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Hazards plan outlines risks to the county

Public document also deals with how
to fund mitigation projects

Wildfire holds the biggest threat to emergency preparedness officials in the eyes of the committee that formulated Owyhee County's Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Meanwhile, 2 percent of the households that responded to a survey said that they had experience terrorism on or near their property in the past decade.

The plan, which is open for public review until Jan. 18, lists wildfire as the hazard threat with the greatest probability and the greatest potential impact to residents, structures, infrastructure and the economy.

The next Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan committee meeting is planned for 7 p.m. Jan. 18 at the Owyhee County Courthouse in Murphy.

The assessment released last month put landslide as the lowest threat in terms of impact on the county as well as probability of occurrence.

The public can review copies of the plan in several locations throughout the county, including the city halls in Homedale and Marsing, the Owyhee County Courthouse in Murphy, the Rimrock Senior Citizens Center in Grand View and The Owyhee Avalanche office in Homedale.

Public comment and questions will be taken until 4:30 p.m. Jan. 18. Comments should be sent to Tera King of Northwest Management, Inc., the Moscow-based company that helped the county come up with the plan. King can be reached by mail at Northwest Management, Inc., P.O. Box 9748, Moscow, ID 83843 or by e-mail at king@consulting-foresters.com.

Once the county commissioners adopt the plan, an annual public review will be scheduled. Copies at the finalized plan will be available for review at the offices of all "appropriate" agencies.

The assessment was compiled by a planning committee led by King, the Owyhee County commissioners, county emergency manager Larry Howard, and Bill Moore, the Southwest Idaho Resource Conservation and Development Council coordinator.

Other participants at committee meetings included: Jim Hyslop of Silver City Fire and Rescue, Inc., Charles Kiester and Gina Millard from the Owyhee Conservation District, Roy Peckham and Kurt Houston from the Idaho Department of Lands, Dave

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Smoke, flames at sand & gravel



Agencies battle Homedale blaze

Volunteers from the Homedale Fire Department, with mutual aid from Wilder, were challenged by a Thursday afternoon fire inside an Owyhee Sand & Gravel shop on Northside Road near River Road west of town. Small explosions could be heard as crews began to douse the fire. Thick, black smoke filled the sky as the heat intensified. See story, more photos, Page 12

2007 Year in Review Change, controversy reign

The second half of the year brought new faces to law enforcement agencies in Owyhee County as well as the city halls in the county's three municipalities.

A huge fire in the southeastern portion of the county grew into the largest wildfire in the country

in 2007.

Adrian School District started a construction project for a new grade school, the City of Homedale completed its sewer expansion and took the first steps in its water improvement plan, and Grand View and Marsing struggled to find answers to its

infrastructure problems.

The county's towns looked toward the future by jumping on board with similar-sized towns in Canyon County as part of a economic alliance.

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Several workers harmed by SSI ammonia leak

An ammonia leak at a Wilder food processing plant that employs several people from the Homedale area sent 18 people to area hospitals Thursday.

SSI Food Services LLC vice-president Keith Dunning confirmed that a brief leak in the packing area of the plant on U.S. Highway 95 forced the evacuation of about 90 employees. He couldn't confirm how many of the affected workers were from the Homedale area, and a phone call to SSI placed later seeking how many Homedale-area workers were affected wasn't returned.

Eighteen workers were taken to either West Valley Medical Center in Caldwell or Mercy Medical Center in Nampa. Dunning said all were treated and released by Thursday afternoon.

Homedale Ambulance helped transport some of the patients.

The leak occurred in the plant's refrigeration system when a worker turned the wrong valve at about 11 a.m. Thursday. Dunning said the leak was under control in about 10 minutes, but it took longer for the ammonia, which can affect breathing, to dissipate.

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Mutton movin'



Sheep stop traffic south of Homedale

Above: A band of roughly 2,000 sheep failed to stop at the intersection of Market Road and U.S. Highway 95 south of Homedale on Wednesday. *Below:* An unidentified assistant stopped traffic north of the crossing and Owyhee County Sheriff's Deputy Lynn Bowman (not pictured) controlled vehicles approaching south of the intersection as the band flowed through, on its way to a pasture just west of the highway. The sheep, owned by Tim Mackenzie, eventually will be moved to winter pasture on Succor Creek for the winter.



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P&Z to hear proposed zoning amendments

Officials are seeking to clarify and strengthen two ordinances dealing with subdivisions and zoning in Owyhee County.

Among the biggest proposed changes is setting a \$100-per-day penalty for ordinance violations.

The amendments will be discussed in the latter portion of a county Planning and Zoning Commission public hearing set for next Wednesday in Murphy.

