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## Flood costs surpass \$1.5M

### Damage reports continue

Work to determine the exact amount of damage done to Owyhee County by a New Year's flood continued last week, and the preliminary assessment puts the price tag at more than \$1.5 million.

Officials said that if a federal declaration of disaster is made, the county would be reimbursed for the bulk of the costs.

Owyhee County Sheriff Gary Aman, who serves as the county's emergency services coordinator, told commissioners at their Monday meeting in Murphy that an assessment has been submitted to the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

Officials from several agencies, including FEMA and Homeland Security, toured the county with Aman to view the damage first-hand.

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## Staying in step



### In training

*Homedale kindergarteners Lainey Johnson, left, and Lena Metcalf make sure they're on the same page with a Homedale High School cheerleader during a recent halftime performance at a boys basketball game. Lainey and Lena were two participants in the Trojans' mini-cheerleading camp for future cheerleaders. Photo by Gregg Garrett*

## Low enrollment could open school doors in Homedale

### Public meeting tonight to discuss proposal

Because of a "significant" drop in the number of students coming into Homedale School District, a policy review committee and schools Superintendent Tim Rosandick have proposed allowing an open enrollment policy at all of its schools.

During a Jan. 9 school board meeting, trustees approved a first reading of the policy, which is a modification of the current policy. The district encourages parents and patrons to attend an informational meeting at 7 tonight at the district office, 116 E. Owyhee Ave., to provide input on the proposed changes.

"At this time, we want to know what the public wants and where their interests lie. That is the focus of the meeting," Rosandick said.

Rosandick said Friday that the reason for the proposed changes is "economics."

"We have experienced over the last couple of years significant drop in enrollment and, based

### Public meeting

**What:** Open enrollment policy in Homedale schools

**When:** 7 p.m. today

**Where:** Homedale School District office, 116 E. Owyhee Ave.

on my calculations, it adds up to about 2 percent," Rosandick said. "Our funding is based on the amount of kids who attend or are enrolled in school. We report any child who attends regardless of where they reside."

Several months ago, the school board created a committee to review various policies in the district. Committee members have made a recommendation that will modify the current policy so that a limited number of students from outside the district's boundaries can apply for enrollment in Homedale schools. Currently, no out-of-district students can be admitted without a policy variance. The new policy would open the doors to the schools and

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### Ouch!

*Taser instructor Rob Cook demonstrates the effects of a taser gun on Homedale Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller as officers Mike McFetridge and Andrew Hoagland assist him.*

## Homedale Police adds tasers to weapon list

Homedale Police Department has added a new weapon to its force after local businesses and private parties donated enough money for the purchase of electrical taser guns.

Jacksons Food Stores, Flahiff's Funeral Chapel, Filler King and private donations brought in about \$4,000 for the department to purchase one taser gun for each of its six full-time officers. The guns are assigned to the patrol car so a reserve officer has access to the weapon if he has the vehicle.

Each officer had to endure a 4-hour course last week to become user-certified, and the curriculum included getting a taste of the taser.

"It totally immobilizes you," Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller said after receiving a charge from the gun. "We have to know what it feels like if we are going to effectively use them. They are very effective."

The device, called a Taser M26, delivers 50,000 volts of electricity to barbed prongs, which when shot

into a subject become difficult to remove. The electrical charge overrides a subject's motor and sensory nervous systems. But the gun can also be used as a stun gun for direct electrical charge.

"With the current increase in violent crime throughout the state of Idaho and the lack of financial resources to support increased police personnel, the department must look to alternative methods of increasing police efficiency,"

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# A bit of history up for grabs at Melba auction

Antique furniture among the lots up for bid Saturday at annual event

The town of Melba will come alive this weekend during the annual community charity auction on Saturday.

The auction will be held at 10 a.m. at Melba High School, and the community has drawn together to collect a huge variety of items to be put on the block.

Some of the lots are used or antique furniture. An anonymous donor has given a piano, dating to the early 1900s, that was made by the Hardman Peck & Co. of New York — the first patent is 1880. It was sold by Yohn Brothers in Harrisburg, Penn.

Char Brace, owner of Lazy Butte Antiques on Idaho 45 near Melba, donated a collection of tables, pictures, doll cradles and an old vanity with a bench. She also has a large solid walnut dining table with interesting legs.

Another interesting and unusual item is an antique lard press from the Enterprise Manufacturing Co. given by the Frisch family. Early pioneer Henry Klusmeier gave it to Mrs. Frisch in the early 1940s.

Another historic item of interest is a calendar from the Caddy Food Market from the 1950s. It comes from the Lawrence and Irene Lee estate and was donated by Marilyn Metcalf. It features a picture with roses and a thermometer.

There will be several fishing and hunting trips available for bid.

The Sinker Creek Outfitters owner Paul Nettleton is donating a trail ride to Silver City and an overnight stay for two, which will include a room, dinner and breakfast at the historic Idaho Hotel operated by Roger and Jerri Nelson.

There is also a Sierra Del Ray one-day catch-and-release fishing trip for three people.

Also, a one-day catch-and-release fishing trip to the Orndorff Ranch for three people.



### Antique appliance

*This old lard press, donated to the Melba Community Charity Auction, was originally given to the Frisch family by pioneer Henry Klusmier in the 1940s.*

Joe Romero is working on a pheasant hunt for two for one day and requiring a week's notice by the purchaser.

This year, a separate drawing will be held for two pigs donated by Ronnie Cleverly to be butchered with cut and wrapping by Wakefield Meats.

A gun collection has been donated and includes a 6.5 Japanese conversion, a Hawes 12-gauge bolt-action shotgun, a Savage 12-gauge semi-automatic Model 124C. Also, there is a .22 caliber Marlin Ranger single shot as well as pistols such as a Hawes .22 Magnum single-six, a Hawes long rifle single-six and another Hawes .22 single action.

Of course, there is the usual array of fancywork, woodworks, birdhouses, quilts and candy

Food concessions that will be available at the auction include the famous chicken and noodles, hamburgers, chili, potato salad and drinks, as well as pies and cakes.



### Piano from the past

*An anonymous donor provided this antique piano dating to the 1900s as an item for the annual Melba Community Charity Auction, which will take place at 10 a.m. Saturday at Melba High School. The piano was built by Hardman Peck & Co. of New York.*



### Lot of guns

*Shotguns and pistols will be among the items on the auction block Saturday for the annual Melba Auction at Melba High School. This lot of firearms includes a 6.5 Japanese conversion, a Hawes 12-gauge bolt-action shotgun, a Savage 12-gauge semi-automatic Model 124C. Also, there is a .22 caliber Marlin Ranger single shot as well as pistols such as, left to right in front, a Hawes .22 Magnum single-six, a Hawes long rifle single-six and another Hawes .22 single action. Submitted photo*

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# Signs of the times



### Finishing touch

After more than 50 years, the sign out front of Marsing Hardware and Pump came down Friday and was replaced with a modern fixture. **Right:** Boise resident Jay Karel of Lytle Signs Co. guides the old “Hardware and Gifts” signs to the ground after disconnecting it from the Main Street facing of the building. The sign, which originally said “Hotpoint” according to Roy Herman — the son of original store owner Ray Herman, was lowered on to a trailer; and current store owner Chris Salove said it would be preserved. **Top:** Karel, who was working with fellow Lytle employee JT Hamby, also of Boise, prepares the new True Value sign for placement. The sign was fabricated in Lytle’s shop in Twin Falls and shipped to the Treasure Valley. After a month-long renovation, Marsing Hardware re-opened its doors Saturday.



# Irrigation districts plan special meetings

The Gem Irrigation, Ridgeview Irrigation districts and the South Board of Control will hold special meetings during the next week to continue an executive session that abruptly ended during a regular meeting earlier this month. Each meeting will be held at the South Board of Control Office at 118 W. 1<sup>st</sup> St. South in Homedale and will begin at 1 p.m. The Ridgeview Irrigation board will meet on Friday, followed by the Gem Irrigation board meeting on Monday and the South Board

meeting on Tuesday. A South Board of Control meeting held on Jan. 3, never came out of session as some board members unexpectedly left while in executive session over a personnel issue. Next week’s meeting is a continuation of that executive session.

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# Possible contract changes worry seniors

## Overflow crowd gathers in Wilder for informational meeting

Senior citizens from across the Lower Snake River Valley are feeling left behind and say they do not accept proposed changes by the Southwest Idaho Area Agency on Aging to convert their senior centers’ popular family-style food service into pre-packaged or frozen meals.

About 90 seniors from Homedale, Marsing, Emmett, Payette and New Plymouth attended a meeting held in Weiser on Wednesday that nearly took an ugly turn.

Homedale Senior Citizens Center Coordinator Shirley McAbee and about 10 other seniors from the Homedale area traveled to Weiser for the meeting. Originally scheduled to be held at

the Sage Community Resources office, the gathering had to be moved Weiser City Council Chambers at City Hall when too many people showed up. Still, the council chambers were filled to capacity and some had to wait outside.

“That’s when things got bad,” McAbee said. “They were told they could hold the meeting at the senior center because it would hold about 200 people, but they refused. They said they only expected the director of the center and a member of the board. But they sent a letter that said it was an informational meeting targeted for seniors, senior centers, their boards and local officials. Then they would not even let us speak. All of our questions had to be written, and some of them they didn’t even read.”

Sage Community Resources-Southwest Idaho Area on Aging has posted a request for bids for several services, including chore services, congregate nutrition services, dental services, grandparents-as-parents counseling, health promotions, home-delivered nutrition services, homemaker services, legal assistance, outreach and transportation services. Areas to be served include Owyhee,

Canyon, Elmore, Ada, Adams, Boise, Gem, Payette, Valley and Washington counties.

Linda Walter, Sage Community Resources’ administrative and special project coordinator, said the meeting was strictly informational and not required by Sage Community Resources-Southwest Idaho Area on Aging. She said the contracts are required to be bid every four years and will not be awarded until late March.

“They weren’t public hearings. They were information meetings so the seniors and their boards could be aware of what we are up against,” Walter said. “The bottom line is there are more seniors now and the funding has not increased. We are trying to serve more seniors with the same amount of funds that we have had in the last several years.

“Things might change or things might not change. Services probably will because we can’t serve as many meals with the same amount of funding.”

But she said even if the agency cuts the amount of days meals can be served, the centers can operate as many days as they choose, but without the state funding.

Walter said if bids come in at more than \$2.50 per meal — the cost of a meal now — the agency will accept the most reasonable bid. She said it might mean cutbacks on the number of meals for which the agency pays.

“For instance, if we receive a bid that says we can provide a frozen meal for \$3 compared to a bid at \$6, to serve more seniors, we would probably have to go with the \$3,” Walter said. “But we don’t know what the bids are going to be, so we cannot predict what we will have to do. We are not necessarily going with the cheapest, we are going with the best to serve as many people as we can.”

Services are to be provided from April 1, 2006, until Dec. 31, 2008. The Elderly Opportunity Agency’s (EOA) contract for those services expired on Dec. 31. Nettie Bain, executive director for EOA, said the re-bid was expected because contracts are renewed for two-year terms, but she said the changes in service were a surprise.

“We understand that they, Southwest Idaho Area on Aging, are committed to only serving frozen and pre-packaged foods to our seniors,” Bain said. “They tried this in Nyssa, and their attendance dropped from 13 meals to three. Seniors are not going to pay the amount they are donating now for a meal that is pre-packaged or frozen. These people are elderly. Most are on special diets. This does not even come close to their needs.”

McAbee said about 700 people in Homedale are fed each month at the center or through the Meals

on Wheels program. She said that sometimes the only human contact an elderly person has is when the Meals on Wheels delivery person brings dinner to the door.

State funding pays for a maximum of 84 Meals on Wheels meals per month for each senior center. Homedale serves about twice as many, and officials said those above the threshold are paid for by funds collected by the center.

“If we have to cut out the Meals on Wheels program, it makes me sick to think of what will happen to those people,” McAbee said. “We are all some of them have.”

Last year, lawmakers left many senior programs without new money, and this year Gov. Dirk Kempthorne only allotted about half of what the state aging agency requested. The seniors worry that this year’s legislative session will bring more of the same.

“Because of the budget, we have not been able to pay the centers since September of last year,” Bain said. “They have actually been taking care of themselves right now and still are able to operate. But why should they have to?”

“These are our parents and grandparents. It is up to us in society to help take care of them. It is up to our governments to take care of them.”

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## Hearing planned for Homedale’s proposed state land purchase

The City of Homedale is hoping to purchase a portion of land located near the city’s airport from the State of Idaho and Mayor Paul Fink said that the final negotiations should be wrapped up soon.

A public hearing will be held at 6 p.m. next Wednesday at

Homedale City Hall. The purpose of the meeting is to gather comments regarding the sale of the property, which belongs to the State of Idaho Military Division.

