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## Annex issue is far from a done deal

Commissioner Hal Tolmie's plan to consolidate county services into a satellite office in Homedale has sent a few folks into orbit.

Former Marsing Mayor Roy Herman and Silver City resident Jim Hyslop both wrote letters to the editor appearing in this week's edition of The Owyhee Avalanche deriding Tolmie after he presented plans for a new building during a Dec. 12 Homedale City Council meeting. Both letters appear on Page 23.

Homedale Mayor-elect Harold Wilson addressed the Board of Commissioners on Dec. 17 in Murphy regarding the current administration's pledge

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## New Year's Day means closures, special deadlines

Federal, state, and county offices will be closed on Tuesday for New Year's Day, as will banks, schools, and city offices in Homedale and Marsing.

Homedale's city hall will close at noon on New Year's Eve.

Paul's Market in Homedale will be open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on New Year's Day.

Snake River Mart in Marsing will be open normal hours, 6 a.m. to 10 p.m., on New Year's Eve and New Year's Day.

Public safety agencies such as Homedale Police, the Owyhee County Sheriff's Office and county fire departments will be available for emergency calls on New Year's Day.

The Owyhee Avalanche office will be closed on New Year's Day. Deadlines for the Jan. 3 edition are noon Friday for display advertising and legal notices. The classified advertising deadline is 5 p.m. Friday.

## 2007 Year in Review



## Fires, freewill alter landscape

*This is a look at the first half of 2007 in Owyhee County news. Details from the second half of the year will appear in next week's issue.*

— Ed.

There were vast changes on Owyhee County's political landscape and literal landscape in 2007.

In the summer, flames gobbled up 650,000 acres of grazing land. The massive Murphy Complex Fire, which was triggered by multiple lightning strikes sent shockwaves through the people who rely on the land and the federal managers who have oversight of it. The reverberations still are being felt through the rehabilitation process.

In the fall, voters put a new look on every city council in the county, electing two new mayors and a slew of first-time city representatives. On the county level, the year began with two new faces on the Board of County Commissioners.



There were changes at the top on many fronts. The embattled director of the South Board of Control, Rex Barrie, resigned his position after

enduring a personnel investigation that disintegrated into bickering among the irrigation district's board of directors on a near monthly basis.

The Chambers of Commerce in Homedale and Marsing both elected new presidents and both embarked on campaign to pump life into the civic organizations.

The Marsing School District went through a controversial period after hiring a high school principal who had been convicted of killing two kittens with a shotgun at a previous job in Minnesota.

The city councils in Homedale and Grand View both dealt with premature departures of council members, and the county got a new magistrate after the longtime county judge was awarded a seat on the District Court bench.

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# Homedale building inspector job still open

Council won't meet again until Jan. 9

The City of Homedale continues its search for a building inspector. Dave Freelove has been filling in on an interim basis since Nov. 1. The city's former building inspector, Mike Millward, left the position at the end of October because he never obtained proper certification to continue in the post. Homedale's building inspector position is a part-time job. City Clerk Alice Pegram said the city has received only a few applications. The city pays the inspector a percentage of the building permit fee for each inspection he does. Homedale pays 50 percent of the fee. While other towns typically

pay a commission of 75 percent of the fee, Pegram said that Homedale's rate of growth has made up for the difference. The City Council voted during its Dec. 12 meeting to cancel the second regular meeting of December, which was scheduled for Thursday. The council won't meet again until 6 p.m. on Jan. 9 for the first regular meeting of the new year. Mayor-elect Harold Wilson and newly elected city councilmen Eino Hendrickson and Aaron Tines will be sworn in at that time. Wilson won the mayoral election in November, beating five-term incumbent Paul Fink and challenger Charles Garrison. Tines and Hendrickson replace Steve Schultz, who resigned his post earlier this year, and Bill Page, who lost a write-in bid for re-election.

# Council meets without quorum

Minutes from the July monthly meeting for the Grand View City Council have revealed that the panel may have met in violation of Idaho Code. According to the minutes from the July 11 meeting, Mayor Paul Spang declared a no quorum after a roll call revealed that councilmen Derron Frederick and Rodger Dillard were absent. According to state law, no discussion leading to a decision and no decisions can be made at a public meeting for which there is no quorum.

However, although the council was within its rights to discuss returning no parking signs to Owyhee County and a water bill question posed by Riverside Coin-Op Laundromat owners Ray and Mary Lynn Miller, it may have violated the law by approving payment of bills. Ken Harward of the Association of Idaho Cities said a city council can make a decision to pay bills only if the city has passed a prior resolution to provide the no-quorum contingency. An e-mail to City Clerk Lani

Race to see if the council ever had passed such a resolution was unanswered by press time. Penalty for breaking the law is \$150 per council member. But a citizen has only 30 days to call attention to the infraction and then six months to take action. Both deadlines have passed. The council, however, has an indefinite amount of time to correct the problem merely by repolling members when a quorum is achieved. According to subsequent meeting minutes, the council has not done that.

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### ✓ Annex: Hoagland likes Marsing option

to donate land for the new building, which would house the automobile and licensing bureau now in cramped Marsing City Hall as well as the Owyhee County Probation Office that currently is located in what District 2 Commissioner Jerry Hoagland has characterized as an energy-inefficient building on the corner of West 1st Street North and West Idaho Avenue in Homedale. "He said he hoped we would take our time," Hoagland said of Wilson's comments to the board. "He said he's got some concerns about some of the legality of it — if the city is allowed to sell that or if they need the permission from the state." A division of the State of Idaho sold the land to the City of Homedale in 2006. The county is shopping for a new home for the DMV because Marsing is running out of room at City Hall. "Marsing City Hall has been putting a lot of pressure on us to get something done as soon as possible," Hoagland said. Hoagland said that he is leaning

toward the option of buying the existing Owyhee Conservation District building on Reich Street in Marsing. "It would be a lot more convenient for the Wilson area on the north side of the county and it would be more centrally located for Homedale and even Jordan Valley people," the first-term commissioner said. "In my mind, that carries a lot of weight." Tolmie's plan would force residents in Wilson and South Mountain to drive at least an extra 10 miles to do their business. Hoagland also said a Marsing annex would be a quicker fix because the county first would have to solicit construction bids for a new building in Homedale. Another factor that has been raised by some people is possible illegal and dangerous foot traffic across U.S. Highway 95. Tolmie's proposed 3,600-square-foot building would be located on the opposite side of the highway from Homedale's population center, forcing probation office clients who may not own cars

to walk to their appointments or to attend class at the office. "The speed limit, although reduced, is pretty fast," Hoagland said. "It isn't real close to the actual city center." While new construction would be required for a building in Homedale, the Marsing option presents an existing building. But the old OCD building would have to be remodeled, Hoagland said. Tolmie has put the price tag for either option at more than \$250,000, and Hoagland speculated that money would be drawn down from a fund established for the future expansion of the Owyhee County Courthouse in Murphy. "We're looking at two different options, and we'll see which one is the most cost-effective and the most reasonable," Hoagland said, adding that the commissioners have not received a solid price on the cost of new construction. The commissioner, whose term — like Tolmie's — expires a year from now, said the issue hasn't been put on the agenda for a future meeting yet. — JPB

## Another burglary arrest made

Owyhee County Sheriff Gary Aman reported early last week that a woman originally arrested in connection to a string of burglaries in the county was cleared of all charges. Sara Zavala of Nampa was released after it was learned she wasn't involved in the crimes. Another Nampa woman, 20-year-

old Jennifer Humphrey, was later apprehended, as was a 17-year-old female. In Owyhee County alone, the suspects are believed to be responsible for at least 10 burglaries, a home invasion in which an 82-year-old woman was handcuffed to a bed for 11 hours, and three vehicle thefts.

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# New sign at HHS



## Crew installs new reader board

**Top:** Lance Wilson of Superior Signs puts the finishing touches on one side of the new Daktronics reader board that was installed at Homedale High School on Friday. Wilson and colleague Aaron Vance did the work. **Above:** The new electronic reader board is visible just east of the Chamber of Commerce reader board it will replace in front of Homedale High School on East Idaho Avenue. The new board cost \$25,000 and was financed through donations from permanent sponsors Tony and Kathy Miyasako, the Homedale International Smorgasbord, Vance Dairy Construction and Homedale Development Co. There also will be room for yearly sponsors underneath the message board.

# International Smorgasbord tickets sale under way now

Homedale Middle School sixth-graders have begun selling tickets to the 47<sup>th</sup> annual Homedale International Smorgasbord. The event, which offers cuisine from several cultures, takes place from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Feb. 9 at Homedale Elementary School. It's an annual fundraiser for the Homedale School District. Part of the proceeds from last year's feast helped pay for the

new reader board installed Friday at Homedale High School. Tickets are available from any HMS sixth-grader, and prices are \$28 for a family, \$7 for adults, \$5 for senior citizens, \$4 for students in first through sixth grades and \$2 for preschoolers. This year's chairs are Dwayne and Tracy Fisher. Co-chairs are Ryan and Heidi Nash.

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# Homedale grads gauge post-secondary readiness

College freshman return to critique school's effectiveness

Three recent Homedale High School graduates took advantage of an invitation to critique their alma mater Thursday, but the outcome wasn't as cynical as the stereotypical "homecoming" might be perceived. Rather than tear down their old school, the three college freshmen — Kyle Miyasako and Whitney Tackett from Idaho State University and Andrew Bingham from BYU Idaho — had nothing but high praise for their experience and their educators at Homedale.

"I like this idea because it shows that you care about how we do after we leave and that you also care about the students who are here now," said Miyasako, who is undeclared in Pocatello but is leaning toward healthcare administration. Part of a list of goals set by the board of trustees, administrators including district superintendent Tim Rosandick and principal Mike Williams and counselor Kelly DeWitt from the high school used the luncheon at the Homedale School District office to poll alumni on what helped and what may have hindered them in their preparation for college.

Students were invited to the discussion through a letter signed by Rosandick and Williams. "Now that you're the expert, we want to know if you were adequately prepared for the rigors of post-secondary education," the letter said.

Williams and DeWitt conducted the discussion, while Rosandick jotted down highlights of the students' feedback and occasionally reinforced a question from the other two officials.

Specific details on the HHS experience from Miyasako, Tackett, a Radiology major at ISU, and Bingham, an Economics major at the relatively small BYU Idaho in Rexburg, were bolstered comments from Bonnie Price, another Class of 2007 member, whose letter to the district was read by DeWitt.

"This is far more valuable than



## Graduates discuss life after Homedale

Idaho State University freshman Whitney Tackett, right, listens as fellow 2007 Homedale High School graduate and ISU freshman Kyle Miyasako talks about how the school helped him prepare for his studies in Pocatello.

a survey," Williams said of the direct feedback.

Beyond what the high school could do for future students, the bottom line from the luncheon was that anyone who wants to go to college must be personally prepared long before turning the tassel in the spring before their freshman year.

"A lot of it is about work ethic," Miyasako said. "If you want to be in college, you have to work at it."

All four students took Honors classes — the name for Homedale's college preparatory or advanced placement (AP) classes — and said that those courses helped quicken the pace of some core subjects in college. The three students at the luncheon praised Melinda Lathrop's Honors English class, but they also said other teachers, such as Mark Weekes in Science, Jim McMillan in History and Government and Darrin Cook in Spanish played pivotal roles.

They said Cook and Lathrop challenged students to extend themselves academically.

"From what you've given us, it should make Mrs. Lathrop feel like \$1 million," Rosandick said. "Whatever she is doing, it sounds like it has prepared you for what you're doing very well."

The students also suggested

that Homedale should teach both major writing styles required at college — American Psychological Association for scientific papers and Modern Language Association (MLA) for humanities writings. Only MLA is used at Homedale, while college professors for all three freshmen have required both styles during their first semester of college life.

The students pointed out that note-taking skills also are important, but only Kevin Cornwall at Homedale Middle School really had given any guidance on how to take notes.

They agreed with the panel that it would be helpful if the high school offered a class outlining things students could expect in college, as would more in-depth labs for science courses.

The suggestions will be taken to the school board as well as integrated into conversations with high school teachers to bolster the assistance for future students aspiring to college.

— JPB

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**HMS student maps out victory**  
*Homedale Middle School sixth-grader Liam Condon celebrates his victory as teacher Nick Schamber looks on. Submitted photo*

# HMS sixth-grader qualifies for state geography bee

Sixth-grader Liam Condon won the Homedale Middle School National Geographic Bee championship Wednesday.

Condon, who outperformed about a dozen schoolmates in an afternoon competition inside Nick Schamber’s classroom, becomes eligible for a shot at the Idaho state geography bee, which is scheduled for April 4.

Condon and other classmates answered oral questions from Schamber in Thursday’s first round. The 20<sup>th</sup> annual competition is sponsored by the National Geographic Society.

Winners at the school level will now take a written test, and up to 100 of Idaho’s top scorers will qualify for the state contest.

State champions and their teacher-escorts earn trips to Washington, D.C., for the national championship on May 20-21. The national winner receives a \$25,000 college scholarship and a lifetime membership in the National Geographic Society.

“Jeopardy!” game show host Alex Trebek moderates the national finals.

# Energy discussion centers on water usage of nuclear plant

Water is a crucial component in any plan for a nuclear power plant, according to two experts who sat on the panel of the recent Owyhee County Energy Summit.

“Any project in Idaho needs to have a study on the impact on the water,” Idaho National Laboratory representative Dr. Ralph Bennett said.

Bennett was one of the first men to speak at the Dec. 14-15 conference at the Homedale Senior Citizens Center.

The summit explored myriad options for producing energy from wind power to geothermal to biofuels.

But nuclear power battled leadoff at the ground-breaking summit in part because of the proposed 1,600-megawatt Idaho Energy Complex (IEC) power plant planned for the Bruneau area.

During the first discussion on Dec. 14, IEC spokesman Martin Johncox and Dr. Arjun Makhijani, president and senior engineer of the Takoma Park, Md.-based Institute of Energy and Environmental Research joined Bennett at the dais.

Johncox presented details of the \$4.5 billion-dollar IEC plant in the absence of company CEO Don Gillispie, who was said to be ill with the flu.

The issue of water could be a major factor in the future of nuclear power in thirsty Southwest Idaho, for which there are now two power plants proposed to stand on the banks of the Snake River.

Bennett said that a 1,000-megawatt nuclear reactor — less than two-thirds the size of the proposed IEC reactor — with a “once-through” cooling design requires a water flow of 2,500 cubic feet per second (cfs) with



**Panel discusses nuclear power**  
*Dr. Arjun Makhijani, far left, listens to moderator Bruce Wong, far right, as Dr. Ralph Bennett of the Idaho National Laboratory and Idaho Energy Complex spokesman Martin Johncox look on.*

the dissipation process consuming only 1 percent of the water.

According to Bennett, the average design for a 1,000-megawatt reactor using cooling towers or massive cooling ponds could require far less water (50 cfs), but between 75 to 100 percent of the water would be evaporated in the cooling process.

Bennett said that it’s unclear how much water the IEC reactor would consume.

“We don’t know what’s being proposed by this project for cooling,” Bennett said. “We want to keep an eye on it.”

IEC officials, including Johncox at the summit, have said that the temperature of the reactor at the proposed site would be “dry-cooled” using some water and a series of fans, and other excess heat would be used to “cook” biofuels at the plant.

Johncox also said that the water the plant would take in could be recycled through irrigation of nearby farmland—a modification of the cooling pond concept through which ponds as large as three square miles are used to help cool water after it passes through the reactor.

Makhijani disputed the dry-cooling claim, saying that massive amounts of water still would have

to be extracted from the Snake River to cool the reactor — even if the water was going to be reused for other purposes once it passed through the reactor.

“Thirty million gallons minimum (90 acre-feet) would be needed to carry the heat away. You would still be withdrawing that water (from the river), am I not correct?” Makhijani asked Johncox.

Then he added: “Dry-cooling appears to be a misnomer for using water to carry away the heat.”

Johncox said that only 100,000 gallons of water would not be returned through cooling, but he never clearly stated how much water the dry-cooling process would use.

However, IEC consultant and investor Doug McConnaughey, who stood up in the audience to challenge Makhijani during the question-and-answer portion of the discussion, claimed the reactor proposed for the IEC plant uses 100,000 gallons per day.

In response to concerns about there being enough Snake River water to support the reactor, McConnaughey said the 4,000 acres where the reactor would be built has a water right of 43 million gallons per day, or 13 million gallons more than Makhijani said would be needed to cool the reactor.

McConnaughey, who never identified himself as being affiliated with IEC, served as moderator for the public meeting Gillispie staged at Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School in May.


The reactor proposed by IEC is scheduled to be used in a power plant being built in Finland. But reactor designer AREVA, Inc., has yet to receive U.S. approval for the design from the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. According to a press release issued by IEC early last week, AREVA submitted a design certification application with the NRC on Dec. 11 for an Evolutionary Power Reactor (EPR).

The IEC press release, dated three days after the Owyhee County Energy Summit ended, said federal approval of AREVA’s new design could come at about the same time IEC’s application process with the NRC concludes — late 2011, according to the timeline on IEC’s Web site.

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Zoning Department got a new administrator, and Mary Huff nearly immediately faced several controversial issues, including a Virginia company's proposal to build a multibillion-dollar, 1,600-megawatt nuclear power plant near the Snake River in Bruneau.

But for as much upheaval as there was in Owyhee County in 2007, there were positive signs in many corners of prosperity and stability and forward thinking.

Patrons in the Bruneau-Grand View School District approved a bond worth about \$5 million. The majority of the money will be used for infrastructure upgrades and improvements at Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School. Other funds will finance improvements at elementary schools in Bruneau and Grand View.

While voters shot down the idea of a taxing district covering three counties — including Owyhee — to establish a public library in Melba, the Lizard Butte Library board was successful in securing a \$775,000 bond to construct a new building in Marsing. Patrons had launched the campaign in January.

Homedale Municipal Airport saw new businesses and new construction. The town also saw several new businesses on Idaho Avenue as a strip mall and sandwich shop was built. Still, the anticipated residential subdivision on the west end of downtown and the proposed restaurant-hotel-retail development at the east entrance town saw little progress. The development of the 7-acre parcel southeast of the airport also remained stalled.

Homedale completed a municipal sewer expansion project that, despite its rocky beginnings, brought sewer hookups to folks in the city limits who had been using septic systems since the 1970s and also increased system capacity to allow for future growth. Late in the year, Homedale awarded a bid for much-needed improvements to the water system.

Meanwhile, Marsing's water improvement project languished in delays and increased fees. By the end of 2007, the only thing the town has to show for it is a test well.

And while Grand View voters torpedoed hopes of addressing that town's arsenic levels in the drinking water, the hamlet of Bruneau clipped the ribbon on a new filtration and distribution system that had been long overdue.

