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# Season's Greetings

## The Christmas Story

And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Cæsar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed. (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.)

And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city.

And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judæa, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:)

To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.

And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.



### As told by St. Luke II

And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping

watch over their flock by night.

And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.

And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

For unto you is born this day in the city of

David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.

And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.

And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child.

And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds.

But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart.

And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

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Frosty the Snowman appears to be sliding off the roof of an igloo in this lighted yard ornament found at a Homedale residence.



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## Avalanche, others set hours for the holiday

The Owyhee Avalanche will close its doors at noon on Friday in observance of the Christmas holiday.

All deadlines for display ads, classified ads, obituaries and other editorial content will remain the same.

Those deadlines are noon on Friday for display advertising, legal notices or letters to the editor. The Avalanche takes classified ads until Monday at noon.

Local school districts released students today for the long Christmas holiday.

Along with the school closures, many businesses and government offices also will be closed for a three-day weekend.

Most city halls in Owyhee County will remain open on Friday, but will be closed on Monday.

The Department of Motor Vehicles as well as the county courthouse will be closed Monday as well.

Schools will release their students for the Christmas break today (Wednesday). Children will return to the classrooms on Jan. 3.

Local post offices will be open on Friday for regular hours but will close at 1 p.m. on Christmas Eve.

Paul's Market in Homedale will be open on Christmas Eve until 7 p.m., and Snake River Mart will be open from 6 a.m. until 6 p.m. on Christmas Eve and from 7 a.m. until noon on Christmas Day.

## Sheriffs disagree with 911 funds usage

**Faulks: OK for county to pay salaries; legislation in works to clarify code**

A Boise attorney for the Idaho Sheriffs Association said last week that the association is strongly

backing possible legislation that would no longer allow counties or cities to use 911 funds to pay

salaries in conjunction with the Emergency 911 system.

Controversy surrounding that practice caused Owyhee County Prosecutor Matthew Faulks to issue an opinion on how the county spends its emergency

communications money.

Late last month, Faulks issued a written opinion addressing the use of 911 funds for salaries. Originally, he said he would not

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### Mountains of gifts

Penny Riley, activities director for Owyhee Health and Rehabilitation in Homedale, is surrounded by presents donated to residents of the center for Christmas. Every item on the gift wish list was answered, plus some extras.



### Early Christmas

The season got considerably brighter for Homedale farmer Lee Atkins on Friday when the Idaho Lottery presented him with a \$1 million check. See story, Page 11A

## Councilman says mayor to blame for parking altercation

Councilman Steve Schultz says the city's mayor is partially to blame for a physical altercation that happened on Dec. 9 over parking spaces at a business in Homedale.

Allied Signs owner Mark Jolley was issued a misdemeanor citation for battery on 20-year-old Keith Ingersoll.

Homedale Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller said he was dispatched to a business on Idaho Avenue for an altercation in progress. He said the dispute was over parking in the area.

"The business owner reported

that he had asked Ingersoll to remove his vehicle from the parking area of the sign shop," Eidemiller said Monday. "Ingersoll apparently had parked on the sign shop's property and went across the street to Homedale Auto Salvage."

"Jolley reportedly called the business and asked them to have Ingersoll remove his car, at which time Ingersoll moved his car to the front of the sign shop. It was reported at that time that Mr. Jolley approached Mr. Ingersoll,

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## Councilman retains seat after leaving Homedale

**'I ... have some things I want to wrap up before I leave.'**

Homedale City Councilman Kevin Barlow freely admits that he no longer lives within the city limits of Homedale, but he said last week that he has no intention to resign.

Barlow has been on the council for eight years but recently announced that he would not seek another term because he was moving to Emmett.

City records show that Barlow terminated water service Dec. 1, but he stated during a council



Kevin Barlow

meeting last week that he really has not lived in the city limits since the end of November. He said the Mayo Paul Fink had checked with an attorney from the Association of Idaho Cities and approved him staying on the council.

Several phone calls to Justin Ruen, policy analyst from the association were not returned.

"Kevin has done a good job, and there is no reason why he should not remain on the council until his term expires in January," Fink said. "The attorney with the Association of Idaho Cities said he could remain on the council,

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# City leases property for impound yard

Homedale’s city council approved the lease of property for an impound yard to house vehicles impounded for criminal offenses. Mayor Paul Fink said last week that the property, located on Owyhee Avenue and 1<sup>st</sup> Street and owned by Bob Ensley, is a vacant lot, which the city can rent for \$150 per month.

We want to take a new approach to suspended drivers, no drivers license and no insurance tickets,” Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller told the council last week. “The problem is now, we tow their cars off or Matteson’s tows their cars off, they get someone to come in the next day, pay the tow fee and get their car back. All we have done is inconvenience a non-insured driver or no licensed driver for 12 hours. I found a piece of property with a chain link fence and he would be willing to lease it to us for \$150 per month.

On no insurance tickets or no driver’s license tickets I would like to start impounding their cars in our own yard and require them to show proof of liability insurance and a licensed driver before they can pull their car away. At least we are insuring to the rest of the motoring public in Homedale that they will have insurance for at least 30 days. Idaho Code already mandates that a second offense no

insurance ticket is a misdemeanor. My policy is, a misdemeanor, we impound cars. I have no policy of where we impound. I think the citizens should not have to foot the bill for it so we would have to impose some kind of fee that would be associated with them getting their car back. Right now it is \$125 a tow for Matteson’s to come get it. My intent is to make sure that the citizens who do have a driver’s license and do provide hazard insurance on their cars do not have to foot the bill for those who don’t.”

Eidemiller estimated that about 25 tickets are issued per month for no insurance and about half of that amount is issued for no driver’s license.

Eidemiller said he hasn’t determined what residents will be charged for impounded vehicles but he said he would probably charge an average amount.

“We have a van sitting in Matteson’s yard that was impounded,” Fink told the council. “We found a lot of drugs in it and it probably will never be picked up. It has been there since October. If we had it in our yard, we could finally dispose of it and get a little of our money back.”

The council approved the lease.

— CAB



**Super employee**  
*TRIAD president Ervin Gifford, left, presents a plaque to Owyhee County Sheriff’s dispatcher Beverly White as county sheriff Gary Aman looks on. The group honored White as employee of the year for her service as a dispatcher .*

# TRIAD names dispatcher as employee of the year

Members of the TRIAD group honored a Owyhee County Sheriff’s Office dispatcher with employee of the year during a presentation last week. Eleven-year dispatch veteran Beverly White was honored with a plaque as well has a gift certificate for her service to the county.

Every year the group honors one employee for their service to the county. White was surprised at the sheriff’s office with the honor on Dec. 13.

“It’s wonderful,” White said of receiving the award. “It is very nice to be thanked for just doing our jobs.”

White said she started working for the county as a dispatcher and worked in the jail system. She said she started working because a friend told her she would be good at it.

“I thought they were crazy,” White laughed. “But I love it. It can be very overwhelming. You have to know how to multi task. You get the bad calls and you get the good calls.”

White said she recalls two calls she considers bad calls.

“A lady called me from Marsing

one night,” White recalled. “She was new to the area and had just been in her house one week. She woke up at four o’clock in the morning, someone had broke into her house. They had hit her husband over the head with a crowbar and he was holding the suspect at gunpoint. At that point and time we did not have anyone covering the area from four until about six. I called my officer on the phone and told him to go and I would get him further. He knew instantly that it was a bad situation. The lady was so new to the area that she didn’t know her address or even her telephone number. I had to ask her a lot of questions to ascertain where she was. She finally found a letter on the counter that she had got so I was able to get an address. It turned out good. The man who got hit on the head was fine and the suspect was taken into custody.”

But White said not all her calls are bad, she said one of the good calls started out bad, but ended very good.

“There was a baby at C.J. Strike dam that had choked or something, but she had turned

blue,” White continued. “The man who called had traveled about a quarter of a mile away to make the call. No one in the party knew CPR. I felt very helpless, but I gave him specific directions on starting CPR. I knew this child didn’t have much of a chance.”

“The ambulance got on scene and just at shift change, they called back to say they were in route to the hospital and the baby was code four (meaning everything was fine). I could hear the baby crying in the background. It was one of those calls where you don’t think what you are doing is going to help anyone and then you find out it did. It is a great feeling.”

White said she has her husband and her family to thank for her success. She said because of long hours and rotating shifts, family support is imperative. She said she also has to thank the people she works with.

“My family has been awesome,” White said. “My husband has really picked up so much of what I don’t get to.”

“Being a resident of Owyhee County all of my life, you get a very good sense of community service to be able to help the members of your community. We have probably the best team right now, that we have had in years.”

TRIAD also delivers a tray of cookies and a coffee cup for each deputy of the department and to each officer at Homedale Police Department.

— CAB

## Broken pipe floods nursing home

A broken water pipe in the ceiling of Owyhee Health and Rehab sent the staff into a scramble Monday morning as water flooded several offices and damaged parts of the ceiling.

Homedale Fire Department was dispatched to the center early Monday when the fire alarm system went off. Although a fire was not found, plenty of water was.

“The pipes to the sprinkler system broke sometime during the night,” Penny Riley, activities

director for the center said.

“We didn’t have to evacuate anyone, but it is a bit of a mess.”

Homedale Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller said the center enacted its own emergency policy, which puts the police department and the fire department on alert. Eidemiller said if the center had to evacuate for any reason, the departments would be available for assistance.

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# Homedale gathers mounds of donations

Several groups, clubs, businesses and individuals have spent the last several weeks gathering donations for needy families during this holiday season. Thousands of pounds of food, gifts and clothing have been donated to families in the Homedale area as well as a mountain of gifts for the elderly at Owyhee Health and Rehabilitation.

The school district worked to gather food, clothing and gifts for over 50 families in the Homedale area. Sherry Thomas, from Homedale High School, said over 2,000 pounds was gathered from the high school alone, but over 4,000 total pounds was gathered in the district.

Teresa Ryska from the Wish Tree committee said about \$3,800 was raised during a casino night fundraiser at the Tango in Homedale for needy families in the city. Over 400 tags were available from the Wish Trees located throughout the city and Monday she said every one



## Boxes of food

Thousands of pounds of food were donated during the Homedale School District food drive for needy people during the Christmas holidays. Food was brought to the elementary school cafeteria, where it was packaged before families arrived for pick-up. More on drive, **Page 9A**

of them were filled. Over 60 families received gift baskets of food, clothing and gifts from the community.

A student from Homedale Elementary School also launched a charitable drive by collecting

tabs off aluminum cans. The effort is to benefit the Ronald McDonald House program. A little house was located in the high school and elementary school to collect the tabs.

Results were not available by

press time Monday.

The gift drive at The Owyhee Avalanche for elderly residents of Owyhee Health and Rehab was again a success. For many years the Avalanche publishes a list of needed gifts for residents of the

nursing home and this year, again, the list was completely filled.

Santa Claus plans to make a special visit to the residents on Friday morning at 10 a.m.

— CAB

# GV mayor fills 3 council seats

## City awaits DEQ decision on arsenic level issues in water

Grand View Mayor Paul Spang was faced with quite a job before after the general election in November. He had three city council seats and no candidates.

But as of last week, Spang had solved his problem by appointing three members to those seats. Two of the members were originally on the council, and one has never held an elected position before.

Spang said in October that he had three people in mind for the positions — two who he had appointed to the council previously and a third with whom he had yet to speak. At the time, Spang said it was unclear whether the current council members — Derren Frederick and Bill

Lawrence — were going to seek to retain their seats. Spang also said because the candidates did not file letters of intent for that he planned to appoint them in the future.

Last week, he said the process was done, but it took two months to complete. In order to stay within the letter of the Idaho Code, Frederick and Lawrence were required to resign their current seats on the council before Spang could appoint them to new positions.

Roger Dillard joined Frederick and Lawrence as the new appointees to the council. Dillard has never been on the council.

“We have them all lined up and appointed, and we have a

full council now,” Spang said last week. “To follow the law, they had to be appointed over a period of time. They had not fulfilled their terms yet, so they had to resign and then be appointed again. It took about two months to do. You can’t resign and be appointed in the same day.”

Frederick and Lawrence will have to run for office during the next general election in November 2007 because neither has been elected.

Spang said Frederick and Lawrence will bring knowledge to the table and Dillard will be able to learn the process.

Frederick and Lawrence could not be reached for comment.

The mayor said right now the main issue for the city is the arsenic levels in the city’s well system.

This year, the Department of Environmental Quality approved

changing the levels of allowable arsenic in municipality water systems to a much lower level and the City of Grand View does not meet those standards, which will go into effect next year. The city requested an extension from DEQ, but Spang said the extension hasn’t been approved yet.

“We are waiting for the engineering study to be done, but it won’t be started until we get an approval from DEQ,” Spang said. “We have budgeted for the study, but we will not be able to afford replacing the water system unless we get some kind of grant or something.”