The property, just off of U.S. 95, south of the airport, was originally purchased to be used

as the site of an armory. But plans for the building were suspended many years ago.

The armory eventually was built in Wilder.

Fink said he hopes the military will reconsider and bring the armory back to the Homedale area, but for now, the city

wants the property for airport expansion.

The property is being sold for \$23,100 along with the option to use city-owned property that would be suitable for development of a National Guard Armory.

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## Game night helps Homedale library

The Homedale Public Library will sponsor at Family Game Night from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. on Feb. 4 at the Homedale Senior Citizens Center.

Games for all ages will be played at the center, 224 W. Idaho St., and proceeds will benefit the library.

Games will include: Card games for adults such as pinochle, canasta and rummy; dominoes, cribbage, word games such as

Scrabble and Upwords; children’s games such as Chutes and Ladders and card games Go Fish, Old Maid and War.

Popcorn, punch and coffee will be served. Admission is a donation at the door, suggested to be \$5 per person, \$8 per couple and \$10 per family.

For more information, call the library at 337-4228 between 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. during the week.

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## Jordan Valley heritage council seeks help to develop museum

The Jordan Valley Owyhee Heritage Council seeks volunteers to help organize display rooms for the Idaho-Oregon-Nevada Heritage Museum.

The group also is looking for copies of historical photographs about people, places and things connected to the history of Jordan Valley and the surrounding area.

Histories of schools, churches, businesses and families are

welcome.

Each group will paint, clean and mount wall displays to ready the rooms. A master plan is available, and is designed to be flexible. The museum’s icebox, kitchen range and mill also must be cleaned.

The group is shooting to open the museum in May.

For more information, call (541) 586-2100 and leave a message, or talk to Joanne Cunningham.

## New Cowboy Up Saloon replaces Tango

The establishment formerly known as The Tango Lounge in Homedale will be re-opening soon under a different name.

New owners Al and Debra Haney of Nampa bought the tavern on Jan. 1.

Now it is the Cowboy Up Saloon, and the couple is planning a grand opening.

The festivities will be held from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. on Saturday and will feature live music from Rock of Ages, a band that performs

country and oldies rock music.

Al Haney said he and his wife have planned many changes to the establishment, including a live band once or twice a month and a comedian about every three months.

“We want to make the place more interesting for people to come in, more friendly,” he said.

“We have changed some things around and hope to draw in a more diverse crowd.”

Al is also the owner of Lonestar

Construction in Nampa, and Debra operates the Canyon School of Massage.

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## √ Flood

County commissioners met with the group of about 10 officials during a commissioners meeting Jan. 16 and determined that some of the area would take many months to repair, and much more work was needed to estimate costs. But Aman said the early estimate is \$1,578,977.

County advisor Fred Grant told the commissioners that the assessor’s office and the Bureau of Land Management are working on road mapping to help in the effort. He said several maps might need to be made to determine what the county is responsible for and what are BLM roads.

“We may need to put together several maps to separate the county roads, RS2477 roads and BLM roads,” Grant told commissioners.

“The maps are going to be busy anyway, and it may be in your best interest to separate them. We are starting early, so we have time to determine what would be the best.”

Vehicles left on the Silver City Road during the storm were removed on Jan. 9-10. Aman said a trail had been made to remove the vehicles, but the road remains closed. The closure signs have been moved about three miles up the road allowing people access to the lower lands.

“We have been writing some tickets for failure to obey traffic devices,” Aman said in his report to the commission.

“Some people still think they need to go up and see the damage themselves. They need to stay out of the area. It still is not safe.”

Thompson Road between Jump Creek and Y roads remains closed. Other roads that remain closed or damaged include the Silver City Road; damage in the Delamar area; damage in Silver City; Reynolds Creek road; three places in Oreana, including Bates Creek, Harts Creek and Browns Creek and Thompson Road near Homedale.

Commissioner Hal Tolmie reported that he and commissioner Dick Reynolds toured the South Mountain area and determined that several areas are at risk because of high water around culverts and eroding roadways. Aman said he was not aware of the damage, but that he would instruct a deputy to photograph any damage and report it.

“You have to realize that Owyhee County is a very remote county, and we don’t know of some of the damage until we get a phone call,” Tolmie said.

County Road Supervisor Larry McDaniel said photographs and reports have been collected and given to FEMA to help the agency with its assessment.

“We have done a lot of road signing for this,” McDaniel told commissioners. “We are trying to keep everyone safe.”

As of Monday, the county does not have a preliminary account of costs for which it will be responsible, but it is expected to be extensive. County Clerk Charlotte Sherburn said the county will have to pay some of the costs, but the funds will be reimbursed.

“They did assessments and figured damages (Jan. 17-18),” Aman said Monday. “It came out to be what we estimated. I am very pleased with the help FEMA gave us. I feel the county was blessed to have them here.”

Aman said FEMA is requesting that Gov. Dirk Kempthorne send a letter to FEMA asking for a presidential declaration of disaster. He said if the president approves it, the federal government would pay about 75 percent of the costs, leaving the county and the state with 25 percent. Under a federal designation, work that the county already has performed would be included. The state would determine what the county would have to pay.

The Silver City Road assessment is estimated to be nearly three-fourths of the total repair pricetag. Aman said FEMA estimated road damages at \$1,006,300.

— CAB

## √ Schools

allow eligible students to attend the schools without paying tuition.

The new policy also would not prohibit nor prevent Homedale students from applying to attend another district.

Rosandick said obviously the board’s top consideration are with the families who live in the district. But currently the schools can handle more than 300 additional students before the district is at capacity.

“We are at capacity with 1,560 total enrollment,” Rosandick said. “We reported 1,198 in December.”

Students within the district and their siblings would have top priority for enrollment. Out-of-district re-enrolling students would be next in priority followed by their siblings and then first-year out-of-district enrollments.

Rosandick said that over the long term, the bottom line is the policy committee has zero interest in opening the district to the extent of creating facility issues.

“That is one thing we have been very mindful of,” Rosandick said. “We feel we have been

fairly conservative in what we are recommending for modification. We are able to allow some out-of-district children in, but we still have room for any kind of infill that we might get from future growth.

“Our overall interest and obligation is to protect the Homedale resident. If we run into a problem with capacity, those students that are out-of-district students face the potential of not being able to attend here in future years. That is always something that is possible. Our intent is once we get the student in, we would keep them here. But there is no absolution that we can guarantee that.”

Students will have to apply for admission by Feb. 1 of each year and will be reviewed by the superintendent or a “designee.” Denial of the application can be appealed to the board.

Transportation would have to be provided by the student to the school or to an appropriate bus stop. The Idaho High School Activities Association governs participation in varsity sports. Certain school transfers will lead to a student being ineligible to play at the varsity level for one year.

— CAB

## √ Taser

Homedale Police Officer Ian Takashige said. “The introduction of tasers as a means of less lethal force has proven cost-effective and highly efficient for both large and small departments.

“Homedale is a small rural community that sits very near to two other states, making it a prime jumping-off point for criminals from surrounding cities. Last year, three very dangerous suspects were believed to be or

taken into custody in the city after committing violent crimes. With one officer on shift at any given time, officers in Homedale are exposed to greater risk when working alone. Most officers killed or injured in the line of duty were operating alone.”

The range for the gun is 15 to 25 feet, depending on the cartridge in use. It stops a person by directly stimulating motor nerve tissue, causing incapacitation regardless of mental focus, training, a person’s size or drug-induced dementia. The prongs can penetrate up to 2

inches of clothing.

“In the past year, HPD has had several situations arise in which the taser could have been deployed,” Takashige said. “In those situations, officers exercised due caution and relied on tried-and-true training. As a result, suspects were taken into custody without serious injury.

“But can we expect these situations to turn out the same every time? While the taser does not replace lethal force, it can help prevent a situation from escalating to that level.”

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# Obituaries

## Mary Ellen Allison

Mary Ellen Allison passed away on January 16, 2006 in Boise after a brief illness.

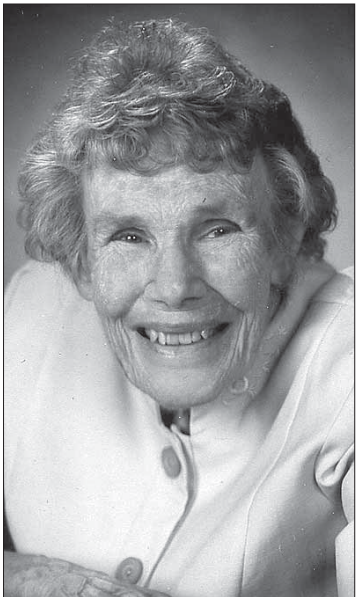
Mary Ellen was born in Boise to Maude Harriet and Andrew Leach Greeley on October 24, 1922.

She lived her young life at the family ranch in Rockville, Oregon, where she was able to ride her horse Fox to her heart's content. She completed high school in Ontario, Oregon.

In 1940 she traveled to Denver, Colorado to attend Colorado Women's College graduating in 1942 with an Associates Degree in Music. She would have liked to have gone longer.

Mary Ellen was next employed at Orange Trucking on Broadway and lived in a downtown Boise apartment where she created lifelong friends. This is when she met Delbert Allison at a USO dance.

Delbert and Mary Ellen were married on December 2, 1945 at the First United Presbyterian



Church on State Street. They had four children, Harriet Louise Kinzy, Robert Lee Allison, Teresa Kay Neal, and Carol Ann Quarles. She had 9 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

Mary Ellen and Delbert lived in Boise until 1969 when they moved back to Rockville, Oregon. In

1972 they went ranching on their own, settling at Uncle George's home place which was known for having the first indoor plumbing in the neighborhood before the 1940's. After Delbert's passing in 1994, she ran the Allison Ranch on her own terms until 2005.

Mary Ellen was known for her rosy smile and never-lacking hospitality. Mom took Dad's and others' advice, appeared to agree, but always influenced the final decision. She taught us well and we will remember.

Mary Ellen is survived by her "little" brother and best friend Andrew (Bud) Greeley of Rockville, Oregon; and many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews.

Funeral services were held at 1:00 p.m., Saturday, January 21, 2006 at Relyea Funeral Chapel. Friends called to visit with the family on Friday, January 20<sup>th</sup>, from 6-8 p.m. at Relyea Funeral Chapel. Interment followed at Morris Hill Cemetery.

## Omer Lyman 'Stub' Stanford



Omer Lyman "Stub" Stanford died Wednesday, January 18, 2006 at his home in Jordan Valley, Oregon of natural causes. Memorial services will be held at 1:00 PM Wednesday, January 25, 2006 at the Lions Den, Jordan Valley, Oregon.

Stub was born June 13, 1925 at home of Jackson Creek, Owyhee County, Idaho to Nina Deitrick and Ralph Stanford. He grew up on this ranch with three brothers and three sisters, his parents and a grandmother. His uncle Omer and Aunt Lily Stanford with four children lived at the head of the ranch. A wonderful way to grow up!

Stub spent almost his entire

life as a buckaroo. However, he joined the Army in 1944 and served three years as a paratrooper. Returning to his life as a cowboy, he worked on many different ranches in Idaho, Oregon and Nevada. He also spent time as a Humbolt County Sheriff. He truly loved Nevada country.

His wife, Marge, of many years preceded him in death, also his parents, brother Lee Stanford, brother Gene and wife Billie Jean Stanford and sister Christy Willhite.

Survivors include: step daughter Iris Rushane and family, sister-in-law Virginia Stanford, brother-in-law W.J. Willhite; sister Betty Lacey and daughters; brother Frank (Charlene) Stanford and family; sister Florence (Bill) Shenk and family, many cousins, nieces, nephews and friends are left behind also.

Memorials may be given to a charity of your choice.

# Calendar

## Today

Financial Aid Night, Jim Wright from Boise State University will provide information on all types of aid, grants and loans, for parents of Homedale High School seniors, 6:30 p.m., Homedale High School library. (208) 337-4933

## Thursday

Marsing Lions Optimist Football and Cheerleader board meeting, 6 p.m., Gateway Grill, Marsing. (208) 880-1099

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

## Saturday

Melba Community Auction, 10 a.m., Melba High School, 6870 Stokes Lane

## Monday

Special meeting of the Gem Irrigation District, 1 p.m., South Board of Control Office, 118 W. 1<sup>st</sup> St. South, Homedale. Discuss personnel matters in executive session.

## Tuesday

Special meeting of the South Board of Control, 1 p.m., South Board of Control Office, 118

W. 1<sup>st</sup> St. South, Homedale. Continuation to discuss personnel matters in executive session.

## Saturday, Feb. 4

Owyhee Cattlemen's Association winter meeting, noon registration, 1 p.m. meeting, Oreana community center.