## January

The year began with renewed optimism in Murphy as Jerry Hoagland (District 2) and Dick Freund (District 3) were sworn in as new Owyhee County commissioners. Freund, who would be elected chairman of the commission, retired as chief deputy at the sheriff's office days



before taking office. The county bid farewell to one-term District 2 commissioner Chris Salove and longtime District 3 board member Dick Reynolds.

One of the first issues faced by Freund and Hoagland was the county's ongoing effort to buy the land on which the eastern county's landfill is located. Early in their tenure, the pair joined with District 1 Commissioner Hal Tolmie to double the county's offer to buy the Grand View landfill from Kent Kohring. The commissioners wanted to shed the remaining seven-plus years on the 10-year, \$5,000-per-year, lease, and offered Kohring \$80,000 to buy the land, which lies nearly an equal distance between Grand View and Bruneau off Idaho highway 78. Kohring never responded to the offer, and by the end of the year the commissioners had purchased land on Elephant Butte near Marsing as a contingency plan for the loss of the lease as well as future waste needs in the county.

While the commissioners were looking to the future, the Homedale Chamber of Commerce was trying to build one. Hampered by a lack of participation, Chamber members took a renewed look at the situation during their first lunch meeting of the year.

By February, a new board of directors was in place with Gavin Parker and Brad Dines of Parker-Bowen-Day CPAs serving as president and vice-president/treasurer, respectively. Realtor Tami Steinmetz was elected secretary, but she would be replaced later in the year by Alliance Title representative Robin Aberasturi.

The Chamber kick-start was much needed and well-received as attendance picked up at the luncheons and owners of the new businesses streaming into the Homedale paid their dues and got on board.

Some of the those new businesses came from the new strip mall on East Idaho Avenue across from Homedale High School, which opened in January with three of the four suites filled by spring. While the retail establishment would be at full capacity by the end of summer, one tenant — Curves for Women



— closed up shop early in the fall.

Adding to the business buzz around the high school, the Subway sandwich shop opened later in January.

The new business presence around the high school put pressure on the parking spaces around City Park, and the city council began to discuss limited parking on East Idaho Avenue and East 2<sup>nd</sup> Street South. In a few months, 2-hour limits would be imposed on parts of those two streets as well as East Owyhee Avenue.

The City of Marsing broke ground on its new well in January, but little progress was made the rest of the year.

While Marsing was preparing for growth, county officials were looking at how to handle disasters and other crises that could befall Owyhee during a disaster summit in Marsing. By year's end, an All-Hazards Mitigation Plan would be ready for public review.

One man concerned with growth — the growth of invasive weed species — was saluted when Jordan Valley's Dennis Stanford was named the Owyhee Soil Conservation District's Conservationist of the Year.

Near the end of the month, law enforcement faced two crucial situations when a robber hit Snake River Mart in Marsing

and Homedale Police Officer Mike McFetridge worked to save the life of a 1-year-old who was choking on a burrito. The robber was still at-large at year's end, but McFetridge's actions earned him a share of the TRIAD Officer of the Year Award.

## February

Bruneau-area rancher Celia Tindall picked up her 2006 Idaho Cattle Association Cattlewoman of the Year award at the annual Owyhee Cattlemen's Association winter meeting in Oreana. Members also heard from new Idaho State Department of Agriculture Director Celia Gould, who runs cattle in eastern Owyhee County. Owyhee Initiative chair Fred Grant also gave an optimistic update on the progress of the land-use doctrine, which Sen. Mike Crapo (R-Idaho) would re-introduce into the U.S. Senate later in the year.

Owyhee County reported that tax receipts were down about \$1.5 million, or 25 percent, while property assessments rose 13 percent. It would be a harbinger of a friction between the assessor's office and the state tax commission regarding assessed land values that would flare up later in the year.

South Mountain's David Rutan was elected chairman of the Owyhee County Fair Board.

An official from the Treasure Valley YMCA met with Homedale folks from City Hall and the community and businesswoman Karolyn Munster about the possibility of creating a community center in town.

In one of the few positive things to come out of the South Board of Control during the year, workers began a South Canal diversion project aimed at improving water pressure for irrigators. Meanwhile Homedale resident Rick Echevarria received a fine a few months after he was cited on an electioneering charge in front of the Gem Irrigation District polling place in Marsing in November 2006.

The 47<sup>th</sup> annual Marsing Disaster Auction hauled in record revenue of \$80,000 from generous bidders during its Feb. 3 run at the Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center.

Three Homedale High School musicians — seniors Scott Thatcher and Chanda Cox and sophomore Kelsey Thatcher — earned spots on the Boise State University Honor Band that performed at the Morrison Center in Boise.

The second week of the month was a sad time in the Homedale-Marsing area.

Melba resident U.S. Army Spec. Ross A. Clevenger, a Marsing High School graduate, was killed in action in the Anbar province of Iraq. The 22-year-old, who would be promoted posthumously to the rank of sergeant, died along with two other members of the 321<sup>st</sup> Engineering Battalion when a roadside bomb exploded.

A week later, hundreds of mourners packed the Marsing High School gymnasium for funeral services. Motorists traveling Idaho Highway 55 between Marsing and the Hillcrest Cemetery where Clevenger was laid to rest stopped on the roadside and saluted as the procession wound its way across the Snake River and through southern Canyon County. Several bystanders waved large American flags.

In Homedale, longtime Homedale Fire Department Chief John Matteson was laid to rest. Matteson died Feb. 5, and the 1960s-era pumper truck that he

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# School menus

- Homedale Elementary**  
Dec. 26-Jan. 4: Christmas vacation – No school.
- Homedale Middle**  
Dec. 26-Jan. 4: Christmas vacation – No school.
- Homedale High**  
Dec. 26-Jan. 4: Christmas vacation – No school.
- Marsing**  
Jan. 2: Red Baron pizza, salad, fruit, milk, chicken fajita, salad bar 4<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>, roll.
- Bruneau**  
Jan. 1-4: No school.

# Senior menus

- Marsing Senior Center**  
Dec. 26-27: Closed.  
Dec. 31: New Year’s Eve 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Pork roast, mashed potatoes, peas, green salad, soup, dessert, beverage.
- Homedale Senior Center**  
Dec. 26: Baked fish, macaroni & cheese, carrots, roll, beverage.  
Dec. 27: Beef stroganoff noodles, broccoli, roll, beverage.



**Hart family donates to HMS library**  
Homedale Middle School principal Luci Asumendi-Mereness, left, HMS sixth-grader Juliana Hart and Homedale High School senior Sam Hart display the plaque that will be placed near the school’s library to salute the \$1,000 donation the children’s parents — Trojans athletic director David Hart and Connie Hart — made in memory of Connie’s mother, Mary Huskey. The money will be used to buy books for the library. “The donation was very generous, and we’re honored that they thought of our middle school kids,” Asumendi-Mereness said.

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# Anniversary

## Garretts mark 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary at NFR

Gregg and Randee Garrett celebrated 25 fun and unpredictable years of marriage with a trip to the National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas, the city where they spent their honeymoon.

The Garretts were married on Dec. 11, 1982 and have lived in the Central Cove area since.

They have three children — Cody, serving in the U.S. Navy, Hailee, a sophomore at the College of Southern Idaho and Ryan, a junior at Homedale High School.

Gregg is an account manager at Boise Cascade in Nampa, and Randee is a counselor at Homedale Elementary School.



Gregg and Randee Garrett, 1982



Gregg and Randee Garrett, 2007

# Obituary

## Larry Edmo

Larry Edmo 65, passed away at 8 A.M. Friday morning, December 21, 2007, at his home in Fort Hall. Larry was born March 28, 1942 in Fort Hall, grew up, and lived in Fort Hall until he joined the army at age 17; in which Larry attained the rank of sergeant from April 1, 1959 to June 3, 1962 and then again from March 12, 1965 to Mach 29, 1968. Larry was very proud of his service in the Armed Forces.

Larry married Connie Mosho February 26, 1986. Larry worked as Chief of police in Fort Hall, Director of Fish and Game, Director of Law and Order, Foreman at Simplot, firefighter, and federal mine inspector.

Larry belonged to the Disabled American Veterans Association. Larry loved the Rodeo in which he was a bronco saddle rider. Larry raced cars at Pocatello Speedway. Larry also tanned hides and loved doing bead work.



Larry has survived by his wife, Connie; son, Todd Edmo; two daughters, Michaeline and Barbara Edmo; and stepson, Jacob Chemedall of Fort Hall. Venus Cortez; Lucille Pocatello; Belma Colter; Alberta Eschief; Laurene Troughot; Frank Edmo; Marty Edmo; □Marcine Edmo, Bruce Jackson; Della Jackson; Anna Jackson-Broncho.

Larry was preceded in death by his father Franklin Edmo and his mother Eula Metz Edmo.

Larry’s body was at his residence on Mission Rd. in Fort Hall starting 2 P.M Sunday December 22, 2007 and is in his teepee until 9 A.M. Wednesday December 26, 2007. The Fort Hall Veterans Association provided a military service at Larry’s residence at 2 P.M. Monday, December 25, 2007. A funeral service for Larry will be at 10 A.M December 26, 2007 at Colonial Funeral Home 2005 South Fourth, Pocatello, Idaho for anyone who would like to attend.

Larry will be buried at the Idaho State Veterans Cemetery at 2:00 to 4:00 P.M. 101000 North Horseshoe Bend Road Boise, Idaho 83714 on Wednesday December 26, 2007.

Donations may be sent to Colonial Funeral Home in Larry’s name.

Condolences may be sent to the family online at colonial-funeralhome.com



## US Bank in Marsing installs ATM

Branch manager Dolores Schamp cuts the ribbon on a new ATM at the Marsing branch of US Bank as district manager Kermit Scarborough, left, and teller coordinator Ellen Boatman look on.

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# Death notice

**LORENE M. TERRY**, 93, of Jordan Valley, died Thursday, Dec. 20, 2007 of natural causes. Services pending with Dakan Funeral Chapel.



# Your finances

## Husband, wife must make money decision bi-laterally

Dear Dave,

I think we should save up and pay cash for things we want, but my husband says he doesn't want to work all the time and not have anything nice. He's always going out and making expensive purchases on credit and pushing us deeper and deeper into debt. I don't know what to do.

— Sandra

Dear Sandra,

It sounds like your husband has gotten into the mentality some folks have where they think the only way they'll ever have anything in their lives is by going into debt. It's an old song and dance that sounds like this. The only way I'll have a decent car is to have a car payment ... the only way I'll ever have anything nice is to go into debt ... that's just the way it is, a poor man can't make it. Honestly, Sandra. That way of thinking just makes me sick!

I've been broke twice in my life, and I've been a millionaire twice in my life before the age of 40. I'm nothing extra-special, just a stubborn little guy who wouldn't quit and refused to accept that way of thinking. If all you do is work, then the last thing you want is to be in debt to the banker and have big payments hanging over your head.

See if this little piece of information will get his attention. If he were to cut back just a little and make more conservative purchases, you'd probably have enough money to invest the equivalent of a car payment each month. The average car payment in North America is \$378 over 55 months. If you were to invest this from age 25 to age 65 you'd have \$4.4 million! Not exactly poor man money, is it?

You've got several issues on the table, Sandra, and they're all very serious. One is that your husband is willing to make major, life-changing decisions without accepting your input. I'm a pretty opinionated guy, but I don't make big financial decisions that affect my family without my wife's agreement. This isn't because I'm henpecked, it's just common courtesy and respect to hear her insight on the matter. If she and I don't come to an agreement on these things, then the deal's dead and that works both ways. It's just part of a good marriage. If your husband says he wants to buy a new car, and you don't think it's a good idea but he does it anyway — that's wrong.

The second major issue is his mentality that the best way to be prosperous or appear prosperous is by going into debt. The paradox is that it's exactly the opposite



that causes you to be prosperous. When you get rid of payments you have the largest wealth-building tool in your life available to you — your income. When all the money comes in and all the money goes out, there's nothing to invest or save or buy nice things with. But it's easy to do all that when you don't have any payments.

— Dave

Dear Dave,

We were dummies and bought a timeshare years ago. We paid it off in three years, and always paid the maintenance fee up until about two years ago. Then we got a call recently from a collection agency saying we had a \$3,100 balance. He said they'd take \$2,000 and call it even. I tried to negotiate with him, but he wouldn't budge. What can we do now?

— Carmen

Dear Carmen,

It's a valid debt. You signed a contract promising to pay the maintenance fees, so I'm sure the contract is enforceable. If you tried to get by without paying it they could sue you and would probably win.

If I were you I'd call this collection agency back and settle up with the understanding that you'll be released from any further obligation. Let them know that if they don't agree that you'll sue them on the basis of misrepresentation.

Fight them as much as possible over this, but if the agency or timeshare manager will let you go free for \$2,000, then under the circumstances you're getting a bargain. Don't send them anything, though, until you get, in writing, a statement saying that upon receipt of the \$2,000 you will be released from any and all future obligations and past obligations regarding that particular timeshare.

And make sure you send the money in a way that will provide you with proof of delivery, such as certified mail, FedEx or UPS.

— Dave

— Dave Ramsey is the host *The Dave Ramsey Show* that airs at 6 p.m. daily on the Fox Business Channel. You can find tools to help with finances or previous columns at [Davesays.org](http://Davesays.org). For more financial advice, visit the Web site or call (888) 22-PEACE.

# Owyhee County FFA news



**Homedale's Hansen wins title**

*Homedale FFA member Mat Hansen concentrates on a job during the Boise Valley District Career Development Experience for ag mechanics at Vallivue High School in Caldwell. This form helped Hansen win the copper welding portion of the competition. Submitted photo.*

## Homedale chapter

On Nov. 29, the Homedale FFA Ag. Mechanics team participated in the Boise Valley District Ag. Mechanics Career Development Experience (CDE) at Vallivue High School in Caldwell.

The team, composed of Mat Hansen, John Bittick, Konnor Bahem and Nestor Machuca, placed fourth in the district. Hansen took first in copper plumbing, and Machuca placed second in arc welding.

The district Job Interview CDE also took place on Nov. 29. Kara McRae represented Homedale in the interview portion and placed sixth overall.



**Marsing CDE competitors**

*Three members of Marsing's FFA chapter competed recently in the Boise Valley District Career Development Experience for job interview and ag mechanics. Peyton Kinney, middle, participated in job interview, while Neil Sevy, left, and Tony Beagley competed in ag mechanics. Submitted photo*

## Marsing chapter

*by Kelsey Granden, chapter reporter*

Marsing FFA just went to the Job Interview and Mechanics contest at Vallivue. They all did their best, and we as a chapter are very proud. Congratulations to Peyton Kinney, who got fourth out of seven in job interview.

Then we also had Neil Sevy and Tony Beagley participate in the welding portion of the competition. Unfortunately, we didn't have a full team so they didn't place, but they worked hard and did very well.

# Calendar

<b>Today</b> DivorceCare recovery support group, 7 p.m., Mountain View Church of the Nazarene, 26515 Ustick Road, Wilder. (208) 337-3151	3151	Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave.
<b>Thursday</b> Exercise class, 11 a.m., free, Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave. (208) 337-3020 TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), 5:30 p.m. weigh-in, 7 p.m. meeting, First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6 <sup>th</sup> St., Homedale. (208) 482-6893 Homedale City Council meeting, 6 p.m., City Hall, 31 W. Wyoming Ave. (208) 337-4641 AA meeting, 8 p.m., Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave.	<b>Thursday, Jan. 3</b> Exercise class, 11 a.m., free, Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave. (208) 337-3020 TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), 5:30 p.m. weigh-in, 7 p.m. meeting, First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6 <sup>th</sup> St., Homedale. (208) 482-6893 AA meeting, 8 p.m., Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave.	<b>Wednesday, Jan. 9</b> DivorceCare recovery support group, 7 p.m., Mountain View Church of the Nazarene, 26515 Ustick Road, Wilder. (208) 337-3151 Homedale City Council meeting, 6 p.m., City Hall, 31 W. Wyoming Ave. (208) 337-4641 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 Owyhee Watershed Council meeting, 7 p.m., University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Office, 238 8 <sup>th</sup> Ave. W., Marsing. (541) 372-5782
<b>Friday</b> Celebrate Recovery 12-step program, 6 p.m., Mountain View Church of the Nazarene, 26515 Ustick Road, Wilder. (208) 337-3520 or (208) 337-3151	<b>Friday, Jan. 4</b> Celebrate Recovery 12-step program, 6 p.m., Mountain View Church of the Nazarene, 26515 Ustick Road, Wilder. (208) 337-3520 or (208) 337-3151	
<b>Tuesday</b> New Year's Day	<b>Tuesday, Jan. 8</b> 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. Snake River Valley Fellowship, 16613 Garnet Road, Wilder. Homedale. (208) 475-3733 AA meeting, 8 p.m., Homedale	<i>Submit information on upcoming fundraisers, meetings, reunions or community events to The Owyhee Avalanche by noon Fridays for inclusion in the calendar. Drop off press releases at the Avalanche office at 19 E. Idaho Ave., Homedale, mail them to P.O. Box 97, Homedale, ID 83628, fax them to (208) 337-4867 or e-mail them to <a href="mailto:jbrownditor@cablone.net">jbrownditor@cablone.net</a>. For more information on submissions, call (208) 337-4681.</i>
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built at Owyhee Motor Sales led the funeral procession to Marsing-Homedale Cemetery.

A question of nepotism in the county offices cropped up when Prosecuting Attorney Matthew Faulks asked the Third District Court for a ruling on whether Commissioner Dick Freund had a conflict of interest because his wife and daughter both worked for the county. Freund defended his position on the board, saying he had cleared up any question of conflict in conversations with personnel in the attorney general's office before he ever filed papers to run for political office.

Patrons in the Lizard Butte Library District overwhelmingly approved a \$775,000 bond to construct a spacious new building to replace the cramped three-room library in Marsing. The final tally was 299-34 in favor of the 21-year bond, which finances the new building behind the Marsing fire department. The new library is expected to be open next month.

Homedale's annual International Smorgasbord fundraiser for all three schools in the district was a roaring success, grossing nearly \$17,000.

The county assessor's office got in hot water with the state tax commission when an investigator accused Assessor Brett Endicott's office of keeping property values artificially low, thereby affecting levy rates.

With loan papers ready for signature from the U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development and the city on the cusp of beginning the sewer and water improvement process, the Homedale City Council decided to investigate state funding options. Within weeks, the city had abandoned the idea and returned to the option of the federal government providing the money to cover the bonds.

The council also finalized the 2-hour parking limit around City Park and behind Homedale High School.

Marsing High School principal Chuck Stella cited health problems and stepped down from the position he had held eight years during a school board of trustees meeting.

Another business opened in Homedale as Lori Badiola threw open the doors on the Moxie Java franchise on U.S. 95.

With an eye to the coming wet season and the continuing West Nile Virus problem, Homedale Dr. John Noack urged quick action to combat the mosquito hatch. Commissioner Dick Freund asked for public input on how to avert a repeat of the disastrous 2006 season.