“We may have to pass a bond, but right now we don’t know what we can do.”

Spang said he expects to hear from DEQ on the extension appeal around the first of the year.

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## Jump Creek Ladies Club holds meeting

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The members sang “Happy Birthday” to Virginia Belknap and gave Opal and Peggy a poinsettia. The group gave a special token of love to Venett Larson.

Evelyn Cummings said 20 ladies attended the celebration, and she said they had a wonderful time.

The group plans to meet again in January.

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BLM state director plans to retire

Crapo says change in command won't affect Initiative process

K Lynn Bennett, Idaho's state director for the Bureau of Land Management has announced his plans to retire from the BLM after 35 years of public service.

Owyhee Initiative author Fred Grant said last week that although Bennett will be truly missed, the change should not affect the final stages of the Owyhee Initiative. Sen. Mike Crapo (R-Idaho), who plans to represent the initiative in Washington D.C. when final legislation is drafted, agrees.

"I am assuming that his associate director will act in his place until a replacement is named," Grant said by phone last week. "I hate to see K Lynn leave for a ton of reasons, not just the initiative.

"Because of his leadership in trying to put the BLM back on a professional basis. He has brought in some good people. So I have that concern. I always hate to see someone leave who understands what the range is about and has that much background and knowledge about it and who is a professional. But it won't slow the initiative down. He has been very supportive of it, we are very thankful for that."

Crapo agrees with Grant and said he is also "sorry" to see the director leave, but he "congratulates" him on his retirement.

"I am sorry to see K Lynn go, but I congratulate him on his retirement," Crapo said.

"K Lynn has had one of the most open-door operations we've worked with at the Idaho BLM.

But we know we will continue that relationship with Acting Director Kurt Koetter and his crew. All the state and local BLM leadership has worked closely with my office on the Owyhee Initiative and supported the collaborative effort. I have no doubt that partnership will continue, even with K Lynn's retirement."

Bennett said Koetter has been involved with the initiative, and he does not feel the change will affect the BLM's support of the legislation.

"People have to sit down and talk to each other," Bennett said last week. "The director will probably advertise the position and canvas people who are interested in the position. I think you will find Kurt is just equally open and easy to work with as I have been. Maybe more so. I know he is getting to the point in his career where he may not stay with BLM long. I would like to see him stay on and be state director for several years, but I don't see that happening.

"BLM's official position on any legislation comes from the department. They generally don't take a position until they see legislation. But we certainly support the effort the efforts that the senator and the folks there in Owyhee County have done to put the initiative together. It is the right way, as far as I am concerned, to do business."

Bennett said the same people in Washington are the same people



K Lynn Bennett

who put him into office. He said he hopes that they will select someone who will open the doors and welcome people into work with them.

"I don't think they have anything to worry about," Bennett said. "I really appreciate the support I have received from the commissioners and the people of Owyhee County."

The outgoing director said it has been a pleasure to work with people who know the treasure that public lands can be.

"During my tenure with BLM, I have had the good fortune of working with a great group of people, both within and outside the agency, who value the public lands," Bennett said.

"It's been a good run, and with a lot of help from our partners and the citizens of Idaho, I believe we have made a positive difference to the land and its resources."

Bennett, who joined the BLM

"... with a lot of help from our partners and the citizens of Idaho, I believe we have made a positive difference to the land and its resources."

— K Lynn Bennett  
Retiring BLM state director

more than 30 years ago, has long been a strong proponent of multiple use management.

"My primary goal has been to improve the health and productivity of our public lands," he said.

"We have emphasized actions to protect, restore and provide sustainable use of the land, not only for the present but also for future generations."

During his career with the BLM, Bennett served in Washington, D.C., Utah, Idaho and Nevada. He left BLM in 1993 to pursue his interest as owner-manager of the Kast C K Cattle Co. near Bliss.

He returned to BLM in 2002 to serve as the Idaho BLM state director.

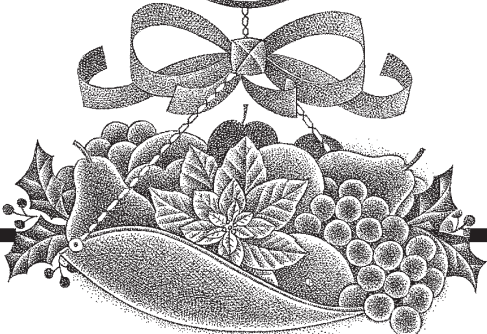
He and his wife, Beverly, reside in Boise. They have three children, all of whom live in the Magic Valley, and 10 grandchildren.

Bennett has served as BLM state director since 2002, managing nearly 12 million acres of public land. Bennett will officially leave the agency Dece. 30.

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specifically address the county’s designation of \$4,000 from those funds for the salary of “Rural Addressing Coordinator” Doug Cook.

Sheriffs composing bill for legislative session

Mike Kane, representative for the Idaho Sheriffs Association said last week that he is working on legislation that would clarify the wording of the Idaho Code and discontinue the use of 911 funds for salaries. He said the language of the bill had not been drawn up, but he confirmed that the components of the legislation would clarify “exactly” how 911 fees could be used, and the funding of salaries would be addressed.

“The legislation has not yet been drafted, so I can’t tell what the language is going to look like,” Kane said. “We are going to work with a whole number of parties to make this happen. There is a 911 committee, which consists of a number of people from all different disciplines. We are going to want to work with them. In principal, the vote of the sheriff’s association was to clarify this issue. The entire membership was not at the meeting, but of those attending, I don’t believe any of the sheriffs attending voted against the concept.”

Faulks issued his opinion stating that the question presented was “whether it is lawful to appropriate proceeds from Emergency Communications

Fees toward employee salary for the purpose of gathering and inputting address location and GPS coordinate information.” He concluded that the “Board of Commissioners has the authority and discretion to apply proceeds of Emergency Communication Fees to salary of an employee for the purpose of establishing and maintaining information for the database, which is part of the Emergency Communication System.”

“There is no known case law established on this issue,” Faulks wrote in his opinion. “The question is of statutory interpretation. The plain reading of the text of the statue will be relied upon along with the stated legislative intent for such interpretation.”

Aman: State 911 panel asks AG for an opinion

Owyhee County Sheriff Gary Aman says some interested parties think the intent of the statute is clear.

“It depends on whom you talk to,” Aman said when asked if he felt the county was spending the money legally. “About three quarters of the state’s attorneys don’t think so. I have asked the statewide 911 Committee to request an official opinion from the attorney general’s office.”

Faulks states in the analysis of his opinion that: “when considering whether the salary of an employee is an allowable use of funds under the statutory scheme, it first must be noted that ‘salaries’ are an allowable use of funds expressly written into the statute. It also must be

noted that overhead, staffing, and administrative costs, are not allowable uses of the 911 fees, nor are salaries for the same, accordingly.”

But it is also Faulks’ opinion that Cook’s position follows the wording of the code because he helps establish the system.

“An employee in the office of the Assessor has been assigned as part of his duties to act as a ‘911 Rural Addressing Coordinator.’ As a part of those duties, he is responsible for assigning new addressing information. In some instances, his duties include obtaining GPS coordinates for address locations or for positions of roadways. The employee is then responsible for providing the data for entry into the database for the 911 system. The data need only be entered once-the characteristic of an initializing function.

“The data for location and GPS coordinates is then usable as part of the 911 system to assist dispatchers and law enforcement with emergency callers. This location information becomes even more important as the system is made capable of locating cell phone users with GPS coordinates. Accordingly, it is reasonable that the Commissioners could find that the salary of the Assessor Office employee is associated with costs of system establishment, initiation, and the enhancement of 911 system and its database.”

Faulks concluded that: “Based on the facts presented in this matter and the legal requirements for 911 fee usage, the Board of Commissioners can reasonably

find that fee proceeds can be applied to salaries when those salaries are used to provide a function that initiates, enhances, maintains, or are a part of the costs establishing the Emergency Communication System.”

Sheriff: Rural address is for more than 911

Aman said rural addressing is not only used for 911 because it is a necessity for everyone in a county to have an address.

“You have to have an address for mail, electrical service, phone service, not just for 911,” Aman said.

“911 has to rely on rural addressing. Rural addressing is used for a multitude of things from voting to phone service. You can’t even hook up a new power supply to your new house without an address. Mail carriers won’t even deliver to a route anymore, you have to have an address.”

In Aman’s view, contrary to Faulks’ opinion, Cook’s salary is recurring and, therefore, can’t be paid through 911 funds.

“It is reoccurring every year,” Aman said. “If you buy a computer, it lasts for about five years, but salaries are reoccurring every year. If we pay Doug Cook, why can’t we pay the dispatchers, why can’t we pay Ernie Bahem who goes out and GPS’s it? Why can’t we pay the guy who goes out and sticks the sign in the ground? And then the county won’t have enough money to maintain its system.”

Aman said he did vote in favor of legislation to stop funding of salaries because he believes

taking salaries from E-911 takes away from E-911. Canyon County Sheriff Chris Smith said he also does not believe in spending 911 funds for salaries. When he was elected Canyon’s sheriff last year, he requested that county’s commissioners put a stop to the practice.

“The code is very ambiguous about what you can spend those monies on,” Smith said Friday. “We were doing the same thing, but for me, we have ceased paying dispatchers salaries from 911 funds. We believe it is improper under the code. Our commissioners agree with that ruling.

“I believe with all of my heart that the Legislature will be working on that language. I believe the money is supposed to be used for basically technology and maintaining the equipment in the center.”

The 2006 legislative session begins Jan. 10, and Kane said he hopes to have a final draft sometime during the session.

He said the final legislation would be a collaborative effort involving the state 911 committee, Idaho Sheriffs and others.

“We plan on bringing something forward, assuming we don’t get any significant opposition from other groups within the large umbrella of people working on this issue,” Kane explained.

Kane said he could not comment on any opposition because he has not even begun working on the language of the legislation.

“We will have to see how it shakes out,” Kane said.

— CAB

✓ Barlow

and I think he should.”

Fink confirmed Ruen was the attorney with whom he spoke.

Barlow said he does not feel he is doing an injustice to the people of the city because he wants to “wrap up” some things he has been working on. He said he only has the best intentions for the people of Homedale and he feels he should continue his seat to “tie up loose ends.”

Not everyone agrees that Barlow should remain on the council.

“No. I don’t think he should be on the council any longer,” Councilman Steve Schultz said. “I went into last week’s meeting asking Paul to appoint Tim Downing as he will be sworn in next month. I can’t believe that Kevin would even want to stay on if he doesn’t live here.”

But the subject of Barlow’s residency was not addressed during the open session of the meeting Wednesday night.

“I feel I can still do a good job,” Barlow said. “I only have two more meetings, and there are a few things I want to finish up.”

Barlow did not comment on what issues he was working on.

— CAB

✓ Parking

grabbing him by the throat and brought him into the business and asked a customer to phone the police.”

Schultz said he was the customer in the business.

“I didn’t see exactly what happened outside, but I did see Mark bring the young man in, and he told me to call the police,”

Schultz said. “I called, and the whole thing was over rather quickly.”

Schultz said he does not think that the altercation would have happened if Homedale Mayor Paul Fink and the police department had done something about the parking problem at the salvage yard.

“We voted to have Chris Nye (city attorney) send a letter, from a legal point of view, to the salvage

yard and have him remove his vehicles from city property,” Schultz said last week. “There is dead vehicles down there all the time. I don’t feel like there has been any follow-through on this.

“That has been my issue for a number of things. If we don’t address the problems, they boil over into other things.”

Fink declined to make a statement on the accusation at this time, but said he would release a

statement at a later date.

Eidemiller said he has addressed the vehicle issue with the owners of the salvage yard. He said no citations have been issued because every time the issue is addressed the owners abide by the law.

Schultz said he requested an executive session during last week’s council meeting to discuss the altercation, but he declined the opportunity Wednesday night.

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Flight commander

Lieutenant Commander Mike Mansisidor stands with military buddies in front of his aircraft. Mansisidor is a Homedale High School graduate and the son of Ray and Mary Mansisidor of Homedale. He has made four trips to the Persian Gulf and is currently aboard the USS Theodore Roosevelt aircraft carrier.

Sledders reminded to register machines

With snow starting to fall in Idaho, many people’s thoughts turn to snowmobile rides. And the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation (IDPR) wants to remind recreationalists that the machines must be registered before you can go play.

The registration fee is \$22.50 (\$52.50 for rental machines), and the stickers are good through Oct. 31, 2006.

Snowmobile registration can be obtained at snowmobile dealers, some county assessors offices, Division of Motor Vehicle offices and all three Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation service centers, including 5657 Warm Springs Ave. in Boise.

