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## U.S. 95 gets paved — in 2011

Stretch singled  
out during  
governor's visit

A much-maligned segment of highway between Marsing and Homedale could see road surface repairs in the coming years.

Even with a reported \$240 million funding crunch, the Idaho Transportation Department has put several Owyhee County projects on its long-term agenda, including new pavement for U.S. Highway 95 between Marsing and Homedale.

ITD spokesman Reed Hollinshead reported last week that a paving project on the road could be carried out in 2011. The project would repair the pavement on U.S. 95 from its junction with Idaho highway 55 near the ION Truck Stop to the southern city limits of Homedale.

That stretch of U.S. 95 long has

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## Safe in Daddy's arms



### Family has together time at firehouse visit

Although she wasn't entirely sure that Homedale volunteer fireman Jason Conant was, in fact, her father because of his get-up Friday morning at the Homedale fire hall, 5-year-old Emalee Conant eventually got brave enough to let Dad demonstrate a house fire rescue for other Homedale Elementary kindergarteners on hand for a National Fire Prevention Week exercise. See story, Page 12A

Homedale sewer

## Public urged to get involved

Homedale City Councilmen are urging residents to turn out for a public hearing to discuss a \$9 increase on the monthly base rate charged for sewer service.

During its Wednesday meeting, the council set 7 p.m. on Nov. 12 as the time for the public hearing.

"I'd like to see some people at the hearing," council president Dave Downum said.

The proposed increase is necessary to follow through on the \$1 million remaining in bond funds available to the city to complete sewer rehabilitation that officials have said is long overdue. City public works superintendent Larry Bauer said \$3 of the increase will be placed in a capital improvement fund to prepare the city for future repairs.

"In a year's time, we'll have enough to do a block (of pipe rehabilitation)," Bauer said. "It's a very prudent, long-term plan."

The immediate need is to replace the force main from the Nevada Avenue lift station to the town's wastewater treatment lagoons. City councilman Eino Hendrickson said that work is vital because a rupture in the main could halt the town's entire

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## Son of Owyhee heads up state agency

### Drum tabbed as pension fund director

One could assume that — given the economic times — Don Drum has been saddled with an unenviable task as the new director for the state's pension fund.

But, the 1975 Homedale High School graduate says, the Public Employee Retirement System of Idaho (PERSI) is in good shape despite recent debacles on Wall Street.

"I'm confident that PERSI is fine," Drum said. "We need to see where this thing kind of settles."

"You're like in the midst of a huge storm and can't see what's on the other side. And we need to get through it and see what's on the other side, and then we can figure out what's the best direction to go."

The 51-year-old Drum recently

succeeded Alan Winkle, who retired after 22 years as PERSI executive director. Now living in Meridian, the former Homedale resident had overseen day-to-day operations of the organization since March 2006 as its deputy director.

And part of that job was supervising customer service — not the most glamorous job when 100,000 pensioners

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Don Drum

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Adrian fights  
for HDL lead  
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**Homedale motorist hospitalized after hitting hay**  
*Top: Owyhee County Sheriff's Deputy Isaac Gordon investigates the scene Wednesday morning after 24-year-old Nicolas Mendoza of Homedale was sent to the hospital after ramming a stack of hay bales near U.S. Highway 95 south of Homedale. Bottom left: Officials say Mendoza's heat hit the windshield of his pickup. Bottom right: LifeFlight transported Mendoza to Boise from the Homedale Municipal Airport.*

# Man injured in collision with hay bales; school burglarized

It was a fairly quiet week in the local area for county law enforcement.

Nicolas Mendoza, a 24-year-old Homedale resident, was involved in a single-vehicle accident on Wednesday, when his 1990 GMC S15 Sonoma pickup slammed into a pile of large hay bales near the junction of Thompson Road and Jump Creek Road just off U.S. Highway 95 between Homedale and Marsing. The accident occurred just after 7 a.m., and Owyhee County Sheriff's Office personnel responded.

Homedale Ambulance rendez-

voused with a LifeFlight helicopter at the Homedale Municipal Airport. Mendoza was airlifted to the trauma unit at Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise where he was treated for facial, leg and chest injuries, held overnight, and released on Friday.

Trent Price of Homedale Ambulance said the LifeFlight response was rapid because the helicopter was dispatched from Holy Rosary Medical Center in Ontario, Ore.

Sheriff's deputies responded to a call on Monday, Oct. 6, from the Marsing Elementary School.

A theft during the weekend was reported, in which envelopes containing cash as well as permission slips for a second-grade field trip had been stolen from three classrooms.

After entering Caba's, which refused to serve him, Frederick W. Deyoe, address unknown, was reported as "laying out in the place." Marsing Ambulance was called to the scene, but did not transport Deyoe.

He was arrested for DUI when sheriff's deputies arrived at 5 p.m. on Wednesday.



# Marsing water, sewer projects seek tiered bids

The next phase of the Marsing municipal water and sewer project will be taking bids, though the process likely won't be finalized until after the first of the new year, city engineer Amy Woodruff said Wednesday night at the City Council's regular meeting.

The million-dollar project is being put out for bid in a tiered fashion. Contractors will bid on primary planned improvements (class A projects), secondary ones (class B) and tertiary (class C).

Bids will be accepted in a format where each contractor submits bids in an A, A+B and A+B+C format, getting the project on its way in a manner that will allow work to go as far forward as possible. In the same way, Woodruff said, the engineers have plotted out \$1.4 million of pipe, should the project's materials and costs allow it to go past the initially estimated \$1 million of planned work. This would allow the city to proceed with any feasible additional work

without resubmitting for approval from the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality.

With the three-tiered system, if materials and bids run high, the city can complete a project focused strictly on "A" plans. If there's more money available and bids and materials are reasonable, then A+B will be used, and if all goes very well, then the A+B+C full gamut can be completed.

Woodruff suggested the tiered plan, in conjunction with head of city maintenance Danny Martin, to allow the engineers to finalize all plans and have them approved by DEQ. Having them done and approved means there won't be stops during construction should money be available to go farther, but engineering plans and DEQ approval were not obtained, Woodruff said.

The winning bidder will be the contractor who offers the best bid across all three projected possibilities, Woodruff said.

— MML

# Crowd howls at 'Wolf'



Homedale High School drama club members performed the "Trial of the Big Bad Wolf" by Joseph Robinette and "The Nose Tree" by Alan Engelsman for middle and elementary students last week. The class, under the direction of DeAnn Thatcher, wowed crowds with their acting skills.

The cast for the plays involved the whole of the club — 27 members — treading the boards in the two productions.

Shown in the photo are Mariah Moore, foreground, as the Reporter; Jen Dixon as Wallington Wellington Wolf the Third; Megan Barraza, Sarah Maggard and Nিকে Mainarick as the three porcine complainants; Kelsey Thatcher as Jack Spratt and Shane Witt as Mrs. Spratt. In the background on the left is Nicole Luna as Cinderella and, on the right, Holly Galligher as Little Miss Muffet.

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# Homedale plans Halloween event

Businesses set to participate in fifth Safe-N-Sane

Homedale is getting ready for its fifth annual Safe-N-Sane Halloween Celebration, which will take place Friday, Oct. 31.

The celebration will take place at participating businesses from 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. on Halloween.

As in years past, participating businesses will display an orange paper Jack o'lantern in their

windows.

A list of participating businesses also will be available at City Hall on Thursday, Oct. 30.

The city Halloween event is open to boys and girls 12 and younger.

City Hall staff will judge a best costume contest with a boy and a girl winner, too.

With limited parking downtown, families who take part in the celebration are asked either to walk to the event or park on either end of town.

Call City Hall at 337-4641 for more information.



## Getting in the spirit of the spirits

Homedale City Clerk and Treasurer Alice Pegram places a Jack o'lantern in the window of the City Hall lobby to signify that the building will be a stop during the fifth annual Safe-N-Sane Halloween Celebration on Oct. 31 in town.

