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*'I buried two of my students, I don't want to bury any more.'*

— HHS principal Mike Williams

## Teens' drug culture revealed

### Students hear about dangers of drinking

*Homedale High School students react as Bob Holmes, the "One-Man Volleyball Team", carries a large photograph of what was left of a car after a drunk driver hit it and killed two of the three passengers inside. Holmes spoke in Homedale after a morning assembly Wednesday. He also made a similar presentation at a community event Oct. 21 in the Marsing High School gym. Story, Page 5B*



## Homedale officials deliver strong message about crisis



### Parents meeting opens eyes

*Homedale Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller, left, and School Resource Officer Mike McFetridge show three parents paraphernalia and over-the-counter cold medicine used by some people to get high.*

A presentation about the type of drug use going on at Homedale High School has parents calling for a similar frank and powerful discussion for their children.

About 20 parents attended an informational meeting at the high school library Wednesday during which school and law enforcement representatives discussed the myriad ways teenagers are getting high these days.

"It's almost reached the epidemic stage with what kids are doing to get their rush," Homedale Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller said to open the meeting.

The chief prefaced the use

of non-prescription, over-the-counter drugs by today's teens by comparing it to what previous generations may have experimented with.

"The kids today are a lot smarter, a lot craftier and a lot more clever than we are, and they're a lot more scientific," he said. "Right now, the biggest problem that we're facing is that these kids have figured out how to use average, everyday over-the-counter non-prescription medications to get high with."

Mixing energy drinks and over-the-counter cold medicine, stealing family members'

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## County offices decided Tuesday

Voters go to the polls Tuesday with choices in two Owyhee County races and decisions to make for all three state legislative representatives, two congressional seats and president.

Polls will be open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesday. Same-day voter registration is available. The county clerk must receive absentee ballots by 5 p.m. Tuesday.

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# GEM IRRIGATION DISTRICT ELECTIONS

## More consensus than contention this time

Water director candidates agree that infrastructure, water rights are priorities

Preservation of infrastructure and guaranteeing water for the future seem to be the main concerns of all candidates involved in Tuesday's Gem Irrigation District board of directors meeting.

Incumbent Elmon Thompson, who is finishing up his first three-year term, faces Kelly Lootens in the Division 1 race, while Dale Chrz, completing his initial stay on the board, takes on Dave Shenk in Division 2 balloting.

The winners in Tuesday's election also will continue to serve on the South Board of Control, which has five directors from the Gem district and one from the Ridgeview district.

Polls will be open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesday at two locations. Voters cast ballots in both races regardless of which division they are living in. Absentee ballots can be obtained until 5 p.m. Monday at the South Board of Control business office, 18 S. 1st St. W., in Homedale. The office is open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday except for a lunch break of noon to 1 p.m. Absentee ballots must be received

### Where to vote

#### Polling places for Tuesday's irrigation election

Polls open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

**Division 1**

- Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Comm. Center 126 W. 2nd St. N. (W. 2nd St. N. and Old Bruneau Hwy.)

**Division 2**

- South Board of Control's watermaster's office, 19 W. 1st St. S., Homedale

**Things to remember**

- Those eligible to vote must own irrigable land within the Gem Irrigation District, a resident of Owyhee County, 18 years old and a United States citizen
- All voters will cast ballots for both Division 1 and Division 2 elections
- Absentee ballots can be obtained at the South Board of Control business office, 18 S. 1st W., Homedale between 8 a.m. and noon and 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. until Monday.
- Absentee ballots must be received by 8 p.m. Tuesday.

by 8 p.m. Tuesday. On Election Day, ballots can be cast at the South Board of Control watermaster's office, which is across South 1st Street West from the South Board business office, or at the Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center at the corner of 2nd Street

North and Old Bruneau Highway in Marsing. Owyhee County residents 18 years and older who own irrigable land within the Gem Irrigation District and who are United States citizens are eligible to vote in Tuesday's election. The issues of the 2008 election

seem to be more defined and focused on the business at hand than was the case three years ago when Elmon Thompson beat incumbent David VanWassenhove and Dale Chrz won a spot on the board in an uncontested election.

Three years ago, controversy bubbled over what some saw as the misuse of funds as a attorney fees chewed up the South Board finances and caused the Gem Board to seek counsel.

The general tone from each candidate this year: Infrastructure construction projects must be completed efficiently and water-users must remain vigilant against threats to the abundance of their water from court action such as that which all but shut down the Klamath Basin in Oregon.

All candidates but Elmon Thompson were reached by The Owyhee Avalanche for this article. Thompson didn't return a phone message seeking comment.

There is no election slated for the Ridgeview Irrigation District board of directors. Incumbent Garold Johnston was the only man to file candidacy papers.

### What the candidates think

**Dale Chrz, Homedale Division 2 incumbent**

Dale Chrz ran unopposed in the November 2005 Gem Irrigation District election, and he said the relationship between board members both in the Gem district and the South Board of Control has improved since he took office in January 2006.



"We're getting to work with a whole lot more harmony down there," Chrz said. "There's not so much fighting and bickering. It's just a better place to work than it used to be. Everybody is getting along a lot better."

Chrz says that serving on the board has been a learning experience, and that the lessons learned have included making sure the big picture is served appropriately when the board approves projects.

"I didn't realize that one person doing something could affect so many different people," Chrz said. "It sounds goof for one guy to do a job, but if you look at the whole thing, it could hurt several more people by doing it."

"It just needs to be thought out and looked at real close before you jump up and say, 'Yes, we're going to do it.'"

The financial climate and number of projects in the works makes construction project slow, Chrz said.

"We're getting pretty well most of the projects done that we've got on the table to do," he said. "It just takes a little time to get them all done because of your money and the timeframe you're working on."

"It just takes time to get it done. You just can't jump out and take all your manpower to do one job and let everybody else hang out in the cold. The district has a lot of work to do for the district rather than go do jobs for certain people."

Still, the Homedale resident who has farmed Owyhee County ground since 1971 said he is comfortable with the progress of both infrastructure rehabilitation and expansion of the irrigation system.

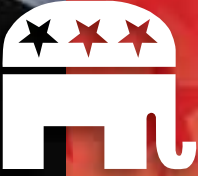
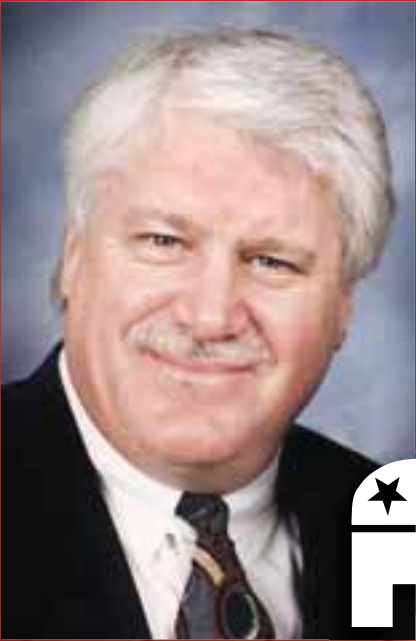
Like his opponent, Dave Shenk, Chrz believes that water-users have to be involved in the decision-making process.

"I didn't realize what all was going on down there (at district board meetings, until joining the

— See *Candidates*, page 3A


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# GEM IRRIGATION DISTRICT ELECTIONS

## ✓ Candidates: Chrz vs. Shenk; Thompson vs. Lootens in Tuesday vote

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board),” Chrz said. “Everybody should show up down there once a month or something.”  
“They should get so many people down there at them meetings that that little ol’ room down there shouldn’t be big enough. All the water users should be involved in what’s going on down there because it affects everybody.”  
Chrz is married and has two children. He raising hay, grain and cows on his land.

### Dave Shenk, Homedale Division 2 challenger

Dave Shenk said his platform was a simple one:  
“We’re going to have to stay lean and mean. I’m interested in saving money,” he said. “I’m just going to be a boring Joe and get the job done.”  
Getting the job done for the former Owyhee County Planning and Zoning board member means financial responsibility in light of the shrinking economy.  
“I just think we need to look at everything and make sure it can be justified,” the owner of Shenk Livestock feedlot said. “I think we’re going into maybe a little bit of difficult times.”  
“I don’t think I’ll be doing anything different than the next guy in that regards, but I want to try to keep a handle on the spending.”  
Maintenance of the current infrastructure must be a priority over new projects, Shenk said.  
“I think the primary guiding thing needs to be the delivery of water to our furthest extremities and meeting those obligations to their entitlements,” he said.  
“If we’ve let any laterals, through the lack of maintenance, get to the point to where we can’t deliver where it’s not a matter of



### Who serves on SBOC?

The South Board of Control is made up of six directors — five from the Gem Irrigation District board of directors and one from the Ridgeview board. Both winners in Tuesday’s election also will serve on the South Board beginning Jan. 1.

climate conditions as much as it is the physical attributes of a ditch that’s not been kept up, then we have a problem if we cannot deliver.”  
Still, Shenk acknowledged that there must be a balance between saving the crumbling decades-old infrastructure — including cleaning laterals — and building new infrastructure to keep up with growth.  
Even with infrastructure improvements, water delivery is threatened by outside forces, Shenk said.  
The biggest threat comes from federal policy aimed at increasing streamflows to preserve endangered species of fish. The Klamath Basin agricultural industry has gone dry because of the Bureau of Reclamation’s decision to divert massive amounts of water to save a species of sucker fish and coho salmon.  
Saying water-users are “pretty obligated” to fight for water, “lifeblood of our community”, Shenk said participation both on local water boards and by water-users is vital to avoid such a fate in this region.  
“It’s kind of like the Chinese proverb: ‘He who is fat has many problems; he who is skinny has one,’ ” Shenk said. “Well, when your water gets short, you’ve got one problem, so sometimes being involved and being a little proactive avoids getting to that point.”  
“I’m quite certain that there were several people in the Klamath Basin that woke up one day realizing they were in serious trouble. And it may not have changed anything had they all been involved, but if they all had been unified it might have.”