Registration requirements apply to new and used snowmobiles. Every new snowmobile must be registered before it leaves the dealership. The purchaser of a

used snowmobile, which has been previously registered, must transfer the registration within 15 days of the sale.

Registration fees support the groomed trail systems throughout the state. Registration fees also can be designated to specific county snowmobile programs. The funds are used for maintenance and operation of snowmobile trail groomers, snowmobile trails signage, plowing parking lots and maintaining warming shelters.

Idaho has more than 7,200 miles of snowmobile trails in 29 grooming programs throughout the state.

To find the nearest snowmobile registration vendor location, call the IDPR registration section at (208) 334-4197. For more information on snowmobiling in Idaho, visit [www.parksandrecreation.idaho.gov](http://www.parksandrecreation.idaho.gov).



Honored teacher

Teri Uria is honored by Homedale School Board trustee Ric Uria after being chosen as employee of the month for the district. Teri was nominated by elementary school principal Scott Freeby, who said Teri “inspires enthusiasm for learning and academic excellence and elicits a high level of achievement from students in relation to their ability.” Teri has worked for the district for 18 years as a third- and fourth-grade teacher. “Teri is a teacher leader,” Freeby said. “Her passion, vision and commitments are unwavering and her dedication to children is unquestioned. She upholds the best we seek for our professions.” Freeby said he chose Teri because she, expects students to take responsibility of their own learning, she shows a high mastery of subject matter, has the respect of students and colleagues, communicates well with parents and pursues personal and professional development. He said she contributes to curriculum and program implementation and contributes to the school community beyond the classroom.

HPD welcomes newest POST grads to force

Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller congratulated Michelle Babcock, School Resource Officer and Michael McFetridge, patrol officer for the City of Homedale, during a graduation ceremony at the Professional Officer Standards Training (POST) Academy in Meridian last week.

The pair completed the eight-week course and will join the city’s police department.

Babcock grew up in Jordan Valley and graduated from Jordan Valley High School. She will be the department’s new school resource officer and said she is looking forward to working in the school system.

McFetridge joins the department as a patrol officer.

He is from the Nampa area and said he is excited to be on the local staff. He has a security background and replaces Jamie Austin, who resigned from the department earlier this year.

“Both graduated in the top portion of their class,” Eidemiller said. “I think they will be a valuable asset to department and I welcome them aboard.”

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School Resource Officer Michelle Babcock and Jeff Eidemiller



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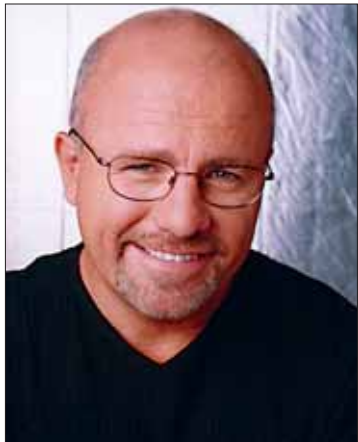
**Dear Dave,**  
How do you save a significant amount of money for a special gift for your spouse when you work on the monthly budget together?  
— Steve via e-mail

**Dear Steve,**  
Well, it's very hard to do. Honesty is very important in a marriage AND in your finances. What I suggest is that the two of you establish a "his" and "hers" gift budget. Set aside an amount each month in that category and save up for that special item for that special someone.  
That way, everything is out in the open and you're not hiding anything from anyone — except the surprise itself. And that's SUPPOSED to be a secret until it's given!  
— Dave

**Dear Dave,**  
My husband and I are both full-time students, and he makes about \$52,000 a year. Our parents discouraged us from getting student loans, so we ended up putting about \$23,000 on credit cards paying for school expenses. We're barely making the minimum payments on the cards, have a \$400 house payment and we're also investing \$500 a month in his 401(k) because the company matches his investment. Sometimes we've barely got enough money for food and gas. What can we do?  
— Roxy in Houston

**Dear Roxy,**  
Maybe we should stop the 401(k) for a while. If you're telling me that you've barely got enough money for something as basic as food, then the 401(k) can just sit there. I think I'd stop doing pretty much everything except working down this credit card debt. Cut them all up, Roxy. Have a plastic surgery party! Then take all your debts, list them from smallest to largest, pay minimum payments on the big ones and attack the smallest one with a vengeance.  
More than anything, you guys need to get on a written budget and set it in stone before the first of the month. You've got more money than you think if your husband is bringing home \$52,000 and your house payment's only \$400 — even with \$23,000 in credit card debt.  
— Dave

**Dear Dave,**  
I've been married about a year, and my wife and I both have very secure jobs. We bring home about \$130,000 a year combined, and we also have about \$150,000 in savings and no debt except for our house. Recently, I had an opportunity to take a job in commercial real estate



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in my hometown — something I really wanted to do — and she was very upset by the idea of moving. She said it was because she didn't want to move even farther away from her family, but I think there was something else bothering her, too. Anyway, there's still some friction between us, and I'm not sure what to do.  
— Tim

**Dear Tim,**  
Anytime you're in a relationship and something like this happens it's almost like making a sale — you've got to dig out the real reason for the objection. It could very well be that she doesn't want to be farther away from her family, and that's natural to an extent.  
But, like you said, there could be other factors involved. There might even be something in your past that bothers her — something she doesn't want you to revisit. It may even be some feelings of resentment toward your family for things that have happened before, or the insecurity of the situation with a new job.  
But from a relationship standpoint, you guys need to root this thing out and talk about it. Otherwise, it's just going to fester and cause even more problems down the road. In a marriage, one person shouldn't cause the other to be miserable and in a position they don't like just for their own security or to avoid their spouse's family. Part of marriage is making compromises and being there to hug on each other when things get uncomfortable.  
Sometimes, Tim, you just need an impartial referee. I'm talking maybe three or four sessions with a good marriage counselor. That doesn't mean your marriage is falling apart, but if your engine is running a little rough you may need to get a tune-up, you know?  
— Dave

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# US Ecology announces 2005 grants for Owyhee

## \$15,000 donated to senior centers, schools, other organizations

Steve Romano, chief executive officer of American Ecology Corp. and president of Owyhee County subsidiary US Ecology Idaho, Inc., recently announced that the company's Owyhee Charitable Foundation is contributing a total of \$15,362 to 15 projects proposed by senior centers, schools, libraries, and other organizations in Owyhee County.

US Ecology Idaho owns and operates the hazardous waste management facility west of Grand View and is one of Owyhee County's largest businesses with 80 full-time employees.

"US Ecology is proud to call Owyhee County home, and we're pleased to fund these very worthwhile community projects," Romano said, concluding "We received a large number of exceptional proposals this year and thank every organization that participated."

US Ecology's 2005 Grant Awards:

- American Legion Post No. 134 Grand View — Funds toward roof repair.
- Eastern Owyhee County Library— Sagebrush InfoCenter Automation Program and tech support to network the schools

- with the library
- Grand View Lions Club — In-kind contribution to help fill the ditch next to Highway 67 in Grand View for pedestrian and vehicle safety
- Grand View Little League — Equipment
- Homedale FFA — LCD projector for classes and demonstrations,
- Homedale High School — Material to build 12 bat houses for insect control
- Homedale Public Library — Audio books
- Homedale Senior Center — Commercial two-door freezer
- Marsing Elementary School — Computers for classroom, ESL and after-school programs
- Marsing Resource Center — Copier and cartridges for after-school program
- Marsing Senior Center — Commercial freezer and ice machine
- Oreana Community Hall — Funds toward new furnace,
- Owyhee County Probation Department — After-school program resources
- Rimrock Junior-Senior High School — Centrifuge and spectrophotometer for science class

Silver City Fire & Rescue, Inc. — In-kind contribution for helipad.

Since 1988, the Owyhee County Charitable Foundation has funded more than 120 community projects, including computers for Owyhee County schools, assistance to county senior citizen centers and veterans organizations, libraries and the Owyhee County Historical Society museum in Murphy.

A three-member selection committee that includes Roy Herman of Marsing, Ray Meyers of Grand View and Romano determines annual grants.

The Foundation encourages organizations that were not funded this year to submit a request next fall for the 2006 funding cycle.

Parent company American Ecology Corp., based in Boise, provides radioactive, PCB, hazardous and non-hazardous waste services to commercial and government customers throughout the United States, such as nuclear power plants, steel mills, medical and academic institutions, oil refineries and chemical manufacturing facilities.

American Ecology is the oldest radioactive and hazardous waste services company in the United States.

## Calendar

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

Homedale Senior Citizens Center Christmas Party and Dinner

**Friday**  
Owyhee Health and Rehabilitation Christmas party, 10 a.m., 108 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4892

**Monday, Dec. 26**  
Medicare Monday, prescription drug coverage signup, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave.

**Tuesday, Dec. 27**  
Bingo, 1 p.m., Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave. (208) 337-3020

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

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# Basque club donates food for holidays

Gift of \$4,000 in meat another gesture of good will by group

Each year, the Caldwell Basque Club orders more than \$4,000 worth of meat for needy people in the Homedale, Caldwell, Nampa and Parma area.

This year, 20 cases of turkeys, 23 cases of hams and 231 gift baskets that contain two packages of ground beef, two whole chickens and two packages of hot dogs were purchased and delivered to local homes.

Schools and churches determine who needs the gift baskets and take care of getting them to local families in need so they can have a brighter holiday season.

The club, which started nearly 40 years ago when a small group of Basques in

Caldwell heard a story about a young girl's family in a time of hardship, has helped hundreds of families over the years.

The group has raised nearly \$1 million for charity.

The group's main fund-raiser is a dance held every January. The money collected from the event returns to the community through a variety of channels. Some of the funds have been used for children needing eye glasses and even for artificial limbs.

"We have paid rent, power bills, loads of coal, fuel oil and replaced windows," co-chairman Ric Uria said. "The Caldwell Euzkaldunaks have purchased wheelchairs and other health-related items and household goods for people who have lost everything in house fires.

"In one instance a wheelchair ramp was installed in a vehicle so a wheelchair-bound man could drive himself to work."

— CAB



## Basque donation

Food basket coordinator Randee Garrett, center, shows her appreciation by giving two thumbs up to nearly 4,000 pounds of meat donated for holiday gift baskets by the Caldwell Euzkaldunak Charity organization. Charity members Steve Zatica, left, and Ric Uria unloaded the meat at Paul's Food Store in Homedale last week.



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## 'Frosty' Pleasant Valley craft class

On Dec, 12, the students of Pleasant Valley School were treated to a holiday arts and craft class. Dorothy Basey and Elaine Smith of Homedale arrived at the school and provided materials for festive Frosty the Snowman ornaments. Several socks were sacrificed for the stocking caps on the snowmen's heads. The heads themselves were old light bulbs that had been painted. For the faces, markers were used to festively decorate the light bulbs. Fuzzy pom-poms (multicolored cotton balls) were glued on for earmuffs, or (if the student desired) a nose. The students enjoyed having the afternoon off, and would like to thank "Grandma" Smith and "Grandma" Basey for spending time with us. Submitted by reporter Bryce Kershner.

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Food champions

Mike Greeley's drafting class collected the most food during Homedale High School's annual holiday food drive. Greeley's students include, top row, left to right: Mike Greeley, Brittany Ambeau, Joey Cline, Heath Phelps, Matt Borschowa, John Hurich and Silviro Jimenez. Bottom row, left to right: Tyler Christoffersen, Sam Ensley, Wade Hyer, Richard Eidemiller and Amador Cortinas.

HHS drive collects ton of food

Mike Greeley's drafting class had a little extra incentive in its quest to collect the most food during Homedale High School's annual food drive.

First and foremost was bragging rights among the school's first-period classes.

But Greeley also dangled a home-cooked breakfast and the opportunity to sleep in one day during the school year because he'll cancel his class.

"Kids do amazing things for just a little incentive," Greeley said.

Greeley's class bit on the offer and collected nearly 1,000 pounds of food to win the friendly and worthwhile competition.

"It's not only serving a needy cause within the community, but it brings the students and faculty together in the spirit of the season and in the spirit of competition," Homedale High School principal Mike Williams said.

The food drive started Dec. 7

and lasted a week. In that time, Greeley's students rustled up 992.20 pounds of food, outpacing the second-place class by more than a quarter-ton.

This is the third consecutive year that a Greeley class has pulled in top honors. Mark Weekes' class collected 433.20 pounds for second place.

Williams said the top five classes were honored: Third place was Melinda Lathrop's class with 269.50 pounds; Todd Thompson's students gathered 172.90 pounds for fourth place; and Linda Adler's class amassed 124.60 pounds.

A total of 2,162.90 pounds of food was collected at Homedale High School as part of a school district-wide effort. Official weigh-in was done on the electronic scale in the school's wrestling room.

Greeley's students include Tyler Christoffersen, Sam Ensley, Wade

Hyer, Richard Eidemiller, Amador Cortinas, Brittany Ambeau, Joey Cline, Heath Phelps, Matt Borschowa, John Hurich and Silviro Jimenez.