The meeting is scheduled to begin at 10 a.m. in the annex building at the county courthouse in Murphy. The public hearing on ordinance amendments begins at 1 p.m.

Before the ordinance hearing, two other matters will go before the P&Z commission:

- 10 a.m. — Darlene Westergard’s petition to add second dwelling on to her 13 acres of land on Succor Creek Road in Homedale.
- 11 a.m. — Developers for the Rio Vista and Bella Vista residential subdivisions proposed for land adjacent to the Snake River south of the Walter’s Ferry bridge will ask for a two-year extension in order to complete their project.

Three amendments have been proposed for the county’s subdivision ordinance, while 14 amendments are proposed for the zoning ordinance.

A complete copy of the amendments is available for review at the P&Z office, 17069 Basey Street in Murphy. An electronic copy of the amendments can be obtained by sending a request to P&Z administrator Mary Huff at mhuff@co.owyhee.id.us.

If all the proposed changes eventually are approved by the county Board of Commissioners, the county’s zoning ordinance could see vast changes, including:

- Establishing a \$100-per-day fine when an ordinance violation is discovered. Violation of the ordinance is a misdemeanor, and each day the violation exists shall constitute a separate offense. After they receive a letter of violation from the P&Z administrator, offenders will have 14 days to comply with the ordinance.
- Amending Section 04-03-A to clarify the purpose of the Agricultural Zone and set a minimum lot size in the agricultural zone at 160 acres. The amendments also clarify that “incidental agricultural uses” does not necessarily deem land for agricultural zoning. The housing density would be one per 40 acres, and only housing used for full-time farm or ranch workers.

The new section also would discourage residential development adjacent to acreage that would be used for no other reason than to pasture family pets. Also, large subdivisions with incidental use of non-viable agricultural-sized parcels will be discouraged.

- Amending Section 04-05-A in several ways, including adding junk yards as a permitted use.
- Adding a new Section 04-06-A for prohibited uses, including Planned Unit Developments and Planned Communities.
- Clarifying the purpose of the Multi-Use Zone and set the minimum lot size for such zones to 20 acres with a maximum density of one house per 10 acres. This amendment also reinforces the county’s desire to protect farm and range lands. Section 04-20-M also has been proposed amended to seek balance between residential and commercial development and agricultural operations near the county’s population centers.
- Setting the minimum residential lot size for the county as that upon which Southwest District Health will allow placement of water and sewer systems.
- Adding three new definitions concerning subdivision and non-agricultural activities to Section 01-04.
- Changing “Clerk of the Board” references to “Administrator” and “Board” references to

“Commission” in parts of Section 03-02, and “Board” to “Commission” in Section 05-05.

- Changing the standards of remand of a hearing back to the Planning and Zoning Commission as outlined in Section 03-05. The new guidelines would require all new evidence to be filed with the county at least 14 days before the appeal is to be heard. If an appeal is withdrawn, all filing fees will be non-refundable. Furthermore, if an applicant chooses to re-file for a conditional use permit, all applicable fees will be charged again.

Among the proposed subdivision ordinance changes:

- Amending Section I definition of subdivision as the division of an original lot, tract or parcel of land into more than four parts, any of which is less than five acres, for the purpose of development with four or more home sites.
- Amending Article II, Section B to define a major subdivision as a development with more than 10 lots. A minor subdivision will be defined as 10 or fewer lots.

— JPB

County groups get ICF aid

Bruneau Legion receives money to rebuild hall porch

Five Owyhee County organizations will benefit from the latest round of financial grants issued by the Idaho Community Foundation (ICF).

Grants totaling \$10,000 were issued to county groups as part of an overall endowment of more than \$307,000 to 133 nonprofit organizations in southwestern Idaho.

The Marsing Resource Center received the largest chunk among Owyhee recipients. ICF will provide \$3,500 to help promote self-reliance by facilitating job searches and providing youth and adults with the knowledge, skills and confidence needed to handle technology in today’s job market.

Silver City Fire & Rescue, Inc., received a \$2,500 grant to help pay for operating expenses.

Bruneau American Legion Post 83 will use \$2,000 in ICF funding to rebuild the front porch on its meeting hall.

The Homedale Public Library will use \$1,000 to buy large-print books for the sight-impaired.

A \$1,000 grant will help the Rimrock Senior Center in Grand View buy gas for its handicapped-accessible bus.

Sherry Colyer of Bruneau is a member of ICF’s Southwestern Region Advisory Panel, which recommends projects to be funded together for efficient management.