Marsing Community Disaster Auction, 10:13 a.m., Phipps-Watson Community Hall, 126 2<sup>nd</sup> St. N., Marsing

Homedale Public Library Family Game Night, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho St. (208) 337-4228

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## Homedale siblings make Dean's List at Eastern Oregon University

Michael Eby and Michelle Eby, children of Gary and Vicki Eby of Homedale, have earned spots on the Dean's List at Eastern Oregon University for the Fall 2005 term.

Michael and Michelle are graduates of Homedale High School.

To qualify for the Dean's List, a student must complete 12 hours of course work with letter grades and

achieve a grade-point average of 3.5 or greater for the term.

Michael, a senior, majors in Business Management at the La Grande school. He was a starting linebacker for the Mountaineers' football team during the 2005 season was the third-leading tackler on the squad.

Michelle, a sophomore, is majoring in Elementary Education at EOU.

# Death notice

**LYSLE GERALD FOSTER**, 84, of Wilder, died Sunday, January 22, 2006 at a local care center of natural causes. A memorial service will be announced at a later date. Cremation is under the direction of Dakan Funeral Chapel, Caldwell. 459-3629

## Melba seaman completes basic

Navy Seaman Recruit Victor H. Samaguey, son of Herlinda and Jose R. Samaguey of Melba, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

Samaguey is a 2005 Melba High School graduate.


During the eight-week program, Samaguey completed a variety of training, which included classroom study and practical instruction on naval customs, first aid, firefighting, water safety and survival, and shipboard and aircraft safety. An emphasis was also placed on physical fitness.

The capstone event of boot camp is "Battle Stations." This exercise gives recruits the skills and confidence they need to succeed in the fleet.

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# Your finances

## Dave's debt-free solution: Pay cash

**Dear Dave,**  
My wife and I are completely debt-free, and we live in a 1,400-square-foot home. Our family is growing, so we need a bigger house. She saw a small, seven-acre farm with a larger house she'd like us to buy, but I don't ever want to go back into debt or experience the hassle of another mortgage. I make about \$100,000 a year, and we have \$50,000 in a 401(k), in addition to \$15,000 in savings. What do you suggest?  
— Jack in Louisville, Ky.

**Dear Jack,**  
With the kind of income you're talking about and no debt, you should be able to save money like a crazy man and pay cash for this farm in no time.  
I'd suggest budgeting at least \$2,000 a month for a house payment from your monthly income. That's what Dave and Sharon Ramsey would do. If we decided to buy a new home today, we'd save up the money and pay cash for it.  
Here's the drill on home-buying. If you don't pay cash for it, you don't really own it — at least not for a while. Lots of people don't have the luxury of being able to pay cash up front for something as expensive as a home. I tell them to save up and make a down payment of at least 20 percent, then go with a mortgage of 15 years or less.  
But you DO have the money, Jack, or you will in a very short time if you just SAVE, SAVE, SAVE. When it comes to buying a home, you want the security and peace of mind that goes with owning that sucker outright. And with your income and being debt-free, you can get this deal done fast!

— Dave

**Dear Dave,**  
We recently bought a new car, and the payments are \$336 a month over 4 1/2 years. We still owe about \$12,000 on this vehicle. We bought the car before we started listening to you, but we've cleaned up our other debts and the car is the only one hanging over our heads. We've also managed to put \$10,000 in savings. Would you sell the car, pay it off early or what?

— Alicia



DAVE RAMSEY

**Dear Alicia,**  
You've decided car payments are stupid, so congratulations on that! It's virtually impossible to build wealth with things like car payments hanging around your neck.  
My rule of thumb is when you're serious about getting out of debt, sell anything you can't pay off in 18 months or less. Since you owe \$12,000 on the car, it would mean cutting a check for about \$700 a month to pay it off in that amount of time. If you can afford it, that's one way.  
You also could sell the car, but don't go to a dealer for this. They'll want to give you wholesale price for it so they can sell it later and make money. This means you'll walk away with a lot less in your pocket, and probably not enough to pay off the debt.  
If you can't manage \$700 a month, I'd sell it retail. Lots of times that's as easy as putting a sign in the windshield or taking out an ad in the local newspaper or shopper.  
Once you get the car sold, pay it off quickly, then use \$3,000 to \$4,000 from your savings to buy a little beater — a dependable, used car. You'll be out of debt, plus you'll still have the bulk of your savings in place and the available income to refuel that savings account in a hurry!

— 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](http://Davesays.org). Have a question for Dave? Send correspondence to [syndication@daveramsey.com](mailto:syndication@daveramsey.com) or write Dave Says, 1749 Mallory Lane, Brentwood, TN 37027

# School menus

Jan. 26 – Feb. 1

### Homedale Elementary

Jan. 26: Enchilada or corn dog, scalloped potatoes, brownie, fruit & veggie bar, milk.  
Jan. 27: French bread pizza or peanut butter/jelly sandwich, salad, cookie, milk.  
Jan. 30: Early release. Burrito or French dip sandwich, green beans, cookie, fruit & veggie bar, milk.  
Jan. 31: Nachos or baked potato/toppings, fresh veggies, cinnamon sticks, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

### Homedale Middle

Jan. 26: Chicken tenders or beef steak, potatoes/gravy, roll, fruit bar, milk.  
Jan. 27: Spaghetti or chicken pot pie, break stick, fruit & veggie bar, milk.  
Jan. 30: Early release. Hamburger or hot dog, fries, fruit bar, cookie, milk.  
Jan. 31: Chicken or beef nuggets, broccoli, fruit bar, cinnamon roll, milk.

### Homedale High

Jan. 26: Chicken or hamburger/bun, potato wedges, fruit & veggie bar, dessert, milk.  
Jan. 27: Beef taco or tst. cheese sandwich, corn, fruit & veggie bar, milk.  
Jan. 30: Early release. Pizza, quesadilla or chef's salad, fruit & veggie bar, dessert, milk.  
Jan. 31: Wiener wrap or oven fried chicken, scalloped potatoes, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

### Marsing

Jan. 26: Burritos, corn, strawberries & bananas, milk, corn dogs, salad bar 4<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>, roll.  
Jan. 27: Weiner wraps, veggies, fruit, milk, Caesar chicken wraps, salad bar 4<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>, roll.  
Jan. 30: Turkey soup, corn, fruit, milk, chicken fried steak, salad bar 4<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>, maple bars.  
Jan. 31: Hamburger, veggies, fruit, milk, chorizos, salad bar 4<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>, roll.  
Feb. 1: Chicken patty/bun, fruit, veggies, milk, soup & sandwich, salad bar 4<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>, roll.

### Bruneau

Jan. 26: Ham & beans, cornbread, applesauce, cinnamon rolls, milk.  
Jan. 27: Spaghetti, tossed salad, garlic bread, fruit, milk.  
Jan. 30: No school.  
Jan. 31: Tacos, bean dip, chips & salsa, corn, pears, milk.

# Senior news

### Marsing Senior Center

Jan. 26: Roast pork, potatoes/gravy, carrots, salad, soup, dessert, drink.  
Jan. 30: Baked chicken, potatoes/gravy, beets, tossed salad, soup, desert, drink  
Jan. 31: Stew, biscuits, salad, soup, dessert, drink.

### Homedale Senior Center

Jan. 26: Sweet & sour pork, rice-stir fry, veggies, milk.  
Jan. 31: Chicken cacciatore & noodles, tossed salad, roll, milk.

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# Birth

## Deonna Nicole Barnard

Deonna Nicole Barnard was born at 11:14 a.m. on Jan. 7, 2006, at Mercy Medical Center in Nampa. She weighed 7 pounds, 14 ounces and measured 19¾ inches long at birth.  
Her parents are Wes and Donna Barnard of Wilder, and she has two sisters, Randee and Danyel, and two brothers, TJ and Cody.  
Her grandparents are Tennan and Delilah Barnard of Wilder, and Walt and Carol Williams of Glendale, Ariz.

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# Marsing couple named farmers of year by OSCD

The Owyhee Soil Conservation District named Les and Lavada Loucks Farmer of the Year during an awards banquet Thursday held in Marsing.

A OSCD spokesman said the Loucks were chosen because of their open mind for new technologies and conservation practices.

Les grew up near where he farms today, outside of Marsing. He says he has farmed and raised cattle in the area his whole life. He and Lavada have raised four children in the area and now have 11 grandchildren.

"Over the years, I have probably raised every crop to be grown in the Marsing area, from mint and seed crops to alfalfa and high moisture corn," Les said. Gina Millard from OSCD said neighbors claim that Les has "stirred dust up and down the whole county."

Until seven years ago, Les primarily grew row crops. Then he decided to grow silage, high moisture corn and alfalfa for the local dairies. He also runs stock cattle, leasing ground in Jordan Valley and operates a year-round feedlot.

He works in partnership with his children and manages a custom haying operation that employs 10 people during the summer. Two of his children are directly involved in the operation while the other two run a local trucking business.

"To be successful, you have to have a passion for the land and the cattle and that will carry you through the hard times," Les said



## Top farmers

*Les and Lavada Loucks receive a plaque from Owyhee Soil Conservation supervisor Rick Smith, right, during a banquet last week. The Loucks were named farmers of the year by the district for their conservation efforts.*

in a statement from OSCD. "You have to be willing to change with the times, willing to go to Plan B."

OSCD said along with Les's diverse business, he believes in keeping an open mind for new technologies and conservation practices. He said he believes that farmers have always been the best environmentalists."

The couple's conservation practices include, over 80 percent of cropland converted to pressurized irrigation with low pressure nozzles saving water and reducing soil erosion, eliminated ditches and created larger field sizes, creating several sediment

ponds to re-use any run-off from fields, use Polyacrylamide (PAM) to reduce run-off and prevent soil erosion, reduced tillage on highly erodible grounds, use manure from their feedlot on crop ground to reduce commercial fertilizer costs and planted trees and windbreaks on their ground.

"Being average is never good enough. You have to change with the changing times or you'll go out of business and you've got to continually strive to be above average," Les said.

Les and Lavada received a Farmer of the Year plaque.

— CAB



## Third week winners

*Winners of the third week of ticket sales for the upcoming International Smorgasbord that will be held in Homedale next month were, front row, left to right, Aubrey Nash, \$34, Bryce Osborn, \$147, Brett Ryska, \$144 and Amanda Cook, \$63 in dinner tickets. Standing behind the students, from left to right, are co-chairman Kelley Hansen, Jeff Hansen and coordinator Robin Tolmie. Each student receives a large Hershey candy bar from Paul's Markets, free bowling at Owyhee Lanes and 10 dozen Krispy Kreme doughnuts.*

## Marsing church plans gospel show featuring town's native

The Marsing Church of the Nazarene will welcome Country Gospel singer/songwriter Bill Bledsoe for a concert at 6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 5.

The concert will feature well-known Country Gospel songs and Bledsoe's original compositions.

The show is free and open to the public. A love offering will be received for the artist.

Bledsoe is a native of Marsing now living in Nampa. He performed at several Treasure Valley Gospel Opry shows last year, and gospel groups — including Liberty Quartet of Boise — are singing his original songs.

For more information on Bledsoe's concert, call the church at (208) 896-4184.

## Marsing FFA ready to attend degree sifting slated for Feb. 1

The Marsing FFA chapter will participate in a Creed speaking contest at Kuna High School next Wednesday.

Marsing FFA advisor Jason Nettleton said he expects the chapter to have one Creed speaker


and three or four State Degree applicants.

The Creed event begins at 9 a.m. with public speaking at 10 a.m. and extemporaneous public speaking following a 30-minute break for lunch.

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**Injury accidents**  
*Left: Marsing Ambulance crew assists Rita Kissee from Eagle after a vehicle accident on U.S. 95 at mile marker 20. Kissee was transported to a local hospital for treatment of injuries sustained in the crash. Above: A pickup and an SUV pulling a camper were involved in an accident Sunday evening at the intersection of U.S. 95 and Pershall Road. The pickup driver, Patrick Malmberg, 19, of Marsing, and the driver of the SUV, Andrea Coldwell, 55, of Nevada, were transported to a local hospital with injuries.*

# Three injured in separate vehicle accidents

Three people were injured last week in separate vehicle accidents on Owyhee County roads. Several citations were issued and one arrest for drunk driving was made.

Two accidents were reported on Jan. 16 resulting in a citation and an arrest of a Marsing man for driving under the influence. The first mishap was reported at 5:07 p.m. on Idaho 78 at Trap Shoot Road. Chad Glenn, 36, was arrested for driving under the influence after he rolled his vehicle at the intersection.


Last Wednesday, Rita Kissee, 57, from Eagle, was transported with injuries after she rolled her vehicle on Highway 95 near mile marker 20 on an icy section of the road. Kissee also was cited for driving too fast for conditions.

On Sunday, 19 year-old Patrick Malmberg of Marsing was cited for failure to yield right-of-way when the vehicle he was driving collided into an SUV and camper driven by 56-year-old Duncan Coldwell from Nevada.