The winning class was helped out by donations from KT Produce and Allendale Produce. Allendale Produce pitched in with 600 pounds of onions, while KT Produce supplied potatoes and oranges.

Eidemiller also went to Wal-Mart and bought two cases of Snack Ramen, Greeley said.

Paul's Market donated 131 shopping bags to help organize the food, Greeley said.

Students gathered Friday after school to build boxes of food — enough to feed 65 needy families in Homedale.

"The bottom line is (the students) know it's for people in the community, and they always pull through," Greeley said.

— JB



Helping out

Above: Homedale High School senior Kyle Carson loads boxes of hams and turkeys from Paul's Market into one of two pickups Friday afternoon at Paul's Market. Homedale School District employees and Paul's customers donated enough points from Paul's Club cards to purchase 33 turkeys for needy families. Below: Homedale High School students, from left, Carson, Sam Ensley, Jessica Hansen, Tommy Waters and Wade Hyer, helped load two trucks with turkeys and hams and a third van with food collected from a bin placed at Paul's Market as part of the Homedale School District's food drive.



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Submerged

**Above:** A chocolate Labrador retriever watches his owner, Ronald Lee Burgess of Boise, as he stands in his floating boat, which is still attached to his pickup truck, submerged in the Snake River last week. Ice on the boat ramp caused Burgess's pickup to slide into the icy water as he and some companions were planning to go duck hunting. **Right:** Harvey's Towing slowly pulls the pickup to shore.



Clearing the way

A snow plow tries to clear the roadway on California Avenue in Homedale during Monday's snowstorm. Snow fell until the late morning, leaving a thick blanket of white stuff around town.

Winter storm adds snow to mountains and valley

The second significant winter storm of the season dumped about 3 inches of powder in the valley and as much as 5 inches of new snow in the local mountains. Rain and snow is expected to continue throughout the week with measurable precipitation in the mountains and freezing rain or snow in the valleys.

The National Weather Service predicts mostly cloudy skies with a 20 percent chance of rain today, 40 percent chance on Thursday, 30 percent chance on Friday and mostly cloudy on Christmas eve. Christmas day is expected to be mostly cloudy with chance of snow at 30 percent. Highs are expected to be from the lower 30s at night to the low 40s by Thursday.

A severe weather alert was issued by the service on Monday and called for a freezing rain in Southeastern Oregon and Southwestern Idaho. It stated that snow would intensify as a

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new surge of Pacific moisture came into the area. One to three inches of new snow was expected Monday with several more inches added to the mountain snow pack.

The Bureau of Reclamation web site shows that Owyhee Reservoir was at 55 percent of full on Monday with 393,549 acre feet of water. One hundred fifty three cubic feet per second was entering the dam and 40 cfs was being released last week. The reservoir is at 97 percent of a 30-year average.

Date	Snow depth
Reynolds Creek	
12/12	4.3
12/13	4.5
12/14	4.5
12/15	4.4
12/16	4.4
12/17	4.3
12/18	4.4
12/19	7.1
South Mountain	
12/12	11.8
12/13	11.8
12/14	11.8
12/15	11.9
12/16	11.8
12/17	12.1
12/18	12.2
12/19	17.0
Mud Flat	
12/12	7.1
12/13	5.6
12/14	6.5
12/15	6.4
12/16	7.1
12/17	6.8
12/18	7.3
12/19	NA

Silver City Road closed for winter months

Motorists who want to travel to Silver City from now until next spring will have to wait until the snow melts unless they plan to

travel by snowmobile or four wheeler. The Owyhee County Sheriff's Office closed the road because of snow conditions.

"The commissioners approved and is allowed by law to close the Silver City road to auto traffic," Owyhee County Sheriff Gary Aman said. "It is still opened to snowmobiles just not to pickups or cars. This is done for the safety of the public who try and attempt to get into Silver during the winter and have to stay out all night. Last year was a mess with rescues almost every weekend and sometimes several every weekend."

Aman reminds motorists that if they proceed past the "road closed" signs and need to be rescued, the county can try to recover the cost of the search or rescue. He said he hopes the closure will slow down the number of rescues the county has to make.

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# Local farmer's Christmas brightened with \$1 million ticket

## Loyalty to lottery, Jacksons pays off in a big way

Lee Atkins, 60, a hay farmer from the Homedale area, will have a very bright Christmas this year after winning \$1 million in last Wednesday's Powerball draw.

Atkins bought his winning ticket at Jacksons Food Store in Homedale, where he said he has been purchasing tickets nearly twice a week for many years.

Atkins matched five numbers in Wednesday night's draw, and being a regular player, knew to pick up the power play option. The power play is a \$1 option when you purchase your Powerball ticket and multiplies non-jackpot winnings between 2 and 5 times, depending on the number drawn. Last week that option multiplied Lee's winnings by 5 and turned \$200,000 into \$1 million.

"This is a big deal for Homedale and for Mr. Atkins. We're very excited for him," said Andrea Jackson, president of Jacksons, who grew up in Homedale.

"Our store manager said he comes to the store every day and is a nice, hard-working man. We're so pleased when good things happen for our customers."

Atkins watched the Powerball draw during the Channel 2 News broadcast right before the weather report. When he checked his numbers, he woke up his wife, Sharon, and said, "I think we got some money."

Lee Atkins has lived on his farm near the Idaho-Oregon border since 1948 and bought the property from his father. "I'd like



**Million-dollar Christmas**  
*Lee Atkins, left, accepts a check for \$1 million from Idaho Lottery Director Roger Simmons during a ceremony at Jacksons Food Store in Homedale last week. Atkins bought a winning Powerball ticket from the Jacksons store for last Wednesday's drawing.*

to retire soon, so I hope this will provide me with a nice monthly income."

"He was very visibly shaken when I told him he matched something," Jacksons store manager Laureene Strange said.

"I was very shaken when I saw that he had won. The machine does not tell us exactly how much, but it did show that he had won at least \$200,000. His hands were shaking when I told him."

Atkins said the fact that he had

actually won such a substantial amount had not really sunk in as of Friday. He said he can't think of anything he will buy, but he has wanted to retire and now his retirement fund is off to a good start.

"I won't have to worry about where the money for the farm is coming from now," Atkins said with a grin.

"I can't even imagine how much hay I would have had to bale to get this kind of money. I'm a bit shaky."

Atkins said he has bought two tickets a week for years and seemed to recall winning \$100 once and \$500 another time.

"This is the nicest one, though," he said.

Jacksons Food Stores was presented with a check for \$50,000 for being the store to sell the winning ticket. Jackson said the company is building a new store in Eagle and the money will come in "handy" for the new addition.

Atkins said he ended up with \$672,000 after taxes were taken from his winnings.

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**New Greenhands**  
*Some of the new members of the Marsing FFA chapter, from left: Samantha Jensen, Kelsey Granden, Bethany Sevy, Kaya Stahle, Dixie Kent and Elly Collett. Submitted photot*

## Marsing FFA news

*by Advisor Jason Nettleton*  
The Marsing FFA Chapter held its annual Harvest Dance and Creedt Speaking Contest on Nov. 11. The chapter had a great turnout, and all the officers would like to thank everyone who came.

Prior to the Harvest Dance, the chapter had its Chapter Creed Speaking Contest where three individuals competed for the honor.

Bethany Sevy, Kelsey Granden and Samantha Jensen all presented the National FFA Creed to a panel of judges. Granden is this year’s Creed Speaking winner. She will receive a chapter jacket and also will get a chance to compete at the district level on Feb. 2 at Mountain High School.

The Marsing FFA also introduced the 2004 Greenhand degrees, an award given to all the first-year members. This award goes to a first-year member who is enrolled in an Agriculture Education class, has plans for a Supervised Agriculture Experience (SAE) project, has a good understanding of the FFA’s history and has a satisfactory scholastic record. This year’s

recipients are Granden, Sevy, Jensen, Dixie Kent, Michel Davidson, Kenneth Redmond, Ethan Anderson, Sean Finley, Troy Dines, Tyler Wardle, Kaya Stahle, Arnold Martinez, Elly Collett and Breanna Cobiskey. Congratulations to our fine Greenhands.

“We had a great turnout as we fired up the Harvest dance,” Marsing FFA Advisor Jason Nettleton said. “Members and guests from several FFA chapters came to join in the fun.

“We would like to thank everyone who helped for a great job with the Square Dance calling and a great big thanks to Alicia Ponce and Jessica Elsberry for putting so much time into making this such a successful event as they headed this event as co-chairs. We would also like to thank the visiting officers Kara Jackson from the Idaho FFA, Sara Malasie and Travis Blackstock from the Boise Valley District, and the Homedale FFA chapter for sending a fine bunch of representatives. It’s easy to say that everyone who came had a great time. In addition to the dance, we also had a great time

with the pie-eating contest, panty hose race and the cake walk.”

This year’s Harvest King and Queen were Stephan Weeks and Kallie Roeser.

After a 2-hour trip over to Meridian High School through the Dec. 1 snowstorm, the chapter participated in the BVD Ag Mechanics CDE. Daniel Ineck competed in Arc Welding, Bobby Carter competed in Oxy-Acetylene Welding, Cole Nielsen competed in electrical wiring and Cullen Jackson competed in Small Engine Mechanics. While the team didn’t place in the top three, the members all did a great job.

Jessica Elsberry also joined in competition, representing the chapter in the Job Interview CDE.

- Future events**  
Jan. 27 — State Degree application deadline  
Feb. 1 — State Degree Sifting, Public Speaking and Creed Speaking CDEs  
Feb. 21-22 — Made for Excellence, Boise.  
Feb. 21-24 — National FFA Week  
Feb. 23-24 — Marsing Ag Olympics

## JV class participates in Ag sales career event

*by Nickie Naegle*  
On Nov. 22, the Jordan Valley Ag Science class participated in the Snake River District Ag Sales Career Development Event (CDE).

The participants were Athena Beckwith, Elisa Eiguren, Megan Mackenzie, Sequoi Trautman, Luisa Lowry and Annie Mackenzie. Michelle Baltzor participated in the job interview CDE.

The Ag Sales CDE involves a student choosing an agricultural product such as roping dummies, calf taggers, sheep blankets, wool cards, pig show cane, etc. Participants then prepare a marketing plan and present the product to a panel of judges to

persuade them to purchase the product.

Jordan Valley’s team placed second. In the individual placing, Beckwith was seventh high individual, Eiguren eighth high individual, Lowry ninth high individual, Megan Mackenzie 10th high individual, Trautman 13th high individual and Annie Mackenzie 14th high individual.

The job interview CDE simulates a real job interview. Participants must answer several questions and present information like they would in a real interview. Baltzor took fifth high individual in the event.

“This event helped to prepare me for future job interviews, and it was fun,” Baltzor said.



**Marked for closure**  
*The Bureau of Land Management plans to shut mine shafts throughout Owyhee County. No timetable has been set. Submitted photo*

## BLM to close dangerous mine shafts on War Eagle

Several dangerous open shafts, stopes and adits have been identified for closure at War Eagle Mountain near Silver City in Owyhee County.

According to Bureau of Land Management Boise District Environmental Protection Specialist Paul Seronko, “Increased recreational pressure in Owyhee County, particularly by ATV use, has increased public exposure to these once remote mine sites.”

Idaho BLM Geologist and Abandoned Mine Lands Program Coordinator Steve Moore said BLM has entered into a task order with Idaho Department of Fish and Game (IDFG) to conduct bat inventories of these mine openings in fiscal year 2006.

“In addition to enhancing public safety, the Idaho Department of Fish and Game benefits by improving knowledge and preservation of sensitive bat species,” Moore said.

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# Looking back...

*from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle*

## 50 years ago

December 22, 1955

### Street bond election passes by large majority at city election Monday

With an overwhelming majority of 188 for the 35 against, Homedale voters Monday approved a \$32,000.00 bond issue to oil and improve city streets.

Of the 223 votes cast there were 100 for and 20 against the bond issue in the first ward and 88 for and 15 against in the second ward.

“The city administration and employees wish to thank the citizens of Homedale for their strong support at the election,” Mayor Les Carter said.

“Your city officials believe the street improvements which will be made possible in 1956 by this bond issue will help make the coming year a happy and prosperous one for Homedale, and we are very appreciative of the work and effort which went into putting the bond election over.”

First ward judges at the Legion hall were Mildretta Adams, Hazel Key and Norma Walker. Fay Orr and Mrs. A. M. Stansell were clerks.

Iva Hill, Charlotte Moore and Dora Upton were second ward judges at the Friends Community church basement. Wanda Baker and Mary Dell Peterson were clerks.

### Highway Dept. will repair curves

James C. Hayes, state representative from Owyhee county, Hugh Nettleton, chairman of the county board of commissioners, and Frank Kushlan, county commissioner, met with the state highway board at Boise Friday.