# City will put more money into airport land prep

Groundwater discovery requires new plan to level expansion land

A recently discovered groundwater problem has forced the Homedale City Council to tack on another \$3,000 to its plan to level land near the municipal airport.

The city now will spend \$13,000 to prepare ground dedicated to airport expansion. About half of the total will come out of the city's economic development fund, with the balance coming from airport funds.

Bill Shippy, the contractor hired to level the 3½ acres, presented a new design to the council Wednesday night that would avoid water issues.

The council approved the added expense after Councilman Aaron Tines urged the city to shore up new lease agreements with existing tenants as well as solidify the exact price tag for development of new hangars before committing any more city funds to the airport.

"I don't want a shortfall and we end up in a mess down there," Tines said.

Council president Dave Downum agreed with Tines.

"We need to get something on these contracts," he said. "I think we asked about that before we



## FHLA City Park request approved

Future Hispanic Leaders of America Homedale chapter member Tony Aguilera hands Mayor Harold Wilson a preliminary schedule for the group's event at City Park as fellow member Vanessa Sanchez gives a presentation Wednesday.

approved the (original) \$10,000 (for leveling)."

Although public works supervisor and airport manager Larry Bauer said the majority of tenants have agreed verbally to lease increases from 2.5 cents per square foot to 5 cents per square foot, nothing has been set down in writing. He told the council that new lease agreements doubling the lease rates will be presented at the Oct. 30 council meeting. The new leases would go into effect Jan. 1.

Mayor Harold Wilson assured Tines that the city would get its outlay back "within six months," and that the expansion would mean more property tax revenue.

The council followed Tines' admonishment and voted to set development fees at \$500 per 25 feet of hangar frontage with a minimum lot size of 50 feet wide, or \$1,000.

The council said that any engi-

neering expenses on hangar construction will be absorbed by the tenants building the hangars.

## Students to use City Park

The Homedale High School chapter of the Future Hispanic Leaders of America (FHLA) secured the use of City Park for a Halloween Family Fun Night on Oct. 31.

FHLA members Vanessa Sanchez and Tony Aguilera asked the council for permission to use City Park for a similar community event as the one that the group held at Homedale Elementary School last year.

The event is part of the FHLA-supported I Can Do Kids Club,

which is facilitated by the 4-H through the University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Office in Marsing.

"What (the FHLA members) are doing is part of an Engaging Youth, Serving Community grant," 4-H coordinator Judith McShane said. "A big component of that is to run a meeting themselves. They are the advocates."

McShane said that, even though the teenagers run the show, adults will be present.

Family Fun Night is scheduled to run from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Oct. 31. Dinner will be served during the first hour, and a community meeting will be held in the final two hours.

"It's just a good thing to bring our community together so we can grow stronger and get more ideas so we can actually make our community bigger so we're not known as just a little town, but to demonstrate our community," Sanchez said.

The council approved the application contingent on the FHLA securing insurance and the proper permits.

"I think it sounds like a great idea," Downum said.

The food served must either come from a licensed vendor or be purchased pre-packaged from a retailer to avoid health permit issues, the council said.

— JPB

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# Firm may haul ore on SC Road

A mining company has cleared a hurdle to haul ore from War Eagle Mountain down Silver City Road after the Board of County Commissioners approved a contract last week.

Deep Rock Inc., has been contracted by Silver Falcon Mining Inc., to haul ore tailings from the mountain to Deep Rock's processing facility in Melba.

Owyhee County commissioners approved the contract contingent on a \$20,000 bond to pay for any possible road damage. Deep Rock now must clear its project with the Bureau of Land Management, a county official said.

"We figured if we started seeing some major breakups on the oiled portion of the road, we'd stop the hauling and use the \$20,000 on the spots," commission chair Jerry Hoagland said.

He said the company will use articulated off-highway, loader-type trucks to move ore from War Eagle to the intersection of Silver City and Fairview roads.

From there, the ore will be loaded into 10-wheeler dump trucks and hauled to the Paul Place on North Sinker Creek. At that juncture, auxiliary trailers will be attached to the 10-wheelers for the trip down Silver City Road to Idaho highway 78.

"They're looking at getting 4,000 tons to the other side of Melba," Hoagland said. "Mostly, it's a test to see if its worthwhile or not."

Hoagland said the company will use pilot cars to guide up to eight trucks down Silver City Road. He also said Deep Rock has agreed to build berms to keep any possible runoff out of nearby streams. The firm also plans culvert work on BLM and county roads.

Commissioners show appreciation

The commissioners issued certificates of appreciation at their Sept. 22 meeting to a pair of local emergency services agencies and US Ecology. Hoagland said

the certificates were issued at the request of Sheriff Gary Aman.

US Ecology and the Grand View Fire Department were commended for their assistance during a hazardous waste truck accident near Grand View on Sept. 15.

Another certificate was issued to Jim and Jan Hyslop of Silver City Fire & Rescue Inc., for that group's assistance during the multi-agency marijuana seizure near Silver City on Sept. 17.

Jan Hyslop said SCF&R was asked standby for emergency medical services, if needed.

None of the personnel from the numerous law enforcement agencies incurred injuries, but Hyslop said her husband, Jim, helped load confiscated marijuana and also volunteered his farm truck to haul trash and irrigation drip lines brought out of the grow sites.

The SCF&R water tanker also was used to spray down the landing area for the helicopter that was removing pot plants from the steep ravine, Jan Hyslop said.

# Marsing mayor to address ITD board

## Idaho 55 plan open house slated for Caldwell tonight

Marsing Mayor Keith Green is scheduled to address the Idaho Transportation Department Board of Directors today in Garden city.

Green wouldn't give details of his presentation during the second day of the Transportation Board's at ITD's District 3 Office, 8150 Chinden Blvd., in Garden City. But he told The Owyhee Avalanche that he would make a full report in time for the Oct. 22 issue.

Green is scheduled to speak before the board at 9 a.m.

Meanwhile, ITD has scheduled a public open house in Caldwell tonight to identify improvements and corridor needs for Idaho highway 55.

The open house takes place from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at



Keith Green

Central Canyon Elementary School, 16437 Florida Ave., in Caldwell.

The Idaho 55 Corridor Study — slated for completion next year — will cover the span from New Meadows to Marsing, according to an ITD press release. The study will result in a plan that identifies policies and projects improvement to the development of the highway over the next 20 years.

Idaho 55 originates 1.7 miles south of Marsing at its junction with U.S. 95 coming from Oregon.

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# PPK Sectional set for Marsing

The Pepsi NFL Punt, Pass and Kick Sectional competition will be held Saturday at the Marsing High School football field.

Winners from Marsing, Homedale, Weiser, Caldwell, Fruitland, Horseshoe Bend and Boise local competitions are eligible for the 2 p.m. competition. No new entries will be taken

during Saturday's contest.

The winners from the Marsing Sectional will be eligible to compete in the regional competition in Seattle during halftime of the Nov. 23 NFL game between the Seahawks and the Washington Redskins.

For more information, call Ken Wilson at 880-1099.

# Clarification

A headline appearing in the Oct. 1 edition of The Owyhee Avalanche was misleading. Owyhee County citizens have until Oct. 29 to request a mail-in absentee ballot. But in-person absentee voting is available at respective polling places until Nov. 3. Completed mail-in absentee ballots must be received by the county clerk in Murphy by 8 p.m. on Nov. 4.



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## ✓ State: Homedale graduate promoted from PERSI deputy director post

or would-be pensioners are jittery about their retirement funds.

“We had a huge influx (of calls) the day the market went down 780 points,” Drum said. “At our call center, we were getting call after call (from members) wanting to know if their funds were safe and their contributions were safe and, ‘Is PERSI OK?’