County clerk Charlotte Sherburn joined other county clerks around the state and urged the Idaho Legislature to pass a provision creating an all-mail-in ballot options for counties. No action was taken during the

legislative session.

As February drew to a close, an investigation revealed that felony cases prosecuted by county Prosecutor Matthew Faulks rarely went to trial and most ended in plea bargains. Law enforcement chiefs in the county also complained of a lack of action on backlogged felony cases.

Owyhee County Sheriff Gary Aman replaced the retired Dick Freund as chief deputy, promoting Marine Deputy Bruce Cameron. Two deputies — Russ Turner in the Bruneau-Grand View area and Lynn Bowman in the Marsing-Homedale area — also were added to Aman's stable of lawmen.

The sheriff's office did one of the things it does best and helped four motorists stranded on snowy Silver City Road.

Freund backed Assessor Brett Endicott's efforts to correct the discrepancies in county property values alleged by the state tax commission.

More growth was celebrated in Homedale as an explosion of Basque culture and a two-day festival marked the opening of the privately funded Txoko Ona Basque center on South Main Street in Homedale. Dancers, traditional games of strength and Basque music highlighted the event hosted by KTVB news personality Isabel Bilbao, whose mother, Elizabeth (Eiguren), grew up in Arock, Ore., where many Basque sheepherders settled.

Mary Huff moved the county building department to head up the county Planning and Zoning wing. She filled a position that had been vacant since Kay Kelly had resigned at the end of 2006.

Five Homedale Boy Scouts — Tyler Christoffersen, Sam Ensley, Tyler Leslie, Heath Phelps and Wade Hyer — earned Eagle Scout status.

In Jordan Valley, Jason Potts was sentenced to four years for sex abuse, and a 5-year-old girl died in a car crash on U.S. 95 six miles south of Jordan Valley.



The fatal accident and others like in on the road prompts Oregon highway authorities to erect a giant billboard urging caution and slower speeds on the stretch of U.S. 95 near Jordan Valley.

## March

There was more heart-warming news coming out of the sheriff's office as Deputy Aron Streibel turned what could have been a tragic and deadly situation into a lesson for residents by saving a family of eight from a mobile home that had become filled with carbon monoxide. Streibel responded to an early-morning call to the Quintana Ranch outside Homedale and promptly got everyone to safety, including an infant who wasn't known to be in the trailer until Spanish-speaking family members alerted Streibel.

The 3½-year OCSO veteran earned commendation from the sheriff's office, Police Office Standards and Training Academy and — at year's end — TRIAD with the county officer of the year plaque.

In another carbon monoxide-poisoning case, sheriff's deputies and Posse members found a father and daughter from Boise dead in their Silver City-area cabin.

The Marsing-based Owyhee

Soil Conservation District dropped the dirt and began calling itself of the Owyhee Conservation District. By September, the OCD would move its office to North Old Bruneau Highway when the federal lease contracts for other agencies sharing at building on Reich Street changed hands, forcing everyone to move. OCD moved to maintain continuity in services with Farm Serve Agency and other conservation-based organizations even though the Owyhee Conservation District owns the building on Reich Street.

In a Texas prison, Scot Noble Payne — a 43-year-old convicted of lewd and lascivious conduct in Owyhee County — committed suicide only months trying to escape the facility. He was on the lam for some time before being recaptured in 2006.

The Homedale Chamber of Commerce went to a trusted source to get tips on its reorganization as Nampa Chamber CEO Georgia Bowman-Gunstream visited the monthly luncheon. Bowman-Gunstream is expected to give a similar chat on how to be successful to the Marsing Chamber at its monthly meeting in January.

The South Board refuses to release the report stemming from

a personnel investigation that cost the company tens of thousands of dollars in legal fees. In April, the Gem Irrigation District board of directors rejects a petition signed by 130 water users asking the governing body to drop the personnel investigation centered on South Board Manager Russ Barrie as well as release legal counsel Bryce Ferris, who was retained by Gem director Tim Leavitt without the knowledge of the rest of the board of directors.

Sen. Mike Crapo (R-Idaho) reintroduces the Owyhee Initiative Implementation Act in the Senate.

A well-attended benefit poker tournament held outside Homedale netted \$1,800 for paralyzed Idaho State Police Trooper Chris Glenn, who used to teach at Homedale High School. Glenn was shot in the neck by a fleeing suspect near Twin Falls.

A Homedale High School graduate, SSgt. Tracy Goodloe, received the Bronze Star for the 22-year Army veteran's actions while deployed in Iraq.

Another ISP trooper, Cpl. Craig Boll, is injured while chasing illegal aliens near the Oregon border in western Owyhee County.

A judge dismissed all nine felony charges of fiscal misconduct against former Homedale City Clerk Pamela Dugger, saying that a Canyon County grand jury had no jurisdiction to hand down an indictment. The state Attorney General's office said it would appeal the case.

Later in the month, the city council agreed to pay \$6,500 to settle the lease for a copier. The deal was struck during Dugger's tenure, city officials said, and the copier company wanted the full balance of \$13,000 before the half-price deal was struck.

After an unfavorable economic study pointed out that Homedale wasn't ready to support a hotel, developers of Homedale Plaza Partners, LLC, reported that they were walking away from the idea of a hotel on the site of the old Homedale Auto Recyclers salvage yard on East Idaho Avenue, but they would pursue a restaurant opportunity.

By December, the developers had gained a vacation of the right-of-way on a neighboring alley to make a contiguous piece of land. But a for sale sign advertising the property was on the market had replaced an earlier sign soliciting parties interested in leasing a restaurant site. The lot remains vacant.

The City of Homedale finally signs the loan papers to get the sewer improvement and expansion project rolling.

Just as the sewer project acknowledged that future growth was coming to the area, Marsing Ambulance officials and Sheriff Gary Aman give strong



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indications that the time had come to have a county-wide emergency services organization, rather than individual taxing districts throughout the vast county.

A tragic string of calls continued for emergency personnel as sheriff's deputies and medical staff responded to a fiery crash south of Marsing on Idaho 78. A 19-year-old Nampa woman, Victoria May Shafner, died in the crash. Her friend, Boise 20-year-old Tyra Clements who was driving the car, later pled guilty to vehicular manslaughter. Clements was able to escape the car with her infant but couldn't go back for Shafner because of the flames.

Homedale Middle School students showed their compassion by rallying to help raise money for classmate Jorge Hernandez, who had been in and out of the hospital with a cyst on his pancreas since Christmas. Efforts launched by Hernandez's mentor at HMS, Betty Arriaga, would result in several fundraisers and thousands of dollars to help Hernandez and his family.

After a fierce discussion with the city council on how money from Sundance Park concessions is used, Homedale Rec board members mulled the idea of developing a taxing district to create revenue for the upkeep and upgrade of the softball and soccer facility. After the summer, the city council praised rec board members for a rejuvenation of the concession stand revenue stream, which helped bring the rec fund closer to the black side of the ledger.

Mark Lane was appointed manager of the Bureau of Land Management's Owyhee Field Office, ending a turbulent several months during which three other men served in the post.

Continuing weeks of tragedies, Bruneau farmer James Hampton was killed when the ATV he was riding while spraying weeds flipped into a ditch.

## April

Homedale lost two prominent men early in the month as former Homedale school superintendent and high school principal, football, basketball and track and field coach Deward Bell died at 83. Longtime Gem Irrigation Board director and chairman Edwin Stansell, who also served on the Homedale City Council, also passed away at 91.

A 13-year-old boy, Eric Allen, drown at CJ Strike Reservoir while trying to save his 6-year-old brother, who had fallen into the lake while riding his bicycle on a boat dock.

Owyhee County landowner James Hilliard, who at one time was going to sell 4,000 acres of Bruneau farmland to the developers of the Idaho Energy Complex nuclear power plant, decides instead to come on board



with the venture while the land as his investment.

The Grand View City Council received a draft of the ordinance aimed to govern open alcohol containers in the city limits. Later, however, and much to the chagrin of members of the special committee formed to draft the law, council members decide to scrap the idea and just follow the state's minimal guidelines.

A conference on the horrors of methamphetamine Marsing receives sparse attendance, and organizers blame the great weather and a general denial that a drug problem exists.

The Owyhee County Sheriff's Office and the Idaho Peace Officer Standards and Training Council honor Deputy Aron Streibel and Dispatcher Bev White for their conduct, which led to the rescue of eight family members overcome by carbon monoxide fumes outside Homedale in March.

The up-and-down water situation in Marsing took a turn for the worse when officials learned that the new test well revealed the possibility that the arsenic level would improve even with upgrades. One option to deal with the problem would be an expensive filtration system.

Winston Kelly is arrested in southernmost Owyhee County for the murder of Reno, Nev., resident Peter Braun after an investigation and manhunt the involved agencies from Idaho and Nevada as well as Owyhee, Elmore and Elko (Nev.) counties and federal agents.

The treacherous stretch of Idaho 51 running through the southern part of the county claimed another victim when Elko 17-year-old Andrew Lichty perished after rolling the Ford pickup he was driving.

It was déjà vu all over again when the Homedale City Council annexed land south of U.S. 95 only months after it had voted on the original annexation. It was learned that not enough notice was given for a public hearing on the matter scheduled in December.

A festival in City Park raised \$2,700 for sick Homedale Middle School seventh-grader Jorge Hernandez.

New county ordinances gave the sheriff's office was given more authority to enforce violations on BLM land. The ordinances were passed to help deal with the massive influx of recreationalists.

Homedale Middle School principal Keith Field announced he was leaving the position after 14 years to pursue a similar opportunity at Park Ridge Elementary in the Nampa School District. The Homedale School Board of Trustees tabs school activities director Luci Asumendi-Mereness as the campus' new chief executive.

A few months later, longtime Homedale Elementary School principal Scott Freeby would leave to tackle a challenge in the Coeur d'Alene district.

County medical liaison Dr. John Noack quits after not seeing eye-to-eye with commissioners on the issue of West Nile Virus. The split comes after Noack accuses District 1 Commissioner Hal Tolmie of calling him incompetent and a liar. Tolmie denies making the comments.

A 62-year-old Nampa man, George L. Scott, is sentenced to as many as 12 years in prison on an Owyhee County sex charge after a plea agreement.

The Marsing Chamber of Commerce began its run at a revival. Within a week, all the officers except a president will be elected. In late May, Cathy Streibel of the Essence of Life will be appointed to head up the Chamber.

Then-Homedale school teacher Barbie Vanderboegh approaches the city council about the possibility of acquiring grants to buy a stagecoach and horse sculpture made with horseshoes that would be placed at the east entrance of town.

The Homedale Police Department reports a surge in DUI arrests. Several DUI injury crashes are reported in

the Marsing-Homedale area throughout the year.

Marsing High School senior Steven Eells wins the Idaho SkillsUSA Diesel Equipment Technology championship and a full-ride scholarship to Wyoming Technical Institute. Homedale High senior Kevin Nettleton finishes third in the statewide competition.

## May

The Owyhee County Fair board of directors returns to near-full strength with the appointment of Kelly Aberasturi of Homedale and Tiffany Hipwell of Murphy. Dennis Dines from Marsing will be put on the board in the coming months.

The new fair board members promptly face the possibility of a space crunch for livestock entries at the 2007 fair when it is learned that efforts to fund an addition to the livestock barn probably will fall through. In September, the county commissioners bump the fair's budget for fiscal year 2008, giving the fair enough money to build the much needed barn in time for the fair next August. A solicitation for construction bids was announced earlier this month.

Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter names Owyhee County Sheriff Gary Aman the chair of the Idaho POST Council.

Marsing schools Superintendent Harold Shockley finds himself defending the district's decision to hire Wade Pilloud to replace Chuck Stella as Marsing High School principal after media reports surface that Pilloud was convicted of killing two feral cats with a shotgun in the woods on the edge of a spacious school campus at a previous job in Minnesota. Shockley said the media didn't portray a true reflection of the events, and said that the 38-year-old Pilloud was hired based on his academic track record.

Franchise owner Echo Hall announces her intentions to open an Idaho Pizza Co. restaurant during a Homedale City Council meeting.

A Texas fugitive with a violent reputation is taken into custody by Homedale Police on a \$500,000 warrant after Owyhee County Sheriff's Office dispatch discovers that the man is wanted during a status check.

The county takes the first steps toward complying with Federal Emergency Management Agency requirements when it begins the long process of formulating a All-Hazards Mitigation Plan. The plan is put out for public review in December and covers scenarios ranging from floods and earthquakes to civil unrest and terrorism.

A sign of the changing times in vocational education and the workforce comes when the long-standing Canyon-Owyhee School Services Agency's auto body shop in Homedale closes its doors in preparation for the start of an electronic engineering course that will start in the fall.

Marsing High School paid tribute to fallen soldier Sgt. Ross A. Clevenger by planting a tree on the school campus.

South Board of Control manager Rex Barrie and Gem Irrigation Board secretary Connie Chadez resign during the monthly irrigation meetings in Homedale. But the board of directors won't accept Chadez's resignation. Water master Ron Kiester is appointed interim South Board manager, and he will be hired as the permanent replacement later in the year.

A week later, the three-member Ridgeview Irrigation District board of directors — chairman Mike Pendergrass, Paul Shenk and Rod Price — resigns en masse and Garold Johnston and John Lax are appointed to replace them. Lax takes over the chairmanship, and a month later Brett Nielsen is appointed to fill the final seat.

Also, a letter surfaces in which Boise labor attorney Kail Seibert blasts the conduct of Gem Irrigation and South Board director Tim Leavitt during the 2006 Rex Barrie personnel investigation.

Later in the month, Barrie speaks out for the first time since walking away from the South Board manager's job, saying that infighting will hampered the board's focus on bigger issues, such as the attempt by environmental extremists to end irrigation through a plot similar to that which was used in the Klamath Basin in Oregon for the sake of an endangered sucker fish.

Homedale city engineer Fred Ostler unseals eight construction bids for the sewer improvement project. Eastern Oregon Construction from Ontario, Ore., is the apparent low bidder with an estimate of \$857,380.

But Lurre Construction, which is owned by former Homedale resident John Badiola and had the

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## Three locals earn U of I degrees during winter commencement

Three Homedale students graduated from the University of Idaho on Dec. 8 in Moscow.

Part of the class of 736 students to receive undergraduate and graduate degrees were:

**Tyler Joseph McRae** — Bachelor's degree in environmental science.

**Christine Marie Tidden** — Bachelor's in psychology.

**Jake Daniel Ferguson** — Bachelor's in wildlife resources.

## Farrell nabs HHS chess championship

Matthew Farrell edged Mark Klug last week to win the annual Homedale High School chess tournament.

Farrell ended up with 4.5 points in the tournament, nipping Klug and another competitor, who scored four points each.

School chess club advisor Mark Thatcher supervised the Dec. 4-18 tournament that attracted 20 students and faculty members. The tourney lasted five rounds.

"The teachers didn't fare well this year," Thatcher said.

The highest finish for a faculty member came from Health and Physical Education teacher and football coach Rob Kassebaum, who placed seventh with three points.

Tournament rookies from the club will compete in the State Novice Tournament next month.

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# More Christmas visions



### Sounds of the holiday

Kindergarten and first-grade students at Homedale Elementary School entertained their teachers and family members with a concert of Christmas songs on Dec. 18. Taking part in the concert were, clockwise from top left: Shalla Doyle's first-graders who sang *Deck the Halls* and *Jolly St. Nick*; Melanie Harper's kindergarteners, who sang *Jingle Bells* and *O Christmas Tree*; Tammy Glazer's first-graders, who sang *Feliz Navidad* and *Rudolph the Red-nosed Reindeer*; Mary Jo Larzelier's first-graders, who sang *Jingle Bells* and *All I Want for Christmas*; Nancy Smith's first-graders, who sang *Must Be Santa* and then led the entire assembly in *We Wish You a Merry Christmas*; and Marilyn Maybon's kindergarteners, who began the performance with *Jingle Bells* and *O Christmas Tree*.



### Food drive helps needy in Jordan Valley

The Jordan Valley High School canned food drive, organized annually by the student council since 1997, was held earlier this month. Grades 9-12 brought in a total of 353 pounds of food to donate. The winning class was the seniors, who brought in 16.8 pounds per student. The drive was especially needed this year, because of the temporary closing of the local food pantry. The food went to five needy recipients. Special thanks to Jess and Jacque Naegle for donating turkeys to go with the food boxes. Members of the student council distributed the food boxes. Photo by Tara Echave, JVHS



### MMS students deliver trees

John DeWitt guides Marsing Middle School students as they load a Christmas tree into a truck for delivery. MMS faculty members DeWitt, Bryan Marquardt, and Loma Bittick coordinated a project that benefited seven local families. Hopkins Evergreens donated the trees, which students decorated. Snake River Mart donated a box of groceries to go along with each tree.



# More Christmas visions



### Wilson Sage Hens donate lap robes

Members of the Wilson Sage Hens presented residents of Owyhee Health and Rehabilitation Center in Homedale with lap robes for Christmas on Dec. 17. Pictured are, from left: Dorothy Bogdon, Aline DeNardi, Sue VanKleek, Betty Freeburg, Julia Burham, Barbara Pettigrew, Linda Redford, Jean Reineke, Robin Wiedle. Seated: Joyce Schermerhorn and Pam Forestier.

## Sage Hens continue to serve

The Sage Hens women's group distributed 35 lap robes Dec. 17 at the Owyhee Health and Rehabilitation Center in Homedale.

The Sage Hens delivered stuffed animals to the center for Christmas in 2006.

The group, which meets at the Wilson School House, has its roots stretching back to 1947. According to member Julia Burham, the club has 30 members in Owyhee, Canyon and Ada counties.

The club started as an extension club for farm women to get together and exchange ideas on home-making.

These days, the women make quilts and auction them off at community auctions. The group also runs the country store during the annual Melba Community Auction.

The group also had a booth at the Owyhee County Historical Society Christmas bazaar last month in Murphy.

Burham said the group now

is selling a cookbook featuring recipes from past and present members. The fundraiser book is available for \$16 from the club. The group makes donations to Marsing-based Hope House, need families, Girls State and the Ronald McDonald House in Boise.

For information on the cookbook or the club, call Burham at 896-5005.

"You'll never find a better group of cooks or good-hearted women," Burham said.



### Last Chance raises Christmas cash

A board on the wall at the Last Chance Saloon in Homedale shows the final tally of \$2,125 for the annual Christmas Fund that the saloon employees and patrons contribute to for the purchase of gifts to residents of the Owyhee Health and Rehabilitation Center. Each sticker on the board has the name of a resident at the care home.

## Presents for Owyhee Rehab



### Gifts for Owyhee Rehab

**Above:** Kathy Brandhagen, left, and Penny Riley pick up gifts for residents of the Owyhee Health and Rehabilitation Center at The Owyhee Avalanche office. **Right:** Gifts and stockings paid for by donations from employees and patrons of the Last Chance Saloon are almost ready for delivery to Owyhee Rehab residents. The Last Chance holds a variety of fundraisers throughout the year to pay for annual Christmas gifts for residents of the care center.