The 48-year-old Shenk is married, and he and his wife have a son and three daughters.  
**Kelly Lootens, Marsing  
Division 1 challenger**  
A 46-year-old husband and father of three, Kelly Lootens is making his first run for public office and he’s dialed in on a need for change as water directors deal with modern threats to water-users.  
“I’m mainly running because I see that in the future it looks like we need maybe some changes for growth and to protect water-user rights,” he said. “I just want to make sure that, as a whole, the agricultural industry takes care of their water rights.”  
Lootens is familiar with the ag industry from his years as a farm-

er — both on his own and under the tutelage of his father. He has been farming 28 years and currently raises potatoes, sugar beets, corn, beans, wheat and alfalfa.



In addition to having an eye to the future, Lootens wants to make sure that fair decisions are made by the water directors.  
“The main purpose is I’m running make sure that all the water-users are treated fairly and the district is run efficiently,” he said.  
“I just want to make sure that some projects that are being worked on ... are looked into thoroughly, and if there’s a deal where they don’t need it, and there’s another alternative, that it’s looked into.”  
That includes infrastructure rehabilitation, which Lootens acknowledges is a need for the systems of laterals and canals that

first started pushing water through the area in 1932.  
“I believe it’s an old district. Things are getting wore out,” Lootens said. “I think we need to prioritize the maintenance on that. It needs it. There are places that need it. A lot of it, we might need to be fixing the old stuff rather than adding new projects.”  
Like other candidates, Lootens feels that South Board is moving away from the turmoil of its recent past, and he believes he can play a part in further healing the fissures.  
“There was a time that (board members) weren’t working together very well, but I think that is something I can try to help on because I try to work well with everybody,” he said.  
But Lootens says things are running smoother these days.  
“I think it’s getting better. From what I understand from some of the other board members, I think they’re starting to work together better,” he said.  
“I think there is still room improvements.”  
— JPB

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Residents of Owyhee County, it is time to wake up and consider what happened in the primary election, where only 37% of registered voters cast their vote. Contrary to what some have said, the residents of this county have NOT yet elected a sheriff, that will be decided in the General Election on November 4th.  
Gary Aman has declared he will run as a write-in candidate. However, his name will not be on the ballot.  
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✓ Tuesday: County sheriff, District 1 commissioner races being contested

By far, the most contentious race has been for Owyhee County sheriff.

Republican nominee Daryl Crandall is the only name on the ballot, but three-term incumbent Sheriff Gary Aman agreed to seek re-election as a write-in candidate after the group Citizens for Gary Aman collected 1,400 signatures.

An Owyhee County Sheriff's deputy, Crandall defeated Aman in the May GOP primary, but county residents Chad Nettleton and Doug Hipwell rallied support for an Aman write-in candidacy after, they say, some Aman supporters said they didn't vote in the primary because they thought their candidate would win handily.

Another incumbent, District 1 Commissioner Jerry Hoagland (R-Wilson), seeks re-election against Democratic challenger Joe Gannuscio of Marsing. Neither Hoagland nor Gannuscio, who owns Riverhaven RV Park in Marsing, were challenged in their respective primaries in May. The office has a four-year term, and Hoagland is wrapping up his first two years in office.

Republican George Hyer of Homedale defeated incumbent Harold "Hal" Tolmie for a two-year term in May and is running unopposed, as is Douglas Emery for county prosecutor.

In Idaho legislative District 23,

all three seats will be contested Tuesday. The district serves all of Owyhee County and the western portion of Twin Falls County.

Incumbent Jim Patrick (R-Twin Falls) faces Democratic challenger Peter Rickards on Tuesday in the election for Seat A. Rickards is a Twin Falls podiatrist who has been a vocal opponent of the proposed Idaho Energy Complex nuclear power plant, now planned for Elmore County. Rickards faces a December trial on charges of battery and trespassing stemming from his June 16 arrest during an IEC public meeting at the Glenns Ferry Opera House.

Patrick, a farmer in Twin Falls, is completing his first term in the Legislature. He beat Rickards in the 2006 general election, collecting more than 68 percent of the vote.

The Seat B race has appointee Stephen Hartgen (R-Twin Falls) facing Democratic nominee Mike Ihler, a Twin Falls farmer.

A business consultant and former newspaper editor and publisher, Hartgen was appointed to the legislative seat when incumbent Bert Brackett (R-Rogerson) received appointment to the District 23 state Senate seat after the death of state Sen. Tom Gannon (R-Buhl) in June.

An Owyhee County rancher, Brackett has launched a campaign to continue as state senator when

the next session begins in Boise in January. He is fielding a challenge from Democratic nominee Bill Chisholm of Buhl. Chisholm lost the 2006 state Senate election to Gannon, which was his third try at the office.

In the crowded race for the U.S. Senate seat being vacated by retiring Republican Larry Craig, Democrat Larry LaRocco of Boise and Lt. Gov. Jim Risch (R-Boise) have waged battle while independents Pro-Life, formerly known as Marvin Richardson, of Letha and Rexburg's Rex Rammell as well at Libertarian candidate Kent A. Marmion of Caldwell are on the ballot. Rammell decided to run as an independent after losing the GOP nomination to Risch in May.

In congressional District 1, incumbent Bill Sali, a Republican from Kuna, is facing Democrat Walt Minnick of Boise.

The presidential race in Idaho is crowded much like the U.S. Senate ballot, with the names of five different candidates appearing on ballots Tuesday.

Sens. John McCain (R-Ariz.) and Barack Obama (D-Ill.) have received the most publicity, but also running is Libertarian Bob Barr of Georgia and Constitutional candidate Chuck Baldwin of Michigan. Ralph Nader also is making his quadrennial appearance as the Connecticut resident is running as an independent.

### Where to vote

**Polling places for Tuesday's general election**  
Polls open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

**North Homedale precinct**

- Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave.

**South Homedale precinct**

- Magistrate court building, 31 W. Wyoming Ave.

**North Marsing**

- Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Comm. Center 126 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> St. N. (W. 2nd St. N. and Old Bruneau Hwy.)

**South Marsing**

- U of I Owyhee County Extension Office, 238 8<sup>th</sup> Ave. W.

**Wilson**

- Wilson Fire House, 10427 Johnstone Lane

**Oreana**

- Oreana Community Hall, 18092 Oreana Loop Rd.

**Murphy**

- Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Hwy. 78

**Grand View**

- Eastern Owyhee Library, 520 Boise Ave.

**Bruneau**

- American Legion Post 83 Hall, 32536 Belle Ave.

**Mail ballot precincts**



- Pleasant Valley, Riddle and Three Creek

County Clerk's office must receive ballots by 5 p.m. Tuesday.

**Things to remember**



- You have until 5 p.m. today to apply for an in-person absentee ballot
- Absentee ballots must be returned to the County Clerk's office by 5 p.m. Tuesday.
- Voter registration will be available at polling places on Tuesday. Bring identification and proof of residency
- For more election information, call 337-5522 or (208) 495-2806

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GOP

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Joe Gannuscio, Dem.  
vs.  
Jerry Hoagland,  
GOP

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**County**  
**Commission, Dist. 1** — George Hyer, unopposed  
**Prosecutor** — Doug Emery, unopposed

**State, District 23**  
**A Rep.** — Jim Patrick (R) vs. Peter Rickards (D)  
**B Rep.** — Stephen Hartgen (R) vs. Mike Ihler (D)  
**Senate** — Bert Brackett (R) vs. Bill Chisholm (D)

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From page 1

Town pharmacists face varying levels of worry

While the pharmacy at Homedale Drug hasn't had a problem with youngsters buying or pilfering cold medications, the same hasn't been true at Paul's Market, head pharmacist LeeAnne Givens said.

"Theft has been a problem," Givens said. "It's been going on quite a while, especially since school's back in session. We end up keeping a lot of it here behind the counter."

Many non-prescription medicines remain on the shelves, though.

Targets for the light-fingered recreational drug thief have been brands like Contac, Robitussin, Desym and Corecetin, she said.

"Most of these have dextromathorphan," she explained, and that makes them a target for shoplifters. Dextromothorphan, or "dextro", as it's known, is the active ingredient in many cough syrups and provides the depressant half of the cold-pill/energy drink cocktail kids have been reportedly abusing locally.

At busy times, it's nearly impossible to visually ensure no one can steal products, Givens said. "It becomes a nightmare to watch everybody all the time."

Kids, and adults, abuse dextro nationally. It's not strictly a problem limited to Homedale. But it is here, Givens said.

"I had one guy who was tremendously disappointed to only get one box," she said of a customer purchasing the last of a non-prescription cold medicine. Other customers' acting skills begin to fail once they have the medicine in hand.

"They'll be coughing, but as soon as you get the product out they'll forget to keep coughing," she said. There also appears to be a plague of grandmothers with colds and coughs, she said. Or at least a large number of youngsters needing pills for grandma.

Short of simply not selling cold medicine, the supply of legal drugs is a problem with no easy solution that Givens can see.

"It's a dilemma. You have to sell products. We're a business, but it's up to our professional discretion as to when to sell. Lots of times, it's gut instinct," she said.

Givens depends on co-worker Maria Casteneda, who knows the clientele well.

"It's a cooperative effort. She remembers if they've been here a day ago," Givens said.

"What's frustrating to me as a pharmacist is that I can limit the sale to one box here, but they (customers) can go to the next pharmacy and get one or two boxes, and to the next and get one or two more, and then how many boxes do they have?"

Finding a solution to the distribution issue is a dilemma in itself, Givens said.

"Do you regulate everything that can do anyone any harm? In the end that takes everyone's freedom away. If I say 'You're not 18, you can't buy it', it discriminates against the kid that legitimately needs it,"

Givens said.