Total assets are approaching \$70 million. Since it began making grants in 1991, ICF has made charitable distributions totaling more than \$31 million. To learn more about the Foundation or join as a member, visit ICF’s Web site at www.idcomfdn.org or call (800) 657-5357.

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Do you remember watching the blacksmith working with a hammer, bellows, and that great big anvil shown on those old cowboy westerns? What comes to mind are the blacksmiths on “Gunsmoke” and the singing blacksmith in the movie “Paint Your Wagon” where the tools were always big and the anvil always heavy.

Well, the anvil in my goldsmith shop measures just five inches in length and all of our “in shop” welding is done with a computerized high performance laser with the accuracy of the point of a straight needle. But not all jewelry store goldsmiths use the lasers because “Oxyfuel Welding” is still popular. Typically, the oxyfuel weld is a method of using oxygen and acetylene gas, or sometimes a mixture of oxygen and propane – it is a flame and torch which heats the entire ring.

In today’s manufacture and repair of fine jewelry both the Oxyfuel and Laser method of welding have their unique places, for example the laser can get into tight spots that would, otherwise, be unreachable by the torch. And the Qxyfuel has a way of spreading out the heat which is not done by the laser. I like the laser because it is fast, accurate, and there is no danger of overheating the stone(s) mounted on the jewelry. Laser welders are nice, too, because there is far less clean up work after the welding process is complete. Our in store gold smith has used a laser welder since September, 2007. Later this year he plans to hook up a television camera so customers can watch him weld.

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acres of land near the Homedale Municipal Airport continued and actually flared anew as the inauguration of a new mayor neared.

July

County prosecutor Matthew Faulks defended his petition for a ruling on commissioner Dick Freund's ability to make unbiased decisions regarding his wife and daughter, who are county employees.

Faulks said that a ruling was required to maintain the integrity of the county's budget process, which Freund has influence over as chairman of the county commission. Freund countered that he had consulted with the attorney general prior to running for election to the commission, and was told that conflict of interest was not an issue. Freund also said that he would recuse himself from making any decisions that directly affected his wife or daughter.

Third District Court Judge Gordon W. Petrie ruled in September that Freund should recuse himself from discussion and decisions regarding relatives employed by the county — essentially reaffirming the action Freund had already stated he

would take. The legal proceedings cost the county nearly \$9,000.

Owyhee County again requested reimbursement from Homedale for the city's use of the Idaho Law Enforcement Telecommunications System, and Homedale again declined to pay the county on the grounds that the city already pays its fair share through taxes paid to the county. The issue has been a longstanding point of contention between Owyhee County and Homedale.

The Homedale Police Department lost a pair of officers as Ian Takashige and Michelle Babcock resigned. Perry Grant, a six-year veteran of the Owyhee County Sheriff's Office, filled Takashige's vacant position in July, and was promoted to corporal in December. In October, former sheriff's posse member Jeff Wasson filled the hole left by Babcock's departure.

The Bruneau-Grand View Joint School District announced that it would put a \$5 million general obligation bond measure before voters to finance upgrades and improvements to the district's schools. Voters approved the measure in August.

Homedale Mayor Paul Fink announced a new plan for

obtaining a \$500,000 block grant to fund city improvements. The original grant sought by the city was tied to the creation of 50 jobs in the area. The new grant would not require documentation of new jobs created in the area.

The Jordan Valley ION Heritage Museum opened in the former Elorriaga boarding house and family home in Jordan Valley. John Elorriaga donated the building to the Jordan Valley Heritage Council in 2004.

The Adrian School District awarded a \$3.2 million contract for the building of a new elementary school to Ontario, Ore., construction firm Mid Valley Construction. The district also approved the hiring of Kevin Purnell as principal of Adrian High School. Purnell came from the Prairie City School District, where he had been principal/superintendent since 2003.

County commissioners agreed to help finance training for emergency medical technicians to aid the Murphy-Reynolds-Wilson Fire District's bid to create a quick response unit. The unit was created to relieve pressure on Marsing Ambulance and the Melba QRU in responding to that area of the county.



Lightning sparked fires in parched rangeland in southeast Owyhee County. Fires would consume some 653,000 acres in Idaho and Nevada. The Murphy Complex fire was the largest wildfire in Idaho since 1910, and would be tabbed as the nation's largest wildfire in 2007. Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter issued a disaster declaration covering charred portions of five counties, with Owyhee County by far the hardest hit. The devastation will linger for area ranchers, as federal lands affected by fire likely will be closed to grazing for two years.

The Owyhee Project, which created the Owyhee Dam and

reservoir, allowing for the irrigation of more than 110,000 acres in Idaho and Oregon, turned 75 on July 17. The agricultural viability of much of that land depends upon water supplied by the project. The project also provides flood control, hydroelectric power, and recreation opportunities. The 417-foot dam was the tallest in the world at the time of its construction.

