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Homedale to
shut off service
if landlord
doesn't pay

The Homedale City Council has approved shutting off water to an entire trailer court because of non-payment by the park's owner.

The council decided at its meeting last week to give each resident of Sunset Village Mobile Home Park a notice that services will be terminated on Jan. 10 if the park's owners, Bob and Jane Sevieri doesn't pay about \$3,000 in past-due water bills.

The issue began about a year ago when the city approved billing the owner of the property instead of the individual park residents because city crews could not access the privately owned water meters.

Mayor Paul Fink said the city's previous administration entered into a memorandum of agreement with the Sevieris for water, sewer and trash services. He said the city purchased new water meters for the park, and the city was reimbursed by the Sevieris for that. Fink said Bob Sevieri had the meters installed, and the city was to send each tenant an individual bill.

But the city claims that the placement of the meters prevented easy access for reading, and that the city's maintenance crews have

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School district turmoil, land disputes mark 2005

The year 2005 was one of celebration and strife, not only on the national stage, but for people in Owyhee County.

In addition to tracking the local reverberations of national and international stories such as tsunami and hurricane relief

efforts, the pages of The Owyhee Avalanche were filled with news of upheaval in county school districts and county government, the perpetual issue of private property rights and the return of hundreds of local service men and women serving in Iraq to their

loved ones in Owyhee County.

From January until the end of December, residents helped strangers thousands of miles away and stepped up to aid many families here at home.

Owyhee County was also touched by the presence of

President Bush as hundreds were invited to see him in person.

The county government struggled with replacing a longtime treasurer. Local communities grieved the loss of several well-known residents, but also pulled together to help others in times of need.

Holiday travel complicated by several accidents

Mountain Home man killed on Highway 51

Owyhee County Sheriff's Office deputies responded to several vehicle accidents last week, one of which resulted in the death of a Mountain Home man.

On Friday, a 46-year-old Mountain Home man was killed in an accident on Idaho 51 Friday evening near milepost 47 between Bruneau and the Nevada line.

Brian Truskowski was killed when the 2005 Hyundai Elantra his was driving south on the roadway crossed the centerline and hit a pickup truck head on.

The driver of the pickup, Michael Holmes, 27, of Vale, Ore., was driving north when the accident occurred and was transported to an Elmore County hospital.

Owyhee County Coroner Harvey Grimme said Truskowski was wearing a seatbelt at the time of the accident. He said he was pronounced dead at the scene. The accident remains under investigation.

Five unrelated accidents were reported on Dec. 19-20. Slick road conditions were blamed.

On Dec. 19, three accidents were reported. An accident on the Canyon County side of the Snake River Bridge near Marsing was reported at about 10:30 a.m. An incident report from the county states that because of slick road conditions, a vehicle left the roadway. A 7-year-old girl was transported to a local hospital with minor injuries.

At 11:48 a.m., dispatch was advised of a vehicle over an embankment on Highway 95. The report states that when deputies arrived, they found a blue Chevy pickup off the road. The report says air bags had deployed in the



Injury accidents

Above: Christmas presents lie on a tarp at the scene of an accident last week that sent a Boise woman to a local hospital. *Below:* Marsing volunteer emergency medical technicians assist Blademar Ramirez-Olvera of Nyssa in a vehicle accident on Old Bruneau Highway near Marsing.



vehicle, but no one was around the accident. The owner of the vehicle was listed as Richard Meisenger of Vale, Ore.

No further details on the wreck were available.

At about 2 p.m., an accident involving a Homedale police officer was reported on Highway 78 at milepost 17. A patrol car driven by Officer Andrew Hoagland reportedly slid into

a ditch because of slick road conditions. Hoagland was uninjured.

On Dec. 20, three accidents were reported.

At about 2 a.m., there was a report of a vehicle slide-off on Highway 78. The owners of the vehicle were listed as Larry and Joann Reeder of Marsing, and no one was injured in the accident.

At about 6 a.m., dispatch reported that two beet trucks had jackknifed in the middle of the road on Highway 78 near Grand

View. The Idaho Transportation Department was called to sand the road.

Another accident was reported just before midnight on Poison Creek Road. Reports state that a vehicle had hit a tree. No one was injured in the accident.

On Wednesday, two accidents were reported — one on Highway 78 and a second on Oreana Cutoff Road.

An older Chevy pickup had hit a power pole in the first accident, and the second was reported as a cargo truck backing into a vehicle.

On Thursday, a Boise woman was injured in an accident on Highway 95 when the pickup she was riding in hit a slick spot and rolled. Jane and Gary Waymire were traveling to California for Christmas when the accident occurred at mile marker 12.

Christmas presents that were being hauled in the back of the pickup were strewn across the accident scene when the truck rolled.

Three people were injured and transported to local hospitals in an accident on Old Bruneau Highway near Marsing.

Donna Lee Mumert, 67, of Marsing was cited for inattentive driving and received head injuries in the accident.

The passenger in her vehicle was also transported, but her name was not immediately available.

Baldemar Ramirez-Olvera, 28 of Nyssa, Ore., was also transported with minor injuries.

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U.S. 95 improvements put on hold again

Funding gap pushes this winter’s road work to 2010

Since 1998, a project to widen Highway 95 from Homedale to the intersection of Highway 55 near Marsing has been in the works, but last week, a spokesman from the Idaho Transportation Department said the project has again been put on hold. The construction would widen about 7.3 miles of the narrow highway and was scheduled to begin this winter, but now it is being put off until after 2010.

The new alignment alternative for this project was selected through a variety of public contacts, including a public meeting in October 1999 and a design hearing in October 2000. At each meeting, the need to improve the existing roadway and to acquire enough right-of-way to build a five-lane road in the future was discussed. The environmental process, completed in July 2004, covers the initial reconstruction and widening of the existing roadway.

Public involvement coordinator Gwen Smith said last week that because of funding, the project has been put on hold until at least 2010.

Owyhee County Sheriff Gary Aman said last week that he has had many problems with the section of road due to excessive water on the road with the recent melting snow and rainfall. He said he has considered taking the highway down to one lane of traffic due to the dangerous conditions.

“We have finished the engineering costs for the project and we have a design,” Smith said last week. “It is in the STIP to be built in 2010, but we have run out of money. It will only be built in 2010 if there are other projects

ahead of it that we don’t get the engineering done. We thought we had a go and we were going to go with it.”

Smith said the local project is not among the projects included in the Governor’s Garvee money. She said ITD over estimated what they would receive from the federal government, since it took 18 months longer to pass the transportation bill.

“That is what happened to this project,” Smith said. “Some projects we had to put into a contingency which means we have this project ready to be built and we will build them if some other project that is ahead fails to deliver the plans on time. I understand the frustration. We

The project is now estimated to cost nearly twice as much as its estimated cost in 1998. Smith said now, over \$12 million is needed.

“It is a real difficult balancing act,” Smith said. “We truly felt we had to money to build this project, but the transportation act is passed and we don’t receive as much federal funds as we projected. So we do the same thing as we do at home, we cut budgets. It isn’t an answer that anyone wants to hear. We came out in good faith and had the meetings, or we wouldn’t have said anything about it.”

Smith said at least the project is still listed pending additional funding.

A press release dated Oct. 4, 1999 from the transportation department states that at that time “much of the pavement is deteriorating and needs to be replaced. Areas of the highway will also require minor realignment to bring the road up to current federal standards. New pavement, additional width and



Work delayed

Above: Several potholes, like this one at mile marker 29, have shown up on U.S. 95 with recent snow and rain. The hazards have caused motorists to swerve to avoid them. **Below:** Rains that melted recent snow left standing water on the roadway on several sections of U.S. 95 last week, including here near Pioneer Road.



improved alignment will increase the smoothness and safety of the highway. Drainage and irrigation improvements will also be included as part of the project.”

The project then estimated at \$6 million was said to be in the first stage of development and scheduled for construction in 2004.

In 2001, following the construction of the by-pass, local law enforcement requested the state lower the speed limit on the section of highway due to increasing vehicle accidents. At the time, ITD raised the speed limit to 65 miles per hour, but after a review, it was lowered to 55 miles per hour, “this section of roadway is deteriorating and has a significant history of accidents.”

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Santa visits Owyhee Rehab

The Owyhee Health and Rehabilitation Center held the annual Christmas party for its residents Friday. Each resident made out a wish list to jolly Santa Claus, and each wish was granted during the party. **Clockwise from top left:** Allen Richards opens a lap blanket he received during the party. Santa Claus, who made a special visit to residents at Owyhee Health and Rehab, gives a big hug to Hilda Huffman. Elsie Brandon receives a plush puppy stuffed animal for Christmas from Layne Riley, one of Santa's helpers.



Church group carolers

About 60 adults and children braved cold weather Dec. 14 to sing Christmas carols on a trek through Homedale. The singers are part of the Christian Life Club (CLC) after-school program at Homedale's Friends Community Church. Children in kindergarten through sixth grade are welcome to attend the program Wednesdays after school. Transportation will be provided from Homedale Elementary School to the after-school program when the church moves to its new location across the Snake River on U.S. 95. Submitted photo

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Law officials
crack down on
drinking drivers

State and local law enforcement are out in force in a statewide crackdown on drunk drivers this holiday season, the Idaho Transportation Department announced.

Owyhee County Sheriff Gary Aman and Homedale Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller said their respective departments would also take to the county roadways looking for anyone who thinks they can drink and drive.

In Idaho, more than 10,000 drivers were arrested for driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol in 2004. Also last year, 103 people died and nearly 900 were injured in impaired-driving crashes.

Aman said partiers could remember some simple signs before they get into a vehicle to drive home. He said if you feel buzzed or light-headed, you are probably impaired -- in that case, call a taxi or get a sober friend or family member to drive you. Always buckle up -- it is your best defense against an impaired driver or spend the night where the activity is being held and sleep it off.

"Report drunk drivers to law enforcement," Aman said. "Driving drunk is deadly serious and against the law."

Aman and Eidemiller said they also want to remind motorists to remember to buckle up.

Homedale man linked to Adrian
standoff arrested in California

A Homedale man accused of kidnapping and terrorizing an Adrian, Ore., woman and her two young children is now behind bars in a California jail facing federal charges and charges on local crimes. Richard Scott Phifer, 25 was apprehended in Pleasant Valley, Calif. last week at the home of a relative, ending a weeklong manhunt.

Phifer faces felony charges of burglary in the first degree, kidnapping in the first degree and misdemeanor charges of violation of a restraining order and assault in the fourth degree. He may also face two additional charges of the unauthorized use of a vehicle. Phifer will also face weapons charges from the U.S. Marshal's Office.

Malheur County Undersheriff Brian Wolfe said last week that Phifer was being sought after he allegedly held an Adrian woman and her two young children hostage.

He said his department received a call to check on the woman and her children because Phifer may have been at the home on Mendiola Road. He said deputies made several attempts to locate the woman at her home, but could not get a response from anyone at the residence.

"At about 6 p.m., a deputy and a trooper went out to the

home," Wolfe said early last week. "This time the deputy thought noise could be heard from inside of the home. So they made entry into the home."