They requested the state highway department to make repairs on the cure near the courthouse at Murphy and the curve five miles north of Murphy, and to erect proper danger sings pending actual repair work.

Several fatal accidents have occurred on these two curves recently, possibly because this section of the highway is not as modern as the newly-constructed highway beyond Murphy.

The board assured the group that sings would be put up immediately and repairs would be made at the earliest possible time the budge would allow.

### Homedale beats Notus 52-37 to Notch 4-1 record

Homedale ran its record to 4 victories and 1 loss Tuesday night by overwhelming Notus 52-37 in a Snake River B-league contest.

Notus, trailing only five points in the third quarter, fell apart in the final period and the visitors swept to victory. Scoring was evenly divided on the Homedale team although the Trojans’ talented guards, Vic Landa and Junior Uranga potted 14 apiece to tie for high point honors.

Earnest Durrant, a guard, and center Fred Ballard each accounted for 10 for Coach Walt Kerfoot’s Notus team. Kerfoot said his team showed improvement but is still weak offensively.

In the preliminary encounter the Homedale junior varsity lost to Notus 59-25.

### Sugar beet crop totals 47,000 tons

Norman Tolmie, local field man for the Amalgamated Sugar company, reports 47,000 tons of sugar beets were brought into the local dump this fall.

He said a double shift would start Friday loading cars from the early pile to ship to the Nyssa factory.

The two shifts will work from 7am-2pm and 2pm-8:30pm for at least five days, then will lay off until further notice. Between 7,000 and 10,000 tons will be shipped during the run.

### Marsing school music dept. plans concert

Under the direction of Virginia Farner the Marsing high school music department will present “Four Seasons on Parade” tonight (Thursday) at 8pm at the high school gymnasium.

The production will be a revue of the four seasons with adaptable music for each season. Groups participating will be the junior high choir, high school band, high school choir and several grade school students.

## 138 years ago

December 21, 1867

INDIAN FIGHT. News from Mrs. Denoile – On the 12<sup>th</sup> inst., as a detachment of Major Bunt’s scouts were reconnoitering the country west between Camp Lyon and the Owyhee River they came upon a camp of Indians in a rocky canon. There being only ten of the scouts – Dave Picket, Cal Morton and eight Indians – and, as there appeared to be quite a large number of the hostile camp, it was deemed advisable to send to Camp Lyon, 20 miles distant, for reinforcements. Accordingly, a little after sunrise, two of the Indian scouts were dispatched to Camp Lyon while Dave Picket and the remainder eight in number surrounded the enemies camp, hoping to prevent their escape until assistance could arrive. But shortly afterward there came on one of those sudden snow-storms peculiar to our mountains at this season of the year, and the savages finding themselves discovered began to escape under cover of the storm. The boys finding their game escaping concluded not to wait for help, “pitched in” and saved what they could. A scene of the wildest description then ensued. The war-whoop of the Indians on both sides was mingled with the bowling of the tempest, dark forms moved hither and thither amid the elemental strife. The scouts escaped unharmed: they took seven prisoners, squaws and children, and killed five bucks. A large quantity of furs and camp equipage was also taken and three horses, one which was taken from Sergeant Denoile at the time of his murder, the 14<sup>th</sup> of October. One of the captured squaws had on a pair of stockings and other articles of clothing supposed to have belonged to Mrs. Denoile, who was captured at the same time. It is thought that there were about twenty bucks in the band at the time the scouts first discovered them.

Major Hunt, with forty men, arrived at the scene of action just before sundown, but the affair was then at an end. Next morning all hands returned to Camp Lyons. An interpreter was procured, who learned from the prisoners the joyful tiding that Mrs. Denoile is yet alive, and her whereabouts, which we have not learned. Major Hunt started out Wednesday morning last with all his available force fully equipped, and with guides and interpreters. There is scarcely a man in the company but would die in the attempt to rescue Mrs. Denoile from the bands of the savages and the Major and his mates certainty deserve great credit for their untiring exertions made in the unfortunate woman’s behalf. We hope ere long to hear the welcome news of her rescue.

SELL OF RISING STAR MINE. We learn from good authority that the Rising Star mine, in Flint, has been sold to Wm. M. Lent, Geo. Hearst and others of San Francisco. They have also purchased Gen’l McQueen’s lease: so that now they own the entire mine – discovery claims and extensions – for which they paid \$30 per foot, cash down. We are informed that the purchases have incorporated under the name of the “Rising Star Silver Mining Co.” The parties having charge of the mine have suspended work thereon until the arrival of the agent, who is expected from San Francisco in about a week, when, in all probability operations will be vigorously resumes. We understand it is the intention of the Company to erect a large mill as soon as possible, which, together with the expense of putting the mine in proper shape for making, will cost a large amount of money, but which will soon be repaid after they begin to make silver bricks. It affords us pleasure to hear of such men as Messrs. Len and Hearst becoming interested in our mines – well-known, substantial men: men of capital: and, what is better still, men of extensive mining experience.

We congratulate the parties on becoming the possessors of such a magnificent mine as the Rising Star at such reasonable figures. The time is not far distant when it will bring more per foot quicker than it sells for today.

RAILROAD MEETING. Attention people of Owyhee! Come out every body to the railroad meeting to be held at the Owyhee Exchange at three o’clock, Saturday, Dec. 28<sup>th</sup>. This is a matter of much importance. The action of the

people at the meetings held in the several counties on the above date will materially affect the future prosperity of the country, therefore let all the business men of Owyhee County attend the meeting herein mentioned.

THE OCCIDENT is the name of the new weekly paper to be published by H. H. Bancroft & Co. in San Francisco. The first number will be issued the 3<sup>rd</sup> of January 1868. It is to be essentially Presbyterian and will represent that church on the Pacific coast. It will be edited by Rev. James Ellis. D. D. and we have no doubt but that the enterprising publishers will make it an excellent family newspaper and acceptable to all classes.

WE HAVE been furnished with the proceedings of a meeting held in Paradise valley on the 11<sup>th</sup> inst. Wherein the initial steps were taken for constructing a road across the country direct to this place. It is to be called the “Paradise Valley and Silver City wagon road,” next week we will published the proceedings in full.

THANKS to Messrs. Chase & Brooker of the Owyhee Exchange for a liberal supply of champagne. “Fenian dew drop,” and a box of fragrant Havana’s. The boys use everybody first rate – give them a call.

FOSSIL RESEARCH. There is an extensive and interesting field for geological research on and in the vicinity of Sinker Creek, commencing at is junction with Snake River and extending several miles up the creek. Mr. J. C. Holgate of this place, who is quite a practical geologist has recently made some interesting discoveries in that section, showing abundant evidence of its having been densely populated by animals that existed during the Cretaceous period of the Reptilian age. Among other things of interest that were shown us by Mr. H were a number of bones that from their size and appearance, unmistakably have belonged to the Microgigarus, long before man’s appearance on the earth. It is thought the entire skeleton in which these bones belong can be exhumed. In the collection we observed the head of a reptile, will preserved and almost entire somewhat resembling that of an alligator of the present day. It had fearful looking teeth and its jaws were firmly act as it sealed by some great and sudden convulsion of nature. Marine shells and petrified rocks also abound. Facts like these, it investigated by Agassiz would form valuable to science. As it is, they exhibit one among the many interesting features of Owyhee County.

CHILDREN’S BALL. A Sociable Ball will be given by the Sunday School children at Mechanics Hall tonight. It is gotten up for the benefit of the “Christmas Tree.” Turn out and give the youngsters a benefit: there will be a real, double and twisted jolly good time. The price of tickets is only two dollars in green backs and can be purchased at the principal business places in town.

WE HAVE had a remarkably mild winter thus far – scarcely any winter at all. In many respects it has been similar to that of ’63-4. Snow fell several times during the last month, but invariably disappeared in a few days, till a couple of days ago it commenced snowing, kept it up at intervals since, and now it is about six inches in depth.

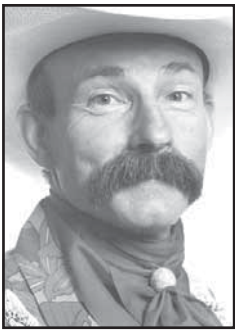
BY A PRIVATE LETTER from Mr. Lockwood, of the Owyhee Ferry, we learn that his ferry is now running the Owyhee River being at present about two feet above low water mark. A camp of eight or ten Indians had been discovered living 15 miles above the ferry and last Monday a part of scouts, from Camp Three Forks started up the river with the intention of corralling them.

RETURNED. The genial fellow, Joe Jones, who drove the Boise Stage to and from this place all last winter, has just retuned from a three months furlough to California. He says he likes Owyhee better than any place he has seen during his absence. Welcome back, Joe.



# Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM



## On the edge of common sense

### Faith in Christmas

It’s Christmas time, when we celebrate the birth of Christ. In the U.S., surveys show that more than 80 percent of us believe in God. That’s more people than have lawyers, drive foreign cars, believe DNA is absolute proof of a criminal act, own a home, have been divorced, or watch Oprah!

How can such a high percentage of a highly educated, well-read, technologically and scientifically knowledgeable people believe in an omnipotent being? Where inside of us is the biological process that allows faith to exist? Not just to exist but to flourish. How do you define the words soul, love, compassion, conscience, guilt or sorrow without going outside the parameters of scientific definition?

To choose to believe only what is scientifically provable is to assume, I guess, that all human behavior can be traced to the basic instincts of territoriality, reproduction of species and survival. That a conscience is a highly refined sophisticated mechanism that somehow helps keep peace in the herd, ensures that each member gets her share of the kill, and that each dog in the pack gets a place in the pecking order.

If Earth is truly just a long series of accidental chemical bondings and adaptation to the environment, and God has no hand in it, then those animal rights folks who say a rat is a dog is a baby, are right. Human existence on Earth would have no significance, no more than dinosaurs, rocks, oxygen, stars, wars, or renal dialysis. As Bertrand Russell, an atheist, once said, “Unless one assumes a God, any discussion of life’s purpose is meaningless.”

One of the dilemmas that deep-thinkers have, is the need to explain the biological, physical, neural or meteorological mechanisms that allow something to happen. Miracles are hard for them to swallow. There must be some earthly explanation that the Red Sea parted, Lazarus rose from the dead, and Jesus turned water to wine.

It is necessary for them to write off Jesus feeding the multitude. To conclude the Bible is more fiction than fact. That Christmas is just a benign commercial day off.

But for the vast majority of Americans, Christmas is the recognition of something bigger than ourselves. It also strengthens our beliefs and reminds us that Jesus was born to change the world and that He has. Our entire concept of God exists by faith. It’s not complicated. When I’m asked if I believe Christ was born of a virgin, I say, of course! If I can believe in something so all-mighty, all-powerful and unbelievable as God, I can surely believe Jesus was His son.

Merry Christmas, and God bless you.

## A Christmas thought

### What Christmas means to me

*From the pages of The Owyhee Chronicle,  
December 22, 1949*

The Christmas season. Christmas day. Light-studded garlands across the streets, handsome store displays, the crowds of last minute shoppers. Christmas carols from across the way. Fresh snow crunching underfoot, frost-coated shrubs, holly wreaths and tinsel trees in windows. Cheery greetings, friendly gestures, the giving and the receiving of presents. The family gatherings, the warmth of the fireside. Home. Christmas means all of these things of course. But is this all Christmas means to me?

My whole being, my God-formed soul, my inmost thoughts and desires say Christmas must mean more than that. Those things alone are too earth-bound, too self-contained. They savor of a part of the world self-complacent, self-content, self-sufficient — but utterly forgetful of that other part, persecuted, homeless, oppressed, starved, naked, cold. Those things savor of men possessing knowledge and truth, heedless of the anguished cry of those in error. They savor of a people so smug and self-righteous as to think itself Christian,

when in reality true Christianity is but a memory. Those things savor of a selfish Christmas. Such is a Christmas that is no Christmas at all.

Then what should Christmas mean? The thousands thronging the streets and crowding the churches at midnight, dawn, or later in the day--they have the answer. They do not go to church merely to hear the Christmas gospel read: the crowded inn, the stable, the birth of the Son of God made Man. They come to church to have the Christ child present before them and reborn in them. To Him, the Child whose birthday it is, they pray for the strength to accomplish in themselves and in others what He began. They bring peace from the Prince of Peace, wisdom from the Angel of Great Counsel, life from the Author of Life, hope from the Source of All Hope, joy from the Promise of Eternal Joy. They bring Christ to a darkened and troubled world. They are happy because their Christmas is not their own. It is like Christ’s, for others.

And as for all those other things — now they take on meaning too, because I have found the true meaning of Christmas.

— Contributed

Wayne Cornell

## Not important ...

### *but possibly of interest*



Part of my real-world job is screening manuscripts submitted by writers. Most authors include self-addressed, self-stamped envelopes so if rejected, the manuscript can be returned.