Jordan Valley resident and 2005 graduate of Jordan Valley High School Levi Waller, 19, was killed in a single-vehicle rollover accident 1 mile east of town.

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✓ Hazards: Some survey respondents report terrorism on their property

Miller from Owyhee County Road and Bridge District III, Jessica Gardetto, Jan Peterson, Bob Narus and Katie Wood from the federal Bureau of Land Management,

Owyhee County Sheriff Gary Aman and Chief Deputy Bruce Cameron, Jim Desmond of the Owyhee County Natural Resource Committee, Jim Mackenzie from the Murphy-Reynolds-Wilson Fire Department, Betty Ackerman from Marsing Ambulance, Mark Stephenson and David Jackson from the Idaho Bureau of Homeland Security, Jay Jackson from Jay Jackson & Associates, Dennis Achey from Bayer Science Crop, Owyhee County Board of Commissioners chair Dick Freund,

Marsing School District Superintendent Dr. Harold Shockley, George Bennett from Grand View Ambulance, Grand View Mayor Paul Spang, Bruneau-Grand View schools superintendent Vickie Chandler, Bob Malmberg of the Marsing Fire Department, and Fred Pierson from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Research Service.

Other events that the panel deemed to have the potential of a major impact on residents, buildings and the county's economy were epidemic, a

hazardous materials mishap or flood or failure of a dam in the county.

The report asserts that while the damage would be extensive, the risk of a flood or failure of a dam such as that at C.J. Strike Reservoir is low.

The hazardous materials probability was considered medium, and while not specifically addressed in the plan was included in the assessment because of shipments on Idaho highways 51 and 78 in the vicinity of US Ecology's dumpsite.

A third event not specifically addressed in the plan but included in the assessment was insect infestation, deemed as a medium threat in both probability and impact. The plan authors' said the event was included because of Owyhee County's economic dependence on farm crops.

Epidemics are a concern, according to the report, because of the perceived inability of county medical facilities to handle a large-scale crisis.

The mitigation document suggests that the county seek funding to plan for the possibility of epidemic, flood, pestilence, epidemics or hazardous materials accidents.

The mitigation plan integrates existing documents, including the county's Comprehensive

Plan, county code, emergency response plans for the county's school districts and the multi-hazard Mitigation Plan and Tribal Emergency Response Commission established by the Duck Valley Indian Reservation.

The county hazards mitigation document's planning committee suggests that Owyhee County's Land Use Committee use the document as a source of information.

Another aspect of the plan reports results of a household survey the committee shipped to about 264 county residents, or about 2.5 percent of the county's 2000 census population of 10,644. The survey was mailed between July 31 and Aug. 15, and by the middle of October 67 residents (25.3 percent) had responded.

The report put the "effective response rate" at 51 percent.

"Statistically, this response rate allows the interpretation of all of the response variables significantly at a 99 percent confidence level," the report concluded.

Thirty-seven percent of the respondents lived in the Homedale area, and 28 percent were from the eastern portion of the county near Hagerman. Other respondents were scattered in Bruneau (10 percent), Grand View (7 percent) and Silver City (4 percent).

According to the survey results, 66 percent of the members in the responding households had up-to-date basic first aid and CPR training. Another 18 percent were trained in wildland firefighting, 14 percent in Search and Rescue and 12 percent of the households had an emergency medical technician (EMT) under its roof.

As far as training in those categories in the past five years, 58 percent of the households had at least one member with first aid/CPR training, and 56 percent had received training in city or rural firefighting since 2002. A little more than half of the households also had a member who had gone through Search and Rescue training in the past five years.

The survey also asked to gauge if respondents felt their homes, property or businesses were located in places that were at risk. Thirty-four percent said wildfire was a risk, while 26 percent reported earthquake as a risk. Severe weather was reported as a risk by 70 percent of the respondents, and 17 percent claimed they were at risk to terrorism or civil unrest.

Two percent of the respondents reported acts of terrorism near their homes between 1997 and 2007.

The report also shows that 95 percent of the respondents had a

cell phone as an alternative to a landline telephone system. About a quarter of the respondents said they had an alternative power source, the same percentage who reported damage from severe weather in the past 10 years.

The average emergency response time reported in the survey was 23 minutes for medical services and law enforcement and 22 minutes for fire-fighting crews.

Nearly two-thirds of those who returned surveys said they would be open to taking a one-day, free or low-cost training seminar to help reduce the potential for loss around the home.