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second-lowest bid at \$886,166, will try to fight the bid in court insisting that bad math flawed the EOC construction and that the rival firm should be held to a higher overall price because of a mistake in unit pricing.

Eventually, Judge Dennis E. Goff denies the injunction request and awards the project to EOC.

The Idaho-Oregon-Nevada Heritage Council, with help from Owyhee country historian Mike Hanley, dedicates a roadside memorial to Piute princess Sarah Winnemucca during a ceremony held on U.S. 95 just over the Owyhee River from Rome, Ore.

Nearly 170 high school seniors from Homedale (80), Marsing (39), Rimrock (26) and Jordan Valley (14) walk the line for graduation in separate ceremonies. Retired principal Chuck Stella serves as keynote speaker in Marsing, while Merchant Marine Academy nominee Leigh Martin is valedictorian at Rimrock.

Homedale High's Class of 1937 is honored during its 70-year reunion at graduation.

The Marsing Chamber of Commerce decides to cancel its Third of July Old Fashioned Festival to concentrate or reorganization.

The county board of commissioners refuses to endorse a grant application through which Silver City Fire & Rescue Inc. is trying to obtain a new 4-wheel-drive emergency vehicle. The vehicle is eventually delivered as SCF&R obtains grant money.

The Adrian High School band finishes fifth in the state competition.

The memory of LeRoy Breshears is celebrated by Idaho Fish and Game conservation officers and deputies and posse members from the Owyhee County Sheriff's Office with another installment of the annual children's fishing day at the Island Park Pond in Marsing.

Meanwhile, elsewhere on the Snake River, federal representatives meet with Homedale officials to discuss the overdue dredging of the Homedale boat dock and what can be done to sidestep the federal paperwork required to dredge because of the possible existence of a freshwater snail that recently had been taken off the endangered species list.

Marsing school district patrons re-elect David Van Wassenhove to the board of trustees.

Marsing Elementary teachers Cheryl Baber and Suzanne Arrants retire, as does Melba High School principal Dick Davis.

"Growing Up on the Fast Trick," the biography of a Homedale jockey who was a horse racing superstar in the 1920s and 1930s, Arthur Mortensen, draws crowds at the Homedale Public Library.

As summer approaches and the price of gas tops \$3 a gallon, the costs begin to weigh heavy on the minds of emergency and school officials.

Owyhee County Sheriff's Office personnel recover the body of Wyoming trucker Dewey W. Lee Sr., after a fisherman spots in floating in waters near the Loveridge Bridge near Bruneau. The ensuing investigation explodes into a turf war between the sheriff and Coroner Harvey Grimme when, in August, Grimme alleges that sheriff's deputies may have ruin evidence and possibly could have made identification difficult by moving the body out of the water. Sheriff Gary Aman defends the actions of his deputies, saying they have all the proper training to collect evidence at such scenes as well as adroitly move the body and secure it for transport.

The Owyhee County Board of Commissioners allocates \$30,000 to hire a deputy prosecutor. Douglas Emery eventually is appointed to the position, but the commission and Prosecuting Attorney Matthew Faulks butt heads on the actual role Emery is supposed to play in the office.

Assessor Brett Endicott issues a warning that county property owners could see higher tax bills. In early December, it's reported that county tax revenue is set to rise more than 30 percent.

Bonnie Price, a veteran of the Homedale High School chapter of the Business Professionals of America, caps her career with a top-10 finish in the national convention in New York City. On the cusp of graduation, Price served as Homedale's senior class president as well as regional vice-president for the BPA.

The Bruneau-Grand View community gets its first chance to learn about the proposed Idaho Energy Complex nuclear power plant when Alternate Energy Holdings Inc. CEO Don Gillispie holds a public meeting at Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School.

## June

Longtime Murphy Outpost Days blacksmithing fixture Dr. Hugh Eddy announces that the 2007 festival will be his last. Outpost Days runs for a weekend in the county seat and garners more than \$10,000 for the Owyhee County Historical Museum.

Gov. Otter visits Murphy to present a \$125,000 grant to be



used to help improve the McKeeth Hall community center at the museum.

A judge sentenced Steven Dickson, the last of two men convicted in the 2006 beating of Homedale resident Douglas Grever outside a Homedale bar. Dickson and Adam Cook both get two years in jail.

Democratic Senate staffers tour the lands that will be included in the Owyhee Initiative package. The fact-finding mission fuels optimism among Initiative supporters.

Reports show that property assessments rise anywhere from 32 to 300 percent throughout the county. One Silver City landowner reports that his property value skyrocketed 500 percent.

KTVB Channel 7 news anchor and reporter Isabel Bilbao, the daughter of former Arock resident Elizabeth (Eiguren) Bilbao, serves as the mistress of ceremonies for the two-day dedication celebration of the Txoko Ona Basque center in Homedale.

After more than a year of work, the committee working on the Grand View open container ordinance sees its work put on hold when the city council decides against enacting a law.

Homedale resident Thomas J. Ryan steps down after 12 years as Owyhee County magistrate to accept a gubernatorial appointment to the Third District Court bench. Homedale attorney Dan C. Grober and county prosecutor Matthew Faulks are among more than a dozen applicants trying to succeed Ryan. Grober eventually gets the nod.

Norm Semanko, the executive director of the Idaho Water Users Association, visits the monthly South Board meeting and warns directors that their squabbles could affect the irrigation provider in court battles centered around attempts to curb water usage to preserve fish species in the



rivers.

Juan Morales, a 43-year-old Bruneau man, dies in a one-vehicle accident on Idaho 78.

Marsing schools chief Harold Shockley warns that the upcoming budget will be tight, but that trustees will do everything to preserve the quality of education for the district's students.

Paul's Market holds its grand re-opening after an extensive remodel and expansion of its flagship Homedale supermarket. The expansion is later crowned with the opening of a new pharmacy.

Karly, Kynna and Kayla Bertagnolli blow away the field to win championships at Meridian Dairy Days.

Matthew Faulks takes Owyhee County Board of Commissioners chair Dick Freund, his wife Lynda and their daughter, Tiffany Walker, to court to seek a nepotism ruling. Lynda Freund works directly with Faulks, but the prosecutor questions whether Dick Freund

can make any budgetary decisions that could affect the salaries of his daughter and wife. Freund reiterates his plan to recuse himself from discussions directly tied to his family members.

The Homedale Fire Department unveils a state-of-the-art tanker to help with fighting rural fires.

The City of Marsing agrees to pay \$3,500 to settle Clean Water Act violations. The Environmental Protection Agency alleged that the city discharged wastewater into the Snake River.

City officials admitted the problem, saying the release was inadvertent.

The Homedale Police Department introduces newest officer Atanacio Montes. Later in the year, he will be joined by two other new hires.

Former Homedale High School teacher Brenda Paxton announces that her students brought back the championship from the Economic Summit competition at Albertson College of Idaho in Caldwell.

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JV, Adrian boys head  
in opposite directions

# Avalanche Sports

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2007

## Huskies roll out holiday tourney

Both basketball teams from Marsing High School are looking for a spark to ignite success in the new year as they approach the Husky Holiday Classic.

The annual tournament in Marsing runs Friday and Saturday.

On the boys side, Marsing (1-6) will face McCall-Donnelly from the 3A Snake River Valley Conference at 6:15 p.m. Friday and then end the tournament at 4:30 p.m. Saturday against Jordan Valley from Oregon's 1A High Desert League.

Other games in the varsity tournament include a 2:45 p.m. Thursday game featuring Jordan Valley and Nampa Christian of the 2A Western Idaho Conference. On Friday, McCall and Nampa Christian play at 1 p.m.

In the girls tournament, Marsing (1-8) meets Vale, Ore., at 4:30 p.m. Friday and closes the tournament at 6:15 p.m. Friday against McCall.

A free-throw shooting contest will be held Friday after the first two varsity games. A 3-point

shooting contest will take place during Saturday's intermission.

McCall also has brought its junior varsity teams for the Husky Holiday Classic JV edition at Marsing Middle School.

In the girls bracket, Vale and Marsing will play at 1 p.m. Friday, followed by a boys game pitting McCall and Marsing.

After a 4 p.m. free-throw contest, McCall and Parma face off in a girls game at 4:30 p.m., followed by Jordan Valley and Nampa Christian in a 6:15 p.m. boys game.

Saturday's JV tournament action begins at 1 p.m. with the Marsing boys challenging Jordan Valley, which had won its first seven games.

Marsing's girls take on McCall at 2:45 p.m.

The second half of the final day of the JV tourney follows a 3-pointer contest. Nampa Christian and McCall battle in a boys game at 4:30 p.m., followed by Parma and Vale in a 6:15 p.m. girls game.

## Trojans girls exact revenge on Weiser

Melba  
sharpshooters  
push boys to loss

The Homedale High School 2007-08 girls basketball season may have turned another corner Thursday when the Trojans beat the team that ended their 2006-07 campaign.

The last of Kendall Rupp's four steals and 12 points gave Homedale a 53-51 overtime victory at home over 3A Snake River Valley conference foe Weiser.

Amanda Palmer, who led the Wolverines with a game-high 16 points,

missed a pair of free throws with the game tied 51-51 before Rupp's game-winning lay-in with eight seconds left in the extra period.

"Overall, I was happy with our hustle and intensity," first-year Homedale coach Jeremy Chamberlain said. "We played very well at times and were sloppy at times."

Weiser led by as many as five points in the third quarter for the biggest lead of the game for either

team. But Homedale outscored the Wolverines, 14-9, in the fourth quarter to force overtime.

Chamberlain said Mikal Mackenzie and Rachelle Christoffersen played good defense down the stretch to keep the Wolverines at bay. Rachel Wheeler blocked a season-high four shots.

Weiser had beaten the Trojans, 44-36, in February to earn the 3A District III Tournament's seed into a state play-in game.

Although the Trojans (6-7 overall, 1-1 3A SRV) picked up a crucial victory, Chamberlain didn't hide the fact that he expects a tougher game from the Wolverines when the two teams meeting in Washington County on Jan. 22.

"All in all, it was a good win," Chamberlain said. "Any time you get a league win, it's good."

"We expect a much different type of game when we travel to Weiser. It's a tough atmosphere to play in, and they play well at home."

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Kendall Rupp



## 2007 Year in Review

## That state-caliber year

Several athletes excel at prep pinnacle in Idaho, Oregon

*This is a look at the first half of 2007 in Owyhee County sports. Details from the second half of the year will appear in next week's issue.*

— Ed.

The 2007 sports year was marked with turnover and triumph, with several state tournament appearances and many new coaching faces at nearly all the Owyhee country high schools.

Marsing High School's boys basketball team and Homedale High School's football team both ended years of waiting to compete for state championships, while the Trojans' track and field athletes hoisted state championship medals.

Four Homedale teams — girls basketball, volleyball, football and baseball — got new coaches as did the softball squads at Adrian and Marsing and the girls basketball team at Jordan Valley.

### January

The Homedale wrestling program began the new year with its usual intense gaze at the state tournament. Senior Bryan Martinat captured the 152-pound championship at the prestigious Rollie Lane Invitational at the Idaho Center in Nampa on Jan. 6. The Trojans finished 11th in the lengthy team standings.

A week later, Martinat and fellow senior Jason Christoffersen would be joined atop the medal stand by junior heavyweight Amador Cortinas as all three won championships at the Magic Valley Classic in Wendell.

Cortinas would continue his success and joined 125-pound junior Frankie Obregon as a champion at the Parma Tournament on Jan. 20.

Homedale officials found themselves shopping for coaches again after Maleta Henry (volleyball) and Lesa Folwell



(girls soccer) stepped down. Folwell was the only coach the girls soccer program had ever known. The Trojans would hire Homedale Middle School teacher David Hann to replace Henry, while Kirt Stragey would come on board to coach girls soccer.

A week later, a panel of parents, faculty, coaches and patrons would wrap up a series of meetings aimed at improving the overall success of the Homedale athletic program.

The Owyhee County Board of Commissioners gave its blessing to bring a motorsports event to the roads in the Bruneau-Grand View area, approving the inaugural Idaho Rally 2007.

Marsing basketball fortunes began to show promise late in the month.

Senior Shea McClellin, who would later sign a letter of intent to play football at Boise State University, scored 22 points and snared 15 rebounds as the Huskies romped past Parma and into first place in the 2A Western Idaho Conference.

Coach Don Heller's girls team flirted with upset of the conference best team, but lost

to New Plymouth despite 16 points from Elisa Moreno in the days before the 2A District III Tournament.

### February

A new era dawned in Homedale football with the start of the month, as Rob Kassebaum succeeded Thomas Thomas after two consecutive Oregon state championships with Nyssa.

More football headlines were made in Marsing with linebacker Shea McClellin signing with BSU and lineman Don Galligan inking a letter of intent to attend Rocky Mountain College in Montana.

The Huskies' girls basketball team saw its season after an 0-2 stay in the district tournament.

Amador Cortinas captured his fourth tournament championship of the season, bringing home gold from the Weiser Invitational.

Rimrock's girls basketball team would eventually make another appearance in the 1A state tournament, but the Raiders learned they would have to make the run without Ellie Cantrell. Cantrell's season and Rimrock's 20-game winning streak came to an end when she injured her knee during the district tournament in Emmett.

Greenleaf Friends Academy knocked the Raiders' boys team out of the district tournament later in the month.

The Rimrock girls' season, which ended in the state tournament was recognized with three All-1A Western Idaho Conference selections, including Cantrell, Shelby Chandler and freshman Jackie Thurman.

The Homedale girls basketball, playing what would be their final game under second-year coach Mike Greeley, narrowly missed a chance to play for a 3A state tournament berth. Weiser ended

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Sports

Jordan Valley teams soar near top of HDL

Koehl Trautman came within two blocked shots of a triple-double on Dec. 18 as Jordan Valley High School's boys basketball team overpowered visiting Harper, 85-45, in a High Desert League East Division contest.

Trautman scored 18 points and grabbed 19 rebounds to pace Jordan Valley (9-1 overall, 4-0 HDL East by week's end). He also collected eight of his team's 11 blocked shots.

Alek Quintero led all scorers with 19 points, and Zac Fillmore poured in 18.

Harper (3-4, 2-3) got 13 points

from Jan Seiler, but hit on only 14 of 75 shots (18.6 percent).

JV 66, Wilder 58

Trautman hit 10 of 14 shots and led the way with 21 points and 16 rebounds as the Mustangs beat visiting Wilder on Friday.

Zac Fillmore scored 14 points and collected 15 rebounds to bolster Trautman's performance.

Miguel Rodriguez had 20 points and 13 boards for Wilder, which trailed 35-20 at halftime.

JV 66, GFA 60 (OT)

Alek Quintero kept pace with a

pair of huge games by Greenleaf Friends Academy players Thursday. Quintero fired in six 3-pointers to finish with 30 points.

The Mustangs trailed 41-37 heading into the fourth quarter.

Tyreill Dock scored 26 points and grabbed 22 rebounds for Greenleaf. Homedale resident Brandt Graber scored nine.

Fillmore scored 18 points and notched 11 of Jordan Valley's 15 blocked shots.

Junior varsity

Mustangs take streak to 10

Jordan Valley's junior varsity

boys basketball team ran its season-opening winning streak to 10 games with three victories last week.

The Mustangs started the week Dec. 18 with their fourth straight HDL victory, 48-11, over Harper. Jordan Valley beat Greenleaf Friends Academy 52-33 on Thursday and closed the week with a narrow 52-48 triumph against Wilder.

Girls: JV 65, Harper 21

The Mustangs moved to within a half-game of Adrian in the HDL East Division standings behind

Elisa Eiguren's 14-point first half at home Dec. 18.

Eiguren led three Jordan Valley players in double figures, finishing with a game-high 16 points.

Jessie White scored 12 points and snagged nine rebounds for the Mustangs.

Catie Kershner had eight rebounds, and Annie Mackenzie scored 12 points and swiped eight steals.

The Mustangs (5-1 overall, 3-1 HDL East) held Harper to just 10 first-half points. Courtney Knight led Harper (1-6, 0-5) with nine points.

Antelopes gallop past Grizzlies

Adrian High School junior McKenzie Purnell looks for room to pass against the defense of a Greenleaf Friends Academy player Thursday in Canyon County. Photo by Kat Sillonis



Adrian boys' skid reachers four

Pine Eagle High School shot 50 percent from beyond the 3-point arc Friday night to send Adrian's boys basketball team to its fourth consecutive loss.

The Spartans were 8-for-16 from the 3-point line, and Michael Marlow erupted with 28 points in a 67-54 non-conference win over Adrian in Halfway, Ore.

Adrian (7-4 overall) fell behind 28-21 at halftime, but was able to come back in the second half.

"We Just did not play to our potential (Friday)," Adrian coach Brent Ishida said. "We came out soft the first half then in the third

quarter made a run and tied it up but could not control their outside shooting."

Adrian's Kyle Dondero scored 18 points and recorded eight rebounds before fouling out. Teammate Maurus Hope poured in 14 points and grabbed 13 rebounds for a double-double.

Hazen Marks scored 20 points for Pine Eagle.

Notus 61, Adrian 54

Surrendering 20 points in the first quarter was too much to overcome for the Antelopes on the road against a non-league foe from the 1A Western

Idaho Conference on Dec. 17.

Tyler Christensen scored 19 points to lead all scorers for the Pirates.

Dondero continued his hot hand for Adrian with 16 points. He also grabbed 10 rebounds despite four fouls.

Girls

Adrian 54, GFA 34

The Antelopes remained unbeaten Thursday with a road victory kicked off by an 18-3 dominance in the first quarter and fueled by 14 points from senior Paige Branstiter.

McKenzie Purnell also scored 10 points for Adrian (7-0 overall).

### Trojan Winter Sports

#### GIRLS BASKETBALL

Game times (unless noted):  
Varsity, 7:30 p.m.; Junior Varsity, 6 p.m.; Freshman, 4:45 p.m.  
Friday, Jan. 4 at Payette

#### BOYS BASKETBALL

Game times (unless noted):  
Varsity, 7:30 p.m.; junior varsity, 6 p.m.; freshman, 4:45 p.m.  
Saturday, Dec. 29  
at Cole Valley Christian

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Friday-Saturday, Jan. 4-5, Rollie Lane  
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## Marsing Huskies

### BOYS BASKETBALL

Husky Holiday Classic, Marsing

Varsity — Friday, Dec. 28 vs. McCall-Donnelly, high school gym, 6:15 p.m.  
Varsity — Saturday, Dec. 29 vs. Jordan Valley, high school gym, 4:30 p.m.  
JV — Friday, Dec. 28 vs. McCall-Donnelly, Marsing Middle School, 2:45 p.m.  
JV — Saturday, Dec. 29 vs. Jordan Valley, Marsing Middle School, 1 p.m.

