div><div>Fritos & Cheetos \$2²⁹ ea.</div><div>8-11 oz.</div></div>	

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