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Governor greets leaders of today and tomorrow

Right: Business leader and Paul's Market owner/founder Paul Zatica shares a lighter moment with Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter after the morning Q&A session at Txoko Ona Basque Center. Between business leaders, citizens, students and politicians, there were better than 100 people in attendance for the open session. **Below:** Otter watches as an eighth-grader in the pre-engineering at the COSSA industrial education facility works on a circuit board.



Homedale sewer rates may double

Lift station, force main work on
track; camera surveys show serious
problems in system

The chickens may be coming home to roost after a four-year hiatus — with the results of Project Engineering Consultants' (PEC) camera survey of Homedale's sewer lines, residents will almost certainly see a \$6 rise in rates, and potentially as much as \$9.

The discussion over what to do and how to do it dominated the Homedale City Council meeting Thursday, just weeks after councilmen had approved yearly increases of three percent on sewer rates and two percent on

water rates. Those new rates take effect today.

City council members and public works supervisor Larry Bauer agreed that the jump in rates, if it comes, will be in part due to the demise of the expected motel and retail business development in the U.S. Highway 95 corridor immediately south of the Snake River, which would have brought more sewer system revenue into city coffers.

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Otter hears Homedale



'Capital for a Day' sees Q&A over a wide range of state and local matters

Myriad issues from healthcare to wolves to deadbeat dads to drug use to agri-tourism were discussed Monday as Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter visited Homedale as part of his Capital for a Day tour.

"It exceeded my expectations," Otter said of the event, which brought state officials to Owyhee County's largest town for more than eight hours and attracted upwards of 100 people to the Txoko Ona Basque Center.

"I certainly expected people to come with concerns and to be interested. ... I thought there was great interchange."

Homedale City Councilman Aaron Tines saw the event as an educational outreach not only for the citizens who showed up but also for the elected officials. He said that many eyes were open to the process that cities have to go through to get grants.

And, Tines, said the day also gave Homedale

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Irrigation shutoffs to begin Monday

District boards meet Tuesday

The irrigation season will draw to a close next week in the Marsing-Homedale area.

City of Homedale public works supervisor Larry Bauer announced that the municipal irrigation system will be shut off for the year on

Monday. He urged water users to report leaks to city crews so they can be identified and eventually repaired.

The South Board of Control (SBOC) will shut off irrigation water for the season on Oct. 10, according to a press release issued last week.

Ron Kiester, South Board

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Group examines area’s future transportation needs

Commissioners briefed on statewide scoping process

People involved with devising a 30-year snapshot of the state’s transportation needs met with the Owyhee County Board of Commissioners recently.

“They’re looking for different ideas on how to improve transportation and find out where the needs are,” commission chair Jerry Hoagland said.

During the Sept. 22 meeting, representatives from the Idaho Transportation Department and COMPASS gave a 15-minute presentation on Idaho’s Mobility and Access Pathway (IMAP).

Liisa Itkonen, a principal planner with COMPASS, explained that last week’s meeting is part of a plan to building Local Mobility Management Networks (LMMN) through the state to devise plans to meet regional transportation needs. She said the IMAP concept is an ITD initiative aimed at meeting federal funding eligibility

guidelines.

“(ITD’s) goal is to develop a statewide plan for transportation options,” she said.

Owyhee County is in an LMMN that includes Canyon, Elmore, Ada, Boise and Gem counties.

“The point is to help these counties to put together a local network plan,” Itkonen said.

With the IMAP concept in its infancy, last week’s meeting was more informational than directional. Commissioners were asked to provide names of influential people who might have constructive input for the needs of local communities.

“However (the plan) plays out, it will be up to the counties,” Itkonen said on the direction of the regional plans.

“I thought (last week’s meeting) went very well, and the commissioners seemed engaged and interested. And they already had some ideas on how they would proceed.”

Hoagland said that some of the transportation needs are being fulfilled now by buses at the senior citizen centers in Homedale and Grand View, but there are

several other segments of the population that could benefit on broadened public transportation opportunities.

“It’s one of the great things that the senior centers have provided,” Hoagland said of the bus service for county’s older residents.

Itkonen said the IMAP plan will cover all aspects of moving folks in Idaho — alternative methods of transportation, walking facilities, vanpools and road improvements.

Hoagland sees a great opportunity for people commuting out of the major population centers in the county — the Marsing-Homedale and Grand View-Bruneau areas.

“With the price of fuel right now, it’s looking a lot more desirable,” Hoagland said. “But we’re Americans and we love our independence and we love our cars.”

Hoagland said that he feels there is potential for a future public transit route heading from the Marsing-Homedale area into Canyon and Ada counties. He also pointed out that District 3 Commissioner Dick Freund said that better transportation opportunities could help economic growth

in Grand View.

“The brainstorm includes getting a bus route that would go from Grand View to Mountain Home,” Itkonen said. “(The commissioners) want to try to tie economic development in with this, which I think is a really good idea to try to hook up (this concept) with the economic development agencies.”

Hoagland added that even remote areas, such as the are a near the Duck Valley Indian Reservation in southernmost Owyhee County, could benefit from advances made through a transportation plan because residents in those areas and farther south in Owyhee, Nev., often travel north to the population centers to meet their basic needs.

Itkonen said the IMAP scoping group also met with the Gem County commissioners in August and meetings with officials in Boise and Elmore counties are planned for later this month. Later in the process, there is the possibility for public meetings as well, she said.

— JPB

Marsing Chamber gears up for Day at the North Pole

The Marsing Chamber of Commerce will be holding Christmas festivities on Dec. 13, and is looking for vendors, activity volunteers and someone to act as Santa Claus at “A Day at the North Pole”.

There will be vendor space available, though it will be limited, so those interested should contact Chamber president Cathy Streibel as early as possible.

Only one food vendor will be allowed for the event, so inter-

ested organizations or businesses are encouraged to inquire.

A Christmas parade also will be held, and musical groups and choirs will usher in the season. Plans are in the works for many more activities, including make-

it-and-take-it booths, Streibel said.


Anyone interested in supporting or being involved in the event is asked to attend the Oct. 15 Chamber meeting at 7 p.m., at Essence of Life at 11 W. Main St.,

in Marsing. Those with questions or comment can call Streibel at 896-7001.

Streibel said the Chamber will not be bringing back the Pumpkin Harvest Fest, which was first held last October.

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✓ Shutoffs: Boards meet Tuesday

manager, said that water usage was average this year, and that supply issues went well.

The boards of directors from irrigation districts will hold regular monthly meetings Tuesday at the South Board of Control office, 118 S. 1st Street W., in Homedale.

The Ridgeview Irrigation District board will meet at 7 p.m. The Gem Irrigation District will hold its meeting at 7:15 p.m., and the South Board of Control directors will meet at 7:30 p.m.

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Financial bailout battle stalls Owyhee Initiative

Bill's passage
dims as Congress
wrangles over
economy

The recent focus on a \$700 billion bailout for troubled financial institutions has stalled most other congressional business, including legislation to implement

the Owyhee Initiative.
“So many things and potential things can happen right now,” legislative spokesman Lindsay Nothorn said. “Because of the financial crisis package, everything has been moved back.”
In fact, when the House of Representatives voted down the bailout plan, Owyhee Initiative Work Group co-chair Fred Grant seemed less than optimistic, saying the failure to reach

consensus on the bailout could affect the Initiative “drastically.” He couldn’t be reached to elaborate on his statement in a phone message left at The Owyhee Avalanche office.
With a lame-duck session seeming less likely now that a Continuing Resolution has been passed to extend appropriations through March 6, the Initiative looks to be in line for action on the Senate floor when the new session

begins after January.
But before Monday’s House vote on the financial package, Nothorn, who works for Initiative sponsor Sen. Mike Crapo (R-Idaho), said that Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-Nev.) could call for a separate vote on the public lands package before Congress adjourns. Grant had reported earlier that Reid has told Crapo he favors the bill.
“If not passed now, the new Congress will begin another cycle, and it should be a quick one,” Grant said.
Grant explained that bills left over from the previous session — such as the public lands omnibus of which the Initiative implementation legislation is part — are given priority status for the ensuing session. If the bill is re-introduced unchanged, Grant said “it should move quickly and silently through the passage vote” and then move on to the House where it could see another vote without additional hearings.
“So, passage is most likely in the early days of the new administration,” Grant said,

cautioning that it’s unclear how the delay would affect the Initiative in the eyes of ranchers or what impact a change in administration would have.
Initiative supporters are concerned that if the legislation doesn’t make it to President Bush’s desk before the end of his term, a change in administration could reduce the chances for it to become law. However, the Initiative implementation bill was attached to other public lands legislation in an omnibus bill, which many have said increases the likelihood of passage.
In recent weeks, the Initiative has faced threats from the objectives of other legislation, such as protecting Snake River headwaters in Wyoming and the issue of gun possession in national parks. The Snake River issue seemingly has been resolved, Grant reports. But he also said that Crapo would have to muster support anew to fight off the threat of the guns in national parks legislation put forth by Sen. Tom Coburn (R-Okla.).