Any system to track the amount of non-prescription drugs customers were buying would have to be a computerized network connecting all shops and creating a common database. It would also require every purchaser to present identification, and would cost enough time and money that Givens would expect prices to at least double.

"Other than that, you could have it put on a prescription," Givens said. But that option has its own problems, she said, pointing to additional doctors' hours spent dispensing prescriptions for cold medicines, more pharmacist hours, and doctor fees for people who suddenly needed a clinic visit to go buy a package of cold pills.

"It's impossible to prevent people from doing stupid things; stupid behavior," she said.

— MML

✓ Message: Parents urged to be nosey about children's activities, friends

prescription drugs and snorting crushed drug mixtures in class are just three ways the kids are getting a rush. Eidemiller confirmed that his department had set up an undercover operation to investigate students who might be stealing cold medicine from Family Dollar Store on West Idaho Avenue.

Kids stealing to get high

Eidemiller also said his officers take about a call each week on reports of prescription drugs being stolen, and that the children are taking the drugs to school and using the same refining process utilized by manufacturers of illegal drugs to convert the legal drugs into illegal substitutes.

The parental meeting was set up through a letter sent out by the school around Oct. 17. According to high school principal Mike Williams, even before the letter hit the mail, officials saw that the community's awareness of the problem had been heightened.

"In one week, there has been a difference," Williams said. "Parents are going in (stores) and asking what their kids are taking."

Letters were mailed to the parents of all 370 HHS students, and one parent, Teresa Ryska, suggested that the low turnout could be attributed to the possibility that some students had intercepted the letters before they reached the parents.

But while officials expressed optimism about progress in dealing with the alarming problem based on the parents who did attend, Eidemiller also showed great concern for the majority of parents who didn't show up.

"We need to reach those parents who can't or won't believe it can happen to their kids," he said.

More people need to know

Parents who did show up for the meeting, which lasted nearly two hours, learned about the dif-

ferent forms of drug and alcohol abuse that children as young as 12 — according to national statistics — are trying. The Homedale Police Department set up a table of paraphernalia and drugs that have been found in town, too.

"We've recently uncovered mass amounts of what's going on with over-the-counter cold medicines," Homedale School Resource Officer Mike McFetridge said.

"They're taking the whole box at once and two or three energy drinks with it."

Owyhee County Chief Deputy Coroner Aaron Tines said that such a mixture could cause the heart to race and drive the abuser into medical crises ranging from heart attack to hypothermia with several adverse health effects possible.

McFetridge said students are snorting crushed pills during class, obscuring their actions from teachers with book bags and other objects. The pills are carried in vials or in contact lens cases or the crushed medicine has been smuggled in folded paper concealed in wallets.

McFetridge also pointed out that teens have gone beyond drugs made for human consumption and are abusing medications intended for use with animals.

Williams said steps have been taken to cut down on the drug takers' camouflaging techniques. Teachers prohibit leaving book bags on desktops during class; teachers won't allow children to visit the bathroom in pairs any more; and teachers are beginning to share information on which students are going to the rest room numerous times during the day.

Bus incident shines light

The budding crisis was brought to the forefront recently when several children were caught smoking marijuana on a school bus during a field trip. McFetridge said that

the phenomenon of crushing cold medicine and mixing drugs with energy drinks and cough syrup hasn't reached Homedale Middle School, but that he sees evidence of marijuana use with the younger students.

Communication between parents and their children was stressed as a tool to not only discourage drug abuse but find out how widespread the issue is in Homedale, who's doing what, and to come up with solutions to end the potentially deadly practice.

"Unless they're paying rent or your mortgage, their Fourth Amendment rights (protection against illegal searches) don't count," Eidemiller said.

"Know what your kids are doing, who they're hanging around with. We see an influx of strange faces from the Nampa-Caldwell area on the weekends."

Tines showed slides of the different types of drugs — from depressants to stimulants to illegal drugs such as methamphetamine, marijuana and heroin to over-the-counter drugs such cold medicine and cough syrup to household items such as spray paint and plastic bags — and what the effects — both long-term and lethal — are.

"This is something we do hold very important at the coroner's office," said Tines, who itemized drug-related deaths in Canyon County during his talk. He also touched on a fatal DUI crash that occurred in the past couple years in Owyhee County.

"Our philosophy is to bring families closer through education, not tragedy."

Beginning with Tines' portion of the meeting, the evening was geared to open parental eyes to the prevalence of the problem.

Innocent fruit or a bong?

Eidemiller showed that even something as seemingly innocent as an apple could be modified into

a device to smoke pot.

"Never, ever underestimate the obvious," Eidemiller told the parents. "If there is an apple on your child's dresser and they don't usually have fruit in the room, check it out."

A hooka — a multi-piped device used to smoke the ultra-popular, and legal, flavored tobacco popularly known by the same name — also was on display, having been seized by HPD after it was found it had been used to smoke marijuana.

Eidemiller showed a Powerpoint presentation dealing with the effects of drunk driving, and provided some sobering statistics — according to 2005 numbers quoted in Eidemiller's report, 7,500 teenagers were killed in car accidents.

"That's like killing everybody in Homedale every three months," Eidemiller said.

Then he said 36 percent of those fatalities were alcohol related: "That's the entire town, dead and gone," the chief said.

Eidemiller, who geared his presentation toward students in hopes that some would be at the event, said there is a feeling of invincibility among young people — an "It can't happen to me" attitude.

Presentation to hit classes

After Eidemiller's DUI presentation, which also showcased the story of teenager Jacqueline Saburido who was severely burned in a wreck caused by a drunk driver, a parent asked if the same slide show would be shown to the high school students.

Eidemiller, and the school officials, were all for the idea.

Saying "I think we're just barely scratching the surface on it," Eidemiller announced during Thursday's Homedale City Council meeting that plans are in the works to have McFetridge visit each classroom and do a similar

presentation to the one shown parents Wednesday night.

"We need to figure out a way to get into these kids' heads, to reach them and make them understand that they are slowly but surely killing themselves," Eidemiller said during Wednesday's meeting with parents.

In fact, the high school student body heard about Saburido's story earlier Wednesday during an assembly featuring "One-man Volleyball Team" Bob Holmes. Holmes told the story of Saburido and showed photos of the wrecked car, the man responsible for the accident, and of Saburido before her accident and after her many surgeries to repair burn damage.

Peers need to step up

While Saburido's accident took place in Texas, Williams brought the effects of drinking and driving closer to home by recalling that he has had two students die while attending HHS.

Williams stressed that not only do parents need to get involved and find out what's going on in town, but the peers of the students who are taking drugs and drinking need to take an interest in the well-being of their friends.

The principal said that many of the children he has talked to acknowledge the dangers inherent to some of the habits their friends may have, but they are complacent when it comes to taking action to save their friends from a debilitating or fatal overdose or accident.

Saying that the goal is to stop the problem, not "condemn you or throw you in jail", Williams urged students who see drug abuse firsthand to step up and communicate with teachers, parents and other adults about what's happening in town.

"I tell them, 'I buried two of my students, I don't want to bury any more. It's not fun'," he said.

— JPB



# School menus

## Homedale Elementary

Oct. 29: Chicken nuggets or egg roll, rice pilaf, veggies, fruit & veggie bar, fortune cookie, milk.  
Oct. 30: Lasagna or mini corn dogs, corn, fruit & veggie bar, turnover, milk.  
Nov. 3: Sloppy Joe or hot dog, tots, fruit & veggie bar, chocolate pudding, milk.  
Nov. 4: Turkey & noodles or tuna sandwich, peas, fruit & veggie bar, goldfish crackers, milk.  
Nov. 5: Chicken nuggets or finger steaks, broccoli, fruit & veggie bar, cinnamon roll, milk.  
Nov. 6-7: No school.  
Nov. 10: Hamburger or fish sandwich, potato wedges, fruit & veggie bar, cookie, milk.

## Homedale Middle

Oct. 29: Burrito or fish sandwich, corn, fruit & veggie bar, apple crisp, milk.  
Oct. 30: Spaghetti or chicken bacon melt, green beans, bread stick, fruit & veggie bar, milk.  
Oct. 31: Pizza or popcorn chicken, salad, fruit & veggie bar, cookie, milk.  
Nov. 3: Chicken patty or rib-b-que, tots, fruit & veggie bar, cookie, milk.  
Nov. 4: Wiener wrap or sloppy Joe, green beans, animal crackers, fruit & veggie bar, milk.  
Nov. 5: Beef or chicken taco, corn, fruit rollup, fruit & veggie bar, milk.  
Nov. 6: Idaho haystack or split top sandwich, churro, fruit & veggie bar, milk.  
Nov. 7: No school.  
Nov. 10: Hamburger or hot dog, fries, fruit & veggie bar, cookie, milk.

## Homedale High

Oct. 29: Spaghetti, burrito or pizza hot pocket, French bread, fruit & veggie bar, milk.  
Oct. 30: Chicken patty or hamburger, potato wedges, fruit & veggie bar, cookie, milk.  
Oct. 31: Beef taco or toasted cheese sandwich, soup, corn, fruit & veggie bar, milk.  
Nov. 3: Cheese pizza, mini corn dogs, chef salad, fruit & veggie bar, brownie, milk.  
Nov. 4: Chicken tenders or wiener wrap, scalloped potatoes, fruit & veggie bar, fruit rollup, milk.  
Nov. 5: Enchilada, burrito or pizza hot pocket, baked potato, fruit & veggie bar, milk.  
Nov. 6: Chicken patty, sandwich & soup, popcorn chicken, potato wedges, fruit & veggie bar, turNov.er, milk.  
Nov. 7: No school.

## Marsing

Oct. 29: Burrito, desserts, hot dog/chorizos, salad bar, fruit bar, milk.  
Oct. 30: Red Baron pizza, salad, desserts, baked potatoes, salad bar, fruit bar, milk.