### GIRLS BASKETBALL

Husky Holiday Classic, Marsing

Varsity — Friday, Dec. 28 vs. Vale, Ore., high school gym, 4:30 p.m.  
Varsity — Saturday, Dec. 29 vs. McCall-Donnelly, high school gym, 6:15 p.m.  
JV — Friday, Dec. 28 vs. Vale, Ore., Marsing Middle School, 1 p.m.  
JV — Saturday, Dec. 29 vs. McCall-Donnelly, Marsing Middle School, 2:45 p.m.

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the Trojans' season at 8-16 with a 44-36 victory in the second-place game of the district tournament at Ontario, Ore.'s Treasure Valley Community College.

Fifteen wrestlers from Homedale and Marsing would qualify for their respective state tournaments at Idaho State University in Pocatello. Ten Trojans competed in the 3A championships with Cortinas finished third at 285 pounds and the team finishing 17th. Martinat would finish his career with a loss in the 152-pound third-place match after a controversial non-call by the referee. Marsing finished 21st in the 1A/2A meet as no individual brought back a medal.

The Huskies' first trip to the state basketball postseason in 17 years was a short one. Coach Jake Walgamott's club finished second at district to reach the 2A state tourney at Capital High School in Boise, but lost both of their games.

Homedale's freshman boys basketball team reach the semifinals of the district tournament.

In Oregon, Jordan Valley's girls squad qualified for the state tournament and would make it into the second round of the 1A tournament thanks to Bailey Kershner's clutch 3-point goal to set up 40-38 overtime victory over Southwest Christian in Beaverton during State's opening round. The Mustangs tasted success despite losing senior standout Angela Larsen to a torn left anterior cruciate ligament injury in the moments before their opening-round state game against Southwest Christian.

A 48-34 loss to Condon-Wheeler ended the Mustangs season with a 24-3 record. The second-round loss was Jordan Valley's last game under coach Jeremy Chamberlain, who later resigned to take over the Homedale girls coaching position after Mike Greeley resigned in April. Greeley coached the



Trojans for two seasons and had served as a coach at Homedale for 20 years.

Jordan Valley's boys basketball squad finished fourth at the district tournament, capping a dramatic turnaround from the year before that has continued into the 2007-08 season for the once-beaten Mustangs.

A tough 58-53 loss to Weiser knocked Homedale out of the 3A District III boys basketball tournament.

### March

More basketball success came at Homedale Middle School as an eighth-grade boys team finished second at its district tournament, losing the championship game 61-59 to Weiser. Homedale's fourth-grade AAU team also completed an unbeaten season in the Nyssa, Ore., Rec League.

Marsing graduate Amanda Stewart helped the Boise State women's basketball team win the Western Athletic Conference championship and a berth into the

NCAA Tournament.

As spring sports cranked up, the Homedale golf team sent a message that the season would be special. Senior Trevor Krzesnik finished third at Scotch Pines Golf Course to propel the Trojans to a second-place finish in a Payette tournament only days after the Trojans had collected a championship at River Bend Golf Course in their own Homedale Invitational.

Marsing freshman Tyson Heller, the son of coach Don Heller, kicked off his high school track and field career by winning the shot put championship at the Don Walker Invitational in Nyssa.

Adrian's Ranae Orosco, another freshman competing in only the second meet of her career, captured the Walker triple jump title.

At Nampa Christian High School, another first-year athlete, senior David Liddell, set a venue record while jumping 20 feet to win the long jump.

Liddell and Tyson Heller would

be back on top later in the month at the John Stewart Invitational in Payette.

David Hann (volleyball) and Kirt Stragey (girls soccer) were hired at Homedale. Karolyn Munster was named to succeed Kelly DeWitt as the cheer advisor at Homedale.

Marsing softball picked up its first wins under new coach Bryan Marquardt. The squad would out-slug Nampa Christian 25-23 in mid-April to grab its first conference victory.

Homedale wrestling assistant coach Tony Martinat was named the District III Assistant Coach of the Year. Martinat would later retire from the position. The Trojans' David Hart was honored as the district's athletic director of the year, while former Homedale football coach Stan Hoaglund earned the prestigious Charlie Alvaro award from the district's coaches.

### April

Another new softball coach, Barry Hartley, took the reins at Adrian. The season would be very long, however, as the Antelopes played without senior catcher Kat Sillonis and muddled through a winless High Desert League season.

The man who turned around Homedale's football fortunes more than 50 years earlier, Deward Bell, died in Homedale at the age of 83.

Homedale Middle School's track athletes split their fortunes at a tri-meet as the new surface on the Deward Bell Stadium track got its first action.

Jordan Pegram finished second in the individual flight to help the Trojans golfers when the first SRV regular-season tournament in school history.

Homedale finished third in the team competition at the Nyssa Lions Invitational as Liddell swept the 100 and 200 meters.

With high jumpers Austin Emry, Austin Ferguson and Matt Holloway sweeping their event, Homedale's boys squad won an SRV tri-meet held on the Trojans' track. Freshman Nickole D'Alessio won the girl shot put title.

Senior basketball players from Owyhee country competed in the Game Time International series of all-star games in Fruitland.

Marsing Middle School athletes Joe Moreno (400 meters) and Andi Merritt (girls discus) won championship at the Nyssa Invitational.

Former Homedale High School lineman Terence Thomas gave a verbal commitment to play football for Tyrone Willingham at the University of Washington.

David Liddell collects four gold medals and Austin Emry wins the high jump and long jump as Homedale captures the SRV championship. Senior pole vaulter Sarah Black finishes second for the Trojans girls. Emry also won

the high jump championship at the YMCA meet held in Boise.

### May

Jordan Valley volleyball coach Jacque Naegle learns she has been named the 1A Oregon volleyball coach of the year after leading the Mustangs to the 2006 state championship.

Rosa Heidt, a seventh-grader at Marsing Middle School, wins three events during a meet at Deward Bell Stadium in Homedale.

The Heller siblings — junior Holly in the discus and freshman Cody in the shot — capture championships at the 2A Western Idaho Conference championship meet in Parma.

Bailey Kershner, Zac Fillmore and Angela Larsen from Jordan Valley join Adrian's Paige Branstiter on the Oregon All-State basketball team.

Homedale senior Trevor Krzesnik birdies a par-4 hole in sudden death to win the McCall Invitational. Krzesnik drove the green and then two-putted for the crown.

New Trojans' coach Rob Kassebaum announces that Homedale's games from the 2007 football season will be broadcast on KIOV 1450-AM. The games are scheduled to be on the radio again for the 2008 season.

Ravaged by injuries, the Adrian softball team sees its league losing streak stretch to 14 games.

The Homedale 4x100-meter relay team began a month-long assault on the Trojans record book at the Moke Strong Invitational in Caldwell. With one of the record-holders — coach Tyson Stimmel — looking on, the Homedale quartet smashed the 2002 record with a winning time of 43.99 seconds. The Trojans boys also won the team championship.

Homedale's golf team notched another piece of history, splitting the 3A Snake River Valley championship with Fruitland. Meanwhile, Jordan Pegram and the Trojans both triumphed at the Garden Valley tournament at Terrace Lakes.

On the diamond, the Rimrock softball team nailed down the top seed into the 1A District III tournament, while Marsing's softball squad headed into its 2A district tournament on a four-game losing streak.

The Huskies eventually were eliminated from the tournament, but Marsing would land six players on the all-conference team.

Coach Tim Fulwood's Homedale baseball team lost its opener in the district tournament. This would mark Fulwood's final season at the helm. He resigned later in the year and was replaced by Homedale resident and former Northwest Nazarene University baseball player Burke Deal.

Senior No. 1 singles player Joshua Myers and his Homedale teammates were stymied at the

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conference tournament by Bryant Timmons and Parma.

The Trojans' developmental team at Homedale Middle School, coached by Ken Olsen, finished the tennis season at 12-2.

Homedale's Rye Hyer captured the steer wrestling title at a District II high school rodeo held at the Owyhee County Fairgrounds.

A Homedale High School graduate, Andy Ankeny, whose father still teaches at the high school, was named the fourth head coach in the history of the football program at NCAA Division III University of La Verne in California.

Several athletes qualified for state competition, including sophomore Ryan Garrett for the 3A golf tournament with a round that included an eagle at the district tournament. Garrett would miss the cut at the state tournament in Post Falls.

Rimrock would reach the state level in both baseball and softball. Coach Bob Murray's baseball team went 0-2 at the 1A tournament held at Simplot Stadium in Caldwell.

Mike Chandler's softball team reached the state tournament but miss the state championship game. Still, seven Raiders earned All-1A WIC honors.

Meanwhile, freshman Anna Cantrell was the Raiders' lone

representative at the track and field state meet at Bronco Stadium in Boise. She finished sixth in the high jump.

Fourteen Homedale athletes qualified for the 3A track and field championships as the Trojans had to settle for a rare split of the district championship with Weiser.

The Trojans' 4x100 relay squad of Trent Acree, Mark Vance, Matt Holloway and David Liddell broke their own record with a 43.94-second run at the district meet. Coach Thomas Thomas said the record would go down officially as a tie with the quartet's original record because hand timing prevails at most meets.

Other Homedale athletes who qualified for State included Annamaria Salas in the girls triple jump, Nickole D'Alessio in the girls shot put, Liddell in the 100 and 200 and Austin Emry in the long jump and high jump.

Emry and Liddell would win state championships in the high jump and long jump, respectively, as the Trojans boys finished third at 3A meet. Homedale was atop the team standings after two days of the three-day meet. Homedale's athletes won a total of eight medals at BSU.

In the 2A District III meet, Cody Heller in the discus and shot, Holly Heller in the discus and Ethan Sauer in the triple jump



all earned passage to the state meet. Cody would finish fifth in the shot put and seventh in the discus at the state meet, while his sister grabbed fifth in the discus.

In tennis, Joshua Myers lost the boys singles district championship to Parma's Bryant Timmons, but qualified for the state tournament. Other Homedale state tournament

qualifiers included the mixed doubles team of Emily Verwer and Levi Jones and the girls doubles tandem of Vanessa Brown and Chanda Cox.

Myers would lose to Timmons again in the state final.

In Homedale, Melba won the 2A softball state championship after a tournament held at Sundance Park.

Coach Larry Corta's Homedale softball team missed its shot at a return to the state tournament by one game during the district tournament. But six Trojans would be named to the All-SRV squad.

Back on the golf course, the Homedale junior varsity had to settle for district runner-up status when it lost a playoff with Payette.

Homedale graduate Kelsi Haylett wrapped up her softball career at Oregon Institute of Technology with the 2007 Cascade Collegiate Conference Player of the Year award.

Elsewhere in Oregon, Adrian junior Maurus Hope electrified the crowd gathered at Western Oregon University in Monmouth for the 1A Oregon track and field championships. He set the 1A state record to win the 400 meters championship. He also captured two silver medals, while Antelopes teammate Stephenie Hutchings won the girls discus.

Rodeo began to enter the consciousness of the Owyhee sports fan as Jared McFarlane won the all-around championship at the 49th Big Loop Rodeo in Jordan Valley. World-ranked tie-down roper Jake Hannum of Utah won that event at the Big Loop.

Marsing cowgirl Kallie Roeser captured the District II all-around to earn a trip to the high school state rodeo in Pocatello. Homedale's Bryan Martinat also won the saddle bronc championship to lead a contingent of several Owyhee country cowboys and cowgirls into the state rodeo.

### June

Martinat would tune up for the state rodeo by winning the Nyssa Night Rodeo saddle bronc championship. A week later, he earned a ticket to the National High School Finals Rodeo in Springfield, Ill., by winning the state high school saddle bronc championship at Bannock County Fairgrounds in Pocatello. Several other Owyhee cowboys and cowgirls qualified for July's Silver State International Rodeo in Fallon, Nev.

Sacramento, Calif., rally driver Bruce Davis won the inaugural Idaho Rally 2007, which was run on paved roads in the Bruneau-Grand View area.

## Coming next week: The Avalanche takes a look at the second half of 2007

### ✓ Trojans: JV boys keep perfect start with slim win

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The Wolverines probably will have their full complement of players next year, too. Guard Annie Hafer missed the game after becoming ill just before tip-off, and the lingering effects of an illness limited Ana Overgaard, Chamberlain said.

Mandy Brasher had a double-double with 11 rebounds and 10 points despite four fouls.

Homedale's conference game against McCall-Donnelly, scheduled for Dec. 18, was postponed because of poor weather. The Trojans will make up the game against the Bob Delle-led Vandals on Jan. 15 as part of a doubleheader with the boys team in McCall.

#### Boys

Melba 60, Homedale 50

Doug Beus, Melba's 6-foot-7 senior center, nailed one of his team's five 3-point goals Dec. 18

as the Mustangs handed the host Trojans their third loss in the last four non-conference games.

The Trojans (5-3 overall) began the game timid on offense, prompting second-year coach Kenny Thomas to yell for his players to shoot the ball rather than go for the extra pass.

Homedale owned a 7-3 lead in a frenetic first quarter, but Melba gained the lead with a 9-2 run fueled by 3-pointers from Aaron Young and Dustyn Skogsberg.

Beus hit a 3-pointer with less than a second remaining in the first quarter as Melba went to the first break with a 19-13 edge.

Austin Emry and Tyler Gibson scored 10 points apiece for Homedale. Ben Fierro hit two 3s as part of his eight points.

In the junior varsity game, Ryan Ryska nailed a long jump shot in the waning seconds as the Trojans edged the Mustangs, 41-39, for an 8-0 start to the year.

### Raiders girls grab WIC lead

Despite faltering late in the game, Rimrock High School's girls basketball held on for a crucial 1A Western Idaho Conference South victory over host Greenleaf Friends Academy on Dec. 17.

Shelby Chandler led all scorers with 21 points as the Raiders snagged a 47-39 victory that turned into a one-game lead for Rimrock.

The Raiders (9-1 overall, 6-0 1A WIC South by week's end) raced to a 17-5 lead after the first quarter.

The lead was 43-31 after three quarters, but Rimrock scored just four points in the final eight minutes, allowing Greenleaf (7-6, 5-1) to make a comeback. But the Grizzlies were unable to fully close the gap.

Greenleaf's Michelle Gooding scored 18 points.

Rimrock 44, Castleford 43

Ellie Cantrell nailed three 3-point goals en route to 21 points as



#### Rimrock a step ahead of Greenleaf

Rimrock's Stevie Richardson beats Greenleaf's Katie Morse to a loose ball on Dec. 17.

the Raiders edged non-conference host Castleford. Rimrock (9-1 overall) maintained a slim advantage at the end of each quarter.

Sophomore Jackie Thurman scored nine points and grabbed six rebounds.

Five of Anna Cantrell's team-leading seven boards came on Castleford's end of the floor.

#### Boys

Rimrock 56, Notus 35

Chris Hipwell went 7-for-10 from the foul line in the fourth quarter as the Raiders pulled away in a 1A Western Idaho Conference victory in Bruneau on Dec. 18.

Hipwell finished with a co-game-high 13 points.

Kerby Andersen scored 13 for Notus (5-4 overall, 1-1 1A WIC), including three 3-pointers.

Rimrock (5-4, 1-1) dominated on the backboards, 58-13, as three different players pulled down 11 rebounds or more. Sam Richardson had 11 rebounds on the Pirates' end of the floor and led the way with 14 boards.

The Raiders held a 37-6 rebounding edge on their own backboard.

Richardson has emerged as the Raiders' leading scorer with the absence of senior Logan Thomas because of injury. But Richardson scored nine points during a balanced night for the Raiders.



Sports

PREP SCOREBOARD

PREP GIRLS BASKETBALL STATISTICS

Homedale Trojans

Player	G	2FG	3FG	FTM	FTA	Pct.	Pts.	PPG	ORB	DRB	RPG	Ast.	St.	Blk.
Mandy Brasher	13	52	0	19	40	.475	123	9.5	32	39	5.5	9	4	2
Kendall Rupp	13	51	2	12	18	.667	120	9.2	23	46	5.3	32	25	0
Hannah Johnson	13	22	3	12	26	.462	65	5.0	3	11	1.1	14	16	0
Rachel Wheeler	11	28	0	20	41	.488	76	6.9	17	25	3.8	5	6	7
Rachelle Christoffersen	13	37	1	10	36	.278	87	6.7	22	25	3.6	7	7	1
Sierra Aberasturi	12	2	0	2	7	.286	6	0.5	6	17	1.9	6	3	0
Mikal Mackenzie	13	30	3	9	26	.346	78	6.0	21	35	4.3	7	9	0
Ashley Thomson	11	8	0	5	14	.357	21	1.9	1	6	0.6	7	6	0
Bri Cornwall	12	14	0	2	5	.400	30	2.5	6	4	0.8	1	0	2
Taryn Corta	5	1	1	0	2	.000	5	1.0	1	2	0.6	2	1	0
Jessica Eubanks	1	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0.0	0	1	1.0	0	0	0
Anna Salas	1	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0.0	0	2	2.0	0	0	0
Totals	13	245	10	91	215	.423	611	47.0	132	213	26.5	90	77	12

Rimrock Raiders

Player	G	2FG	3FG	FTM	FTA	Pct.	Pts.	PPG	ORB	DRB	RPG	Ast.	St.	Blk.
Shelby Chandler	10	54	13	17	22	.773	164	16.4	10	17	2.7	54	38	2
Ellie Cantrell	10	37	22	19	26	.731	159	15.9	29	43	7.2	53	29	7
Jackie Thurman	10	47	6	18	33	.545	130	13.0	53	31	8.4	18	20	17
Anna Cantrell	10	22	0	10	24	.417	54	5.4	37	39	7.6	11	14	9
Anh Nguyen	10	21	0	5	7	.714	47	4.7	2	8	1.0	24	11	2
Sierra Ridley	10	17	0	4	8	.500	38	3.8	19	28	4.7	10	9	2
Stevie Richardson	10	1	1	4	12	.333	9	0.9	8	23	3.1	19	8	1
Shoni Gennette	4	1	0	0	0	.000	2	0.5	4	3	1.8	0	0	0
Kaile Murray	5	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0
Totals	10	200	42	77	132	.583	603	60.3	162	192	35.4	189	129	40

PREP BOYS BASKETBALL STATISTICS

Rimrock Raiders

Player	G	2FG	3FG	FTM	FTA	Pct.	Pts.	PPG	ORB	DRB	RPG	Ast.	St.
Sam Richardson	9	42	0	13	26	.500	97	10.8	31	56	9.7	3	25
Antonio Garcia	9	19	1	1	9	.111	42	4.7	23	25	5.3	9	5
Alan Draper	9	14	2	6	9	.667	40	4.4	13	21	3.8	11	9
Chris Hipwell	9	27	4	30	56	.536	96	10.7	14	13	3.0	12	19
Cole Merrick	9	10	0	8	21	.381	28	3.1	10	18	3.1	19	18
Travis Hipwell	9	26	0	5	8	.625	57	6.3	27	31	6.4	8	8
T.J. Snyder	9	10	1	3	10	.300	26	2.9	6	5	1.2	6	12
Logan Thomas	2	17	1	4	7	.571	41	20.5	8	17	12.5	5	3
Roger Pena	5	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0.0	2	2	0.8	0	2
Tom Denton	5	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	0	1
Totals	9	165	9	70	146	.479	427	47.4	134	188	35.8	73	102