— JPB

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A photo from the Bruneau Roundup appearing in the Sept. 24 edition of The Owyhee Avalanche identified as Pat Tindall and as being taken by Kristi Schiermeier

actually was a photo of Battle Mountain, Nev., cowboy Cameron Hopper Craig and was taken by Kristi's daughter Katrina.

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County prepared to take bids on OCD remodel

Contractors can start submitting bids for construction on the remodel project at the county’s new property at 19 Reich St., in Marsing.

Owyhee County published a Notice to Bid in today’s edition of The Owyhee Avalanche, seeking offers on renovation of the former Owyhee Conservation District building. Jobs up for bid run the gamut from insatllation of office furnishings to pouring concrete.

A walk-through of the building is

scheduled for 9 a.m. on Oct. 22 for those interested in placing a bid, which will include all materials, labor and miscellaneous needs to complete the project.

According county Assessor Brett Endicott, who is coordinating the bid process, the work will include:

- Construction of a three-person workstation for the county’s department of motor vehicles.
- The building of six walls to create

evidence, interview and records rooms for the sheriff’s office. An extra office also would be created with this part of the construction.

- Door work, including moving doors and replacing the west side exterior door and jamb with a metal frame and door.
- Sidewalk work would include repairing uneven pavement at the entrance doors and grinding uneven sidewalk joints.
- Lighting work includes illuminating

exit signs and installing emergency lights at the exit doors.

- Windows would be replaced, and a security fence will be built around the parking lot in the rear of the building.

Bids will be accepted at the county clerk’s office in Murphy until 5 p.m. on Oct. 31.

The bids will be unsealed at 10 a.m. Nov. 3 during the weekly Board of Commissioners meeting at the courthouse in Murphy.

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✓ Sewer: Rate hike would go against promise when bond was floated

The never-built complex, a legacy of Mayor Paul Fink’s last term in office, was supposed to have covered the rate increases that will be generated by the use of the second half of the \$2.1 million sewer bond.

PEC’s video survey shows that the work still is sorely needed, but with no new development to generate capital improvement funds, city residents may find themselves on the hook for it.

The bulk of the remaining bond money, about \$1 million, will be used to replace the nearly one-mile-long force main line from the Nevada Avenue lift station to the wastewater treatment lagoons northwest of Homedale. The next phase was to address the worst bits of the Homedale city sewer lines, initially surveyed by camera about five years ago.

The lines were deteriorating then, but the amount and severity of deterioration that has occurred since was a surprise, City Engineer Fred Ostler reported. Lines surveyed are fractured, broken or without walls in many cases.

Fixing the problem would cost an estimated \$791,450, according to PEC’s figures. That number does not take into account engineering fees. To pay for the repairs and engineering will likely require the remaining \$1 million of the bond, which translates directly to \$6 more per month per customer in sewer charges.

If the city and sewer customers want to avoid a repeat of the fixes of problems carried over from previous years, rates should be \$3 higher, Bauer and Kevin McLeod, water circuit rider for the Idaho Rural Water Association (IRRA), said.

That additional \$3 would be specifically tied to a capital improvements fund that would allow the city to replace two or three blocks of pipe every year, and keep ahead of the sort of catastrophic repairs now needed, Bauer explained.

It would also make customers’ monthly sewer bill nearly double, to almost \$20.

Bauer and McLeod had researched sewer rates in towns of comparable size. Even with the \$65 per month towns of McCall and Donnelly dropped from the comparison, monthly average sewer rates from cities like Wilder, Greenleaf, Emmett and Parma (and eight others) was \$26.22, compared to Homedale’s current \$10.46.

Andrew Kimmel of PEC broke down the numbers and displayed footage garnered by the remote probes used in the lines.

He introduced the survey by briefly explaining the rating system used; in short, a zero or one is a pristine pipe, a three is a “fair” pipe that might fail in 10 to 20 years, and a five rating is a pipe that “has failed or is likely to fail in the next five years.”

Homedale sewer ratings		
Year of installation	Pipe rating	Feet of pipe in the ground
1937	2.15 to 3.99	apx. 5,400 (a 3-block section rates 4-5)
1947	4.5 to 5	apx. 4,200*
1951-53	1	apx. 7,500
1967	1.92 to 2.5	apx. 11,000
1972-present**	apx. 1	apx. 19,500

*The survey of the 1947 pipe was halted after 25 percent was completed, when Bauer and surveyors decided that further flushing and surveys might result in the collapse of the remaining pipe and/or the loss of the remote.

** PVC piping that does not erode or decay in the same way concrete does.



A section of the 1947 pipe, showing the complete erosion of the sidewalls.

Homedale has more than a few sections of pipe that have already failed, Kimmel said. The concrete pipe laid down in 1947 is, in fact, so bad that surveying had to stop for fear of the lines collapsing and the probe being lost. Videos from pipes of that era show the pipe sidewalls completely gone and eroded soils opening cavernously off the route of the sewage.

“All the sections of 1947 pipe have missing sidewalls and are on the verge of collapse. It’s a very serious situation,” Kimmel said.

The 1937 pipe has numerous cracks, invasive roots and some breaches, but is in better shape than that from 1947. The 1967 pipe, while the best in town, has suffered spalling — with the interior lining having been eaten away by sewer gasses — which means erosion will now occur at a much faster rate, Ostler said.

The immediate need is to replace the 4,200 feet of 1947-era pipe, and the 1,200 feet of 1937 pipe that is rated at a 4 or 5, Kimmel said. The 15-inch main will be fitted with a sleeve, as well.

Kimmel expressed concerns over the condition of the main, following the dis-

covery of the decay in the feeder pipes, and the main line also will be surveyed by camera.

Part of the reason for the deterioration is the flatness of the Homedale sewer system, Bauer explained. The pitch on a pipe should be near four percent, but many of the pipes in Homedale were laid on slopes as minor as one percent, making sewage move slowly through the system, and allowing corrosive gasses to build and eat at the inside of the concrete pipes, he said.

The decayed state of the 1947 pipes has left the city with few options but to replace them, and quickly, PEC and Bauer agreed.

“It’s not a decision you have to make tonight, but you have to decide soon,” Bauer warned the council.

“One of the promises when the bond was passed a couple of years back was that rates weren’t going to be raised,” councilman Tim Downing said during the meeting.

“I don’t know how we can not do it,” Bauer said in response. “Without the capital improvements (funds) you’re going to be in the same boat again in three or four years.”

“I know it’s tough. I agree completely,” Bauer said when asked during and after public comment as to how those on a fixed income would be able to cope. “If you can see any other way to do it, we’d love to hear it.”

In addition to the obvious concerns of a collapsed line and sewage backing up into homes, the state of the breached 1947 pipe has increased the number of rocks making their way to the pumps at the Nevada lift station. Repairs, covered by pump warranties, have been made three times this year, Bauer confirmed.