Malmberg was driving west on Pershall Road pulling a horse trailer when he allegedly did not stop at the intersection. He collided with Coldwell, who was driving north on U.S. 95. Andrea Coldwell, 55, also from Nevada was a passenger in the vehicle.

Andrea and Malmberg were taken to Mercy Medical Center in Nampa with injuries. Malmberg was cited for failure to yield.

— CAB




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# Homedale district honors teacher for contributions

David Correa isn't one to back down from a challenge. Maybe that's why he thrives as a teacher at Homedale Middle School.

"Middle school is an interesting age," the Spanish and Physical Education teacher said. "They're trying to find their own personalities."

"You need to keep that in mind and be very flexible at the middle school level and try to make a connection with the students."

Evidently, Correa has made that connection in his five years at HMS. The Homedale School District recognized his efforts by giving him the January Award of Excellence.

"Mr. Correa has proven himself to be one who takes personally the district's vision statement: 'Everything we do is in the best interest of our students,' " HMS principal Keith Field told school trustees while honoring Correa at this month's meeting.

As is his nature, Correa was humble in acknowledging the honor.

"It means a lot," he said. "I just feel ... that there are so many people in the school district and the building that deserve an award like this."

Correa, who is a native of Mexico, arrived on the scene in Homedale to teach U.S. History — even though his endorsements from Central Washington University are in P.E. and Spanish.

That didn't deter him.

"When I was hired to teach that, I took it as a challenge," Correa said. "I had to do some research."

He beefed up the history credits



## Teach on

*Homedale Middle School Spanish teacher David Correa cradles a soccer ball while discussing vocabulary in class recently.*

he had received as an undergraduate by enrolling in some classes at Boise State University. Now, he's a few credits short of an endorsement in Social Studies.

"I definitely plan on finishing that," said Correa, who came to the United States in 1993.

A curriculum change at HMS took Correa away from teaching eighth-grade U.S. History, and now he is able to concentrate on introductory Spanish and P.E. But Correa didn't take his foot off the gas when he got back into familiar waters.

"Mr. Correa is the first to volunteer to be a chaperone for dances, gym nights and ski nights," Field said in his presentation.

"He is always willing to give up time during the day to substitute for someone, translate a phone message or help another in any way he can."

That's just his way, Homedale

superintendent Tim Rosandick said.

"He's all about his kids and developing the kids both academically, athletically and socially," Rosandick said.

Correa has coached the Homedale High School boys soccer team for each of the three seasons of its existence, and he incorporates his love for the international game of futbol into his Spanish classes sometimes.

Recently, he used a soccer ball to initiate a team's answer in a type of Spanish vocabulary "Jeopardy!" class exercise.

"I always try to make it not so boring," Correa said. "With the ball in my hands, it makes it more of a game."

The motivation that landed Correa the district's third installment of a new monthly award begins at home for the father of two. His daughters — 7-year-old Maya and 5-year-old Julia — both attend Homedale Elementary. His wife, Angela, teaches at HMS.

"When I think about my daughters, I think they deserve the best education that there is, and I apply that to every one of my students," he said.

"They deserve the best education that there is, and I will do my best to assure that."

— JB

# New handrails provide safety in Trojans' gym

The parents of two Homedale High School boys basketball players have channeled their concern for the well-being of spectators into a classy new addition to the Trojans' gymnasium.

Mark VanDerhoff, whose son is varsity guard Andrew, and Darren Krzesnik, the father of varsity guard Trevor, installed metal handrails in the retractable bleachers to cut down on the possibility of fans falling while climbing to their seats.

"Mark came up with the idea after watching some older patrons struggle with the bleachers," Homedale athletic director Dave Hart said. "It is so much safer. We really appreciate his time and effort."

The handrails were in place Jan. 3 when Homedale's girls basketball teams played the first games after Christmas break.

VanDerhoff, who works at the Amalgamated Sugar Co. in Nampa, said he and Homedale High School principal Mike Williams had discussed the project for a couple years.

"This year it finally got done," VanDerhoff said, adding that the school district helped with costs.

Tom Muir, the district's director of transportation and maintenance, gave VanDerhoff and Krzesnik a hand with the installation.

The handrails are removable, so the bleachers can be pushed back to make room for regular physical education classes at the school.

"I've had quite a few people give me some pretty positive feedback," VanDerhoff said. "Just seeing some people have trouble ... Those stairs are pretty steep, and we're just trying to prevent an injury."

A 1977 Homedale High School graduate, VanDerhoff downplayed the construction of the railing as just another concerned citizen doing his part for Homedale.



## Safety first

*Homedale High School freshman Ryan Cox uses the new handrails to navigate the steep stairs of the bleachers inside the Trojans' gymnasium.*

"There's a lot of people (who help in the community)," he said. "It just so happens that a guy with my kind of specialty can help build stuff."

VanDerhoff, whose daughter Karianne also played volleyball for the Trojans, said it took about 50 or 60 hours to build and install the rails. The school district supplied the materials.

VanDerhoff also said Campbell Tractor and Amalgamated provided assistance. He built the rails at his home using metal tubing. He said the bending of the tubing was done at Amalgamated's plant in Nampa.

"I'm not the only one who has community pride, you know?" he said. "Anybody that has ever coached a Little League baseball game or has been a softball coach has pride, too."

"I know people that bring their own personal lawnmowers down to the baseball field and mow the infield and the outfield."

— JB

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# Owyhee Initiative details continue to evolve

## Ranchers must agree to compensation as process draws to a conclusion

Though the Owyhee Initiative has seemed to be a very slow process, work continues on the project, which officials say is down to the wire.

Initiative chairman Fred Grant released an update on the proposal recently saying it now lies in the hands of 13 county ranchers agreeing to compensation for loss of private property and of allotments.

Under the agreement, the Bureau of Land Management will provide funds through contract with the county for Owyhee County Sheriff Gary Aman to enforce the recreation and transportation plan, and the federal agency agreed to language in the bill calling for authorization of appropriation of funds for that purpose.

Also agreed upon was language calling for cooperative search-and-rescue between BLM and the sheriff as well as funds to the county for sheriff’s patrol and enforcement.

“With Sheriff Aman being the chair of the Owyhee Recreation Task Force, the language of the agreement and the bill will put him in a very important position to make sure that the off-road vehicle plan development provides for meaningful recreation opportunities, maximum safety and protection of private property interests, which are being harmed now by off-road usage,” Grant said.

The agreed language in the proposed bill provides for an open right-of-way across the Owyhee River at Crutcher’s Crossing. It will be the only road designated to remain open and operable through any river designated wild and scenic in the country.

### Crapo included

Grant said that on Jan. 4 he met with John Hoehne, chief of staff for U.S. Sen. Mike Crapo (R-Idaho), and other members of the staff to review the framework and a method of involving the office in meetings with the ranchers.

“(The) Association agreed early in the process to support designating wilderness as it was proposed by the BLM — basically the old ‘rim to rim’ proposal — in order to gain the great benefits from the portions of the bill which they sought,” Grant said.

“The Association also agreed to support additions to that wilderness designation if individual ranchers voluntarily wanted to participate. That’s the next step in the process.”

Thirteen ranchers stated interest in participating, and conservation groups involved in the work group were interested in their proposals. After several more weeks of work, the ranchers compiled and presented proposals for the amount of compensation they wanted in exchange for allowing the inclusion of some of their

allotments and private property in the wilderness designation.

“In its entirety, the bill is unlike any other bill ever presented to Congress to protect the viability of family ranching operations,” Grant said. “The uniqueness of the bill will emphasize and solidify Owyhee County’s position at the forefront of protecting private property rights and protecting its natural resources.”

### What the bill creates

The bill creates or designates:

- A concept of science review of BLM decisions and actions in Owyhee County not required by any other legislation;
- A timed sequence for development of a recreation and transportation plan, which is being watched by the national offices of the BLM for replication in other areas of the West;
- A research center in Owyhee County that can provide scientific studies useful to species protection and private property protection here and throughout the West;
- Wild and scenic rivers while protecting existing water rights and reserves future water uses,
- It was initiated by county government in coordination with the Tribes;
- A continuing board of directors, which will not lose sight of the intent of the Initiative agreement itself;
- Releases wilderness study areas to be managed for multiple uses;
- Implements that part of the Agreement which calls for

review of existing Land Use Plans to identify where new situations demonstrate a need for amendment of the existing plans, and which calls for re-evaluation of layered management areas.

All of these features brought special scrutiny from national organizations,” Grant said. “When they studied our proposed method for valuing the property interests being offered by the 13 volunteers, they focused on AUM price. So, we had to find another way to structure the compensation proposals.”

### Appraiser retained

The conservation groups hired an appraiser who produced a product by which he appraised operations as though they were simply market transactions. “That was an incorrect focus from the standpoint of the landowners,” Grant said. “None of the 13 had their places on the market, and all of the 13 had some special feature, which the conservation groups wanted in the package. So, the appraisals would have had to take the matters into account to be meaningful from the landowners’ standpoint.”

When agreement with the conservation groups had been reached, a work group meeting was called. On that day the work group approved the framework and the principles, which overlay it.

“That was the major step toward what we hope is the last step to success,” Grant said.

The framework was then approved by county commissioners

on Jan. 3, and they approved moving forward with it. The next day it was presented to Senator Crapo and members of his staff and an approval was received.

“At this point, all other obstacles have been removed,” Grant stated. “The language of the Bill, other than the compensation language, has been approved by the work group and the Board of Commissioners, and has been submitted to the Senator’s staff for their review and analysis as we await the results of the 13 presentations which will be made over the next two weeks.”

If all 13 ranchers agree, there will be an Initiative Bill introduced which will benefit the ranchers in their specific operations, which will end wilderness study area designations, which will provide science review, which will provide a controlled recreation and transportation plan, and which will provide funds for law enforcement of the recreation plan and other violation of laws regarding grazing operations.

“It is also clear that if any one of the 13 does not agree, then we have no Bill,” Grant said. “We have carefully reviewed each of the portions of the wilderness designations with the conservation groups to see whether we would have an acceptable package without participation by any one of the 13 elements, and found that in exchange for their acceptance of science review and the other benefits to ranchers in the County they need participation by all 13.”

## Idaho Power plans open house on C.J. WMA

For the first time in 50 years, Idaho Power will manage nearly 3,000 acres the utility owns within the C.J. Strike Wildlife Management Area near Mountain Home.

Idaho Power will host an open house Friday at the American Legion Hall in Bruneau at 32536 Belle Ave., to answer questions about how it plans to manage those lands.

The informal open house will begin at 5 p.m. and is expected to conclude at 8 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

The company assumed management of its property after the issuance of a new federal license to operate the Strike Dam.

Terms of that license required the company to develop and implement protection, mitigation and enhancement opportunities within and on the property it owns at C.J. Strike

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# Spring INTO THE SEASON WITH Delicious Desserts

FAMILY FEATURES EDITORIAL SYNDICATE

**C**elebrate spring with a memorable sweet ending to a special meal. When you entertain friends and family, present the creamiest citrus cheesecake, coconut and lemon torte, or peanut butter pie on an elevated glass cake stand or a decorative plate. Serve the easiest and most luscious chocolate mousse, garnished with raspberries, in a large glass bowl. Offer no-bake apricot almond cookies on a doily-lined plate. All these easy desserts feature two “must have” ingredients for spring — the ultimate dessert-maker’s convenience of sweetened condensed milk and your own special touch.

## Coconut Lemon Torte

Prep Time: 15 minutes  
Makes one (9-inch) cake

- 1 (14-ounce) can Eagle Brand Sweetened Condensed Milk (NOT evaporated milk)
  - 2 egg yolks
  - 1/2 cup lemon juice
  - 1 teaspoon grated lemon rind (optional)
  - Yellow food coloring (optional)
  - 1 (18.25 or 18.5-ounce) package white cake mix
  - 1 (4-ounce) container frozen non-dairy whipped topping, thawed
  - Flaked coconut
1. In medium saucepan, combine sweetened condensed milk, egg yolks, lemon juice, lemon rind (optional) and food coloring (optional).
  2. Over medium heat, cook and stir until slightly thickened, about 10 minutes. Chill.
  3. Preheat oven to 350°F. Prepare and bake cake mix as package directs. Pour batter into 2 well-greased and floured 9-inch round layer cake pans. Bake 30 minutes or until lightly browned. Remove from pans; cool thoroughly.
  4. With sharp knife, remove crust from top of each cake layer. Split layers. Spread equal portions of lemon mixture between layers and on top to within 1 inch of edge.
  5. Frost side and 1-inch rim on top of cake with whipped topping. Coat side of cake with coconut; garnish as desired. Store leftovers covered in refrigerator.