“We assured each of our members that we talked to that PERSI’s very stable. We’re going to be able to weather this storm.”

Drum’s days of worrying about the day-to-day operations may be over since ascending to the executive directorship earlier this month, but he’s still looking out for what he calls “one of the best public organizations in the state of Idaho.”

“It’s a little external-focused as opposed to internal-focused,” Drum said of his new post.

He said the new job will bring him in contact with member groups such as the Idaho Education Association, the Association of Retired Teachers, firefighter and police groups and the associations of Idaho cities and counties.

“I’ll be meeting with them and working

*“I spend all my recreational time in Owyhee County because that’s my home and always will be, and I love it out there.”*

— **Don Drum**  
New PERSI executive director

with them and seeing what issues they have and what they’re thinking about in the future,” Drum said.

The son of Homedale residents Dorwin and Vicki Drum, Don Drum also will rub shoulders with state politicians to ensure that proposed legislation won’t have adverse effects on PERSI or the way it helps its constituents.

“The executive director has really focused on working with the constituent groups, staying abreast of national situations, supporting the board and supporting the officers,” Drum said.

Drum got his start in the financial industry as a legislative auditor in Alaska after graduating from Boise State University in 1979.

He moved back to Homedale in October

1984 as partner with Mike Parker in CPA firm after buying Jim Duncan’s interest in the business.

When Drum was called back to Alaska in the fall of 1988, one of his clients with the Homedale accounting business talked him into staying in the area and joining Integrated Office Systems in Boise as vice president of finance.

Drum started his stint with the state in 1990, taking a job as fiscal officer for the Idaho Department of Corrections after the Boise business sold. Eighteen months later, he moved into the position of administrator of management services with IDOC, a post he held until joining PERSI 2½ years ago.

Drum’s experience with state jobs probably brings some comfort for the

current position, but he said that Winkle’s mentorship and continued support will be helpful.

“Alan Winkle told me when I took the job as deputy that he planned to retire in two to three years, and he told me that he would do everything he could to mentor me and help me to where I could be a viable candidate for the job,” Drum said.

“To Alan’s credit, he spent as much time with me as I wanted him to spend to teach me everything that he could possibly teach me in 2½ years. He was a great mentor.”

Although Drum now lives in Meridian with his wife of 16 years, Shannon, and children Katie (12 years old) and Mason (9), he says most of his recreational time still is spent in his home county where his father used to run Owyhee Meat Pack.

“If I have any spare time, I like to go out in the Owyhees and anywhere in Homedale with friends who still live there and hunt and fish,” Drum said.

“I spend all my recreational time in Owyhee County because that’s my home and always will be, and I love it out there.”

— JPB



**State to start work on Homedale bridge soon**  
*The pavement on the U.S. Highway 95 bridge over the Snake River near Homedale is scheduled for rehabilitation later this year, according to the Idaho Transportation Department.*

## ✓ U.S. .95: Homedale bridge work planned

been a thorn in the side of motorists who use it frequently. Gov. C.L. “Butch” Otter commented on the condition of the roadway during his “Capital for a Day” visit to Homedale on Sept. 29. He even hinted at his now-public proposal of a per-mile tax on drivers to built ITD roads fund during a question-and-answer period at the Txoko Ona Basque Center last month.

Hollinshead said the transportation department has at least three other rehabilitation projects in its sights for Owyhee County between now and 2011.

The first one will be a pavement

rehab and deck repair for the U.S. 95 bridge over the Snake River in Homedale. That work will start later this year.

A part of U.S. 95 stretching 16 miles from the Oregon border into Owyhee County is expected to receive pavement repair in 2011.

— JPB

### How city rates rate

A breakdown, provided by the City of Homedale, of how the municipality’s monthly water and sewer base rates stack up against communities of similar size or smaller:

City	Water	Sewer
Wilder	\$16.29	\$34.76
Greenleaf	\$42.75	\$23.52
Parma	\$17.50	\$15.50
Marsing	\$28.52	\$18.80
Middleton	\$8.38	\$15.66
Weiser	\$31.50	\$28.20
Payette	\$23.57	\$33.90
New Plymouth	\$27.99	\$22.64
Emmett	\$12.65	\$29.40
Cascade	\$29.50	\$22.00
McCall	\$18.70	\$65.00
Cambridge	\$21.79	\$35.00
Donnelly	\$18.70	\$65.00
New Meadows	\$32.70	\$35.30
<b>Homedale</b>	<b>\$19.28</b>	<b>\$10.46</b>

**Note** — Only Marsing (\$50), Homedale, Middleton, Emmett, Cascade (all \$25) and New Plymouth (\$20) charge reconnect fees.

## ✓ Public: Official sees hike as way to plan for future, too

sewage system.

“We have 45-horsepower (of sewage force) going into pipe designed for 15 HP, and if it goes down, the whole city is shut down,” Hendrickson said.

Another part of the looming phase of construction is replacing 60-year-old sewer mains around town that have disintegrated and

— in some cases — completely disappeared.

Bauer stressed that even with a \$9 increase, the city’s base rate would rise to \$19.46 monthly, which is still among the lowest among small communities in the region.

— JPB

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in the Avalanche!



# Obituary

## Trude Onzel Gilman

Trude Onzel Gilman, 86, of Bremerton, Wash., died October 3, 2008 at his home. He was born April 2, 1922 in Homedale, Idaho to Charles and Blanche (McDowell) Gilman.

On August 7, 1940, Trude married Ruby in Twin Falls, Idaho. Trude served in the Pacific during WWII with the Marine Corps. Trude was a cook, bartender, lumberjack, auto mechanic, trapper and ditch rider for the Gem District. Trude was a member of VFW #4992, American Legion Post #149, Disabled American Veteran's, International Assoc. of Machinist and Aerospace Workers.

He served as fair coordinator for the Kitsap Mineral and Gem Society and was a trustee at Chico Missionary Alliance Church. Trude enjoyed collecting coins and stamps. He was a rock hound who will be remembered as an "all around good guy."

He was preceded in death by his mother, father, 2 sisters and his



wife. Trude is survived by his sons Terry (JoAnne), Trude, Jr. (Elaine) and his grand, great-grand and great-great-grandchildren.

A memorial service was held at Chico Missionary Alliance Church, Oct. 10, 2008 at 3 p.m. Memorials can be given to Hospice of Kitsap County or Chico Missionary Alliance Church. Arrangements by Lewis Funeral Chapel. Online memorial and guestbook at [www.lewischapel.com](http://www.lewischapel.com)

# Wedding

## Ferguson, Cunningham plan Oct. 25 reception in Homedale

Kathy Ferguson of Greenleaf and Shannon Cunningham of Caldwell were married Saturday, Oct. 4, 2008 in an intimate ceremony at The Ashley Inn in Cascade.

In attendance at the wedding were the parents of the bride, Wanda and Clarence Ferguson of Homedale, and mother of the groom, Marie Cunningham-Lynskey of Boise. The ceremony was officiated by Pastor Lester Sheneberger of the Council Community Church.

There will be an informal open house reception on Saturday, Oct. 25, 2008, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave. The



Kathy Ferguson and Shannon Cunningham

couple requests no gifts; a money tree will be present for those who wish to contribute.

# Birth

## Claire Miren Salutregui

Scott and Wendy Salutregui of Homedale welcomed their third daughter with the birth of Claire Miren Salutregui on Friday, Oct. 3, 2008.

Claire weighed eight pounds, six ounces and measured 22 inches long at birth. She has two older sisters, Adrianna and Lyndsey.

Maternal grandparents are Mick and Donna Garbett of Evanston, Wyo., and Brian Johnstone of Homedale.

Paternal grandparents are Fonce and Linda Salutregui of Homedale.

# Death notices

**FLORENCE D. HAMPTON**, 91, of Bruneau, died Tuesday, Oct. 7, 2008, at a Nampa hospital. Rost Funeral Home, McMurtrey Chapel will handle arrangements.