In the end, the subject of a rate hike was tabled to allow the council to digest the issue at the suggestion of councilman Dave Downum, and will be revisited at the Oct. 8 city council meeting.

In the portion of the sewer restoration project already reflected in the rates, Victor Godfrey of PEC, in charge of the replacement of the force main line, outlined the plan for the project. The line will not follow the route of the existing one exactly, partly because of the existing pipe’s course, which runs beneath wetlands and duck ponds added since its inception, but also because no one really knows just where the pipe is, he said.

The existing force main pipe, installed in 1966, is known to be a transite product (an asbestos-concrete mix), is too small for the job, and lies along an unknown line, as the plans from those years have disappeared.

The new pipe route will follow existing road right-of-ways and fence lines, Godfrey said, making it possible for city maintenance to find and access the pipe as needed. At the moment, the existing pipe would be nearly impossible to find, much less service, and it is well past its expected lifespan and in excess of its designed tolerances, as previous meetings have revealed.

The \$417,780 project faces only a single permit from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, one allowing work in a wetland — necessitated by the line passing under a narrow section of what Bauer described as drain ditch — and that permit would not require additional funds, Ostler said.

“It’s just a survey, with minimal surveying required. I was actually surprised that the permit was so easy (to get),” Ostler said. The ease arose from the parcel being under half-acre in size, he said. Larger wetland areas have much stricter regulation.

Two other Corps of Engineers permits were avoided by using horizontal directional drilling to dive beneath Succor Creek and an irrigation canal along the route, Ostler said.

Obituaries

Mary Jo Pottenger

Mary Josephine Pottenger, age 75, passed away peacefully surrounded by family Sept 20, 2008 in Pasco, WA. Mary Jo was born July 12, 1933, to Alvin Linus Nelson and Josephine Fields Nelson in Richmond, Virginia. She attended Clinton High School and Iowa State University where she met and married Ronald Pottenger in 1954. She received a Bachelor's Degree in Education at Ohio University, Akron, Ohio and a Master's Degree in Education at College of Idaho, Caldwell, Idaho.

Mary Jo taught in the Homedale School District for 35 years — mostly Jr. High and High School Math. Her love of teaching was so great that upon retirement, she continued teaching part-time at Treasure Valley Community



College. Mary Jo was an active member of the Homedale Presbyterian Church and enjoyed singing in the choir; she was a 52-year member of PEO and many other charitable auxiliaries. Serving her community in any way possible gave her great happiness. She had many interests including: reading, music, travel and listening

to reports of her children's and grandchildren's adventures.

Mary Jo is survived by her four children: Douglas Cornell Pottenger, El Segundo, CA; Suzanne Josephine Levanger, Burlington, KY; Jennifer Helen Everson, Pasco, WA; and Robert Thomas Allenger, Moscow, ID; She is survived by nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by her parents and husband.

Her family wishes to express gratitude to her wonderful friends and neighbors who have loved and supported her over the years — especially all her students who brought her so much joy.

Memorial services will be held October 5, 2008, at 2 p.m. in the Homedale High School Gymnasium.

Frank E. Stanford

Frank E. Stanford, 71, of Jordan Valley, Oregon died Sunday, September 21, 2008 with family by his side. There was a funeral service at the Jordan Valley Lion's Den, Thursday, September 25, 2008 at 1:00PM. Burial followed at the Jordan Valley Cemetery under direction of the Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Caldwell.

Frank's parents were Nina (Deitrick) and Ralph Stanford. He was born in Aunt Lily and Uncle Omer Stanford's home on Upper Jackson Creek, Owyhee County, Idaho. He grew on this Stanford Brothers Ranch and lived and worked there well into his adult life.

34 years ago, Frank and Charlene were married January



28, 1974 in Winnemucca, Nevada. They lived at Adele, Oregon, working for the Big MC Ranch for 8½ years. Then he worked for the Cahill Ranch and Shalder Ranch until 1982. They moved back to the Dougal Ranch, Jordan Valley and have lived there since.

Frank is survived by wife, Charlene and 3 stepsons; Gordon (Lindsey), Kyle (Tonya), Kelly (Danett), 11 grandchildren, 2 sisters; Betty S. Lacey of Weiser, Idaho, and Florence (Bill) Shenk, of Adrian, Oregon, 1 sister-in-law, Virginia Stanford, of Jordan Valley, Oregon, 1 brother-in-law, W.J. Willhite, of Homedale, Idaho, cousins; Jeff Stanford, Jerry (Micky) Stanford, Nellie (Dave) Gorley, and Joanne Cunningham, all of Jordan Valley, Oregon. He is also survived by numerous nieces, nephews, and friends.

Frank was preceded in death by his parents, Aunt and Uncle Stanford, 3 brothers; Lee, Stub (Marge), Gene (Billie), and 1 sister Christy Willhite.

School menus

Homedale Elementary

- Oct 1: Chicken nuggets or egg roll, rice pilaf, veggie, fruit & veggie bar, fortune cookie, milk.
- Oct 2-3: No school.
- Oct 6: Sloppy Joe or hot dog, tots, fruit & veggie bar, chocolate pudding, milk.
- Oct 7: Turkey & noodles or tuna sandwich, peas, fruit & veggie bar, goldfish crackers, milk.
- Oct 8: Chicken nuggets or finger steaks, broccoli, fruit & veggie bar, cinnamon roll, milk.

Homedale Middle

- Oct 1: Burrito or fish sandwich, corn, fruit rollup, fruit & veggie bar, milk.
- Oct 2-3: No school.
- Oct 6: Chicken patty or rib-b-que, tots, fruit & veggie bar, cookie, milk
- Oct 7: Wiener wrap or sloppy Joe, fruit & salad bar, cake, milk.
- Oct 8: Beef or chicken taco, corn, fruit rollup, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

Homedale High

- Oct 1: Spaghetti, burrito or pizza hot pocket, French bread, fruit & veggie bar, milk.
- Oct 2-3: No school.
- Oct 6: Cheese pizza, mini corn dogs or chef salad, fruit & veggie bar, brownie, milk.
- Oct 7: Oven fried chicken or wiener wrap, scalloped potatoes, fruit & veggie bar, fruit rollup, milk.
- Oct 8: Enchilada, burrito or pizza hot pocket, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

Marsing

- Oct 1: Red Baron pizza, salad, egg roll, fruit & salad bar, milk.
- Oct 2-3: No school.
- Oct 6: Hamburger, potato wedges, French dip, salad bar, fruit bar, milk.
- Oct 7: Ham & cheese sandwich, veggie, chicken fried steak, fruit & salad bar, milk.
- Oct 8: Tacos, rice, Red Baron pizza, fruit & salad bar, milk.

Bruneau

- Oct 1: Stromboli, fries, tossed salad, fresh fruit, cookie, milk.
- Oct 2-3: No school.
- Oct 6: Chicken sandwich, potato wedges, veggie sticks, apple, milk, cookie.
- Oct 7: Taco & fixings, chips & salsa, corn, pear, milk.
- Oct 8: Turkey & noodles, tossed salad, roll/butter, cherry cobbler, milk.

Birth

Blaine Wyatt Bahem

Adam and Lori Bahem have announced the birth of their son

Blaine Wyatt Bahem. Blaine was born Sept. 9, 2008,

at 6:40 p.m. He weighed 7.6 pounds and was 20½ inches long.

The Bahems reside in Portsmouth, Va., where Adam is serving with the US Navy.

Proud grandparents include Jan and Joe Aman, Homedale, Bob Nettleton, Melba, great grandma Arlene Ziegler, Nampa, Alan and Ramona Bahem, Homedale, great grandparents Larry and Colleen Bahem, Homedale, and Chester and Diana Spear of Sandhollow.

Death notice

VELMA R. HUSKEY, 77, Homedale, died Friday, Sept. 26, 2008, at a local care center. A memorial service was held at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 30,

2008, at The Friends Church, 17434 U.S. 95, in Wilder. Arrangements are under the direction of Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Homedale.

