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2006 Year in Review



Growth, progress highlighted year

The year that was started with a flood, and the news never stopped rushing forth in Owyhee County.

From a historic piece of legislation finally reaching Washington to county residents reaching out in neighbors' times of need and despair, from fresh starts in the political arena to seasoned athletes finally reaching the pinnacle of long-sought glory, from bidding farewell to a little girl who left us too soon to ushering in a new age of growth and — city fathers hope — prosperity in Homedale, 2006 was the type of year that tests the resolve but restores the optimism that there can be nothing but good things in store in 2007.

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City expands borders

Some residents resist Homedale adding area north of Pioneer

The Homedale City Council has decided to annex a large section of land southwest of the current city limits, but not all landowners in the area are happy with the move.

The city council approved bringing an area east of U.S. Highway 95 and north of Pioneer Road into the city after a public hearing on Dec. 18 at City Hall.

The decision will affect six landowners in the proposed area, which is east of U.S. Highway 95 and north of Pioneer Road. Five of the six landowners were present at the public hearing. The landowners' feelings on the annexation are divided.

Ron Woods, who owns an 86-acre tract of land proposed as a new residential subdivision in the newly annexed area, was strongly in favor of being brought into the city.

"I own 86 acres. I'd like the city council to annex me into the city. I'd love to be annexed into the city. I'm looking forward to it," Woods said.

Bryce Roberts, who owns property on the corner of U.S.

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Commissioners award contracts, buy dump truck

The Owyhee County Board of Commissioners’ weekly meeting on Dec. 18 was filled with a variety of issues that may affect county residents.

The county awarded a contract to Thueson Construction for gravel crushing for Road and Bridge District 3. Owyhee County Clerk Charlotte Sherburn said last week that Thueson’s bid was one of two the county received. Thueson’s was approximately \$65,000 less than the competition. Thueson has also completed work for the county recently on the Silver City Road.

The commissioners honored a request from the Bureau of Land Management to allow Raft River Electric to use a county right-of-way from C.J. Strike Reservoir to the Nevada border and Duck Valley Indian Reservation.

Road and Bridge District 3 will be getting a new dump truck in June of 2007.

“They have to order this truck from Northwest Equipment,” said Sherburn of a new Mack truck with a dump bed.

The new truck will cost the county approximately \$90,700. The truck will replace an aging 1990 model.

“The old one is just eating them,” Sherburn said. “It has been repair after repair. It will be cheaper to replace it than to keep fixing it.”

Sherburn said the county will be credited approximately \$18,000 for trade-in of the old truck.

The Board approved a renewal of Attorney William Wellman’s contract for public defender services to the county. Wellman, a Nampa attorney, has offered his services to the county for several years.

“This was a new, two-year contract. There is not a (dollar) amount written into it. It is just to provide public defender services for our court system.”

Wellman does not charge the county on a per case basis.

“He actually charges a monthly salary, and included in that salary are the amounts for his services and his office help in Nampa.”

Sherburn said the contract works out to approximately \$85,000 per year.

“We budgeted for \$84,000 for 2007,” Sherburn said. “It’s a pretty good salary.”

—JWB

Farewell open house planned for commissioners Salove, Reynolds

The Owyhee County Board of Commissioners will hold an open house from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday in Murphy for outgoing commissioners Chris Salove and Dick Reynolds.

Tuesday’s board meeting will be the last for Salove (District 1) and Reynolds (District 3).

Richard Freund will succeed Reynolds, and Jerry Hoagland will take Salove’s seat. Freund and Hoagland were elected in May.

They’ll assume office at the board’s regular meeting, scheduled for 10 a.m. Jan. 8.



Pre-Christmas snowfall enhances Jump Creek Falls’ beauty
Snow accentuates the waterfall at Jump Creek last week, after nearly 2 inches fell Thursday night. As of Tuesday, Natural Resources Conservation Service data at three measuring stations in Owyhee County read as follows: Mud Flat — 10 inches of snow; Reynolds Creek — 2.4 inches; and South Mountain — 18.5 inches.

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Above: A crew from Associated Pacific Movers in Meridian first chopped in half then moved the beef barn at the Owyhee County Fairgrounds in Homedale during a two-day job Thursday and Friday. The barn was relocated to make room for an expansion of the livestock arena. **Right:** Project foreman Brad Streng gets a little help in making sure the front half of the barn is lined up on the new foundation. Streng said steel girders had to be placed inside the barn for stability and leverage because — unlike other building moves the company has pulled off — the fair barn doesn't have a wooden floor.



Christmas Eve, Silver City style

Approximately four to five inches of snow was on the ground in Silver City on Christmas Eve Day. Photo by Joe Aman

Authorities recover
Owyhee burglary items

Call it an instance of case in point. A week after stressing to residents importance of cataloging belongings in the event of a break-in, the Owyhee County Sheriff's Office backed up the assertion with evidence. Sheriff's Sgt. Jim Bish reported Friday that property stolen during a recent Owyhee County burglary was recovered on the other side of the Snake River late last week after Canyon County investigators used serial numbers and descriptions to trace the origin of items they had found. "We were able to recover over \$5,000 in property simply because of one number," Bish said. Property lists that can be used to inventory belongings are available at the office of The Owyhee Avalanche in Homedale. "It just goes to show you how important those serial numbers are," Bish said. "(Canyon investigators) wouldn't have known the property was stolen, and it could have gone unclaimed." Instead, Bish said, this turned out to be a happy Christmas season for the victims of the Owyhee burglary. Bish said that while no arrests were made during the recovery of the property, the find has produced several leads that both sheriff's personnel from both Canyon County and Owyhee County continue to investigate. — JPB



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Marsing receives kudos for its FY '06 financial conduct

Auditor: Adjust budget early in year if necessary

The City of Marsing's budget got a passing grade during last Tuesday's council meeting.

"It's a good report. You've done a good job," said Certified Public Accountant Jared Zyger of Bailey and Co., a Nampa accounting firm.

"Overall, the general fund is looking good. It's holding its own," Zyger said, adding that he would like to see the city put a little extra funding aside in case of unexpected expenses.

Zyger addressed the city's water and sewer funds differently than the general fund.

"These funds are on what they call an accrual basis. Not a tax basis," Zyger said. He would like to see the city with a slight excess for possible upgrades.

Mayor Don Osterhoudt said that with regard to water and sewer funds, the city should not have an excess, but Zyger disagreed and said he would like to see the city with a surplus in case of a need to upgrade services.

"If you don't have a positive cash flow, when you need to upgrade your services. Where are you going to get your cash from?"

Zyger, Osterhoudt and city superintendent Danny Martin discussed the possibility of distinguishing further the types of work city employees engage in, so as to have further accountability

with regards to spending. With the wide range of duties that city employees engage in sometimes addressing personnel work hours becomes problematic.

"In bigger cities, you have the irrigation crew that does irrigation, you have the water crew that does water, and the road crew that does roads," Zyger said. In a city Marsing's size, one employee may do all three jobs in one day, which makes it difficult to track how much each area is spending.

Zyger also suggested that the city examine its budget early in the year, in February or March and adjust if necessary.

"The problem is the budget it projected in August for the next year. Don't be afraid to amend the budget. Don't be afraid to adjust it, or fine-tune it," Zyger said.

In the end, Zyger said that the city was doing well overall.

Owyhee County Sheriff's Sgt. Gary Olsen gave the city the monthly law enforcement report and said that the county hopes to hire two new deputies in the near future. One of which, will be stationed on the west end of the county, in the Marsing area. Olsen said the advantage will be an "overlap" period in which there will possibly be two deputies in the area at once, enabling deputies to increase efficiency and follow-up on existing cases.

"We're our own detective a lot of time," Olsen said.

The increased staffing will also provide adequate coverage during sick leave or training.

—JWB

Homedale students win bicycles

The Christmas season began early and is still chugging along for Victor Albor, Meteve Pershall, Jose Ibarra and Gaberiella Worley.

The four Homedale Elementary students won "new" bicycles, completely refurbished by maximum-security inmates in the California corrections system.

The bikes were given away by American Image Marketing (AIM) of Nampa, which earlier this year took 85 Homedale elementary students on \$100 shopping sprees to JC Penneys at the Boise Towne Square mall for clothing and other needed items. The bike recipients were chosen through a raffle that included all the students.

A program called Helping Hands, based in Riverside, Calif., sends donated bicycles to San Quentin State Prison in the San Francisco Bay Area, where prisoners are rewarded for good behavior with a chance to work in the prison industries facility and refurbish the bikes.

"There's nothing better to do than help people," Keith Duff, president of AIM's Helping Hands Program, said as he gave the bikes away with a wide smile. "It doesn't get any better than this."

Duff and two of his three daughters — 15-year-old Kayla and Charlee, 13 — presented the bikes to the Homedale students.

"These kids are our future. There is nothing better than making an impact in the world we live in," Duff said. "If every person did a little to help others, the world would be a better place."

Duff noted that a bike is the ultimate symbol of freedom for a child.

Ironically, these bikes were



The joy of giving

Keith Duff, president of American Image Marketing's Helping Hands program, and two of his daughters recently presented bicycles to lucky Homedale Elementary School winners, including (clockwise from top) Meteve Pershall, Jose Ibarra, Victor Albor and Gaberiella Worley

rebuilt by prisoners whose freedom is limited — some permanently — to concrete prison walls, steel-barred windows, razor-wire fences and ominous guard towers.

"They're long-term inmates," Duff said of the prisoners who rebuild the bikes. "They're not going to be getting out any time soon."

Duff noted that although incarcerated for serious crimes, the prisoners who volunteer to help do so not only to pass the time, but to help the world in some small way, transforming a discarded item into something of value.

"They want to make a positive impact in the community," Duff said. "They love being able to take something that looks worthless and make it into something new again."

Duff said that one of the highlights of the program is sending photos of the bike giveaways back to the inmates.

The students receiving them said little when presented with the bikes, but all immediately climbed aboard their new wheels.

No comment was needed: The ear-to-ear grin on Jose Ibarra's face told it all.

—JWB

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City

95 and Pioneer Road also favored annexation, but for other reasons.

"I own a little over six acres. We want to be annexed in. We want the services. We've had some issues as to whether we are in the county or city. We want to be in the city to get city services," Roberts said.

Roberts said there has been debate in the past as to whether his property lies in the city or county. The annexation would clarify this situation.

Cecil Hill owns 3½ acres within the area. He said he is neutral with regards to the annexation, and city services are not a motivation for him to be annexed in.

"We have everything we need. It's doesn't matter either way," Hill said.

However, other property owners were opposed. Bob Allen said he

was not in favor of annexation, and that he has no need for services.

"I don't know that I am for it," Allen said. "I don't know that I need any of those city services. While Homedale is a great neighbor, I ain't looking forward to my taxes increasing. So, I would be opposed."

Marlow Pounds strongly opposed annexation, but stated he was willing to work with the city.

"I'm willing to work with the city. I do not want to be annexed in at this time," Pounds said. He hoped the city would make a decision at a later date.

Pounds, who plans to build a Redi-Mix concrete plant on his property, already owns a small quarry on his property, on which he has been mining gravel.

Pounds told The Owyhee Avalanche two weeks ago that he fears his investment will be lost if the city re-zones the area as residential.

"Let's revisit this. I'm scared to

death about what the city could do with regards to what I do with my property," Pounds told the council at the hearing.

Pounds has said he isn't opposed to supplying Woods with material for the infrastructure of new subdivision, including concrete for sidewalks.

Pounds, who owns 15 acres in the area, said that he wants to be a permanent fixture in the community.

"I'm here to stay. I don't want to cash out and run," Pounds said. "I want to be part of this community."

Pounds asked that his property be given a "grandfather clause" so he could continue to develop his property. He also stated that he has plans to develop the pit on his property into a pond with a walking path and park-like setting.

Mayor Paul Fink said the city was willing to work with Pounds.

"Marlow, I'd like to see a plan of what you'd like to do there, if you was going to fill the ponds back in or what, if you are going to maintain good ponds that are going to bring something to the area, instead of just a bunch of holes out there in the ground," Fink said.

Fink also stressed that annexation does not necessarily mean the end of Pounds' business.

"Even if we annex you in, it's not the end of the road for you not to be able to recover the gravel," Fink said.

While Fink said he did not have a vote on the council, as the mayor, he said in no uncertain terms what he would like to see happen.

"I'd like to see the council — if they annex you in — work with you on the recovery of the gravel," Fink said. "I, for one, would not like to shut you down, but to work with you."

Pounds said he appreciated

the mayor's sentiment, but was skeptical of what the future may bring and directed pointed comments at Ron Woods.

"It's people like him who want to shut me down," Pounds said, while motioning toward Woods, who sat in front of and to the left of Pounds inside the meeting room. "Because it's all about dollars, and he doesn't plan to stay around here. He plans to take the money and go. I'm here to stay."

Fink pointed out that even as a county resident, Pounds has to obtain permits. Something he could possibly do in the city, as well.

"I don't see the difference between what the county could say and what we could say," Fink said.

The mayor also said that because Pounds lives in the city's impact area, even if annexation did not occur, the fate of his property would lie at the hands of the city.

—JWB

OCHS plans New Year's fund-raiser

The Owyhee County Historical Society is planning another New Year's Eve fund-raiser on Sunday.

The OCHS card party in Murphy will raise money for the historical society and museum.

The cost for the all-inclusive event is \$20, and that will include food beverages and live music.

Senior center announces schedule

The Homedale Senior Citizens Center has announced its schedule for January.

The center will be closed Monday for New Year's Day, and also will close on Jan. 15 in observance of Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday.

The monthly birthday luncheon and board meeting will take place Jan. 9.

The monthly foot clinic will be held Jan. 16. Visit the senior center's front desk or call 337-3020 to make an appointment.

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

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GV's Martin earns Air Force nomination

Leigh Martin is a teenager who has a keen sense of what living in this country means to him.

The 18-year-old Rimrock High School senior wants to make a commitment to the United States to preserve our way of life, and he sees military service as a perfect avenue to achieve that.

"I've always believed strongly in the U.S., and there seems to be a lot of people attacking us these days," he said. "And I'd like to be a part of making sure the U.S. is secure."



Leigh Martin

Idaho's congressional delegation seems to think the son of Grand View residents Allen "Buffalo" and Debbie Martin would be a fine fit in the armed forces, too.

Leigh Martin recently received word that he has been nominated for appointment to three different service academies — the Air Force Academy in Colorado, the Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md., and the Merchant Marine Academy in Kings Point, N.Y. — by Idaho delegates Sen. Mike Crapo, Sen. Larry Craig and Rep. C.L. "Butch" Otter.

"I'm surprised that I received a nomination to the Air Force Academy," Martin said. "This year, the applicants were really strong, so I was really surprised to get one."

Craig nominated Martin to the Air Force Academy as well as the Merchant Marine Academy. Crapo also recommended Martin for appointment to the Naval Academy.

The Rimrock FFA president and a member of the Raiders' track and field team as a junior, Martin said his dream is to attend the Air Force Academy. He took part in the annual summer seminar there in mid-June last year.

"I always wanted to go there, but that solidified it," Martin said of the Colorado Springs, Colo., school.

"When I went there, I came back knowing that was exactly where I wanted to go to school."

Martin prefers Air Force Academy because he covets a degree in aeronautical engineering and a career as a pilot.

Oreana resident JR Steiner was appointed to the Air Force Academy after Crapo nominated him in 2004.

Martin said he was drawn to the superb reputations of the military schools. He has carried a 4.0 grade-point average since his freshman year at Rimrock.

"I thought (attending an academy) would be a good way to get an education and put me into the world in a good career field that I'd like to be in," Martin said.

If appointed to an academy, Martin would become part of the Class of 2011 and begin his college career next fall. Typically, in exchange for a full-ride, four-year education at a service academy, students make 7- to 10-year commitments to that branch of the military.

Martin said last week that, while he won't hear about appointments until March, the Merchant Marine Academy already has made him an offer.

In a press release from his office announcing a batch of 43 nominations, Craig summed up what makes students like Martin unique.

"These are talented students who have chose to dedicate their lives to defend the values and liberties we hold dear through service to our nation," Craig said.

— JPB



State FFA officers visit Rimrock chapter
Idaho FFA state officers Anna Marie Limbaugh, left, and Ian Bridges address members of the Rimrock FFA chapter during a Dec. 18 workshop. Submitted photo

Rimrock FFA news

by Chelsey Lemon chapter reporter

On Dec. 18, two of the state FFA officers came to Rimrock High School. The officers, Ian Bridges and Anna Marie Limbaugh, held a workshop for the Introduction to Agriculture class. This workshop encouraged young members to establish teamwork.

An activity used to demonstrate the use of teamwork required standing in a circle as participants randomly grabbed each other's hands. The group had to use teamwork to form a circle with no one in the center.

Bridges and Limbaugh finished their visit by talking to the chapter officer and encouraging them to run for district and state officer positions.

Overall, it was an extremely productive presentation.

Homedale grad to head Ukraine on LDS mission

Ryan C. Rupp, a 2006 graduate of Homedale High School, has received an LDS mission call to the Kiev Mission in Ukraine.

All are invited to his farewell talk 9 a.m. Sunday at the Homedale LDS church.

The Rupp family will host a gathering at their residence that same evening from 5 to 7.

Ryan is the son of Gary and Tyna Rupp.

Hewill report to the Missionary Training Center in Provo, Utah, on Jan. 3 for 12 weeks of language training.



Ryan Rupp

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OPEN HOUSE



Where: Owyhee County Courthouse
When: January 2, 2007
Time: 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Everyone is welcome to come and wish Commissioners Chris Salove and Dick Reynolds well, as they will be finishing their terms as Owyhee County Commissioners.

Senior menus

Homedale center	Marsing center
Dec. 27: Chili con carne, hot dog/bun, tossed salad, milk.	Dec. 27: Spaghetti, green beans, tossed salad, soup, dessert, drink.
Dec. 29: Spaghetti & meat sauce, tossed salad, roll, milk.	Dec. 28: Pork Roast, mashed potatoes, peas, green salad, soup, desert, drink.
Jan. 2: Baked fish, baked potato, carrots, roll, milk.	
Jan. 3: Chicken pot pie, tossed salad, roll, milk.	

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Dear Dave,

Recently, I found a blemish on my credit report due to a USPS error. It's the only mark against me. I was told by an agent that this could prevent me from getting a mortgage with their company. Is this true?

— Marian

Dear Marian,

You don't have anything to worry about if that's the only negative mark on your credit report.

You need to find another agent who knows what they're doing, or go to a different mortgage company.

Standard underwriting guidelines won't dictate that you can't get a mortgage if you have one late payment on your entire credit history!

— Dave

Dear Dave,

I've had my own business for a couple of years and haven't made a profit because I've put all the revenue back into the business. I took out an equity loan of \$40,000 to start up the business, and at this point I have about \$40,000 worth of merchandise. Now I want to sell the business. What's the best way to sell it, and what do you think I could get for it?