PREP STANDINGS

Girls basketball

3A SRV	Conf.		All	
	W	L	W	L
Fruitland	4	0	13	0
Weiser	1	2	6	6
Payette	1	2	4	8
Homedale	1	1	6	7
McCall-Donnelly	0	2	6	2
Friday's game				
Husky Holiday Classic, Marsing				
McCall-Donnelly vs. Parma				
Saturday's game				
Husky Holiday Classic, Marsing				
McCall-Donnelly at Marsing				
Last week's scores				
Homedale 53, Weiser 51 (OT)				
Fruitland 43, Payette 18				
Weiser 44, Baker City, Ore., 42				
Payette 39, Melba 36				
Fruitland 39, McCall-Donnelly 27				
Homedale at McCall-Donnelly, ppd., weather. Makeup at 6 p.m. Jan. 15				

2A WIC	Conf.		All	
	W	L	W	L
Parma	3	0	10	1
Melba	2	0	5	6
New Plymouth	2	1	8	4
Cole Valley Chr.	1	2	4	7
Nampa Christian	0	2	4	7
Marsing	0	3	1	8

Thursday's game
Melba at Nampa Christian
Friday's games
Husky Holiday Classic, Marsing
Vale, Ore., at Marsing

McCall-Donnelly vs. Parma
Saturday's game
Husky Holiday Classic, Marsing
McCall-Donnelly at Marsing
Vale, Ore., vs. Parma
Last week's scores
Nyssa, Ore., 37, Marsing 27
Payette 39, Melba 36
New Plymouth 52, Vale, Ore., 38
Parma 53, Nyssa, Ore., 51

1A WIC South	Conf.		All	
	W	L	W	L
Rimrock	6	0	9	1
Greenleaf FA	5	1	7	6
Liberty Charter	4	2	8	4
Idaho City	2	3	5	8
Wilder	2	4	4	8
Gem State Adv.	0	4	1	4
Notus	0	5	2	11

Last week's scores
Monday's games
Rimrock 47, Greenleaf Friends Academy 39
Rimrock 44, Castleford 43
Adrian, Ore., 54, Greenleaf Friends Academy 34
Owyhee, Nev., at Rimrock, ppd.
Liberty Charter 42, Idaho City 30
Wilder 38, Gem State Adventist 30

High Desert	League		All	
East	W	L	W	L
Adrian	3	0	7	0
Jordan Valley	3	1	5	1
Burnt River	2	1	3	3
Crane	2	1	3	2
Huntington	1	3	2	4
Harper	0	5	1	6

West	W	L	W	L
Spray	3	0	7	1
Ukiah-Long Crk	1	1	1	4
Dayville-Mon.	1	1	3	1
Prairie City	1	1	2	5
Mitchell	0	3	0	4

Friday's games
Crane Tournament
Crane entered
Wallowa Tournament
Spray entered
Saturday's games
Crane Tournament
Crane entered
Wallowa Tournament
Spray entered

Last week's scores
Jordan Valley 65, Harper 21
Adrian, Ore., 54, Greenleaf Friends Academy 34

Boys basketball

3A SRV	Conf.		All	
	W	L	W	L
Fruitland	0	0	5	3
Homedale	0	0	5	3
McCall-Donnelly	0	0	4	1
Payette	0	0	4	2
Weiser	0	0	6	0

Thursday's game
Fruitland Christmas Tournament
Vale, Ore., at Fruitland
Friday's games
Husky Holiday Classic, Marsing
McCall-Donnelly at Marsing
Fruitland Christmas Tournament
Fruitland vs. Baker City, Ore., or

HMS wrestlers take 5th at Snake River tourney

Two Homedale Middle School wrestlers reached championship matches Dec. 15 as the Trojans played host to the Snake River Valley championship meet.

Trey Corta (152 pounds) and Casey Christoffersen (124) pounds earned runner-up status as HMS finished fifth in the team standings.

Weiser won the team championship with a performance highlighted by Bill Pritchard's victory by pinfall against Christoffersen (12-6) in the 124-pound title match. Pritchard pinned Christoffersen in 35 seconds.

Corta (11-4) was pinned by Daulton Blackwell in 1 minute, 46 seconds in the championship match.

Brad McCain (13-2) beat teammate Calvin Black (4-5) by pinfall for third place at 140 pounds.

Deb Esparza (5-8) finished fourth at 96 pounds. She started the tournament with a 9-2 major decision over Kaleb Harris from Ontario, and edged another Ontario wrestler, Eric Nunez, to qualify for the third-place match, where she lost to Johnny Phillips by pin in the first round.

Conner Landa finished the year 8-7 at 117 pounds, winding up fourth in the conference tournament.

Alfonso Barbosa (110 pounds) was 8-7 this year. He beat Gabriel Hernandez of Ontario, 8-7, in the opening round of the tournament.

Parma	Payette Tournament
New Plymouth at Payette	Saturday's games
	Non-conference
Homedale at Cole Valley Christian	Husky Holiday Classic, Marsing
McCall-Donnelly vs. Nampa Christian	
	Payette Tournament
Payette vs. either Nampa or Ontario, Ore.	

Last week's scores
Melba 60, Homedale 50
Payette 76, Marsing 45
Fruitland 62, New Plymouth 50
Weiser 36, Vale, Ore., 20
Fruitland 68, Columbia 49
Weiser 65, Ontario, Ore., 39

2A WIC	Conf.		All	
	W	L	W	L
Cole Valley Chr.	0	0	4	2
Marsing	0	0	1	6
Melba	0	0	4	3
Nampa Christian	0	0	2	4
New Plymouth	0	0	2	2
Parma	0	0	0	4

Thursday's game
Fruitland Christmas Tournament
Parma vs. Baker City, Ore.
Friday's games
Husky Holiday Classic
McCall-Donnelly at Marsing
Jordan Valley vs. Nampa Christian
Payette Tournament
New Plymouth at Payette
Fruitland Christmas Tournament
Parma vs. Fruitland or Vale, Ore.
Saturday's games
Husky Holiday Classic
Jordan Valley at Marsing
McCall-Donnelly vs. Nampa Christian
Payette Tournament
New Plymouth vs. Nampa or Ontario, Ore.
Non-conference
Homedale at Cole Valley Christian

Last week's scores
Payette 76, Marsing 45
Melba 60, Homedale 50
Cole Valley Christian 57, Gem State Adventist 33
Glenns Ferry 63, Nampa Christian 48
Fruitland 62, New Plymouth 50

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

Last week's scores
Rimrock 56, Notus 35

Jordan Valley, Ore., 66, Greenleaf Friends Academy 60 (OT)
Notus 61, Adrian, Ore., 54
Jordan Valley, Ore., 66, Wilder 58
Wilder 61, Greenleaf Friends Academy 48
Cole Valley Christian 57, Gem State Adventist 33
Glenns Ferry 61, Liberty Charter 39

High Desert	League		All	
East	W	L	W	L
Jordan Valley	4	0	9	1
Crane	3	0	6	1
Harper	2	3	3	4
Adrian	1	2	7	4
Burnt River	1	2	2	4
Huntington	0	4	1	5
West	W	L	W	L
Spray	4	0	10	0
Prairie City	2	0	5	4
Ukiah	1	1	1	4
Mitchell	1	3	1	4
Mon.-Dayville	0	4	0	5

Friday's games
Husky Holiday Classic, Marsing
Jordan Valley vs. Nampa Christian
Crane Tournament
Crane entered
Wallowa Tournament
Spray entered
Saturday's games
Husky Holiday Classic, Marsing
Jordan Valley at Marsing
Crane Tournament
Crane entered
Wallowa Tournament
Spray entered

Last week's scores
Jordan Valley, 66, Greenleaf Friends Academy 60 (OT)
Jordan Valley 85, Harper 45
Jordan Valley, Ore., 66, Wilder 58
Notus 61, Adrian 54
Pine Eagle 67, Adrian 54
Mitchell 66, Monument-Dayville 47
Cove 51, Prairie City 45
Powder Valley 58, Prairie City 55

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# Looking back...

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## 25 years ago

### December 22, 1982

**Trojans clobber Notus Pirates 80-49**

The Homedale Trojans earned another lopsided victory last Friday night when they clobbered the Notus Pirates 80-49 on the Pirate court.

The Trojans trailed 10-6 at the end of the first period, but rallied in the next frame, scoring 26 to the Pirates’ 11, ending the first half 32-21.

Jim Briggs led the Homedale squad in scoring, with 16. Other teammates hitting the hoop were Darren Krzesnik, Dan Turner and Chris Landa with 12 each.

The Kushlan boys — Gary and Eric — each grabbed nine rebounds.

**Gem district incumbents to serve another term**

Incumbents Dave Kushlan, Division IV, and Frank Tanikuni, Division V, were named to another three-year term on the Board of Directors of Gem Irrigation district.

Fifty water users of the Gem and Ridgeview Districts attended the annual meeting last Thursday evening in the Homedale senior citizens center. Annual reports were read.

Bob Brown, Boise, US Bureau of Reclamation, reported that a tour of the districts showed all recommended repairs had been made, that all canals were in good shape, and commended the Board and staff on the fine shape of the whole district.

Harry Hosey reported that the hydroelectric power project at Owyhee Dam is still in the preliminary stages.

**New clinic planned at Marsing by CHC**

A new clinic will be built in Marsing, according to Terry Reilly, Administrator of the private, non-profit corporation, Community Health Clinics, Inc. Reilly said they now can proceed with the construction of the 2,900 square foot facility. Bob Madden Construction of Caldwell was the lowest bidder at \$139,500.

A ground-breaking ceremony was held December 13. The Marsing Clinic is one of five clinics within the system of Community Health Clinics, Inc. Other clinics are located in Nampa, Parma, Homedale and Kuna. The Marsing Clinic was established in October, 1980.

**Girls beat Notus team 45-16**

The Homedale high girls’ basketball squad squelched the efforts of the Notus team last Thursday night, by defeating them 45-16.

Ann Akichika stuffed 13 points for the Trojan girls, and pulled down seven rebounds. Also making an impressive showing was Denise Taggart with eight points and five rebounds.

**Police awareness**

According to Herb Fritzley, seven police officers were guests for lunch at the grade school last Thursday in appreciation for the service which they provide this community. An officer was assigned to each class prior to the luncheon and each student was introduced individually. They were cautioned about strangers and what to do and not do on the way to and from school. The children then were given the opportunity to ask questions. This was the first step in a police awareness program which enables the children to learn about policemen and safety first hand.

**Decoration contest**

Jan Easley’s second grade won first place in the Christmas door decoration contest. Mrs. Birch’s first graders were second place winners in the primary competition. Mr. Neary’s second grade was first and Mrs. Tarter’s fourth grade, second, in the intermediate group.

Students in each classroom designed and decorated the doors. Winners were announced last week by the judges, Lucile Heying, school district clerk; Linda Watkins, hot lunch supervisor; and Ferris Lynn, high school counselor.

## 50 years ago

### December 26, 1957

**Marjorie Vance wins grand prize in lighting contest**

Mrs. Marjorie T. Vance is the grand prize winner of the annual Christmas lighting contest, sponsored by the Jaycees. She won a prize of \$15.

Other prize winners are: large outdoor display — Dr. and Mrs. R. George Wolff, 1<sup>st</sup>; Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Yost, 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Yard display — Mr. and Mrs. John Echevarria, 1<sup>st</sup>; Morse Bidwell, 2<sup>nd</sup>. (The Bidwell’s cleverly decorated Christmas tree received many comments.)

Window display — Mr. and Mrs. Glen Stewart, 1<sup>st</sup>; Mr. and Mrs. Spud Murphy, 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Checks in the amount of \$10 for first prize and \$5, second prize, will be mailed as soon as possible, the Jaycees announced.

Judges in the contest were Mrs. Dora Upton, Mrs. Dee Basabe, and Mrs. Emma Henry.

**Trojans turn on heat to cop 50-49 win from Marsing**

A torrid fourth quarter rally pulled Homedale from a 41-30 deficit into a 50-49 Snake River Valley B-league victory at Marsing Friday night.

Trailing by 11 points going into the final quarter after being down only 27-24 at half-time, the Trojans pulled up on a scorching fast break and took a six-points lead with three minutes left, then had to fight off a closing Huskie rush that saw Lonnie Wright can a field goal and two free throws in the fading moments.

Homedale went with a five-man combo all the way and they responded with an evenly divided scoring attack, led by Pat Parker’s 14 points. Wright was high for Marsing with 16, followed by Ralph Dines with 15.

**Firemen called twice this week**

Two fires this week were called to the attention of the Homedale volunteer firemen, according to Fire Chief John Matteson.

The first fire occurred Monday afternoon at Parsons turkey farm and hatchery (formerly Gilbert’s hatchery) in Fargo when a brooder in a brooder house caught fire, killing several small chickens.

The second fire took place Tuesday morning at the Slatter and Son machine shop when a tractor, which was being worked on, caught fire, Mr. Matteson said. Considerable damage was done with a good deal of paint burned off the machine.

**500 kids gather Saturday to greet Santa in Homedale**

Approximately 500 children received treats from Santa Claus early Saturday afternoon, according to Verdis Wilson, chairman of the event which is sponsored each year by the chamber of commerce.

Santa Claus, portrayed by Virgil Kindred, toured Homedale on a fire truck, escorted by the chief of police and paused in front of the bank on Main street to distribute the treats. Several firemen assisted Santa.

Mr. Wilson expresses a sincere thank you, on behalf of the chamber, to Mr. Kindred, the fire department, and for the police escort, all of whom helped to make the program a success.

**Directors of Gem district re-elected**

Ray Pershall and Frank Motzko, Marsing, were re-elected as directors of the South Board of Control, Gem Irrigation district, at a recent election. About 46 votes were cast with several ballots spoiled.

Mr. Pershall is director of division one, and Mr. Motzko of division two, both for a three year term.

Election judges at Marsing were Mrs. Emma Johnstone, Anna Moore, and Ruby Maxwell at the Wo He Lo club house.

Homedale judges at the Gem district office were Mrs. Martha Mortensen, Mrs. Emma Henry and Mrs. Mildretta Adams; at the Legion hall, Mrs. Dora Upton, Mrs. Amy Adams, and Mrs. Fay Orr.

## 140 years ago

### December 21, 1867

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

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

RAILROAD MEETING. Attention people of Owyhee! Come out every body to the railroad meeting to be held at the Owyhee Exchange at three o’clock, Saturday, Dec. 28<sup>th</sup>. This is a matter of much importance. The action of the people at the meetings held in the several counties on the above date will materially affect the future prosperity of the country, therefore let all the businessmen of Owyhee County attend the meeting herein mentioned.

BUSINESS IS BRISK. The late snow has improved the roads and immense quantities of quartz are being hauled to the mills. At almost any time of the day and often in the night, numerous horse, mule and ox teams pass through our streets heavily laden with the precious ore. For instance, forty tuns per day are now taken to the Owyhee Co’s mill. “Everything is lovely and the goose hangs high.”

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL Christmas Festival will be held in the Mechanics hall on Christmas Eve, Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>, commencing at seven o’clock, P.M. Preparations are in progress for the magnificent “Christmas Tree” — doubtless it will be heavily laden with good things. A general invitation is extended — free to all.

HOME AGAIN. Mrs. J. M. Abbott and son arrived on Tuesday’s stage from San Francisco. Having made a visit to the States, she is glad to get back to Owyhee.



# Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM

## On the edge of common sense



### Atlanta drought

The drought in the South made the news. Not because North Carolina cattlemen’s pastures are drying up or the Kentucky soybean crop is compromised, but because Atlanta is running out of tap water!

Atlanta is one of the biggest metropolitan areas in the U.S. Its biggest city water reservoir is Lake Lanier. The governor of Georgia is pleading, threatening and demanding the federal government (Army Corps of Engineers) to hold back water presently being released to protect an endangered mollusk downstream.

Sound familiar? Does the name “short-nosed sucker” come to mind? In the spring of 2001, the federal government ruled that most all stored Klamath Lake irrigation water would be diverted to protect the endangered short-nosed sucker downriver. The devastation of the surrounding Oregon farming communities of 50,000 was virtually ignored. It’s easy to be green when it isn’t personal. There’s probably not too many Atlantans who lost any sleep over the short-nosed sucker, but ask them what they think of the endangered mollusk in Lake Lanier.

We in rural America are very aware of the voracious demand for water by growing metropolises. Denver is buying up the farmer’s water rights along the Arkansas River. Los Angeles turned Bishop, Calif., into a dust bowl and is now seeking to dry up the Imperial Valley. Phoenix and Las Vegas continue to look for more ways to increase their share of the Colorado River.

At the same time, Colorado won’t allow any more dams in the mountains just west of Denver, the Sierra Club wants to drain Glen Canyon Lake and Nevada, Colorado, Arizona and California rank high on the list of fastest-growing states. Just as flooding brings quick destruction to cities like New Orleans, drought brings a slow death. The hottest, driest time in recent memory was the Dirty Thirties. Mass exodus from the Great Plains was the result. I don’t expect to see people emigrating from Atlanta. Maybe they will enact some water conservation methods, but regardless, I have no doubt the city will continue to grow in population and water use will increase.

It is also predictable that the bulk of the sacrifice to keep them afloat will be made by those folks miles away trying to make a living along tributaries that run in and out of Lake Lanier.

I sympathize with those elected officials who have to make the hard decisions necessary to keep civilization’s plumbing, electricity and highways functioning, but I remind them of William Jennings Bryan’s admonition when they start thinking it’s OK to sacrifice the agrarian community to keep the city’s cup full:

“Burn down your cities and leave our farms and your cities will spring up again as if by magic; but destroy our farms and the grass will grow in the streets of every city in the country.”

Wayne Cornell

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

### Oleg the lemonade maker



I first met Oleg Khalyavin in September 2002. I was hanging around a Russian camera Internet forum. Somebody wondered if there was anyone out there who could clean and repair the old cameras. Oleg was monitoring the forum. He came online and said he could clean and repair Russian cameras. Someone said they wanted a “real” repairperson, not just someone who would clean out the old grease and oil with lighter fluid and call it good.

The comment tripped Oleg’s trigger. “You don’t know me!” he shot back, “You know nothing about my works!”

I liked Oleg’s attitude. So I packed up a nonworking camera that I had received from Russia, and sent it back to Oleg to be fixed. It took about three weeks for the camera to get there, two days for Oleg to fix it and three weeks for it to get back to me. It worked perfectly. I sang the praises of Oleg’s work, as did a few other forum members. Others started sending him cameras for cleaning and repair. He got so much work he had to raise his prices to try to reduce the volume. It didn’t work. His business kept growing.