Masons plan scholarship breakfast all-you-can-eat fundraiser feed

Silver City Masonic Lodge No. 13 will hold a breakfast to benefit its scholarship fund on Sunday, Oct. 12. The breakfast will run from 8

a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the lodge, which is located on West Idaho Avenue in Homedale.

Breakfast is \$5 per person and the all-you-can-eat menu features pancakes, ham, sausage, scrambled eggs and Ava's red syrup.

The breakfast helps raise money for the Masons' scholarship fund. Each year, Silver City Lodge hands out scholarships to top seniors from area schools.

Silver City Mason William Shaw added that the organization's motto dovetails nicely with the purpose of the scholarship fund: "Building Today for Tomorrow."

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Your finances

Bailouts threaten other parts of U.S. bond market

Dear Dave,
With all the crazy economic things happening lately, I was wondering if it's possible for the government to go bankrupt.
— Susan

Dear Susan,
Technically, it's possible. But the chances of that happening are so close to impossible I wouldn't worry about it. They'll just continue being bureaucratic vampires and sucking the money out of us!
The real issue, I think, are some things that haven't been pointed out about the situation with our national debt. When the government takes billions of dollars and uses it to help Fannie Mae or AIG, where do you think they get that money? They borrowed it. How do they borrow money? They issue government bonds that are bought by foreign investors, local investors, institutional investors and others.

But here's the catch. If all these people are buying government bonds, they're not buying other kinds of bonds. So when the government borrows hundreds of millions of dollars by going into the bond market and issuing bonds, they're basically sucking money out of the economy.
And when there's not as much water running downstream the creek gets dry!
— Dave

Dear Dave,
I'm a pastor. I make \$24,000 a year, and my wife and I live rent-free in the church parsonage. We've also got two kids, about \$19,000 in credit card debt and we owe \$13,000 on a van loan. The book value of the van is \$23,700, but we got a good deal with our trade-in. Do you think we should sell the van?
— Matthew

Dear Matthew,
I'd sell that thing tomorrow! You can't prosper when you've got a year's income tied up in something that's going down in value.
Cars are just about the biggest item you can buy that will go down in value like a rock. I mean, if I were to come to you and offer you an investment opportunity where you could turn \$23,000 into \$10,000 in just three or four years would you be chomping at the bit to get in on it? Of course not!
You can easily get a quality, dependable vehicle for less than \$10,000 — with no payments. And that will also free up money and enable you guys to really



attack that credit card debt!
— Dave

Dear Dave,
I own a small business, and I pay my people on straight commission. We've started growing a bit, and I'm having trouble finding good, new reps who want to work under this kind of compensation structure. Does your team work on commission, and if so, how do you do it?
— Gary

Dear Gary,
I love commission plans that rely heavily on incentives. I just plain love the idea of commissions. I mean, I'd put my receptionist on straight commission if I could figure out how to make it work!
But honestly, there's hardly anyone on my team that works straight commission. The majority of my folks work on a small salary plus commission, or some kind of draw until they get rolling.
Now, I don't want them fat and sassy and getting something for nothing. That's not fair to me. But the truth is that a broke salesperson smells, looks and acts desperate. They tend to promise the sky and deliver something a lot closer to Earth.
The key is to find a happy medium. So I usually give my guys enough to get by, but if they want anything better they have to go kill something and drag it home. The base keeps the kids fed and the lights on, but if they want a little fun and some pleasure in life they have to work for it!
— 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

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Read Calendar each week
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Calendar

Today
Homedale Middle School conferences
3:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., parent-teacher conferences, Homedale Middle School, 3437 Johnstone Road. (208) 337-5782
Idaho joint land use study workshop
6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School, 39678 Hwy. 78, Bruneau. (208) 334-2470
DivorceCare recovery support group
7 p.m., Mountain View Church of the Nazarene, 26515 Ustick Road, Wilder. (208) 337-3151

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
Homedale Rod and Gun Club meeting
7 p.m., Owyhee Lanes Restaurant, 18 N. 1st St. E., Homedale. (208) 463-4383
AA meeting
8 p.m., Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave.

Friday
Homedale library storytime
10 a.m., free, Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through 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

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

Monday
County Board of Commissioners meeting
Courtroom 2, Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Hwy. 78, Murphy

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
Marsing PTA meeting
7 p.m., Marsing High School Commons Room, 208 S. 8th Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 896-4273
Ridgeview Irrigation District board meeting
7 p.m., 118 S. 1st St. W., Homedale
Gem Irrigation District board meeting
7:15 p.m., 118 S. 1st St. W., Homedale
South Board of Control board meeting
7:30 p.m., 118 S. 1st St. W., Homedale
AA meeting
8 p.m., Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave.

Wednesday
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
Homedale City Council meeting
6 p.m., City Hall, 31 W. Wyoming Ave. (208) 337-4641
Marsing City Council meeting
7 p.m., City Hall, 425 Main St. (208) 896-4122
Grand View City Council meeting
7 p.m., City Hall, 425 Boise Ave. (208) 834-2700, Monday through Wednesday
Owyhee Watershed Council meeting
7 p.m., University of Idaho Owyhee County

Extension Office, 238 8th Ave. W., Marsing. (541) 372-5782
DivorceCare recovery support group
7 p.m., Mountain View Church of the Nazarene, 26515 Ustick Road, Wilder. (208) 337-3151

Thursday, October 9
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
Exercise class
10:45 a.m., free, Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave. (208) 337-3020
El-Ada commodity distribution
11 a.m. to noon, Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St., Grand View. (208) 337-4812
Homedale Chamber of Commerce luncheon
Noon, Owyhee Lanes Restaurant, 18 W. 1st St. (208) 337-3271
Owyhee Gardeners meeting
1 p.m., University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Office, 238 8th Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 896-5474 or (208) 896-4104
TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)
5:30 p.m. weigh-in, 7 p.m. meeting, First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St., Homedale. (208) 482-6893
County Republican candidate night
7 p.m., McKeeth Hall, Owyhee County Historical Museum, 17085 Basey St., Murphy
Adrian school board meeting
7 p.m., Adrian School Library
Owyhee County Fair Board meeting
8 p.m., county fairgrounds, Homedale. (208) 337-4575
AA meeting
8 p.m., Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave.

Friday, October 10
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

Sunday, October 12
Silver City Lodge No. 13 scholarship breakfast
8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., \$5 per person, Silver City Masonic Lodge No. 13, Homedale
Parenting class
9:30 a.m., "Parenting with Love and Logic", Homedale Friends Church, 17434 Hwy. 95. (208) 337-3464

Monday, October 13
County Board of Commissioners meeting
Courtroom 2, Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Hwy. 78, Murphy
Homedale school board meeting
7 p.m., district office board room, 116 E. Owyhee Ave.
Melba school board meeting
4 p.m., district office board room, 600 Broadway Ave.

Tuesday, October 14
Exercise class
10:45 a.m., free, Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave. (208) 337-3020
"Every Child Ready to Read" program
6 p.m., ages 6 and younger, Lizard Butte Library, 111 3rd Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 896-4690
Pure Word recovery meeting
7 p.m., Snake River Valley Fellowship, 20 E. Oregon Ave, Homedale. (208) 475-3733
Marsing school board meeting
8 p.m., district office board room, 209 W. 8th Ave. W.
AA meeting
8 p.m., Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave.

For more information on submissions, call (208) 337-4681.

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✓ **Otter:** Governor, other state officials tackle locals' concerns during day-long visit

a chance to show off its diversity.

"It was a great opportunity for the exposure of Homedale — not only what it has to offer but also the people, the Basque and Hispanic populations," he said. "Especially to have it here at the Basque Center shows how very strong and supportive the community is."

During morning and afternoon question-and-answer sessions — sandwiched around a luncheon — Otter heard a wide range of queries and comments from an equally wide range of attendees from public officials, businessmen and ordinary citizens.