— Sharon

Dear Sharon,

Most small businesses sell to customers, competitors or suppliers. Look to these types of people for your transaction.

From what you tell me, your business is worth book value — about \$40,000. You've never made a profit, so there's no cash flow to help increase the value of the business. Because you've been open such a short time, there's really no additional value or "good will" of the business. When you turn the key and walk into the store you're surrounded by the worth of the business — merchandise and equipment.

It's really difficult to sell potential to a sophisticated buyer, Sharon. They can go out



and get that on their own. Good luck!

— Dave

Dear Dave,

My husband and I always save up throughout the year for Christmas. My sister, on the other hand, never saves and maxed out her credit cards again just to buy presents for her kids. I'm worried she'll be in trouble when the bills come due.

— Amy

Dear Amy,

It still amazes me that some people seem surprised when Christmas rolls around every year on Dec. 25!

Planning for Christmas is just another part of the budgeting process. You know Christmas is coming, right? Spend every dollar on paper — including what you can afford to spend on gifts — before the month begins. If you stick to your budget, you won't have the problem of overspending.

Your idea is just another form of the budgeting process. There's nothing wrong with setting aside a little bit each month throughout the year. Then when December rolls around, you've got a nice pile of cash laying there to buy Christmas presents!

This advice obviously is too late for this year, Amy. But hopefully it will give her a great head start on next Christmas.

— Dave

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

Calendar

Thursday

Exercise class, 11 a.m., free, Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave. (208) 337-3020

Homedale City Council meeting, 6 p.m., City Hall, 31 W. Wyoming St. (208) 337-4641

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

Friday

Recovery Celebrate 12-step program, 6 p.m., Mountain View Church of the Nazarene, 26515 Ustick Road, Wilder. (208) 337-3520 or (208) 337-3151

Sunday

DivorceCare recovery support group, 9:30 a.m., Mountain View Church of the Nazarene, 26515 Ustick Road, Wilder. (208) 337-3151

Calvary Chapel Home Fellowship Bible study, 10 a.m., 532 W. California Ave., Homedale. (208) 475-3733

Tuesday

Exercise class, 11 a.m., free, Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave. (208) 337-3020

Storytime for first- through third-graders, 4:20 p.m., Lizard Butte Public Library, Owyhee Plaza, 105 Main Street, Marsing.

(208) 896-4690

Pure Word recovery meeting, 7 p.m. (208) 880-8962

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

Thursday, Jan. 4

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Monday, Jan. 8

Homedale School District Board of Trustees monthly meeting, 7 p.m., district office board room, 116 E. Owyhee Ave.

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Wednesday, Jan. 10

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Marsing City Council meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall, 425 Main St. (208) 896-4122

Grand View City Council meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall, 425 Boise Ave. (208) 834-2700, Monday through Wednesday

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2006 Year in Review

The Top 10 County residents met plenty of challenges

The staff of The Owyhee Avalanche examined the biggest news events in Owyhee County from 2006 in search of the year's top 10 headlines.

In some cases, such as the historic introduction of the Owyhee Initiative into the U.S. Senate or the heart-wrenching events surrounding the tragic death of Carrolina Davis, there was little doubt the type of impact a story had.

But other stories crept along with more subtlety. For example, the full impact of the election of two new Owyhee County commissioners or the influx of business into Homedale perhaps won't be felt for years.

The stories in the Avalanche's top 10 list have one common thread, though.

Each left an imprint on our lives, whether poignant or prideful.

1. Owyhee Initiative reaches Washington

After more than five years of work and compromise from several different interest groups — including ranchers, environmentalists, the Shoshone-Pauite Tribes and recreationalists — a comprehensive piece of land-use legislation finally landed in the U.S. Senate.

Sen. Mike Crapo (R-Idaho) introduced the bill to the Senate on Aug. 3, and the landmark legislation underwent a hearing in the Public Lands and Forests Subcommittee chaired by Sen. Larry Craig (R-Idaho) on Sept. 27.

By the end of the second session of the 109th Congress earlier this month, though, Initiative supporters still were awaiting word on what the next step would be as the Democrats prepare to take control of Congress on Jan. 4.

2. County voters elect two new commissioners

The May 23 primary election — not November's general election — turned out to be the crucial political time of year in Owyhee County. Voters consented to send two new commissioners to Murphy beginning next month as Jerry Hoagland was elected to replace Chris Salove in District 1 and Richard Freund beat incumbent Dick Reynolds in District 3.

Freund, currently the chief deputy for the Owyhee County Sheriff's Office, and Hoagland, a Wilson area rancher, take office on Jan. 8.

3. Owyhee deals with West Nile Virus outbreak

The first case of a human infected by the mosquito-borne West Nile Virus was reported in Owyhee County in June. As summer crept along, more and more cases were revealed in people of all ages, and the county became an epicenter for the state's outbreak,

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Compiled by Jim Beaumont

JANUARY

The year started with a literal flood of activity.

On Sunday Jan. 1 at 10 a.m., Owyhee County Sheriff Gary Aman, declared the county a disaster area because of flooding.

A New Year's storm that brought several inches of rain to the Murphy area, and runoff created when warmer temperatures melted snow at higher elevations, caused normally dry creek bottoms to swell and overflow their banks. About two dozen people had to be rescued from the Silver City area after they became stranded when Silver City Road washed out.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency, Idaho Transportation Department, Department of Homeland Security and Army Corps of Engineers ultimately offered assistance to the county in order to re-open and repair several county roads. The National Guard placed a temporary bridge over Browns Creek to help restore Oreana Loop Road.

Silver City Road suffered the most extensive damage. Work wasn't completed on the roadway until September.

Elsewhere in the county, Homedale resident Dan Uranga was injured in a bizarre accident on Thompson Road when the roadway collapsed into rain-swollen Jump Creek.



Homedale, January
Ten family members were displaced by a house fire.

Some said the storm was the worst to lash the county in nearly 40 years. The damage was put at about \$1.5 million.

Homedale City Councilman Kevin Barlow resigned his position over residency issues. He had remained on the city council even after moving to Emmett. Idaho Code states council members cannot continue to

serve a city if they terminate residency there.

Also in January, owners of the Sunset Village Mobile Home Park filed a complaint against the City of Homedale, alleging defamation, negligence, emotional distress and violation of civil rights. The Homedale City

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Council voted to shut water off by the end of the month, unless approximately \$4,000 worth of back water bills were paid. At the end of the month, the city decided not to turn the water off. This situation dragged on into the fall, as city leaders debated whether the renter or landlord should be responsible for city water bills. The park owners, Bob and Jane Sevieri, sold the property later in the year.

A Homedale landmark, the Tango Lounge, closed and was reborn as the Cowboy Up Saloon.

The Homedale School District began considering an open-enrollment policy aimed at improving revenues during years of lean in-district attendance.

FEBRUARY

In February, the Owyhee Cattlemen's Association held its winter meeting in Oreana. The OCA honored former state Bureau of Land Management director K Lynn Bennett as a life member. The ICA endorsed efforts by industry groups to get the federal government to ban beef imports from Canada and Japan.

The Bureau of Reclamation Commissioner, John Keys, awarded the Commissioner's Water Conservation Award to the South Board of Control.

By Feb. 8, a Homedale woman, Carol Geshick, had been arrested after brandishing a firearm, firing shots into the air and holding officers at bay for nearly two hours at her home in the 200 block of Second Street West. The situation ended when officers tackled the woman. She was ultimately charged with three felony counts of assault on law enforcement officers, one felony count of aggravated battery, misdemeanor exhibition of a deadly weapon and discharge of a firearm at inhabited dwellings, also a felony.

Members of the Joint Board of the Owyhee Project voted during a special meeting to boost the flows of the Owyhee Reservoir after the amount water stored there peaked at 604,000 acre-feet. The Owyhee River banks swelled downstream after the release. The 30-year average at the time was approximately 363,900.

By mid-month, Homedale and Marsing residents had a uniform method of summoning emergency services in the form of a standard 911 dispatch system.

A water line break on Owyhee Avenue in Homedale stalled water service for 2½ hours, and shut down traffic for three days.

U.S. Sen. Mike Crapo (R-Idaho) presented the Owyhee Initiative to the Idaho Legislature. By the summer, the Owyhee Initiative Implementation Act of 2006 was introduced into the U.S. Senate to



Marsing, February

Sen. Mike Crapo brought a little familiar reading to the Lincoln Day Banquet at the Sandbar Restaurant.

begin the legislative process.

Jordan Valley ranchers Richard and Margene Eiguren traveled to Washington, D.C., with members of the Oregon Livestock Producers Association to discuss issues facing the cattle industry with President Bush and his administration.

The 45th annual Marsing Disaster Auction set a record by bringing in more than \$80,000.

Oreana Loop Road reopened more than a month after being washed away by floodwaters.

Grand View's Frances Field, the state representative for District 23, Seat A for more than 22 years, announced her retirement from the Idaho Legislature during the Owyhee County Lincoln's Day Banquet in Marsing.

Several people announced their candidacies for county public offices during the banquet at the Sandbar Restaurant. Dick Freund and Jerry Hoagland eventually would be elected to commission seats.

The Homedale Friends

Community Church opened the doors on its new building on U.S. Highway 95 across the Snake River in Canyon County. The church moved from Montana Avenue in downtown Homedale.

A house fire in Wilder claimed the life of 4-year-old Trevor Ordorica and injured his grandmother, Ann Ordorica. Trevor's mother, Regina, is a former Homedale resident, and Beverly Ann is a nurse at Owyhee Health and Rehab in Homedale.

Homedale's city attorney, Chris Nye, resigned his post late in the month. He left the position at the end of April, as Nampa lawyer Kathy Edwards took over. By November, Edwards also would resign.

Melba School District patrons rejected a measure on the February ballot that would have extended the district's Plant Facilities Levy. Another proposal would meet the same fate in May.

MARCH

The new face of Homedale was beginning to show by March. Demolition crews tore down the building that housed the former One Dollar Store on Idaho Avenue in Homedale. By November, that spot had been filled with a new Subway restaurant. Throughout 2006, new construction projects sprang up almost monthly throughout Homedale.

Also in March, spring runoff was beginning to compound problems associated with the New Year's flooding on Silver City Road.

With a glut of citations causing problems in the court system, the Homedale City Council voted to amend the city's dog licensing ordinance, making the first offense an infraction rather than a misdemeanor.

The Owyhee County Board of Commissioners unanimously approved the Owyhee Initiative.

A 29-year-old Washington



Homedale, March

World-class basketball spinner Bruce Crevier brought his refreshing message directly to John Bittick and other Homedale High School students.

woman found herself behind bars in Malheur County after stealing a pickup belonging to Jordan Valley area rancher and author Mike Hanley. After "borrowing" the truck from Hanley's ranch, Sarah Odle parked it in Jim Zatica's driveway, walked into the house and began to eat at the kitchen table. There was one small problem with the visit: Zatica had never seen the woman before. She was charged with unauthorized use of a vehicle and criminal trespassing.

A former Homedale resident, Tyler Gorley, 23, died of injuries resulting from a stabbing near Caldwell. Clayton Adams, 22, of Caldwell was charged with first-degree murder, aggravated battery and attempted robbery.

Sheriff Gary Aman defended his agency's policy to bill people saved by search and rescue operations to replenish the county's limited search and rescue budget. Aman said Idaho law allows counties to charge individuals who enter into an area that has been closed to the public by competent authority.

By March, Aman reported that three individuals were billed

a total of \$938.69 for rescues stemming from the New Year's flooding. Officials said every person billed for the rescues had paid the fees.

An 18-year-old Homedale man was charged with petit theft after being caught stealing an \$800 ultrasound device from Terry Reilly Clinic in Homedale after a visit to the clinic with his pregnant wife.

The next week, the same man, Dan Mercado, was charged with kidnapping his wife and their young child at gunpoint during a domestic altercation. Mercado was arrested for two counts of felony domestic battery and domestic battery in the presence of a child. Neither of the victims were injured. Mercado later was sentenced to 2½ years in a plea bargain agreement.

The Owyhee County Commissioners passed a fringe benefit policy to bring the county into compliance with Internal Revenue Service codes that require governments to charge employees who take a county vehicle home from work.

Commissioners also questioned the spending habits of Owyhee County Coroner Harvey Grimme during an executive session. The matter eventually was turned over to Owyhee County Prosecuting Attorney Matthew Faulks. By the end of April, Faulks and the commissioners cleared Grimme of any wrongdoing, but decided to adopt new policies to increase accountability and efficiency in the coroner's office.

The city of Homedale bought about seven acres of land near the airport. The parcel would be the subject of several city council meetings and much controversy throughout 2006.

Homedale city fathers also made it illegal to keep live chickens in the city limits.

By the end of the month, Homedale and Bob and Jane

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Sevieri — owners of the Sunset Village Mobile Home Park — entered into a new agreement aimed smoothing over tension related to what the city had said was \$3,000 in overdue water bills.

APRIL

April started with nearly two weeks of rain in the valley and snow in the higher elevations, leaving creeks, already swollen, with no place to go but over their banks. Several roads were closed because of high water. Thompson Road, which caved in after flooding at the first of the year, was closed again because of high water.

Jordan Creek flooded, covering U.S. Highway 95 near Jordan Valley. Overstreet Road near Adrian was closed and sandbags were given out free at the Owyhee Junction for residents along the Owyhee River flood plain. By the end of the month, water levels had finally stabilized.

Deputies from the Owyhee County Sheriff's Office and officers from Homedale Police competed in the SWAT Challenge, which required them to rappel, navigate a 7½-mile course and test their skills in target shooting, precision rifle shooting, trapping and bow and arrow shooting.

As the backlash continued over Homedale's ban on chickens, one citizen proposed forming a task force to round up the offending fowl.

"I realize everyone is going to make light of this, but it really is an issue," Mayor Paul Fink said about the situation.

Homedale Police and Owyhee County Sheriff's deputies were assisted by the Idaho State Police Clandestine Drug Lab Team at the Sunnysdale Motel in Homedale, when an anonymous tip led law enforcement personnel to a room occupied by Ronald Kristan



Homedale, May

City crews were kept busy with water breaks throughout the year, but Homedale voters approved bonds aimed at expanding and improving both the water and sewer systems in town.

Sumstead, 37. Sumstead was found nearly unconscious in a room filled with ingredients used in the manufacture of methamphetamine. Sumstead was arrested and charged with attempted manufacture of methamphetamine.

Elsewhere in county crime news, a Grand View 15-year-old plead guilty to battery charges in which, according to witness statements, he set fire to a young girl's hair on a school bus.

Nampa lawyer Kathy Edwards began work as Homedale's new city attorney on April 1.

Homedale increased the fees paid for new hookups to the town's water and sewer systems.

The Marsing City Council set rules for any proposed adult-themed businesses, requiring any future business to be located more than 2,500 feet from public schools, daycares or playgrounds.

Snake River Lumber began preparations to relocate near Homedale Airport after the city council approved a lease of the 7-acre parcel. The move would create a firestorm of controversy in town because the city never put

the lease up for public bid. Snake River Lumber owner Dave Holton later would withdraw his interest in the parcel and shifted his attention to relocating on Kansas Avenue in Homedale.

Homedale and Owyhee County took a step toward defining the city's impact area. The decision: The best way to deal with growth is to communicate.

MAY

On May 15, 6-year-old Carolina Davis died in a tragic trailer fire in the King's Court Mobile Home Park on Main Street in Homedale. A later investigation showed that the fire was caused by an electrical problem in the kitchen area of the residence.

Friends, family members, community members and complete strangers pulled together to help Carolina's mother, Patti Smith, 29, who was hospitalized in Boise with burns, a severely broken arm and many lacerations. The community would later show its support — and solidarity — with numerous benefits in honor of Carolina.

May began with a 7-year-old Homedale Elementary student, Govany Castilleja, being struck by a car on Washington Avenue directly in front of Homedale Elementary. By October, school

officials had implemented a new pick-up/drop-off zone in front of the school in an effort to prevent further mishaps.

Homedale City Council deemed the original lease of seven acres of land to Dave Holton's Snake River Lumber illegal and opened the lease process to the public.

Three people were injured in unrelated accidents throughout Owyhee County. Coincidentally, all three vehicles involved in these accidents ended up in ditches.

Marsing Mayor Don Osterhoudt begged anglers to release Grass Carp caught from Marsing Island Pond. "They are imperative to the pond," Osterhoudt said. The carp were specially planted to control moss and algae.

Marsing Housing Authority received a \$250,000 grant from U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development Agency.

Homedale voters passed bonds for sewer and water improvements totaling approximately \$4.4 million and county residents voted in primary elections.

In a heavily contested race for Owyhee County commissioner in District 3, Dick Freund upset incumbent Dick Reynolds by a count of 453 votes to 391 during May's primary election. Jerry Hoagland won the uncontested District 1 commissioner spot after incumbent Chris Salove decided not to run again; Charlotte Sherburn dominated Sherry Olsen for the county clerk position; Brenda Richards was picked for county treasurer; Brett Endicott for assessor, and Harvey Grimme had no opposition for the county coroner position.

With no Democrat opposition, the primary essentially served as the deciding election for all county offices. Overall, voter turnout was up 2 percent from 2004.

A Marsing man, Ruben Villarreal, 39, was arrested in Ada County after shooting at a female family member in the 200 block of Wells Road in Marsing. Villarreal allegedly fired at a woman, who was so close she received powder burns to her upper arm. She was not otherwise injured. Villarreal fled the scene and was located in Canyon County, where he ran

from law enforcement officers. He was eventually apprehended in Ada County. He was ultimately charged with attempted murder.

Silver City Road, which was damaged by New Year's flooding, was opened, but only to high-clearance vehicles.

The Grand View City Council began examining a plan to repeal is ordinance banning open containers of beer or alcohol in public.

In a sign of an influx of business into Homedale, Family Dollar Store opened its doors at the corner of West Idaho Avenue and Third Street.

JUNE

Outpost Days in Murphy yielded a record turnout in early June, with more than 3,000 folks showing up for the festivities. Organizer Debra Lindner said the "unofficial" count of funds raised exceeded \$10,000. Proceeds from the annual event benefit the Owyhee County Historical Museum, which is located in Murphy.

Two Ada County residents were rescued from the Owyhee Desert after becoming separated from a group of hikers in the Wickahoney area. At the time, Owyhee County Sheriff Gary Aman said the rescue efforts cost the county approximately \$500. The two were required to repay a portion of the cost of the rescue.

BR Maier Properties, LLC, announced plans to build a 45-home subdivision in Homedale, that would later be named the Santa Fe Subdivision.

Silver City Fire and Rescue service took its first steps to reality in June.

Marsing said goodbye to Councilman Bud Peck, who died only months after being elected to office.

Homedale Fire Department battled a grass fire near Pioneer Road, and the Homedale Senior Center got a new van.

U.S. Highway 95 was posted for caution because of hordes of Mormon Crickets, which made for slick conditions as motorists squished millions of the not-so-cuddly creatures on the roadway.