As far as funding projects to implement the multi-hazards mitigation plan, 67 percent of the respondents said projects for roads, bridges, power lines and other infrastructures should be funded fully with public money. A third of the people responding said home defensibility projects should be done with 100 percent public funding, while 37 percent were in favor of a cost-share program with a public entity.

In all, the majority of those surveyed said the bulk of the mitigation plan projects should be financed wholly by public funding.

— JPB

Obituary

Lorene Mays Terry

Lorene Mays Terry, 93, of Jordan Valley, Oregon, passed away December 20, 2007 in Caldwell, Idaho. She was born September 26, 1914, in Howe, Idaho to Robert G. and Lucinda Boyd Mays. Her father was a State Senator from Butte County.

She received her early education in Howe and the Weiser Boarding School and graduated from the Logan Academy in Logan, Utah.

In 1938 she married Duard W. Terry of Howe, Idaho. They lived in Howe for a few years and then bought a ranch in Echo, Oregon. They ran cattle, sheep and farmed. They sold the ranch and bought a ranch in Helix, Oregon, but kept the cabin in the Wallowa Mountains. The family then bought a ranch and moved to

Jordan Valley, Oregon. She was a hard-working ranch wife having to cook for 25 people per meal for several years while ranching. She baked delicious fresh pies, bread and pastries.

She enjoyed the cabin in the Wallowa Mountains, fishing in the streams and catching small brook trout and then preparing the fish and cornbread in the wood stove for the 6 children. She enjoyed reading, sewing, quilting, oil painting, and traveling to McDermitt, Nevada with her friends Hazel Hanley, Verma Anderson, Gert Anderson and granddaughter Anne Stephens. She made several quilts for her children and grandchildren.

She is survived by her daughters Janet McQueen, Pendleton, Oregon, Judi (Norman) Easterday,

Jordan Valley, Alice (Dwight) Baker, Blackfoot, Idaho, sons Douglas Terry, Caldwell, Idaho and David (Bonnie) Terry, Jordan Valley, 14 grandchildren, 15 great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents and stepmother Zoe, husband Duard, son Bruce Alan Terry, two brothers Bob and Homer Mays, sisters Charlene O'Maley, Clairbel Amy, Beulah Enke and 2 sons-in-law.

Memorial services were Friday, December 28, 2007 at 2:00 p.m. at the Methodist Church in Jordan Valley. Services and Cremation arrangements are under the direction of Dakan Funeral Chapel in Caldwell, Idaho. 208-459-3629. Condolences may be shared with the family at www.dakanfuneralchapel.com



4-H Dust Devils tidy up community

The Dust Devils 4-H Club recently banded together to pick up trash in Homedale City Park and along U.S. Highway 95 and Main Street in Homedale. The group coordinated from the Homedale High School parking lot: **Back row, from left:** Konner Bahem, Alec Egurrola, Carlie Purdom, Marissa Ensley, Kortney Bahem, Mandy Brasher and Shelby Lee. **Middle row, from left:** Caitlen Westergard, Lauryn Robinson, Tristan Corta, Adrianna Salutregui, Kirsten Egurrola, Curtis Westergard, Megan Bettleyon and Kyler Eidemiller. **Front row, from left:** Jordyn Vincent, Rachel Robinson, Lyndsay Salutregui, Jaeden Vincent and Garrett Bettleyon

Basque group holds fundraiser

The Caldwell Euzkaldunak Charity Organization, which helped the Hands Around Homedale food drive, will present the 40th annual Basque Dinner and Dance on Jan. 19 in Caldwell.

A dinner will be held at 6 p.m., followed by the dance at 9 p.m. The event takes place at the O'Connor Fieldhouse in Caldwell and will feature authentic Basque food and Basque dancers as well

as silent and live auctions, live music and a no-host bar.

Tim Quintana and Mike Frank, Owyhee County members of the Basque organization, are co-chairs for the organization, and dinner tickets are available through them. Call Quintana at 459-0294 or Frank at 337-3447.

Dance tickets will be available at the door. The dance costs \$10, while a dinner ticket is \$35.

The dinner-dance is the sole fundraiser for the charitable group, which helps local families, including an annual holiday distribution of about 4,000 pounds of meat.

Several of the 23 Euzkaldunak members hail from Owyhee County, including Quintana, Frank, John Badiola, Ray Bicandi, Tim Dines, Dan Uranga, Ric Uria, Stan Zatica and Steve Zatica.