The other day I finished reading a book proposal from a Canadian writer. It wasn’t something that worked for us, so I stuck it in the return envelope. That’s when I noticed there weren’t any stamps on the package. Attached by a paper clip was an official-looking certificate. A closer examination revealed all the printing on the front was in French (the Canadians really should do something about Quebec). On the back of the card was more printing in an assortment of languages. The English version said something about the certificate being redeemable for “minimum return postage” and would be honored in any country that is a member of the Postal Union (whatever that is).

When I entered the post office there wasn’t anybody in line — pretty remarkable during the Christmas season. So I strolled up to the clerk at one of the windows, handed her the envelope and the certificate and asked her what needed to be done. She looked it over for a minute or so.

“I’ve never seen anything like this,” Clerk No. 1 admitted. “I’m pretty new here. We better take this down to Denny. He has been here a lot longer.”

I followed her down to the other end of the lobby to Denny’s window. I noticed there now were four people waiting in line to be helped, and two of the three clerks were helping me.

Denny looked at the certificate, tried a couple of things with his computer, then admitted he had never seen anything like it either. He went off to check with someone named Tom. The first clerk disappeared to find someone she knew who she said might know what to do. I snuck a peek over my shoulder. Now there were at least a dozen people waiting in line, several holding large packages.

Several minutes later, Clerk No. 1 returned with a woman in tow who had previously been a postal supervisor. She

looked at the ticket, tried a couple of things on Denny’s computer, then said she was going to call someone who would know what to do. Clerk No. 1 remained on the scene, saying she wanted to see how to handle the certificate in case she ever got one.

The customer line had by this time grown to about 20 people.

Several minutes passed before Denny and the former supervisor returned. They tapped away on the computer, following instruction received on the phone, then announced that the certificate was only worth 80 cents while the cheapest rate to get the package back to Canada was \$1.60. They also had to remove the computer-generated postage that they had previously attached to the envelope and replace it with stamps. Then they had to attach the removed postage to a special form and, I’m assuming, explain on the form why the postage had been removed.

I gave Denny a dollar out of my own pocket to cover the postage not covered by the return postage ticket. He gave me 20 cents change out of his own pocket because he said it might be a while before they could figure out how to finish the transaction on the computer and get the change drawer to open.

At this point, I thought about asking if I could have the envelope back long enough to insert a note telling the author that if he ever sent another manuscript with a Postal Union return postage certificate, I would burn his submission without reading it, then come to his home at my own expense and beat him senseless. My thought was interrupted by a growl behind me. The customer line now stretched all the way to the building entrance — 30 people minimum — all of them glaring at me.

As I walked down the line on my way to the exit I thought about wishing everybody a Merry Christmas. But I decided that might be pressing my luck.

May you all have the merriest of Christmases and a wonderful 2006.



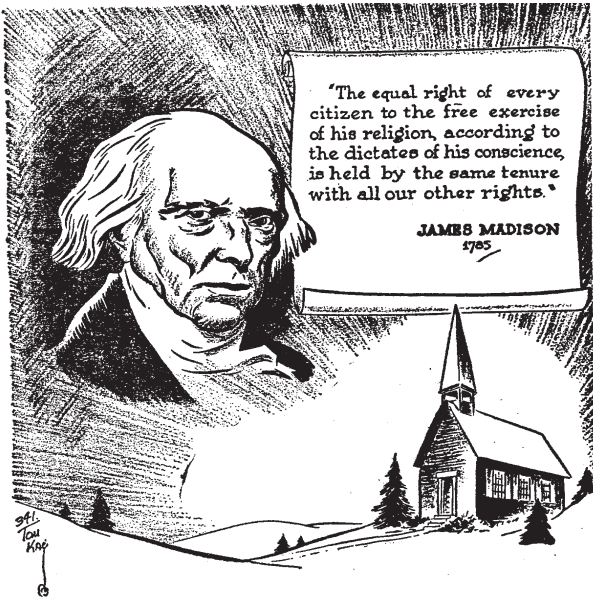
# Commentary

## Letters to the editor

Share the spirit of the season with less fortunate

I would like to take this time to remind everyone in the community to help out in the local food drives. I see, first-hand, kids coming to school every day cold and hungry. During this holiday season please take the time to give to the people who need it the most. If you could donate food items, clothing and toys it would mean a lot to those who are less fortunate. Please take the time to share the Christmas joy with all those around you.

Tyler Christoffersen  
Homedale



## From Washington

It's a wonderful life — in Idaho!

by Sen. Mike Crapo

It is hard to believe that we've come to the close of yet another year. For many of us, the days, weeks and months have fairly flown by, and now we find ourselves in the midst of December, perhaps wondering how we'll be ready in time for our holiday celebrations, or for those of us who are really organized, thrilled to be done with most of the preparations.

December provides an opportunity to think back on the year's events and look ahead to what 2006 will bring.

Idahoans have seen both the departure and the safe return of military men and women from deployment overseas and wait with hope and pray fervently for those still deployed. We also mourn those brave Idahoans who have given their lives for our freedom and pray for their families as they learn to live with this terrible loss and cherish the memory of their son, daughter, husband, wife or child.

Fires and drought have revealed ongoing vulnerabilities in our forests and fields. Critical improvements to many of our state's major roads are happening.

Economic development and growth have been the hallmark in many communities this year.

President Bush made an historic visit.

Tamarack, Idaho's newest ski resort, opened for business last month.

Two new domestic violence prevention and advocacy centers opened in the Treasure Valley that will provide much-needed legal and education assistance to victims of domestic violence.

The Idaho National Lab saw Department of Energy site contracts awarded.

The first commercial-scale wind farm came on line at Fossil Gulch.

The Lewis and Clark Bicentennial brought visitors (and even plants from 200 years ago!) to Idaho.

These are just a few of the things that have affected Idahoans in 2005.

All in all, it has been a busy, full year for Idaho and for our country. Still, throughout the busy-ness, it's important to remember and nourish those things that will not fade into the annals of the history of 2005: family ties and friendship.

One of the nicest things about Christmastime is that for most of us, it's a time to get together with those we love and cherish. Whether it's a worship service, working together on community-service projects, sharing a meal, giving gifts or visiting friends or co-workers for a holiday party, the spreading of "Christmas cheer" enriches our relationships that are more important in the long run than

many things that seem so throughout the year but are quickly yesterday's news.

The year 2005 has been a busy one for the Crapo family as well. My youngest child headed off to college. My other children are exploring new horizons with regard to work as well as finishing school. Looking ahead to the future is certainly exciting! We eagerly anticipate 2006 and what great things are in store.

As you and your family and friends celebrate the blessings of this festive season, take a moment and simply enjoy the company of loved ones. My family and I wish you a merry Christmas and a blessed and happy New Year!

— Mike Crapo is a U.S. senator from Idaho.



Sen. Mike Crapo

## Letters to the editor policy

The Owyhee Avalanche welcomes letters to the editor.

Our policy is that locally written letters receive priority. We do not publish mass-produced letters. The length must be limited to 300 words; the letters must be signed and include the writer's address and a daytime phone number where the writer can be reached for verification.

Letters can be e-mailed to [owyheeavalanche@cableone.net](mailto:owyheeavalanche@cableone.net) or faxed to (208) 337-4867 or mailed to P.O. Box 97, Homedale ID, 83628.

The deadline for submitting letters to the editor is noon on Friday. For more information, call 337-4681.

# The Owyhee Avalanche

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# Public notices

## HOMEDALE SCHOOL DISTRICT #370 CALL FOR BID FOR SCHOOL BUS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sealed bids will be received by Homedale Jt. School District No. 370, Homedale, Idaho for the purchase of one (1) 2007 71-passenger school bus (complete-body and chassis).

Bid documents and detailed specifications are available at the Homedale School District Office, 116 East Owyhee Ave., Homedale, Idaho between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday until day of bid opening.

Bids must be submitted on or before 9:00 a.m. on January 6, 2006 to the Homedale School District Office, 116 East Owyhee Ave., Homedale, Idaho. Bids received after the stated time and date will not be considered. At the stated time and place, bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

The Board of Trustees reserve the right to accept or reject or to select any portion thereof of any or all bids and to waive any technicality. No bidder may withdraw his bid after the opening of such bids unless the awarding of the bid is delayed for a period exceeding thirty days.

Faith K. Olsen, Assistant Clerk  
12/21,28/05

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**The following application(s) have been filed to appropriate the public waters of the State of Idaho: 2-10292**

JAMES L BOUTILIER  
7240 OLD BRUNEAU HWY  
MARSING ID 83639  
Point(s) of Diversion L2 (SWNW) S14 T02N R04W OUYHEE County Source SNAKE RIVER  
Tributary To COLUMBIA RIVER  
Use: IRRIGATION 03/01 To 11/15 0.03 CFS  
Total Diversion: 0.03 CFS  
Date Filed: 09/14/2005  
Place Of Use: IRRIGATION T02N R04W S14 SWNW Lot 2 NWSW Lot 3  
Number of Acres 1  
Remark: Applicant agrees to mitigate consumptive use in the future as needed.

Permits will be subject to all prior water rights. Protests may be submitted based on the criteria of Sec 42-203A, Idaho Code. Any protest against the approval of this application must be filed with the Director, Dept. of Water Resource, together with a protest fee of \$25.00 for each application on or before 01/09/2006. The protestant must also send a copy of the protest to the applicant.

KARL J DREHER, Director  
12/21,28/05

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**PROPOSED CHANGE OF WATER RIGHT**

TED & SANDY CANTRELL of 28294 RIVER RD, BRUNEAU ID 83604 filed two Applications for Transfer, each for one water right. Right 2-202A irrigates 58 acres with 1.10 cfs from the Snake River diverted via the Grandview Mutual Irrigation Canal (aka Shoofly Canal) with a 1925 priority date (claimed in adjudication as 1912). Right 57-7100 irrigates 53 acres with 1.06 cfs from Shoofly Creek with a 1973 priority date. Both rights will be combined for a permissible place of use irrigating 111 acres/year within a 132.5 acre area. The site is 0.5 to 1 mile north of Hwy 78, about 3 miles west of CJ Strike Dam, and about 1 mile

east of Shoofly Creek.

For specific details regarding the applications, please contact the Idaho Department of Water Resources (IDWR) Western Region at 208-334-2190 or visit [www.idwr.idaho.gov](http://www.idwr.idaho.gov) to see a scanned copy of each application under the above referenced water rights. Protests may be submitted based on the criteria of Sec 42-222, Idaho Code. Any protest against the proposed change must be filed with IDWR Western Region, 2735 Airport Way, Boise ID 83705-5082 together with a protest fee of \$25.00 for each application on or before January 9, 2006. The protestant must also send a copy of the protest to the applicant.

KARL J DREHER, Director  
12/21,28,05

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**The following application(s) have been filed to appropriate the public waters of the State of Idaho: 57-11678**

DELBERT PHIFER  
1780 NIELSEN LN  
HOMEDALE ID 83628  
Point(s) of Diversion SWSE S25 T03N R06W OUYHEE County Source GROUND WATER  
Use: IRRIGATION 03/01 To 11/15 0.2 CFS  
Use: STOCKWATER 01/01 To 12/31 0.02 CFS  
Use: DOMESTIC 01/01 To 12/31 0.02 CFS  
Total Diversion: 0.2 CFS  
Date Filed: 06/17/2005  
Place Of Use: IRRIGATION T03N R06W S25 SWSE  
Number of Acres 10  
Place Of Use: STOCKWATER T03N R06W S25 SWSE  
Place Of Use: DOMESTIC T03N R06W S25 SWSE  
Remark: Applicant agrees to mitigate consumptive use in the future as needed.

Permits will be subject to all prior water rights. Protests may be submitted based on the criteria of Sec 42-203A, Idaho Code. Any protest against the approval of this application must be filed with the Director, Dept. of Water Resource, Western Region, 2735 Airport Wy, Boise ID 83705 together with a protest fee of \$25.00 for each application on or before 01/09/2006. The protestant must also send a copy of the protest to the applicant.