Wolfe said the deputy and the trooper found the victims in a bedroom. He said the adult female made signals to indicate that Phifer was still in the home. He said the deputy and trooper backed out of the home and requested assistance.

"The sheriff's office responded with an emergency response team and the state police responded with more troopers," Wolfe said. "After a long standoff, receiving no response from inside of the house, about 1 a.m. we did receive a response. A person from inside the home flipped a light on and then off. We tried several more phone contacts and finally the woman inside the home did answer. We then rescued the woman and two children from the home, but it was later determined that when the officers made their



Richard Scott
Phifer

initial entry, Phifer had fled from a window."

Wolfe said Phifer had been at the home "terrorizing" the victims most of the day. He said that the victim and her children were very distraught and feared for their lives.

"They were sure he was still in there, but he was not," Wolfe said. "We consider him to be very dangerous."

The same evening, a pickup was stolen from a home in the area and was found in the parking lot of Paul's Market in Homedale. Wolfe said Phifer has relatives in the Homedale area, but local police chief Jeff Eidemiller indicated that the relatives had been cooperative and Phifer had not made contact with them.

Eidemiller said his department received a tip that Phifer was positively identified to be staying at a local motel. He said a task force team from Canyon County assisted, as did the county sheriff's office and Wilder Police Department but Phifer had left.

"We found items in the room that indicated that he had planned to return," Phifer said. "We recovered the stolen vehicle from Malheur County, but we have not recovered the vehicle stolen from Homedale. Because of his violent history we called in a tactical team and went

into the room. Every indication in the room showed that he had planned to come back, but I suspect he got nervous and fled the area."

"The nice thing is they will go wherever, whenever to find this guy," Wolfe said. "If we knew he was in Caldwell or Nampa, we would team up with the Idaho agency and go get the guy. Marshals go wherever. They work the case as hard as they can until they get the guy."

Wolfe said Phifer was a suspect in a domestic situation in August of this year. He said Phifer was booked into jail in September on contempt of court and felony second-degree trespass.

According to U.S. Marshals, Phifer was taken into custody after he was located in a trailer on his brother's property. Police also found a shotgun at Phifer's feet in the trailer.

Phifer was wanted by the U.S. Marshals on an outstanding federal warrant for unlawful possession of a firearm. He was lodged in the Sacramento County Jail and made his initial court appearance on Wednesday.

Reports state that marshals were able to track Phifer to California through interviews with relatives in the area.

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Dispute

been denied access to the private property.

"I believe that with the way the contract is written, we need to shut it off because he has not paid anything in about three months," Fink told the council.

"After the first of the year, I would like to see us shut the water off."

In a written statement obtained by The Owyhee Avalanche on Monday, Sevieri said that the city hasn't answered his attempts to resolve the matter. He also threatened to hold the city responsible for any harassment of his tenants.

Attempts to contact tenants of the trailer park for comment were unsuccessful.

Fink told the council that several letters have been written to Sevieri concerning the past-due amount and access to the meters, but Fink said a solution has yet to be established.

"We told him we were willing to work with him if he set the meters out by the street and give us permission to shut the water off and turn the water on," Fink said.

"That can't be really that difficult. If one of the renters doesn't pay, we need to be able to shut it off. We have lost money out

there because we don't have any authority to do anything."

Councilmen Dave Downum and Steve Schultz questioned shutting off the water to the entire park because they said some of the renters have paid their water bills to the owner. Fink said if the renters have paid, they would have to seek their own legal advice on the situation.

"If we shut off the whole court, what happens to the ones who have paid?" Schultz asked. "It doesn't seem fair for us to shut off water to people who have paid. What is the recourse these people will have?"

"The people out there are the victims in this," Downum said. "I hate to see the water shut off if they have already paid him."

Homedale's attorney said it was Sevieri's responsibility to pay the bill.

"I think the idea is, the owner of the land is supposed to pay," City Attorney Chris Nye said. "There is a meter at the front that covers the whole park. You are still giving them water, so someone has to pay for it."

Sevieri stated in a letter to the city dated from August that there is nothing in the agreement that obligates himself or his wife to provide turn-on or turn-off service to the City of Homedale.

"We have done so as a courtesy," the letter states. "Until now,

your department has provided an employee to stand by while our manager performed the actual turn-off or turn-on service. I hope you can appreciate that without the presence of a city employee, our residents may very easily misconstrue the situation if the community manager turns off their water supply."

Sevieri states that if the city does not bill the individual tenants, the \$8,945 he reimbursed Homedale for the installation of individual meters should be returned to him.

"We have no authority to check the meters, and some of them are under the skirting on the trailer houses," Fink said. "Then he wants us to pay his manager \$5 for each time he turns it on or turns it off."

Nye said the original agreement is not specific on who is supposed to pay the bill. He said the contract reads that the owner of the property is obligated. It's unclear if that means the owner of the trailer or the landowner, which would be Sevieri.

"He has threatened to sue us, and I suspect that will probably happen," Nye told the council. "We will give (tenants) a warning (about shut-off) so it doesn't happen in just one day."

The council approved delivering a letter to each home next Monday. Water to the trailer park would be

shut off Jan. 10 if the past due bills are not paid.

Originally, Sevieri told the Avalanche he could not comment until he spoke with his attorney, David Wishney. Just before publication Monday, Sevieri faxed a written statement to the Avalanche.

"We have not seen a copy of the minutes of the meeting ... nor have we received any response from the City of Homedale despite our repeated requests in an attempt to resolve this issue as outlined to

the City in our letter dated Dec. 8, 2005," the statement, signed by Sevieri, said.

"The only thing I can tell you at this point, is that we have a valid agreement with the City of Homedale, dated August, 2003, and we will hold the City responsible for any damages, including harassment and or discrimination of our tenants, resultant from the City's actions."

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Pioneer family

Jeff L. Stanford, left, and Betty Stanford Carlow Lacey stand on their ranch near Upper Jackson Creek recently. Both are descendants of Owyhee County pioneers. Betty is the daughter of Ralph and Nina Stanford. Jeff is the son of Omar and Lily Stanford. Jeff and Betty are double cousins because the Stanford brothers married sisters. Betty's daughter, who like her mother subscribes to The Owyhee Avalanche, works in the district attorney's office in Bronx, New York. Submitted photo



Five generations

Five generations of Stansell men gathered at the Homedale Senior Citizens Center for Edwin Stansell's 90th birthday on Dec. 10, 2005. The five generations include, clockwise from the top left, Edwin's son, Keith; Edwin's grandson, Mike; Edwin's great great grandson, Devin; and Edwin's great grandson, Ryan. Submitted photo

Obituaries
Evert Eoff

Evert Eoff, formerly of Homedale, passed away December 18, 2005 at a Tacoma, Washington Nursing Home. Except for the past two years, Evert spent his entire life in Homedale. He attended all of his school years in the Homedale school system.

Evert was gifted mechanically and started his "Eoff Trucking Sales and Service" in early adulthood. He specialized in diesel truck repair. He loved his work and enjoyed serving the community until his health forced his retirement in 2002.

In 1963, Evert married Jeannie Cooper. He brought with him his 2 children from a previous marriage, Linnie, 5 years of age, and Mariena, 3. Evert and Jeannie had three more children, Cindy Matyosas, with husband Larry, Suzie Eoff and Bryan.

Evert was very active in the Bible Missionary Church. He served in many capacities. He

drove the Sunday School Bus for many years, always bringing treats for the children. He and Jeannie were in charge of the local Food Bank and enjoyed distributing food to the needy. Evert had a giving heart and extended his helping hand to many.

Evert was preceded in death by his parents, Boyd and May Eoff, one brother, Vendil and his wife Jeannie.

He is survived by his children, Linnie, Mariena, Cindy, Susie and Bryan and 11 grandchildren. His brothers, Woody Purdom and wife Mary, Boyd Eoff & wife Betty Rae, sisters, Bennye Hardy & husband Roy and Betty & husband Ed Aitchison.

Evert was loved and especially cared for by his many nieces and nephews.

He contributed much to all of our lives and will be sorely missed!

Lisa Diane Lentfer

Lisa Diane Lentfer, 43, of Homedale, died Thursday, December 22, 2005 at a Caldwell hospital. Funeral services will be held at 2:00 PM Tuesday, December 27, 2005 at Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Homedale. Interment will follow at the Marsing-Homedale Cemetery, Marsing.

"Lisa"-September 19, 1962 - December 22, 2005

Our Lisa, she was always late, she'd try so hard, but still you'd wait. But now the waiting is no more, she's walking up to heavens door. Her girls are left now with no Mom, they'll need our help, to keep them strong. I love my Mom, is what Tanis said. All we could do is pat her head. Courtney's trying to be strong, and for her sister, that's not wrong. Denny's left without his wife, he faces now, a different life. A single Dad now, he's become. To raise two daughters, one by one. Wife, Mother, Sister, Friend. We loved her right up to the end. Her Family.

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Denny of Homedale; daughters, Courtney and Tanis at home; her parents, Charles and Marilyn Gerlach; three brothers, Terry and his wife, Sherry Gerlach, Craig and his wife Marlene Gerlach and Mike Gerlach all of La Grande, OR.; several nieces, nephews, aunts and uncles. She was preceded in death by grandparents, a niece and a sister-in-law.

State issues
reminder on
brucellosis
requirements

The Idaho State Department of Agriculture (ISDA) issued a reminder recently that state law requires all cattle to be vaccinated against brucellosis.

Idaho Code 25-613A says, "all female cattle in the state of Idaho shall be officially vaccinated for protection against brucellosis" and that female cattle that have not been officially vaccinated "shall not be utilized for breeding, grazing or dairying purposes."

Idaho State Department of Agriculture rules further specify that "female cattle and domestic bison native to the state of Idaho or imported into the state of Idaho shall be calf-hood vaccinated while not less than 120 days of age or more than three-hundred sixty-five (365) days of age or be consigned to an approved feedlot, for finish feeding for slaughter only, prior to becoming 365 days of age." Additionally there is a provision for the adult vaccination of cattle and domestic bison.

"The rules we have in place help protect the integrity of the cattle industry, and we ask all cattle owners to pay close attention to these requirements," said Dr. Greg Ledbetter, administrator of the Division of Animal Industries.

Go to the Web site <http://adm.idaho.gov/adminrules/rules/idapa02/0420.pdf> for more information about ISDA brucellosis rules.

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Dear Dave,

My 16-year old daughter has a part-time job, and we make her put \$40 from every paycheck into her savings account. She fusses about this every time. Do you think it's wrong to force your children to save money?

— Debbie

Dear Debbie,

No, it's not wrong. Make her save some money if you have to, because it's for her own good.

Here's the deal; teenagers are insane. They have these hormones rushing through their bodies, and their brains do not work. They're going to fuss whether they have a reason or not. It's our job as parents to be the only sanity in the room, and teach them to do smart things.

At that age, she hasn't earned the right to do stupid things with her money. When they get out on their own, they can do all the dumb stuff they want. But during these years they should learn how to handle money responsibly and according to your rules.

Sure, she'll keep on fussing because that's what teenagers are wired to do. But she'll thank you when she's 32 — about the time the hormones wear off.