School menus

Homedale Elementary

Jan. 2-4: No school.
Jan. 7: Chicken tenders or cf beef steak, mashed potatoes/gravy, roll, fruit & veggie bar, milk.
Jan. 8: Hamburger or fish sandwich, potato wedges, fruit & veggie bar, cookie, milk.
Jan. 9: Crispito or toasted cheese sandwich, taco salad, fruit & veggie bar, churro, milk.

Homedale Middle

Jan. 2-4: No school.
Jan. 7: Hamburger or hot dog, potato wedges, fruit & veggie bar, cookie, milk.
Jan. 8: Chicken or beef nuggets, broccoli, fruit & veggie bar, cinnamon roll, milk.
Jan. 9: Enchilada or chicken & noodles, corn, fruit & veggie bar, turnover, milk.

Homedale High

Jan. 2-4: No school.
Jan. 7: Cheese pizza, chicken bacon melt, fruit & veggie bar, strawberry, milk.
Jan. 8: Beef or chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes/gravy, roll, fruit & veggie bar, milk.
Jan. 9: Lasagna, burrito, pizza hot pocket, French bread, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

Marsing

Jan. 2: Red Baron pizza, salad, fruit, milk, chicken fajita, salad bar 4th-12th, roll.
Jan. 3: Burrito, fruit, milk, sandwiches, rice, salad bar 4th-12th, roll.
Jan. 4: Spaghetti, salad, milk, popcorn chicken, salad bar 4th-12th, roll.
Jan. 7: Hamburger, potato wedges, fruit, milk, baked potato, salad bar 4th-12th, cinnamon twist.
Jan. 8: Mac & cheese, potato wedges, fruit, milk, cf steak, salad bar 4th-12th, French bread.
Jan. 9: Tacos, veggie, fruit, milk, pizza, salad bar 4th-12th, roll.

Bruneau

Jan. 2-4: No school.
Jan. 7: Tuna/bun, potato wedges, veggie, fresh fruit, cookie, milk.
Jan. 8: Turkey & noodles, salad, roll/jelly, fruited jello, milk.
Jan. 9: Chicken nuggets, tots, veggie, fruit, French bread, milk.

Marsing Lions Club holds bingo night again

The monthly Marsing Lions Club bingo night will be held Saturday at the Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center.

The early-bird game begins

at 6:45 p.m., with the rest of the action starting at 7 p.m.

The Lions Club designates a different cause each month to benefit from the bingo night proceeds

Get answers on planning for college at Homedale High

Homedale High School counselor Kelly DeWitt has announced a Senior College Night for upperclassmen and parents to learn more about beginning a post-secondary education.

DeWitt will be joined by TRIO representative Donnie Hale and various college entrance advisors in the high school cafeteria at 6:30 p.m. on Jan. 17. Refreshments will be served.

Parents can get answers about navigation through the college financial aid process, and the application process. This process applies to students planning on vocational school, community

college, technical colleges and four-year institutions.

DeWitt says it's a good idea for students to acquire a personal identification number (PIN) for the FAFSA, the federal student aid form required for all students going on to post-secondary education.

The PIN can be obtained by going to the Web site, www.pin.ed.gov

"Although the thought of going through the financial aid process seems overwhelming for students and their parents, the people available to help make it easy," DeWitt wrote in a press release.



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Your finances

Jobs keep students out of shackles of college-loan debt

Dear Dave,

I'm wondering why you recommend putting money into retirement before funding college for your kids. If a person is left to pay for college on their own, they'll need student loans. It seems like your idea sets these kids up with lots of debt before they even graduate.

— Jeff

Dear Jeff,

You're making some assumptions with which I don't agree. First, I'm not setting them up to go into debt.

At a state college, you can live in a dorm on campus, eat on the meal plan, buy books and pay tuition for about \$10,000 a year. That's just a little over \$800 a month, and you can make that kind of money with a part-time job.

While college is very important, it is not a necessity. Planning to support yourself during retirement is a necessity. It's every parent's job to make sure they are taking care of their retirement. Then, they can work toward saving for their kid's college education. If you do it the other way around, you may not save enough for your retirement and then you become a major liability to your kids in the future.

There's a sure-fire way to get through school. It's called WORK. So, I'm not setting them up with debt. This culture tells kids that student loans are a way of life, and THAT is setting them up for financial bondage. I don't believe in student loans, and I know for a fact that you can get a college education without borrowing a dime!

— Dave

Dear Dave,

I have \$64,800 in debt, not counting the \$60,000 I still owe on the house, and I make \$78,000 a year. I could sell the house for \$125,000, so should I sell the house, completely wipe out the debt and move my family into an apartment to start over?

— Bart

Dear Bart,

Don't sell the house. Selling your home to get out of debt is a last resort to avoid bankruptcy. If you had said you were unemployed, way behind on your bills and thinking about filing bankruptcy, then it might be an option. But let's look at a few things first.