KARL J DREHER, Director  
12/21,28/05

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**The following application(s) have been filed to appropriate the public waters of the State of Idaho: 57-11679**

STATE OF IDAHO  
DEPT OF LANDS  
954 W JEFFERSON  
PO BOX 83720  
BOISE ID 83720-0050  
Point(s) of Diversion L4 (SESE) S36 T06S R01W OUYHEE County Source GROUND WATER  
Point(s) of Diversion SESW S36 T06S R01W OUYHEE County Source GROUND WATER  
Use: STOCKWATER 01/01 To 12/31 0.09 CFS  
Total Diversion: 0.09 CFS  
Date Filed: 09/01/2005  
Place Of Use: STOCKWATER T06S R01W S36 SESW SESE Lot 4  
Permits will be subject to all prior water rights. Protests may be submitted based on the criteria of Sec 42-203A, Idaho Code. Any protest against the approval of this application must be filed with the Director, Dept. of Water Resource, Western Region, 2735 Airport Wy, Boise ID 83705 together

ELECTION CALENDAR FOR 2006		
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: the following taxing districts will be conducting candidate elections in Owyhee County during the calendar year 2006.		
NAME AND ADDRESS OF TAXING DISTRICTS	ELECTION DATE	CANDIDACY FILING DEADLINES
Eastern Owyhee Library 520 Boise Ave. P.O. Box 100 Grand View, ID 83624	May 23, 20065:00 PM	March 17, 2006
Lizard Butte Library 429 Main St. Ste 105 P.O. Box 60 Marsing, ID 83639	May 23, 2006 5:00 PM	March 17, 2006
Bruneau Valley Library #2 Ruth Street P.O. 278 Bruneau, ID 83604	May 23, 2006 5:00 PM	March 17, 2006
Marsing-Homedale Cemetery P.O. Box 452 Marsing, Idaho 83638	November 7, 2006 5:00 PM.	September 1, 2006
Owyhee Pioneer Cemetery P.O. Box 24 Murphy, Idaho 83650	November 7, 2006 5:00 PM	September 1, 2006
Bruneau Cemetery Box 152 Bruneau, Idaho 83604	November 7, 2006 5:00 PM	September 1, 2006
Riverside Cemetery P.O. Box 82 Murphy, Idaho 83650	November 7, 2006 5:00 PM	September 1, 2006
School District 365J P.O. Box 310 GrandView, Idaho 83624	May 16, 2006 5:00 PM	March 10, 2006
School District 417J 500 Main Street Castleford, Idaho 83321	May 16, 2006 5:00 PM	March 10, 2006
School District 192J 800 Highway 30 Glenns Ferry, Idaho 83623	May 16, 2006 5:00 PM	March 10, 2006
School District 370J 116 East Owyhee Ave Homedale, Idaho 83628	May 16, 2006 5:00 PM	March 10, 2006
School District 363J P.O. Box 340 Marsing, Idaho 83639	May 16, 2006 5:00 PM	March 10, 2006
School District 136J P.O. Box 185 Melba, Idaho 83651	May 16, 2006 5:00 PM	March 10, 2006
School District 364 P.O. Box 119 Jordan Valley, Or. 97910	May 16, 2006 5:00 PM	March 10, 2006
School District 416J P.O. Box 127 Buhl, Idaho 83316	May 16, 2006 5:00 PM	March 10, 2006
Declarations of candidacy are available at the respective taxing district offices or at the County Clerk’s office. Charlotte Sherburn, Owyhee County Clerk 12/21/05		

with a protest fee of \$25.00 for each application on or before 01/09/2006. The protestant must also send a copy of the protest to the applicant.

KARL J DREHER, Director  
12/21,28/05

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**LEGAL NOTICE**

The Idaho Unclaimed Property Program will post an updated list of Idaho unclaimed property owners on the Internet on January 1, 2006. This online list will be updated quarterly at tax.idaho.gov (click on “Unclaimed Property”). Anyone without Internet access can view the list on computers at any Idaho State Tax Commission office or at most public libraries. Unclaimed Property consists of abandoned bank accounts, forgotten refunds checks, utility deposits, gift certificates, and more.

12/21/05

**NOTICE OF FILING DEADLINE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That declarations of candidacy for the office of Board members of the Bruneau Water & Sewer District must be filed with district clerk/secretary whose address is 28651 Benham, Bruneau, ID 83604 no later than 5:00 p.m. on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2005. Date of the election is set for Tuesday, February 7, 2006 from 12:00 noon to 8:00 p.m. If only one candidate files for each position (3) of Board members no election will be held. Any write in candidates must have declaration of intent by January 13, 2006.

Such declarations are available at the district office at 28651

Benham Ave., Bruneau, ID or at the office of the County Clerk.

Individuals who run as write-in candidates must file a declaration of intent no later than 5:00 p.m. on the 25<sup>th</sup> day prior to the election.

/s/Denise M. Stewart  
Clerk/Secretary of Taxing District  
12/21/05

**SUMMONS  
TO: FREDERICK E. GORHAM;  
UNKNOWN HEIRS,  
DEVISEES, SUCCESSORS  
OR ASSIGNS;  
HORACE H. SHELDON;  
UNKNOWN HEIRS,  
DEVISES, SUCCESSORS OR  
ASSIGNS;  
And  
UNKNOWN OWNERS.**

You have been sued by Lillian Sue Nouque, Successor Trustee of the Nouque Family Trust u/t/d August 20, 2002, Plaintiff in the District Court in and for Owyhee County, Idaho, Case No. CV-05-05269.

The nature of the claim against you is an action to Quiet Title to certain real property located in Owyhee County, Idaho.

Any time after 20 days following the last publication of this Summons, the Court may enter a judgment against you without further notice, unless prior to that time you have filed a written response in the proper form, including the Case No., and paid any required filing fee to the Clerk of the Court at PO Box 128, Murphy, ID 83650, (208) 495-2421 and served a copy of your response on the Plaintiff’s attorney, Cliff Bentz, at Yturri

Rose LLP, PO Box “S”, Ontario, OR 97914, (541) 889-5368.

A copy of the Summons and Compliant can be obtained by contacting either the Clerk of the Court or the attorney for Plaintiff.

If you wish legal assistance, you should immediately retain an attorney to advise you in this matter.

DATED this 15<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2005.

By: Gregory M. Culet  
Honorable District Court Judge  
Submitted by:  
Cliff Bentz, ISB #3429  
Of Attorneys for Plaintiff  
12/14,21,28/05;1/4/06

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# Public notices

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
CASE NO. CV2005-05299  
IN THE DISTRICT COURT  
OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL  
DISTRICT OF THE  
STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND  
FOR THE COUNTY OF  
OWYHEE**

**MAGISTRATE DIVISION**  
In the Matter of the Estates of:  
PAUL J. CORNELL and  
JESSIE CORNELL, Husband  
and Wife,  
Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY  
GIVEN that the undersigned  
has been appointed as Personal  
Representative of the above  
named estates. All persons having  
claims against said deceased are  
required to present their claims  
within four months after the  
date of the first publication of  
this notice or said claims will be  
forever barred. Claims must be  
presented to the undersigned at  
the address indicated, or filed with  
the Clerk of the Court.

DATED this 8 day of December,  
2005.

/s/ DONALD ALLAN  
BOGDANSKI

Personal Representative of the  
Estates of

PAUL J. CORNELL and  
JESSIE CORNELL

COFFEL LAW OFFICES,  
P.C.

921 7<sup>th</sup> Street South  
Nampa, ID 83651  
12/21,28/05;1/4/06

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
CASE NO. CV05-05141  
IN THE DISTRICT COURT  
OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL  
DISTRICT OF THE  
STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND  
FOR THE COUNTY OF  
OWYHEE**

**MAGISTRATE DIVISION**  
In the Matter of the Estate of:  
ESTHER BLANCHE SEVY  
aka

BLANCHE SEVY aka E.  
BLANCHE SEVY, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY  
GIVEN that the undersigned  
has been appointed as Personal  
Representative of the above  
named estate. All persons having  
claims against said deceased are  
required to present their claims  
within four months after the  
date of the first publication of  
this notice or said claims will be  
forever barred. Claims must be  
presented to the undersigned at  
the address indicated, or filed with  
the Clerk of the Court.

DATED this 12 day of  
December, 2005.

/s/A. Wesley Seideman,  
TrESCo of Idaho, Personal  
Representative

Of the Estate of ESTHER  
BLANCHE SEVY  
aka BLANCHE SEVY  
aka E. BLANCHE SEVY  
COFFEL LAW OFFICE, P.C.  
921 7<sup>th</sup> Street South  
Nampa, ID 83651  
12/21,28/05;1/4/06

**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S  
SALE**

Notice of Trustee's Sale Idaho  
Code 45-1506 Today's date:  
November 21, 2005 Sale date

and time (local time): March 29,  
2006 at 11:00 AM Sale location:  
in the lobby of the Owyhee  
County Courthouse, 20381 State  
Highway 78, Murphy, Idaho  
83650 Property address: Rt 1, Box  
1213B, Nelson Lane Homedale,  
ID 83628 Successor Trustee:  
Northwest Trustee Services, Inc.,  
an Idaho Corporation P.O. Box  
997 Bellevue, WA 98009-0997  
(425) 586-1900 Deed of Trust  
information Original grantor:  
Launie T. Mashburn, an unmarried  
man Original trustee: Pioneer  
Title Company of Canyon County  
Original beneficiary: Mortgage  
Electronic Registration Systems,  
Inc. solely as nominee for Sierra  
Pacific Mortgage Company, Inc.  
Recording date: October 9, 2002  
Recorder's instrument number:  
241246 County: Owyhee Sum  
owing on the obligation: as of  
November 21, 2005: \$165,498.59  
Because of interest, late charges,  
and other charges that may vary  
from day to day, the amount due  
on the day you pay may be greater.  
Hence, if you pay the amount  
shown above, an adjustment may  
be necessary after we receive your  
check. For further information  
write or call the Successor Trustee  
at the address or telephone number  
provided above. Basis of default:  
failure to make payments when  
due. Please take notice that the  
Successor Trustee will sell at  
public auction to the highest bidder  
for certified funds or equivalent  
the property described above.  
The property address is identified  
to comply with IC 60-113 but is  
not warranted to be correct. The  
property's legal description is: In  
Township 3 North, Range 6 West,  
Boise Meridian, Owyhee County,  
Idaho. Section 36: The North half  
of the Northwest quarter, lying  
East of the East right of way line  
of the South Canal; Excepting  
therefrom the South half of the  
South half of the Northeast quarter  
of the Northwest quarter, and also  
excepting therefrom the South  
30 feet of the North half of the  
Southwest quarter of the Northeast  
quarter of the Northwest quarter,  
and also excepting therefrom the  
East half of the North Three-  
Quarters of the Northeast quarter  
of the Northwest quarter. The sale  
is subject to conditions, rules and  
procedures as described at the  
sale and which can be reviewed  
at [www.northwesttrustee.com](http://www.northwesttrustee.com). The sale is made without  
representation, warranty or  
covenant of any kind.(TS#  
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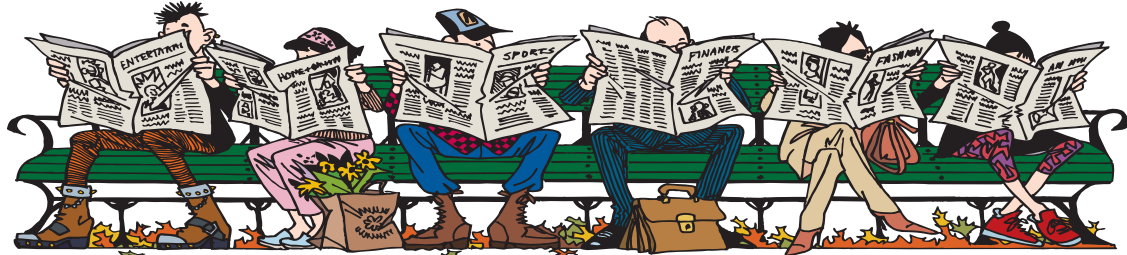
**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S  
SALE**