## Fluffy Peanut Butter Pie

Prep Time: 20 minutes  
Makes one (9-inch) pie

- 1/4 cup butter or margarine
  - 2 cups finely crushed crème-filled chocolate sandwich cookies (about 20 cookies)
  - 1 (8-ounce) package cream cheese, softened
  - 1 cup smooth or crunchy peanut butter
  - 1 (14-ounce) can Eagle Brand Sweetened Condensed Milk (NOT evaporated milk)
  - 3 tablespoons lemon juice
  - 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
  - 1 cup (1/2 pint) whipping cream, whipped
1. In small saucepan, melt butter; stir in cookie crumbs. Press crumb mixture firmly on bottom and sides of 9-inch pie plate; chill while preparing filling.
  2. In large bowl, beat cream cheese until fluffy; add peanut butter and sweetened condensed milk, beating until smooth. Stir in lemon juice and vanilla; fold in whipped cream.
  3. Pour into crust. Chill 4 hours or until set. Garnish as desired. Store leftovers covered in refrigerator.

## Apricot Almond Chewies

Prep Time: 15 minutes  
Makes about 7 dozen cookies

- 4 cups finely chopped dried apricots (about 1 pound)
  - 4 cups flaked coconut or coconut macaroon crumbs (about 21 macaroons)
  - 2 cups slivered almonds, toasted and finely chopped
  - 1 (14-ounce) can Eagle Brand Sweetened Condensed Milk (NOT evaporated milk)
  - Whole almonds (optional)
1. In large bowl, combine all ingredients except whole almonds. Chill 2 hours.
  2. Shape chilled dough into 1-inch balls. Top each with whole almond (optional). Store leftovers tightly covered in refrigerator.



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## Chocolate Mousse & Raspberries

Prep Time: 10 minutes  
Makes 8 to 10 servings

- 4 (1-ounce) squares unsweetened chocolate
  - 1 (14-ounce) can Eagle Brand Sweetened Condensed Milk (NOT evaporated milk)
  - 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
  - 2 cups (1 pint) whipping cream, whipped
  - 2/3 cup water
  - 1/4 cup red raspberry jam
  - 3 tablespoons confectioners’ sugar
  - 1 tablespoon cornstarch
  - 1 cup frozen raspberries
1. In heavy saucepan, over medium-low heat, melt chocolate and sweetened condensed milk; stir in vanilla.
  2. Pour into large bowl; cool to room temperature, about 1 1/2 hours. Beat until smooth. Fold in whipped cream.
  3. Spoon into 8 to 10 dessert dishes. Chill thoroughly.
  4. In small saucepan, combine water, red raspberry jam, confectioners’ sugar and cornstarch. Cook and stir until thickened and clear. Cool. Stir in raspberries.
  5. Top each dish of mousse with raspberry topping and serve. Store leftovers covered in refrigerator.



## Citrus Cheesecake

Prep Time: 20 minutes  
Makes one (9-inch) cheesecake

- 1 cup graham cracker crumbs
  - 1/4 cup sugar
  - 1/4 cup butter or margarine, melted
  - 3 (8-ounce) packages cream cheese, softened
  - 1 (14-ounce) can Eagle Brand Sweetened Condensed Milk (NOT evaporated milk)
  - 3 eggs
  - 2 teaspoons grated lemon rind
  - 2 teaspoons grated orange rind
  - 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
1. Preheat oven to 300°F. Combine graham cracker crumbs, sugar and butter; press firmly on bottom of 9-inch springform pan.
  2. In large bowl, beat cream cheese until fluffy. On low speed, add sweetened condensed milk; mix until smooth. Add eggs, lemon and orange rind and vanilla; mix just until blended. Pour filling into pan.
  3. Bake 50 to 55 minutes or until center is set. Cool. Chill. Garnish as desired. Store leftovers covered in refrigerator.





# Looking back...

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

## 50 years ago

### January 26, 1956

#### Trojans take two victories in league play; to meet Wilder here Friday

The Homedale Trojans defeated the Marsing Huskies 53-34 Friday night and the Fruitland Grizzlies 45-37 Tuesday night which gives them six victories and two losses in Snake River Valley B-league competition.

Marsing lead 12-10 at the end of the first stanza, but the smooth Trojans took control of the game shortly after, sending the Huskies to their seventh defeat in SRV-B play against one victory.

Junior Uranga stole scoring honors for Homedale with 27 points, while Ralph Herman had 11 for Marsing.

Homedale's victory Tuesday night, which they won at the foul line, converting 17 times to Fruitland's five, snapped the Grizzlies' latest winning streak of four games.

Vic Landa dumped in 16 for the winners and Darrell Smith had 10 for Fruitland.

In the preliminary encounters the Homedale boys were defeated 44-37 by Marsing and 47-37 by Fruitland.

#### New 24-inch pumps to be installed at pumping plant

Four new 24 inch pumps, weighing 12,000 pounds each, have been received by the Gem Irrigation District at the pumping plant upriver from Marsing to replace two pumps on the A canal and two on the B canal that were installed in 1912 and have been operating since.

The new pumps have a higher efficiency, pumping more water with the same amount of power. They will be installed for use this season.

**Succor Crik Sam Sez:** "Been readin' over Ike's farm program. Instead of a soil bank looks like it'd be simpler jist to give every 10<sup>th</sup> acre back to the Indians."

#### Homedale locals

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Hall, Fairbanks, Alaska, and Sylvia Pollard had Sunday breakfast with Mr. and Mrs. Jim Nazwothy and family Saturday night the Halls, Miss Pollard, Sally Phillips and Mr. Hall's sister and brother-in-law, also of Fairbanks were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. King, Owyhee Heights.

His son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Thom Curtis and two children, Twin Falls, were week end guests of Ira Moulton. Sunday the Philip Moultons, Elmer Kinders and the Curtis' had dinner at his home.

Mr. and Mrs. Carol E. Gough and family entertained at dinner Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Charles Klahr and two children, Caldwell.

Guests spending Sunday at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Reuben Gessele were her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Allen, Caldwell.

Sunday dinner guests of the Don Townsends were Mr. and Mrs. Harry Townsend.

Mr. and Mrs. George A. Wolff, Cardston, Alberta, Canada, arrived at the home of their son, Dr. and Mrs. George Wolff last Thursday afternoon. They plan to go on to California the first of February.

Mrs. Charles E. Taylor entertained with a birthday dinner Saturday evening honoring Mr. Taylor. After dinner the guests, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Thamm, Mr. and Mrs. De. E. Kaufman and Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hutchinson, Boise, played bridge. High honors went to Mr. Thamm and Mrs. Kaufman.

In honor of Mr. Lewis' birthday Saturday, the O. D. Lewis family were guests for Sunday dinner at the Orville Morrison home, Caldwell.

Mrs. Edwin A. Ethington was admitted to the Caldwell Memorial hospital last Wednesday morning for treatment of infection and released improved Friday night.

A joint birthday dinner was served at the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Carson Monday night for Mrs. Jewel Scott and Beth Carson whose birthdays were Tuesday, and Billy Carson whose birthday was Wednesday. Aaron Bright was a guest of Billy.

## 138 years ago

### January 25, 1868

AN OUTRAGED HUSBAND publishes the following flattering description of his runaway wife:

"My wife is about five feet high, has light brown hair, right eye out, the other is of a pale blue color, has a pimple on left temple, near eye, pug nose, has a scar across one arm, is stoop shouldered has short, thick feet, and easily makes the acquaintance of strangers.

NEW BANK FOR BOISE CITY. Thos. Cole, Jr., & Co., enterprising bankers of this place, have made arrangements and will soon start a general banking business member of the firm, has been doing a very successful business here during the last few months. A large portion of the bullion shipped below by Wells, Fargo & Co. over the Railroad Stage line is bought by him, for which he pays coin or greenbacks here, or else gives checks on Wells, Fargo & Co. in San Francisco and various other places, as suits the convenience of his customers.

INDIAN AFFAIRS. Our readers will notice in this paper an interesting letter from Boise City in relation to the disposal of Indian prisoners. Our correspondent presents his views in a lucid and forcible manner. It is a subject that should engage not only the attention of Idaho, but also that of the neighboring States and Territories, as it is deeply interesting to all. We would be pleased to see the matter discussed by and through the Territorial Press. We hope to hear from R. again.

ARRIVED. Mr. Sandburn, one of the purchasers of the Rising Star mine in Flint, arrived in town this week from San Francisco. He was accompanied with a Mr. Clark, from Virginia, who, we understand, is to be foreman of the mine. They went over to Flint on Wednesday; will commence immediate sinking on the mine and putting it in proper shape for working. We are told that an engine for hoisting purposes will be here in a short time. It is the intention of the parties to erect a large mill as early as the season will permit.

"GONE ALAS LIKE THE MANY". John McMahon started for California on Thursday's stage ostensibly for the purpose of buying coal &c. to run his foundry, but report says that friend John will be a "very married" man when he returns. Nothing like it – every better-half brought into the country is as beneficial as a rich and newly discovered quartz ledge, which does much towards swelling the production of Owyhee.

REMOVAL. Mr. A. D. Miller is now busily engaged in moving his large building, known as Miller's Exchange, in the defunct city of Ruby, to the Oro Fino Mountain near the Ida Elmore and Golden Chariot mines. It will be ready for business in about three weeks and will be used as a boarding house for the mines as well as for the accommodation of transient patronage. It is understood that upon its completion it will be dedicated by a regular, jolly, old fashioned "house warming."

WE ARE INDEBTED to Capt. J. C. Nusworth for a pamphlet entitled the "Great Northwest." It contains the proceedings of a meeting of the people of Portland, Oregon, on the subject of Pacific railroads with report, resolution &c., adopted Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> 187. It is too lengthy for publication in our columns this week. We will notice it more particularly another time.

GYMNASIUM. A gymnastic club has been organized by the young men of Silver City. A room for the purpose is being nicely fitted up in the front of Sommercamp's building under the saloon. Gymnastic exercises properly conducted conduce much to the bodily and mental health of all persons of sedentary occupations. A full attendance of the members of the club is requested next Monday evening at half past seven o'clock for the transaction of business.

HOWARD'S PACK train came over from Reynolds Creek last Thursday, on its way to Sinker Creek, whence it will bring to this place a load of corn.

FROM BOISE CITY. The Statesman of the 21<sup>st</sup> says: Plats of townships No. 4 north of range 1 west, and of No. 3 north of range 2 east of the Boise Meridian have been filed, and the lands situated therein are ready for pre-emption and homestead entry.

Mr. J. H. T. Greene refuses to surrender the office of county treasurer to Mr. W. W. Glidden, who was chosen at the last August election; it seems at the present time likely to grow into a lawsuit of considerable proportions. The suit cannot be tried until the next April term of the district court. On Friday last a warrant of arrest was issued by Judge Cummins for Mr. Greene and he was held to bail in the sum of two thousand dollars for the payment of whatever fees and emoluments may come into his hands pending the determination of the suit. Greene was arrested by Sheriff Lindsay and on Saturday last applied for a writ of habeas corpus which was denied by Judge Cummins and Greene remanded to the custody of the Sheriff.

FROZEN. According to all accounts the weather has been much colder in Jordan Valley and at the Owyhee River than here. Last week, Mr. Lockwood of the Owyhee Ferry, has his hands and feet badly frozen by working in the water, cutting ice &c., while crossing the stage. Owing to the large quantities of ice in the river at present it is impossible to run the large boat but the stages are no detained, as they meet both ways at the ferry and passengers and baggage are taken across in a small boat.

HILL BEACHEY'S stages from Boise City and Hunter's arrive and depart regularly. Our California and Nevada exchanges now arrive on time. The reason why our Virginia exchanges failed to connect for a couple of weeks was that they got out of paper, being unable to obtain a supply across the Sierras, on account of the storm. Everything is all right now.

CHAMPION HAULING. John Compton, teamster for Tregaskins & Jennings is champion thus far this winter in the way of hauling big loads of quartz. A couple of days ago he hauled with three yoke of oxen and sled 13,150 pounds of quartz at one load from the Oro Fino mine to the Cosmos mill. "Arkansaw" is pretty hard to beat.

FROM A NEWSPAPER published in Harrisonville, Missouri, we learn that our old friend Geo. J. Boving who went home to the "States" last fall, is engaged in merchandising at that place. From a large advertisement displayed in the columns of the paper referred to, we judge that George is doing a successful business.

THE COLUMBIA RIVER is closed from Wallula to the Cascades. At present the mails and express are carried but once a week between Portland and Umatilla. The Columbia Press, published at Umatilla, will only be issued semi-monthly until the opening of navigation on the Upper Columbia.

EVERY THING is lovely and the goose hangs high. Business is prosperous – our mines are paying well and everybody is in high glee. We notice a number of strangers round town who appear to ware a satisfied air, as much as to say "we've struck it at last."