— Dave

Dear Dave,

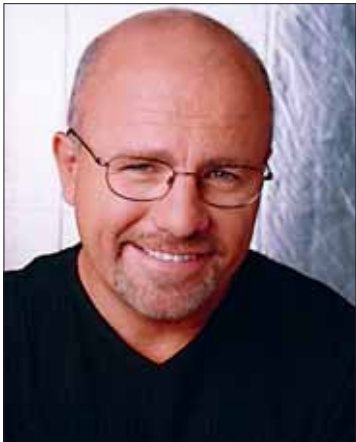
I've been seriously dating this man for a long time and I love him very much, but his mother controls everything he does. He does everything she says, and even lets her control his finances. I don't see any outlets for us to ever have much between us that is truly our own. Can you give me any advice?

Emily

Dear Emily,

Wow, that's rough. It's kind of wimpy for him to let this happen when he's a grown man. But honestly, there's not much you can do in a situation like this. He has to make the decision to take control of his life.

Studies show that couples who agree on issues like money, kids, religion and in-laws have a great chance of making a strong, successful marriage that works. I hope you're not considering walking down the aisle anytime soon because this guy is definitely not marriage material right now. This doesn't mean that things can't change, though, and he doesn't have to ostracize his mom to do it. But he needs to cut the apron strings and understand that



DAVE RAMSEY

you want a relationship with him — not her.

If I were your dad, I'd be trying to protect my little girl, and I'd tell you to give him an ultimatum — it's either her or you. But you guys have been together for a while, and that warrants some serious sit-down, heart-to-heart time. Tell him about the situation as you see it, and how it makes you feel. You guys can work this out.

— Dave

Dear Dave,

I hear people in financial circles talking all the time about someone's "net worth." What exactly is net worth, and what does it mean?

— Ken

Dear Ken,

Simply put, your net worth is what you own minus what you owe or any debts you have. There are lots of people who use net worth as a gauge of your financial independence, but that's not necessarily the case. You can have a huge income, but if you've got piles of debt, then you're not very financially independent. You're still tied to all those payments.

The best way to improve your net worth and every other aspect of your financial life is to get out of debt and save money. When you don't have any debt and no payments to eat your paycheck, you free up the largest wealth-building tool at your disposal — your income. It's always better to have that hard-earned money staying in YOUR pocket rather than going into someone else's.

— Dave

— Dave Ramsey is the best-selling author of *The Total Money Makeover*. You can find tools to help with finances or previous columns at Davesays.org. Have a question for Dave? Send correspondence to syndication@daveramsey.com or write Dave \$ays, 1749 Mallory Lane, Brentwood, TN 37027

Anniversary
Children help Lahtinens celebrate 50th anniversary

David and Barbara Lahtinen celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Dec. 2, 2005.

David Lahtinen and Barbara Crosley were married Dec. 2, 1955, at the Congregational Church in Mountain Home.

The couple settled in Bruneau on the family farm and ranch, and have lived there since.

They raised four children: Barbara Schmitz (Tom Baldwin) of Elk, Wash.; Beverly White (Bill) of Oreana; Dennis Lahtinen (Dawn) of Mountain Home; and Curtis Lahtinen (Betty) of Bruneau. They have nine grandchildren and a great grandchild.

The Lahtinens celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary in 1980, two weeks after the arrival of their first grandchild, Lance White. They celebrated their 50th anniversary this year, three weeks after the birth of their first great granddaughter, Aubrey



David and Barbara Lahtinen

Lahtinen.

The 50th anniversary celebration took place in a private dining room at the Cottonwood Grille in Boise, where their children had decorated and prepared for the festive occasion.

Barbara and David enjoyed the humorous celebration vows written by their children and said "I do" to most of them. Each child toasted the Lahtinens with a favorite memory of their younger years.

After an evening of dining and sharing numerous memories by the family, the couple was presented several gifts, including a gift certificate for a second honeymoon of their choice given to them by their children and their spouses.

The next day, the family continued their celebration with a trip to Jackpot, Nev., to enjoy more dining, gambling and reminiscing.

The Lahtinens' children want to thank their mom and dad for all the years of happiness and laughter they have provided and congratulate them on their golden years. They still make a very, very handsome couple.

Calendar

Thursday

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

Saturday

Owyhee County Historical Society building fund benefit, auction 11 a.m., New Years Eve Casino Night party, 8 p.m. Owyhee County Historical Museum Complex, Murphy. (208) 495-2319

Tuesday

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.

Thursday, Jan. 5

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

Tuesday, Jan. 10

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.

Thursday, Jan. 12

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

Submit information on upcoming fund-raisers, reunions or community events to *The Owyhee Avalanche* by noon Fridays for inclusion in the calendar. Drop off press releases at the

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US Ecology helps Homedale High School
Homedale High School agriculture and science students received grants from US Ecology recently. The checks were presented on Dec. 20. The Biology classes will use a \$257 grant to build bat houses along the Snake River. The Agriculture/FFA department will use its \$1,299 grant to complete work on the Agriculture department’s greenhouse. **Above:** Sophomore Biology students show off their check. From left to right are: John Bittick, Kortney Bahem, Samantha Cuellar and Jarrod Driskell. **Bottom:** Homedale FFA students include: Top row, from left to right: Erika Shanley, Kendall Rupp, Sarah Black and Mandy Gibbs; bottom row, from left to right: FFA advisor Lori Harrison, Rye Hyer, Kortney Bahem, Jessica Hansen and Steven Williams. Submitted photos

Local massage therapist can relax holiday stress aches

Give Stacy Fisher 30 minutes and she will rub out the aches and pains of holiday stressed muscles in a quiet relaxing atmosphere. Fisher owns and operates Rapha Therapeutic Massage in Homedale.

Fisher opened her business in September, but she said with the holidays, business has been great.

Fisher is a certified massage therapist and specializes in pain and injury. She graduated from a training center in Nampa which highlights Swedish, deep tissue and sports massage, trigger point therapy, accu-therapy, accu-pressure, Shiatsu, sports massage, post and pre-event, carpal tunnel syndrome, and people with Fibromyalgia.

Her office is conveniently located next door to Pick up the Pace, but when you walk through the door to her therapy room, you walk into another world with the comforting sounds of soft music, a trickling water fall and lose the hustle and bustle of everyday life.

“I work a lot with sports aches and pains and because of the area, a lot of work related pains,” Fisher said. “This community needs this here. We are a rural community and a hard working community. People are working at computers all day or on a tractor or roping cows, it is hard on their bodies. I can take care of that.”

Fisher also will heat achy



Relaxing
Stacy Fisher works out tight muscles on a customer in her massage therapy room. Fisher, a certified massage therapist, owns and operates Rapha Therapeutic Massage in Homedale.

muscles with a hot stone massage. She said the stones are kept at about 130 degrees and when massaged into achy muscles, they will pull all the stress out.

“Its really good for you,” Fisher said. “Massage increases circulation throughout your whole body, and it just generally makes you feel better.”

Fisher offers 30, 60 or even a 90-minute massage. She charges \$20 for a half hour, \$35 for an hour and \$55 for a 90-minute

massage. She is currently open mostly by appointment, but said she can be at her office in 10 minutes. The office is located at 6 W. Owyhee and to make an appointment call, 695-7228.

“My husband and I hurt a lot so I wanted to help him with his pain,” Fisher said.

“It is very me in here. It is quiet and just a place to go to forget your troubles.”

— CAB

Business plan can be a road map to manage farm, ranch

by Owyhee County Extension Educator Scott Jensen

Do you ever wish you could buy a road map to use in managing your farm/ranch? Well they’re not for sale, but Oregon State University Extension Service is offering a workshop series in Ontario that will help you to create your own “Business Plan” which can help you navigate the difficult waters of managing an agricultural business. This series combines in-class instruction with one-on-one, individual coaching by a farm management consultant to guide you through the process of creating your own written plan.

Bart Eleveld, Extension Economist at OSU, Corvallis will lead the classroom portion of the program, supplemented by several other guest instructors

including: Larry Makus, agricultural marketing professor at the University of Idaho, Aaron Johnson, food marketing specialist at the Food Innovation Center in Portland, and Mark Green, director of OSU’s Austin Family Business Program. Eleveld will concentrate on the financial planning and budgeting aspects of the plan. Makus will address the marketing plan for traditional agricultural commodities. Johnson will talk about marketing of specialized, value added and niche products. Finally, Green will consider the issues surrounding succession of the farm business from one generation to the next. Gary Schneider, former Extension agent in Malheur County, will handle the one-on-one coaching. Schneider has been doing individual, farm family financial

consulting since the 1980s.

The workshop series will kick off on Jan. 4 with two alternative session times being offered — either 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., or 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the Malheur County Extension Office conference room, 710 SW 5th Ave., in Ontario.

Subsequent workshops will occur on the first Wednesday of each month through April at the same time and place. Preregistration by December 28th is requested since enrollment will be limited.

Brochures with enrollment forms can be obtained at most Treasure Valley Extension Offices (both Oregon and Idaho) and at the offices of many agricultural lenders including Farm Credit Services, Farm Service Agency and several commercial lenders as well.

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The year in review

Tragedy, triumphant returns, turmoil provided tears of sorrow, joy in 2005

January

A convicted killer was nearing his release date, Owyhee County Sheriffs deputies searched for two local men accused of having ties to a theft ring in Marsing, a local schoolteacher with local ties narrowly escaped the total devastation of his school by a killer tsunami in Thailand and a new manager arrived for the Bureau of Land Management's Owyhee Field Office in Marsing.

Plans to release a convicted killer were in the making as Claude Lafayette Dallas Jr., 55, approached the end of his 20-year sentence.

Dallas was suspected of poaching in the Owyhee Mountains near the South Fork of the Owyhee River in 1981. When Idaho Fish and Game officers Bill Pogue and Conley Elms traveled to the area to investigate the situation, they never returned.

Reports have stated several accounts of what happened the day the two officers approached Dallas in Bull Basin near the Nevada border, but Dallas was ultimately charged with voluntary manslaughter and sentenced to 20 years. He was also sentenced to 10 years in prison for firearms violations. Judge Edward Lodge, now a U.S. District judge, citing eyewitness testimony and Dallas' lack of remorse, sentenced Dallas on Jan. 4, 1983.

Dallas was released from an Orofino prison in February and left the area. Owyhee County Sheriff Gary Aman said, to his knowledge, Dallas had no intention of returning to Owyhee County.

Later in the month, Aman searched for Travis Ehlers and Jason Leslie, both 34 at the time, in connection with a theft ring that netted thousands of dollars in stolen items.

"The two men could face multiple charges of felony possession of stolen property and felony possession of stolen vehicles after officers discovered thousands of tools, stolen vehicles, miscellaneous items and construction equipment at a home on Clark Road near Marsing," Aman said at the time of the manhunt.

Both men were later captured.

The devastating tsunami that struck Asia in late December 2004 continued to reverberate for one local man who was co-founder of a school located in Thailand. A killer tsunami hit the Asian country on Dec. 26 after a 9.0 undersea earthquake off Sumatra triggered giant waves that killed hundreds of thousands of people, and that

JANUARY



Owyhee County Sheriff Gary Aman's office searches for suspects in a theft ring.