Also in June, Owyhee County was put on alert when a horse in neighboring Elmore County tested positive for West Nile Virus (WNV). In the previous year, at least one Owyhee horse died of complications brought on by the mosquito-borne illness.

The annual LeRoy Breshears Fishing Derby, postponed from May because of high water levels in the Snake River, went off without a hitch at Marsing Island Park pond.

Marsing and the Owyhee County Board of Commissions

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locked horns over the county's request to increase by \$21,000 the price the city pays for sheriff patrols.

Homedale city councilman Bill Page attended the inauguration of Gov. Jim Risch.

Homedale was the site of the state firemen's competition.

Bids were taken on the third and final stage of the Bruneau water system overhaul. Construction on reverse osmosis treatment system designed to cut down on the fluoride and arsenic levels in the water would begin in October.

JULY

Gov. Jim Risch visited Owyhee County. Risch issued the City of Marsing a grant for \$432,500 to help finance a new water system, and Homedale Mayor Paul Fink accepted a \$27,726 grant to make a recently purchased piece of land viable for new business.

Marsing's Fourth of July fireworks display was, as usual, plentiful, both from the annual city show and from freelance revelers celebrating the nation's birthday.

The Homedale annual Lions Demolition Derby crowned Leonard Hurd as a champion.

Homedale Planning and Zoning unanimously gave developers the go-ahead for the Santa Fe subdivision along Railroad Way between Idaho Avenue and 1st Street South.

County commissioners approved \$32,000 to be used on a new emergency dispatch repeater that would literally double police, fire and EMS radio coverage in Owyhee County.

Former Homedale City Clerk Pamela Dugger was arraigned on nine felony charges stemming from her alleged spending habits while employed at City Hall. Indicted earlier by a grand jury in Canyon County, Dugger is scheduled to go to trial on those charges in April.

Emergency Medical Technicians from the Homedale Ambulance delivered a baby in the back of a speeding ambulance in Idaho Highway 55.

The Marsing City Council appointed Tony Purcell to replace LeRoy "Bud" Peck, who died in June at the age of 71 after only six months in office.

Sheriff Gary Aman announced that the county's 1991 jail bond had been paid off six years early. During Sheriff Tim Nettleton's tenure, a \$1.6 million bond passed for construction of the new \$1.7 million jail (the remaining \$100,000 came from the county building fund). Aman said revenue created by housing out-of-county inmates for other law enforcement agencies allowed the county to pay off the bond early.

In late July, the Owyhee



Owyhee County Fairgrounds, August

Children took advantage of another bountiful harvest to build veggie people during the fair.

Cattlemen's Association held its annual convention in Silver City. Ranchers David and Barbara Lahtinen, Owyhee Initiative chairman Fred Grant and his wife, Lodice, and Owyhee County saddlemaker Bob Kelly were honored with lifetime membership awards. Outgoing association president Brad Huff passed the gavel to the new president, Russ Turner.

A 49-year-old Marsing man was hospitalized with West Nile-related encephalitis. Health officials advised residents to take precautions against mosquitoes, possibly infected with the virus. Another case of West Nile in a human was reported elsewhere in the county and was determined to be the first case in Idaho in 2006.

Joyce Cuddeback retired after a nearly 20-year career with the Owyhee Project South Board of Control.

A Homedale Police officer was slightly injured while trying to break up a fight during a private party at the Homedale American Legion hall. City resident Aaron Tines received credit during a city council meeting as one of the reasons Officer Mike McFettridge didn't receive more serious injuries.

Work began on complete repair of Silver City Road, which was damaged during New Year's flooding.

Owyhee County residents felt the shock of sadness when a former Bruneau resident and rodeo champion was killed in an industrial accident and the 10-year-old granddaughter of Grand View Mayor Paul Spang died in a farming accident.

While the Homedale city council cleared the way for a large subdivision in the town's area of impact southeast of town, other residents turned out in force at an Owyhee County Planning

and Zoning hearing to oppose a residential development planned for an area on the western edge of Homedale.

Homedale High School graduate Jacque Landa was hired as deputy communications director for U.S. Sen. Larry Craig's office in Washington.

Tim Quintana was sworn in to replace retiring Homedale School District board of trustees member Allen Hays.

A spate of crashes in the county left a Hammett man dead and injured three teenagers in Homedale.

In a sign of the influx of new businesses, AutoZone opened the doors of its Homedale auto parts store.

AUGUST

Sen. Mike Crapo introduced the Owyhee Initiative Implementation Act of 2006 to the U.S. Senate in early August.

"This is comprehensive land management legislation that enjoys far-reaching support among a remarkably diverse group of interests that live, work and play in this special country," Crapo said while introducing the bill on the floor of the Senate in August.

Later in the month open houses were held in three Treasure Valley locations — including Homedale, Caldwell and Boise — to show citizens how the Owyhee Initiative would impact the lands of Owyhee County. Access was the biggest concern for most who attended the Owyhee County informational gathering at Homedale Middle School. Later in the month, the Initiative would take center stage at a Senate subcommittee hearing in Washington D.C.

The Initiative legislation later received a committee hearing, but still was awaiting further actions when legislators went home at

the close of the 109th Congress in December.

For the second time in three months, the Owyhee County Prosecuting Attorney's office was unable to seat a grand jury. Of 40 subpoenaed potential jurors, at least three didn't bother to respond in any way to the summons issued by the court. Ultimately, six jurors were fined for failing to report for jury duty.

In August, the Owyhee County Fair and Rodeo continued its longtime tradition in grand style. Paul's Market founder Paul Zatica served as grand marshal of the Fair and Rodeo Parade.

"Anytime they pick you to be the grand marshal, it's special," Zatica said. "I've never been asked before. I don't like the limelight."

During the parade, the ever-humble Zatica threw fresh bread rolls to onlookers as he rode through Homedale alongside his wife, Erma Jean.

Wilder's Danielle Kidder was named queen of the Owyhee County Rodeo, following the lead of her great aunt nearly 50 years earlier.

By mid-August, the Owyhee County Board of Commissioners was considering declaring a county-wide disaster in light of the spread of West Nile Virus among humans. County residents watched as numbers of cases throughout Idaho rose daily, finally topping more than 700

cases in Idaho.

Gas prices soared to over \$3 per gallon in August.

With the Homedale city council's blessing, Mayor Paul Fink began the process of securing a grant to building sidewalks, curbs, gutters and a greenbelt along the Snake River in an area stretching from Fourth Street and East Owyhee Avenue over to the northwest corner of the Homedale Airport.

Longtime Homedale historian Norma Walker, who wrote two books on the beginnings of the town, moved to Seattle to be closer to her family.

Three Marsing High School students swept the Idaho Third Judicial District anti-drug essay contest. Contestants were pooled from several counties, including Owyhee, Canyon, Washington, Payette and Gem.

Owyhee County rancher Brenda Richards was appointed to the Idaho Beef Council by Gov. Jim Risch.

For the second time in just a few months, the Bureau of Land Management replaced the manager of its Owyhee Field Office. Mitch Jaurena was replaced by Jerry Taylor less than a week after he had represented the BLM at the Owyhee Cattlemen's Association summer meeting in Silver City. The BLM cited a heavy workload for Jaurena, who also is the manager for the federal agency's Bruneau Field Office. He had replaced retiring Ron Kay in the Owyhee office earlier in the year.

The county commissioners introduced a budget that was fattened by the anticipated influx of money from the passage of the Owyhee Initiative. The Initiative money would be used for law enforcement additions, among other items, if the legislation becomes law.

Caused by lightning and whipped by winds, brush fires consumed grazing acreage near Silver City and threatened homes west of Homedale. The winds also downed a large tree and snapped numerous tree branches in downtown Homedale.

SEPTEMBER

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received a detailed plan to fight West Nile Virus from county emergency services coordinator Larry Howard. The plan was received a week after Gov. Jim Risch signed a state disaster proclamation granting the county's request for state assistance in the battle. The commissioners' plan-of-attack was to spray for West Nile-carrying mosquitoes on school grounds and near schools — which the school districts already had done prior to the disaster declaration. In the end, the commissioners looked at the possibility of state funds being used to reimburse schools for the cost associated with spraying.

Commissioners also had decided to focus on fighting the spread of the virus in 2007. By the end of the month, the county learned that the state of disaster only would be in effect for one month, unless renewed by the governor's office.

The Owyhee Initiative Implementation Act of 2006 started on the legislative road with a hearing before a Senate subcommittee chaired by Sen. Larry Craig (R-Idaho).

Bureau of Land Management fire crews battled four blazes simultaneously: the Blue Fire near the Nevada border, the Reynolds Spring Fire 20 miles west of Rogerson, the Spring Creek Fire on the Nevada border and the Grassy Hill Fire near Grassy Hill Road. All four fires were contained quickly and without injury.

The \$700,000 Silver City Road reconstruction project ended, and motorists were able once again to travel to the historic mining town. The road had been closed at Sinker Creek in the aftermath of damage caused by New Year's flooding. Later in the month, more than 600 people traveled the road for the annual Silver City Homeowners Association Open House.

On Sept. 8, the community reeled from the savage attack and robbery that left a 49-year old Homedale man in critical condition near a bar in Homedale. Douglas Grever was beaten and robbed in the early morning hours near O'Henry's Pub. Grever's injuries were so severe he was transported by LifeFlight helicopter to Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center, where he remained in critical condition for several days.

The Homedale Police Department utilized every resource at its disposal, and two weeks later, Adam Cook and Steven Dickson were both charged with aggravated battery and robbery for allegedly perpetrating these acts. They are scheduled to stand trial in January 2007.

Ray Heidt, a veteran living in



Givens Hot Springs, September

Families celebrated 125 years of relaxation at the Givens spa.

Marsing, received long-overdue medals — 50 years overdue. Heidt earned medals for his service in the Korean War, but never received them after his military records were lost in a fire. Heidt sought the aid of Rep. C.L. "Butch" Otter (R-Idaho) and was finally awarded his medals.

Owyhee County created a full-time position for building official. The county hired part-time building inspector Arlyn Tietz for the full-time job. Later in the fall, Tietz's salary and the manner in which he was hired would create unrest among the ranks of other county employees. The Owyhee County Employees Association filed a grievance in October contending that his \$50,000 per year salary was unfair.

Months after investigation county coroner Harvey Grimme's spending related to a personal vehicle he used on the job, the Owyhee County Commission approved the purchase of a pickup for the position. The pickup was part a Fiscal Year 2007 budget that reached nearly \$7.9 million, a 20 percent increase over the FY 2006 plan.

Homedale Elementary School finished work to improve the student drop-off/pick-up zone, making a drop-off-only lane and two travel lanes in front of the school on Washington Avenue.

While the first few days of the new system caused some confusion, most agreed that the new system was an improvement, and would enhance student safety.

Tom King of Burley-based King's Department Stores put his hat in the ring for a spot on the 7½ acres near the Homedale Airport.

Having failed twice earlier in the year to get a plant facilities levy extension passed, the Melba School District board of trustees passed an emergency tax increase to cover costs of operation.

Givens Hot Springs celebrated its 125th anniversary with an all-day celebration on Sept. 9. The same family has owned the spa for most of its history.

Jo Howell, a longtime employee of Paul's Market in Homedale, hung up her apron after 30 years.

Homedale resident Judy Olson traveled to Washington, D.C., as an Idaho representative for the annual American Cancer Society Celebration on the Hill. While in Washington, Olson and other delegates lobbied congressmen about federal funding for research.

OCTOBER

Sen. Larry Craig visited Owyhee County residents at a town hall

meeting in Marsing. While the Owyhee Initiative was a big part of the discussion, the forum also covered illegal immigration and federal spending.

The county mourned the loss of former U.S. Rep. Helen Chenoweth-Hage from a car crash near Tonopah, Nev. Chenoweth-Hage and her husband, Wayne (who died in July), were strong supporters of private property rights in Owyhee County and elsewhere.

"The interests of Owyhee County, its citizens and its ranchers, in particular, were always a priority for her," Owyhee Initiative chairman Fred Grant said of the former congresswoman.

A man died in a motorcycle crash on Idaho highway 51 near milepost 47, making him at least the third person to die on a three-mile stretch of the desert highway in 2006. By the end of the month, officials from the Idaho Department of Transportation (ITD) and the Owyhee County Sheriff's Office visited the highway between milepost 44 and 47 to explore ways to improve safety on the fatal stretch of highway in southern Owyhee County.

ITD records since 2001 revealed a slew of fatal accidents in the area, dubbed the 'Flying 44' by emergency service workers because of one particularly treacherous curve near milepost 44.

"Neither of our agencies are happy with the situation," ITD spokesperson Molly McCarty said in October.

By November, new, higher-visibility signage was placed around the dangerous section of road in effort to alert drivers to the dangerous curves.

The Homedale Planning and Zoning Commission adopted new ordinances to regulate signage for businesses in the city, and also protect existing agricultural operations from draconian regulation if newcomers seek to challenge legally run, existing agricultural operations.

The P&Z also granted a special use permit to Munster's Ink, a tattoo shop on West Idaho Avenue and vacated the right-of-way to an alley immediately west of Paul's Market in Homedale.

Homedale Planning and Zoning administrator Sylvia Bahem also unveiled a plan to create a business registry. The idea eventually blew up into a controversy when Bahem issued a registration form with a cover letter requesting a \$50 fee.

Marsing's city council passed ordinances to address infrastructure issues that could arise with future growth. Homedale also looked at future growth into Canyon County when city council members attended a meeting in Greenleaf to map out

an area of impact north of the Snake River.

As more businesses expressed interest in locating to the city-owned acreage near the Homedale Airport, Mayor Paul Fink announced during a city council meeting that adjacent land could be added to increase the size of the original 7-acre plot.

Homedale City Clerk Susan Mansidor resigned her position to focus on new career goals and more time with family. Later in the month, Alice Pegram replaced Mansidor as the city clerk.

Homedale Elementary students and preschoolers got an introduction to fire safety and met firefighters up close and personal during Fire Prevention and Safety Week activities at the school and Homedale Fire Department.

A Marsing couple, Robert and Genie Atkins, was charged with stalking for allegedly following, photographing and harassing Marsing Schools Superintendent Harold Shockley during a six-month period. The Atkinses entered a not guilty plea in the misdemeanor case and are scheduled to appear for trial in February 2007.

Owyhee County employees disputed the hiring of Building Safety Official Arlyn Tietz by filing a grievance with Owyhee County commissioners.

U.S. Department of Interior Secretary named Owyhee County Sheriff Gary Aman as a member of the Bureau of Land Management Resource Advisory Council (RAC) for the Boise District.

"I don't believe they have ever had a law enforcement representative before, and so many of the issues in front of RAC somehow will relate to law enforcement," Aman said.

Meanwhile, the City of Marsing and Owyhee County agreed to terms on a law enforcement contract, settling on an annual fee of \$72,000 for Aman's deputies to patrol the city. The county had sought \$90,000, but settled for an increase of only \$3,000 over the value of the FY 2006 pact.

The sheriff's office also gained two deputies to patrol C.J. Strike Reservoir. The deputies are paid by the Idaho Power Co., which owns the dam at the reservoir.

The potential presence of a microscopic, cold-water snail, the Idaho Springsnail, in the Snake River near Homedale put a roadblock in plans to improve the Riverside Park boat launch. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers denied a permit that would have allowed the city to dredge the boat dock with equipment from the South Board of Control. While the much-needed dredging was put on hold, an Owyhee County Waterways Committee project to replace picnic shelters along

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the Homedale waterfront was completed as planned.

Homedale Police chased then arrested a mask-wearing suspect. Ricardo Mercado was apprehended after leading law enforcement officials on a pursuit that began in Idaho, crossed into Oregon near Adrian, then came back into Idaho near Parma. Mercado was finally stopped by spike-strips set in the roadway. He was ultimately charged with several crimes, including assault on a police officer and resisting, obstructing and delaying police officers.

After topping out at more than \$3 a gallon during the summer, Owyhee County gas prices fell to less than \$2.70 per gallon by the beginning of October.

After a construction setback because of a wind storm earlier in the year, a new strip mall on East Idaho Avenue in Homedale began to take shape. By the end of the month, Curves became the first business to set up shop.

Steve Thomas Construction, which built the four-suite mall, also set to work demolishing the Homedale Auto Recyclers building near the main entrance to town. The lots formerly occupied by the wrecking yard and a residence are set to be transformed into a business complex including commercial operations, a restaurant and a motel sometime next year.

Homedale's Subway sandwich shop also opened to long lines of eager eaters on East Idaho Avenue.

Teri Nielsen ended a six-year tenure as secretary-manager of the Owyhee County Fair to focus on her business pursuits.

The Murphy-Wilson-Reynolds Fire District announced plans to build a fourth fire station, this one near Givens Hot Springs.

The Homedale FFA chapter's horse team competed at the national convention in Indianapolis and finished 28th. Kortney Bahem earned a gold ranking with her 22nd-place individual finish.

NOVEMBER

The November elections yielded a "higher than normal" turnout as 65.3 percent of registered voters showed up at the polls in Owyhee County, according to County Clerk Charlotte Sherburn. Owyhee voters helped push Republicans Bill Sali and C.L. "Butch" Otter to victory in their respective congressional and gubernatorial races.

The two county commissioner spots were solidified, having essentially been decided during the May primary. Dick Freund (District 3) and Jerry Hoagland (District 1) will take office as the new commissioners next month.

In Gem Irrigation elections,

Steve Nash retained the Division 4 director spot and Tim Leavitt retained the Division 5 spot.

A Homedale man, Rick Echevarria, was cited for violating a state law for campaigning too close to a polling place.

Voters in the Adrian School District passed a multimillion-dollar bond for a new grade school. A failed bond would have been more expensive for taxpayers, but would also have provided a new gymnasium.

In an ongoing situation, the county commissioners defended their handling of a workers dispute by addressing the matter in executive session. In December, the grievance was denied, and the county employees association said it would explore legal options.

Marsing Elementary students heard a strong message on Veterans Day. Veterans' experiences spanning six decades were presented to students first-hand in a classroom discussion setting. The presentation also featured a slide show from the recent Iraqi conflict, courtesy of Idaho National Guardsman Sgt. Rick Martinez. At one point during the presentation, a student asked Martinez why he fought in Iraq.

"We fight wars in other countries so we don't have to fight them here," Martinez answered without a second's hesitation.

Homedale Police identified a startling trend of vehicle thefts, burglaries and vandalisms in mid-November. The events continued for nearly a month, with police conducting undercover surveillance of the city at night. In December, after weeks of non-stop work by the police and citizens of Homedale, authorities arrested Arturo Malacara-Garcia Jr. and Ulises Mendoza after an undercover officer observed the two apparently commit a vehicle burglary.

"Based on the way they entered the vehicle, the way they removed the items from the vehicle, I'm satisfied the individual or individuals we have in custody are responsible for the bulk — if not all — of the vehicle burglaries that have been happening over the past three weeks," Homedale Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller said. "This is a great example of what happens when the police department and the community work together."