TREASURE SHIPMENT. Wells, Fargo & Co. have shipped below per the Railroad Stage, during the present month, to date, a tun and a half of bullion, valued at \$110,000. This is the exclusive product of Owyhee – pretty good for the middle of winter.

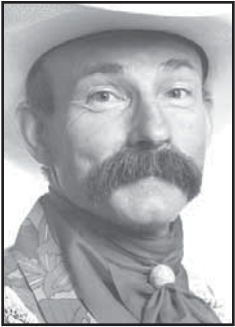
WE HAVE TWO kinds of wood in this county – fir and mahogany – the former rates in town at from twelve to thirteen dollars per cord the latter at fifteen. Hay sells at \$100 per tun, and barley at from seven to eight cents per pound.



# Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM

## On the edge of common sense



### A cowboy’s love

There’s something oh-so charming about girls basketball  
Or lawyers wearing pantyhose or sweethearts with a drawl  
I like doctors with mascara and with painted fingernails  
And flirty flight attendants with their pretty ponytails  
There’s school marms in the classroom, some are nice but some are meanies  
And hurricanes named Rita and there’s models in bikinis  
I like pilots wearing lipstick, flying flappers flexing flaps  
But in my heart my greatest love is women wearing chaps.

Oh, I know what you are thinking, “That’s the dumbest thing I’ve heard”  
But a cowboy’s life is simple, so it’s really not absurd  
See all day he’s punchin’ cattle and, though some might not agree  
One can tire of endless blue skies and the vast serenity  
Of the majesty of mountains and the beauty of the plains  
That the western singers yearn for in their wistful, sad refrains  
But for me the scene I picture ’tween the daydreams and the naps  
Is riding drag on my ol’ pony behind women wearing chaps

You can call me a romantic, even pansy if you choose  
It’s not the cowboy image that the movie moguls use  
But, beauty’s in the eye of the beholder, so we’re told  
A flower to a botanist, a fungi to a mold  
Tight jowls and big firm hineys is a pork producer’s dream  
Clear water to plumber, to a vampire it’s a fleam  
But, to a cowboy makin’ long days checkin’ fence and water gaps,  
His idea of perfection  
His triple decker, shoot the moon, till death doth he collapse  
His Venus on the half shell is a woman wearing chaps

Wayne Cornell

## Not important ... *but possibly of interest*



Santa was nice to me. He brought me a GPS receiver. GPS stands for Global Positioning Satellites. These satellites are parked in stationary orbits above the Earth. A GPS receiver collects signals transmitted by the satellites and uses them to figure out exactly where in the world the receiver owner is at that particular moment.  
On Christmas day, I fired up the GPS receiver, pointed it toward the sky and read the results on a map on the unit’s tiny screen. Sure enough, it showed I was exactly where I thought was — standing in my front yard (plus or minus 3 meters). Later that day, we drove over to the site of the new home being built by Daughter Number Two and her husband. The GPS also gave me the exact speed of our vehicle — handy information to have if you don’t want to waste time looking at the speedometer.  
But when we arrived at our destination, the GPS spit out some disturbing data. The map on the screen placed the new house about 100 yards east of the street where it is supposed to be. I thought this information might put construction on hold. But our son-in-law said he was happy with the current location because it put their house in proper relationship to the houses on either side of it and not in the bottom of a rather deep and barren gulley — the spot where the GPS map claimed we were standing.  
A few days later, I drove about 10 miles (10.35 miles to be exact) to attend a weekly coffee group. I checked the GPS receiver on arrival and discovered the host’s house isn’t actually on the street where it has appeared to be for

the past 15 years. It’s really about a block away. I was concerned this revelation might upset the homeowner. He said it didn’t bother him and might be of great benefit if some hostile nation or terrorist group ever tries to target his place with a cruise missile.  
Friends who are familiar with GPS say the receiver is probably dead-on and it is the map I loaded into the unit that is “close.” That may be the case. But if I am walking east across the desert on a moonless night with no flashlight, and my GPS receiver tells me that the rim of the Bruneau Canyon is 100 yards away, I want it to be EXACTLY 100 yards away (plus or minus 3 meters). “Close” is only acceptable when playing horseshoes or throwing hand grenades.  
Another explanation for the GPS unit’s discrepancy might be its origin. It is manufactured by a French company. History suggests the French believe their country is the center of the universe and they don’t care much about anything that doesn’t directly concern France. Could be the French figure “close” is good enough for GPS users outside the borders of their country — especially Americans.  
After coffee, I headed home. The GPS unit has a “backtrack” feature that gives the operator a route back to where he started. Because I have driven the route almost every Saturday for more than a decade, I probably could have made it without GPS assistance. But when I’m a little older and more forgetful the information could be invaluable — if I can remember how to operate the GPS — and allow for the French declination.

## From Washington

### Input helps improve ESA for species and people

by Sen. Mike Crapo

For years now, landowners, environmentalists and state and federal agencies responsible for implementation and enforcement of the Endangered Species Act (ESA) have been working to improve the Act. The status quo is not producing the best possible outcome for species or people. And although stakeholders continue to advocate for meaningful improvements, the stalemate goes on. In the meantime, the survival of one species after another, and one ranch or farm after another is called into question.  
The time to take action is now, in 2006. With the firm goal of moving forward on ESA recovery, Sen. Blanche Lincoln (D-Arkansas) and I introduced the bipartisan Collaboration for the Recovery of the Endangered Species Act (CRESA) in December. CRESA translates the tried-and-true language of consensus-based species recovery into legislation intended to gain enough support to pass the United States Senate this year.  
We have the responsibility and privilege to be good stewards of our natural resources. The integrity of our resource system safeguards our precious ecosystem. At the same time, these resources are essential to our economy. Solutions that develop conservation strategies good for species and landowners (who shoulder much of the responsibility for species management) are essential and completely possible. We can better respect property rights and improve species recovery — we know this because it’s already happening.  
CRESA codifies the innovative collaborative species management occurring nationwide, giving these success stories the foundation of law. Current regulatory climate limits creativity and discourages landowners’ participation in the process, and species suffer as a result. Landowners



Sen. Mike Crapo

must have a meaningful role in determining how to conserve threatened and endangered species. An effective way to encourage landowner participation is to offer reasonable conservation methods that bring tangible benefits to species and the communities involved.  
Specific features of the legislation provide flexibility when landowners contribute to recovery work. CRESA does not eliminate preservation procedures; it expands the options for those involved in the process. CRESA does not reduce essential protections for species nor does it give the federal government more control over private property. It gives state and local governments more opportunity to initiate conservation programs, and more options for landowners to create viable solutions, including more room to negotiate Habitat Conservation Plans (HCPs) and simpler procedures when HCPs contribute to recovery. It provides certainty with no surprises — a deal is a deal. Finally, there are additional options outside an HCP process for landowners to apply for incidental take protection, including options through Farm Bill programs, the Healthy Forest Recovery Act and conservation banking. If none of these options are feasible, landowners may continue through current law.  
CRESA rewards landowners who expend time, money and personal resources in conservation efforts. The compensation amount depends on the extent and length of recovery efforts, including two forms of direct payment. Those who allow their lands to be used in conservation efforts will be compensated under CRESA.  
These are just a few features of the legislation. This bill is intentionally focused on consensus building for



# Commentary

## Accuracy in Media

### U.S. author’s work becomes part of bin Laden’s latest propaganda offensive

He may be in a cave somewhere, but it is apparent that Osama bin Laden has a very effective means of global communications. By the same token, the far left-wing in the U.S. has an effective way of conveying its message to the rest of the world. They succeeded in getting an obscure anti-American book into the hands of bin Laden, who is now promoting it worldwide. The significance of the latest bin Laden tape is that the world’s top terrorist has made common cause with the blame-America-first crowd, which finds the U.S. guilty of everything that goes wrong on the planet.

By any measure, the terrorist propaganda apparatus is quite impressive. Echoing the thoughts of many others, NBC’s Tim Russert noted on the Imus radio program that it seems suspicious how Al-Jazeera keeps obtaining and airing terrorist video or audio tapes. He said Al-Jazeera must know where they are coming from and who is providing them. The obvious conclusion is that Al-Jazeera has a working relationship with the terrorists trying to kill Americans and destroy the United States. By extension, the U.S. networks airing the terror tapes from Al-Jazeera are facilitating bin Laden’s military and propaganda operations. Russert, a senior executive at NBC News, is in a position to do something about this. Will he?

It is significant that bin Laden, in his new message, alludes to “documents” cited in the Western press for his complaint that President Bush, the “butcher of freedom in the world,” had “planned to bomb” the Al-Jazeera office in Qatar. (U.S. and British officials have denied any such plan to bomb Al-Jazeera in Qatar existed.) Such a military strike would have set back al-Qaida’s propaganda operations. Considering that Al-Jazeera does work hand-in-glove with the terrorists, why is bombing the place such an outrageous thought? Al-Jazeera employees could be given advance notice to vacate the premises so innocent lives would not be lost, but its equipment would be destroyed. Those who reject this idea out of hand seem not to understand the point

made in a previous tape by al-Qaida No. 2 man, Ayman Al-Zawahiri, that more than half of the war is occurring in the media.

Al-Jazeera, however, is only one part of the problem. It is also curious why bin Laden, in the audio tape aired by Al-Jazeera, picked out an obscure book as a field manual for understanding and undermining U.S. foreign policy. CNN quickly did an interview with the author, William Blum, and titled it “Bin Laden’s Book Club.” It’s really not so funny.

Here’s a top terrorist, hiding out in Pakistan or Afghanistan somewhere, and yet he seems to be familiar with the latest releases from an outfit in Monroe, Maine, called Common Courage Press, the publisher of the Blum book, which distributes “political and academic writings from a progressive-left perspective.”

In the audio message, in which he announces new attacks against the U.S., bin Laden declares that it is “useful” to read the book, *Rogue State*, because it documents the sinister nature of U.S. foreign policy. The book has an entire section on how the U.S. is guilty of using weapons of mass destruction.

Blum tells me in an e-mail that Osama bin Laden’s favorable citation of his book was a welcome development. “I hope it helps my book sales,” Blum says. “I’m swamped with media interviews.”

Blum says that if he were president, he would cut the U.S. defense budget by 90 percent and “announce that America’s global interventions have come to an end and inform Israel that it is no longer the 51st state of the union...”

The fact that bin Laden would cite the Blum book demonstrates that bin Laden is counting on a fifth column in the U.S. to undermine the war on terrorism and hand him a victory on the battlefield. Blum said, however, that “The fact that bin Laden and I share a strong dislike for certain parts of U.S. foreign policy and a liking for a certain book of mine should not make anyone jump to various

conclusions. I do not like religious fundamentalists of any stripe, nor the societies they set up, but I can understand why [they] hate U.S. foreign policy and feel a need to retaliate against it.” In Blum’s world, it seems that the U.S. is by far the greater threat.

It is useful to consider Blum’s background. He is a former U.S. State Department employee and worked with CIA defector Philip Agee and his associates in the 1970s “on their project of exposing CIA personnel and their misdeeds.” Agee’s associates included Cuban Communist intelligence personnel. Agee fled the U.S. and lives in Cuba today but Blum continues to work in the U.S. as an “investigative journalist,” appearing regularly on college campuses to denounce the “American empire.”

In an essay written before the 2004 presidential election, Blum said that Democratic Presidential candidate John Kerry had said some correct things about the situation in Haiti, where the Marxist Jean Bertrande Aristide was then trying to hang on to power, but that his overall approach to U.S. foreign policy was not that different from Bush’s. Kerry was just another “establishment politician,” Blum said. A story about his appearance on one college campus said that “he prefers Ralph Nader because he thinks Sen. John Kerry is no better than President George Bush.”

*Rogue State* has been published in 13 different languages, including Arabic.

Blum was hoping to attend the Havana 2006 Book Fair in Communist Cuba to promote another book, *Killing Hope*, also about U.S. interventions in the world. However, he says the U.S. refused to let him travel to the communist island. A Cuban publication referred to Blum as an “outstanding writer” and said that *Killing Hope* has already been published in Spanish by a Cuban publishing house. Perhaps the Arabic version is to follow. If so, it may be the next selection in the bin Laden book club.

— *Cliff Kincaid is Editor of the AIM Report.*

## From Washington

### Preserving water supply poses great challenge in the American West

by Sen. Larry Craig

During the past several weeks, I have enjoyed spending time in Idaho with friends and family and celebrating the holidays. I have also enjoyed watching the rain, and more importantly, the snow continue to fall more regularly on nearly all of Idaho this winter.

It is rumored that author Mark Twain once said, “Whiskey is for drinking; water is for fighting over.” For generations of Westerners, this saying has been true. I’ve had my fair share of fights in Congress to protect Idaho’s right to control its water, and will continue to be vigilant in the future. But outside Congress, I have noticed a shift in recent years. Thankfully, folks are now starting to sit down to work together to address the challenges presented by this scarce commodity.