**MARTHA MAE RAN-DOLPH**, 75, of Marsing, died Friday, Oct. 10, 2008, at home. A viewing was held Monday, Oct. 13, 2008, at Dakan Funeral Chapel in Caldwell, followed by a service Tuesday, Oct. 14, 2008, at the Followers of Christ Church, Marsing. Burial was at the Marsing-Homedale Cemetery.

**HAROLD STEINER**, 88, of Murphy, died at home on Monday, Oct. 6, 2008, at home. There will be a memorial potluck for family and friends at McKeeth Hall at the Owyhee County Historical Museum in Murphy on Saturday, Oct. 18, 2008, at 1 p.m.

# Library plans a Story Time

Story Time at Homedale Public Library will feature "If You Give a Mouse a Cookie" at 10 a.m., on Friday.

In addition to the story, there will be a sing-along and refreshments served. Children of all ages are welcome.

For more information, call Homedale Public Library, 337-4228. The library is located at 125 W. Owyhee Ave.

# School menus

## Homedale Elementary

Oct. 15: Crispito or toasted cheese sandwich, taco salad, fruit & veggie bar, churro, milk.

Oct. 16: Spaghetti or pizza hot pocket, French bread, green beans, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

Oct. 17: Hot ham/cheese or turkey sandwich, yogurt, potato wedges, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

Oct. 20: Wiener wrap or chicken bacon melt, mac & cheese, green beans, fruit & veggie bar, rice krispy bar, milk.

Oct. 21: Beef or chicken taco, corn, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

Oct. 22: Chicken patty or rib-b-que, potato wedges, fruit & veggie bar, applesauce cake, milk.

Oct. 23: Enchilada or corn dog, scalloped potatoes, fruit & veggie bar, brownie, milk.

## Homedale Middle

Oct. 15: Enchilada or chicken & noodles, corn, fruit & veggie bar, turnover, milk.

Oct. 16: Lasagna or pizza hot pocket, green beans, fruit & veggie bar, bread stick, milk.

Oct. 17: Pizza or popcorn chicken, salad, fruit & veggie bar, cookie, milk.

Oct. 20: Chicken patty or rib-b-que, tots, fruit & veggie bar, cookie, milk.

Oct. 21: Fish nuggets or mini corn dogs, rice, fruit & veggie bar, animal crackers, milk.

Oct. 22: Crispito or toasted cheese sandwich, taco salad, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

Oct. 23: Nachos or baked potato, veggie sticks, fruit bar, rice krispie treat, milk.

## Homedale High

Oct. 15: Lasagna, burrito or pizza hot pocket, French bread, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

Oct. 16: Chicken patty or hamburger, potato wedges, fruit & veggie bar, sherbet cup, milk.

Oct. 17: Chicken taco or French dip sandwich, corn, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

Oct. 20: Pizza, nachos or chef salad, fruit & veggie bar, cookie, milk.

Oct. 21: Chicken nuggets or egg roll, rice pilaf, green beans, fortune cookie, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

Oct. 22: Idaho haystack, burrito or pizza hot pocket, fruit & veggie bar, cinnamon roll, milk.

Oct. 23: Chicken patty, sandwich & soup or popcorn chicken, potato wedges, fruit & veggie bar, cookie, milk.

## Marsing

Oct. 15: Corn dog, veggie, chocolate pudding, egg roll, salad bar, fruit bar, milk.

Oct. 16: Mac & cheese, veggie, burrito, salad bar, fruit bar, milk.

Oct. 17: Nachos, sandwiches, salad bar, fruit bar, milk.

Oct. 20: Lasagna, salad, Italian bread, corn dog, salad bar, fruit bar, milk.

Oct. 21: Chicken nuggets, veggies, chocolate pudding, chicken fajitas, salad bar, fruit bar, milk.

Oct. 22: Red Baron pizza, salad, sandwiches, salad bar, fruit bar, milk.

## Bruneau

Oct. 15: Chicken patty, scalloped potatoes, corn, roll/butter, fruit, milk.

Oct. 16: Lasagna, salad, garlic bread, fruit, milk.

Oct. 17: Corn dog, fries, veggie, fruit, cookie, milk.

Oct. 20: Pizza, salad/croutons, corn, pineapple, milk.

Oct. 21: Cheese yum, potato soup/crackers, fruit cup, milk.

Oct. 22: Spaghetti, salad, garlic bread, peaches, milk.

Oct. 23: Roast turkey, potatoes/gravy, peas, roll/butter, fruited pudding, milk.

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# Your finances

## Governments can — and should — operate debt-free

Dear Dave,

Is it possible for a government to run without debt? If so, do you know any examples of a state or federal government that is run debt-free?

— Kyle

Dear Kyle,

Sure, it’s possible. Our federal government was debt-free for many years, so it’s absolutely possible for a government to be debt-free and run on a balanced budget.

I live in Tennessee, and we have a mandatory balanced budget law. All you have to do is balance the budget, and you can avoid debt. It doesn’t matter if you’re an individual or the government, you should live on less than you make.

You shouldn’t get involved in things you can’t pay for straight up, Kyle. And that goes for the government, too!

— Dave

Dear Dave,

I had a motorcycle wreck seven months ago, lost my job as a result, and I’ve been drawing unemployment for the past five months. I was making \$1,200 a month in retail management before this happened, but I’m getting just as much with unemployment even though I can work again. I’m married, have a small daughter and my wife doesn’t work right now. Do you think I should just milk unemployment for as long as I can so I can stay home and help with our daughter?

— Tim

Dear Tim,

No, you shouldn’t keep milking unemployment. You need to get a job right now!

Man, you could make more than you were at your job or on unemployment delivering pizzas full-time. I know you probably wouldn’t have benefits running pizza, but how about the benefit of working for a living and making some money?

You need to get up off your tail right now and find something to do — maybe even two or three things to do — until you find a good paying thing to do. And I don’t think I’d go back into the kind of management you were



in before, because even working that gig you guys were living at the poverty level.

You’ve got a career crisis on your hands. It’s sweet that you’re there with your baby, but it’s seriously time for you to get a good job. Take classes and further your education, or get into another line of work. But you’ve got some serious responsibilities here, dude.

Fix this thing now!

— Dave

Dear Dave,

I bought my home about a year ago with a 6.5 percent fixed rate loan. But I’ve been noticing that adjustable rate mortgage loans are cheaper right now and could cap at 10 percent. Do you think I should switch?

— Patricia

Dear Patricia,

Are you kidding me? Sure they’re a little bit cheaper today, but where do you think they’re going to go in the future?

Adjustable rate mortgages are an awful product. They’re particularly awful when we’re sitting at the bottom of the interest rate environment, and they’re not going to go anywhere but up!

I’ve been begging people for over a decade not to use these loans, or to get rid of them if they’ve already got one. You have a wonderful mortgage, Patricia. The stability and predictability of it is a great thing.

Stay with what you’ve got!