Marsing

number is expected to rise.

The school's co-founder, Duane Root of Homedale, reported at the time that although thousands were dead or missing in the Asian country, his staff and the schoolchildren were all accounted for. He said one parent had been confirmed dead.

Organizational refinements were made in the federal BLM agency, and among those was the construction of an Owyhee Field Office in Marsing. Ron Kay from the state office took over the helm on Oct. 1, 2004, replacing former field manager Jenna Whitlock who Kay said went on detail in the state's fire agency.

February

Sage grouse and weather topped the annual Owyhee Cattlemen's

Association winter convention in Oreana in February. Dr. Chad Gibson, Robin Heffernan from the National Weather Service and Jim Caswell of the Office of Species Conservation began the programs for the meeting and discussed the Owyhee Initiative, sage grouse and endangered species listings and weather watchers.

Cattlemen's President Brian Collett opened the convention and awarded the silver bit to Frank Davis from Bruneau.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture designated counties in California, Idaho and Texas as primary agricultural disaster areas in February. The designation meant all qualified farm operators were eligible for low-interest emergency loans from the Farm Service Agency. Owyhee and

Elmore were among the Idaho counties included on the list.

A family-operated business celebrated its 50th anniversary in February. Paul Zatica tried to make a living at ranching in the Owyhee area in 1955, but after struggling with crops and being denied farmland, he did the next best thing. Paul opened "Paul's Groceteria" in Homedale. Paul and his sons, Steve and Stan, own a chain of stores that are spread out over the Treasure Valley and in Ontario, Ore.

March

Owyhee County Commissioners approved Phase 2 of the 911 system, which allows county dispatchers to pinpoint the location of an emergency call placed from a cell phone within a few hundred feet. In 2004, the commissioners rejected moving forward with the next phase because of unanswered questions, but they overturned the denial in March.

Aman said the next phase makes it easier for the sheriff's office to citizens and other people coming into the county to contact first-responders for assistance. He said he was pleased with the decision. He said about 40 percent of emergency calls are from cell phones.

After an announcement that Sen. Mike Crapo (R-Idaho) would begin radiation treatment for prostate cancer, he assured Owyhee Initiative constituents that his treatments would not slow the process of bringing the initiative to Congress as a bill.

Crapo began cancer treatments at Johns Hopkins University Hospital in Baltimore in March, and his press secretary, Lindsay Nothorn, said that Crapo was still diligently working on the initiative and expected to have it ready for Congress as planned.

Marsing City Council began a campaign for a second bond election, which later was held in August. By a count of 77-46, voters had rejected the bond held in February, but council members said at the time that they felt the bond didn't pass because there wasn't good enough communication with the public.

April

The Owyhee County Commission responded to Homedale's request to renegotiate the city's area of impact, giving the county 30 days to begin talks. In a letter dated Dec. 28, 2004, Homedale planning and zoning administrator Sylvia Bahem had

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asked council members to send a request to the commission to re-open The council submitted that letter in February.

Voters in the Bruneau-Grand View School District spoke and ended a trustee’s term with a 92-62 affirmative vote in a recall election. Russ Turner’s term ended when nearly 75 percent of the total voters in Zone 1 said “no more” to Turner’s presence on the school board.

In filing recall papers against Turner, petitioners claimed he violated the trust of electorate and the children in the district. The petition said that “trustees must put the children’s interest above

all others” and “they must listen to the parents and employees of the district. When things are not going well, they must care enough to search for the truth.” The statement said that Turner refused to meet with members of the electorate and chose to ignore the pleas of his constituents concerning the learning environment of the schools and chose to follow the district administration, “blindly.”

May

In Homedale School District, four people were looking for a chance at two board of trustee seats. Then-school board chairperson Benita Miller lost to challenger Kevin Miyasako in

Zone 3, while Ric Uria retained his Zone 4 seat in a campaign against challenger Samuel Page.

Only one incumbent remained a trustee in board elections in two of the county’s school districts as three incumbents were beaten out of their positions during elections for Homedale and Bruneau-Grand View.

A plant facility levy for Homedale narrowly passed by a mere two votes.

In honor of the 200th birthday of American legend Jean Baptiste Charbonneau, a wreath-laying ceremony was held May 16 at his gravesite in Danner, Ore., near Jordan Valley. The City of Homedale’s 2003-04 audit,

presented to councilpersons in May, showed that overspending and unapproved personal purchases continued up to the moment the new administration took office in January 2004. The audit also showed that, by the end of fiscal year 2004, the city’s budgets for streets and highways and parks and recreation were overdrawn.

June

Three teacher aides who were fired under suspicion misusing school district funds in Bruneau were cleared of the allegations in June. They hoped to know if they will be allowed to go back to work for the same school district who

made the initial accusations.

Owyhee County Prosecuting Attorney Matthew Faulks said that he had no intention to pursue the matter any further and found the allegations to be unfounded. Faulks said after several months of investigation, he felt there was not enough evidence to charge the aides with any crimes.

County commissioners addressed the growing problem of off-highway vehicle use in the Hemingway Butte area near Murphy. A task force was created, and commissioners said they hoped the panel would be able to address the ongoing issue of OHVs.

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Fred Grant, Counsel to the Commissioners, said that originally permittees near Hemingway Butte presented an alternative proposal for the fencing off the area, and it was passed on to the Natural Resources Committee for consideration. He said the proposal had been filed with the Bureau of Land Management for consideration.

The suspect in a fatal shooting of a Caldwell teenager was arrested near Jordan Valley after spending some time at a home owned by Jim and Mindy Kershner. Malheur County Undersheriff Brian Wolfe said Joseph Allen Contreras Valenzuela, 19, of Caldwell was arrested after Mindy Kershner found him at her home.

Valenzuela had been accused of killing Victor Sanchez, 17, of Caldwell on June 18. Sanchez was fatally shot in the chest in front of a residence in the 4900 block of Settlers Way in south Caldwell.

Approximately 75 people attended a special meeting of the Homedale School District, but most left with no answers to questions they had about the board of trustees' handling of a coach's employment. Events of the meeting were being called illegal by reporters, who were removed from the proceedings when the board chairman called an executive session.

The attempt to call an executive session stemmed from a letter written by students protesting the board's refusal to re-issue a contract for varsity boys basketball coach Randy Potter in May. The decision stripped Potter of his final coaching position after his contract as athletic director was not re-issued earlier in the year.

County commissioners adopted a resolution June 6 adding five new members to the Owyhee Initiative Work Group. The appointments gave a voice and a vote in the initiative process to the Shoshone Piute Tribe, the Idaho Backcountry Horsemen, the Southern Idaho Desert Racing Association, the Owyhee County Farm Bureau and Idaho Rivers United.

The members represent two recreation interests, one hunting organization, one river organization and a landowner organization.

The Bruneau-Grand View School Board appointed Stacey Buckingham from Bruneau to replace recalled trustee Russ Turner. Buckingham was sworn into office during a regular meeting.

Buckingham had been one of three people considered for the Zone I trustee seat. Former Owyhee County Planning and Zoning commissioner Sid Erwin and his son, Russ, also spoke to the board as possible replacements.

MAY



Car buffs of all ages enjoy a classic car show. Owyhee Health and Rehabilitation, Homedale

Homedale School District Chairperson Benita Miller resigned from the board of trustees just weeks before her term would end. She had lost her bid for re-election to Kevin Miyasako, who replaced Miller until her term expired in July. During the July 11 meeting, Miyasako and Uria were sworn in for their elected terms.

A delivery of resignation letters continued at the Homedale School District. Three more staff members quit in June, and the board approved each letter of resignation. At that time, 19 full- or part-time positions were open because of the resignations for a variety of reasons.

July

Tens of thousands of people flocked to Owyhee County's backcountry during the summer, and each one was recorded on counters the county installed on six major backcountry roadways.

Throughout the spring and summer months, the counters tracked the number of vehicles that traveled backcountry roadways from Juniper Mountain Road to Mud Flat Road. The counters were activated on March 8 and as of July, nearly 70,000 vehicles had traveled the counted locations.

Although her elected position was slated to expire until 2006, Owyhee County Treasurer Barbara Wright resigned her position, setting a Sept. 30 retirement date. The Republican Central Committee met in Murphy to consider all applicants for the office.

A former Homedale City Police officer filed a tort claim against the City of Homedale, alleging computer fraud and seeking damages in the amount of \$500,000. Mike Spagnola's attorney, Lois Hart, served the city with the claim on July 15, stating Spagnola had suffered and will continue to suffer "tortious interference to his right to contract, loss of wages and benefits, libel, slander and defamation

of his character and reputation, humiliation, embarrassment, physical harm, anguish and other consequential damages."

Spagnola accused Homedale Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller and Sgt. James Austin of accessing his personal e-mail account and deliberately reading, printing and submitting e-mails without his permission in order to keep him from "compromising the department."

The first serious injuries sustained by an Owyhee County soldier in the Iraq war

A Homedale Marine became the first Owyhee County serviceman seriously hurt in Iraq when Jeremy Fountain was injured by a roadside bomb.

Although initial information was sketchy, Fountain reportedly was sent from Iraq to Germany, where he underwent several surgeries on his legs. Fountain's parents, Debbie and Gary Fountain, left for Washington, D.C., to meet their son, who was flown back to the United States.

With only five weeks left before fall sports practices begin,

Homedale was without three assistant coaches for football and head coaches for the volleyball and cross country teams. But newly hired district superintendent Tim Rosandick said that he was optimistic that the district will have enough coaches to begin the season on time.

Sixteen varsity and junior varsity coaching positions and the athletic director job were open because the school board did not renew the contracts of some athletic department personnel and the resignation of several coaches. But Rosandick said that the crisis was not as bad as it seemed.

Following a controversial and emotional school year, Rosandick confirmed that former Homedale High School Athletic Director Randy Potter had cut all ties with the district.

Grand View-Bruneau schools superintendent Dallas Taylor resigned suddenly in July, leaving the district with only two days' notice. But the school board didn't wait long before it hired another superintendent. Taylor resigned on July 27, and two days later Vicky Chandler, principal of Rimrock High School, was hired.

The Stewards of the Range blasted a ruling by Judge B. Lynn Winmill that would force ranchers in Southwestern Idaho to remove cattle from their grazing allotments in the middle of the season. Officials for Stewards of the Range, headquartered in Meridian, called the ruling an egregious example of due process violations.

"This judge ignored current studies conducted by BLM experts and denied the affected parties a fair hearing, in order to justify a ruling that promotes (Western Watershed Project's) radical goal of eliminating productive use of the federal lands," said Fred Grant, litigation chairman of Stewards of the Range.

The environmental group

Western Watershed Project brought the litigation on which Winmill made his ruling.

August

While Owyhee County Commissioners were pleading poverty, the Avalanche learned that they are quietly keeping nearly \$750,000 stashed away in the bank. The funds weren't showing up in the county's budget as commissioners continued to tell elected officials to cut expenses because of a lack of money.