We are all familiar with the drought Idaho has suffered through for the past five years, going on six. The past two years, Idaho agricultural producers have worried through unusually dry winters, only to be saved by unusually heavy spring rains. Those spring rains have provided our streams, lakes and reservoirs with just enough to get through the growing season, but not enough to ease drought conditions.

This winter has gotten off to a promising start, according to the USDA’s Natural Resources Conservation Service, with precipitation totals well above average in every region of Idaho except the panhandle, which stands at 96 percent, as I write this. However, the winter isn’t over, and if our current snowpack stays at these same levels for the remainder of the season, we may be left praying for those late spring rains to save our farmers and ranchers once again.

Such is the nature of life in the West. The region we love is, in general, a dry one. In this day and age, water is becoming

the scarce and precious commodity of highest value, not unlike the gold and silver that attracted settlers to the region more than a century ago. But a vital difference is that our water sources are a known quantity, and they are limited.

At the same time, the stream of people relocating to western cities is seemingly endless, and this is beginning to pose a very real challenge. In addition, recovery of endangered or threatened species such as salmon and steelhead has added complexity to the question of how our water is used.

Much of our water infrastructure is aging rapidly or needs updating. Congress is also concerned with reining in federal spending, and the Bush administration has given clues that its budget requests for fiscal year 2007 will be a continuation of efforts to cut the federal budget deficit in half by 2009. This means a lean financial environment for water projects.

Because I am concerned about these issues and finding ways to address them, I serve as a member of the Board of Trustees for the Center for the New West, which recently concluded a conference titled “Water and the West — Meeting Supply Challenges Today and Beyond.”

This conference was held in Las Vegas, a city whose very existence highlights the challenges of using and managing water in the West. Las Vegas is in the middle of a desert, but it is one of the fastest-growing cities in the United States. The West is growing rapidly, and the growth does not always occur where water is abundant, so we face a huge obstacle in bringing water from where it is to where it is most needed.

The “Water and the West” meeting brought leaders from the public sector and private industry together to discuss important water issues and look for solutions that

meet the needs of all water users. In many instances, some innovative solutions have been found, and conferences like this one allow new ideas and perspectives to be shared and applied on a broader basis.

We had a very productive and rewarding meeting, and I was proud to be a part of it. That being said, many problems still exist and will continue to spring up as the West continues to grow and change. Thanks to the Center for the New West, we can be sure that leaders from all walks of life will continue to work, not fight, for real water solutions.

— *Larry Craig is a Republican U.S. senator from Idaho.*

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responsible species recovery, encouraging state and local input and incentives to involve more landowners working toward recovery under the ESA.

CRESA was drafted to introduce ideas and encourage involvement in the process of crafting a strong bill that will pass the Senate. We need a thoughtful and respectful debate. Many people already have come forward with well-developed ideas that move toward responsible species recovery and property protection. These priorities aren’t mutually exclusive. We need even more input. Take the time to become involved. Contact me with your concerns and suggestions. For information on the bill, you can go to my Web site: <http://crapo.senate.gov>.

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



# Public notices

**OWYHEE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES JANUARY 9, 2006**

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

The Board moved to amend the agenda to include the Declaration by the Governor, and designation of a point of contact.

The Board got an update on the progress and extent of damage caused by the recent flooding in the Murphy area.

The Reorganization of the Board for 2006 was called for:

**CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD: HAROLD TOLMIE**  
**M A G I S T R A T E COMMISSION REP: HAROLD TOLMIE**

**REPRESENTATIVE FOR REGIONAL JUVENILE DETENTION: DICK REYNOLDS**

The charge for Spraying of Noxious Weeds on Private Property shall be set at \$45.00 per hour for labor and equipment, plus the actual cost of the chemicals used.

Compensation for privately owned vehicles is \$.40 per mile

Declaration of The Owyhee Avalanche as official paper for county publications.

On January 6th 2006 Governor Kempthorne signed a Proclamation stating a disaster emergency in Owyhee County.

The Board moved to adopt Resolution 06-05 Destruction of Semi-permanent and Temporary Records.

The Board approved a catering permit for the Cattlemen’s Midwinter Meeting.

The Board re-appointed Joe Merrick and Shawn Dygert to serve on the Fair Board.

The Board approved cancellation of tax on Parcel No. RP B05000000150A and No. RP B04200020150A they are both exempt properties.

The Board selected Sage Community Resources to administer the grant for the museum complex in Murphy.

Larry Howard gave a report on progress made on the all-hazards manual for the county.

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

s.s/Harold Tolmie  
Attest s.s/Charlotte Sherburn  
1/25/06

**HOMEDALE SCHOOL DISTRICT #370 NOTICE OF SALE**

NOTICE is hereby given that the Board of Trustees of Homedale Jt. School District #370, Canyon and Owyhee Counties, pursuant to Section 33-601, Idaho Code, as amended, has determined that it is in the best interest of said school district to sell the property as identified below.

Description of property to be sold is as follows: 1989 Ford School Bus, VIN 1FDPB70K2KVA59264

Said property will be sold by sealed bids only to the highest bidder with a minimum bid of \$650.00 (the appraised value). The Board of Trustees reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Sealed bids will be opened at 9:30 a.m. on February 9, 2006 at the Homedale School District Office, 116 East Owyhee Ave., Homedale, Idaho. Any bids received after the bid opening will not be considered.

The property to be sold may be inspected at Homedale School

**OWYHEE COUNTY FAIR BOARD FINANCIAL STATEMENT FISCAL YEAR 2005 (OCTOBER 1, 2004 THRU SEPTEMBER 30, 2005)**

Beginning Balance	\$8,771.86
Income	
Allocations	32,778.00
Awards	2,509.00
Booth Rental	4,200.00
Camp Space Rental	1,873.00
Donations	150.00
Grds/Bldg Reimb	28,963.21
Grounds Rental	1,550.00
Interest Earned	3.71
Misc (rebates)	110.00
Pen Signs	50.00
Premium Return	495.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$72,681.92
Expenses	
Advertising	-3,023.01
Assoc/Conv. Fees	-351.49
Awards	-4,722.48
Entertainment	-3,315.00
Fair Expense	-10,917.85
Grounds & Building Project	-5,895.50
Judges	-1,421.32
Maint. & Supply	-2,364.30
Meal Tickets-	2,364.25
Mileage Reimbursement	-94.32
Office Equipment	-2,188.74
Office Supply	-1,777.46
Parade	-500.00
Premiums	-1185.00
Refunds	-458.00
Tax: Grounds Taxes	-173.07
Tax: Wage Taxes	-4,054.16
Utilities	-3,005.85
Wages	-14,929.21
TOTAL EXPENSES	-62,741.01
Ending Balance	\$17,163.33
1/25/06	

District, 116 East Owyhee Ave., Homedale, Idaho from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. between the dates of January 18, 2006 and February 9, 2006.

/s/Faith K. Olsen  
Assistant Clerk  
1/18,25/06

**CALL FOR BIDS FOR PURCHASE OF NEW BUS**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sealed bids will be received by the Board of Trustees of Marsing Joint School District No. 363, Marsing, Idaho for the purchase of a new school bus. Bids, documents and detailed specifications are available at the Marsing School District Office, 209 Eighth Ave. West, Marsing between the hours of 8:00 am and 4:00 pm., Monday through Friday until day of bid opening. Sealed bids must be submitted on or before 3:00 p.m., Friday, February 3, 2006 to the Marsing School District Office, 209 Eighth Ave. West, Marsing, Idaho. Bids received after the stated time and date will not be considered. On February 3, 2006 at 3:00 p.m., bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. The Board of Trustees reserves the right to accept or reject or to select any portion thereof any or all bids and to waive any irregularities. 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.

Deb Holzhey, Clerk  
Marsing Joint School District No.363  
PO Box 340  
Marsing, ID 83639  
1/18,25/06

**PUBLIC NOTICE BEFORE THE OWYHEE COUNTY PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION CORRECTION**

On February 8, 2006, the Owyhee County Planning & Zoning Commission will hear testimony in the County Annex, 17069 Basey Street, Murphy,

Idaho on the following matter at the time listed below:

2 PM –RONALD SCOTT has filed a conditional use permit application requesting permission to split a 25 acre parcel from a parcel which is approximately 37 acres in size and to establish a single family residence thereon. Subject parcel is located in the Agricultural Zone south of Marsing off of Howard Road and Highway 78 in Section 16, Township 2 North, Range 4 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho.

1/25/06

**NOTICE OF STATE SURPLUS LAND SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that there will be a public hearing for the purpose of gathering comments regarding the following described property belonging to the State of Idaho Military Division, and proposed for sale to the City of Homedale to use for airport expansion purposes. The property is described as follows: A parcel of land being a portion of the NW¼, Section 10, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, B.M., Homedale, Idaho, Owyhee County, and more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the Northwest corner of NW¼, Section 10, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, B.M., thence South 88°42’27” East 1,580.45 feet, more or less, along the northerly boundary of said NW¼; thence South 28°12’13” West 103.36 feet; thence South 38°57’52” East 65.10 feet to a point on the Southeasterly right of way line of U.S. Highway No. 95, Federal Aid project No. F-3311(11), also said point being the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING; thence South 38°57’52” East 470.28 feet; thence South 29°37’39” East 889.89 feet; thence North 52°14’26” West 1203.41 feet to a point on said Southeasterly right of way line; thence North 28°12’13” East 456.50 feet along said right of way line to the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING, said parcel containing 7 acres, more

or less.

All mineral rights are to be reserved to the State of Idaho in accordance with Idaho Code §47-701. The parcel is being sold for \$23,100, along with the option to use City-owned property that would be suitable for development of a National Guard Armory. The purchaser will be required to pay the advertising costs, land sale certificate fee and deed fee on the day of sale.

The hearing will be held at the Homedale City Hall Courtroom located at 31 West Wyoming, Homedale, Idaho, on February 1, 2006 at 6:00 p.m.

Persons requiring special accommodation at the public hearing need to contact Perry Whittaker at the Idaho Department of Lands Office at (208-334-0233) at least one week prior to the public hearing date to make arrangements.

**BY ORDER OF THE STATE BOARD OF LAND COMMISSIONERS**

Winston A Wiggins, Director,  
Idaho Department of Lands  
1/ 11,18,25;2/1/06

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING by the Opaline Irrigation District Board in accordance with Idaho Code Section 43-1003 on a petition from Elias and Inez Jaca requesting annexation into the district boundary of a 40 acre parcel of land described as the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 28, Township 1 North, Range 3 West, Boise Meridian. The District Board will hold a hearing on the proposed annexation at the next regular meeting beginning at 7:00 pm on February 7, 2006 at 9528 Jaca Lane, Melba, Idaho. Cynthia Eaton, Secretary-Treasurer, 01/13/2006.

1/18,25;2/1/06

**LIEN SALE**

Lien sale, 1991 Geo Tracker, 2/5/06, 620 W. 5<sup>th</sup> St.  
1/25;2/1/06

**NOTICE OF HEARING ON NAME CHANGE (ADULT) CASE NO. CV-2006-05351H IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE**

In the matter of: GEORGE ROSS DAUSAN

A Petition to change the name of George Ross Dausan, born July 31, 1930, in Quates, New Mexico, residing at Box 214, Grandview, Idaho, was filed in Owyhee County District Court. His name will change to Oscar Ross Dawson because this is the name by which Petitioner has been known all his life, and Petitioner was, in fact, surprised to learn only recently that the name on his birth certificate is actually George Ross Dausan.

Petitioner’s father has died, and the names and addresses of his closest blood relatives are Petitioner’s siblings, Harold Dawson, 24118 Elm Street, Loveland, Ohio 45140 and Irene Dawson, 303 Denver Street, P. O. Box 806, Caldwell, Idaho 83606.

Petitioner’s mother has died, and in addition to Petitioner and his siblings, her closest blood relative is Elvie Thomas, P. O. Box 876, Homedale, Idaho 83628

A hearing on the Petition is

scheduled for 11:00 o’clock a.m. on Wednesday, March 1, 2006, at the Owyhee County Courthouse, 31 W. Wyoming Avenue, Homedale, Idaho. Objections may be filed by any person who can show the Court a good reason against the name change.

DATED this 12<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2006.

Jan Fink, Deputy Clerk  
Dan C. Grober, ISB# 3511  
17 E. Wyoming Ave.  
PO Box 325  
Homedale, ID 83628  
Phone (208) 337-4945  
Fax (208) 337-4854  
Attorney for Petitioner  
1/18,25; 2/1,8/06

**SUMMONS IN THE CIRCUIT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR DOUGLAS COUNTY**

In the Matter of Marriage of Blue Raine Burdine, Petitioner, and Donald Lee Burdine Jr., Respondent. Case No. 05 DO 1529DS

IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF OREGON: You are hereby required to appear and answer the Petition of Dissolution filed against you. Petitioner seeks a decree dissolving the marriage of the parties and for other equitable relief.