When the Communist government collapsed, the economy went with it. Some people were forced to take to the streets and beg to keep food on the table. Oleg was able to land a computer job in the city of Yoshkar-Ola, in the Mari El Republic of Russia. But the job barely paid enough for a single person to survive. Oleg wanted to do better.

When bad things happen to some people, they complain that life has gone sour, like lemons. Then there are people like Oleg, who look at the situation and try to figure out a way to use the lemons to make lemonade.

So when things went bad in Russia, Oleg got on the Internet and discovered that crazy people all over the world were buying old Russian cameras. He figured some of those cameras would need fixing. He didn’t know anything about the old cameras so he bought some, tore them apart and learned how they worked. He learned most of his English on the Internet.

Before long, Oleg was making more money off his part-time camera repair business than he was making on his full-time job. A local newspaper even did a story on him.

Over the next several years, I sent Oleg more jobs, and we corresponded regularly. I learned that his training had been in computers. Before the collapse of the Soviet



Oleg Khalyavin and his son

Union he helped design the Russian version of the cruise missile.

Once I told Oleg I would like to someday visit him and watch him work on cameras. He told me if I came we would sit on the banks of the Volga, drink vodka and sing Russian songs. I told him I didn’t know any Russian. He assured me that after half a liter of vodka I would be able to understand and speak Russian!

It had been nearly a year since I last talked to Oleg. But recently I noticed a posting on a collector’s forum indicating my Russian friend has entered a new phase of his life. Oleg is a daddy! And there was a photo of him holding his son.

I sent Oleg a congratulatory e-mail. He answered the following day. He said his son, Iluska (Elijah), is actually almost 4 months old now.

I suspect that 10 years ago neither Oleg nor I would have believed that the birth of his son would some day be international news.

There are a lot of bad things happening in the world. But there are some good things, too.

## Accuracy In Media

### Our rights are at stake in Savage case

by Cliff Kincaid

Radio personality Michael Savage wrote a book on why liberalism is a mental disorder. That helps explain why he is under attack by radical Muslims, who are fellow travelers with the liberals in trying to dismantle American defenses against terrorists and criminals.

Two recent developments, the banning of capital punishment by politicians in New Jersey and the House vote to ban the waterboarding, or simulated drowning, of terrorists, provide more evidence of Savage’s thesis. Why is it that liberals are so determined to keep convicted killers alive at public expense? Why are they so determined to spare terrorists from a few seconds of discomfort? It is because they have a mental disorder. For them, it is fashionable to be indifferent to the suffering of the real people who should count — American citizens.

In this battle, however, good sometimes wins over evil. That occurred when “a measure to expand hate-crime protections,” as the liberal Washington Post put it, was

dropped from a Pentagon spending bill by House and Senate negotiators. The measure had been introduced in the Senate by the notorious Ted Kennedy (D-Mass.), who goes down in history as the only senator in U.S. history to let a young girl die in the bottom of his submerged car. That was a fate much worse than waterboarding. Kennedy, of course, is also opposed to waterboarding. Terrorists, he believes, should enjoy more rights than Mary Jo Kopechne, who died in that car struggling to breathe as the water enveloped her.

Kennedy is a solid example of liberalism as a mental disorder. In his warped world view, real people and real victims such as Kopechne have no rights, but it is wrong to “hate” people and such “hate” should be rooted out and punished by federal authorities. This is their agenda — making us think like them, or at least getting us to quit thinking and quit acting on behalf of what is truly important in this country, such as survival of our nation and our families.

— See *Savage*, next page



# Commentary

## Immigration and assimilation is nothing new

“In the first place, we should insist that if the immigrant who comes here in good faith becomes an American and assimilates himself to us, he shall be treated on an exact equality with everyone else, for it is an outrage to discriminate against any such man because of creed, or birthplace, or origin. But this is predicated upon the person’s becoming in every facet an American, and nothing but an American...There can be no divided allegiance here. Any man who says he is an American, but something else also, isn’t an American at all. We have room for but one flag, the American flag... We have room for but one language here, and that is the English language... and we have room for but one sole loyalty and that is a loyalty to the American people.”

### Who said this?

President Theodore Roosevelt in 1907



## Letters to the editor

### Tolmie inaccurate in portrayal of DMV’s move to Marsing

Concerning the article of Dec. 19, 2007, entitled “Homedale pledges land for county office,” Commissioner Hal Tolmie is quoted as saying that Marsing “stole the license bureau from Homedale to start with.”

Hal, let me refresh your memory. I was Mayor of Marsing when this supposed theft took place. Then, the license bureau (DMV) was located in a private business in Homedale at that time and was serving the populace arrogantly and rudely. Also, the City of Homedale was considering moving the DMV to another building and Owyhee County would have to pay hugely for its restoration and upgrade. So, with permission of the Marsing City Council, I discussed this with the late Assessor Larry Bachman and Sheriff Tim Nettleton. I offered to incorporate the DMV into Marsing City Hall, rent-free and with little county investment. They liked the offer.

Remember, Hal, as a commissioner then, you led the discussion about this at the next commissioners meeting. Within minutes, you had so infuriated Sheriff Nettleton that he left. At that moment, you literally handed the DMV to Marsing. Indeed, in your next campaign for re-election, you pointed out that you helped Marsing get the DMV. So, Hal, explain how we can be accused of stealing something that you personally gave to us. In Marsing, the DMV has served our county wonderfully.

On another subject, Owyhee County is purchasing land for a landfill near Marsing. It will be a disaster. Hal, I cannot support your name being on a county building to honor your work, but I will be first to support your name on the landfill for that purpose.

Roy E. Herman  
Former Marsing mayor  
Marsing

### Tolmie elected to represent more than Homedale residents

Open letter to Hal Tolmie:

The word is you are intending to run again for County Commissioner in 2008. That seems pretty obvious from your presentation at the recent meeting of the Homedale City Council. I have heard you say on many occasions, “I will never be an Owyhee Countyian. I’ve been here XYZ years, but I’m still not accepted as an Owyhee County person.” You demonstrated why that is the case in that meeting when you advocated, “stealing” back the county office that is now in Marsing.

You are telling all the rest of the county that you are *Homedale-Man*. At the same meeting you reportedly told how county jobs would be easy for Homedale folks to access in your planned county office building in Homedale. You advocated moving the county seat to Homedale. And, you recognized that 30% of the county voters are in Homedale. That is quite a lot of *Homedale-Man*, for one meeting.

Don’t you see why you are not going to be a man of Owyhee County? Murphy, Grand View and Bruneau folks will feel as alienated as Three Creek and Pleasant Valley folks do now. You seem to have perfected a voter constituency, having held your seat for many terms. But, if you truly want county-wide respect, you might look beyond your local city’s zip code boundaries.

Jim Hyslop  
Silver City and Nampa

## Letters to the editor

All letters to the editor submitted to The Owyhee Avalanche must be no longer than 300 words, signed and include the writer’s address and daytime phone number. The deadline for submitting letters is noon on Friday.

## ✓ Savage: Radio show sponsors feel pressure of interest group’s boycott

From previous page

Credit the White House and Congressional Republicans for forcing deletion of the “hate crimes” provision. The White House had threatened a veto. The measure would elevate homosexuals, the supposed victims of “hate crimes,” to protected status, and would leave other classes of people (such as the elderly, the military, police officers, and victims of prior crimes) without similar special status.

Now who are these “homosexuals?” Peter LaBarbera of Americans for Truth held a Dec. 5 National Press Club news conference to unveil a video of what took place at the Folsom Street Fair in House Speaker Nancy Pelosi’s (D-Calif.) congressional district in San Francisco. The video showed naked homosexuals masturbating and having sex in public as children walked down the streets near them. Some were dressed up as animals being led around by leashes. Others were dressed in leather and being whipped. Homosexual pornography was sold openly.

Was LaBarbera guilty of a “hate crime” for bringing this perverted behavior to the public’s attention and demanding that Pelosi condemn it? That is what the homosexuals would like you to believe. That is apparently why all of the television media, with the exception of Sean Hannity of Fox News Channel, ignored LaBarbera’s news conference. Who wants to suffer the wrath of the militant homosexuals by focusing attention on what they actually do?

In another indication of a mental disorder, we are being

told that waterboarding, which involves pouring water over a terrorist’s face, is torture and should never be used. This mentality is what drove Nancy Pelosi’s House of Representatives to actually pass a bill banning the practice. During a time of war, can you believe that the House would actually vote to tell terrorists in advance how we will interrogate them? Can you believe that the House would vote to ban a practice that has saved American lives and disrupted terrorist plots against America? The House does this because it has lost sight of who really died on 9/11 and because it puts the “rights” of terrorists above the right to live of ordinary Americans. For all intents and purposes, the House is acting like a terrorist front group.

Similarly, New Jersey politicians have voted to ban capital punishment. Like the measure to ban waterboarding, this can only result in more lives lost. That means that a murder in New Jersey, no matter how vicious, can never be punished by the death penalty. The practical result will be that crimes will go unsolved because police and prosecutors will not be able to threaten to use capital punishment to get information out of criminals. It means criminals will know that no matter who they kill or how many, they will be kept alive at taxpayer expense. Banning the death penalty constitutes open season on law-abiding citizens.

Which brings up the Savage case. He is being accused of “hate speech” by a Muslim group whose own holy book, The Koran, is full of hate against Christians, Jews and

other unbelievers. Muslims are killing or threatening to kill people around the world over Teddy Bears and cartoons, but companies are being pressured to halt sponsorship of his Savage Nation radio show because he dares exercise his First Amendment right of free speech and to criticize Islam.

There is some dispute over which companies have withdrawn advertising from his show. The names of those companies are less important than the campaign itself, which is now underway. The purpose of the “Hate Hurts America” group that is now leading the charge against Savage is to intimidate companies into never advertising on his show. The names of those companies we may never know. This is the insidious danger of this campaign. It will force Savage off the air eventually — unless we speak up now.

Accuracy In Media’s new book, *The Death of Talk Radio?*, makes the critical point that what we are seeing in the Savage case will become official federal policy if the liberals manage to capture the White House in 2008 and take control of the Federal Communications Commission.

Those determined to kill us are on the offensive, and they have powerful friends in important positions of influence in the media and politics today. It is literally a battle to the death. Our constitutional rights and our lives are at stake.

— Cliff Kincaid is the editor of *Accuracy In Media*, and can be contacted at [cliff.kincaid@aim.org](mailto:cliff.kincaid@aim.org).

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# Public notices

**OWYHEE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES DECEMBER 10, 2007 OWYHEE COUNTY COURTHOUSE MURPHY, IDAHO**

Present were Commissioner’s Freund and Tolmie, Commissioner Hoagland was absent. Clerk Sherburn, Treasurer Richards, Assessor Endicott, Sheriff Aman, Prosecutor Faulk, P& Z Commissioner Weatherby, Fred Grant and Jim Desmond.

The agenda was amended to include Indigent and Charity.

The Board moved to cancel taxes of \$345.09 on Parcel No. RP01S03W119100A. The circuit breaker was overlooked.

The Board moved to cancel taxes of \$587.41 on Parcel’s RP 03N04W280152A , MH03N04W280152A , MH03N04W28015AA. The circuit breaker was overlooked.

The Board moved to cancel taxes of \$346.02 on Parcel No. RP A00100370090A. The circuit break was overlooked.

Murphy water operator Mark Fuchs reported to the Board the inside of the water tank in Murphy needs to be repainted. No action was taken.

Jens Schrade and Dick Rockrohr talked to the Board about having another Road Rally in July. A letter will be sent to Mr. Schrade.

Representative’s Brackett and Patrick met with the Board to discuss upcoming issues for the next legislative session.

The Board took the following action on pending Indigent and Charity cases:

07-49 approved, with a lien placed on applicant.

07-46 denied pursuant to I.C. 31-3502 (17) not medically indigent.

07-48 denied pursuant to I.C. 31-3502 (b) incomplete application.

The Board held a coordination meeting with the Twin Falls District BLM.

The Board met with members of the Owyhee Initiative to discuss language in the bill.

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

/s/Richard Freund, Chairman  
Attest: s/Charlotte Sherburn  
12/26/07

**BEFORE THE OWYHEE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

On January 14th, 2007 at 10:00 AM in Courtroom #2, of the Owyhee County Courthouse in Murphy, Idaho the Owyhee County Board of Commissioners will hear an appeal of the Owyhee County Planning and Zoning Commission denial of a conditional use permit application filed by Scott Grinstead. The application requested permission to subdivide a 24 acre parcel into four single family residential lots. Subject property is located in an Agricultural Zone South of Marsing off highway 78 and Pershall Road in Section 9, Township 2 North, Range 4 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho.

For further information in this matter, please contact Charlotte Sherburn at 495-2421.

12/26/07

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

The Marsing City Council will hold a public hearing on January 9, 2008 at 7:00 pm at the Marsing City Hall, 425 Main St. Marsing, ID

The purpose of the public hearing is to hear public comment on a special use permit from Jade & Kenneth Black to have their business part of their home. The address is 420 Main Street.

All interested persons are encouraged to attend. Written comments will be received by the City Clerk until January 4, 2008.

Services for persons with disabilities may be made available by calling City Hall three days in advance of the hearings.

Janice C. Bicandi  
City Clerk/Treasurer  
12/26/07-1/2/08

**NOTICE**

Lien sale on a 1979 Mazda RX7 SA22C534942 at 140 Kerry St., Marsing, ID 83639 on Dec. 28<sup>th</sup>, 2007 at 12pm.

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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, 2008. 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.

12/26/07

**NOTICE OF HEARING ON NAME CHANGE CASE NO. CV-07-0459**

A Petition to change the name of Lori Denise Burson, born October 2, 1961, in Omaha, Nebraska, residing at PO Box 33, Marsing, has been filed in Owyhee County District Court, Idaho. The name will change to Lori Denise Riley, I want to change my name because I have been abandoned by my spouse and will be filing for divorce as soon as possible. The petitioner’s father has died and she has no living relatives on her father’s side. The petitioner’s mother is living and her address is 1528 W 1<sup>st</sup> St., Meridian, ID 83642. A hearing on the petition is scheduled for 10:00 o’clock a.m. on December 31, 2007, at the County Courthouse. Objections may be filed by any person who can show the court a good reason against the name change.

Date: 11/28/07  
By: Lena Johnson  
Deputy Clerk  
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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS CASE NO. CV-07-0480 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 JUNIOR MAX COLLETT, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of the above-named decedent. All persons having claims against the decedent or the estate are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or said claims will be forever barred.

Claims must be presented to the undersigned at the address indicated, and filed with the Clerk of the Court.

DATED this 10 day of December, 2007.

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By /s/Mike Sullivan, Vice President and Managing Director

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**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE**

Loan No: 0021959085 T.S. No.: 07-11240-ID On 4/4/2008 at 11:00 AM (recognized local time), In the lobby of Owyhee County courthouse, Murphy, ID.. In the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, First American Title Insurance Company, as Trustee on behalf of Option One Mortgage Corporation will sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property, situated in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, and described as follows: Exhibit A A Parcel of land in the southwest quarter of section 20, township 3 north, range 5 west of the Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho, described as follows: Beginning at the northwest corner of the southwest quarter of the northwest quarter of section 20, township 3 north, range 5 west of the Boise Meridian, the real point of beginning; thence south along the west boundary line of said section 20 a distance of 178 feet; thence east a distance of 389 feet; thence north a distance of 178 feet to a point on the north line of said southwest quarter of the northwest quarter; thence west along the north line of said southwest quarter of the northwest quarter, a distance of 389 feet to the real point of beginning The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for the purposes of compliance with section 60-113 Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed that the address of: 4444 Homestead RD Homedale, ID 836283646, is sometimes associated with the said real property. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by: Kathleen M. Biery and Shawn T. Biery, wife and husband, As grantors, To: First American Title Insurance Company, as successor Trustee, for the benefit and security of H & R Block Mortgage Coporation, a Massachusetts Corporation assigned to Option One Mortgage Corporation, recorded 9/22/2006 as Instrument No. 258209, as Beneficiary, dated 7/25/2006, recorded 07/31/2006, as Instrument No. 257481, records of Owyhee County, Idaho. Please Note: The above Grantors are named to comply with section 45-1506(4)(A), Idaho Code. No representation is made that they are, or are not, presently responsible for this obligation set forth herein. The Default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to pay when due, under Deed of Trust and Note dated 7/25/2006. The monthly payments for Principal, Interest and Impounds (if applicable) of \$1,164.62 due per month from

**NOTICE BEFORE THE OWYHEE COUNTY PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION, A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENTS TO OWYHEE COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE AS IT APPLIES TO THE SILVER CITY HISTORIC DISTRICT WILL BE HELD ON JANUARY 9, 2007 AT 3:00 PM IN THE ANNEX BUILDING OF THE OWYHEE COUNTY COURTHOUSE IN MURPHY, IDAHO.**

The Owyhee County Historic Preservation Commission has proposed to the Owyhee County Planning and Zoning Commission amendments of the Owyhee County Zoning Ordinance to provide as follows:

The proposed amendments (1) provide the purposes of zone HD established for the Silver City Historic District, (2) the manner in which the purposes shall be implemented, (3) provide for establishing a certificate of appropriateness which must be issued prior to the granting of any conditional use permit in the defined District and the standards to be followed in considering whether to issue such certificate, (4) specifies allowed uses in the District, specifies permitted uses and prohibited uses in the District and (5) provides definitions of terms.