— Dave

— Dave Ramsey is the 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](http://davesays.org). For more financial advice, visit the Web site or call (888) 22-PEACE. Send correspondence to [syndication@daveramsey.com](mailto:syndication@daveramsey.com) or write Dave Says, 1749 Mallory Lane, Brentwood, TN 37027

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# 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**  
**Business energy efficiency seminar**  
8 a.m., free, register by Oct. 9 at [lorainehand@boisestate.edu](mailto:lorainehand@boisestate.edu) or (800) 225-3815, Owyhee Lanes Restaurant, 18 W. 1<sup>st</sup> St. N., Homedale  
**Exercise class**  
10:45 a.m., free, Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave. (208) 337-3020  
**Lights on Afterschool Harvest Party**  
3:30 p.m., Marsing Elementary School and Marsing Community Garden, 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue West. (208) 896-4111, ext. 425  
**TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)**  
5:30 p.m. weigh-in, 7 p.m. meeting, First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6<sup>th</sup> 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**  
**NFL Pepsi Punt, Pass and Kick**  
2 p.m., Sectional competition, Marsing High School football field, 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue West. (208) 880-1099

**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  
**Marsing Lions Club meeting**  
8 p.m., Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center, 126 2<sup>nd</sup> St. N., Marsing. (208) 896-4204

**Tuesday**  
**Exercise class**  
10:45 a.m., free, Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave. (208) 337-3020  
**El-Ada commodity distribution**  
1 p.m. to 4 p.m., El-Ada Owyhee office, 15 W. Colorado Ave. Homedale. (208) 337-4812  
**Idaho Power transmission line public meeting**  
4 p.m. to 7 p.m., Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center, 126 2<sup>nd</sup> St. N., Marsing  
**“Every Child Ready to Read” program**  
6 p.m., ages 6 and younger, Lizard Butte Library, 111 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 896-4690  
**AA meeting**  
8 p.m., Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave.

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

**Thursday, October 23**  
**Exercise class**  
10:45 a.m., free, Homedale Senior Citizens

Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave. (208) 337-3020  
**Malheur County Cattlemen’s annual meeting**  
2 p.m., Sizzler Restaurant, 830 SE 1<sup>st</sup> Ave., Ontario, Ore. (541) 881-1417  
**TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)**  
5:30 p.m. weigh-in, 7 p.m. meeting, First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6<sup>th</sup> St., Homedale. (208) 482-6893  
**Homedale City Council meeting**  
6 p.m., City Hall, 31 W. Wyoming Ave. (208) 337-4641  
**AA meeting**  
8 p.m., Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave.

**Friday, October 24**  
**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 26**  
**Parenting class**  
9:30 a.m., “Parenting with Love and Logic”, Homedale Friends Church, 17434 Hwy. 95. (208) 337-3464

**Monday, October 27**  
**County Board of Commissioners meeting**  
Courtroom 2, Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Hwy. 78, Murphy

**Tuesday, October 28**  
**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 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 896-4690  
**AA meeting**  
8 p.m., Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave.

**Wednesday, October 29**  
**DivorceCare recovery support group**  
7 p.m., Mountain View Church of the Nazarene, 26515 Ustick Road, Wilder. (208) 337-3151

**Thursday, October 30**  
**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. 6<sup>th</sup> St., Homedale. (208) 482-6893  
**AA meeting**  
8 p.m., Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave.

**Friday, October 31**  
**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, November 2**  
**Parenting class**  
9:30 a.m., “Parenting with Love and Logic”, Homedale Friends Church, 17434 Hwy. 95. (208) 337-3464

**Monday, November 3**  
**County Board of Commissioners meeting**  
Courtroom 2, Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Hwy. 78, Murphy

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# Marsing Homecoming 2008



## Ready, aim, fire!

As darkness fell, a crew of rebel soldiers, led, in a spirit of cooperation, by a union officer, loaded their cannon behind the Marsing High School gym while hundreds watched.

The Idaho Civil War Volunteers lit the Marsing homecoming fire off with a bang on Wednesday evening, with the help of a carriage gun and a ball of common steel wool. It took three tries, but when the third ball of fire hit the huge pile of wooden crates and boards, a blaze quickly sprang up.

Carson Rahrer, the commander for the volunteers, said the organization's members are largely from the southwestern portion of the state, especially the Boise, Nampa and Emmett areas. The organization is a 501(c3) educational non-profit corporation, and entertains and educates hundreds of elementary and middle school students every year at historic re-enactments, has its own Civil War events, and helps out at rendezvous events as well.

The group, which has members from Owyhee County, held a public event Saturday at the Old Time Farm Day with the Dry Creek Historical Society in Boise. Their general meeting will be held in Boise on Tuesday. Anyone interested in becoming involved, upcoming events, or learning more, can contact the volunteers at (208) 229-2323, ext. 26.

— MML



## Powderpuffs pound out pigskin points; boys make valiant volleyball attempt

Who says girls can't play football?

The Marsing High School powderpuff game, played in two six-minute halves on Wednesday, saw some great running and several fairly brutal blocks — along with a lot of laughter and good-natured ribbing.

In the traditional Homecoming event, the Sophomore/Junior combined team managed to beat the Senior/Freshman squad 24-12. Huskies football coach Jake Walgamott enjoyed a change of pace as referee, getting to blow the whistle on illegal procedures instead of working to avoid them. Unlike most Huskies

football game refs, he also had to keep an eye out for the occasional ringer in a wig.

The powderpuffs took to the field after the boys' volleyball match, which saw the Marsing volleyball coaches take up their whistles and orchestrate a unique form of the sport. While the boys largely showed a fair (perhaps total) lack of skill when it came to setting the ball, there were some good volleys, cheers from the sidelined varsity volleyballers and fun for all.

In the end, the combined Junior/Sophomore team beat the Freshman/Senior squad in a hard-fought match, 36-35.



## Tug-of-Whoa

While the senior/freshman team managed to beat the sophomores/junior in the bonfire class tug-of-war contest (below) during Marsing High School homecoming festivities on Wednesday, the teachers (above) didn't fare as well. Out-matched by an eager (and more numerous) student team, high school teachers received a sudden physics lesson in mass, inertia, momentum and torque.





# Jordan Valley, Adrian Homecoming 2008



## Mustangs roll for royals

**Above:** Jordan Valley's Court rides in style. From left: Freshman Jessica Carson, Junior Ashley Hebison, Sophomore Shelly Payne, and Senior Nickie Naegle. **Below:** Queen Ashley Hebison and her escort Sonny Mackenzie. Superintendent Andree' Scown had the honor of presenting the crown.

Photos by Michelle Telleria, JVHS



## Antelopes assemble!

**Right:** Senior Jinell VanCorbach picks up a large chunk of yardage as green team member Madison Shira chases the play in the annual Powder Puff game held at Adrian High School. The white team defeated the green team 14-6.

**Below:** The crowning of the homecoming court was held during halftime of the Adrian-Burnt River football game. Representing the court were, from left, Joey Arreola, Claudia Beltran, King Kyle Osborn, Queen Lilie Villareal, Sakopath "Toy" Prayoonrat, and Adriana Miranda.

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## More Marsing majesty



## Royalty receives crowns, floats brave frigid blast

Just before kickoff of Marsing's winning homecoming game against Cole Valley Christian, the crowd got to see the crowning of this year's royalty. Despite the cold rain and gusty wind, those ascending the throne were all smiles. **From left:** The prince and princess for this year were freshman Raymond Evans and sophomore Rebecca Cossel, with seniors Dixie Kent and Jose Paramo were crowned Queen and King. **Above:** The junior class float, themed on The Little Mermaid of Disney fame, took first place in the Homecoming Parade.



# Pruett Lumber takes over Jump Creek location on Pioneer Road



*“We want to take care of the people in our valley. I’ve been in retail for 25 years, and I know that if you take care of people they’ll buy from you.”*

— Dennis Pruett  
Pruett Lumber owner

Homedale and surrounding areas have an option now for home repair and project materials — and one closer than Nampa: Pruett Lumber, on the site of the former Snake River Lumber, is open and stocking shelves.

The four-employee business is looking toward supplying both wholesale and retail buyers locally, and will carry hardware, lumber, propane, building and some mechanical supplies. Anyone looking to add to their home, repair a shed, build a deck or work on plumbing should be able to find what they need, owner Dennis Pruett said. If something isn’t in stock, he’s already looking to ways to make sure special orders can be filled fast.

“It makes all the difference,” he said. “We want it done right, right now for you, too.”

Pruett bought the lumber yard from Dave Holton, who had owned Jump Creek Lumber then renamed Snake River Lumber in recent years. Snake River Lumber closed in August.