Homedale City Attorney Kathy Edwards resigned, making her the second attorney to resign in 2006. The Homedale City Council approved Nampa lawyer Michael Duggan to fill the spot.

Also in Homedale news, the Homedale Planning and Zoning Commission mailed a letter to the Homedale business community seeking extensive information and a \$50 fee to form a "database" of businesses within the city,

according to P&Z administrator Sylvia Bahem.

The forms didn't sit well with some business owners, and city councilman Steve Schultz questioned the need for the form and the fee. Mayor Paul Fink, who said he authorized Bahem to mail the letters, said he hadn't actually read them, and eventually advised City Hall staff not to accept payments.

The BLM Resource Advisory Council, with its new membership including county Sheriff Gary Aman, met in Marsing to explore options for the use of recreation areas in Owyhee County, including the Hemingway Butte, Reynolds Creek and Wilson Butte areas.

"The primary goal of today was to give an introduction into what needs to occur for a travel management plan," BLM acting field manager Dave Wolfe said. The Council discussed the need for better, more specific signs for trails throughout the area, specifying the type of use the trail allows, such as mechanized transportation, or non-mechanized.

While the Marsing City Council abandoned plans to establish an ordinance regulating cats, Homedale's council began kicking around the idea of building a dog pound near the airport.

The Homedale council also approved a 7 percent hike in irrigation rates and instructed city engineer Fred Ostler to draft a request for bids to hire a developer for the 7-acre parcel near the airport so coveted by several businesses interests.

Continuing a process that was alluded to in the county's FY 2007 budget, county, state and federal officials announced the creation of a Special Assistant U.S. Attorney to prosecute gang-related crimes in the Treasure Valley. The SAUSA, paid by a grant from the state government and the Treasure Valley Partnership, would be on the Owyhee County payroll but work out of the Boise federal office. A person is expected to be hired early next year.

The final phase of updating the Bruneau water system began after the California subsidiary of a Canadian company was awarded the contract for a reserve osmosis filtration system.

Bruneau resident Celia Tindall was honored as the Idaho Cattle Association's Cattlewoman of the Year.

DECEMBER

In early December, Homedale High School got a surprise visit from four area drug detection canines. Homedale Police Cpl. Ian Takashige and his black lab, Bosco, two Canyon County Sheriff's deputies, their detection canines, and one dog-handler combination from Parma Police arrived mid-morning to conduct

a random sniff of the school grounds.

"It's actually a deterrent," said school principal Mike Williams, likening the random drug sniff to a random chemical drug test.

"It's a safety measure for the students and the staff," Williams said.

Also at the beginning of this month, composer Mikel Bell, a senior in Music Composition at Boise State University, debuted the original choral work, *While the Lavenders Were Blooming*, at the Marsing High School Christmas concert.

Paul's Market in Homedale completed the installation of a new sewer main in preparation for an impending store expansion project.

Onlookers braved cold, wet conditions to view the annual Christmas parade sponsored by the Homedale Chamber of Commerce. Paul's Markets won the best float award for its "Paul's Country Delivery" theme. Several other Homedale businesses entered parade floats, and the Homedale High School marching band played holiday favorites along the route, which wound west on Owyhee Avenue and east on Idaho Avenue.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency filed a complaint against the Bruneau Cattle Co., alleging unauthorized discharge of pollutants into the South Side Canal, which ends up in the Snake River and C.J. Strike Reservoir. The cattle company has until next month to respond to the complaint before facing sanctions.

Also earlier this month, county residents were surprised to hear of plans to build a nuclear power plant near Bruneau. Virginia-based Alternate Energy Holdings Inc., (AEHI) announced it had signed a letter of intent on Dec. 1 to "construct, own and operate" a 1,500-megawatt nuclear power plant near Bruneau.

"It's not the Bruneau or Owyhee County way of life to have something like that around here," county commissioner Dick Reynolds said.

Reynolds and the rest of Owyhee County may not have to worry, however. The proposed plant is light-years away, if it even becomes a reality.

Fred Grant, a consultant for Owyhee County, made it clear that no power plant can be built until AEHI completes a lengthy approval process that includes obtaining a special use permit from the county after a public hearing and a vote by the commissioners. If that hurdle is conquered, the plant would have to get federal approval from the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Lastly, the three-month-old company may have to come up

with a couple billion dollars to get the wheels turning.

"They have no money, they have no plans," Reynolds said. "They have to raise \$1.7 to \$2 billion, they've got to get water rights and all these things." Reynolds went on to say that the company is "dreaming" about the plant.

Scot Noble Payne, 43, formerly of Marsing, convicted of aggravated battery in Owyhee County in 2001, and lewd conduct with a minor in Ada County that same year, escaped from the Dickens County Correctional Center in Texas. Noble, who was caught a week later, covered more than 80 miles on foot in near-freezing temperatures, while dodging police helicopters, tracking dogs and Texas correctional officers.

Payne, who was eligible for parole in 2009, faces up to an additional 25 years in prison for his escape.

County residents braced for Christmas as students in the Homedale School District gathered food for 60 needy families as part of the Hands Around Homedale food drive.

"Our entire community has come through this year, donating an amazing amount of food to share with others," coordinator Randee Garrett said.

A related effort, the Community Wish Tree, gathered gifts for families, and the annual Owyhee Health and Rehabilitation nursing home gift-giving effort aided by The Owyhee Avalanche was a smashing success again.

Homedale and Marsing were given clean bills of financial health when end-of-year audits revealed both cities were financially in good condition. Homedale's city council voted to begin the process of repealing the 8-year-old natural gas franchise fee imposed on city customers by Intermountain Gas Co.

The money is used to help fund Homedale's parks and recreation budget.

Silver City Fire and Rescue received grants totaling nearly \$4,700 to cover 2007 operating expenses.

Many of the county's property owners saw their tax bills go down despite higher assessments thanks in part to the Idaho Legislature's special action in August to do away with the statewide school maintenance and operating levy and bump the homeowners' exemption.

An apartment fire in Marsing left two people homeless on the day that they had moved into the unit.

The Owyhee County Fair Board named Kelly Haun as the new fair secretary to replace departing Teri Nielsen.

Owyhee County Sheriff's Sgt. Gary Olsen was named Triad's county police person of the year.

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Homedale pays tribute to young girl killed in fire.



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Homedale Auto Wreckers demolition a sign of growth in Homedale.

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which was second in severity in the nation only to California's woes.

County officials received a state of disaster declaration from Gov. Risch, but a plan of attack was slow in developing. Eventually, commissioners decided to try to recoup expenses already incurred by the county's school districts, which had sprayed school property during the year. The second prong of the strategy was to be better prepared for the 2007 West Nile season.

4. Homedale braces for growth

Three new, high-profile businesses hit town in 2006 as Family Dollar Store trumpeted the business community's new-found attraction to Homedale. AutoZone and Subway followed into town, and Steve Thomas developed a strip mall on East Idaho Avenue that is scheduled to be at its four-business capacity sometime next month.

In addition, the city moved ahead with plans to develop a large tract of land near the airport. The rocky road that began with an ill-advised attempt to lease the land without a public bid period had smoothed somewhat by the end of the year as the city council extended lease invitations to King's Discount Stores and Perfection Tire and entertained the idea of also placing a log furniture retail outlet, bank and medical arts building on the site.

The Homedale Plaza LLC partnership demolished the old Homedale Auto Wreckers building and initiated plans to bring a restaurant and motel to town.

Finally, ground was broken on a downtown residential subdivision, and land was annexed near U.S. Highway 95 where another subdivision has been proposed.

5. Workers take commissioners to task

The hiring of a new Owyhee County building official ignited the ire of the Owyhee County Employees Association, which filed a grievance with the board of commissioners in October.

The commissioners eventually rejected the grievance, ruling that the grievance process is reserved for individual employees, not groups of workers.

The association took exception with the fact that no existing county employees were considered for the job for which Arlyn J. Tietz was hired. Tietz had been one of two people doing the job by contract prior to the creation of the new position.

The county employees association also contended that Tietz's \$50,000 salary didn't follow the pay scale.

6. New Year's flooding wipes out roads

Severe rainfall and subsequent flooding from snow run-off inundated the county for New Year's, washing out several roads.

Several people had to be rescued after being stranded when Silver City Road washed out. The damage closed the road for most of the summer as repair was done.

7. Jordan Valley wins Oregon volleyball title

Coach Jacque Naegle's Jordan Valley High School volleyball team got the job done with its second consecutive trip to the state championship match. But the accomplishment didn't come without some raw emotion.

The mother of a player was killed in a car accident days before the tournament, but the Mustangs were able to collected themselves and finish a 19-1 season by beating Griswold on Nov. 11 in Forest Grove, Ore.

8. Homedale rallies after child dies in fire

The death of 6-year-old Carrollina Davis during an early morning fire on May 15 touched not only the residents of Homedale, but reached the media community in Boise.

The morning broadcast crew from KHTI-FM 107.1, Tracy Mitchell and Margo Vaughn, helped raise money for Davis' mother, Patti Smith, during a remote broadcast from the Paul's Market parking lot

a day after the tragedy.

Homedale Fire volunteer Wes Barnard organized a motorcycle and car road run to help Smith as well. Barnard's dream is to have annual event with proceeds going to a statewide fund to help the families of fire victims pay funeral costs.

9. Firm wants to build Bruneau nuke plant

Owyhee County residents and politicians alike were taken by surprise in early December when Thaxton, Va.-based Alternate Energy Holdings, Inc., announced it had signed a letter of intent to build and operate a 1,500-megawatt nuclear powerplant near Bruneau.

The company later announced the proposed plant also would include a co-generation facility, but county commissioner Dick Reynolds called the whole idea a "fairy tale."

Area ranchers, who supposedly would benefit directly from the River Rural Electric Co-op's use of the nuclear power for irrigation needs, also were caught off-guard by the announcement.

Neither the 1,000 acres expected to be needed for the plant had been bought nor water rights secured before the announcement was made.

10. Governor visits Marsing, Homedale

He may have been considered an interim executive, but Gov. Jim Risch was a pretty important guy to a couple Owyhee County towns when he visited in July.

Risch visited the city halls of Marsing and Homedale on July 7 to deliver financing for projects.

In Marsing, Risch presented a \$432,000 Community Development Block Grant to pay engineering costs for construction of a new municipal water system.

Later in the day in Homedale, Risch presented a check for more than \$27,000 to Mayor Paul Fink that represented a Gem Communities Grant. Homedale used the money to tile an irrigation ditch running along the northern boundary of the 7-acre parcel city officials have tabbed for commercial development.

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2006 Christmas in Photos



**Santa Claus, children cheer
Owyhee Health and Rehab residents**

Left: A young member of the Homedale Friends Community Church after-school program follows along with her song list as a group of about 50 sing carols for residents of the Owyhee Health and Rehabilitation center in Homedale last week. Above: Santa delivers a gift to Clara Lovitt on Friday at Owyhee Health and Rehabilitation. Santa delivered dozen of gifts provided by community members.



Gift pick-up

Autumn Burns squeezes gifts into a van en route to Owyhee Health and Rehabilitation in Homedale. While an exact number of gifts is not known, it is safe to say there was more than just the one vanload. At least two trips were made to the center in preparation for the annual gift giveaway.

Residents grateful for holiday songs

Residents of the Owyhee Health and Rehabilitation center nursing home in Homedale listen to a group of children from Homedale Friends Community Church sing a program of Christmas carols Wednesday. The children sang songs such as Silent Night, The First Noel, Away in a Manger and Deck the Halls. Singers ranged from kindergarteners to sixth-graders. Some of the group later boarded a flat-bed trailer to sing carols throughout Homedale neighborhoods later Wednesday afternoon, according to church pastor John Beck.



WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2006

Preps took on State-ly appearance

It was the type of story that easily would climb the charts in any year.

Jordan Valley High School's volleyball team, dealing with the tragic death of teammate Chelicy Payne's mother just 48 hours earlier, embarked on a trip into history on Nov. 10.

The Mustangs turned their second straight trip to the 1A Oregon state tournament into the school's first state championship in the sport.

Jordan Valley cashed in on their second consecutive appearance in the championship match with a 18-25, 25-21, 25-21, 13-25, 15-9 victory over Griswold.

Coach Jacque Naegle's squad wrapped up their second one-loss campaign in as many seasons on Nov. 11 at Pacific University in Forest Grove, Ore., then returned home to pay tribute to Clark by wearing their dark road uniforms at her Nov. 15 memorial held inside the Jordan Valley High

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School gymnasium.

Clark's niece, Jessie White, also was a member of the championship-winning team.

"Chelicy and Jessie were very courageous in going ahead and playing and doing a great job they are truly members of a championship team but more important very strong young adults," Naegle said after the tournament victory.

Many of the same athletes reached the girls basketball state tournament earlier in 2006, losing in the first round to Mapleton. The Mustangs had strung together a 17-game winning streak during the year.

The Jordan Valley knack for reaching state play was repeated by several other Owyhee area high school teams during the year.

And state championships weren't scarce either.

Homedale High School wrestler Jeremy Ensley capped his sensational prep career by winning his fourth Idaho state championship in as many years. Ensley captured the 119-pound title at Holt Arena in Pocatello, while senior teammate Tyler Christoffersen collected the second state championship of his career as well. Four other wrestlers in coach Toby Johnson's stable reached the semifinals of their respective weight classes.

Ensley ended his Trojans career as the most successful wrestler in school history, collecting more pins, winning more matches and earning more state championships than any other in the past 40 years.

Marsing junior wrestler Michael Tuckness became the first Husky in seven years to medal at the state tournament when he finished fifth in the 189-pound bracket of the

1A/2A event.

While Christoffersen and Ensley were old hats at winning state championships, Marsing's football team had to learn on the fly when it came to being in the hunt for a state playoff bid.

Led by All-State players Shea McClellin and Aaron Salvas and behind freshman quarterback Tyson Heller, the Huskies finished second in the 2A Western Idaho Conference and knocked off Nampa Christian for the program's first postseason victory since 1989. Coach Don Heller's team ended its season with a loss to Orofino in the second round of the state playoffs.

Homedale's football season began with great promise as well, but the Trojans missed the 3A playoffs after three consecutive losses to end the regular season. Homedale, which boasted All-State players Terence Thomas and Josh Jolley, lost their coach — to page 19



Marsing, November

Years of rebuilding pride in the Marsing High School football program paid off for coach Don Heller with a trip to the 2A state playoffs.

High school roundup

Rimrock girls extend streak

It's beginning to look like the best way to defend the Rimrock High School girls basketball team is to put roadblocks on Idaho 78.

The Raiders walloped two more opponents last week with contributions for a number of different athletes.

Shelby Chandler led three Raiders in double figures by scoring a season-high 31 points Wednesday as Rimrock routed Owyhee, Nev., 75-55.

Coach Mike Chandler's team has won a dozen games in a row after freshman Anna Cantrell added 14 points and junior Ellie Cantrell 15.

Rimrock began the week with a 49-26 1A Western Idaho Conference victory over Idaho City in Bruneau on Dec. 18.

Anna Cantrell pulled down a career-high 17 rebounds and Chandler led Rimrock (11-0 overall, 6-0 1A WIC) with 13 points. Jackie Thurman added 10 points and nine rebounds. Kaile Murray scored nine and grabbed all seven defensive rebounds.

Marsing boys

The Huskies' perfect start to the season came to a screeching halt Dec. 18 as Nyssa, Ore., took advantage of an ineffective Marsing attack for a 59-48 non-conference victory over the border.

"We didn't get to the free-
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Trojans crush Cole Valley

Homedale High School varsity boys basketball player Zach Tolmie picks off a pass intended for Cole Valley Christian's Matt Jones during second-half action of the Trojans' 72-52 victory over the Chargers last week. Photo by Gregg Garrett

Husky Classic is the only show in town this week

Holiday basketball tournaments often are the hardwood equivalent of Homecoming games on the football field.

Ordinarily, the host team doesn't want to schedule a tough team so as not to run the risk of threatening the home folks with the prospects of a defeat.

But over at Marsing High School, there seems to be no fear in the hearts of the Husky Holiday Classic organizers.

First-year coach Jake Walgamott's boys team will open its part of the tournament at 6:15 p.m. Friday against unbeaten 3A squad McCall-Donnelly (6-0).

"I think that's good for us because I see us as a team that needs to play all the tough competition because we want to go into the state tournament," Walgamott said. "And to do that, you have to play the toughest competition possible."

The Vandals of the Snake River Valley conference at least have the look of a monster in the standings. McCall has knocked off the likes of 1A teams Council and Meadows Valley as well as defeating 2A Orofino.

"I think they're a good team," Walgamott said. "They're solid.

The Council team that they beat is a team we played this summer that was very competitive with us."

The McCall-Marsing boys showdown caps the first day of action in the annual tournament.

Coach Don Heller's Marsing girls team (3-8) will try to get on track against Vale (6-3) of the Eastern Oregon League. Tipoff for that game is 4:30 p.m., after a coed free-throw shooting contest.

"It's good to get back from league and play some good competition before starting league back up," Heller said. "Vale should be just as good as last year (when the Vikings beat Marsing 63-25). They have good guards and like to run the floor."

The opening games include Wilder (5-5) and Parma (8-3) in the girls tourney and Idaho City (5-4) facing off with fellow 1A Western Idaho Conference team Wilder (5-3) in the boys bracket.

"Some real solid teams are going to be there," Wilder boys coach Jon Conner said. "Marsing is playing well ... McCall is apparently real strong, and we recently struggled with Idaho City.

"It will be a tough test for us in that tourney, but after seeing what
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Sports

Homedale freshman boys finish year with big win

The Homedale High School freshman boys basketball team spent last week on both ends of the spectrum, but the Trojans came away with two victories.

Astingy and balanced Homedale hammered Cole Valley Christian 60-26 in a non-conference game on the Trojans' floor Dec. 19.

"We played great defense as a team," coach Jason George said. "We had 20 steals and forced a lot of turnovers while keeping our turnovers to a minimum."

Homedale has won four consecutive games and six of its last seven to take a 7-3 record into the holiday break.

The Trojans return to action on Jan. 4 at home against non-conference foe New Plymouth.

The Pilgrims beat Homedale 44-42 on Dec. 2

Alex Mereness' 12 points led three Trojans in double figures against Cole Valley last week.

Ryan Ryska and Justin Harrell dropped in 10 apiece, while Harrell pulled down nine rebounds.

A day before blowing out the Chargers, Mereness poured in 19 points and snagged eight rebounds as Homedale edged Melba, 55-48, in double overtime.

Jake Tolmie canned a 3-pointer with 4 seconds left in regulation to send the game into its first extra period.

Ryska added 12 points for Homedale.

✓ Roundup

throw line like we needed to," Marsing coach Jake Walgamott said. "We were 8-for-12. We have been getting about twice as many attempts as that."

Another glaring issue was the absence of post Johnathan Cossel for long stretches of the game. Cossel, who has been averaging 20 minutes a game while emerging as a third offensive threat, played just 11 minutes before fouling out with five points and three rebounds.