**A copy of the proposed amendments are available for review at, or may be purchased at, the planning and zoning office at 17069 Basey street in Murphy, Idaho between the hours of 8:30am – 12 noon and 1:00pm - 5:00pm Monday – Friday**

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9/1/2007 through 4/4/2008, and all subsequent payments until the date of sale or reinstatement. The principal balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is \$179,228.92, plus accrued interest at the rate of 7.35% per annum from 8/1/2007 All delinquent amounts are now due, together with accruing late charges, and interest, unpaid and accruing taxes, assessments, trustee’s fees, attorney’s fees, and any amounts advanced to protect the security associated with this foreclosure and that the beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation. Dated: 12/5/2007 By: First American Title Insurance Company By Allnation Default Services, Its Duly Authorized Agent 4665 MacArthur Court Suite 250 Newport Beach, CA 92660 949-252-2800 Lisa Bradford, Trustee Sale Officer P342548  
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**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE**

Notice of Trustee’s Sale Idaho Code 45-1506 Today’s date: December 5, 2007 File No.: 7777.25066 Sale date and time (local time): April 07, 2008 at 11:00 AM Sale location: in the lobby of the Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Highway 78, Murphy, Idaho 83650 Property address: 727 Marion Drive HOMEDALE, ID 83628 Successor Trustee: Northwest Trustee Services, Inc., an Idaho Corporation P.O. Box 997 Bellevue, WA 98009 (425) 586-1900 Deed of Trust information Original grantor: Kenneth Roberts, an unmarried

man Original trustee: Stewart Title of Nampa Original beneficiary: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., solely as nominee for Ownit Mortgage Solutions, Inc. Recording date: August 24, 2005 Recorder’s instrument number: 253163 County: Owyhee Sum owing on the obligation: as of December 5, 2007: \$82,395.09 Because of interest, late charges, and other charges that may vary from day to day, the amount due on the day you pay may be greater. Hence, if you pay the amount shown above, an adjustment may be necessary after we receive your check. For further information write or call the Successor Trustee at the address or telephone number provided above. Basis of default: failure to make payments when due. Please take notice that the Successor Trustee will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for certified funds or equivalent the property described above. The property address is identified to comply with IC 60-113 but is not warranted to be correct. The property’s legal description is: Lot 7 in Block 1of Owyhee Addition to Homedale, Idaho No. 1, Owyhee County, Idaho, according to the official plat thereof on file and of record in the office of the Recorder for Owyhee County, Idaho. The sale is subject to conditions, rules and procedures as described at the sale and which can be reviewed at [www.northwesttrustee.com](http://www.northwesttrustee.com) or USA-Foreclosure.com. The sale is made without representation, warranty or covenant of any kind. (TS# 7777.25066) 1002.80448-FEI

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# Public notices

**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE**

On March 7, at the hour of 11:00, of said day, at the entrance to Owyhee County Courthouse located at 20381 State Highway 78, Murphy, Idaho, Owyhee County, Idaho, on behalf of PIONEER LENDER TRUSTEE SERVICES, LLC, as the Successor Trustee; will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash in lawful money of the United States of America, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property, situated in Owyhee County, Idaho, and described as follows, to-wit:

See Attached Exhibit “A”, which by this reference is made a part hereof and is comprised of (2) two pages.

*For purposes of compliance with Idaho Code 60-113, the Trustee has been informed that there is no known address available in the public records, for more specific location contact Pioneer-LTS toll free at 877-255-7055 and reference Amy.*

Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by Paul B. Silvis, and Heather A. Silvis, Husband and Wife, to PIONEER LENDER TRUSTEE SERVICES, LLC, as Successor Trustee, for the benefit and security of Double Barrell Enterprises, LLC as Beneficiaries; said Deed of Trust having been recorded on 07/19/2002 as Instrument No. 240285, records of Owyhee County, Idaho. *The above Grantor is named to comply with Idaho Code Section 45-1506(4)(a). No representation is made that they are or are not presently responsible for this obligation.*

The default for which this sale is to be made is the failure of the Grantor to: Pay the entire principle balance and all accrued interest on 07/15/07 as evidence on the note dated 06/21/2002. All amounts are now due and payable along with all costs and fees associated with this foreclosure, including, but not limited to, attorney fees, trustee costs and fee, fire insurance and county property taxes, together with any and all assessments, penalties and interest; for the purpose of protecting the beneficial interest of the Beneficiaries. The principal balance is \$9,235.56 plus accruing interest, costs and fees.

Dated November 7, 2007  
PIONEER TITLE COMPANY  
OF CANYON COUNTY  
BY: PIONEER LENDER TRUSTEE SERVICES, LLC  
ITS AGENT  
/s/Amy L. Bowles  
Assistant Trust Officer  
Exhibit “A”

Tract 1:  
A portion of the South One-Half, Section 34, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, Boise Meridian, Marsing, Owyhee County, Idaho, more particularly described as follows:

COMMENCING at the North Quarter corner of Section 3, Township 2 North, Range 4 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho, from which the center of Section 3, Township 2 North, Range 4 West, Boise Meridian, bears

South 01° 55’ 38” East, 2,547.15 feet; thence

South 0° 18’ 00” West 90.00 feet along the Westerly right-of-way line of the Bruneau Highway to a point; thence

South 32° 58’ 00” East 11.92 feet long the Southwesterly right-of-way line of the Bruneau Highway to a point; thence

North 89° 57’ 44” West 50.54 feet along a line parallel with the 100.00 feet Southerly from (measured at right angles) the Northerly boundary of the Northwest Quarter of said Section 3; thence

North 24° 45’ 55” West 236.65 feet to the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING; thence continuing

North 24° 45’ 55” West 10.49 feet to a point; thence

North 60° 33’ 13” East 74.50 feet to a point on the Southwesterly right-of-way line of the Bruneau Highway, said point being

North 33° 18’ 36” East 135.75 feet from the Southeasterly right-of-way of 1<sup>st</sup> Street South; thence

South 33° 18’ 36” East 49.25 feet along said Southwesterly right-of-way of the Bruneau Highway to a point; thence

South 86° 44’ 03” West 87.67 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

Excepting all mineral and mineral rights as referenced in Deed recorded June 18, 1992 as Instrument No. 208169 official records, and in Deed recorded June 1, 1998 as Instrument No. 225034 official records.

Tract 2:  
A portion of the South Quarter, Section 34, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, Boise Meridian, and a portion of the North One-Half Section 3, Township 2 North, Range 4 West, Boise Meridian, Marsing, Owyhee County, Idaho, more particularly descied as follows:

COMMENCING at the North Quarter corner of Section 3, Township 2 North, Range 4 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho, said point being the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING from which the center of Section 3, Township 2 North, Range 4 West, Boise Meridian bears

South 01° 55’ 38” East 2,547.15 feet; thence

South 0° 18’ 00” West 90.00 feet along the Westerly right-of-way line of the Bruneau Highway to a point; thence

South 32° 58’ 00” East 11.92 feet along the Southwesterly right-of-way line of the Bruneau Highway to a point; thence

North 89° 57’ 44” West 50.54 feet along a line parallel with the 100.00 feet Southerly from (measured at right angles) the Northerly boundary of the Northwest Quarter of said Section 3; thence

North 24° 45’ 55” West 236.65 feet to a point; thence

North 8.6° 44’ 03” East 87.67 feet to appoint on the Southwesterly right-of-way line of the Bruneau Highway, said point being

South 33° 18’ 36” East 185.00 feet from the Southeasterly right-of-way line of 1<sup>st</sup> Street South; thence

South 33° 18’ 36” East 102.53 feet along said Southwesterly right-of-way lien of the Bruneau Highway to a point; thence

South 0° 18’ 00” West 34.22 feet along said Westerly right-of-way line of the Bruneau Highway to the Point of Beginning.

Excepting all mineral and mineral rights as referenced in Deed recorded June 18, 1992 as Instrument No. 208169 official records, and in Deed recorded June 1, 1998 as Instrument No. r225034 official records.

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# Owyhee County Church Directory

<b>Snake River Valley Fellowship Wilder/Homedale</b> 16613 Garnet Road Sunday 10 am Worship Tuesday 7 pm Pure Word and youth group Thursday 7 pm Worship 475-3733 or 880-8962 Pastor Robert Cooperstein	<b>Knight Community Church Grand View</b> Pastor Paul H. Ryan • 834-2639 Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:45 a.m. Adult Bible Study: Wednesday, 7 p.m. Knight's Neighborhood: (Youth Activity Group) Friday 5-6:30 pm	<b>Crossroads Assembly of God Wilder</b> Hwy 19 & 95, 482-7644 Sunday School 10am Sunday Morning Worship 11am Sunday Evening Worship 6pm Wed. Bible Study 7pm
<b>Assembly of God Church Homedale</b> 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	<b>Friends Community Church Wilder - Homedale</b> 17434 Hwy 95, 337-3464 Pastor: John Beck Sunday School 9:35 am Worship Services: 10:45 am Sundays Adult Sunday School: 8:30 am Wednesday Prayer Meeting 6:30 pm	<b>Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church</b> 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
<b>Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church Homedale - 337-4248</b> Sunday Services 10am Rev. Ross Shaver, Pastor Youth and Adult Sunday School 9-9:45am Wed. Adult Bible Study 7-8:30pm Visitors Always Welcome!	<b>Chapel of Hope Hope House, Marsing</b> Look for the Blue Church South Bruneau Hwy at the Hope House Welcoming Families, especially those with special needs children. Keith Croft, Pastor 880-2767 Jake & Alisha Henriouille, Youth Pastors 761-6747 Sunday Services at 10 am	<b>Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Homedale</b> 708 West Idaho Ave 337-4112 Bishop Alan McRae Bishop Dwayne Fisher Sunday 1st Ward 9am Sunday 2nd Ward 12:30pm
<b>Homedale Baptist Church Homedale</b> 212 S. 1st W. Sunday School 10am & 11am Sunday Evening 7pm Wednesday Evening 7pm Pastor James Huls	<b>Wilder Church of God Wilder</b> 205 A St. E, 482-7839 Pastor Ray Gerthung Sunday School 9:45am Sunday Service 11am Sunday Eve. 6:00pm Wed. Eve. 7:00pm	<b>Mountain View Church of the Nazarene</b> 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
 <b>MARSING APOSTOLIC ASSEMBLY Asamblee Apostolica de Marsing</b> 221 W. Main • Marsing, Idaho Pastor Ricardo Rodriguez 896-5552 or 371-3516 <small>Sunday School 1:30 pm • Sunday Service 3 pm Thursday Service 7 pm • (Bilingual Services/Español)</small>	<b>Iglesia Evangelica Wilder</b>  317 3rd st., Pastor Ramiro Reyes 10 am Sunday School 11 am Service 482-7484 Bilingual	<b>Marsing Church of Christ Marsing</b> 932 Franklin, Marsing  Minister Gib Nelson Sunday Bible Study 10am Sunday Worship 11am
<b>Christian Church Homedale</b> 110 W. Montana, 337-3626 Pastor Maurice Jones Sunday Morning Worship 11am Church school 9:45	<b>Bible Missionary Church Homedale</b> West Idaho, 337-4437 Pastor Paul Miller Sunday School 10am Worship 11am Sunday Evening 7pm Wednesday Evening 7:30	<b>Assembly of God Church Marsing</b> 139 Kerry, 896-4294 Pastor Rick Sherrow Sunday School 10am Sunday Worship 11am & 6 pm
<b>Lizard Butte Baptist Church Marsing</b> Pastor David London 116 4th Ave. W., 859-2059 Sunday worship: Morning: 11am-Noon• Evening: 7-8pm Sunday school 10 am-10:55am Wednesday evening 7pm-8pm	<b>Nazarene Church Marsing</b> 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	<b>Trinity Holiness Church Homedale</b> 119 N. Main Pastor Samuel Page 337-5021 Sunday School 10am Sunday Morning Worship 11am Sunday Evening 7pm Thursday Evening 7:30pm
<b>Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Marsing</b> 215 3rd Ave. West, 896-4151 Sunday 1st Ward, 12:30 p.m. Bishop Streibel Sunday 2nd Ward, 9 a.m. Bishop Payne	<b>Vision Community Church Marsing</b> 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.	<b>United Methodist Church Wilder</b> Corner of 4th St. & B Ave. 880-8751 Pastor Carolyn Bowers Sunday Services 9:30am
<b>First Presbyterian Church Homedale</b> 320 N. 6th W., 337-3060 Pastor Marianne Paul Sunday Morning Worship 11am Sunday School 11am	<b>Calvary Holiness Church Wilder</b> Corner of 3rd St. & B Ave. 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	<b>Seventh Day Adventist Homedale</b> 16613 Garnet Rd., 880-0902 or 453-9289 Pastor Chuck Dimick Sabbath School Sat. 9:30am Worship 11am Tuesday Prayer Mtg. 7:00 pm
<b>Iglesia Bautista Palabra de Esperanza Homedale</b>  711 W. Idaho, 463-9569 Pastor Jose Diaz Servicios: Los Domingos 11:00 am	<b>Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic Church - Oreana</b> 2007 Mass Schedule - the following Saturdays at 9:30am Jan. 27 - Feb. 17 - March 10 - April 28 May 12 - June 9 - July 21 - Aug. 11 Sept. 8 - Oct. 13 - Nov. 24 - Dec. 22 For more information, call St. Paul's Church, Nampa 466-7031	<b>Amistad Cristiana de Wilder UMC</b> Esquina de 4 y calle B Domingos Servicio: 12:00 pm El Ropero (Banco de ropa) Miercoles 12- 2pm Martes y Jueves: 6:30 pm Ingles Sabados: 12:00 pm Arte Infantil Todo en Espanol, Inf. 989 7508



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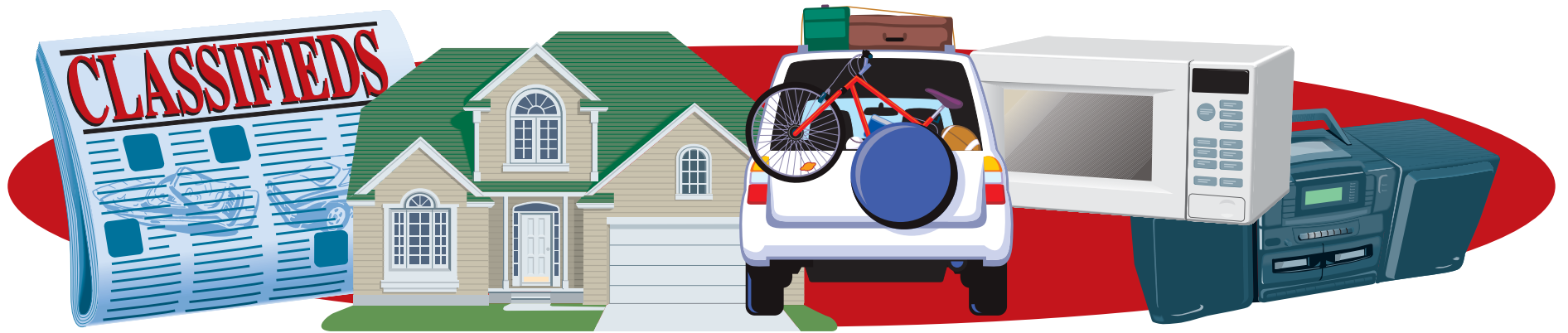
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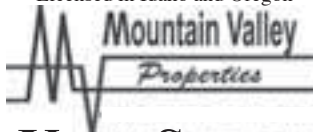
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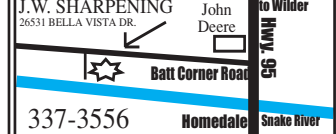
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<div>Western Family Variety Hams <b>\$3<sup>19</sup></b> lb.</div> <div>John Morrell 14 oz. Smokies <b>2 \$4</b></div> <div>Gem Pack Chorizo <b>\$2<sup>89</sup></b> lb.</div>	<div>Bar-S 16 oz. Sliced Ham <b>\$2<sup>49</sup></b> ea.</div> <div>Seasoned Whole Chickens <b>\$4<sup>99</sup></b> ea.</div> <div>Boneless Chuck Steak <b>\$2<sup>39</sup></b> lb.</div>	<div>Green Onions <b>39¢</b> ea.</div> <div>River Ranch Salad Mix <b>\$1<sup>29</sup></b> ea.</div> <div>Pomegranates <b>79¢</b> ea.</div>	<div>Jumbo Yellow Onions <b>29¢</b> lb.</div> <div>Jumbo Red Onions <b>59¢</b> lb.</div> <div>Baker Potatoes <b>39¢</b> lb.</div>
<div><b>Pace Picante Sauce &amp; Salsa</b></div> <div></div> <div><b>\$1<sup>89</sup></b> ea. 16 oz.</div> <div>15 oz. Stagg Chili <b>\$1<sup>39</sup></b> ea.</div>	<div><b>Shasta Soda</b></div> <div></div> <div><b>89¢</b> ea. 2 Liter Bottle</div> <div>Pop Secret 6 ct. Microwave Popcorn <b>\$3<sup>09</sup></b> ea.</div>	<div><b>Pepsi Products</b></div> <div></div> <div><b>\$3<sup>99</sup></b> ea. 12pk 12oz Cans</div> <div>2 Liter Bottle Pepsi Products <b>\$1<sup>29</sup></b> ea.</div>	<div><b>Keystone Beer</b></div> <div></div> <div><b>\$10<sup>49</sup></b> ea. 24pk 12oz Cans</div> <div>Andre 750 ml Sparkling Champagne <b>\$3<sup>99</sup></b> ea.</div>
<div>Darigold Egg Nog Qt. <b>\$1<sup>89</sup></b> ea.</div> <div>Western Family 1%-2%-Skim Milk 1/2 Gallon <b>\$2<sup>09</sup></b> ea.</div> <div>Western Family Orange Juice 96 oz. <b>\$3<sup>59</sup></b> ea.</div> <div>Western Family Sour Cream 16 oz. <b>\$1<sup>09</sup></b> ea.</div> <div>Arrowhead Spring Water 24 - .5 ltr Bottles <b>\$5<sup>29</sup></b> ea.</div> <div>Snows Clams Minced &amp; Chopped 6.5 oz. <b>\$1<sup>39</sup></b> ea.</div>	<div>Doritos Tortilla Chips 13 oz. <b>\$2<sup>19</sup></b> ea.</div> <div>Ruffles &amp; Sunchips 11.5-12 oz. <b>2 \$6</b></div> <div>Pillsbury Cake Mixes 18.25 oz. <b>\$1<sup>39</sup></b> ea.</div> <div>Betty Crocker Cookie Mixes 17.5-21 oz. <b>\$2<sup>09</sup></b> ea.</div> <div>Western Family Canned Dog Food 22 oz. <b>79¢</b> ea.</div> <div>Western Family Adult Formula Cat Food 14 lb. <b>\$6<sup>39</sup></b> ea.</div>	<div>Nabisco Crackers 8-9.5 oz. <b>\$2<sup>19</sup></b> ea.</div> <div>Western Family Party Nuts &amp; Peanuts 12 oz. <b>2 \$4</b></div> <div>Western Family Wide Egg Noodles 12 oz. <b>\$1<sup>19</sup></b> ea.</div> <div>Juicy Juice 64 oz. <b>\$2<sup>59</sup></b> ea.</div> <div>Kellogg's Rice Krispies &amp; Frosted Flakes Cereals 18-23 oz. <b>\$3<sup>89</sup></b> ea.</div> <div>La Victoria Red Taco Mild Sauce <b>\$1<sup>99</sup></b> ea. 12 oz.</div>	<div>Western Family Winshield Washer Fluid 1 Gallon <b>\$2<sup>19</sup></b> ea.</div> <div>Fat Boy Ice Cream Sandwiches 12 ct. <b>\$6<sup>99</sup></b> ea.</div> <div>Hefty Foam Plates &amp; Bowls 25-50 ct. <b>\$2<sup>39</sup></b> ea.</div> <div>Scott White Bath Tissue 12 Roll <b>\$6<sup>99</sup></b> ea.</div>
<div><b>We Wish all of Our Loyal Customers a Wonderful &amp; Safe 2008! We Appreciate All of You!</b></div>			

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