The overall budget was down from last year, as the commissioners continue to deplete the county's reserves to the point that the Current Expense reserve fund will be gone sometime during the next fiscal year. At the present published revenue base, the Current Expense fund will require cuts of approximately \$300,000 by the end of 2006, unless Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) trust funds are put back into the county's budget.

An honorary life member of the Owyhee Cattlemen's Association had to be air-ambulated from Silver City after she suffered a heart attack shortly after receiving her award at the organization's summer convention.

Juanita Johnstone, 81, was flown to St. Luke's Regional Medical Center in Boise after she collapsed during the convention.

After the county's attorney advised them that they didn't have to pay the bill, Owyhee County Commissioners decided that they are not "legally" bound to pay for the magistrate courtroom housed within Homedale City Hall and sent the city a letter stating that they would no longer be paying \$6,000 per year for rent. The move by the commission prompted the city council to consider removing the county room altogether.

In 2004, the county offered

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the city a lease of \$6,000 to take care of the courtroom instead of the county sending money for up-keep. Although the city originally denied the request, saying the courtroom would never get remodeled, Homedale officials eventually accepted the offer.

Owyhee County's grand jury convened and handed down two indictments of a Marsing couple for grand theft and conspiracy to commit grand theft. Hours after receiving the indictments, Owyhee County Sheriff's deputies had both people in custody. Travis Ehlers, 35, was arrested at his home on Clark Road. His wife, Brenda, were taken into custody at Marsing City Hall.

On Aug. 11, the Owyhee Initiative Work Group met and voted on the language as to the actual legal definitions of the wilderness and wild and scenic rivers. The group was scheduled to meet again on Aug. 31 -- in the same Murphy courtroom where the initiative was born -- to vote on the final language of the bill, other than voluntary proposals.

The City of Marsing revealed that a computer problem resulted in utility users not paying enough for their water, sewer and trash services even after a fee increase earlier in the year.

Marsing Mayor Don Osterhoudt issued a statement saying that residents and businesses in the area have been undercharged by nearly \$5 per resident, per month since February.

Osterhoudt said office staff discovered the billing problem on July 21 and notified the mayor and Rob Howarth, the councilman in charge of water and sewer. The initial assessment of the impact was believed to be about \$4.90 per month per user, or a shortfall of about \$2,000 per month from residents alone. City Clerk Janice Bicandi estimated the loss from businesses could be as much or slightly more.

Against the recommendation of the county's Republican Central Committee, the Owyhee County Board of Commissioners appointed Brenda Richards to replace retiring county treasurer Barbara Wright.

The Republican Central Committee's suggestion of Chief Deputy Treasurer Linda Charters as Wright's replacement was rejected by commissioners. Charters and Richards were the only people to submit applications for the job to the committee when Wright tendered her letter of retirement to commissioners in July.

Homedale Police Department Patrol Supervisor Jamie Austin submitted a letter of resignation to the city council, saying he

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Retired pilot perishes in crash of experimental plane.

Sunrise Sky Park, Marsing

was leaving was because of "the type of treatment received from Councilman (Steve) Schultz."

Austin said he "sincerely" hopes Schultz does not seek re-election and called the councilman an "embarrassment and disappointment" to the city administration and its employees.

A local veterinarian reported a county horse was killed by the West Nile virus.

Randy Bean, from Owyhee Vet Clinic in Homedale, said that he responded to the death of a horse within 1 mile of his clinic. A report from the Bureau of Animal Laboratories said John Powell of Homedale disposed of a 12-year-old gelding that was showing signs of neurological problems. The virus had been confirmed on July 27.

The hearing on the Wilke Farms' application for a conditional use permit for operation of a confined animal feeding operation (CAFO) that would include up to 9,000 animals was concluded on Aug. 16 and the county planning and zoning committee took the case under advisement to study witness testimony and several documents submitted as evidence. Two days of hearings were held in April, and testimony was closed at that time. However, the hearing was held open so the applicant could submit written answers to a series of questions from the planning and zoning commission.

The hearing was resumed by the commission after the hearing officer was notified by Helen Kettle, a neighbor of the Wilke operation, that heavy rains in May created waste run-off on to her property.

September

Local relatives of troops in Iraq expressed their appreciation for President Bush's commitment to the armed forces, and they said

his stop in Nampa speak to the families and the troops at home was very much appreciated.

Many families of local soldiers were in the audience when President George W. Bush and his wife, Laura, entered the Idaho Center. Most of those who were not able to attend listened to his address on television or radio.

Owyhee County Sheriff Gary Aman and Homedale Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller attended the presidential visit and both had nearly the best seats in the house. The law enforcement officials were asked to sit in bleachers directly behind the president.

"It was an honor of the highest kind," Aman said. "It was a very inspiring speech. To be among the people who were actually able to see him in person was something I will not soon forget."

Homedale and the Owyhee County Commissioners began negotiating the possible expansion of the city's area of impact. During a meeting with county commission chairman Hal Tolmie, Homedale councilmen Steve Schultz, Kevin Barlow and Dave Downum and city planning and zoning administrator Silvia Bahem submitted three local residents — Junior Uranga, Greg Kelly and Tom Pegram — for consideration as part of a negotiating committee.

Tolmie said he planned to take the recommendations to the commissioners for approval.

If a deal can be struck, Homedale's impact area would grow.

The area of impact is approximately 1 mile outside the city limits. Bahem said Idaho Code requires municipalities to negotiate the area every five years, but it has been well over five years the last round of talks with the county.

Tolmie told the group that the area of impact for Homedale

has never really been agreed upon because it has never been surveyed. He said a bone of contention was whether the impact area was within the boundary line of the current unsurveyed impact area — something Tolmie calls the "big black line" — or outside of that boundary.

After nearly an hour of discussion, the Owyhee County Commissioners unanimously approved the proposed budget for fiscal year 2006. The \$6,520,308 budget was accepted without change.

An Owyhee County man tested positive for the West Nile virus, becoming the seventh person in Idaho — and third in the six counties covered by Southwest District Health — to be infected. A female in Gem County also tested positive for the disease. Both people experienced typical symptoms of the virus, were hospitalized and later recovered at home.

In addition to seven human cases, Idaho has reported 47 horse cases — including one in Owyhee County — 10 infected birds and 17 positive mosquito pools.

The work group for the Owyhee Initiative has entered the final stages in the language of the initiative and said that at least one more meeting was planned before a final vote from the group. The group met in Murphy and several suggestions were made to changes in the descriptions of wording, but the body of the draft was basically complete.

At the time, initiative chairman Fred Grant said the wording on the bill was complete except for minor changes, grammar editing and group approval. He said he had hoped to get the final proposal to Sen. Mike Crapo (R-Idaho) before the end of September.

South Board of Control Manager Rex Barrie reported Owyhee Reservoir contained 420,808 acre-feet of water, boosting hopes that the 2005 irrigation season would be considered near normal. Barrie said at the time that the carryover for next year also looked good.

The Marsing School District passed an emergency levy for the 2005-06 school year. School officials said the levy was necessary because of an increase in student attendance.

A Homedale man who originally faced charges of rape and sexual battery of a 16-year-old Homedale girl was indicted by summons through the county grand jury and now will face a single charge of sexual battery of a minor child aged 16 or 17. Nathan Volk, 27, was arrested on June 21 and charged with rape and sexual battery. Volk later pleaded guilty to a lesser charge.

Two contractors planned to submit a proposal to county

planners for a large-scale project that could house up to 900 troubled teenagers on a large cattle ranch near Homedale. A public hearing was planned.

The 4,000-acre ranch would include a cattle-feeding operation and would house troubled youths ages 13 to 18, to whom high school classes would be offered.

The proposal was later withdrawn.

October

Water officials in Homedale and Murphy weren't too concerned with meeting a deadline of January 2006 for lower arsenic standards, but Marsing and Grand View officials said they would have to ask for extensions from the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality to bring the towns' public water systems up to speed with new guidelines.

In 2001, the Environmental Protection Agency lowered the arsenic maximum contaminant level from 50 parts per billion to 10 ppb. The new standards become effective Jan. 23, 2006. Cities had until Oct. 1 to request an extension of the deadline, and Marsing and Grand View both filed for extensions.

"We have to ask for an extension," Grand View Mayor Paul Spang said at the time. "My council has ignored the deadline, and now it was sneaking up on them. We don't know what we will do to meet it. This was my second year in the term, and now I am faced with it."

Preparations continued in an empty field off of Main Street in Homedale, with land levelers dozing dirt to make room for a new Basque community building. The center should be finished by the beginning of next year.

The shooting of four head of cattle along Silver City Road has brought the Owyhee County Sheriff's Office, Owyhee Cattlemen's Association and the victimized rancher together to offer a reward. The reward was \$4,000 for information leading to the arrest of the person or persons responsible for the shooting.

While city council elections were planned in Homedale and Marsing, Grand View mayor Paul Spang said he would forego the expense of an election and make appointments for two open council positions, or ask Gov. Dirk Kempthorne to make an appointment.

An Ontario, Ore., man was killed instantly after being hit by a fuel truck Oct. 4 on U.S. 95 near Homedale. Investigators said it seems the man jumped in front of the truck on purpose. Police say 38-year-old Jose Jesus Mirelas-Martinez was walking along the

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highway when he apparently jumped in front of a fuel truck driven by a 25-year-old Homedale man.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture announced the possible closure of hundreds of Farm Service Agency offices across the nation. The possible closure of the Owyhee County office in Marsing would have forced farmers and ranchers to travel to Caldwell or Mountain Home to receive FSA benefits from the Farm Service Agency.

The office consolidation plan was later shelved by the federal agency.

Owyhee County Planning and Zoning Commission voted to approve a conditional use permit for Wilke Farms with special conditions.

November

Voter turnout was low Nov. 8 in all major cities in Owyhee County, but those who did cast their ballots made sure some new faces will be seen in city council seats in Marsing and Homedale.

The election that did seem to draw in voters was for a commissioner in the Gem Irrigation District. David VanWassenhove lost his bid for another term to Elmon Thompson by 113 votes.

Marsing residents grieved the loss of two longtime residents who were killed in a vehicle accident on the night of Nov. 21. Dense fog was blamed for the accident on Highway 55 that caused the deaths of Eugene Jayo, 66, and Ben Panzeri, 68, when the 1989 Ford pickup Panzeri was driving went out of control near the Snake River Bridge and rolled.

"It was a huge loss," Marsing Mayor Don Osterhoudt said. "The community will feel this loss for a long time to come."

In a letter to the state executive director for the Farm Service Agency, Owyhee County commissioners adamantly disapproved of the proposed closure of the county FSA office in Marsing. But the commissioners' protest turned out to be unnecessary because the USDA abandoned the plan days earlier because of a lack of support in Congress. Sen. Mike Crapo (R-Idaho) was among the congressmen wanting to delay the closures.

County commissioners revived negotiations on the City of Homedale's impact area on Nov. 14 and requested that the city finalize the proposal to increase the impact area and schedule public hearings in conjunction with the county.

Information received before the commissioners' meeting suggested that talks had stalled because there was no dialogue

SEPTEMBER



Police find illegal drugs in van abandoned after in-town pursuit.