Nyssa took control of the game with a 39-17 run through the second and third quarters.

Shea McClellin scored 19 points. The Bulldogs' Paul Jones led all scorers with 23 points.

Homedale boys

Most high school athletes frustrated by injury would be inclined to pack it in and concentrate on schoolwork and social endeavors. But Kyle Miyasako's determination to whip a nagging shoulder injury is paying dividends for Homedale.

He played a key role as the Trojans (6-4) collected two wins and improved to 6-4 with home non-conference wins over Melba (52-46, Dec. 18) and Cole Valley Christian (72-52, Dec. 19).

"He hurt his shoulder at New Plymouth then at home against Nampa Christian," Trojans coach Kenny Thomas said. "He's been OK. He's rehabbing it every day. "He's a tough kid. He's going to stick it out. He's played a big part in our last two games with great defense and working hard and being smart with the basketball as well."

Battling a shoulder injury that dates back to last year, Miyasako scored seven points against Cole Valley. More impressively, though, he ignored a huge height disadvantage to help frustrate Melba big man Doug Beus.

Beus still scored 18 points, but he had to work for it.

"It was pretty funny seeing a 5-foot-6 guy fronting a 6-5, 6-6 player," Thomas said. "He got in his face and frustrated him. His good defensive effort was probably the difference in the ballgame."

Senior David Liddell led the Trojans with 21 points against Melba. He poured in a game-high 18 points against Cole Valley as Homedale sprinted to a 24-6 lead after eight minutes.

Marsing girls

Fatigue played a role in a non-conference game slipping away during the Huskies' 61-37 loss to Nyssa in Oregon on Dec. 19.

Despite playing with just seven athletes, the Huskies (3-8) hung with the Bulldogs until 3 minutes, 15 seconds before halftime.

"I called timeout; the girls looked like they were tired," Marsing coach Don Heller said.

Coming out of the stoppage trailing by just three points, the Huskies committed eight turnovers and Nyssa closed the half with a 10-0 run.

Elisa Moreno canned five of eight free throws on her way to a team-best 12 points.

Rimrock boys

Logan Thomas scored 31 points, but received no support in the Raiders' 57-44 1A WIC loss to visiting Wilder on Dec. 19.

Miguel Rodriguez and Adrian Soto scored 16 points apiece for the Wildcats.

Homedale girls

After falling behind 13-2 in the first quarter, the Trojans climbed back into their 3A Snake River Valley conference game against Weiser but lost, 44-32.

Taryn Corta and Jordan Warwick scored eight points apiece for the Trojans.

Adrian

The Antelopes' girls basketball team (6-3 overall) kept pace with unbeaten Jordan Valley (9-0) in the High Desert League by crushing Burnt River 61-18 on Dec. 19 behind 13 points from Paige Branstiter.

Branstiter scored 15 on Dec. 18 as Adrian beat Crane 45-25 in another league game.

Coach Brent Ishida's boys club continued to struggle.

On Dec. 18, Crane plastered the Antelopes 91-46.

George Ellsworth scored 15 points and Kade Thomas added 10 on Dec. 19, but Adrian lost 61-52 to Burnt River.

Trojan Sports

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Friday, Jan. 5,
home vs. McCall-Donnelly,
three games beginning at 4:45 p.m.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Thursday, Jan. 4,
home vs. New Plymouth, 4:45 p.m.

WRESTLING

Friday and Saturday, Jan. 5-6,
Rollie Lane Tournament,
Idaho Center, Nampa

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Marsing Huskies

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Varsity
Friday, Dec. 29, home vs. Vale, Ore., Husky Holiday Classic, 4:30 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 30, home vs. Wilder, Husky Holiday Classic, 6:15 p.m.

Junior varsity
Friday, Dec. 29, home vs. Vale, Ore., Husky Holiday Classic, 1 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 30, home vs. Wilder, Husky Holiday Classic, 2:45 p.m.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Varsity
Friday, Dec. 29, home vs. McCall-Donnelly, Husky Holiday Classic, 6:15 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 30, home vs. Wilder, Husky Holiday Classic, 4:30 p.m.

Junior varsity
Friday, Dec. 29, home vs. McCall-Donnelly, Husky Holiday Classic, 2:45 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 30, home vs. Wilder, Husky Holiday Classic, 1 p.m.

WRESTLING

Thursday, Jan. 4 at Caldwell, 5 p.m.

896-4162

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Sports

PREP BOYS BASKETBALL STATISTICS

Homedale Trojans							
Scoring	G	2FG	3FG	FTM-FTA	Pct.	Points	PPG
Emry	10	28	2	9-15	.600	71	7.1
Holloway	9	21	5	5-8	.625	62	6.9
Hansen	8	0	0	2-6	.333	0	0.3
Liddell	10	47	3	10-22	.455	113	11.3
Uria	9	6	1	9-15	.600	24	2.7
Ferguson	9	7	0	2-3	.667	16	1.8
Miyasako	7	6	1	3-5	.600	18	2.6
Krzesnik	10	15	22	11-15	.733	107	10.7
Tolmie	10	4	3	7-8	.875	24	2.4
Bingham	10	47	0	13-37	.351	107	10.7
Totals	10	181	37	71-134	.530	544	54.4
Other stats	G	OReb.	DReb.	RPG	Assists	Steals	
Emry	10	25	33	5.8	5	11	
Holloway	9	23	32	6.1	20	16	
Hansen	8	4	5	1.1	0	3	
Liddell	10	28	34	6.2	17	39	
Uria	9	7	19	2.9	5	4	
Ferguson	9	5	13	2.0	3	4	
Miyasako	7	2	3	0.7	8	11	
Krzesnik	10	2	17	1.9	57	20	
Tolmie	10	4	7	1.1	9	6	
Bingham	10	40	31	7.1	9	15	
Totals	10	140	194	33.4	133	129	

Marsing Huskies							
Scoring	G	2FG	3FG	FTM-FTA	Pct.	Points	PPG
Paramo	4	4	0	0-1	.000	8	2.0
Quebrado	7	12	0	14-26	.538	38	5.4
Marcial	6	0	0	0-0	.000	0.0	0
Dines	7	2	5	3-8	.375	22	3.1
Nielsen	6	1	0	2-3	.667	4	0.7
Myers	7	10	1	3-6	.500	26	3.7
Salvas	7	21	0	11-22	.500	53	7.6
McClellin	7	40	7	24-53	.453	125	17.9
Marman	7	9	0	16-18	.889	34	4.9
Cossel	7	23	1	22-32	.688	71	10.1
Galligan	5	1	0	0-0	.000	2	0.4
Totals	7	123	14	95-169	.562	383	54.7
Other stats	G	OReb.	DReb.	RPG	Assists	Steals	
Paramo	4	3	1	1.0	1	0	
Quebrado	7	4	8	1.7	21	21	
Marcial	6	0	1	0.2	3	1	
Dines	7	7	14	3.0	23	13	
Nielsen	6	1	3	0.7	2	1	
Myers	7	9	10	2.7	10	12	
Salvas	7	28	25	7.6	8	11	
McClellin	7	32	55	12.4	11	27	
Marman	7	5	18	3.3	11	10	
Cossel	7	15	19	4.9	3	4	
Galligan	5	1	0	0.2	0	0	
Totals	7	105	154	37.0	93	100	

Rimrock Raiders							
Scoring	G	2FG	3FG	FTM-FTA	Pct.	Points	PPG
C. Hipwell	7	18	0	11-25	.440	47	6.7
Timmons	8	21	1	9-17	.529	54	6.8
Draper	8	13	2	4-7	.517	36	4.5
Merrick	8	3	0	1-6	.167	7	0.9
Thomas	8	57	18	30-39	.769	198	24.8
T. Hipwell	7	3	0	1-2	.500	7	1.0
Steiner	8	1	1	0-0	.000	5	0.6
Myers	8	6	3	4-9	.444	25	3.1
R. Hipwell	8	12	0	5-12	.417	29	3.6
Jackson	5	4	0	2-2	1.000	10	2.0
Campbell	7	1	0	3-8	.375	5	0.7
Totals	8	139	25	10-127	.551	423	52.9
Other stats	G	OReb.	DReb.	RPG	Assists	Steals	
C. Hipwell	7	3	4	1.0	7	15	
Timmons	8	21	45	8.1	2	12	
Draper	8	6	9	1.9	5	5	
Merrick	8	4	14	2.3	7	13	
Thomas	8	28	50	9.8	18	25	
T. Hipwell	7	12	16	4.0	1	1	
Steiner	8	2	2	0.5	3	1	
Myers	8	8	7	1.9	3	2	
R. Hipwell	8	23	28	6.4	2	5	
Jackson	5	4	7	2.2	0	3	
Campbell	7	5	3	1.1	1	1	
Totals	8	116	185	37.6	49	83	

PREP STANDINGS
Girls basketball

3A SRV	Conf.		All	
	W	L	W	L
Weiser	3	0	6	7
Fruitland	2	0	10	3
Homedale	1	1	4	10
McCall-Donnelly	0	2	0	9
Payette	0	3	2	11
This week's games				
Tuesday				
Payette at Horseshoe Bend				
McCall-Donnelly at Cascade				
Last week's scores				

Friday			
Vale, Ore., 41, Fruitland 32			
Thursday			
Vale, Ore., 45, Weiser 36			
Vale, Ore., 41, Fruitland 32			
Tuesday, Dec. 19			
Fruitland 46, Payette 19			
Weiser 44, Homedale 32			
2A WIC	Conf.		All
	W	L	W L
Nampa Christian	3	0	6 6
Melba	2	1	8 3
New Plymouth	2	1	7 5
Parma	2	1	8 3
Cole Valley Chr.	0	3	1 10
Marsing	0	3	3 8
This week's games			

PREP GIRLS BASKETBALL STATISTICS

Homedale Trojans							
Scoring	G	2FG	3FG	FTM-FTA	Pct.	Points	PPG
Corta	14	45	5	9-23	.391	54	3.9
Warwick	14	16	21	26-36	.722	121	8.6
Wheeler	14	20	0	13-29	.448	53	3.8
Tackett	14	1	1	4-12	.333	9	0.6
Johnson	14	26	2	23-42	.548	81	5.8
J. Hall	14	4	3	2-5	.400	19	1.4
Marks	14	12	0	6-15	.400	30	2.1
C. Hall	13	11	0	16-33	.485	38	2.9
Rupp	14	26	1	12-16	.750	67	4.8
Brown	13	2	0	0-0	.000	4	0.3
Brasher	14	20	2	7-21	.333	47	3.4
Mackenzie	6	6	1	1-6	.167	16	2.7
Totals	14	159	34	119-238	.500	539	38.5
Other stats	G	OReb.	DReb.	RPG	Steals	Assists	
Corta	14	9	24	2.4	20	7	
Warwick	14	19	24	3.1	3	4	
Wheeler	14	22	26	3.4	14	11	
Tackett	14	4	11	1.1	5	5	
Johnson	14	8	10	1.3	16	29	
J. Hall	14	2	6	0.6	2	1	
Marks	14	12	32	3.1	3	6	
C. Hall	13	13	24	2.8	3	4	
Rupp	14	19	22	2.9	22	23	
Brown	13	2	10	0.9	0	0	
Brasher	14	15	22	2.6	0	0	
Mackenzie	6	1	7	1.3	1	1	
Totals	14	126	218	24.6	89	91	

Marsing Huskies							
Scoring	G	2FG	3FG	FTM-FTA	Pct.	Points	PPG
Wilson	11	21	1	26-49	.531	71	6.5
Roeser	11	8	0	6-11	.545	22	2.0
Beckstead	11	31	0	43-84	.512	105	9.5
Moreno	10	29	9	21-40	.525	106	10.6
Zanardi	5	3	0	5-9	.556	11	2.2
Staudenmier	11	4	0	12-21	.571	20	1.8
Chenoweth	10	8	3	11-23	.478	36	3.6
Clausen	11	8	0	6-31	.194	22	2.0
Kent	2	0	0	0-0	.000	0	0.0
Villa	1	0	0	0-0	.000	0	0.0
Totals	11	112	13	130-268	.485	393	35.7
Other stats	G	OReb.	DReb.	RPG	Assists	Steals	
Wilson	11	15	37	4.7	11	24	
Roeser	11	6	14	1.7	12	20	
Beckstead	11	25	35	5.5	19	29	
Moreno	10	10	26	3.6	15	38	
Zanardi	5	9	14	4.6	1	9	
Staudenmier	11	8	14	2.0	3	7	
Chenoweth	10	3	24	2.7	14	26	
Clausen	11	14	26	3.6	6	9	
Kent	2	0	2	1.0	1	0	
Villa	1	0	0	0.0	0	1	
Totals	11	90	192	25.6	82	163	

Rimrock Raiders							
Scoring	G	2FG	3FG	FTM-FTA	Pct.	Points	PPG
E. Cantrell	12	24	31	7-12	.583	148	12.3
Chandler	11	50	15	13-18	.722	158	14.4
Merrick	9	5	0	0-0	.000	10	1.1
Murray	12	29	10	10-22	.455	98	8.2
A. Cantrell	10	2	0	11-21	.524	57	5.7
Thurman	12	58	0	24-43	.558	140	11.7
Zaragoza	11	6	0	9-17	.529	21	1.9
Gennette	5	5	0	0-0	.000	10	2.0
Ridley	4	0	0	0-0	.000	0	0.0
Richardson	4	0	0	0-0	.000	0	0.0
Totals	12	200	56	74-133	.556	642	53.5
Other stats	G	OReb.	DReb.	RPG	Assists	Steals	
E. Cantrell	12	23	38	5.1	47	46	
Chandler	11	9	22	2.8	41	29	
Merrick	9	5	14	2.1	23	6	
Murray	12	13	65	6.5	41	32	
A. Cantrell	10	44	47	9.1	9	10	
Thurman	12	66	57	10.3	10	12	
Zaragoza	11	23	17	3.6	7	9	
Gennette	5	11	13	4.8	2	1	
Ridley	4	4	3	1.8	0	2	
Richardson	4	1	2	0.8	0	3	
Totals	12	193	284	39.8	180	150	

Friday					Liberty Charter	3	3	6	5
Husky Holiday Classic					Idaho City	1	4	3	7
Wilder vs. Parma, 1 p.m.					Notus	1	5	1	12
Vale, Ore., vs. Marsing, 4:30 p.m.					Gem State Adv.	0	5	1	10
Saturday					This week's games				
Husky Holiday Classic					Friday				
Vale, Ore., vs. Parma, 2:45 p.m.					Marsing Holiday Tournament				
Wilder vs. Marsing, 6:15 p.m.					Wilder vs. Parma, 1 p.m.				
Last week's scores					Saturday				
Tuesday, Dec. 19					Marsing Holiday Tournament				
Nyssa, Ore. 61, Marsing 37					Wilder vs. Marsing, 6:15 p.m.				
1A WIC					Tuesday				
					Greenleaf Friends Academy at Adrian				
	Conf.		All		Last week's scores				
	W	L	W	L	Thursday				
Rimrock	6	0	12	0	Jordan Valley, Ore., 49, Greenleaf				
Greenleaf FA	5	1	6	6					
Wilder	4	2	5	5					

Sports

√ Preps

shortly after ending the season with a narrow road loss to McCall-Donnelly. Thomas Thomas resigned in November.

The Trojans’ football program was all but expected to show up in the postseason, but the Homedale softball team pulled off a surprising run in the spring.

Coach Larry Corta’s team found itself in the 3A state tournament in Coeur d’Alene after a surge in the District III tournament at

Sundance Park. It was the first trip to State for the Trojans since the Jim McMillan era had ended. The Trojans beat Kimberly in the first round but eventually lost the losers bracket final to the same team.

The Adrian softball team also reached the state tournament behind the guidance of coaches Jay Gomeza and Megan Price and fireballing sophomore pitcher Paige Branstiter.

The Antelopes’ volleyball team also made an appearance in the state tournament. Coach Aimee Goss’ squad earned the High

Desert League championship by beating Jordan Valley during the regular season, but was beaten by Griswold in the state semifinals.

Rimrock’s girls basketball team tried to send coach Bob Delle into retirement with a third state title, too. But the Raiders settled for fourth at the 1A Idaho tourney.

Rimrock had one competitor in the 1A track and field state championships as sophomore Ellie Cantrell placed in the 100-meter hurdles and the long jump.

A young Homedale squad turned heads at the state meet

at Bronco Stadium in Boise. Freshman Austin Emry finished second in the high jump. Shot-putter Cheyanne Andrade was fifth in the girls competition, while junior Matt Holloway placed eighth in the high jump and sophomore Terence Thomas finished sixth in the discus.

Marsing athletes also fared well at the state meet. Senior Breanna Chadez was second in the high jump, and MJ Usabel was runner-up in the pole vault. Both later would sign with college programs — Chadez to the University of

Idaho and Usabel to Northwest Nazarene along with Marsing teammate Chris Covey.

Jordan Valley brought home gold from the 1A Oregon track meet. Lauren Cuvelier closed her Mustangs career with a dominating championship run in the shot put. Angela Larsen won the state title in the discus.

Adrian had four athletes earn medals at the state meet, including Stephenie Hutchings, Sarah McPeak, Logan Branstiter and Brett Buchholz.