## Bruneau

Oct. 29: Sausage, hash browns, scrambled eggs & cheese, maple bar, fruit, milk.  
Oct. 30: Hamburger, fries, carrot sticks, oranges, cookie, milk.  
Oct. 31: No school.

# Birthday

## Longtime Central Cove resident Van Slyke turns 90

Rosemarie Van Slyke is celebrating her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on Sunday, Nov. 2, 2008, from noon to 3 p.m. at the Homedale Christian Church, 110 W. Montana Ave., Homedale.

The celebration is being hosted by her children — Carl Van Slyke, Ellen Thompson and Howard Van Slyke — who say “Your presence is the gift” in asking that guests bring no presents.

Rosemarie was born in Caldwell and grew up on a farm near Huston. She graduated from the University of Idaho with a Bachelor of Science degree in Home Economics in 1942. She has lived in the Central Cove community west of Caldwell since 1943 and was married to Everett Van Slyke for 50 years before his death in 1993. Rosemarie had four children and has four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Rosemarie is a mother and grandmother. She is a former Sunday school teacher and 4-H



Rosemarie Van Slyke

leader. Rosemarie is known for driving truck during the corn silage campaign in the fall to make some “mad” money. She even mothered orphaned piglets in her laundry room. She makes quilts and pillow tops from fabric scraps familiar to all. Friends and family know Rosemarie for her gingerbread with real whipped cream.

# Flu shot clinic scheduled at Marsing health fair

A health fair, complete with flu shots, will be held Thursday at the Marsing Senior Center.

The health fair runs from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the senior center, 219 Main St.

Several vendors will be on hand with information about health

insurance, new products, help with choosing a Medicare drug program and many other health care issues.

Flu shots also will be available from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

For more information, call the center at (208) 896-4634.

# Lions benefit bingo Saturday at the Marsing Legion center

The Marsing Lions Club will hold a benefit bingo night Saturday at the Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center.

The early-bird game begins at 6:45 p.m., with the regular game starting at 7 p.m. The community center is located at 126 2<sup>nd</sup> St. N.

The costs begin at \$15 for a 12-game packet. Free popcorn will be served, and soft drinks will be for sale.

Proceeds from the bingo session are dedicated to a special cause designated by the Marsing Lions, according to the bingo press release.

Lions spokesman Chris Salove said more bingo nights may be planned depending on how attendance is for the first event.

In the past, the Lions have held bingo nights on the first Saturday of the month between November and April.

# Senior menu

## Homedale center

Nov. 3: Country fried steak, mashed potatoes, California blend vegetables, roll, beverage.  
Nov. 5: Baked fish, macaroni & cheese, peas & carrots, roll, beverage.  
Nov. 6: Philadelphia cheese steak sandwiches, baked potatoes, carrots, beverage.

# HHS progress reports hit mail

The first quarter of the 2008-09 school year ended Friday for Homedale High School students.

School secretary/bookkeeper Leanda Uranga said that student progress reports for the first quarter will be mailed to parents beginning today.

For more information, call the school at 337-4613 and ask for Uranga or attendance/counseling secretary Gloria Lejardi.

# Death notice

**EUSEBIA ARANDO SUSAETA**, 86, of Mountain Home, died on Monday, Oct. 27, 2008 at her home. Arrangements are under the direction of Rost Funeral Home, McMurtrey Chapel in Mountain Home.

# Spider takes stage for library’s Halloween


Story Time at Homedale Public Library will feature “Miss Spider’s ‘Bug-a-Boo Day’ Play” at 10 a.m. Friday.

Join Miss Spider and the Sunny Patch Friends just in time for Halloween as they celebrate “Bug-a-Boo Day.” When Shimmer decides to use the little bugs’ Bug-a-Boo Day costumes to stage a spooky play, she discovers that putting on a show is a lot more work than she thought.


Come see why this Spider is the perfect partner for Halloween fun. In addition to the story, there will be singing and refreshments. Children of all ages are welcome.

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

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# Daryl Crandall

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Paid for by Crandall for Sheriff, Merleen Johns, Political Treasurer.



# Your finances

## Good market or bad, never borrow to buy investments

Dear Dave,

I'm thinking this is the chance of a lifetime. There are bargain basement prices in the stock market right now, so would it be OK to borrow a small amount of money to buy stocks?

— Glen

Dear Glen,

It's definitely a time to be bullish, but it's not a time to be foolish.

Buying single stocks is very risky. That would be foolish regardless of the price. And borrowing money to invest in anything increases the risk enormously. NEVER borrow to invest!

If you've got some of your own money in your pocket, I'd suggest investing in good growth stock mutual funds. That way, you're not borrowing AND you're spread across 80 to 200 different stocks!

— Dave

Dear Dave,

Our financial situation is pretty good now, and my husband and I feel it is time to start giving something back. There are several organizations we're interested in helping, but how can we know if they're legitimate and will use our money wisely?

— Laura

Dear Laura,

I really appreciate your giving spirit, but the truth is you can never be 100 percent certain about this kind of thing. About the best you can do is put in some serious time researching and digging beneath the surface of various organizations to find some that are a comfortable fit for you.

My wife and I give the majority of our donations to Christian ministries. It's not unusual for us to take a tour of the place to see what kind of feel we get while we're there. If they're secretive or not forthcoming with what we consider to be basic information about how they operate, or if we see signs of opulence or super—luxury, you can bet we'll be asking lots of questions.

Talk to the leaders and administrators about what they plan to do with the money from your donation. You have a right to know this. I mean, if they're going to give the money to hurricane victims, you want the victims to get the money, right?

People who work for a charitable organization need to make a decent living just like everyone else.

But if they're ultra—rich, it could be a sign that they're not being responsible with their



donations. Take a look at their administrative costs — what percentage of donations goes directly to the cause — and anything else you feel would help you make the right decision.

Giving is like anything else, Laura. It takes time and work to do it responsibly and with excellence!

— Dave

Dear Dave,

I've never heard you discuss at what point it's advisable to let someone else make and manage your investments. Also, is there a point at which it's good to go with a fee-only financial planner?

— Anonymous

Dear Anonymous,

I think it's always a good idea to do it yourself. And to be honest, I never recommend fee-only planners.

Don't just turn everything over to someone else — no matter how many letters they have after their name — and let them manage it all or make decisions for you. You're the one who made the money, so you should take care of your own stuff. In lots of cases, people looking for this kind of help have a greater net worth than the bozos dishing out advice and wanting to "handle" it all.

None of this stuff — investing, personal finance or saving — is rocket science. YOU need to be in control of your money. Now, can you have counselors in your life? You bet! Everyone needs the benefit of people around them who have wisdom and experience.

But it's never a good idea to just blindly trust someone. If you do, you might end up like Leon Spinks — no money and no teeth!

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

# Calendar

**Today**

**Democratic political event**  
7 p.m., "My Father's Idaho", musical and photography presentation with District 23 state Senate candidate Bill Chisholm, Moxie Java Bistro, 404 Hwy. 95, Homedale. (208) 845-2201

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

**Thursday**

**Health fair**  
9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., flu shots available, Marsing Senior Center, 219 Main St., Marsing. (208) 896-4634

**Exercise class**  
10:45 a.m., free, Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave. (208) 337-3020

**Halloween party**  
1 p.m., "Rimrockapoolooza" Halloween Party, Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School, 39678 State Hwy. 78, Bruneau

**TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)**  
5:30 p.m. weigh-in, 7 p.m. meeting, First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St., Homedale. (208) 482-6893

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

**Friday**

**Homedale library story time**  
10 a.m., "Miss Spider's 'Bug-a-Boo Day' Play", all ages welcome, Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228

**Safe-n-Sane Halloween Celebration**  
3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., downtown Homedale, girls and boys 12 and younger, merchant participant list available at City Hall, 31 W. Wyoming Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4641

**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

**Grand View Halloween Dance**  
6 p.m. to midnight, dance and pizza feed, Grand View American Legion Hall, 410 Roosevelt, Grand View. (208) 834-2380 or (208) 834-2385

**Saturday**

**Marsing Lions Club bingo**  
6:45 p.m. early bird; 7 p.m. regular game, \$15 for 12-game packet, Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center, 126 2nd St. N., Marsing

**Sunday**

**Daylight savings ends**  
2 a.m., turn clocks back one hour

**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**

**Election Day**  
8 a.m. to 8 p.m., elections for irrigation, county, state and federal offices at polling places throughout county.

**Exercise class**  
10:45 a.m., free, Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave. (208) 337-3020

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

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

**South Board of Control board meeting**  
1:30 p.m., 118 S. 1st St. W., Homedale

**"Every Child Ready to Read" program**  
6 p.m., ages 6 and younger, Lizard Butte Library, 111 3rd Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 896-4690

**Senior citizens dinner**  
6 p.m., Rimrock Senior Citizens Center, 525 Main St., Grand View. (208) 834-2808

**Marsing PTA meeting**  
7 p.m., Marsing High School Commons Room, 208 S. 8th Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 896-4273

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

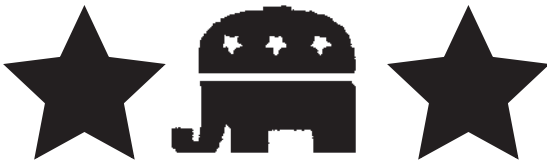
Call (208) 337-4681 to submit an event.

# Jim Patrick

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# Vote

# Jim Patrick

## November 4

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ITD projects may be stalled,  
but Owyhee plans trudge on

County communities  
will host Halloween  
night happenings

Agency seeks input on U.S. 95 future;  
Marsing mayor meets state board

Even in lean economic times, the Idaho Transportation Department has its eye on both major highways running through the Homedale-Marsing area.

ITD plans a pair of December workshops to get input on the future of U.S. Highway 95, and Marsing Mayor Keith Green recently addressed the ITD Board of Directors on Idaho highway 55-related issues in his town.