The Pruett Lumber shop will be open customer-friendly hours — 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Saturday.

“We want to take care of the people in our valley,” Pruett said when asked who his target market was. “I’ve been in retail for 25 years, and I know that if you take care of people they’ll buy from you.”

Pruett has garnered his business savvy through his years running Pruett Tire Centers in Marsing and Homedale, which are Les Schwab Tire franchise.

That taking care of the customer philosophy includes knowing what people want and need. In addition to lumber, paint, nails and the rest, Pruett plans to carry things that others in the county don’t, such as bearings for agricultural machinery — something locals must go to Boise to buy at this point, he said.

The business also plans to be the source for industrial needs, whether it’s supplies for Filler-King or the nails for Specialty Inc. Wood Products, both companies nearby on Pioneer Road.

Pruett Lumber’s grand opening should be coming in the second half of October, at which point the shelves should be 80 percent stocked, Pruett said.

— MML

# County studies the Bruneau wind

## Anemometer is first step in implementing energy plan objective

Research has begun on how to meet the future energy needs of Owyhee County.

An anemometer has been acquired from the Idaho Office of Energy Resources to measure wind patterns in the county.

“It think it’s a really beneficial thing to the county for information purposes and data collection,” Board of Commissioners chair Jerry Hoagland said.

Hoagland said the approximately 80-foot-high tower was to be first erected in the central portion of the county.

“(County Energy Committee chair) Sid Erwin has a site in the Bruneau area to set it up,” Hoagland said.

“It has to be on the site for a year and then they’ll take it to Grasmere for a year to take more data off it.”

The county’s energy plan, a first for the state, identifies wind power as a desirable form of renewable energy for Owyhee.

In a conference call with the commissioners, Erwin reportedly said the anemometer would be helpful in obtaining information for the development of the county’s energy plan.

The 29-page Energy Plan, adopted in December, encourages wind and other renewable energy sources as a way to strengthen small- and medium-sized family agriculture operations by developing energy on their land. The plan reports that Owyhee County is ranked third in Idaho in wind potential.

“The county should seek to attract wind development in such a way as to benefit the traditional agricultural base of the county as

a diversification strategy for its historical agricultural base,” the plan said.

The plan also encourages the county to attract wind projects that would create jobs and have minimal impact on the environment.

During their Sept. 22 meeting in Murphy, the board of commissioners approved a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the state energy agency to bring the anemometer down from North Idaho for use in Owyhee County.

Hoagland said the Bruneau site will be analyzed first because it is on private land and securing landowner approval to erect the tower was easier than it most likely will be when the county tries to put the anemometer on public land near Grasmere in a year’s time.

“There are a lot of models from wind experts tat show that the area of Grasmere through Jacks Creek and Castle Creek is very feasible for wind turbines,” Hoagland said.

The commissioner for District 1, Hoagland said that the most likely scenario for any future wind farm construction in the county would come on the wide-open areas in Grasmere and Bruneau, and not in the peaks around Silver City, as some previous windpower proponents had suggested.

“It’s a lot more desirable to put it out there on the big, flat areas rather than on the mountaintop, and you’ll have just as valuable a wind resource,” Hoagland said.

— JPB

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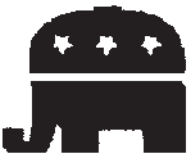

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# Power line to cross through Owyhee County, Adrian

## Marsing public meeting addresses Idaho Power scoping plan

Landowners in Owyhee and Malheur counties will be impacted by an electricity transmission line proposed by the Idaho Power Co., according to a map released with a recent public comment notice from the Bureau of Land Management and Oregon Department of Energy.

The Boardman to Hemingway project will create two new substations in Idaho and run a 500-kilovolt power line from an area near Wilson community in Owyhee County to Boardman, Ore.

An information and scoping meeting will be held from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Tuesday at the Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center, 126 N. Bruneau Hwy., at its intersection with 2<sup>nd</sup> Street. Idaho Power announced the meeting in an advertisement on Page 15A today's edition of The Owyhee Avalanche.

"This project, scheduled for completion in 2013, is required to meet customer load growth needs, as well as increase transmission capacity and reliability," the Idaho Power ad states. The company said in the ad that construction of the line will help customers today and in the future.

Eighty-six percent of the land targeted for the overhead lines is privately owned, including the entire corridor for Owyhee and Malheur counties. That portion of a two-mile-wide corridor, called a

study area, is mapped out to run from the proposed Hemingway Butte-area substation northwest to Adrian. The corridor, which project manager Eric Hackett said indicates the area within which Idaho Power plans to site the line, cuts a northwesterly swath on private land south of the city limits of Marsing and Homedale then crosses the Oregon-Idaho line due south of Idaho highway 19 and turns north toward Adrian.

A map of the local area, labeled "Weatherby to Hemingway", and available on the project Web site, [www.boardmantohemingway.com](http://www.boardmantohemingway.com), shows the corridor passes right through the Adrian city limits.

Tuesday's meeting in Marsing is the first of a series of public gatherings to address the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process required by federal law before Idaho Power proceeds with the construction of the 298-mile-long 500-kilovolt line between Boardman, Ore., and the proposed Hemingway Substation, which Hackett said is near China Ditch Road south of the Snake River off of Idaho highway 78.

Idaho Power also is required to undergo an Energy Facility Siting Council (EFSC) process in Oregon.

Hackett said affected property owners were notified by mail. However, one property owner in the proposed path south of Homedale said he never received

### Tuesday's meeting

Landowners can learn more about the Boardman-to-Hemingway power line project during a public meeting, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., Tuesday at the Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center, 126 N. Bruneau Hwy., in Marsing.

mail notification.

Public comment will be taken until Nov. 14. Written comments on the NEPA vetting can be mailed to Boardman to Hemingway Project, Attn.: Lucas Lucero, Bureau of Land Management, 4701 N. Torrey Pines Drive, Las Vegas, Nev., 89130; faxed to (702) 515-5010; or e-mailed to [B2HComments@blm.gov](mailto:B2HComments@blm.gov). The EFSC comments can be mailed to Boardman to Hemingway Project, Attn.: Adam Bless, Oregon Department of Energy, 625 Marion St. NE, Salem, OR 97301; faxed to (503) 373-7806; or e-mailed to [adam.bless@state.or.us](mailto:adam.bless@state.or.us).

According to a map supplied by Idaho Power and apparently mailed to "interested citizens" last week, the southern portion of the transmission line would cross private land from the Hemingway station northwest to Adrian where the line then turns east toward the proposed Sand Hollow Substation



**Two-mile corridor cuts through Owyhee**  
*This map taken from the Boardman-to-Hemingway informational Web site shows in red the two-mile study corridor that will be plotted for Idaho Power Co.'s 500-kilovolt transmission line that will stretch from Boardman, Ore., to the proposed Hemingway Substation in Owyhee County.*

in Payette County.

Other Idaho/Oregon area meetings are scheduled for 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. next Wednesday at the Four Rivers Cultural Center in Ontario, Ore., and from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 23, at the Baker County Fairgrounds in Baker City, Ore.

Information in the form of Idaho Power's Notice of Intent filings with the BLM and Oregon's

energy department can be found at [www.boardmantohemingway.com](http://www.boardmantohemingway.com). Hard copies of the BLM filing also are available for public review at BLM offices in Marsing, Boise, Vale, Ore., and Baker City, Ore.

The EFSC notice of intent is available at public libraries in Boise, Nampa, Ontario and Baker City.

— JPB

# Judicial district seeks comment on magistrate judge

Friday is the deadline to make comments on the job performance of Owyhee County Magistrate Judge Dan C. Grober.

Public comment is a part of the normal evaluation process carried

out by the Third Judicial District Magistrates Commission, which serves Owyhee, Canyon, Gem, Washington, Payette and Adams counties.