It sounds to me like you guys have been living the classic American model. The problem with the classic American model is that it doesn't work. That model



goes like this: every year I spend a little bit more than I make. I put it on credit cards, and when the balances get too high I get a debt CONSolidation loan. When I don't like that loan anymore, I go get another one. What happens is that every few years you think you've borrowed your way out of debt. But what you've really done is borrowed yourself into debt right up to your eyeballs!

The debt is not the problem here, Bart; it's the symptom of living without a plan. You've been living on \$88,000 while you were making \$78,000. Now, how are you going to reverse that? You're going to have to start living on \$50,000 and pay down the debt.

If it were me, I'd look at the family and tell them we are about to become apartment dwellers if we don't make a commitment to going crazy and getting out of debt. This means working more, putting off vacations and selling some of the stuff sitting around the house. You might even have to pick up an extra job nights or on weekends for a while.

There's going to be some culture shock if you make these radical changes, so be prepared. Getting used to living on less than you make can be tough, especially when you've been doing just the opposite. Then, there's the additional shock of having to live on even less than that, because you've got to pay back the mistakes you made.

Good luck, Bart!

— Dave

— Dave Ramsey is the best-selling author of *The Total Money Makeover*. He also 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. For more financial advice, visit the Web site or call (888) 22-PEACE. Have a question for Dave? Send correspondence to syndication@daveramsey.com or write *Dave Says*, 1749 Mallory Lane, Brentwood, TN 37027

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Melba Cottage Library book club meeting, 7 p.m., Melba Cottage Library, 109 Charlotte Drive, Melba. (208) 495-1063
DivorceCare recovery support group, 7 p.m., Mountain View Church of the Nazarene, 26515 Ustick Road, Wilder. (208) 337-3151

Thursday

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. 6th St., Homedale. (208) 482-6893
AA meeting, 8 p.m., Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave.

Friday

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

Saturday

Marsing Lions Bingo, 6:45 p.m. early game, 7 p.m. regular start, Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center, 126 W. 2nd St. N.

Tuesday

Exercise class, 11 a.m., free,

Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave. (208) 337-3020

Ridgeview Irrigation District monthly board meeting, 1 p.m., 118 S. 1st St. W., Homedale

Gem Irrigation District monthly board meeting, 1:15 p.m., 118 S. 1st St. W., Homedale

South Board of Control monthly board meeting, 1:30 p.m., 118 S. 1st St. W., Homedale

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

Marsing School District Board of Trustees monthly meeting, 7 p.m., district office board room, 209 W. 8th Ave. W.

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

Wednesday

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 8th Ave. W., Marsing. (541) 372-5782


Thursday, Jan. 10

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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 jbrowneditor@cableone.net. For more information on submissions, call (208) 337-4681.




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Marsing FFA news

by CC Zanardi

The holiday season is a time for giving and receiving. So many people don't know what giving means, but the Marsing FFA does.

This year, the Marsing FFA was supposed to do a scavenger hunt, but then our advisor had to leave on medical terms, so our team decided not to.

Two officers, historian Josefina Moreno and treasurer CC Zanardi, and Bridgette Longwill decided to

do a food, clothing and toy drive. These three brought as much in as possible with the little time that they had. The girls decided that even though the team decided not to do the scavenger hunt, they would go alone and do it themselves.

They brought in enough food for three families, despite having only two days to gather items.

The officer team will be doing this again next season, so prepare yourself for the FFA to come to you so you can help others.



Public Notice of Intent To Propose Or Promulgate New Or Changed Agency Rules

The following agencies of the State of Idaho have published the complete text and all related, pertinent information concerning their intent to change or make the following rules in the new issue of the state Administrative Bulletin.

The written comment deadline is January 23, 2008, unless otherwise listed. (Temp & Prop) indicates the rule is both temporary and proposed. ** Indicates that a public hearing has been scheduled.

IDAPA 08 – BOARD OF EDUCATION
PO Box 83720, Boise, ID 83720-0037

08-0202-0801, Rules Governing Uniformity. (Temp & Prop) Changes endorsement degree title from Education Media Generalist to Library Media Specialist; clarifies the original intent of the Gifted and Talented endorsement; changes "Reading" to "Literacy" to better reflect requirements for this endorsement; and clarifies the requirement of a professional RN license instead of "nursing certificate."

IDAPA 11 – IDAHO STATE POLICE
STATE RACING COMMISSION
PO Box 700, Meridian, ID 83680-0700

****11-0403-0801, Rules Governing Licensing and Fees.** (Temp & Prop) New chapter promulgates required licensing fees into rule per Idaho Code.