District 23A Rep. Jim Patrick (R-Twin Falls) said: "I thought it was very productive for a lot of reasons: As legislators, for us to be here and be able to listen to our constituents on problems we may not know about. And to learn from the different agency heads what we need to do to get things done."

Otter was accompanied by representatives from several state agencies, including the Departments of Commerce, Health and Welfare, Education and Agriculture, among others.

The governor fielded questions on perennials like education, technical training, the difficulties of encouraging development of a rural economy and gas prices, as well as subjects new to the 21st century, like carbon footprints, the resurgence of wolves and real-time virtual education with rural classes taught by teachers based elsewhere.



Governor helps hail organizations

Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter, left, and Homedale Chamber of Commerce president Gavin Parker look over plaques that were presented as tokens of appreciation for the South Board of Control and the Homedale Rural Fire District.

Again and again, the specter of inflation tightening the state's purse-strings formed the central response to a variety of questions regarding projects — proposed or delayed — about which attending members of the public wanted to know more.

Even days after ordering reductions in state budgets, Otter didn't bemoan the state of the economy. Instead, he stressed that the state was finding ways to be more efficient with what it had, whether by carpooling, downsizing government vehicles or building as greenly as possible

to save on electrical costs.

In fact, after the public forum at Txoko Ona, several officials — Otter, Hartgen and Patrick included — piled into a van to tour areas of interest and need in and around Homedale, including the airport, the sad state of U.S. Highway 95 and several other points.

"Ninety-five going out toward Marsing; it's very obvious that road is in some real need for attention, not only the road surface but the lack of shoulder," Otter said. "There's nothing outside the fog line to chip (seal)."

During the public outreach sessions, the governor and dignitaries present all seemed to be on the same page, insofar as a cautious approach to the new fiscal year went. The yardstick by which projects were approved, at present, was simply that of the greatest bang for the buck in question, Otter said. This conservative approach to funding coincides with the Friday press release in which Otter called upon all state agencies to reduce their budgets by one percent in response to bleak forecasts of revenues for the state.

"Acting in moderation now is the prudent and fiscally responsible thing to do. It recognizes economic realities and it may help us avoid more dramatic spending reductions later in the budget year," Otter said.

The one-percent reduction goes hand-in-hand with Otter's directive to the same state agencies to hold 1.5 percent of their budgets as a hedge fund against further declines in revenue.

In addition to human concerns, wildlife made its appearance, with Patrick bringing up the sage-grouse, and asking whether the birds were suffering fatalities because of West Nile Virus. Fish and Game regional supervisor Scott Reinecker agreed that they were. Patrick went on to suggest that perhaps mosquito control would be a valid a route to preserving the threatened birds, as opposed to simply adding more strictures on grazing. Reinecker agreed, but pointed out that Fish

and Game wasn't in a position to spray a county — especially one the size of Owyhee — and that a county-based spraying district might be an option.

Wolves made their presence known as well, when Homedale High School student body president Ulysses Vargas asked whether the wolf population was out of control in Idaho.

"They say Butch Otter wants to kill all the wolves in Idaho," Otter said. "Well, they're right."

But, as he pointed out, the law doesn't allow for that, and keeping a healthy breeding population in the state is now federally mandated. The fact that the numbers required to make up that population — originally suggested to be 10 packs of perhaps 12 animals each in 1995 — have increased until the 700-plus wolves known to exist in the state and are still not a viable population in the eyes of the courts did raise his ire, though.

"They (federal reintroduction programs) made a promise in 1995, and they keep breaking it," Otter said. "They keep moving the goal-posts."

The gist of Otter's message was plain; Idaho has approximately 1,000 wolves. Fish and Game would like to see a stable population culled down to about 500.

Whether that will ever happen is in the hands of the courts, following the re-listing of the wolves as endangered this July by U.S. District Court Judge Donald Molloy in Montana.

— JPB and MML

Public invited to comment on Travel Management Plan

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Owyhee Field Office invites the public to attend two open houses to give comments on a Travel Management Plan (TMP) that is being developed for approximately 233,000 acres of public lands in Owyhee County.

The open houses will be held tonight at the Owyhee County

Historical Museum in Murphy, and Thursday at the BLM Boise District Office, 3948 S Development Ave., Boise.

Both open houses will be from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Staff will be on hand to answer questions about the plan and the draft Environmental Assessment (EA).

The draft EA for the Murphy

Sub-region TMP is now available on the BLM's Web site for the public to provide feedback on the proposed action and other alternatives. The draft EA and related maps are available at http://www.blm.gov/id/st/en/info/nepa/Owyhee/murphy_subregion_travel.

There is a 30-day comment period for the TMP draft EA,

and public comments must be received by Oct. 24. Comments can be mailed to the BLM at 20 First Ave S., Marsing, ID 83639, or sent via e-mail to ID_Murphy_TMP@blm.gov.

Comment forms will be available at the open houses, too.

This plan is part of the BLM's nationwide comprehensive travel

and transportation management planning process. The TMP uses a comprehensive approach that considers aspects of road and trail planning and management — specifically natural resource management, and uses of roads and trails.

For more information, contact Ryan Homan at the Owyhee Field Office, (208) 896-5925.

Annual OCHS luau bids 'Aloha' to Murphy museum

Director: Event wasn't making enough money

For the first time in four years, the culture of the South Pacific won't warm up Murphy in October.

"Aloha from the Owyhees", an annual capital improvement fundraiser sponsored by the Owyhee County Historical Society, has been discontinued. It had been held on the first Saturday of October each year

since 2004.

The museum's curator, Dr. Thom Couch, said the OCHS board of directors decided the event wasn't fulfilling its goal as a "capital campaign effort."

"The luau always played to a packed house and was a great time filled with music food and laughter," he said. "However, as a fundraiser it was not overly successful. While it was limited in the amount of money it raised each year, it was a great party."

Debra Lindner, one of the board members behind the creation of the event, said last year's

luau and dancing demonstration profited \$2,800. She said that in four years, the event raised about \$10,000 for improvements to the buildings and grounds of the Owyhee County Historical Museum.

"I had a lot of fun doing it, and the attending guests enjoyed it," Lindner said. "I am disappointed that the event was cancelled; however, I am sure the museum director and the board of directors had the best interest of the OCHS in mind when they made the decision to discontinue this event."

Couch said that the historical society continues to explore options to raise money to complete the museum expansion project.

"Our building fund is currently depleted, and we are working to raise more money through direct donation requests," Couch said.

Couch said the historical society will spend the remaining funds of a \$125,000 grant later this year. The museum was granted a Community Block grant from the Idaho Department of Commerce that has been used for renovations on McKeeth Hall, its bathrooms and the parking lot. Couch also

said the money will pay for exterior lighting and electrical upgrades as well as improved handicapped accessibility.

"We have completed the majority of the building project, however, we still need to raise about \$100,000 for new exhibits and approximately \$50,000 for shelving," he said.

The museum also is at work reorganizing its educational programs and exhibits to reflect the need for more educational and historical content, Couch said.

— JPB

Rope and Ride provides thrills for all in attendance

by KC Kelly

The 10th annual Rope and Ride was held under sunny skies in Jordan Valley this past weekend.

The three-day event is hosted by the Jordan Valley Rodeo Board to raise funds for the Owyhee and Malheur Legal Defense fund, which in turn supports private property rights and multi-use of public lands policy.

Friday muley roping

This roping was added this year and provided additional opportunity for competition and amusement of those already in town for the festivities.

Following the preliminary cow dog trials on Friday, 48 teams entered. Dennis and Doug Rutan had the fastest time in the first go round. The three teams who placed in the roping competition were: 1st Randy Carson/Tex Suftin, 2nd Mike Eiguren/Ryan Bruce and 3rd Greg Grenke/Randy Carson. Ben Badiola provided cattle.

Saturday cow dog trial finals

Friday, a total of 48 dogs entered the preliminary competition. Dogs were brought from Washington, Idaho, California, Nevada and Oregon to compete in the Western Cattle Dog Association. Final trials were held Saturday morning.