Green asked about building an Idaho 55 rest area in Marsing during a recent presentation before the ITD board in Garden City.

The minutes from the Oct. 15 board meeting indicate Green’s idea of creating a rest area at Island Park on the banks of the Snake River has support from vice-chair Monte C. McClure.

Green told the ITD directors that the city would maintain the area.

McClure pointed out that the board had to reduce funding for ITD’s Rest Area Program because of revenue shortfalls, but agreed that the proposal had merit and deserves to be explored. The board decided to have ITD staff work with Marsing officials on the proposed partnership.

Green’s idea is to utilize the existing rest rooms at the park for the rest area. The rest rooms currently aren’t hooked up to the city’s sewer system and cost Marsing about \$2,000 per month for waste removal.

Last week, Green told The Owyhee Avalanche that there is sewer line nearby to which the

bathrooms can be connected. He said that a previous administration stopped short of extending the line to the park for fear of flooding.

Green also addressed the issue of pedestrian traffic downtown across Idaho 55 (Main Street) and mentioned he had talked with ITD staff about the construction of a pedestrian-activated crossing light. The board meeting minutes reflect that there is no money in the state transportation budget to build a light at this time.

Drainage issues on Idaho 55 through Marsing was another topic in Green’s presentation. He said that previous resurfacing of the roadway has created a high crown on the highway.

Green also discussed speed limits through Marsing and the importance of enforcement.

U.S. 95 workshops planned

There will be two U.S. 95 workshops held at the Homedale Senior Citizens Center on Wednesday, Dec. 10. The first runs from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., and the second will be held from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

The senior center is located at 224 W. Idaho Ave.

Transportation department spokesman Reed Hollinshead said the content of both workshops will be identical, so interested parties need only attend one.

A similar meeting seeking input on the U.S. 95 corridor through Payette and Canyon counties was held earlier this month in Caldwell. The ITD acknowledged that the

roadway is seeing the strain of growing traffic patterns from recreational travel, local traffic and long-haul semis. The condition of U.S. 95 between Marsing and Homedale — where in place the asphalt has crumbled to inside the fog line — was a topic of discussion during Gov. C.L. “Butch” Otter’s September “Capital for a Day” trip to Owyhee County.

The workshops are part of a plan to analyze the existing condition of the highway, forecast future demand and generate a list of short- and long-term improvements aimed at modernizations of the crucial north-south source of travel for the country.

ITD will include the plan in its Idaho Horizons Long Range Capital Improvement and Preservation Program (LRCIP), which is a planning document to prioritize projects for future years.

ITD said public input will be sought to develop master plans for future improvements corridor-wide on a county-by-county basis. ITD said in a release that participation of the many communities along the corridors is critical to the success of the studies.

The Idaho highway 55 corridor is also part of this overall plan, and Hollinshead said a workshop is planned for Marsing in early January. Exact details of the meeting still are being worked out.

— JPB

Several community events will celebrate Halloween in the county Friday.

Homedale’s fifth annual Safe-N-Sane Halloween Celebration will be held from 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. in several downtown businesses.

The event is open to children 12 and younger, and a list of participating businesses will be available at City Hall, 31 W. Wyoming Ave., on Thursday.

The businesses young trick-or-treaters can visit for candy will be designated by orange Jack o’Lantern drawings in the windows.

As in years past, a best costume contest will be judged by City Hall staff. One boy and one girl will win prizes.

Organizers stress the importance to keep downtown streets safe for the trick-or-treaters and ask that parents either park on the edge of downtown or walk to the event to reduce traffic hazards for the walking ghosts and goblins. Homedale Police also will be patrolling for traffic and pedestrian law violations.

In Grand View, the annual pizza party and dance will be held at the Grand View American Legion Hall from 6 p.m. to midnight.

According to a calendar listing on the city’s new Web site, [www.grandviewidaho.us](http://www.grandviewidaho.us), the party is free and folks can call (208) 834-2380 or (208) 834-2385 for more information.

Marsing will host its annual Trunk-R-Treat on Halloween night from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. The event will feature local volunteers providing a car-to-car trick-or-treat event for children. The Trunk-R-Treat will be held in the parking lot of the high school gymnasium on Main Street.

Organizer Sarah Grossman asks anyone interested to come to the event, whether bringing trick-or-treaters or their car, truck or tractor.

Sponsors have been lean this year, Grossman said in an e-mail detailing the event, and asks that each vehicle-owner bring their own candy.

“Last year we had a large turnout, so the amount of candy needed is huge,” Grossman said in the release. “We had about 600-plus kids.”

Cotton candy, hot dogs, nachos and drinks will also be on sale at the event.

Those with questions, or interested in volunteering, may contact Grossman at 896-4273.



**Kelly Lootens and Dave Shenk** would appreciate your support in their bid for District 1 and District 2 director positions for the Gem Irrigation District. They will be informed, objective and exercise common sense in carrying out their duties.

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**WRITE IN  
Owyhee County Sheriff  
Gary Aman**

As a former Fire Chief for Murphy, Reynolds, Wilson (MRW) Rural Fire Dept., I appreciate all the assistance given MRW by Sheriff Aman’s office. He has provided assistance in training for rescue and has always responded positively to our every request. I also assist Sheriff Aman occasionally with wilderness searches and am very impressed with his and his deputy’s knowledge of Owyhee County. This has brought about many successful search and rescue events. I am voting write-in for Gary Aman, Owyhee County Sheriff.

Ed Dickman

We fully support Gary Aman in his efforts in a write-in candidate. He has the knowledge and experience needed to continue to lead Owyhee County in this time of transition.

Richard and Connie Brandau

We are very pleased to see Gary Aman as a write-in candidate. He has our support. Gary, thank you for all you do for us and the county.

Elias & Inez Jaca

Gary Aman has our support in his endeavor as a write-in candidate. We appreciate Gary’s integrity in doing his job as the Sheriff. His dedication to working for the citizens of Owyhee County is appreciated.

Martin and Susan Jaca

**The Citizens for Aman Committee urges you to support Gary Aman by writing in your vote for Gary Aman for Owyhee County Sheriff on November 4.**

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Write “GARY AMAN” in the space provided for “COUNTY SHERIFF”. Then check the box next to his name.

Please vote and write in Gary Aman,  
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**Owyhee County Sheriff**

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# Homedale’s new hire is former Boise PD officer

## Council accepts transportation plan

Homedale Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller announced the hiring of a new police officer during Thursday’s City Council meeting.

Former Boise Police Officer Jeff Jensen already has begun Field Training Officer (FTO) exercises with the Homedale force and Eidemiller said he could be patrolling on his own in as little as eight weeks.

“We’re real excited to have him on board, and I think he’s going to do a real good job and be a good fit for our department,” Eidemiller told the council while introducing Jensen.

Currently living in Kuna, Jensen said he worked for the Boise Police Department from September 2007 to April. Eidemiller said he already has received his certification from the Idaho Peace Officer and Standards Training academy and that he also completed the Boise Police academy.

Eidemiller said Jensen has signed a two-year contract. The new hire brings the Homedale force back to full strength with five full-time officers.

## Council accepts traffic plan

The plan crucial to getting favorable ratings in future grant applications for street improvements has been accepted by the city council.

Engineer Andrew Kimmel of city engineering firm Project Engineering Consultants, Inc., presented the final plan during Thursday’s council meeting.

The plan groups improvement needs in three categories — high, moderate and low priorities — and also puts a price tag on each project.

City public works supervisor Larry Bauer said the plan would be beneficial to the city’s future attempts to secure state funding.

Projects that have been listed in the plan include sidewalks along Idaho highway 19 between downtown and Johnstone Road and also sidewalks on Johnstone Road. Both of those needs were cited to help make pedestrian travel to Homedale Middle School students safer.

Crumbling intersections and sidewalks throughout town also are on the list, as are areas of poor drainage.

Kimmel called the plan “a living document”, and said the city could update the plan as projects are completed. He said



Jeff Jensen

that infrastructure upgrades outlined in the Department of Commerce grant application could be deleted from the transportation plan wish list as they are completed.

“You can add the curbs, and gutters and lights or the resurfacing,” Kimmel said. “That pleases (the Idaho Transportation Department) because they see you’re doing something on your own.”

Kimmel also said the city will do an update on the plan every five years.

“It can always be added to or corrected,” he said.

## Airport public hearings set

The City Council has cleared the way for doubling tenant fees at the municipal airport and setting a development fee for future hangars.

Both will be discussed during a public hearing at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 12.

— JPB

# Courts and crime update

## Douglas Scott Maxwell rape charges dropped

Following a pretrial meeting of legal counsel to discuss a possible plea deal on the morning of Oct. 20, the jury was dismissed following prosecuting attorney Matthew Faulks’ motion to dismiss the case “based on recent events in the case,” according to a court source.

The prosecutor’s office had not replied to inquiries as to the details of the dismissal by deadline.

Whether other charges are possible or planned is unknown.

## Local man arrested on warrant extortion

Matthew Tincher, 27, of Marsing was arrested on Thursday on a warrant issued by Owyhee County in connection with instances of extortion.

Tincher is accused of extorting money from young people in the Marsing area, Sgt. Jim Bish of the Owyhee County Sheriff’s Office explained.

Tincher is currently being held on a \$50,000 bond in the Owyhee County Jail and will attend his preliminary court appearance some time in early November.

## DUI driver fined \$750

Steven Hernandez of Caldwell was found guilty of DUI under a citation issued June 25 by the Homedale Police Department.

Hernandez faces fines and court costs of \$750, will have his driver’s license suspended for six months, and will serve 20 days of jail time in Canyon County under its work release program.

## Lyons retrial date set

As the Avalanche reported last week, Homedale resident and registered sex offender Roy L. Lyons is facing retrial on charges arising from an attempted kidnapping in August of 2007. His new trial has been scheduled for April 22.