Grober replaced Judge Thomas

J. Ryan in September 2007. Ryan sits on the Third District bench.

Comment forms are available at the Owyhee County Clerk's Office in Murphy and the Office of the Trial Court Administrator,

1115 Albany Street, Caldwell, ID 83605.

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# Children learn safety from those who know



## Marsing firefighter delivers safety tips to daycares

Marsing volunteer firefighter Jason Ineck drove a firetruck to Kid's Campus Daycare and Misty's Munchkin Daycare, both in Marsing, on Thursday to talk to the students about fire safety as part of National Fire Safety Week. Students from Marsing Elementary School took part in a similar presentation Tuesday after The Owyhee Avalanche's deadline. Photo by Kelly Ineck



**Breathing lesson**  
Homedale Ambulance's Michelle Pruett lets Skylar Badiola, 5, find out what it feels like to wear an oxygen mask.

## Kindergarteners make traditional pilgrimage to fire hall

Personnel from Homedale emergency services agencies turned out in force Friday to take about 100 kindergarteners through the paces on being safe.

The Homedale Elementary kindergarteners' visit to the John Matteson Memorial Fire Hall on West Colorado Avenue was part of National Fire Prevention Week, which was observed with lessons and outreach programs at both the elementary school and the middle school earlier this week.

"It's a good deal that we do every year," Homedale Fire Chief Scott Salutregui said. "The kids get first-hand knowledge of what to expect if there is a fire and what to do if the police come because they often are there first before the firefighters."

A similar event coordinated by Marsing volunteer firefighter Jason Ineck took place at daycare centers in that town. More outreach took place early this week with Marsing Elementary students.

Friday's event at the Homedale firehouse, which was carried out in two shifts of about 50 children apiece, also was a time for Homedale Police Department officers to dole out advice on how to stay safe during Halloween and on an everyday basis.

"Stranger Danger" tips learned in the classroom last week from elementary school counselor Randee Garrett were reinforced by Officers Atanacio Montes and Mike McPetridge, the city's student resource officer who spends a great deal of time at the Homedale School District's three campuses.

Children also got the chance to climb through an HPD patrol car and also toured a Homedale



## Children show off fire knowledge

Homedale Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller, who said on Friday was just another volunteer firefighter, asks how many kindergarteners know basic rules for home fire safety.

Ambulance rig with the help of ambulance volunteer Michelle Pruett and city fire marshal Dennis Uria.

Pruett let some of the kids try on an oxygen mask and one lucky child from each rotating group was strapped on to a gurney and loaded into the ambulance.

At the fire safety stop of the three-part tour, Homedale Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller — serving, as he said, not as a cop but as a firefighter — quizzed the children on what to do in the case of a house fire. "Stop, drop and roll" and "Call 911" were among the answers he received when asked what children should do when a fire breaks out.

He stressed that the kids and their parents should leave everything behind — including toys — and get out of a burning house as soon as possible.

"Emergency education is as essential as reading and writing at this age," Eidemiller said.

But, if there is a chance that a child gets trapped in a burning house, Eidemiller got some help

from fellow volunteer firefighter Jason Conant on what to expect if a fireman has to come in after the child.



Decked out in his turnout with mask, oxygen tank and respirator, Conant crawled around on the firehouse floor close to the children so they could see what a firefighter crawling below the smoke in a house fire would look like. Each child touched Conant as he passed by so they could also clue in on the feel of a fireman on a rescue mission.

Salutregui said the firefighters have been presenting the fire safety lessons for more than 20 years.

More outreach events were held Monday at the middle school and elementary school for older students.


"The school is really receptive with their teaching curriculum in the classroom the week before," Salutregui said. "Randee Garrett in the grade school and (counselor) Mark Biggs at the middle school do a great job."

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## 3 shops present special events

Shoppers looking for something new have a trio of choices this week.

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Aquarius Design offers one-of-a-kind gifts, jewelry and collectibles at 6 W. Owyhee Ave. in Homedale, and will be holding a grand opening on Saturday, Oct. 18.

Buttercup Soaps, located in Wilder, will be holding an open house at 17670 Batt Corner Road, Oct. 14 through 18, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., to show off its soaps, lotions, scented candles, fragrances and more.



# Farm Days nets \$9,000

The final total was still being determined last week, but Marsing’s Vision Community Church was at least \$9,000 to the good after its Family Farm Days and Music Festival, held Sept. 26-28, church secretary Heather Farrell said.

The event, which saw live music throughout, attracted “easily a thousand,” she said. The auction alone, which saw a 1977 Ford truck, a new .12-gauge Remington and more go across the block, made \$5,000-\$6,000. The rummage sale, donations and whole-pig barbeque brought in the rest of the funds. More than 1,000 people shopped, listened and bid during the event.

Money raised will be used for church works, and help support the bread line throughout the year.

The Vision Church bread line serves about 100 families every week, and helped put food on the table for 5,000 or 6,000 people last year, Farrell said.

The Idaho Food Bank donates bread and milk to the service, but the Church also buys additional food as well as transporting donations. Canned donations are always welcomed, as are donations to the Vision Church thrift store, which should be opening to the public in late October.

Anyone wishing to donated canned foods or thrift store items can drop them off at the Vision Church at 221 W. Main in Marsing, or may call Farrell for more information at 896-5407.

## Homedale Flag Football doles out prizes

Homedale Flag Football plans an awards ceremony in between its games Saturday at Homedale Middle School.

The ceremony will recognize the top fund-raisers during the league’s punt, pass and kick benefit. Players registered their best efforts and then went out to get pledges based on the total feet covered by their throws, punts and kicks. Top fund-raisers will get prizes.

Football action starts at HMS at 10 a.m.

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# FFA news roundup



### Posing with pride

Members of the Melba FFA chapter’s soils team show off their second-place plaque earned during the Boise Valley District competition last month in Payette. The team competed Tuesday in the state soils competition in Burley. Submitted photo

## Melba chapter

by Erica Smith  
chapter reporter

On Sept. 29, the Melba FFA soils team traveled to Payette to attend the Boise Valley District soils competition.

Melba placed second overall in the district behind Kuna. The top two teams are state qualifiers, and

were eligible to attend Tuesday’s state soils competition in Burley.

Individually at District, Zack Dygert took second place for overall high score.

The Melba FFA soils team members were Mandie Saurey, Dean Hanson, Zack Dygert, Lee Shurtleff and Micah Good.

## Homedale chapter

The Homedale FFA held its fifth annual Harvest Auction on Sept. 20 at the Txoko Ona Basque Center.

Labor services of FFA members and many other items were sold.

The money made from this goes to all of our traveling expenses, scholarships, Meat the Need, and

Gift of Green.

We send out a special thanks to Teresa Ryska, Andrea McRae, Don Patterson, Steve Nash, Sue Williams, and Jason Tidel.

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### Dust Devils 4-H club ready for new year

Above: The 2008-09 members of the Dust Devils 4-H club include, back row, from left: Conner Bahem, Summer Megargee, president Megan Bettleyon, vice-president Shelby Lee, reporter Carlie Purdom, assistant reporter Kyler Eidemiller and secretary Lauryn Robinson; front row, from left: Adrianna Salutregui, Lyndsey Salutregui, Rachel Robinson, Kirsten Egurrola and Alec Egurrola. Sylvia Bahem serves as club leader. Submitted photo

## Dust Devils 4-H news

by Carlie Purdom

The Dust Devils 4-H Club held its first meeting of the new year on Oct. 5 at Ken’s Tent and Canvas Shop. Members completed their enrollment forms and signed up their projects for the new year.