Open class (21 entered) — 1st Robin Nueffler with Rod, 2nd Roger Edwards with Toby, 3rd Cindy Nelson with Quid, 4th Ambrose McAuliffe with Rebel.

Started class (14 entered) — 1st Ambrose McAuliffe with Jeff, 2nd Ambrose McAuliffe with Jocko , 3rd Cindy Nelson with Quid.

Rancher class (13 entered) — 1st Larry Sather with Red Dog, 2nd John Gambel with Hectorm 3rd Allen Voortman with Turk.

Stock saddle bronc riding

Seventeen buckaroos entered the Stock



Before the end of this ride during Saturday's Stock Saddle Bronc contest, Tim Maher had lost his sunglasses, his hat and one boot.

Saddle Bronc riding on Saturday after the Stock Dog Final Trials.

Seasoned judges of the rides were Mark Fillmore and Doug Burgess. The cavorting of the horses provides the avenue for the riders to show off their skills. The bucking stock provided by King Livestock of Homedale was satisfactorily rank — with only a couple stall-outs.

Duncan and Adene Mackenzie are substantial annual supporters of the event, with Mackenzie Ranches of Jordan Valley

donating the championship buckles. Dave and Nellie Gorley added \$100 to the last-place earnings.

After a several splits for best scores after the first go, including a three-way split for sixth place, nine men qualified to draw a bronc for the final go. Scores combined for the two rides produced the winners:

1. Tim Maher, scored 150 points, won first and last go round earning \$513.37; 2. Daniel Richards, 145, \$467.12; 3. Cole Clark, 142, \$328.38; 4. Chance Miller, 139, \$274.41; 5. Ace Clark, 137, \$166.50; 6. Seth Franklin, 134, \$146.25

Saturday muley roping

Eighty four teams entered Saturday's muley roping. Healthy rollicking heifers challenged roping skills with such antics as turning back to the chute, setting their hooves to foil loops and bellowing while leaping in irregular directions. Cattle donated by Agri-Beef made a tremendous contribution to the success of the entire event.

Doug Rutan and Ed Olson had the fastest time in the first go round with 8.41 seconds. In the second go, Nathan Kelly, Jr. and Dirk Jim won with 8.81 seconds.

Results — 1st Nathan Kelly/Dirk Jim with a combined time of 34.70 seconds, a payout of \$640; 2nd Wannie Mackenzie/John Schutte, 41.49, \$480; 3rd Nathan Kelly, Jr./Daxton Jim, 48.45, \$320; 4th Marshall Smith/Nathan Kelly, Jr., 48.97, \$160

Sunday last chance roping

Terry Russell provided the frisky fast running young horses for Sunday's last chance horse and muley roping. Sixty three teams entered, with 21 teams going into the finals.

The first go of the muley roping was won with a 9.14 second run by Ryan Mackenzie and Ira Walker.

The first go of the horse roping was won

by Ira Walker and Wannie Mackenzie with 8.45 seconds.

Results — 1st Jason Eiguren/Richard Eiguren, Jr., with a combined time of 53.73 seconds won \$855.50; 2nd Dirk Jim/John Schutte, 57.21, \$708; 3rd Cleve Anseth/Chance Paila, 65.08, \$560.50; 4th Wannie Mackenzie/Marlowe Eldrige, 66.52, \$413; 5th Ryan Mackenzie/Ira Walker, 71.43, \$265.50; 6th Nathan Kelly, Jr./Daxton Jim, 72.20, \$147.50

On the side

Thirty nine diverse items donated for the Silent Auction took in \$1,988.00 for the benefit.

Judy Purdom of Homedale won the raffled four-wheeler. The range tipi raffled off by Ken's Tent and Canvas was won by Bill White of Oreana.

Hay for the stock held over the three days was donated by local ranchers — knowingly by some, and as yet unknown by others. This is an essential and substantial contribution of resources, as everyone knows hay is not cheap and grass is not free.

More than 183 businesses and individuals contributed for this fundraiser. Uncounted people contribute their time and energy each year.

Connie Brandau, Brenda Richards, Char Carson and Teri Fretwell timed all events, scores and kept the books. Connie has spoken of retiring after 10 years of providing a lifetime of experience maintaining accurate books, demanding honest timing, ascertaining that everyone pays their entry fee, and generally keeping everything straight.

A southbound pick-up truck broke through a fence near the entrance to the arena grounds, crossed a small pasture, went through two more fences and two steel uprights before coming to a halt under the broken-up shade canopy in the city park.

Five monkeys star in library storytime

Homedale Public Library will present “Five Little Monkeys” at its next storytime.

The storytime, which is open to children of all ages, starts at 10 a.m. on Friday at the Homedale library.

The activity also will feature a sing-along and refreshments.

The library is located at 125 W. Owyhee Ave.

For more information, call 337-4228 between 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. weekdays.



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Workshop to tout energy savings for businesses

A free energy efficiency seminar will be held at Owyhee Lanes Restaurant in Homedale on Oct. 16. The program will be held from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. The restaurant is located at 18 W. 1st St. N., in Homedale.

The seminar will be hosted by

the Idaho Small Business Development Center, the Western Alliance for Economic Development and Idaho Power Co. An Idaho Power representative will talk about available incentive programs and rebates. Information about grants and loans available from the U.S.

Department of Agriculture Rural Development program for renewable energy and energy efficiency projects also will be provided.

The good news is that 18 percent of these companies have taken steps to invest in more energy-efficient equipment or upgrades.

According to the Environmental Protection Agency's EnergyStar Small Business program, small firms can save between 20 and 30 percent on their energy bills through off-the-shelf cost-effective efficiency upgrades.

A continental breakfast will be

provided during the Homedale workshop.

There is no charge, but businesses must register by Oct. 9. To register, contact the Idaho Small Business Development Center at (800) 225-3815 or by e-mail at lorainehand@boisestate.edu.

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Homedale FD to receive reflectors for hydrants

The Homedale City Council has approved \$700 of blue road-mounted reflectors to mark fire hydrants. The request, made by the Homedale Fire Department, is meant to make it easier and quicker to locate the nearest hydrant to a fire at night.

The council voted to OK the expenditure, sufficient to purchase 100 reflectors, with the stipulation that the Fire Department would install the reflectors themselves. Reflectors would be placed in the street near most residential hydrants, but not along Idaho Avenue nor in rural sections or some subdivisions, according to the plan.

Just who would be responsible for replacement of damaged or missing reflectors remained undecided.



No more free ambulance rides

Homedale district proposes fee increases

The days of free response by a Homedale Ambulance crew could be numbered.

The Homedale Rural Fire Protection District announced today that a public hearing on proposed fee increases in emergency medical response fees will be held at 12:30 p.m. on Oct. 13 at the Owyhee Lanes Restaurant banquet room, 18 W. 1st St. N., in Homedale.

Fire district commissioner Ric Uria said Monday that the fee increases would help bring the ambulance fees on par with what is being charged in other districts, and it would also help keep up finances to buy more apparatus. Uria said there are plans to

purchase a new ambulance soon.

Charging for an ambulance crew to respond to a medical call and putting a price on the use of defibrillator pads are among the fee changes to be proposed at the district's board of commissioners meeting.

According to a legal notice published in today's edition of The Owyhee Avalanche, the fire district currently doesn't charge for either a defibrillator or an ambulance response in the past. If commissioners approve the proposed fee schedule, patient would pay a minimum of \$75 for an ambulance call-out, and it would cost \$80 if the crew had to use the defibrillator pads.

The service fee for basic life support also could be going up 50 percent from \$300 to \$450. The advanced life support fee will rise one-third to \$600 from its current \$450.

Land use workshop studies air base, private land interface to ensure smooth coexistence

Finding a happy medium between Mountain Home Air Force Base and its neighbors is the subject of a workshop tonight at Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School.

The Idaho Joint Land Use Study (JLUS) public workshop will run from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the school, 39678 Hwy. 78, in Bruneau.