— JPB

√ Scoreboard

Parma entered				
Non-conference				
Weiser at New Plymouth				
Saturday				
Marsing Holiday Tournament				
Wilder vs. Marsing, 4:30 p.m.				
Tuesday				
New Plymouth at Vale, Ore.				
Last week’s scores				
Friday				
Fruitland 56, New Plymouth 47				
Thursday				
New Plymouth 41, Payette 37				
Tuesday, Dec. 19				
Homedale 72, Cole Valley 52				
Fruitland 65, Melba 47				
Monday, Dec. 18				
Nyssa, Ore., 59, Marsing 48				
Homedale 52, Melba 46				

1A WIC		Conf.		All	
		W	L	W	L
Greenleaf FA	3	0	6	1	
Notus	2	0	8	0	
Idaho City	2	1	5	4	
Rimrock	1	1	5	3	
Wilder	1	2	5	3	
Gem State Adv.	0	2	0	8	
Liberty Charter	0	3	0	8	

This week’s games				
Friday				
Marsing Holiday Tournament				
Idaho City vs. Wilder, 2:45 p.m.				
Saturday				
Marsing Holiday Tournament				
McCall-Donnelly vs. Idaho City, 1 p.m.				
Wilder vs. Marsing, 4:30 p.m.				
Tuesday				
Tri-Valley at Notus				
Last week’s scores				
Thursday				
Greenleaf Friends Academy 62, Jordan Valley 38				
Tuesday, Dec. 19				
Wilder 57, Rimrock 44				
Notus 83, Liberty Charter 51				
Greenleaf Friends Academy 73, Idaho City 51				
Monday, Dec. 18				
Cascade 60, Gem State Adventist 40				

High Desert East		League		All	
		W	L	W	L
Crane	4	0	6	3	
Jordan Valley	2	1	3	4	
Burnt River	2	1	4	1	
Huntington	1	1	3	2	
Adrian	0	3	1	8	
Harper	0	3	0	6	
West	W	L	W	L	
Spray	3	0	10	0	
Mitchell	2	1	3	5	
Dayville-Mon.	1	1	1	5	
Prairie City	1	3	3	5	
Ukiah	0	2	0	3	

This week’s games				
Today				
Crane at Cove				
Thursday				
Crane at Pine Eagle				
Friday				
Pine Eagle at Prairie City				
Last week’s scores				
Friday				
Prairie City at Pine Eagle				
Thursday				
Greenleaf Friends Academy 62, Jordan Valley 38				
Tuesday, Dec. 19				

Burnt River 61, Adrian 52				
Crane 42, Jordan Valley 38				
Spray 54, Prairie City 38				
Monday, Dec. 18				
Crane 91, Adrian 46				

PREP RESULTS				
Girls basketball				
Dec. 19 games				
Weiser 44, Homedale 32				
HOMEDALE (32)				
Corta 2 2-2 8, Warwick 2 3-5 8, Wheeler 3 1-2 7, Tackett 0 0-0 0, Johnson 0 1-2 1, J. Hall 1 0-0 3, Marks 0 0-0 0, C. Hall 0 0-0 0, Rupp 0 0-0 0, Brown 0 0-0 0, Brasher 1 3-7 5. Totals 9 10-18 32				
WEISER (44)				
Nelson 2 1-2 5, Erhard 2 1-2 5, Robbins 1 4-6 6, Hafer 0 0-0 0, Overgard 2 1-2 5, Bates 3 6-8 12, Tolman 0 1-2 1, Black 0 1-2 1, Palmer 3 0-2 6, McKie 0 3-4 3, Smith 0 0-0 0. Totals 13 18-30 44				
Homedale 2 15 7 8 — 32				
Weiser 13 7 5 19 — 44				
3-point goals — Hom 4 (Corta 2, Warwick, J. Hall), Wei 0. Total fouls — Hom 21, Wei 14. Fouled out — Corta. Technical fouls — None				

Nyssa, Ore., 61, Marsing 37				
MARSING (37)				
Wilson 2-4 3-7 7, Roeser 3-5 1-1 7, Beckstead 2-11 3-5 7, Moreno 3-16 5-8 12, Staudenmier 0-2 0-0 0, Chenoweth 1-2 0-2 2, Villa 0-0 0-0 0, Clausen 1-5 0-0 2. Totals 12-45 12-23 37				
NYSSA, ORE. (61)				
C. Ramos 6-11 2-2 14, Reece 2-4 2-2 6, Froewer 1-3 0-0 2, Anderson 5-7 0-0 10, Jasper 4-11 2-2 13, Wagstaff 0-3 0-0 0, Chavez 0-1 0-0 0, J. Ramos 0-0 0-0 0, Musgrove 7-12 0-2 14, Kurtz 0-3 2-2 2. Totals 25-55 8-10 61				
Marsing 11 6 6 14 — 37				
Nyssa, Ore. 16 17 14 14 — 61				
3-point shooting — 1-4 (Moreno 1-3, Chenoweth 0-1), Nyssa 3-10 (Jasper 3-7, C. Ramos 0-1, Froever 0-1, Wagstaff 0-1). Total fouls — Mar 13, Nyssa 21. Fouled out — None. Technical fouls — None				

Dec. 18 game				
Adrian 45, Crane 25				
ADRIAN (45)				
Dominguez 0 0-2 0, Bowns 0 2-4 2, VanCorbach 0 0-0 0, McPeak 4 1-2 9, Sillonis 0 0-0 0, R. Orosco 1 0-0 2, Witty 0 0-0 0, Branstiter 7 1-2 15, Simpson 3 0-0 6, J. Orosco 2 0-0 4, Shenk 0 1-2 1, Hutchings 3 0-0 6. Totals 20 5-12 45				
CRANE (25)				
Borelli 2 1-2 5, Ottey 0 0-0 0, Steeves 2 0-1 4, O’Crowley 0 0-0 0, Bentz 0 3-6 3, Sampson 0 4-6 4, Nyman 2 1-4 5, O’Crowley 2 0-0 4, Valentine 0 0-0 0, Pelroy 0 0-0 0, Bench 0 0-0 0. Totals 8 9-19 25				
Adrian 19 12 6 8 — 45				
Crane 3 9 3 10 — 25				
3-point goals — None. Total fouls — Adrian 21, Crane 15. Fouled out — Branstiter. Technical fouls — None				

Boys basketball				
Dec. 18 games				
Homedale 52, Melba 46				
MELBA (46)				
Young 1-4 0-0 3, Bangerter 0-2 0-0 0, Wright 2-4 0-0 4, Thiel 0-1 0-1 0, Allison 3-13 1-2 7, Evanow 0-3 0-0 0, Skogsberg 0-3 0-0 0, Owen 2-3 0-4 4, Harris 2-7				

4-9 9, Beus 7-18 3-3 18. Totals 17-58 8-19 44				
HOMEDALE (52)				
Emry 1-2 0-0 2, Holloway 6-7 0-0 13, Liddell 10-13 1-4 21, Uria 0-4 0-0 0, Ferguson 0-1 0-0 0, Miyasako 2-3 1-3 5, Krzesnik 1-9 0-0 2, Tolmie 0-2 0-0 0, Bingham 4-8 1-3 9. Totals 24-49 3-10 52				
Melba 12 10 8 16 — 46				
Homedale 15 11 14 12 — 52				
3-point shooting — Melba 3-15 (Beus 1-6, Young 1-3, Harris 1-2), Hom 1-6 (Holloway 1-1, Krzesnik 0-4, Liddell 0-1). Total fouls — Melba 15, Hom 17. Fouled out — None. Technical fouls — None				

Nyssa, Ore., 59, Marsing 48				
MARSING (48)				
Paramo 1-3 0-0 2, Quebrado 4-8 0-0 8, Marcial 0-0 0-0 0, Dines 0-5 0-0 0, Myers 3-6 0-0 6, Salvaz 0-3 0-0 0, McClellin 7-16 3-6 19, Marman 2-5 2-2 6, Cossel 1-2 3-4 5, Galligan 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 19-49 8-12 48				
NYSSA, ORE. (59)				
Jensen 2-5 1-2 5, Skeen 1-6 0-0 2, Contreras 0-0 0-0 0, Alvarado 0-0 0-0 0, Blanchard 0-9 2-5 2, Holcomb 6-10 4-8 16, Lassiter 0-0 1-2 1, Valero 5-8 0-1 10, Jones 9-16 4-8 23. Totals 23-54 12-26 59				
Marsing 16 8 9 15 — 48				
Nyssa, Ore. 10 18 21 10 — 59				
3-point shooting — Mar 2-13 (McClellin 2-5, Dines 0-4, Myers 0-2, Paramo 0-1, Quebrado 0-1), Nyssa 1-8 (Jones 1-2, Blanchard 0-4, Skeen 0-1, Holcomb 0-1). Total fouls — Mar 21, Nyssa 14. Fouled out — Cossel. Technical fouls — McClellin. Turnovers — Mar 27, Nyssa 19. Rebounds — Mar 31 (McClellin 6), Nyssa 35 (Jones 9). Steals — Mar 14 (McClellin 6), Nysssa 13 (Jones 4). Assists — Mar 12 (Dines 4), Nyssa 16 (Blanchard 7). Blocked shots — Mar 6 (Salvas 3), Nyssa 1 (Holcomb)				

Dec. 19 games				
Homedale 72				
Cole Valley Christian 52				
COLE VALLEY CHRISTIAN (52)				
Skyles 0-1 0-0 0, Jones 5-9 0-0 10, Beery 3-4 2-3 8, Sells 7-16 3-3 17, McGraw 1-4 1-3 3, Smith 0-2 2-2 2, Evans 1-1 0-0 2, Chiles 1-2 2-2 4, Brown 2-14 2-4 6, Arnold 0-1 0-2 0. Totals 20-54 12-19 52				
HOMEDALE (72)				
Emry 2-7 2-4 6, Holloway 6-14 0-0 14, Hansen 0-2 0-0 0, Liddell 8-15 2-3 18, Uria 1-4 0-0 2, Ferguson 0-1 0-0 0, Miyasako 2-3 2-2 7, Krzesnik 4-11 0-0 12, Tolmie 0-4 2-2 2, Bingham 5-12 1-7 11. Totals 28-73 9-18 72				
Cole Valley 6 12 19 15 — 52				
Homedale 24 13 14 21 — 72				
3-point shooting — CVC 0-7 (Brown 0-3, Jones 0-2, Skyles 0-1, Sells 0-1), Hom 7-16 (Krzesnik 4-10, Holloway 2-3, Miyasako 1-1, Emry 0-1, Tolmie 0-1). Total fouls — CVC 16, Hom 19. Fouled out — None. Technical fouls — None				

Wilder 57, Rimrock 44				
WILDER (57)				
Sandoval 2-3 0-0 4, Elizando 3-9 1-2 9, Rodriguez 7-13 2-3 16, Rivera 3-7 0-0 6, Soto 6-11 3-5 17, Waters 2-4 1-3 5. Totals 23-47 7-13 57				
RIMROCK (44)				
Hipwell 0-6 0-0 0, Timmons 0-4 0-0 0, Draper 0-7 1-2 0, Merrick 0-1 0-0 0, Thomas 12-26 3-5 31, T. Hipwell 1-2 0-0 2, Steiner 1-1 0-0 3, Myers 0-0 0-0 0, R. Hipwell 2-6 1-4 5, Jackson 1-1 0-0 2, Campbell 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 17-54 7-11 44				
Wilder 20 9 14 14 — 57				
Rimrock 11 15 7 11 — 44				
3-point shooting — Wil 4-15 (Elizando 2-7, Rodriguez 0-1 Rivera 0-1, Soto 2-6), Rim 3-9 (Thomas 2-5, Steiner 1-1, Draper 0-2, Timmons 0-1). Total fouls — Wil 11, Rim 15. Fouled out — None. Technical				

fouls — None. Turnovers — Wil 13, Rim 15. Rebounds — Wil 25 (Rivera 7), Rim 35 (Timmons 11). Steals — Wil 9 (Rodriguez 5), Rim 5 (Timmons 2). Assists — Wil 7 (Rodriguez 5), Rim 7 (Thomas 2, R. Hipwell 2)

Burnt River 61, Adrian 52

BURNT RIVER (61)

Koontz 0 0-0 0, Massingale 0 2-2 2, Swindlehurd 0 0-0 0, Wilson 1 0-0 2, Jesnen 2 2-6 6, C. Kezerle 8 5-7 19, Ribeiro 6 2-2 14, Walker 1 1-1 3, A. Walker 5 2-4 12. Totals 23 14-22 61

ADRIAN (52)

Rogers 1 0-0 2, Ishida 1 0-1 2, Witty 2 2-2 7, Ellsworth 6 3-10 15, Thomas 5 0-2 10, Saiki 0 0-0 0, Dondero 2 1-3 5, Hope 4 1-1 11. Totals 21 7-19 52

Burnt River 25 6 11 19 — 61

Adrian 16 8 16 12 — 52

3-point goals — BR 1 (C. Kezerle), Adrian 3 (Hope 2, Witty). Total fouls — BR 22, Adrian 23. Fouled out — Rogers, Thomas, Hope. Technical fouls — None

Dec. 18 games

Crane 91, Adrian 46

CRANE (91)

Ugalde 0 0-0 0, Stevens 1 2-2 4, Henricks 2 0-0 5, B. Davies 10 3-6 23, Harris 3 1-2 6, D. Davies 8 2-2 23, Conaway 1 2-2 4, W. Davies 3 1-2 8, Dunten 8 2-3 18. Totals 36 13-19 91

ADRIAN (46)

Rogers 1 0-0 2, Ishida 1 0-1 2, Witty 2 2-2 7, Ellsworth 6 3-10 15, Thomas 5 0-2 10, Saiki 0 0-0 0, Dondero 2 1-3 5, Hope 4 1-1 11. Totals 21 7-19 52

Crane 22 23 31 15 — 91

Adrian 16 8 16 12 — 46

3-point goals — Crane 6 (D. Davies 5, W. Davies), Adrian 3 (Hope 2, Witty). Total fouls — Crane 18, Adrian 23. Fouled out — Rogers, Thomas, Hope. Technical fouls — None

Sports

✓ Classic

I saw from my kids (Dec. 19), I'm anxious to see how we do.”

Wilder beat Rimrock 57-44 last week behind 16 points apiece

from Miguel Rodriguez and Adrian Soto.

Both Wilder teams will take on their Marsing counterparts during Saturday's final games. The boys face off at 4:30 p.m., and the girls meet at 6:15 p.m.

Heller says he doesn't know much about Wilder, but the Wildcats have won two consecutive games and stayed within 12 points of powerful Rimrock, a 58-46 Wilder loss on Nov. 30.

Conner has heard all the news

about Marsing's six-game winning streak to start the boys season. The Huskies suffered their first loss, 59-48, to Nyssa, Ore., on Dec. 18.

And Walgamott said it makes no difference if Wilder is in a small-school classification, the

Wildcats will provide a challenge that is wholly different than that of the big McCall bunch.

“They're fast,” Walgamott said of the Wildcats. “Wilder will try to out-run us.”

— JPB

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Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

25 years ago

December 23, 1981

Panther girls defeat Homedale 43-49

In girls basketball action last week, the Homedale Trojans varsity basketball team fell to the Parma Panthers 43-49.

The score was close throughout much of the game with the Panthers using a full court press on the Trojan girls. Homedale scored more field goals than Parma, but it was Panthers 6 free throws at the end that made the difference.

Teri Metzger led in scoring for the Trojans with 14 points. The Panthers leading scorer was Julie Hansen with 17 points.

In Thursday night's rally against the New Plymouth Pilgrims, the Trojans captured a 50-35 victory.

Both teams got off to a slow start with the score being tied 8-8 in the first quarter. However, as the evening progressed the Pilgrims were unable to stop the Trojans' hot shooting streak and the margin between the two scores grew greater at the end of each quarter.

Pam Kubosumi scored 19 points to be the high point scorer for the Trojans and Susi Larrocea added 12.

Homedale man chosen as "conservationist"

Burt Trueblood, Homedale, and the late Lee Morgan of the Boise are the "Idaho Wildlife" magazine's Conservationists of the Year for 1981.

"They have spent their lives and made their livelihood on or from the soil," said Royce Williams, editor of the Department of Fish and Game publication. "It was on the land that they developed their unique appreciation of wildlife and they worked hard to share it with the rest of us."

The article appears in the November-December issue of "Idaho Wildlife."

Before his death last year, Morgan had served with Trueblood as co-chairman of the state's first Wildlife Tomorrow conference.

Morgan devoted his career to the Soil Conservation Service and afflicted organizations, working in Kansas; Washington, DC; Colorado; New Mexico; Utah and Idaho.

Trueblood, a native of Idaho, operated a ranch in Alaska for several years before he returned of the home farm near Homedale.

Williams noted that since Trueblood's return to the 200-acre farm that was mostly class three and four soil, he has increased yields of alfalfa to double and in peak years triple the state average.

Trojans fall to McCall

Varsity action Tuesday, December 15, was up in snow country, pitting the Trojans against undefeated McCall. Clark Hansen scored 13 points and pulled down 10 rebounds.

McCall's Petzak scored 18 points and McDougal added 14 points to lead the Vandals. Dick Kleint also added 12 and Erin Thorton 10 points to make the score at the end of the game, Homedale 55, McCall 68.

Homedale news

The Celia Cowen Missionary Union met at the Dorothy Stansell home Dec. 10. Present were Crystell Price, Irene Lee, Golda Stansell, Lois Vanderhoff, Norene Arnold and Rosalie Pitts. After brunch a short business meeting was conducted by President Crystell Price.

Lena Johnson has returned from Idaho Falls where she spent five weeks with her daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Cal Brant.

Charlotte Rustin spent Thanksgiving with her family in Los Angeles, Calif., for a week; then flew to Madera, Calif. and spent a week with friends.

50 years ago

December 27, 1956

High school holds program Dec. 20

An enormous crowd attended the Christmas program at the high school Thursday, Dec. 20, which was presented by the grade school, junior high and high school speech parliament, under the direction of Mrs. Hollis Selders.

The Christmas pageant revealed five various beautiful scenes which displayed the joy and beauty of Christmas.

Larry Allen directed his junior high chorus in portraying "The First Christmas," and the spirit of the yuletide season was inspired by the last scene with the choir singing old Christmas favorites with a lovely church scene in the background.

Machinery problem at beet dump is subject of talk

Reed Wilkerson, Nyssa, Ore., engineer for the Amalgamated Sugar company, discussed problems of piling and loading sugar beets at the company's beet dumps in a talk before the Homedale Kiwanis club at its regular Wednesday noon meeting.

Wilkerson said present machinery is capable of handling 250 tons of beets per hour. The machines use a 48 inch rubber belt which separates mud, rocks, and trash from the beets.

A new loader with a 12-yard bucket will load a railroad car every six minutes.

Automatic tare machines and automatic booms are other devices now being used to speed up handling of beets to keep up with faster harvesting methods on the farm and avoid delays in unloading truckloads of beets.

Guests were Gerald Ames, St. Anthony, a son-in-law of Ed Manning, and Manford Logan, a member who has returned after following the horse racing season at Portland, Seattle, and San Francisco.

H. S. Matthews, a member of the committee handling Christmas baskets, reported that 17 well-filled baskets were distributed at Christmas time.

President Charles Zollinger urged committee chairmen to turn in their year-end reports so the secretary can complete his reports to Kiwanis headquarters.

Kiwanians were reminded that installation of officers and ladies night will be held Wednesday, January 9 at 7:30 pm. Francis Ellis, Weiser, district governor, and A. H. O'Leary, Weiser, lieutenant governor of division 6 will be present.

The bloodmobile will be here January 10. Sam Buck is chairman in charge of the visit.

The buddy system for helping increase attendance was put into effect in the meeting.

Homedale locals

Mrs. Hattie Pierce's eldest son John Benjamin, his wife and family which consists of five children and her eldest grandson Mr. and Mrs. Edward Howard and two children all of Tuttle, Wash., arrived here Sunday to spend the holidays. Monday morning, the youngest daughter of Mrs. Pierce's, Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Akin and five children, Sliver Lake, Wash., arrived and another son, Machinist Mate First Class, Elvin Benjamin, Pocatello, arrived last Friday at his mother's home. They all attended the 40th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. George Stutheit at Parma on Christmas day.

Mrs. Ike Cortabitarte, Marsing, was a caller at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Matteson Saturday. Mrs. Matteson and daughter Lori visited with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Troy Lane at Marsing Sunday.

Christmas day dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Runger and family were Mr. and Mrs. Jess Runger and family, Boise; Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Runger, Caldwell; Mr. and Mrs. Mark McGuire and family, Wilder, Earl Runger, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Runger.