## Speed racer slows down

Luis Albor-Cardenas, cited on Aug. 15 in Homedale for racing on a public highway, failure to provide proof of insurance and driving without privileges, was found guilty of all three misdemeanor charges and will face total fines and court costs of \$800.

He will also lose his license for six months and will serve 20 days in jail.




## Beet dump begins fall buildup

Trucks are rumbling into the Amalgamated Sugar Co.’s Homedale beet dump once again as the fall harvest of sugar beets gets underway. The dump, located near the town’s main entrance along U.S. Highway 95, was beginning to fill on Oct. 21.

This year will not see the harvest’s tonnage meet that of previous years, field manager Howard Binford said. With corn and wheat prices skyrocketing, growers have opted for those crops over sugar beets in some cases, he said. This year Binford expects a dip in the crop size, harvested from about 430.

The trucks will be running until Saturday, and the field sees approximately 200 loads dumped each day. As of Oct. 21, 2,600 tons were already piled at the dump. With 430 acres to harvest, the final harvest should exceed 8,000 tons — using a standard of 20 tons per acre. Because sugar beets generally produce about 17 percent of their raw weight in sugar, this year’s crop at the dump would produce about 1,360 tons of refined sugar — 2.72 million one-pound bags, or 304.6 million four-gram packets of sugar.



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on November 4

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## ELECT Incumbent Dale Chrz

### GEM IRRIGATION DIST. District 2

Dale Chrz has been a local water user for many years and will complete his first term as a Gem District Director at the end of this year. During this term as Director, he has served as Vice Chairman for the District.

Dale purchased his farm in 1971 and operated it with his family. Along with the farm, he runs a cow/calf operation. Chrz worked full time for the JR Simplot Company for 47 years until recently retiring. During the last several years of his employment, he filled the position of Maintenance Superintendent for the JR Simplot Processing Plant in Caldwell.

Dale has a dedicated commitment to the protection of individual water rights, the obligation of delivery, and that all water users be treated equally. During his term as a Board Member, he has given careful attention to the affairs of Gem Irrigation District and the continued efficiency of the association.

Mr. Chrz has neither personal agenda, nor financial gain as a Board Member. During his term, and prior to being a Director, Mr. Chrz has never requested any project work for his farm from the District.

## VOTE NOVEMBER 4<sup>th</sup> FOR Dale Chrz

paid for by Rick Echevarria



# Transmission line will cross local properties

Landowners gather in Marsing to hear plans; Adrian rancher could see both power, natural gas lines on land

In the wake of the surveying for the proposed Sunstone natural gas pipeline, Adrian rancher Dale Balderston can probably expect yet another utility right-of-way across his 120 acres just south of Adrian.

Idaho Power Co., as part of its planning for the \$600 million Boardman-to-Hemingway transmission line, has plotted a two-mile-wide proposed course for the 500-kilovolt (kV) lines, a majority of which will be strung on 150-foot-tall lattice steel towers, each with a 40-foot-by-40-foot footprint. The proposed route runs straight across Balderston's land, and touches or transects almost every property in the riverside acreage south of Adrian as well as everyone within the proposed corridor within Owyhee County.

Balderston and about a dozen members of the public turned out for last week's scoping meeting concerning the Notice of Intent (NOI) filed by Idaho Power for the proposed transmission line, which might be completed by 2013. The meeting was one of five preliminary public meetings slated along the proposed 254-mile route of the 500kV, 1,500-megawatt line. The line would connect at the Hemingway Substation with the two 500kV Gateway West transmission lines, with a price tag estimated at \$800 million to \$1.2 billion. The Gateway lines are an attempt to connect the Hemingway Substation south of Givens Hot Springs to the Jim Bridger substation in Wyoming.

All but 39 miles of the proposed Boardman-to-Hemingway route lie on private land and will require easements. In some areas north of Adrian, the line crosses or follows the route of the historic Oregon Trail.

Balderston, who bought his parcel in July "is about ready to move," he said. "All we need now is a freeway."

"We weren't there three weeks until we got the letter (from Sunstone)," Balderson said. Move the clock ahead a few months, and he's at a NOI meeting, facing the prospect of a high-capacity powerline crossing his land as well.

Environmental engineers from Tetrattech and URS, both firms working for Idaho Power on the project, found section maps and went over possible routes with Balderston, but the prospect of moving the line far enough to get it off his property seemed unlikely.

While the impact of transmission towers will be felt, the Sunstone pipeline worries Balderston more. The 42-inch pipe could be buried directly across his fields, and across nine of his own irrigation lines, themselves buried four feet deep.

How deep the gas line will be buried, how his irrigation lines will be repaired or rerouted, and

how large and disruptive the trenching for the line will be are all unanswered questions, Balderston said. The transmission lines are just one more wrinkle in a larger worry for him, and for others on the route.

And the gas line and powerline worries are shared by Balderston's neighbors in Owyhee County — specifically south of Homedale and Marsing — where property owners also have been contacted about both utility infrastructure projects.

The powerline route's southern portion crosses into Idaho just north of Nyssa, Ore., heads southeast to a proposed Sand Hollow substation, then returns west-southwest to recross into Oregon just north of Adrian. It then turns south through Adrian, re-entering Idaho and Owyhee County southwest of Homedale and heading almost due southeast to the planned Hemingway substation.

Area landowners that have been surveyed for the Sunstone pipeline will likely be on or near the route, as both projects are following roughly the same line.

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) helped host the Oct. 21 meeting in Marsing, and is involved in putting together the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the project. The BLM is also responsible for reviewing and granting rights-of-way on public lands, for seeing that National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) strictures are followed and issuing the Record of Decision (ROD) for the project's final go-ahead.

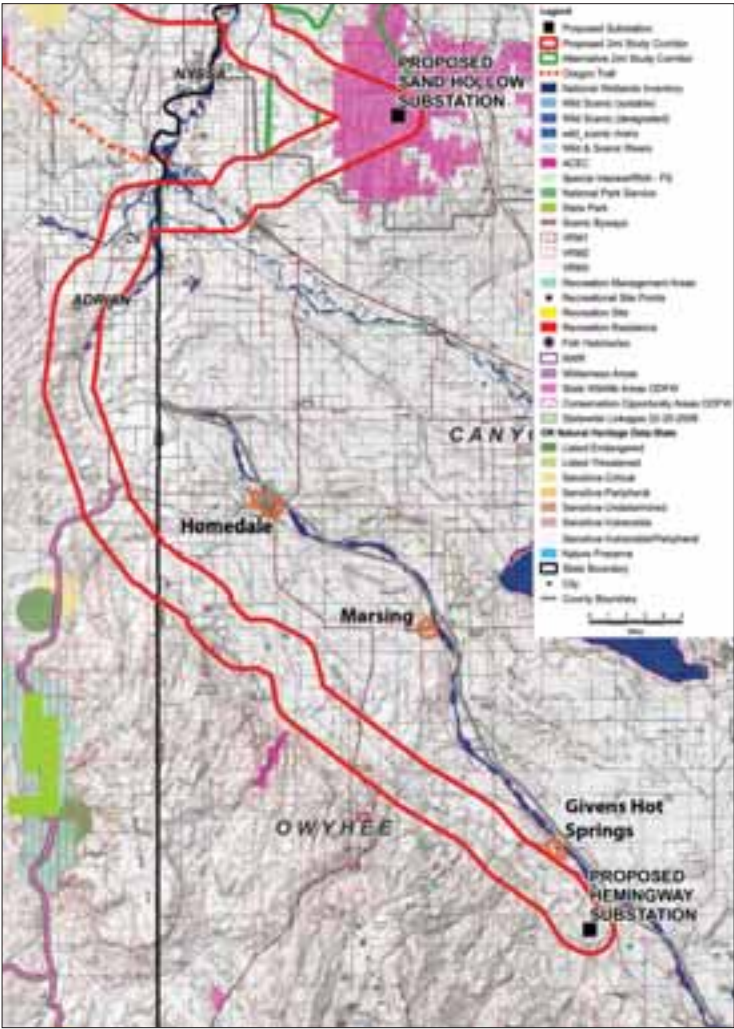
Lucas Lucero, federal project manager for the BLM, and Idaho Power project engineer Doug Dockter fielded questions after a short presentation at the Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion

Community Center.

Concerns voiced by those attending included what effects a high-voltage line overhead would have on the health (and television reception) of those beneath. Dockter pointed out that the 250-foot right-of-way was intended to avoid that issue. A rancher asked how flexible Idaho Power were going to be in routing — given that the landowner had "just paid Idaho Power \$16,000 to have them pull poles" in order to use his pivot irrigator. Another feared that "it's a done deal" and asked if the BLM would "rubber-stamp anything that Idaho Power wants?"

Dockter and Lucero both stressed that these were the sorts of issues the BLM needed to be informed of. Neither gave a promise that towers would never interfere with landowners' use of the land, those Idaho Power reps repeatedly stressed their goal of minimizing any impact. Lucero was careful to explain that the BLM wasn't in the position to approve anything at this point. They are putting together the draft EIS, which isn't due for completion until spring of 2010, when there will be further public input. This will be followed by a final draft of the EIS in the winter of 2010.

The Boardman-Hemingway project will initially carry 800mW, 225mW of which is initially destined to fuel Treasure Valley power needs. The remaining 575mW of capacity will be used in the transmission of power from other grids to other users, Dockter said. Power from the Idaho grid could be sold to peak-use in Portland, when demands here are low, as well. The lines are "rented" for the transmission of power under a queue system at




\$18.88 per kW-hour. If the system operated steadily, with a full queue, that would be an income of \$10,856,000 for Idaho Power each year (using the rates from this month from Idaho Power's OASIS system). The lines, according to the project description, are capable of handling 1,500mW. If that is the case, it would increase possible queued power transmission tariff income to the utility to a maximum of \$23 million each year.