This Summons is published by Order of the Honorable Joan G. Seitz, Judge of the above Court, entered on the 17 day of October, 2005, directing publication of this Summons once a week for four consecutive weeks in the Owyhee Avalanche, a newspaper published in Owyhee County, Homedale, Idaho.

NOTICE TO RESPONDENT: READ THESE PAPERS CAREFULLY! You must “appear in this case or the other side will win automatically. To “appear” you must file with the court a legal paper called a “motion” or “answer.” The “motion” or “answer” must be given to the court clerk or administrator within thirty (30) days of the date of first publication specified herein, along with the required filing fee. It must be in proper from and have proof of service on the petitioner’s attorney or, if the petitioner does not have an attorney, proof of service on the petitioner. IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS, YOU SHOULD SEE AN ATTORNEY IMMEDIATELY. If you need help in finding an attorney, you may call the Oregon State Bar’s Lawyer Referral Service at (503) 684-3763 or toll-free in Oregon at (800) 452-7636.

/s/Blue Raine Burdine  
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Roseburg, OR 97470  
(541) 957-1112  
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# Public notices

**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE**

On 5/15/2006, at the hour of 10:00 A.M., of said day, in the lobby, at the Owyhee County Courthouse, off Hwy 78, Murphy, Owyhee County, Idaho, on behalf of PIONEER LENDER TRUSTEE SERVICES, LLC, as the Successor Trustee; will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash in lawful money of the United States of America, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property, situated in Owyhee County, Idaho, and described as follows, to-wit:

Lots 1, 2, and 3, Block 3, Bruneau Townsite, as the same appear on the plat thereof on file and of record in the office of the County Recorder of Owyhee County, Idaho.

For purposes of compliance with Idaho Code 60-113, the Trustee has been informed that the address of 32524 Belle Avenue, Bruneau, ID 83604 may

sometimes be 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 ANTHONY EUGENE WILLIS, A SINGLE MAN to PIONEER LENDER TRUSTEE SERVICES, LLC, as Successor Trustee, for the benefit and security of BOYD CAMPBELL as Beneficiaries; and Deed of Trust having been recorded on 8-30-2002 as Instrument No. 240763, records of Owyhee County, Idaho. The above Grantors are named to comply with Idaho Code Section 45-1506 (4) (a). No representation is made that they are or are not presently responsible for this obligation.

The default for which this sale is to be made the failure of the Grantors to: 1.) make monthly installments as set forth on the

Deed of Trust Note secured by said Deed of Trust. 2.) pay at least ten days before delinquency all taxes ad assessments affecting said property. 3.) provide, maintain and deliver to the beneficiary fire insurance satisfactory to and with the loss payable to Beneficiary. The original loan amount was \$77,000.00 with interest thereon at the rate of 7% per annum as evidenced by the note dated 8/27/2002. The monthly installment in the amount of \$692.10 plus \$3.00 (the monthly long-term escrow handling fee) is due for 10-1-2005 and on the first day of each and every month thereafter until such default is cured and until 9-1-2017 at which date the entire remaining principal balance and accrued interest are due and payable in full. All amounts are now due and payable along with all costs and fees associated with this foreclosure, including, but not limited to, attorney fees, trustee costs and fees, property

insurance and county property taxes, together with any and all assessments, penalties and interest; for the purpose of protecting the beneficial interest of the Beneficiary. The principal balance is \$67,438.03 plus

accruing interest, costs and fees.  
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LORI A. BALL, SENIOR TRUST OFFICER  
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Mail — P.O. Box 97, Homedale, ID 83628

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Mike Hanley has captured a record that will soon be lost forever. The author's instinct and interest in preserving the history of the Owyhee country is a blessing for all who may read and appreciate this excellent collection.

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Church Directory

Assembly of God Church  
Homedale

15 West Montana, 337-4458  
Pastor George Greenwood  
Sunday School 9:30am  
Sunday Morning Worship 10:30am  
Sunday Evening Service 6:00pm  
Wed. Bible Study 7:00pm

Crossroads Assembly of God  
Wilder

Hwy 19 & 95, 482-7644  
Sunday School 10am  
Sunday Morning Worship 11am  
Sunday Evening Worship 6pm  
Wed. Bible Study 7pm

Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church

1122 W. Linden St., Caldwell  
459-3653  
Mass:  
Saturday 5:00 pm  
Sunday 9:30 am  
Spanish Mass: Sunday Noon

Mt. Calvary Lutheran  
Homedale

337-4248 or 454-1528  
SE corner Idaho and West 7th  
Sunday School: 9:00 to 9:45 am  
Services: 10:00 am  
Wednesday Night Bible Study: 7 to 8:30 pm

Friends Community Church  
Homedale

301 W. Montana, 337-3464  
Pastor: John Beck  
Sunday School: 9:30 am  
Worship Services: 10:45  
Wednesday CLC: 3:15

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints  
Homedale

708 West Idaho Ave 337-4112  
Bishop Alan McRae  
Bishop Dwayne Fisher  
Sunday 1st Ward 9am  
Sunday 2nd Ward 12:30pm

Homedale Baptist Church  
Homedale

212 S. 1st W.  
Sunday School 10am & 11am  
Sunday Evening 7pm  
Wednesday Evening 7pm  
Pastor James Huls

Wilder Church of God  
Wilder

205 A St. E, 482-7839  
Pastor Ray Gerthung  
Sunday School 9:45am  
Sunday Service 11am  
Sunday Eve. 6:00pm  
Wed. Eve. 7:00pm

Mountain View Church of the Nazarene

26515 Ustick Road, Wilder  
337-3151  
Sunday School 9:30  
Worship 10:30  
Adult & Youth Bible Class: Wednesday 7:00 pm  
Bible Based Recovery: Friday 7:00 pm



MARSING APOSTOLIC ASSEMBLY  
Asamblea Apostolica de Marsing

221 W. Main • Marsing, Idaho  
Pastor Ricardo Rodriguez  
896-5552 or 371-3516  
Sunday School 1:30 pm • Sunday Service 3 pm  
Thursday Service 7 pm • (Bilingual Services/Español)

Iglesia Evangelica  
Wilder

317 3rd st.,  
Pastor Ramiro Reyes  
10 am Sunday School  
11 am Service  
482-7484  
Bilingual

Marsing Church of Christ  
Marsing

932 Franklin, Marsing  
  
Minister Gib Nelson  
Sunday Bible Study 10am  
Sunday Worship 11am

Christian Church  
Homedale

110 W. Montana, 337-3626  
Pastors Maurice Jones & Duane Crist  
Sunday Morning Worship 11am  
Church school 9:45

Bible Missionary Church  
Homedale

West Idaho, 337-4437  
Pastor Paul Miller  
Sunday School 10am  
Worship 11am  
Sunday Evening 7pm

Assembly of God Church  
Marsing

139 Kerry, 896-4294  
Pastor Rick Sherron  
Sunday School 10am  
Sunday Worship 11am & 6 pm

Lizard Butte Baptist Church  
Marsing

Pastor Dave London  
116 4th Ave. W., 587-4866  
Sunday worship 11am-12pm  
Sunday school 10 am-10:55am  
Sunday evening 6pm-7pm  
Wednesday evening 6pm-7pm  
Every 3rd Sat. family video at 6 pm

Nazarene Church  
Marsing

Pastor Bill O'Connor  
896-4184  
Behind Mr. B's Market  
Worship Services - Sunday 11am and 6pm  
Sunday School - 9:45am  
Mid Week TLC Groups

Trinity Holiness Church  
Homedale

119 N. Main  
Pastor Samuel Page  
337-5021  
Sunday School 10am  
Sunday Morning Worship 11am  
Sunday Evening 7pm  
Thursday Evening 7:30pm

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints  
Marsing

215 3rd Ave. West, 896-4151  
Bishop Streibel  
Sunday 1st Ward 9am  
Sunday 2nd Ward 12:30pm  
Primary 11am

Vision Bible Church  
Marsing

221 West Main Marsing, Idaho  
208-896-5407  
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.  
Youth Meeting Wed. 7:00 p.m.

United Methodist Church  
Wilder

Corner of 4th St. & B Ave.  
880-8751  
Pastor Carolyn Bowers  
Sunday Services 9:30am

First Presbyterian Church  
Homedale

320 N. 6th W., 337-3060  
Pastor Marianne Paul  
Sunday Morning Worship 11am  
Sunday School 11am

Calvary Holiness Church  
Wilder

Corner of 3rd St. & B Ave., • 761-7843  
Pastor Matthew Hunt  
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.  
Sunday Morning Worship: 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday Evening: 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Evening: 7:00 p.m.  
Food Pantry Open Fridays 2-4 p.m.

Seventh Day Adventist  
Homedale

16613 Garnet Rd.,  
880-4685 or 453-9289  
Pastor Allan Payne  
Sabbath School Sat. 9:30am  
Worship 11am  
Wednesday Prayer Mtg. 7:30

Iglesia Bautista  
Palabra de Esperanza  
Homedale

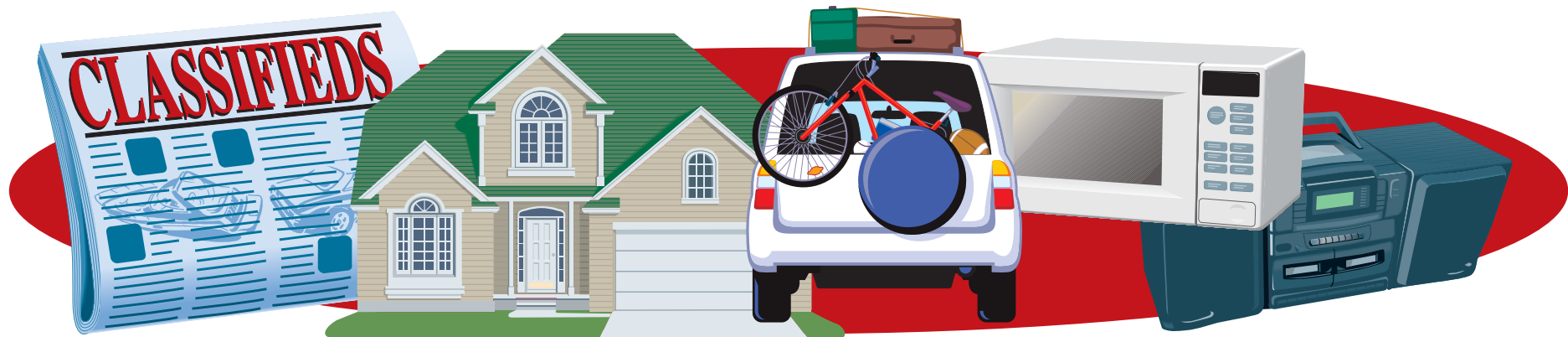
711 W. Idaho, 463-9569  
Pastor Jose Diaz  
Servicios: Los Domingos 11:00 am

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Knight Community Church  
Grand View

Pastor Paul H. Ryan • 834-2639  
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.  
Worship Service 10:45 a.m.  
Adult Bible Study: Wednesday, 7 p.m.  
Knight's Neighborhood:  
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THANK YOU

We would like to thank all of you for your prayers, cards, calls, food and flowers during the loss of our mother, Marguerite Hall. A big thank you to the Ryska families for the dinner after the service. We appreciate all of you. Also, a special thanks to the Marsing Ambulance crew who responded so quickly. Jay, Pam, Jason and Carissa Hall; Nona and Howard Donaldson, Bill Donaldson and Kay, Cello, Devan and Sophia Brouse

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Pork Blade or  
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**3 for \$1**

1 lb.  
**Baby Carrots**



**99¢**  
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Boneless Skinless  
**Chicken Breast**



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lb.

Bone-In  
**Beef Rib Steak**



**\$4.99**  
lb.

Dole  
**Salad Mix**



**\$1.29**  
ea.

**Avocados**



**89¢**  
ea.

Sunland 3 lb.  
**Corn Dogs**

**\$3.69**  
ea.

Resers 16 oz.  
**Salsa**

**\$1.99**  
ea.

John Morrell  
**Bone-In Ham Steak**

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lb.

Kraft 12 oz.  
**American or Swiss**

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ea.

Western Family 6 oz.  
**Shredded Parmesan**

**\$1.99**  
ea.

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**5 for \$1**

Red & Green  
**Bell Peppers**

**2 for \$1**

**Lemons**

**4 for \$1**

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**49¢**  
lb.

All  
**Pears & Apples**

**69¢**  
lb.

2 lb.  
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**Macaroni & Cheese**



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7.25 oz.

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**Products**

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**Soups**

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14.5 oz.

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6 oz.

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