Homedale

DECEMBER



Terry Reilly Health Services grant helps children stay active.

Elementary school, Homedale

about the city taking over jurisdiction of planning and zoning ordinances in the impact area. But commissioners said that the city needs to present a map that shows the precise boundaries of the proposal so it can be forwarded to the county planning and zoning commission and the county prosecuting attorney before negotiations can continue.

Marsing used new technology to complete a large sewer project on Highway 55 and Kerry Street. Steam used to expand a vinyl liner used to repair the corroded sewer main created the illusion that there

was a large fire in town.

During a county commission meeting in October, Owyhee County Clerk Charlotte Sherburn announced that the county's legal advisor, Prosecuting Attorney Matthew Faulks, said paying salaries with revenue from 911 fees was legal. But Faulks, who did not attend the Oct. 24 meeting, said later that he was not speaking of a particular situation, but giving an opinion solely based on the Idaho Code.

Sherburn stated during a budget hearing in August that she had budgeted \$5,000 from 911 trust funds for salaries of

dispatchers. But during the October meeting she retracted that amount, saying it was only \$4,000 and it was used for Rural Addressing Coordinator Doug Cook, who was also an appraiser for the county. During the budget hearing, E-911 Coordinator Gary Aman questioned the legality of transferring trust fund monies for the purpose of salaries.

Lee Kliman, one of BLM Boise District's law enforcement rangers returned Oct. 26 from a month-long detail to assist with Hurricane Katrina recovery efforts in New Orleans. He was part of a 43-person law enforcement group that provided protection for 10 Red Cross disaster assistance sites. Red Cross officials requested protection after gunshots were heard and gangs began hanging around areas where the Disaster Relief Distribution Centers were set up. Red Cross officials handed out food, water, cleaning supplies and information about disinfecting homes and eradicating mold.

December

The Homedale Chamber of Commerce honored local troops with a "Welcome Home for the Holidays" Christmas parade. Chamber President Aaron Tines said the organization wanted to thank every service man and woman who has served in the Iraq war with a welcome home theme. A plaque to hold the names of service men and women also was unveiled.

A battery suspect arrested at a Homedale home in August was indicted on murder charges stemming from a summertime shooting in Nampa. Juan Benito Martinez, 27, of Caldwell was taken into custody on Aug. 22 at a home on the 600 block of Wyoming Avenue and charged with two Canyon County parole violation warrants and warrants from the Nampa Police Department for a parole violation and aggravated battery. When he was arrested in August, investigators would not confirm that Martinez was a person of interest in the Nampa murder case, but in December, Nampa Police Detective Don Peck said he was indicted by a grand jury on a charge of second-degree murder in the shooting death of Mario Torres, 31, of Caldwell. Torres was shot in August after a dispute with two men.

Martinez has been in the Canyon County jail in custody on unrelated charges since his arrest in Homedale in August.

Idaho BLM State Director K Lynn Bennett announced plans to retire from the BLM after 35 years of public service. Owyhee Initiative author Fred Grant said Bennett would be missed, but the change should not affect the final stages of the initiative, and

Sen. Mike Crapo (R-Idaho), who plans to represent the initiative in Washington D.C. when final legislation was drafted, agrees.

A 50-year-old Bruneau farmer Lyle Dean Merrick was killed in a farming accident on his ranch as he was loading hay bales onto a flat bed trailer.

Homedale City Councilman Kevin Barlow retained his council seat despite freely admitting he no longer lives within the city limits. And he said he had no intention to resign. Earlier, he had announced he would not seek another term because he was moving from the city.

According to city records, Barlow terminated his city water service on Dec. 1, but he stated during a council meeting that he really has not lived in the city limits since the end of November. He said Homedale Mayor Paul Fink approved of him staying on the council after checking with an attorney from the Association of Idaho Cities and approved him staying on the council.

It was learned that the Owyhee County Planning and Zoning Commission approved the facts and findings of a conditional use permit filed by Tom Wilke of Wilke Farms near Homedale on Nov. 23 with several stipulations.

Wilke filed an application for conditional use permit for a confined animal feeding operation to establish a dairy heifer feedlot on Johnstone Road south of Homedale

A Boise attorney for the Idaho Sheriffs Association said that the association was 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.

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

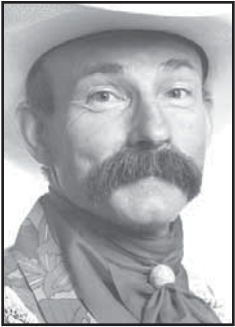
Grand View Mayor Paul Spang followed through on his pledge to appoint three people to the city council. Two of the people appointed by Spang -- Derren Frederick and Bill Lawrence -- were originally on the council. The third appointee, Roger Dillard, has no previous council experience.

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Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM

On the edge of common sense



LPOs

Agriculture, in the broad sense, is enjoying a renewed respect. Enrollment in Ag curriculum in universities has been increasing; Vo Ag classes and FFA memberships are thriving in spite of often apathetic or even hostile school administrations.

Anti-agricultural industries, including extremist “green” groups, animal rights loonies and even well-meaning but ill-informed obstructionists are being relegated to irrelevance. This change in the public’s attitude toward modern farming practices, including the use of herbicides, antibiotics, dewormers, growth stimulants, genetically modified foods, feedlot practices, hog confinement, poultry production and others, may be related to the condition of our world today.

A new world: at war with terrorists, on the lookout for bioterrorism, helpless against illegal immigration, battling the furious caprice of nature’s catastrophes, a country almost at war with itself politically, the continuing degradation of civility led by Hollywood and the growing realization that nothing is sacred to those who would sell your soul or their own for one last headline.

So where can a human turn to escape the dire warnings and savage threats that power down on us like raining fire? In the fairly stable world of agricultural marketing that includes, in part, chemicals, pharmaceuticals and western wear, four-wheelers, tractors and seeds, a new segment of the buying public is being recognized. They are called LPOs — Large Property Owners. The name is a bit oxymoronic in that these people own five to 40 acres. They are defined as urban people going back to the land. They are folks with good jobs, a desire to raise their children closer to nature, and they’ve got no grandpa’s farm to go home to.

They buy a lamb, steer, rabbits or horses, a bush hog, a tractor, a pickup, fencing, steel panels and gates. They enroll their kids in 4-H. They try gardening. They trade monolithic malls for green grass, trees, horsehair, sunsets and county fairs. And of course, they learn the hard way, through drought and sweat and heartache and backache, what farming can be like. But, they also get a taste of that sweet satisfaction, that soul-deep comfort, that intimate relationship with nature that comes from working the land.

Now they look at their neighbor down the road who has a dairy, or grows the corn or runs steers, through different eyes.

So to those of you many farmers and ranchers who make the weighty decision to sell your place to developers, if it’s any consolation, many of your buyers may be LPOs. And, to our benefit, they want to be part of 21st century agriculture. And that ain’t all bad.

Wayne Cornell

Not important ... *but possibly of interest*



His obituary said he died of a massive heart attack at age 63. It said he had spent the past 20 years in the trucking business and was loved by his family. The notice also mentioned that at one time he was the leader of a band. But it couldn’t describe what a profound effect James Richard Cates had on a lot of lives, including mine.

The band was called “The Chessmen.” Between 1960 and 1966, the Chessmen were one of the premier rock and roll groups in the region. Darrell Francke, on lead guitar, was among the best at his craft. Daryl Jacobs could send chills down your spine with his saxophone. But the trademark of the group was its leader.

His build leaned a little toward pudgy. His black hair, slicked back in a duck tail, was always perfectly combed. No matter how dark the dance hall, he always wore sunglasses. The rumor (probably false) was that the “shades” were necessary because his eyes were extremely sensitive to normal light. But the most memorable thing about Dick Cates was his voice.

When it came to local rock and roll singers, nobody could match Cates’ pure tenor tones. Many of us believed even Mark Lindsay, lead singer for Paul Revere and the Raiders, couldn’t stay with Cates voice-wise. The nearest competition was rock legend Roy Orbison. If Dick and Roy had sung the same song in the same style, it would have been tough to tell one from the other. In fact, I suspect Cates probably patterned his style (including the dark glasses) after Orbison.

I was a junior in high school when I attended my first Dick Cates dance. The Chessmen played every Friday night at the Miramar Ballroom, on Fairview Avenue in Boise. But most of our group had Canyon County ties, so we went to the Saturday

night Chessman dance at the Caldwell IOOF Hall — an activity I tried to hide from my parents for some time.

The “Eye Double-O F Stomp” had a reputation — at least partially deserved — as a place where the “toughs” hung out. If you were dancing, or simply watching from the sidelines, and someone bumped into you, it was usually in your best interests to act as if nothing had happened. Looking for the source of the bump was an invitation for a fist in the nose. But in those days the fights, while relatively common, did not escalate to guns and knives as they do today. Usually, the altercations were of so little consequence that the band never stopped playing.

In the mid-1960s the Stomp moved to a Caldwell dance hall known as the Cinnamon Cinder. It was there, on a Saturday night in April 1965 that I met a brown-eyed girl. We slow-danced to “The Night Life Ain’t No Good Life” and “Harlem Nocturne,” and fought exhaustion during Dick Cates’ patented marathon rendition of “What’d I Say.”

Now Dick Cates is gone. His “rock and roll phase” was a very small part of his life. But I suspect nothing Dick did in his 63 years affected as many people as did the six years he spent in front of a microphone doing Roy Orbison as well as Roy Orbison could do it.

If there hadn’t been a Dick Cates and the Chessmen, it is quite likely I would not have met the woman who has been my partner in life for nearly 40 years. And we would not have had three darling daughters. There would not have been the 2½-year-old granddaughter who brightens our lives every day. And I suspect there are dozens — probably hundreds — of others in my age group who were pointed down a particular path in life by encounters at those weekend dances.

Letter to the editor

Solution to deadly stretch of road is necessary, affordable

During the week of Nov. 22-29, 2005, I, along with many other friends, attended the funeral of two of Marsing’s stalwarts, Benny Panzeri and Gene Jayo. They died on a narrow stretch of road on Highway 55 just west of Lizard Butte.

Highway 55 and Highway 95, five miles each direction from the ION Truck Stop, are both very narrow and dangerous roads. For years, this stretch of road has been a place of injury and death. The road is narrow, and there is no room for a solid shoulder, accident escapement is limited. This area is frequently traveled by fruit tractors, sprayers, school buses and semi-trucks. The combination of these elements with the local traffic and the traffic of unfamiliar highway users from California and Nevada (semi-trucks included) has produced one of Idaho’s most dangerous stretches of road.

The Idaho Transportation Department, Office of Highway Safety reports that since 1990 the number of total injuries on Highway 55, from the junction of Highway 95 to the Nampa-Caldwell Boulevard, exceeds 4,800 — 173 of those have been incapacitating injuries or deaths. This report details only half of the road system in question.

When I contacted the transportation department concerning the advancement of this road system, they notified me that there are 13 different agencies, including the historical society, Environmental Protection Agency, Army Corps of Engineers, etc., that must sign-off on an improvement before construction could begin.