Mr. and Mrs. William Zillig and daughter Ella Mae were Christmas day dinner guests at the Tom Davis home in Nampa. Christmas evening supper guests at the Zillig home were the Tom Davis family, Mr. and Mrs. Leland Sabin, Paul; Phillis Haken, Marsing, Ella Mae and Willis Zillig.

140 years ago

December 22, 1866

REPORTS OF THE TREASURER AND AUDITOR. We are under obligations to the above Territorial functionaries for copies of their reports to the Legislature now in session. From "where they stand" they probably have a clearer view of the wants and financial condition of this Territory and people than an outsider in a back seat can have, for which reason we refer the reader to their reports and recommend their perusal rather than to put faith in newspaper comments. We find from the reports that the receipts into the Treasury during the year have been \$34,560.24 and that the disbursements for the same period have been \$25,948.04. The indebtedness of the several counties to the Territorial Treasury, as reported by the Treasurer, shows well for Owyhee — she being in debt only in the sum of \$9.42, while Boise County is behind \$10,000.00; Alturas, \$509.96; Nez Perce, \$333.71; Idaho County, \$476.16, etc. The Treasurer justly complains of the currency as paid in by the Treasurers of the different counties and recommends Legislative action in relation thereto. He also exhibits a proper solicitude for the credit of the Territory and "deems it of the utmost importance that said credit be kept unimpaired." To this end he urges the Legislature to authorize the conversion of the dust and greenbacks in the redemption fund into cash so as to pay interest on Territorial bonds in accordance with the funding act.

The Controller backs against the payment of taxes in legal tenders and most heartily recommends, suggests and insists that the Treasurer be authorized to pay the salary of the Controller quarterly in cash, and that it be increased to \$3,000.00 a year, which he avers would prove an incentive to the faithful performance of duty.

In a table showing the vote for Delegate to Congress in 1864-6, the Controller give the increase in Owyhee County during the two years, and the decrease in the vote of all other counties in the Territory: Owyhee increased in her vote from 768 in 1864, to 1,266 in 1866, while Boise and all others except Ada and Oneida (which were not organized in 1864) decreased in about the same proportion — Boise voting in 1864 6,232, and in 1866 only 3,285.

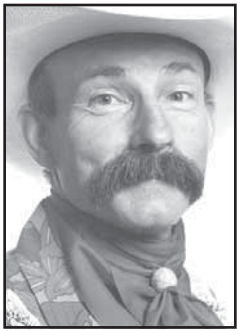
COUNTY SEAT. From private sources we learn that the bill to remove the Seat of Government of Owyhee County to this metropolis — Silver City — would pass the House on last Thursday. The majority would be small in the House — in the Council it was unanimous. The mail this evening will most likely bring definite intelligence. Notwithstanding the small apparent showing in favor of the removal at the late election, it seems that justice will be done and the County Seat be located most convenient to all, and the Post office come where the business is chiefly, centering and according to the laws of trade must nearly if not all soon come. As the removal may be considered certain, we congratulate the citizens of Silver on accomplishing their just object, and those of the County generally on the settlement of a vexed question that would otherwise continue to prejudice other interests common to all.

COASTING. This is now the amusement in Owyhee. Second Street is the scene of operation in Silver. Hardly an hour of the day passes that the air does not resound with the peals of laughter elicited by the abrupt and ludicrous "fetch-ups." Some of the antics look rather frightful, but as yet no one has been injured — at least not seriously. All ages of masculine humanity take a hand and laugh at the sport. If we do not have balmy breezes and vegetable luxuries all the year as do residents of more favored climes, our people have what they cannot — plenty of snow and coasting.

Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM

On the edge of common sense



Recap 2006

This year-end marks a political changing of the guard. It was a year of mixed blessings. The economy is booming, unemployment is down, the results of “No Child Left Behind” accountable education are encouraging, the prescription drug benefits program is a big success, we mark the fifth year of post-9/11 success of Homeland Security, the deficit reduction is ahead of schedule, the cattle market has remained strong, the drought has broken for a large part of America, but ...

It’s not enough to overcome our deep concern about how to deal with terrorism overseas, the continuing financial gap between the upper middle class and the lower middle class, and the irony of the real danger of terrorist infiltration and a border so porous hundreds of thousands, maybe millions of illegals cross back and forth to Mexico every year.

It would be such a gift to us all, such a relief, to see our president and our Congress to find common ground. It is so easy for us to find fault, to cover our behinds, to look for blame, to assume that the only way I can look better is to make somebody else look worse. When a politician admits he took “tainted money” but justifies it by saying that his opponent took more, it makes us realize what political power can do to once-honest citizens.

I saw a list of 27 servicemen who have received the highest medals for bravery since 9/11. It also noted that Lance Cpl. Dominic Escuibel was awarded the Navy Cross but declined to accept it. I know a World War II veteran who was awarded the Silver Star but declined. He explained that there were so many who gave so much more that he didn’t feel comfortable taking it.

Two years ago in the election, the media and our politicians spent an inordinate amount of time trying to diminish John Kerry’s and George W. Bush’s service to the country. Statistics say that less than 1 percent of our population has served in the military. From clerks to five-star generals. From National Guard to Navy Seals. They’re all, every one, deserving of our respect and thanks.

As a result of this election, we can begin a new direction. May the winners be generous in victory, and the losers gracious in defeat. We have examples to follow. In 2001, after a contentious presidential election, then-Sen. Al Gore conceded, acknowledging that to continue the battle would be destructive to the country.

Last month after his party’s electoral rebuff, President Bush continued to avoid any personal attacks on his political opponents and reached out to the newly elected congressional leaders. For all our sakes, let’s hope our new government can live up to the honorable example of Lance Cpl. Esquibel. He represents the best of us.

Wayne Cornell

Not important ... *but possibly of interest* Gracie’s grand debut



A couple of months ago, Amazing Grace, our only grandchild, started dance class. It seemed like a natural step as Gracie spent much of the past year twirling around the house on her tippy-toes, wearing a tutu and a plastic crown (sometimes nothing else). Still, when Gracie’s mom announced that she was attending organized dance lessons, I wondered how well that would work.

Although Gracie always has loved dancing, she is 3 years old. Like most 3-year-olds, her attention span is somewhat limited. Dancing around the living room is one thing. Learning to do specific ballet moves in unison with other dancers seemed a little far-fetched to me.

My concerns about Gracie’s dancing career seemed to be confirmed when her mother reported the results of the first lesson. While her more experienced classmates listened to the teacher’s instructions, Grace twirled, leaped and whirled around the room like a little Dervish (much as her mother probably would have done at the same age). Finally, the teacher reportedly said, “Now we’ll put on some music so Grace can dance.”

Recently, we were notified Gracie would be making her first public appearance on an upcoming Friday evening, as part of an annual recital given by the teachers of the dance classes. The family turned out in force for Gracie’s dancing debut. Rooters included her mom and dad, grandma and grandpa, an aunt, and a great aunt and uncle who drove over from Boise. The auditorium was filled almost to capacity with the families of the other dancers, who ranged from Gracie’s age to about 16.

Gracie’s group was third on the program. When the

moment arrived, six tiny ballerinas marched out on the stage, flanked by two teen-aged coaches. Our dancer was the smallest of the group. With a very serious expression on her face, she took her position in the line.

For the first few seconds of the performance, everybody stayed pretty well synchronized — pointing their toes and doing little *plies* (squats) at the appropriate times. But as the dance progressed, the participants began getting distracted. Grace’s attention was drawn to one of the overhead spotlights and she stared at it while playing with the collar of her costume with her finger. It required a nudge from one of the coaches to bring her back to the task at hand.

At one point the dancers flitted to the back of the stage — although “galloped” might be a better description. Then it was back to the toe-pointing. Then they all ran in a circle. As they finished their routine and held up their arms in triumph, the audience erupted in cheers and clapping. Gracie seemed to enjoy the accolades because she stayed behind for another bow as the other dancers marched off stage. One of the coaches had to come back, take her by the hand and lead her away.

I will admit that I have never been a huge fan of the “arts.” Until that Friday night, I would have said that if you’ve seen one ballet performance, you’ve pretty much seen ’em all. But that was before I watched our little prima ballerina and the other tiny dancers scurry around the stage in what was, in my humble opinion, one of the greatest ballet performances in the history of dance.

Of course I might be biased — but only a little bit.

From Washington Gear up for new Congress with glossary

by Sen. Mike Crapo

A quick look through any article about Congress may wind up confusing many people because of the jargon used. For example, here are a couple of quotes describing legislative activity from a recent congressional news magazine:

“... a clean stop-gap measure.”
“... to prevent it from becoming an earmark-laden omnibus spending package.”

Legislative vernacular includes words and phrases like recess, earmark, continuing resolution, cloture and others. Like many organizations, government has developed jargon particular to its activities. Some words have meaning outside of that environment; others have been part of legislative language since the birth of our government.

Deciphering legislative language can be challenging. Understanding common terms can erase mystery surrounding the business of government.

• Introduce/drop a bill:
Action a Member of Congress takes to present legislation to a House of Congress. At this time, the bill is given a number (in the Senate, it starts with S followed by numbers), then referred to the appropriate committee for consideration. Approximately 10,000 measures are introduced each Congress; only a small percentage actually pass.

• Sponsor/Co-sponsor/Original Co-sponsor:
Member or members who create a bill are its sponsors. Prior to the bill being introduced, members who agree to sign onto the bill are called original co-sponsors. Once a bill has been introduced, but before it is voted on and passed, members who agree to sign on to a bill are called

co-sponsors.

• Referred to Committee:

Once a bill is introduced, it is referred to the committee with jurisdiction over all or part of the bill’s subject matter. The committee decides if a bill will be debated and voted on and sent to the full Senate for consideration. If the committee doesn’t pass or discharge the bill, it “dies in committee.”

• Earmark:

Item in an appropriations bill that instructs an agency how to spend money that is otherwise spent at the discretion of that agency. Earmarks can help ensure that projects particular to a certain state are identified and funded.

• Filibuster:

From the Dutch word for “pirate,” filibuster describes efforts by members to prevent a vote. It was based on a member’s right to speak as long as necessary on a given issue. In 1917, the Senate passed “Rule 22,” allowing for debate to be ended with agreement of two-thirds of the body. This is called “cloture.” The cloture threshold has since been lowered to three-fifths.

• Authorizations:

Legislation that set the amounts of money that the federal government is able to provide to each agency for operations for a set period of time. Authorizing legislation does not provide the funds; it only sets the amounts.

• Appropriations:

Legislation that grants each federal agency the permission to spend a prescribed amount of money on operations for a predetermined period of time. Appropriations legislation



Sen. Mike Crapo

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Commentary

Accuracy In Media
N.Y. Times misses the real point once again

by Roger Aronoff

In a last-minute dirty trick before the election, The New York Times took a story and twisted it in such a way as to damage the Bush administration. This will go down as a case study of media bias intended to sway votes.

The Nov. 4 article by William Broad described how the Intelligence Community, at the prodding of various conservative politicians and publications, posted documents on a Web site beginning in March. The Document Exchange, or DOCEX, had the task of posting some of the many pages of documents found in Iraq after the defeat of Saddam Hussein.

Some of this type of material has been released, but the major media have shown no interest at all. For example, in the AIM DVD on “Terror Television,” we include some footage, captured in Iraq after the American invasion of that country, showing Uday Hussein meeting with a top Al-Jazeera official, who assures him that the channel is “your channel.” Al-Jazeera consistently has been a voice of the Saddam Hussein regime and its remnants, now part of the Islamic Army of Iraq terrorist group. The film footage was originally broadcast by Al-Hurra, the U.S.-funded Middle East television station. To our knowledge, it has never been broadcast by any other U.S. television station or mentioned by any major media outlet, including the New York Times.

In regard to these captured documents, The Times said the Bush administration posted the material “under pressure from Congressional Republicans who said they hoped to ‘leverage the Internet’ to find new evidence of the prewar dangers posed by Saddam Hussein.” But the Times also said that the site had posted some documents that, according to their experts, provided “detailed accounts

of Iraq’s secret nuclear research before the 1991 Persian Gulf war. The documents, the experts say, constitute a basic guide to building an atom bomb.” The site recently had posted some documents that weapons experts told the Times are a danger themselves: “detailed accounts of Iraq’s secret nuclear research before the 1991 Persian Gulf war.” Shortly thereafter, the Times went to DOCEX with the complaints, and the Web site was shut down by the government.

Some background is necessary to understand this story. The feeling of many supporters of the Iraq liberation was that the document translation and analysis should be a high priority, as discovery of such documents were necessary for history, for finding and destroying any weapons of mass destruction that might exist, and they could be very helpful in convincing the American public that this war was necessary and justified. Yet, it even seemed to many supporters of President Bush and the war that the White House had no appetite for searching and analyzing the documents, perhaps because they didn’t want to have that debate again. Yet the documents confirmed that Saddam was close to developing a nuclear weapon before the first Gulf war. This was a regime that had never given up its desire for a nuclear weapons program.

American Enterprise Institute’s Michael Ledeen, writing in a blog on National Review Online, said the Times story was “probably a leak from intelligence people” trying to undermine the members of Congress who wanted the documents to be released. But Ledeen made the point of saying that Sens. Rick Santorum (R-Pa.) and Pat Roberts (R-Kan.) and Rep. Peter Hoekstra (R-Mich.) “always insisted that nothing that could possibly compromise national security should be posted.”

Hoekstra confirmed that point. In a statement released on his Web site, he wrote, “First, it is extraordinary that the New York Times now acknowledges that the captured documents demonstrate that ‘[Saddam] Hussein’s scientists were on the verge of building an atom bomb, as little as a year away.’ This only reinforces the value of these documents in understanding the threat posed by Saddam Hussein’s regime. Only 1 percent of the estimated 120 million pages of captured documents have been reviewed, and we must continue working to promptly understand these materials. If there is concern about Saddam’s nuclear program, there should be similar concern about potential connections between Saddam and al-Qaida suggested in the documents.”

Added Hoekstra, “I have always been clear that the Director of National Intelligence should take whatever steps necessary to withhold sensitive documents. In fact, as of today the DNI had withheld 59 percent of the documents that it had reviewed, and has become more risk-averse over time. If the DNI believes that the documents that were released were in the safe 40 percent, imagine what the 60 percent being withheld must contain.”

Finally, Hoekstra blasted the New York Times: “The sad reality is that the New York Times has done far more damage to U.S. national security by the disclosure of vital, classified, intelligence programs than is likely to be caused by the inadvertent disclosure of decades-old information that had already been in the hands of Saddam’s regime.”

Once again, the Times has missed the real story in its zeal to make a political point.

— Roger Aronoff is a media analyst with Accuracy in Media, and is the writer/director of “Confronting Iraq: Conflict and Hope.”

Accuracy In Media
Democracy, Washington Post-style

by Cliff Kincaid

The Washington Post says that democracy means that the people should be ignored and state legislatures should obey the dictates of the courts. A lead editorial published in the Post earlier this year in support of a New Jersey Supreme Court decision redefining traditional marriage actually carried the sub headline: “A court’s order on same-sex partnerships leaves plenty of room for democratic decisions.” In other words, “democratic decisions” have to be made in the context of what is allowed by the court. This editorial makes a mockery of true democratic decision-making and is an embarrassment to the journalism profession.

The Post, of course, is in the camp of the radical homosexual movement. As the editorial states, “For those, like us, who support same-sex marriage, such steps are welcome.” Unfortunately, this bias goes beyond editorials in the paper.

Many news organizations, including the Post, contribute big bucks to the National Lesbian & Gay Journalists Association. Even Fox News gave the organization \$10,000.

Peter LaBarbera of the group Americans for Truth, sent a letter to Fox News chief Roger Ailes asking that he balance that contribution by providing an equal amount of money to a group critical of the homosexual agenda. LaBarbera believes that the media “should play it down the middle on homosexuality and other controversial issues, not serve as a cheerleader for the ‘gay rights’ cause.”

However, a key leader of the NLGJA disagrees. Eric Hegedus, NLGJA national president, says that quoting a critic of homosexual rights is comparable to quoting an official of the KKK when writing about civil rights for blacks.

In addition to Fox News, LaBarbera identified the following media or media-related organizations as financial sponsors of the recent NLGJA convention: Miami Herald, McClatchy Co., CBS, CNN, Gannett Foundation, Hearst Corp., US Newswire, ESPN, NBC Universal, ABC News, Nielsen Media Research, UBS, Los Angeles Times, South Florida Sun-Sentinel and the Tribune Company.

— Cliff Kincaid is the Editor of the AIM Report and can be reached at cliff.kincaid@aim.org.

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provides the funds, which have to be authorized before an agency or program can use the money.

- **Continuing Resolution:**
A bill that funds the government at current appropriations levels until Congress can pass spending (appropriations) bills under consideration.
- **Recess:**
By definition a “temporary cessation of the customary activities of an engagement, occupation or pursuit,” a Congressional recess is sometimes portrayed inaccurately as “a vacation.” During recess, members usually spend their time in their home states for meetings and other events there. While members do periodically take personal time during recess, it is not correct to claim every recess is a vacation break. Often, a member’s schedule is as busy during recess as when Congress is in session. A more accurate term is “state work period.”

The language of legislation includes many words and phrases; understanding a few basic terms helps to better understand the process.

Understanding leads to more effective and enthusiastic participation in our democracy.

— Mike Crapo is a Republican U.S. senator from Idaho. He returns to work when the first session of the 110th Congress convenes on Jan. 4.

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OWYHEE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES DECEMBER 11, 2006 OWYHEE COUNTY COURTHOUSE MURPHY, IDAHO

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

The Board amended the agenda to include: defibrillator for GrandView Ambulance, tax hardship request, and tax cancellation.

The Board sent a letter to ITD requesting a surplus snowplow.

The bids for gravel crushing were opened and rejected.

The Board rejected the request for a tax hardship on parcel no. RP005800000050A.

The Board approved a tax cancellation on parcel no. MH AM002009023A.

South Board of Control requested irrigation systems be included in the plat approval for subdivisions. The matter was remanded to Planning and Zoning.

The Board adopted Resolution 06-46 adopting a contract for internet research services with Lexis.

The Board approved an amendment of the County Land use Plan by adding to the plan the Owyhee Initiative Agreement.

The Board took the following action on indigent and charity cases:

No. 06-57 a lien was approved

No. 06-56 denied, incomplete application.

No. 06-54 denied, incomplete application.

The Board approved a transfer of beer and wine license for the Owyhee Lanes and Restaurant.

The board approved a request from GrandView Ambulance to fund a defibrillator, to be paid from the Haz Mat Fund.

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

/s/Harold Tolmie

Attest: /s/Charlotte Sherburn

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Please be advised that a public hearing will be held before the City of Homedale, Mayor and Council on Jan, 17, 2007 at 6:00 pm at Homedale City Hall, 31 West Wyoming Ave., Homedale, ID. The subject matter of the public hearing will be:

Request for proposals from qualified parties for the commercial and retail development of approx. 7 acres of City property adjacent to the City airport.