The workshop will play a part in the JLUS's goal to develop strategies to sustain economic development, public safety and health while maintaining compatibility with the military training and operations taken place on and around the air base.

The public is invited to give comment on issues related to land use compatibility in the area surrounding the Mountain Home AFB range training complex. According to the JLUS workshop agenda, participants will work in small groups and, using a map, identify issues they would like evaluated and addresses through the JLUS.

A similar workshop regarding Gowen Field in Boise was held at the Ada County Courthouse on Tuesday.

For more information on the JLUS, visit www.community.idaho.gov, call (208) 334-2470 or e-mail Gloria Mabbutt at gloria.mabbutt@commerce.idaho.gov or Greg Seibert at greg.seibert@commerce.idaho.gov.



Tanks for the cleaning

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Water report

The Bureau of Reclamation Web site showed that, as of Monday morning, Owyhee Reservoir was 23% percent full and that water was flowing in the Owyhee River above the reservoir at Rome, Ore., at a rate of 102 cubic feet per second. Water is flowing out at Nyssa, Ore. at a rate of 177 cubic feet per second. The reservoir held 163,049 acre-feet of water.

The following statistics were gathered from the National Resources Conservation Service Web site at 8:30 a.m. Monday (Year-to-date precipitation is measured from Oct. 1 to Sept. 30.)

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	Snow Equiv.	Snow Depth	Year-to-date Precip.	Previous day's temperature		
		(measured in inches)		Max	Min	Avg
Mud Flat						
09/23	0.0	0.0	16.4	89.7	39.1	52.3
09/24	0.0	0.0	16.4	68.5	30.6	51.4
09/25	0.0	0.0	16.4	79.2	43.6	60.3
09/26	0.0	0.0	16.4	75.6	45.5	59.4
09/27	0.0	0.0	16.4	77.5	38.7	59.4
09/28	0.0	0.0	16.4	78.1	45.3	60.1
09/29	0.0	0.0	16.4	78.6	42.1	60.1
Reynolds Creek						
09/23	0.0	0.0	19.2	55.1	39.5	46.4
09/24	0.0	0.0	19.2	57.3	33.5	46.4
09/25	0.0	0.0	19.2	74.0	44.7	59.8
09/26	0.0	0.0	19.2	70.2	50.5	61.0
09/27	0.0	0.0	19.2	66.9	45.0	57.6
09/28	0.0	0.0	19.2	71.8	51.6	61.7
09/29	0.0	0.0	19.2	71.8	50.4	60.4
South Mountain						
09/23	0.0	0.0	35.0	52.8	38.4	44.2
09/24	0.0	0.0	35.0	60.9	39.9	50.8
09/25	0.0	0.0	35.0	68.6	54.4	61.1
09/26	0.0	0.0	35.0	66.9	50.9	57.7
09/27	0.0	0.0	35.0	70.2	49.5	59.2
09/28	0.0	0.0	35.0	71.6	53.2	60.1
09/29	0.0	0.0	35.0	74.1	52.9	61.2

Weather

	High	Low	Prec.
Sept 23	74	36	0
Sept 24	74	37	0
Sept 25	80	38	0
Sept 26	84	42	0
Sept 27	no	read	
Sept 28	no	read	
Sept 29	85	38	0

Taco Time earns food safety award

Southwest District Health’s annual Food Merit Award for Owyhee County was given to Homedale’s Taco Time last week.

Taco Time manager Sylvia Diaz accepted the award Sept. 23 during a ceremony inside the Simplot Dining Hall on The College of Idaho campus in Caldwell.

The Taco Time restaurant, which was one of three nominees for the county award, is located inside the Jacksons convenience store at the corner of East Idaho Avenue and North 1st Street East.

Marsing’s Whitehouse Drive-In and the Rimrock Senior Citizens Center in Grand View also were nominated for this year’s Food Merit Award, which the SWDH passes out as part of its recognition of National Food Safety Education Month.

The Food Merit Award, which is given to one establishment in each of the counties administered by the SWDH, recognizes performance for the 2007 calendar year.

“All the winners have shown excellent food safety practices to prevent food-borne outbreaks by reducing incidents in five main risk factors, which include holding temperatures, personal hygiene, adequate cooking, use of clean equipment and using approved food items,” SWDH environmental health services director David Loper said.

“This honor personifies the gold crown for clean and safe food handling.”

Loper said each food establishment in the six-county area of southwest Idaho is inspected annually for food safety and

sanitation. Nominations are based on past food inspection reports, performance and food safety measures during the previous 24-month period.

There have been 72 winners since the Food Merit Award program began in 1999, and 256 establishments have received nominations in the past decade. This year’s award pool came from 27 nominations after more than 1,250 establishments were inspected in Owyhee, Canyon, Payette, Washington and Adams counties.

Eight winners were named this year.

Last week’s award ceremony was attended by Loper, Bruce Krosch, the district director for SWDH, Board of Health chair Bill Brown and Health Board members.



Commissioners increase sheriff’s processing fees

After a public hearing that drew no citizens for comment, the Owyhee Board of Commissioners passed a resolution increasing fees charged by the sheriff’s office.

“I wish there would have been some comment at least pro or against,” commission chair Jerry Hoagland said. “It makes me feel like that we’re going to go ahead and do what we think is in the best interest, but we need some guidance.”

In the resolution, passed during the commissioners’ Sept. 15 meeting in Murphy, commissioners set processing fees charged by the sheriff and in many cases raised charges for the first time since October 2003.

The new fees go in effect today, the start of the new fiscal year.

In most cases, fees increased 20 percent, but there were instances where the fees charged for the sheriff’s office execution of legal proceedings rose as much as 50 percent.

Highlights of the fee increases include:

- The charges for attempting and serving witness subpoenas, summonses, complaints, notices, rules or orders will rise 20 percent to \$25 each.
- Serving eviction notices and removing tenants now will require an advance deposit of \$3,000.
- Serving a writ of possession in cases that tenants have voluntarily left will cost \$45.

The commissioners also approved doubling the mileage fee charged for each service, from \$5

to \$10.

Hoagland said the increases bring the fees in line with what surrounding counties are charging for the same services.

He said language on some of the charges, such as service fees, was change from the 2003 fee schedule to allow the county to charge for each time a deputy attempts to serve papers because the remoteness of some areas of the county requires long travel and sometimes the subject of the service couldn’t be located, requiring a return trip.

“Some of those (service instances) in Owyhee County, the deputies try to catch someone in the back-country to serve them papers, and they are gone out riding and the deputies have make another trip,” Hoagland said.

The District 1 commissioner stressed that the fee increases weren’t aimed at generating new revenue for the ever-tightening budget managed by Sheriff Gary Aman.

“It just covers costs, really,” he said. “With the other fees, (Aman) realized some of those other things were taking too much time and mileage.”

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Mayor proclaims Fire Prevention Week, Oct. 5-11

City emergency crew visit schools; kindergarteners to stop by fire station

Members of the Homedale Fire Department joined with Homedale Elementary School students and Mayor Harold Wilson to proclaim Oct. 5-11 National Fire Prevention Week in town.

Wilson's proclamation came Thursday at the school.

The firefighters, children and mayor were joined by several school officials to unfurl a banner signifying the week of fire prevention education. The banner will hang in the elementary through National Fire Prevention Week, and similar banners will be displayed at the middle school and high school.

The elementary school has a special curriculum for the week, teaching fire safety in and around

the home. Counselor Randee Garrett will visit each classroom with the lessons throughout the week beginning Monday.

"Randee does a very good job, and when we come down, (the children) all remember the drills," Homedale Fire Chief Scott Salutregui said.

Other aspects of the educational outreach include a first to the John Matteson Memorial Fire Hall by Homedale kindergarteners on Oct. 10. Two groups of 50 students each will spend time at the fire station, touring an ambulance and learning fire safety and public safety tips from firefighters and Homedale Police Department personnel.