For years now, deaths have continued, and no improvements have been made. The current excuse given to me for the poor condition of Highway 55 through Sunnyslope is that there are some water head gates that have historical value, and improvements would alter their condition. The poor conditions along Highway 95 are

ostensibly due to the protection of an endangered plant called spotted peppergrass. These would be only minor losses versus the lives of the people killed.

In 1978, when I moved to Marsing, I wrote to the transportation department, inquiring about when Highway 55 would be improved. The department’s letter in reply stated two years. A friend, Raymond Taylor, who lived on the north end of Lizard Butte, used to laugh when they surveyed his property to widen Highway 55, saying, “They will never change this road in my lifetime. He was right. Ironically, he was killed on the aforementioned Highway 55 in an automobile accident resulting from the poor road conditions.

I propose a long-term solution. The transportation department could take Highway 95 straight north of the ION Truck Stop and intersect with Interstate 84. On the other side, Highway 55 could run east of Sommer Camp Road and intersect with Interstate 84 at about the Blacks Creek rest area. Not only would this improve local traffic conditions and enhance the road itself, it would also alleviate some of southern Ada and Canyon counties’ congestion problems.

I have witnessed first-hand the injury and death that happens on these two narrow highways. The only link between the Boise Valley and California and Nevada is this dangerous road system.

With the current fuel tax ranging from 43.4 cents per gallon on gas to 49.4 cents per gallon on diesel fuel, this proposal seems affordable, manageable and necessary.

If we can build the interstate with a 5-cent fuel tax, why can’t we fix these roads, especially after our Gov. Dirk Kempthorne just passed a \$15.1 billion bond?

Golden Millet
Marsing

Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

50 years ago

January 5, 1956

Dec. building permits total only \$2900

Only four building permits totaling \$2900 were granted during December, according to John Upton, city building inspector.

Permits were: Clara Carson, Colorado avenue, 12x15 rear porch, \$400.

John Echevarria, Fletcher addition, 20x20 garage, \$300.

George Woodburn, California avenue, enlarge garage 12x14, \$200.

Mark Stimmell, Wyoming avenue, three room home with bath, 22x28, \$2,000.

Eismann resigns as Owyhee County attorney

Richard B. Eismann has resigned as Owyhee County prosecuting attorney effective Saturday, January 7 to devote full time to private practice. Judge Oliver Koelsch has appointed Lloyd McClintick, Nampa, Canyon county prosecuting attorney, to act as temporary Owyhee County prosecuting attorney.

Mr. Eismann graduated from the University of Oregon in the spring of 1949 and set up practice here in November, 1949. He was elected Owyhee County prosecuting attorney in November, 1950, and took office in January 1951. He has served two and a half terms.

He served with the navy in World War II. He is licensed to practice either in Idaho or Oregon.

Mr. Eismann is a descendant of a pioneer farming family of the Willamette valley.

Trojans edge out 47-45 verdict over Middleton

The Homedale Trojans made accuracy at the free throw line pay off Tuesday night, squeezing out a 47-45 verdict over the Middleton Vikings in a Snake River Valley B-league game on the local court.

Junior Uranga tossed in a field goal from 10-feet out with seven seconds left in the game to give Homedale the win, after Middleton had led throughout most of the game.

The junior varsity lost to Middleton 56-36 in the preliminary game.

Highway district to oil roads

Highway commissioners of the Homedale highway district made plans at their regular meeting Wednesday night to oil six miles of roads. The oiling will be equally divided between the three commissioner district of Roy McKague, Howard Carpenter and Gerald Parker.

McKague and Carpenter consolidated their allotment of two miles per district and will oil the road which is the dividing line between subdistrict No. 2 and 3, one mile east and three miles west of the Oley Anderson corner two miles south of Homedale.

Two miles will be oiled north of the P. G. Batt corner in Owyhee Heights.

Work of oiling these roads will start sometime about the middle of July and will be completed as soon as possible.

On typographical errors

The editor of a small town newspaper, when taken to task because of an error in his newspaper, came up with this answer:

“Yes, we know there were some errors in last week’s newspaper. We will further agree that there were some errors in the issue the week before. But before bawling us out too unmercifully about it, we want to call your attention to these facts – in an ordinary newspaper column there are 10,000 letters, and there are seven possible wrong position for each letter, making 70,000 chances to make errors and several million chances for mistakes. Did you know that in the sentence, “To be or not to be,” by transpositions alone, 2,759,022 errors can be made? Now aren’t you sorry you got so mad about that little mistake last week? Jerome Northside News.

138 years ago

December 28, 1867

EDITORS – An exchange draws the following vivid picture of an editor:

An editor’s qualifications are various. It is to work harder, more hours in the day, with less recreation, on less sleep and poorer pay than any of our fellow mortals. It is to be busy when your neighbors are idle, busier when they sleep, and busiest when they are enjoying a good time. It is to be always in a hurry, always under a press of business, always “setting up” when other are lying down, and always charitably “distributing” the results of our daily labor. It is to have your opinions always put to “proof,” and seldom into practice. It is to advertise other people’s wants, wishes and wares; to announce facilities for pleasure; to herald the approach of diseases and the invention of cures for them; to make known who has been robbed, how much, where, who is the robber, his personal history, his trial, sentence, and its execution. It is to receive nice fruit and notice it, to be shown natural curiosities and describe the, to be everywhere at all times and to be able to answer all questions on all subjects. It is to publish too much sentiment for one, too much politics for another, and too little news for all. It is to make a dozen enemies to one friend, and to be pitched into by anybody who chooses to consider himself aggrieved. It is to take complimentary tickets to every-thing and pay for them in complimentary notices. It is to be bored by friends suggesting how you should carry on your business and bullied by those whom you have hit in vulnerable spots. It is a life of mingled good and ill trial and triumph never ending toil and never beginning felicity, wherein you work out your allotted time with the “devil” always at your elbow, calling for sole end in this life – a little more copy.

CELEBRATING CHRISTMAS. People have divers notions concerning the manner in which Christmas should be celebrated. Nearly all agree no labor should be performed on that eventful day – the anniversary of our Savior’s birth. Some consider it proper to cloth themselves in sack-cloth and ashes, go hungry and pray; others are of the opinion that the only right way is to stuff themselves with all kinds of luxuries and nick-nacks, that, if kept up for two weeks would send them to the grave forthwith; while another, and the most numerous class of all, think that the best way to commemorate the birth of the meek and lowly Jesus is to drink plenty of whisky and get as drunk as possible; yet another class consider that a variety is necessary in the make-up of a Christmas celebration and have what is called a “good time generally.” Well, as all these classes acted according to their own tastes, we presume that the affair passed off as creditably here as anywhere else.

PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE. Next Wednesday is the beginning of 1868. The past has been an eventful year in the history of Owyhee. One year ago the prospect was dark and gloomy, work was suspended on nearly all of the mines and not a mill was running; now a large number of mines are being worked and nine mills are in operation nearly all the time. Large amounts of bullion are being shipped to the mints. There is no excitement, business is lively, people are cheerful, and labor is in good demand. In taking an impartial view of matters and things during the past, we are led to the conclusion that the dark days of Owyhee are over; its progress for the better during the last six months being almost unrivaled in the history of mining camps. One of the most noticeable and commendable features of which is that most of the mines now worked are paying all expenditures, besides affording handsome profits to their owners. If improvement be as great in ’68 as it has been in ’67 our mines will be unrivaled by any in the world.

NEW STAGE STATION. The traveling public will be pleased to learn that Hill Beachey has put in a new station on his stage line at the mouth of Ives Canon, twelve

miles from Rattlesnake and ten from Summit Springs. It is called “Battle Creek Station,” and is a picturesque location surrounded by lofty and rugged mountains. The canon opens out into a beautiful valley which produces a good quality of hay in abundance. Battle Creek affords a plentiful supply of excellent water and is literally alive with trout. We are informed that ranching will be carried on extensively there – on of the main features of which will be a large apple orchard, which will be planted in the spring. A house, stabling &c., are already built. It is a night station and our friend Ed. Cage keeps the hotel.

THE CHRISTMAS TREE. A majority of the people in town were present at the Festival held in Mechanics’ Hall on Christmas Eve. It was essentially a season of real, genuine enjoyment for the young folks. The tree occupied the center of the back end of the hall. It presented a beautiful and picturesque appearance, being brilliantly illuminated with numerous little waxen tapers, and heavily laden with gifts for the expectant children, who occupied the hall on one side of the tree, and the Owyhee Choir the opposite, while old Santa Clause with frosted beard and clad with furs, marched in and took up his position directly in front. The choir sung several appropriate pieces as also did the Sunday School children; after which Santa Claus (Judge Watson) addressed the young audience, and the distribution of the fruit of the tree commenced. There was probably not a child present but was the recipient of some fit. It seemed as if every store in town had been ransacked to obtain articles for the occasion. Santa Claus enlivened the presentation with a number of neat and suitable speeches. Some of his hits were admirable, as several young ladies and gentlemen who were present can testify. The young folks retired to their homes that night, no doubt feeling happier than at any time during the past year.

THE BALL for the benefit of the Sunday School Christmas Festival came off last Saturday evening as per announced. There was a large attendance of both children and old folks. It was a pleasant affair; joy and gladness reigned supreme. It was indeed a charming sight to see the little youths and maidens engaged in the graceful evolutions of the dance. Everybody got home just in the nick of time to be innocent of the charge of breaking the Sabbath. Thanks to the committee of arrangements for complimentary tickets.

TREASURE SHIPMENT. Wells Fargo & Co.’s shipment of bullion from this place to San Francisco during the present month, December, amounts to \$105,000, all the product of Owyhee, being an increase of \$35,000 over that of last month, and nearly twelve times as much as was shipped from here in December, ’66, which was only \$9,386. These figures speak for themselves. Next month the shipment will probably foot up \$120,000 and keep increasing, till a year hence, when we are confident our mines will produce a million dollars per month.

RAILROAD MEETING. Don’t forget the Railroad meeting to-day. It commences at 3 o’clock, at the Owyhee Exchange. Let there be a large attendance. The call, which has been published n all the papers of the Territory, require the number of delegates from each County equal to double its number of members in the last Legislature, so that if the representation by full 66 will be the whole number of delegates in the Convention, which is to meet at Boise City on Monday, Jan. 6, 1868. Boise County will have twenty-four, Owyhee and Ada eight each, Alturas six, Oneida four, and the remaining Counties sixteen.

LECTURE. Go to the Mechanics’ Hall to-night and hear Judge Watson’s lecture on “the Government, the Constitution, and the Great Men of the Republic.” The Judge is a talented speaker, and this lecture cannot fail in being both instructive and entertaining. Price of admission, one dollar, currency; lecture begins at half past seven.

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OWYHEE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES DECEMBER 12, 2005

Present were Commissioner Tolmie, Reynolds, and Salove, Clerk Sherburn, Treasurer Richards, Assessor Endicott, Sheriff Aman, Jim Desmond and Fred Grant.

The Board amended the agenda to include: re-hire in sheriff's department, Contract with Ford Credit, and Resolution on Recreation Task Force.

The Board approved the pay rate and accruals for the re-hire of a jailer position.