The public is invited to attend and offer input.

Alice E Pegram, City Clerk

City of Homedale

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4310-GG-P DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR Bureau of Land Management (ID-130-1430-EU; DB-G06-1007; IDI-31763)

Due to the holiday season, the comment date is extended to February 12, 2007.

Notice of Realty Action; Non-Competitive Sale of Public Land, Idaho

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Realty Action.

SUMMARY: A 20.69 acre parcel of public land in Owyhee

County, Idaho is being considered for direct (non-competitive) sale to Robert G. Bonnell, Allen H. Bonnell, and A. Lorraine Bjork under the provisions of the Federal Land Policy Management Act of 1976, at no less than the appraised fair market value.

DATES: Comments must be received by January 2, 2007.

ADDRESSES: Address all comments concerning this notice to Kelley Moore, BLM, Owyhee Field Office, 20 1st Avenue West, Marsing, Idaho 83639.

F O R F U R T H E R INFORMATION CONTACT: Kelley Moore, Realty Specialist, at the above address or phone (208) 896-5917.

S U P P L E M E N T A R Y INFORMATION: The following described public land in Owyhee County, Idaho, has been examined and found suitable for sale utilizing direct sale procedures under the authority of Section 203 and Section 209 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, (90 Stat. 2750, 43 U.S.C. 1713 and 1719): Boise Meridian, Idaho T. 6 S., R. 4 W., sec. 11, lot 7. The area described contains 20.69 acres in Owyhee County.

The 1999 BLM Owyhee Resource Management Plan identified this parcel of public land as suitable for disposal. On November 15, 2006, the above described land will be segregated from appropriation under the public land laws, including the mining laws, except the sale provisions of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA). The segregative effect will terminate upon issuance of a patent, publication in the FEDERAL REGISTER of a termination of the segregation, or August 13, 2007, whichever comes first.

The public land will not be offered for sale until January 16, 2007, at the appraised fair market value of \$5,175.00. A copy of the approved appraisal is located at the above address. The patent, if issued, will be subject to the following terms, conditions and reservations: 1) a reservation to the United States for ditches and canals; 2) a right-of-way for continued public access; and 3) a Memorandum of Agreement between BLM, the sale proponents, and the Idaho State Historic Preservation Office.

This land is being offered by direct sale to Robert G. Bonnell, Allen H. Bonnell, and A. Lorraine Bjork, pursuant to 43 CFR 2711.3-3 to resolve inadvertent unauthorized occupancy of the public lands. The buildings that occupy the public lands have been in existence since the mid 1800’s and were purchased by the Bonnell family at a sheriff’s auction in 1929. It has been determined they are eligible for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places. The historic value of the buildings could potentially be lost if they were removed from their current location, as removal would in effect destroy them and their value as a part of several historic mining eras.

In the event of a sale, the unreserved mineral interests will be conveyed simultaneously with the sale of the land. These unreserved mineral interests have been determined to have no known mineral value pursuant to 43 CFR 2720.2 (a). Acceptance of the sale offer will constitute an application for conveyance of those unreserved mineral interests. The purchaser will be required to pay a \$50.00 non-refundable

ELECTION CALENDAR FOR 2007

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: the following taxing districts will be conducting candidate elections in Owyhee County during the calendar year 2007.

Name & Address of Taxing Districts	Election Date	Candidacy Filing Deadlines
Eastern Owyhee Library 520 Boise Ave. PO Box 100 Grand View, ID 83624	May 22, 2007	March 30-April 6, 2007
Lizard Butte Library 429 Main St., Ste 105 PO Box 60 Marsing, ID 83639	May 22, 2007	March 30-April 6, 2007
Bruneau Valley Library #2 Ruth St. PO 278 Bruneau, ID 83604	May 22, 2007	March 30-April 6, 2007
Marsing-Homedale Cemetery PO Box 452 Marsing, ID 83639	November 6, 2007	September 14-21, 2007
Owyhee Pioneer Cemetery PO Box 24 Murphy, ID 83650	November 6, 2007	September 14-21, 2007
Bruneau Cemetery Bruneau, ID 83604	November 6, 2007	September 14-21, 2007
Riverside Cemetery PO Box 82 Murphy, ID 83650	November 6, 2007	September 14-21, 2007
Gem Highway District 1016 Main St. Marsing, ID 83639	August 7, 2007	June 15-22, 2007
Homedale Highway District 102 E. Colorado Ave. Homedale, ID 83628	August 7, 2007	June 15-22, 2007
Three Creek Highway Dist. 122 9 th Ave., North Buhl, ID 83316	August 7, 2007	June 15-22, 2007
Homedale Fire District 19 E. Wyoming Homedale, ID 83628	November 6, 2007	September 14-21, 2007
Bruneau Fire District 26855 Crane Falls Rd. Bruneau, ID 83604	November 6, 2007	September 14-21, 2007
MRW Fire District Murphy Fire House Murphy, ID 83650	November 6, 2007	September 14-21, 2007
Grandview Fire Dist. 720 Roosevelt Ave. Grand View, ID 83624	November 6, 2007	September 14-21, 2007
Marsing Fire District 420 1 st St. N. Marsing, ID 83639	November 6, 2007	September 14-21, 2007

Declarations of candidacy are available at the respective taxing district offices or at the County Clerk’s office.

Signed Charlotte Sherburn, Owyhee County Clerk

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filing fee for conveyance of the available mineral interests. The purchaser will have 30 days from the date of receiving the sale offer to accept the offer and to submit a deposit of 20 percent of the purchase price and the \$50.00 filing fee for conveyance of mineral interests. The purchaser must remit the remainder of the purchase price within 180 days from the date the sale offer is received. Payments must be by certified check, postal money order, bank draft or cashiers check payable to the U.S. Department of the Interior – BLM. Failure to meet conditions established for this sale will void the sale and any monies received will be forfeit.

Public Comments

For a period until January 2, 2007, interested parties and the general public may submit written comments to the BLM Owyhee Field Office at the address above. Comments, including names and street addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the BLM Owyhee Field Office during regular business hours, except holidays. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish to have your name or address withheld from public disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comments. Any determination by the BLM to release or withhold the names and/or addresses of those who comment will be made on a case-by-case basis. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. The BLM will make

available for public review, in their entirety, all comments submitted by businesses or organizations, including comments by individuals in their capacity as an official or representative of a business or organization.

Any adverse comments will be reviewed by the BLM Idaho State Director, who may sustain, vacate, or modify this realty action and issue a final determination. In the absence of any objections, this realty action will become the final determination of the Department of the Interior.

(Authority: 43 CFR 2711.1-2(a))

Dated: November 3, 2006

David Wolf, Acting Owyhee Field Manager

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NOTICE

The Idaho Unclaimed Property Program will post an updated list of Idaho unclaimed property owners on the internet on January 1, 2007. This online list will be updated quarterly at tax.idaho.gov (click on “Unclaimed Property”). Anyone without Internet access can view the list on computers at any Idaho State Tax Commission office, or at most public libraries. Unclaimed Property consists of abandoned bank accounts, forgotten refund checks, utility deposits, gift certificates, and more.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS CASE NO. CV-06-05722 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 the Estate of, GEORGE H. CALL, Decedent.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of the above named estate; that all claimants having claims against the above named decedent are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this notice or such claims will be forever barred; and that such claims must either be presented to the undersigned personal representative of the estate at the address stated below, or be filed with the above named Court.

DATED: December 6, 2006

SIGNED: Joyce Mickelson, Personal Representative

ADDRESS: 14320 Ranch Rd. Elk River, MN 55330-9572

Richard B. Eismann

Attorney for the Personal Representative

3016 Caldwell Blvd. Nampa, ID 83651-9978

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**SUMMONS
CASE NO. CV-06-05773
IN THE DISTRICT COURT
OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT
OF THE STATE OF IDAHO,
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY
OF OWYHEE**

THOMASEDWARD BENSON
and JACQUELINE L. McKEE
BENSON, husband and wife,
Plaintiffs,

-vs-
JUNAYO RANCH LIMITED
PARTNERSHIP, acting by and
through its General Partner, Owen
H. Orndorff; all and any unknown
owners(s), heirs and claimant(s)
of all or any part of the real
property situate in the County of

Owyhee, State of Idaho, described
in Exhibit "A" attached hereto and
incorporated herein by reference,
Defendants.

THE STATE OF IDAHO Sends
Greetings to the above named
Defendants:

YOU ARE HEREBY
NOTIFIED that a Complaint
has been filed against you in
the District Court of the Third
Judicial District of the State of
Idaho, in and for the County of
Owyhee, by the above named
Plaintiffs, and you are hereby
directed to appear and plead to
the said Complaint within twenty
(20) days of the service of this
Summons.

This action, in part, is brought

to permanently enjoin Defendants
from removing, altering or
jeopardizing the fence located
on Plaintiffs' easterly boundary
line and abutting the west side
of said Salmon Creek Road;
require the said Defendants
to set forth the nature of their
claims of, in and to the property
hereinbefore described in the title
hereof; that all adverse claims
of said Defendants thereto may
be determined by a decree of
this Court; that by said decree
it be determined, adjudged and
decreed that said Plaintiffs and/or
Involuntary Plaintiffs, are the
owners of and entitled to the
possession of said lands and
premises; that the Plaintiffs'

and/or Involuntary Plaintiffs'
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against all of the said Defendants;
that said Defendants, and all
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and enjoined from asserting
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said lands and premises, or any
part thereof, adverse to these
Plaintiffs, and for damages,
attorney's fees, costs and such
other and further relief as to
the Court may seem just and
equitable. For more particulars,
see Plaintiffs' Complaint on file
in the above entitle Court.

AND YOU ARE FURTHER

NOTIFIED That unless you
so appear and plead to said
Compliant within the time herein
specified, the Plaintiffs will take
Judgment against you as prayed
in said Compliant.

WITNESS My hand and the
seal of said District Court this 17th
day of November, 2006

CHARLOTTE SHERBURN,
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By Lena Johnson, Deputy
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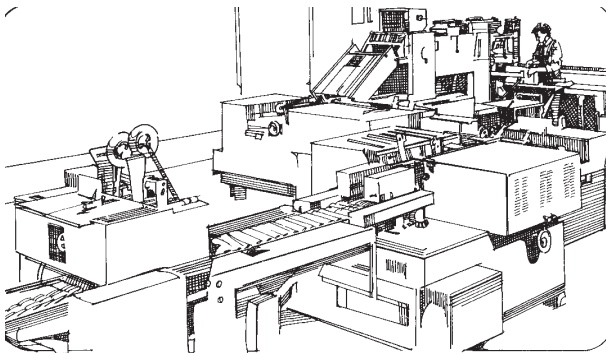
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<div><div>Assembly of God Church Homedale</div><div>15 West Montana, 337-4458 Pastor George Greenwood Sunday School 9:30am Sunday Morning Worship 10:30am Sunday Evening Service 6:00pm Wed. Bible Study 7:00pm</div></div>	<div><div>Crossroads Assembly of God Wilder</div><div>Hwy 19 & 95, 482-7644 Sunday School 10am Sunday Morning Worship 11am Sunday Evening Worship 6pm Wed. Bible Study 7pm</div></div>	<div><div>Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church</div><div>1122 W. Linden St., Caldwell 459-3653 Mass: Saturday 5:00 pm Sunday 9:30 am Spanish Mass: Saturday 7:00 pm Spanish Mass: Sunday Noon</div></div>	
<div><div>Mt. Calvary Lutheran Homedale</div><div>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 Adult Bible Study: 7 to 8:30 pm</div></div>	<div><div>Friends Community Church Wilder - Homedale</div><div>17434 Hwy 95, 337-3464 Pastor: John Beck Worship Services: 10:45 am Sundays Sunday School: 9:30 am Wednesday Prayer Meeting 6:30 pm CLC - Wednesdays at 3:15</div></div>	<div><div>Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Homedale</div><div>708 West Idaho Ave 337-4112 Bishop Alan McRae Bishop Dwayne Fisher Sunday 1st Ward 9am Sunday 2nd Ward 12:30pm</div></div>	
<div><div>Homedale Baptist Church Homedale</div><div>212 S. 1st W. Sunday School 10am & 11am Sunday Evening 7pm Wednesday Evening 7pm Pastor James Huls</div></div>	<div><div>Wilder Church of God Wilder</div><div>205 A St. E, 482-7839 Pastor Ray Gerthung Sunday School 9:45am Sunday Service 11am Sunday Eve. 6:00pm Wed. Eve. 7:00pm</div></div>	<div><div>Mountain View Church of the Nazarene</div><div>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</div></div>	
<div><div> MARISING APOSTOLIC ASSEMBLY Asamblea Apostolica de Marsing</div><div>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/Espanol)</div></div>	<div><div>Iglesia Evangelica Wilder</div><div>317 3rd st., Pastor Ramiro Reyes 10 am Sunday School 11 am Service 482-7484 Bilingual</div></div>	<div><div>Marsing Church of Christ Marsing</div><div>932 Franklin, Marsing Minister Gib Nelson Sunday Bible Study 10am Sunday Worship 11am</div></div>	
<div><div>Christian Church Homedale</div><div>110 W. Montana, 337-3626 Pastor Maurice Jones Sunday Morning Worship 11am Church school 9:45</div></div>	<div><div>Bible Missionary Church Homedale</div><div>West Idaho, 337-4437 Pastor Paul Miller Sunday School 10am Worship 11am Sunday Evening 7pm Wednesday Evening 7:30</div></div>	<div><div>Assembly of God Church Marsing</div><div>139 Kerry, 896-4294 Pastor Rick Sherrow Sunday School 10am Sunday Worship 11am & 6 pm</div></div>	
<div><div>Lizard Butte Baptist Church Marsing</div><div>Pastor London 116 4th Ave. W., 859-2059 Sunday worship 11am-12pm Sunday school 10 am-10:55am Sunday evening 7pm-8pm Wednesday evening 7pm-8pm Every 3rd Sat. family video at 6 pm</div></div>	<div><div>Nazarene Church Marsing</div><div>Pastor Bill O'Connor 896-4184 12 2nd Avenue West Worship Services - Sunday 11am and 6pm Teen Services Sundays 7:00 pm Sunday School - 9:45am Mid Week TLC Groups</div></div>	<div><div>Trinity Holiness Church Homedale</div><div>119 N. Main Pastor Samuel Page 337-5021 Sunday School 10am Sunday Morning Worship 11am Sunday Evening 7pm Thursday Evening 7:30pm</div></div>	
<div><div>Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Marsing</div><div>215 3rd Ave. West, 896-4151 Bishop Streibel Sunday 1st Ward 9am Sunday 2nd Ward 12:30pm Primary 11am</div></div>	<div><div>Vision Community Church Marsing</div><div>221 West Main Marsing, Idaho 208-896-5407 Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Sunday Service 10:30 a.m. Adult, Kids & Youth Meetings Wed. 7:00 p.m.</div></div>	<div><div>United Methodist Church Wilder</div><div>Corner of 4th St. & B Ave. 880-8751 Pastor Carolyn Bowers Sunday Services 9:30am</div></div>	
<div><div>First Presbyterian Church Homedale</div><div>320 N. 6th W., 337-3060 Pastor Marianne Paul Sunday Morning Worship 11am Sunday School 11am</div></div>	<div><div>Calvary Holiness Church Wilder</div><div>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 10 am - Noon</div></div>	<div><div>Seventh Day Adventist Homedale</div><div>16613 Garnet Rd., 880-0902 or 453-9289 Pastor Chuck Dimick Sabbath School Sat. 9:30am Worship 11am Tuesday Prayer Mtg. 7:00 pm</div></div>	
<div><div>Iglesia Bautista Palabra de Esperanza Homedale</div><div>711 W. Idaho, 463-9569 Pastor Jose Diaz Servicios: Los Domingos 11:00 am</div></div>	<div><div>Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic Church - Oreana</div><div>2006 Mass Schedule - Saturdays 9:30am Jan. 14 - Feb. 25 - March 18 - April 22 May 13 - June 24 - July 22 - Aug. 12 Sept. 9 - Oct. 14 - Nov. 25 - Dec. 23 For more information, call St. Paul's Church, Nampa 466-7031</div></div>	<div><div>Amistad Cristiana de Wilder</div><div>Esquina de 4 y calle B Domingos:12:00 pm Servicio Miercoles: 4:30 pm Arte para Ninos Martes y Jueves: 6:30 pm Ingles Sabados: 12 pm Banco de ropa Espanol - 989 7508</div></div>	



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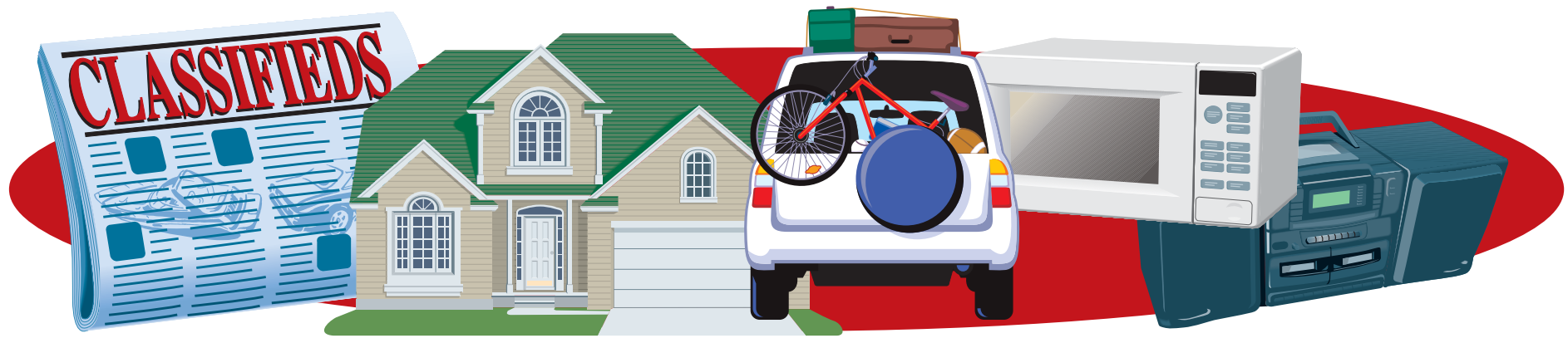
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A huge thanks to all of Santa’s helpers or the “Hands Around Homedale” who made the community food drive and Wish Tree projects such a success. With the help of Homedale schools staff, students, former students and community members, over 3 tons of food were boxed for area families. A huge credit goes to the Beta Sigma Sorority for making sure each and every child on our list received a gift. Special thanks to Tamura Farms, Garrett Ranches, Allendale Produce, Paul’s and the Owyhee Avalanche for generous donations of produce, storage space and publicity. Thanks also to local church and community members who donated Paul’s Points, making it possible to provide hams and turkeys to all families. What a great place to live!

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