The club also discussed fund-raising and community service projects and elected officers,

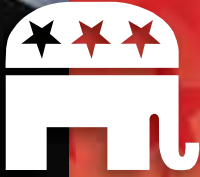
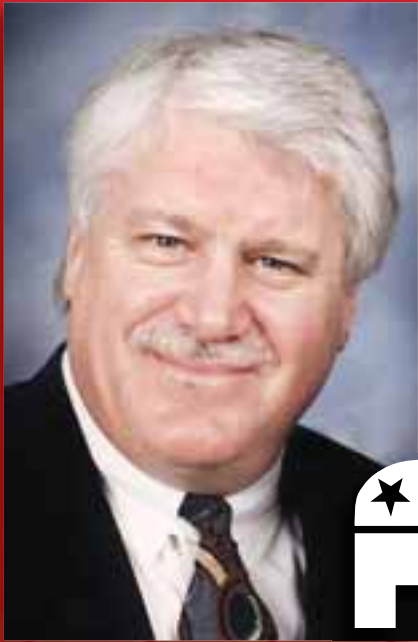
New officers are: President, Megan Bettleyon, vice-president, Shelby Lee, secretary Lauryn

### Got 4-H news?

The Avalanche welcomes news of your clubs. E-mail articles and photos to jbrowneditor@cableone.net, Call (208) 337-4681 to make sure we got the news.

Robinson, reporter Carlie Purdom and Kyler Eidemiller, assistant reporter.

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Katy Belanger, Homedale High School Art Class &  
Sean Daily for the bull silhouettes.  
Dave and his crew at Producer's Supply for the panels  
**Congratulations Contest Winners!**  
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Megan Aman: Case of Coca-Cola  
Coloring Contest Winners:  
(Each won 1/2 Gallon Ice Cream & 2 ltr. Root Beer)  
Joel Vega, Age 8  
Lissette, Age 6  
Diego Villegos, Age 2  
Mackenzie Anderson, Age 11

**Fruits of their labors**

*Above:* Kris Thompson, left, and Sherri McCoy examine the red- and white-wine grapes growing on the arbor within the Orchard House's gardens. The arbor was initially slated for demolition, but it, and the vines, have grown on the gardeners. *Above left:* Dairyland Seed's sign and landscaping caught the eye of the Owyhee Gardeners. *Below:* A few last flowers battle the fall frosts and still add hints of color to the Orchard House paths.

**Garden Club business winners**

Marsing-area eatery The Orchard House and Homedale's Dairyland Seed Co., Inc., were honored this year by the Owyhee Gardeners for their landscaping efforts.  
Dairyland Seed, located at 504 W. Idaho Ave., in Homedale, got the nod from the gardeners for the green-space in front of its business site, with landscaped gravel-bed, natural stone sign, shrubbery and picnic table.  
The Orchard House, at 14949 Sunnyslope Road outside Marsing,



was similarly honored.  
The restaurant has extensive grounds to the north of its main building. Now being converted into a show-garden as well as some parking spaces, the area was formerly an old orchard. More than a dozen old fruit trees still stand in the grounds, though many if not all are slated for removal and replacement with shade trees and grassy areas. More than 40 trees have been removed from the property already, along with several truckloads of dirt that had once lain in piles along the edge of the property.

The Orchard House garden features winding watercourses over natural rocks — complete with goldfish and waterfalls — stepping-stone paths, a vine-cloaked grape arbor, thickets of cattails and strategic splashes of color supplied by flowers, both bedded and in planters.  
The highway-facing edge of the property is screened by shade trees, giving the garden a nice quiet feel despite its proximity to the road.  
Kris Thompson and her business partner, Sherri McCoy, were both grateful for the Gardener's honor.  
"It's been so much work," Thompson said with a smile. "And it's a work in progress."  
In addition to the planned removal of more of the old, sickly fruit trees, there are plans to add more lawn area, to allow for events and dining outdoors in the garden proper.  
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# City highway billboard not yet a dead issue

The Homedale Chamber of Commerce apparently has taken it upon itself to erect a welcome sign at the town’s entrance.

Days after the City Council refused to designate funds to help pay for a vinyl sign to be placed on the north face of an existing billboard, the wheels were put in motion to preserve a chance that a sign still could stand at the town’s east entrance, alerting passing motorists on U.S. Highway 95 to shopping and business opportunities.

The 8-foot-by-32-foot sign, designed by Mark Jolley of Allied Signs, would be placed on an existing billboard owned by Jolley. Developer Ron Mayhew, who became involved with the effort after Thursday’s Chamber meeting, said Jolley is prepared to donate the sign to the city.

The Idaho Transportation Department has ordered Jolley to take down the structure and two smaller billboards further south on U.S. 95 because they violate state signage laws. A community sign, however, would be acceptable, according to Jolley, who referred to a letter from ITD that he said he had received.

The state had set a deadline of today for removal of the signs, but a letter of intent to build the community sign sent Monday to ITD stayed the demolition of the large, two-sided sign nearest the Idaho Avenue-U.S. 95 intersection. Jolley still must dismantle the other signs.

Preservation of the welcome sign idea began percolating after Thursday’s Chamber luncheon at Owyhee Lanes Restaurant. The night before, Chamber president Gavin Parker had asked the city council to spend upwards of \$1,800 to get the sign built. Citing other pressing issues in town — chiefly airport expansion and further rehabilitation of the sewer system — the council refused to hold a vote. Councilmen did suggest other future options, such as an engraved stone marking the town’s entrance.

“I’m tired of the City Council doing absolutely nothing to benefit the businesses of the community,” Jolley said. “They don’t know who pays their wages and benefits.”

Parker presented the signage idea to the council as a tool to bring motorists off the U.S. 95



bypass and into Homedale to bolster businesses.

He said that he understood the council’s stance in light of other priorities and that the lines of communication with the city on a sign option remain open.

“What we had was an opportunity to capitalize on a situation where for just a little bit of additional cost we could have gotten a tremendous benefit because the structure is already there and we could have completed the billboard side,” Parker said after Thursday’s luncheon.

Parker told the council that the Chamber doesn’t have enough money in the bank to pay for the billboard.

While funds for the billboard may not be in the Chamber’s coffers, Parker announced during the luncheon that the bank account is growing. He told business leaders gathered Thursday that the second annual golf scramble netted more than \$1,000.

He also announced that a public meeting will be held at noon Thursday at Owyhee Lanes Restaurant to discuss the information culled from recent residential, customer and business surveys coordinated by Sage Community Resources.

— JPB

## Scramblers support Chamber



afternoon in the second annual Homedale Chamber of Commerce golf scramble.

Pioneer Title took first with a 5-under-par effort during the nine-hole, par-36 tournament with the team of Neal Robertson, Richard Fried, Stephanie Malson and Robert Mendoza.

Homedale Chamber of Commerce Golf Scramble Results: 1, Pioneer Title – 31; 2, Rehab Authority 2 – 32; 3, Homedale Schools – 35; 4, Legacy – 35; 5, Idaho Power – 37; 6, Rehab Authority 1 – 38; 7, The Owyhee Avalanche – 41.

Sponsors this year included Kitfox Aircraft, Austin Painting, Ruby’s World, Intermountain Community Bank, Idaho Power, Greg Evans - Harvest Realty, City of Homedale, Harold and Mary Wilson, Rehab Authority, Rapha Therapeutic Massage, Owyhee Lanes and Restaurant, Dairyland Seed Co., Frontier Communications, The Owyhee Avalanche, Legacy Home Health & Hospice, Owyhee Auto Supply, Orphan Annie’s Bar and Grill, Ship It Caldwell Business Center, Homedale Drug and Liquor Store, Bowen Parker Day CPAs and the River Bend Golf Course.

Jon Brown, managing editor of The Owyhee Avalanche, prepares to tee off on hole No. 6 at River Bend Golf Course in Wilder on Sept. 24 during the second annual Homedale Chamber of Commerce golf scramble. Brown was playing with a team sponsored by the newspaper that included Avalanche reporter Michael Lane and Realtors Cathy Smith and George Tallabas.

The Avalanche squad was one of seven teams totaling 28 individuals battled it out at the River Bend Golf Course on Wednesday




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