The Board approved certificates of residency for students attending CSI.

The Board approved tax cancellations on parcel No's RP 04S01E306300 and RP B0420001009B.

The Board moved to adopt Resolution 05-42 Recreation Task Force.

The Board approved the work order for Idaho Power to serve the job trailer at the Homedale Tipping Station.

The Board reviewed the NRC recommendation on the ESA.

The Board approved a letter to SWDH on the post closure of Rimrock Landfill.

The Board approved the application to Sage for a grant to complete the interior of the community center facility in the museum complex.

The Board approved the contract with Ford Credit on the purchase of the Sheriff's new vehicles.

The Board called an executive session on a Planning & Zoning issue. The matter will be turned over to the Prosecuting Attorney.

The Board approved Indigent & Charity Case No. 05-53 with a reimbursement agreement signed.

The Board approved the minutes for the last meeting.

There being no further business the Board moved to adjourn.

The complete minutes can be viewed in the Clerk's office.

s.s/Harold Tolmie
Attest s.s/Charlotte Sherburn
12/28/05

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

CITY OF HOMEDALE ORDINANCE 355

AN ORDINANCE TO VACATE A PORTION OF PLATTED SOUTH 1ST STREET EAST, SOUTH OF THE POINT OF INTERSECTION WITH EAST UTAH AVENUE TO SUNSET TRAILER PARK PROPERTY, ORIGINAL TOWNSITE PLATE, CITY OF HOMEDALE, OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO;

DETERMINING THAT THE VACATION OF SUCH STREET IS IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF AND ADVANTAGEOUS TO THE CITY OF HOMEDALE AND ITS CITIZENS AND PROPERTY OWNERS; DETERMINING THAT NO DAMAGE WILL BE SUSTAINED BY THE CITIZENS OR PROPERTY OWNERS OF THE CITY OF HOMEDALE BY REASON OF THE VACATION OF SUCH PORTION OF PLATTED STREET SHALL REVERT TO THE OWNER OR OWNERS OF ADJACENT REAL ESTATE SUBJECT TO ALL EXISTING EASEMENTS AND RIGHTS-OF-WAY FOR CITY WATER MAINS AND LINES, ELECTRIC POWER POLES, LINES, AND ANCHORS, TELEPHONE LINES, POLES AND ANCHORS AND NATURAL GAS MAINS AND LINES; AND FURTHER EXPRESSLY RESERVING UNTO THE CITY OF HOMEDALE, IDAHO, RIGHTS-OF-WAY ACROSS SUCH VACATED PORTION OF STREET FOR EACH AND ALL OF THE ABOVE SPECIFIED PURPOSES; AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES AND PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HERewith:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HOMEDALE, IDAHO:

Section 1: PURPOSE: It is hereby declared that a portion of Platted Street consisting of South 1st Street East, South of the point of intersect with East Utah Avenue to Sunset Trailer Park Property, Original Townsite Plat of the City of Homedale, Owyhee County, Idaho, is not necessary for the use of the City of Homedale and that it is in the best interests of the surrounding land owners and to the advantage of the City of Homedale that the City vacate said portion of street. It is further determined by the City of Homedale that the City vacate said portion of street. It is further determined by the City of Homedale that the City vacate said portion of street. It is further determined by the City of Homedale that there will be no damage sustained by the City of Homedale, or by the citizens or property owners of the City of Homedale by reason of vacation of said portion of alley.

Section 2: VACATION OF PORTION OF PLATTED STREET: It is hereby declared that the platted alley consisting of South 1st Street East, South of the point of intersect with East Utah Avenue to Sunset Trailer Park Property, Original Townsite Plat, City of Homedale, Owyhee County, Idaho, shall be vacated. It is further determined that the title to the above described vacated portion of platted street shall revert to the owner or owners of adjacent real property; provided, however, that the title reverting to the adjacent property owners shall be subject to all of the existing easements and rights-of-way for the City water mains and lines, electrical power poles, lines and anchors, telephone lines, poles

and anchors, and natural gas lines and the right-of-way to the City of Homedale across such vacated portion of platted alley for all of the above described purposes, and for the maintenance of those items.

Section 3: All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

PASSED BY THE HOMEDALE CITY COUNCIL on this 14th day of December, 2005.

APPROVED BY THE MAYOR, CITY OF HOMEDALE, on this 14th day of December, 2005.

/s/Paul J. Fink, Mayor
ATTEST: /s/Susan Mansisor,
City Clerk
12/28/05

CITY OF HOMEDALE ORDINANCE 354

AN ORDINANCE TO VACATE A PORTION OF PLATTED ALLEY CONSISTING OF BLOCK 4 OF THE KERSHNER ADDITION, RUNNING NORTH AND SOUTH DIVIDING LOTS 1-6 AND LOT 7, ORIGINAL PLAT, CITY OF HOMEDALE, OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO;

DETERMINING THAT THE VACATION OF SUCH ALLEY IS IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF AND ADVANTAGEOUS TO THE CITY OF HOMEDALE AND ITS CITIZENS AND PROPERTY OWNERS; DETERMINING THAT NO DAMAGE WILL BE SUSTAINED BY THE CITIZENS OR PROPERTY OWNERS OF THE CITY OF HOMEDALE BY REASON OF THE VACATION OF SUCH PORTION OF ALLEY; PROVIDING THAT THE TITLE TO THE ABOVE VACATED PORTION OF PLATTED ALLEY SHALL REVERT TO THE OWNER OR OWNERS OF ADJACENT REAL ESTATE SUBJECT TO ALL EXISTING EASEMENTS AND RIGHTS-OF-WAY FOR CITY WATER MAINS AND LINES; ELECTRIC POWER POLES, LINES, AND ANCHORS, TELEPHONE LINES, POLES AND ANCHORS AND NATURAL GAS MAINS AND LINES; AND FURTHER EXPRESSLY RESERVING UNTO THE CITY OF HOMEDALE, IDAHO, RIGHTS-OF-WAY ACROSS SUCH VACATED PORTION OF ALLEY FOR EACH AND ALL OF THE ABOVE SPECIFIED PURPOSES; AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES AND PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HERewith:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HOMEDALE, IDAHO:

Section 1: PURPOSE: It is hereby declared that a portion of Platted Alley consisting of Block 4 of the Kershner Addition, running north and south dividing Lots 1-6 and Lot 7, Original Plat of the City of Homedale, Owyhee County, Idaho, is not necessary for the use of the City of Homedale and that it is in the best interests of the surrounding land owners and to the advantage of the City of Homedale that the City vacate said portion of alley. It is further determined by the City of Homedale that there will be no damage sustained by the City of Homedale, or by the citizens or property owners of the City of Homedale by reason of vacation of said portion of alley.

Section 2: VACATION OF PORTION OF PLATTED ALLEY: It is hereby declared that the platted alley consisting of Block 4 of the Kershner Addition, running north and south, dividing

Lots 1-6 and Lot 7, Original Plat, City of Homedale, Owyhee County, Idaho, shall be vacated. It is further determined that the title to the above described vacated portion of platted alley shall revert to the owner or owners of adjacent real property; provided, however, that the title reverting to the adjacent property owners shall be subject to all of the existing easements and rights-of-way for the City water mains and the right-of-way to the City of Homedale across such vacated portion of platted alley for all of the above described purposes, and for the maintenance of those items.

Section 3: All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

PASSED BY THE HOMEDALE CITY COUNCIL on this 17th day of December, 2005.

APPROVED BY THE MAYOR, CITY OF HOMEDALE, on this 17th day of December, 2005.

/s/Paul J. Fink, Mayor
ATTEST: /s/Susan Mansisor,
City Clerk
12/28/05

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
OWYHEE 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

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 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

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 OWYHEE 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

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 OWYHEE County Source GROUND WATER
Point(s) of Diversion SESW S36 T06S R01W OWYHEE 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 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

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 7th 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 7th 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. The sale is made without
representation, warranty or
covenant of any kind.(TS#
7307.21769) 1002.49918-FEI
12/7,14,21,28/05

**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 trust 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
Carmen Herrera, Asst. Trustee
Sale Officer ASAP 737207
12/14,21,28/05;1/4/06

**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
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A copy of the Summons and
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If you wish legal assistance,
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an attorney to advise you in this
matter.

DATED this 15th 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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Services: 10:00 am
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Church school 9:45

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Marsing
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Sunday school 10 am-10:55am
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Wednesday evening 6pm-7pm
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Bishop Streibel
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Sunday 2nd Ward 12:30pm
Primary 11am

First Presbyterian Church
Homedale
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Pastor Marianne Paul
Sunday Morning Worship 11am
Sunday School 11am

Iglesia Bautista
Palabra de Esperanza
Homedale
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Pastor Jose Diaz
Servicios: Los Domingos 11:00 am

Crossroads Assembly of God
Wilder
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Sunday Morning Worship 11am
Sunday Evening Worship 6pm
Wed. Bible Study 7pm

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Homedale
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Pastor: John Beck
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Worship Services: 10:45
Wednesday CLC: 3:15

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Wilder
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Sunday Service 11am
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Wed. Eve. 7:00pm



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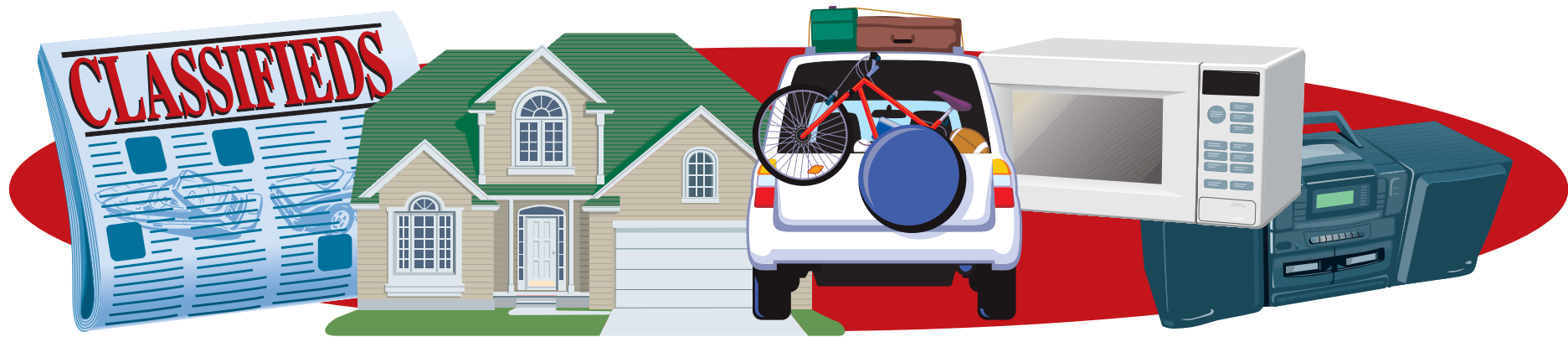
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Pastor Rick Sherrow
Sunday School 10am
Sunday Worship 11am & 6 pm

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337-5021
Sunday School 10am
Sunday Morning Worship 11am
Sunday Evening 7pm
Thursday Evening 7:30pm

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