This initial comment period after the NOI will continue for

45 days. The BLM asks that any comments or issues perceived by landowners be as detailed as possible. Comments can be made by mail to the Oregon Department of Energy, ATTN: Adam Bless, 625 Marion St. NE, Salem, Ore., or by email at adam.bless@state.or.us. Comments to the BLM can be sent to Lucas Lucero at the BLM – Vale District, 100 Oregon St., Vale, Ore. 97918, or by e-mail at B2HComments@BLM.gov. Comments may also be submitted online at www.boardmantohemingway.com.

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**ELECT  
Incumbent  
Elmon  
Thompson**  
GEM IRRIGATION DIST.  
District 1

Elmon has been involved in farming most of his life. For several years, he has farmed and operated a Registered Red Angus cattle business. He has lived in the Marsing area for over 35 years. Mr. Thompson has served on the Alfalfa Seed Commission, Owyhee Soil Conservation District and is currently completeing his first term on the Gem Irrigation District Board of Directors of which he holds the position as Vice Chairman for Gem Irrigation and the South Board of Control.

Mr. Thompson is dedicated to the protection of District Water Rights and helping to deal with any individual water users' problems or complaints. He serves as a pillar of tranquility to the water users and also the Board of Directors.

**VOTE NOVEMBER 4<sup>th</sup> FOR  
Elmon Thompson**

Paid for by Rick Echevarria

**To the citizens  
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In the past several weeks, I've become aware of some stories circulating about me. I'd like to address some of these concerns.

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Secondly, the quality of my family life has been questioned. Anyone interested in this aspect of my life is welcome to call me at (208)495-2504. I'll be happy to talk to you. I'm really pretty boring and don't have anything to hide. I'm not a felon, have never beaten my wife or children and am not addicted to any substance. I am a POST certified officer and all such candidates are subject to stringent background checks and investigations.

Lastly, I am open to communication with the citizens of Owyhee County. I plan to keep this same phone number and have a direct line into my office should I be elected to assume the responsibilities of Owyhee County Sheriff. I would invite everyone to help keep an eye on the operation of the sheriff's office. Being Sheriff is an elected position that should respond to the concerns of the voters. If you feel the need to call me now or later, please do.

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**Daryl Crandall**  
**Republican Candidate –**  
**Owyhee County Sheriff**

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# Shop offers jewelry, consignment, candles, more

Terri's Jewelry and Gift Boutique has opened for business at 114 W. Idaho Ave., in Homedale.

Proprietor Terri Burgeson has filled her shop with candles, natural gemstone jewelry and other nifty items to wear or just look at. The boutique also operates a consignment room for local crafts and knick-knacks, giving customers an ever-

changing selection to browse. All her necklaces are on display now, with more items coming constantly, Burgeson said.

The shop first opened its doors at the end of September, and is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, or sometimes later if busy. Those who can't get in during set hours can call for an appointment, Burgeson said. On Saturdays, the

shop will be open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

It's not a new job for Burgeson, really.

"I've been selling at the farmer's market in Nampa for three years," she said.

Before becoming a beader and jewelry-maker, she worked for seven years at Allied Banking. Her husband bought her first set of beading and jewelry tools, and she's never looked back. Her Homedale shop is a return to her roots, in a way. Her very first outdoor sale was at the Homedale block party three years ago.

"I know when I like something," she said of the craft. "I started off for myself, and then moved into sales."

Burgeson can be contacted at 890-1701.

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Terri Burgeson works on jewelry for her shop while manning the counter at Terri's Gifts. The shop specializes in gemstone jewelry, but offers other temptations for shoppers, including a room of consignment crafts.

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**\*Management was self centered and catered to "Special Interests."**  
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Elmon and Dale have rejected and not proposed projects providing a self benefit while serving on the Board.

**\*Management and misaligned leadership on the Board of Directors approved that assets of the South Board of Control to be disproportionately utilized on projects which have exclusively benefited the Ridgeview Irrigation District.**  
-The Gem Irrigation District represents about 85% of the South Board of Control. Dale and Elmon are committed and dedicated to proportionate representation and financial responsibility within the South Board of Control.

**\*A lack of fiscal responsibility has allowed District funds to be transferred from one budget to another, making it difficult at best to have binding fiscal responsibility.**  
-Elmon and Dale are pledged to fiscal responsibilities that require the District to operate within the approved and published budgets.

**\*Continuing internal conflicts within the Board have been centralized around a power structure which historically has favored outspoken "Special Interest" water users.**  
-Dale and Elmon have worked in a stead fast manner to reform and redefine the issues facing the District; to assure that all water users retain equal benefit from the business of the District; Provide accessibility and a voice within the Board; Provide for transparency concerning the business of the District; and discontinue the Districts past wasteful legal expense.

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## Three Creek

by Lola Blossom

Bert and Paula Brackett and family are really busy this year. Nice pictures of Bert and Paula are seen in the newspapers as he runs for State Senator.

Their son, Gus Brackett, is seen on TV as he holds seminars at the College of Southern Idaho. The seminars are on conquering your debts and handling your money.

Then youngest son, Jake, marries Samantha Knudsen of Filer. Their wedding reception being Oct. 25, 2008, at the American Legion Hall in Filer. The home of Bill and Mary Drowns has been moved from the old Hawes cow camp on Deadwood to the Brackett's Flat Creek ranch and will be home for the newlyweds.

Bert and Paula's oldest son, Ira, and wife Kim J. are parents of a new baby boy born Oct. 11, 2008. He has been named Ira Rhett. He joins brothers John Cade, Zane Bert and sister Chantry Leigh.

The Old Timers Potluck at Hagerman was held Oct. 12, 2008. A good crowd enjoyed the good food and music. The history of the Clifford family was told. Then new officers were installed. Among the flowers for the departed, Roy Smalley and Shirlee Hawes Coiner were remembered.

Ruth Strickland Tamara, 96 years old, passed away recently at Fallon, Nev., where she has resided for several years. She was raised in the Diamond A ranching country, the daughter of Susie Taylor Strickland and Bert Strickland. She married Hugh Marchbanks, and they had three daughters, Virginia, Yvonne and Darlene. She is survived by brother Ed Strickland of Elko, Nev., Virginia Price of Montello, Nev., and Darlene of Nevada and many grandchildren and nieces and nephews.

She was cremated and requested her ashes be scattered on the Diamond A.

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# Photographer provides peek into personal pastime



Rodney Roe is a familiar face behind the Homedale Drug counter. He's also at home behind the viewfinder of a camera, and has been an amateur photographer for the past 40 years, taking pictures from his backyard to Ponape in the western Pacific. His pictures are on display at his store now, giving a look at the world as he sees it.

It's a world filled with bright color, weathered wood, and a large variety of wildlife. Viewers will see birds and insects, both familiar and exotic, in many of Roe's photographs. From frame to frame the full palette of colors greets your eye; rich red-browns, cool blues, startling yellows.

He's always had a love of bird, insect or flower photography, he said, and the examples on hand range from yellow-and-black beetles from Hong Kong to a brilliant blue Kingfisher perched

under a rainforest canopy, to bluebirds perched on steel fenceposts. The color and shape of things interest Roe, as it does most photographers.

"Some people could shoot and not get the same result. It's in the eye, I think," the drugstore owner said, in answer to what makes a photographer do what they do. Some are just born to shoot, he explains, in the way others might be driven to do something else, professionally or for fun.

"It's just ... you train your head," he explained. "You have to be looking for things." That difference, looking for things rather than looking at them, separates the photographer from the tourist.

"Golf's a head game, and so is photography," said Roe, who also is an avid golfer. "Sometimes I'll leave the camera in the house for six months ... and then carry it everywhere for another six. Your head has to be in it.

"In the mode ... I can take 300 pictures in two days. It gets in your head and you just can't stop."

In other words, art can't be rushed, nor can it be denied. The mood and mental focus needed for his hobby comes when it comes.

Roe has photographed as his life and career took him around the globe. Those visiting his gallery will see some pictures of ranches

and barns they may well know from their travels around Idaho and Oregon, as well as scenes from the Pacific Islands. Roe lived, worked, traveled and shot in Guam for six years, in Hong Kong for two.

He holds his hands a yard apart. "I have boxes of slides like this," he laughs. Carefully cared for, permanent windows into his life, travel and love of the art, each one half the size of a playing card.

The gear has changed over the years, but the art itself hasn't.

"I'm a rank amateur," Roe jokes. "I started off with a little box camera, then went to an Argus 35 that would do slides." He spent many years with his loyal Minolta, shooting to film or slides, and up until two years ago "I wouldn't have touched a digital," he admitted. "I just thought they were too fandangled and didn't want to mess with it."

Film prices kept rising, and the technology of digital cameras kept improving. Roe now shoots with two digital SLR cameras; a Nikon D70 and D80.