**LOAN NO.: 8000559677  
T.S. NO.: F-41797-ID-DL**

On 4/3/2006 at 11:00 AM  
(recognized local time), in the  
lobby of the Owyhee County  
Courthouse, 20381 State Hwy  
78, Murphy, ID 83650. In the  
County of Owyhee, State of Idaho,  
FIDELITY NATIONAL TITLE  
COMPANY, as successor Trustee  
on behalf of WASHINGTON  
MUTUAL BANK, FA will set  
at public auction, to the highest  
bidder, for cash, in lawful

money of the United States,  
all payable at the time of sale,  
the following described real  
property, situated in the County  
of Owyhee, State of Idaho, and  
described as follows: LOT 12  
OF BLOCK 3 OF BIG SKY  
ESTATES NO 1 TO THE CITY  
OF HOMEDALE OWYHEE  
COUNTYIDAHO ACCORDING  
TO THE OFFICIAL PLAT  
THEREOF ON FILE AND OF  
RECORD IN THE OFFICE  
OF THE RECORDER FOR  
OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO  
The Trustee has no knowledge of  
a more particular description of  
the above referenced real property,  
but for purposes of compliance  
with Section 60-113 Idaho Code,  
the Trustee has been informed  
that the address of 515 WHITE  
CLOUD PLACE, HOMEDALE,  
ID 83628. is sometimes associated  
with said real property. Said sale  
will be made without covenant  
or warranty regarding title,  
possession or encumbrances to  
satisfy the obligation secured by  
and pursuant to the power of sale  
conferred in the Deed of Trust  
executed by: DIANE M. PURI  
AND HAROLD D. PURI. WIFE  
AND HUSBAND, As grantors,  
To: TRANSCONTINENTAL,  
for the benefit and security of  
MAIN STREAM FUNDING,  
INC., As Beneficiary, dated  
2/22/2000, recorded 4/3/2000, as  
Instrument No. 231921, records  
of Owyhee County, Idaho. Please  
Note: The above Grantors are  
named to comply with section  
45-1506(4)(A), Idaho Code  
No representation is made that  
they are, or are not, presently  
responsible for this obligation  
set forth herein. The Default for  
which this sale is to be made  
is the failure to pay when due,  
under Deed of rust and Note dated  
2/22/2000. The monthly, and all  
subsequent payments until the  
date of sale or reinstatement. The  
principal balance owing as of this  
date on the obligation secured by  
said Deed of trust is \$45,430.71,  
plus accrued interest at the rate  
of 8% per annum from 1/1/2005.  
All delinquent amounts are now  
due, together with accruing late  
charges, and interest, unpaid  
and accruing taxes, assessments,  
trustee's fees, attorney's fees,  
and any amounts advanced to  
protect the security associated  
with this foreclosure and that the  
beneficiary elects to sell or cause  
the trust property to be sold to  
satisfy said obligation. If the  
Trustee is unable to convey title  
for any reason, the successful  
bidder's sole and exclusive remedy  
shall be the return of monies paid  
to the Trustee, and the successful  
bidder shall have no further  
recourse. Dated: December 01,  
2005 By: FIDELITY NATIONAL  
TITLE COMPANY, as successor  
Trustee By: Quality Loan Service  
Corp., as agent for successor  
Trustee 319 Elm Street, 2nd  
Floor San Diego, CA 92101-  
3006 (619) 645-7711 For Sale  
information call: 916387-7728  
or logon to: [www.calpostcom](http://www.calpostcom)  
Carmen Herrera, Asst. Trustee  
Sale Officer ASAP 737207  
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## Wednesday morning in Owyhee County



That's when the Owyhee Avalanche hits the news stands

**BAXTER BLACK'S BRAND NEW NOVEL IS HERE!!**  
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*Hey, Cowgirl, Need A Ride?*  
stars one good hearted bad girl, a posse of bad dudes, some missing money and a cowboy who finds the meaning of life in and out of the rodeo arena!

Perfect for the huddling masses of Lick and Cody fans, as well as Baxter Black freshmen who need a crash course in his trademark humor, breakneck pacing and left-handed cowboy insight.

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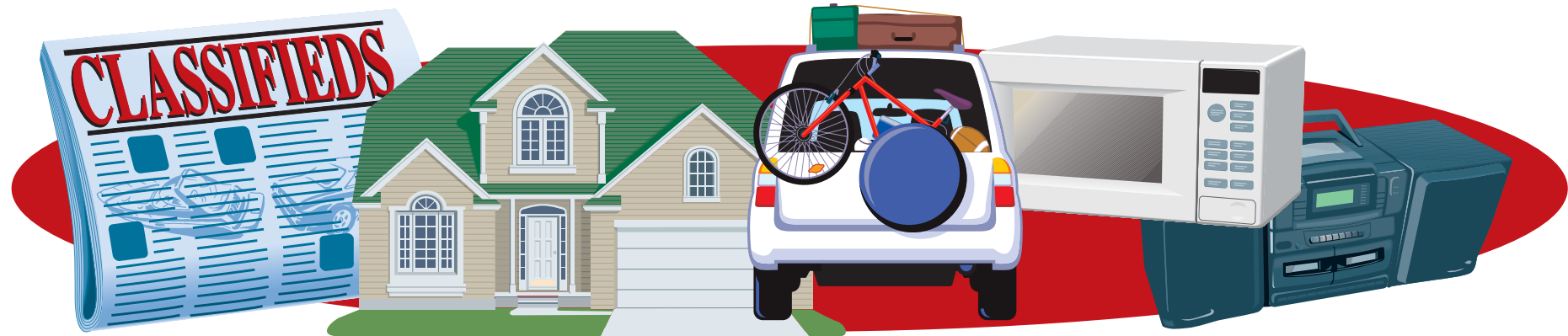
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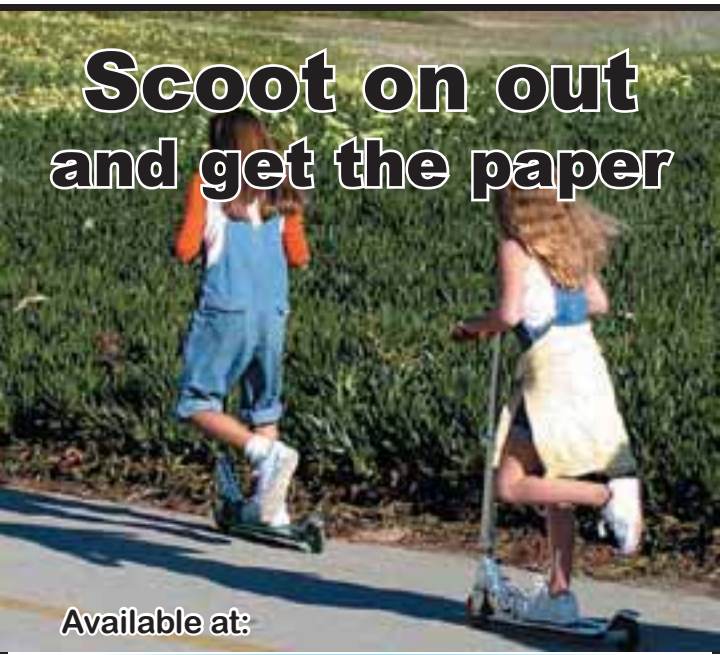
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*An employee from The Frosty Palace on Idaho Avenue in Homedale shovels snow in front of the business Monday morning.*

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**Shovel out**

*An employee from Owyhee Auto Supply in Homedale attempts to shovel snow during a winter storm on Monday. Nearly 6 inches of snow fell in some places in the valley. The precipitation turned to rain by Monday afternoon.*

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# Season's Greetings

From The Avalanche archives: Dec. 24, 1870

## 'Peace on earth, good will to men'

The angel's hymn, which eighteen hundred years ago was wafted o'er Juda's plains to the shepherds, proclaiming the birth of Israel's King, and chanting "Peace on Earth, Good Will to Man," has reverberated all those centuries through the corridors of time, and strikes our ears with renewed sweetness as on the threshold of another Christmas we stand. The Christmas light is breaking upon us, and even now we seem to catch the first strains of "Gloria in Excelsis," and with rapturous hearts we swell the notes "Glory to God in the Highest."

In the home of the rich, where wealth supplies every want, and where blessings are manifold; in the hovel of the poor, where perhaps the only Christmas light is the smiling face of an innocent babe, glad voices raise their praise, and the song is still the same. We stand upon the verge of another Christmas.

A year has passed since last we mingled in its festivities, and we are brought again to share its pleasures. We know that it is at hand, for the stores are teeming with beautiful presents -- windows glitter with their wealth of costly goods, which seem to smile as we look at them; Christmas trees are being prepared; the churches throughout the land are being decorated; nimble fingers twine the bay, and young faces are breaking



### Saint Nicholas salute

*A giant animated Santa Claus greets passersby on a Homedale street. Monday's snowstorm only added to the holiday scenes built by residents around town.*

into ripples of joy at the anticipated visit of "Santa Claus."

To the young the charm of Christmas lies in the number and beauty of the presents it brings; to the older it has a far deeper significance. Who can forget the feelings of his earlier years as Christmas was announced? The expectations, the longings, the hopes, the fears, the desire to sit up and see the man who filled the stockings; to watch him come down the chimney; to witness his departure over the roof, with his "Dancer and Prancer," and "Donder and Blixsen." But watch ever so closely we could never catch him, for the eyes would grow

awearied, and the little head drop over, fast asleep.

O, who can forget the joys on awaking on Christmas morn, with the Christmas light falling upon stockings swelled with Christmas gifts, with candies and other precious sweet-meats! and a jumping jack staring right at you! There would be dolls for the girls; dolls with rubber heads and red dresses; dolls that would cry; and new dresses -- and away down at the bottom, down in the toe, candy always. For the boys there would be jackknives, glittering and sharp; monkeys with grotesque faces; popguns to satisfy the martial mind; marbles by the dozen -- and

-- candy at the bottom. O, happy, happy moments, when children count their gifts and wonder how the treasure man could so well anticipate their wishes! And these pleasures outlive childhood; we do not bury their joys in the childhood's flower-decked tomb. They grow upon us, and we live them over again, when we hear the merry laughter of children on Christmas morn.

Then comes the Christmas dinner, glorious feast! Another Utopia where children revel, whose airs are redolent with the flavor of roast turkeys; whose rivers flows with oyster soup, through whose mist may be seen the marsh of cranberry sauce, with its floating island, and, towering high beyond, the mountain of plum cake; the ruddy flow of old Java pouring from the side of a bounteous reservoir. And then to see them swim the river, wade the marsh, clamber upon the island, scale the mountain, and drink from the crimson stream! Say that children do not revel in such scenes, and you deny the existence of childhood. There is the Christmas tree, with its installment of gifts; the little ones puzzle their brains to know how "Santa Claus" got them there, for they surely have kept watch and ward. The little tapers burn cheerily, and the limbs spring back as their burdens are removed. The dolls are gone, the

candy eaten, the books distributed, the wooden horses have galloped away -- and nothing remains but the pine branches.

The little ones are put to bed; they lie down and dream -- of what, the little mind only knows. There are many about us, who are looking forward to Christmas with joyful expectations; there are the young and the old -- the young to stockings corpulent with presents -- the old to a happy reunion with friends. Already the Christmas tree begins to bend beneath its precious burdens, and Christmas dinners preparing. Let us romp with the children and live again the pleasures of youth. From every home let the shout go up, "Laus Deo." From the field, the workshop and the mine, let the laborer cry "Laus Deo." From the halls of splendor and the habitations of poverty let frail humanity sing "Laus Deo." From the priest, and from the congregation, let "Laus Deo" arise in one grand harmonious pean to the Throne above. Yes, "Praise God" for the Christmas light, and teach your little ones as they grow up the deep significance of the word, and the value of God's gift to man. "Wreath the holly, twine the hay, Christ was born on Christmas day," and, whether at home or abroad, in church or out, do not forget the angel's song, "Peace on earth, good will to men."

### Classic Christmas

## Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus

*Written by Francis P. Church  
Editorial Page, New York Sun,  
1897*

Wetakepleasureinansweringthus prominently the communication below, expressing at the same time our great gratification that its faithful author is numbered among the friends of The Sun:

I am 8 years old. Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus. Papa says, "If you see it in The Sun, it's so." Please tell me the truth, is there a Santa Claus? Virginia O'Hanlon

Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the scepticism of a sceptical age. They do not believe except they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little. In this great universe of ours, man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and

knowledge.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus.

He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The external light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies. You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if you did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things

in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world.

You tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world, which neither the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived could tear apart. Only faith, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

No Santa Claus? Thank God he lives and lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay 10 times 10,000 years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.

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Whipping Cream **89¢** ea.  
Half Pint  
Martinelli  
Sparkling Cider & Juice 25.4 oz. **2 for \$4**  
Marie Callendar  
Fruit Pies **2 for \$9**  
42 oz.  
Folgers Classic  
Roast Coffee **\$4.99** ea.  
39 oz.

Western Family  
Olives, Medium & Large 6 oz. **89¢** ea.  
Western Family  
Sugar 10 lb. **\$2.99** ea.  
Swanson  
Broth 14-14.5 oz. **59¢** ea.  
Western Family  
Ice Cream Half Gallon **2 for \$4**  
Nalley  
Dill Pickles 46 oz. **\$1.89** ea.  
Western Family  
Plastic Plates & Cups 15-20 ct. **2 for \$3**

Nestle  
Baking Chips **2 \$4** for 10-12 oz.  
Western Family  
Evaporated Milk 12 oz. **59¢** ea.  
McCormick Brown-Chicken-Turkey Gravy .87 oz. **2 for \$1**  
LaVictoria  
Salsa 12-16 oz. **\$1.69** ea.  
White  
Candy Canes 12 ct. **79¢** ea.  
Kraft  
Salad Dressing 16 oz. **2 for \$4**

Powerade  
32 oz. **99¢** ea.  
Western Family  
Corn, Peas, Beans 16 oz. Frozen **69¢** ea.  
Cheetos & Fritos 9.5-10 oz. **2 for \$3**  
Lay's  
Potato Chips 11-11.5 oz. **2 for \$3**  
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