Salutregui said fire safety in the home, including the "stop, drop and roll" drill will be among the lessons taught when kindergarteners start showing up in the morning.

On Oct. 13, volunteer firefighters will visit the elementary school to have a similar demonstration for first- and second-graders and



Schools, safety officials await fire prevention week

*Homedale school officials and Homedale fire and city officials gathered Thursday to helped put a banner in Homedale Elementary School proclaiming Oct. 5-11 as Fire Prevention Week. **Front row, from left:** Alex Muir, Dakota Kelly, Lyndsey Salutregui, Lane Atkins, Tye Atkins and Austin Conant. **Back row, from left:** Homedale Elementary principal Yvonne Ihli, counselor Randee Garrett, Homedale Fire education officer Darren Krzesnik, school superintendent Tim Rosandick, Mayor Harold Wilson, Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller and middle school principal Luci Asumendi-Mereness.*

third- and fourth-graders.

In the afternoon on Oct. 13, the firefighters will move on to the middle school to do an outdoor program that includes showing off the equipment, including the water cannons.

Homedale Police Department

and Homedale Ambulance personnel also will take part in the school visits.

— JPB

County GOP sets general election candidate forum for Oct. 9 in Murphy

The public will get a chance to meet candidates for the Nov. 4 general election on Thursday, Oct. 9, when the county Republican committee presents a Republican Candidate Night in Murphy.

The Owyhee County Republican Central Committee forum will take place at 7 p.m. at McKeeth

Hall — also called the Murphy Community Center — inside the Owyhee County Historical Museum complex, 17085 Basey St., in Murphy.

The forum will be an opportunity to meet the candidates and ask questions on the issues.

Additionally, Idaho Republican


Party chair Norm Semanko will speak and give a report of his visit to the national convention in Minnesota as a delegate.

Republican nominees for state and county offices on the Nov. 4 ballot are scheduled to appear, including District 1 Commissioner Jerry Hoagland,

District 2 Commission nominee George Hyer, Owyhee County Sheriff's Deputy Daryl Crandall and state District 23 Legislature incumbents Seat B Rep. Stephen Hartgen of Twin Falls, Seat A Rep. Jim Patrick of Twin Falls and state Sen. Bert Brackett of Rogerson.

Hartgen also was a delegate to last month's GOP national convention.

It's not known if any GOP candidates for congressional seats, such as Senate hopeful Jim Risch or Congressional District 1 incumbent Rep. Bill Sali, will have representation at the forum.



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5. Grant requests must be received no later than November 15, 2008.

GV sets peddlers market, yard sale for Oct. 11 in Centennial Park

Plans are in motion for a peddlers market Oct. 11 at Grand View's Centennial Park. The event, which also will include a yard sale, will start at 10 a.m. Vendor spaces are available for \$10 each. Call Lynn Cobbley at (208) 834-2848 for more information. For information on the yard sale, call Sue Law at (208) 834-2214 or Jale Rubelt at (208) 834-2619. More information also is available at the City of Grand View's new Web site, www.grandviewidaho.us.

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BLM honors Bruneau's Black for habitat work in rangeland

An Owyhee County rancher has earned a national award from the Bureau of Land Management. Chris Black of Joseph Black and Sons in Bruneau was named the 2008 recipient of a Rangeland Stewardship Award for his work to enhance sagebrush and riparian habitat in his Big Springs grazing allotment, which is on BLM land. Black received the award from BLM director Jim Caswell at the annual meeting of the Public Lands Council in Twin Falls last week. "The BLM is delighted to present the Rangeland Stewardship Award to Chris Black, who has made tremendous efforts to intensively manage and improve public rangelands in Idaho," Caswell said. "His efforts, which include monitoring conditions and intensive herding to improve grazing management, have gone above and beyond our agency's expectations." Caswell is familiar with conservation work in Idaho. Before joining the BLM, he worked in the governor's Office for Species Conservation. Also during the Public Lands Council meeting in Twin Falls, the BLM recognized all of the grazing permittees, as well as various groups and the general public, who have worked with the Bureau's Cody Field Office staff in Wyoming. This is the first time the BLM has presented this particular award, known as the Rangeland Stewardship Through Collaboration Award. "The high level of collaboration in Cody has made a distinct and positive difference in rangeland conditions throughout the area managed by the Cody Field Office," Caswell said. "These dedicated individuals accomplished more as a team than they would have by acting independently from each other. Consequently, this award recognizes the cooperative work of all involved partners."



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Boise District, Bruneau Field Office Permittee Receives BLM National Stewardship Award

On Sept. 24, Bureau of Land Management director Jim Caswell, left, presented Chris Black, of Joseph Black & Sons, from Bruneau with the 2008 Individual Rangeland Stewardship Award at the National Public Lands Council meeting in Twin Falls. Black was recognized for his dedication to improvements in rangeland conditions and productivity during the past 15 years. The improvements have resulted in healthy riparian conditions associated with springs and streams that have benefitted wildlife habitat for sage-grouse, spotted frogs and other wildlife. Black said: "Stewardship to me means providing for my family, and taking care of the lands for them." His efforts have inspired others with an attainable vision of healthy landscapes and influenced other permittees to establish their own monitoring of sensitive areas. Photo by BLM

Bruneau school tabs top students

Bruneau Elementary School has chosen its students of the month for September. District teachers make the selection each month using the criteria of strong attendance, positive behavior, excellent academic performance, community spirit and outstanding leadership. They are: Ian Burbank for kindergarten and first grade, Julianne Mori for second- and third-graders and Kaleb Burbank for fourth- through sixth-graders.

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Fall Time Values

Scarecrow
Yard
Decorations!
\$9.99 ea



Beef Loin
T-Bone Steak



\$5.99 lb.

Pork
Shoulder Roast



\$1.79 lb.

Local Apples



\$8.99 ea.
1/2 Bushel

Local Grown
Pumpkins



20¢ lb.

Gold-N-Plump
Whole Fryers



2 for \$10

While Supplies Last!

Pork
Shoulder Steak



\$1.89 lb.

Acorn, Spaghetti & Butternut Squash



79¢ lb.

Jumbo
Yellow Onions



39¢ lb.

Western Family 16 oz.
Cheese Cuts **\$3.79** ea.

Western Family 12 oz.
String Cheese **4 for \$1**

Jennie-O
Turkey Breast **\$1.69** lb.

Oscar Mayer
Lunchables **\$2.29** ea.

Bar-S 16 oz.
Sliced Ham or Turkey **\$3.29** ea.

Bar-S 24 oz.
Corn Dogs **2 for \$5**

2 lb. Clip Top
Cello Carrots **\$1.19** ea.

Broccoli **89¢** lb.

River Ranch
Salad Mix **\$1.29** ea.

Large Slicing
Tomatoes **\$1.09** lb.

5 lb.
Potatoes **\$2.29** ea.

Local
Gala Apples **99¢** lb.

Western Family
Can Tomaotes



69¢ ea.
14.5 oz.

Western Family 14-15.2 oz.
Canned Vegetables **69¢** ea.

Western Family
Mac & Cheese Dinner



2 for \$1
7.25 oz.

Western Family 15 oz.
Beans **69¢** ea.

Coca Cola Products



3 for \$13
12pk 12oz Cans

2 Liter Bottle
Coke Products **\$1.39** ea.

Busch Beer
Regular or Light



\$7.49 ea.
12pk 12oz Cans

18pk Cans or 20pk Bottles
Budweiser Beer **\$13.59** ea.

Top Ramen Noodles 5 for \$1	Western Family Sweet Butter Quarters \$2.79 ea. 1 lb.	Dasani Water 24pk .5 ltr bottles \$4.99 ea.	Western Family Chili 15 oz. 89¢ ea.
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Western Family Tomato Sauce 8 oz. 4 for \$1	Western Family Refried Beans 16 oz. 69¢ ea.	Palmolive Dish Soap 25 oz. \$3.09 ea.	Western Family Antiseptic Mouth Rinse 33.8 oz. \$1.39 ea.
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