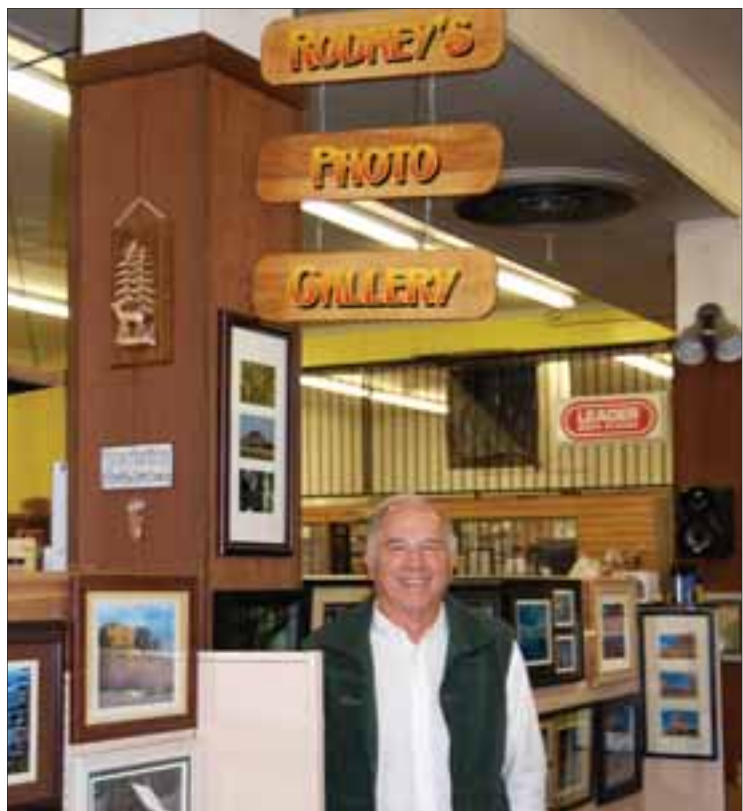
"I bought a Nikon and fell in love with it. When I tried it I just said 'Holy cow, what this thing can do.' I think they (digitals) are just as good, now, but you have to have a good one," he said.

The ease of taking a memory card into a shop for prints was a bonus. Once he had his own printer and began tweaking his photos and printing his own, he was a digital convert.

Roe also mats his own pictures, taking them all the way from that moment his eye spots something picture-worthy to the wall where the rest of us can enjoy his art.

The pictures can be seen any time the store is open, but if you want to chat with Roe about photography, he can be found in the shop most mornings, and all day Tuesday and Thursday.

— MML



**Memories on display**  
*Above: Rodney Roe, drugstore owner and photographer, with his gallery of work. Above left: This tropical kingfisher is Roe's favorite picture, captured during his years working in the Pacific.*

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# HHS teacher has fun, saves money with scooter

Chinese-built vehicle stands out in faculty lot

Trying something new isn't a strange concept to Harley Miller. The Homedale High School English teacher found his current profession after three decades with the U.S. Postal Service. He plans to continue to grow his education with more classes at Boise State University in the spring. So when Miller pattered into the faculty parking riding a three-wheel contraption that would seem better suited for a futuristic movie, no one should have been surprised. But the third-year Homedale teacher who is battling cancer didn't buy his Chinese-made New Star XY150ZK to turn heads. "I bought it from a dealer in Caldwell in late August because I needed to save gas money and I needed something fun to do while fighting the cancer," he said. Miller nearly didn't get his new distraction, though. "My wife was afraid that I

would fall off and break something now that I am older and told me I could not have anything on two wheels," he said. "So when I spotted the three-wheel scooter, she had to let me get it." With that logic and about \$3,000 in hand, Miller purchased the scooter and rode off into the sunset. Slowly. "It is very slow," he said. "I can get it to cruise at 45 mph on the flat, but on hills it slows down even more," Miller said. The three-wheeled vehicle is classified as a scooter but is so new that the state Department of Motor Vehicles didn't have any record of it when Miller registered it. With a roof and a front and back window, the XY150ZK looks nothing like the two-wheeled scooters spotted around town. The front windshield has a long wiper, and Miller said the vehicle's body is engineered to lean independently from the wheels so the rear axle — which has two wheels — remains flat on the road surface when the rider leans into a turn.

The vehicle and rider may look out of place on the streets of Homedale, but the 30-year veteran of the Post Office didn't buy the vehicle for show. He bought it, in part, to battle the bite of rising fuel costs. "I get about 60 miles to the gallon of gas," he said, adding, "But I am large. Smaller riders might get 80 to 100 miles per gallon." Driving between Caldwell and Homedale each, even 60 MPG can add up to spending fewer dollars on gas, but Miller admits that the quality of the vehicle has reduced the savings. A teacher of 11<sup>th</sup>- and 12<sup>th</sup>-grade English as well as World Literature and Humanities, Miller already has had to jerry-rig the straps on the trunk, where he keeps his helmet and trusty Boise State Broncos jacket — something that comes in handy now that fall has arrived. "I have already had some minor problems with Chinese lack of quality in construction, so I do not know whether it will ever save me enough gas to pay for it or not, but I am having fun with it." — JPB



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## Adrian's Sillonis reaches round of 16 for C of I at Lewis & Clark debate

An Adrian High School graduate is following in the footsteps of two governors of Idaho. Kat Sillonis, a sophomore at The College of Idaho, and her partner reached the round of 16

for the Howlin' Yotes debate team at the Lewis & Clark Speech and Debate Tournament earlier this month. Sillonis' mother, Angie, said her daughter had never competed in debate before joining the C of I team as a freshman last year. Kat Sillonis was better known for her athletic skills while a member of the Adrian volleyball, basketball and softball teams. The Howlin' Yotes made history by becoming the smallest school to ever win the Lewis & Clark title, which has been contested since 1918. Previous members of the C of I debate team have included

former Idaho Gov. Robert Smylie and current state chief executive C.L. "Butch" Otter. Ugandan freshman Gerald Kriangama was Sillonis' partner in grabbing a spot in the octofinals, which is the second round of elimination in a tradition debate tournament format. Sillonis and her teammates will be back in action Friday and Saturday when the college plays host to the second annual Coyote Classic. Teams from Boise State, Lewis & Clark, Brigham Young and Utah State — among others — are scheduled to compete, according to a C of I news release.



Kat Sillonis

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# Walt Minnick

**Army Veteran   Gun Owner   Successful Businessman**



**Guns:** "If anyone tries to take away our rights to own any kind of gun, I will always vote 'no.' No one is taking away my seven guns, and I won't let them take any of yours."

**Lands:** "As a committed outdoorsman and a former forest products executive, I know that the federal government needs to manage our lands for multiple uses."

**Veterans:** "I am proud of my service in the U.S. Army. I'll never forget the brave soldiers I served with, and I will always honor their sacrifice by honoring those serving now."

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## Walt Minnick for Congress

Paid for by Minnick for Congress, Gov. Cecil D. Andrus, Chair





# Snake River Mart



## Holiday Kick-Off Sale

Jennie-O

**Turkey Breast**



**\$169**  
lb.

Boneless Beef

**Top Sirloin Steak**



**\$369**  
lb.

**Red & Golden Delicious Apples**



**79¢**  
lb.  
Fresh Picked & Local

Idaho Grown

**Baker Potatoes**



**59¢**  
lb.

Boneless

**Pork Loin Chops**



**\$249**  
lb.

**Tombstone Pizza**



**2\$6**  
for

River Ranch

**Salad Kits**



**2\$5**  
for

**Choice Lemons**



**2\$1**  
for

Big Buy 16 oz.

**Bacon** **\$149**  
ea.

Western Family 16 oz.

**Cheese Cuts** **\$379**  
ea.

Deli

**Corn Dogs** **59¢**  
ea.

Hillshire 16 oz.

**Sausage** **\$299**  
ea.

Beef Stew Meat

**\$289**  
lb.

Market Pack

**Sausage** **\$179**  
lb.

Litehouse 12 oz.

**Caramel Dip** **\$269**  
ea.

1 lb.

**Baby Carrots** **\$119**  
ea.

**Artichokes** **89¢**  
lb.

**Avocados** **\$119**  
ea.

Local

**Gala Apples** **89¢**  
lb.

Extra Large

**Roma Tomatoes** **69¢**  
lb.

**Rice-A-Roni & Pasta Roni**



**\$129**  
ea.  
Asst'd

Asst'd 14.5-15.25 oz.

**Delmonte Fruit** **\$179**  
ea.

Pillsbury

**Cake Mixes**



**\$119**  
ea.

48 oz.

**Crisco Oil** **\$499**  
ea.

**Pepsi Products**



**3\$12**  
for  
12pk 12oz Cans

2 Liter Bottle

**Pepsi Products** **3 for \$3**

**MGD Beer**



**\$1359**  
ea.

18pk 12oz Cans 20pk Bottles

18pk Cans or 20pk Bottles

**Coors Beer** **\$1359**  
ea.

Western Family Cottage Cheese 1 lb. <b>\$179</b> ea.	Bear Creek Soup 9.3 oz. <b>\$369</b> ea.	Smuckers Ice Cream Topping <b>2 for \$4</b>	Western Family Yogurt 8 oz. <b>59¢</b> ea.
Western Family Butter Quarters 1 lb. <b>\$279</b> ea.	Delmonte Vegetables 13.5-15.25 oz. <b>\$119</b> ea.	Cool Whip 8 oz. <b>\$139</b> ea.	Nabisco Chips Ahoy 14-15 oz. <b>\$299</b> ea.
Post & Kellogg's Asst'd Cereals <b>\$349</b> ea.	Campbell's Chicken Noodle Soup 10.5 oz. <b>2 for \$3</b>	Western Family Ice Cream 5 qt. <b>\$769</b> ea.	Sylvania Soft White Light Bubles <b>\$129</b> ea.
Smuckers Jams, Jelly, Preserves Asst'd 18 oz. <b>\$309</b> ea.	Jif Peanut Butter 28 oz. <b>\$419</b> ea.	Solo Plates, Cups & Bowls 20-50 ct. <b>\$319</b> ea.	Halls Cough Drops 20-30 ct. <b>\$209</b> ea.
Western Family Microwave Popcorn 6 ct. <b>\$259</b> ea.	Planters Mixed Nuts NO PEANUTS 10 oz. <b>\$549</b> ea.	Kleenex Facial Tissue 180-280 ct. <b>\$289</b> ea.	Doritos Tortilla Chips 12.5 oz. <b>2 for \$5</b>
Barilla Pasta 16 oz. <b>2 for \$3</b>	Michelina's Frozen Entrees & Egg Rolls 5.5-10 oz. <b>\$129</b> ea.	Scott Bath Tissue 12 Roll <b>\$999</b> ea.	Lay's Potato Chips 11-12 oz. <b>\$299</b> ea.

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