IDAPA 16 – DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND WELFARE
PO Box 83720, Boise, ID 83720-0036

16-0314-0801, Rules and Minimum Standards for Hospitals in Idaho. (Temp & Prop) Establishes minimum design and construction requirements, standards of care, and services for free standing emergency departments.

16-0403-0801, Rules Governing Fees for Community Mental Health Services. (Temp & Prop) Chapter repeal.

16-0701-0801, Behavioral Health Sliding Fee Schedules. (Temp & Prop) New chapter updates the sliding fee schedules for adult mental health, children's mental health, and alcohol and substance use disorders programs to the federal poverty guidelines and implements a fee schedule for convicted felons or persons serving probation or parole.

16-0710-0801, Behavioral Health Development Grants. (Temp & Prop) New chapter provides the framework for grant application requirements, criteria, and distribution of grants.

16-0717-0801, Alcohol and Substance Use Disorders Services. (Temp & Prop) New chapter defines the scope of voluntary alcohol and substance use disorders services and establishes eligibility criteria, application requirements, individualized treatment plan, and selection of providers under these rules; and provides for an appeals process.

16-0733-0801, Adult Mental Health Services. (Temp & Prop) New chapter defines the scope of voluntary adult mental health services and establishes eligibility criteria, application requirements, individualized treatment plan, and selection of providers under these rules; and provides for an appeals process.

IDAPA 59 – PUBLIC EMPLOYEE
RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF IDAHO
PO Box 83720, Boise, ID 83720-0078

59-0103-0801, Contribution Rules for PERSI. (Temp & Prop) Continues current contribution rates previously established by temporary rule until rate increase is needed.

THE FOLLOWING TEMPORARY RULE HAS BEEN ADOPTED:
IDAPA 02 – Department of Agriculture
02-0421-0801, Rules Governing the Importation of Animals.

Please refer to the Idaho Administrative Bulletin, January 2, 2008, Volume 08-1 for notices and text of all rulemakings, public hearing schedules, Governor's executive orders, and agency contact information.

Issues of the Idaho Administrative Bulletin can be viewed at the county law library or online.

To view the Bulletin or Code or for information on purchasing the Bulletin and other rules publications, visit our website at www.adm.idaho.gov/adminrules/ or call (208) 332-1820 or write the Dept. of Administration, Office of Administrative Rules, 650 W. State St., Room 100, Boise, ID 83720-0306.

4-H'ers tech-savvy in Pocatello

Above: Onlookers watch the FIRST Lego robotics challenge Dec. 1 at Idaho State University in Pocatello. **Right:** The Owyhee County Tech Team shows off medals earned for participating in the competition. Front row, from left: Maddie Conant, Marissa Cole, Marcus Harden, Orion Cardenas-Ritzert and Megan Aman. Back row, from left: Lydia Aman, Jason Buenestro, Shad Jensen, Tyler Jensen and Nick Munson.



4-H tackles robotics meet

An Owyhee County 4-H team recently returned from a state robotics competition at Idaho State University in Pocatello.

The Owyhee County Tech Team, comprised of 9- to 14-year-old boys and girls, earned medallions for designing and building an original robot for the FIRST LEGO League Idaho state qualifier at Reed Gym on Dec. 1.

The team, coached by Bridget Aman, demonstrated problem-solving skills, creative thinking, teamwork, competitive play, sportsmanship, and sense of

community during the eight weeks of research in preparation for the competition.

"The competition was a lot of fun and a great opportunity for the youth to experience a higher level of technology application," Aman said.

Aman said the team is working on raising funds to continue the competitions next year. It cost about \$100 per youth to attend this year's state qualifier, and the team is setting its sights on competition at the state and national level next year.

Tamara Miller and Judith

McShane served as team advisors, while Dannette Ritzert was chaperone.

The 2007 Challenge, "Power Puzzle," required teams to research and present robotics technology solutions in the field of energy production and consumption. The competition was judged in five areas: research and presentation; robot performance; technical mechanics of the robot's construction; teamwork; and gracious professionalism.

Founded by inventor Dean Kamen, FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) was created to inspire young people's interest and participation in science and technology.

FIRST LEGO® League is an international program for 9- to 14-year-old children created in a partnership between FIRST and The LEGO Company in 1998.

Each September, FIRST LEGO® League announces the annual Challenge to teams, which engages them in authentic scientific research and hands-on robotics design.

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Sheriff’s investigation of crime string continues

The Owyhee County Sheriff’s Office continues to investigate a series of crimes, including burglaries, car thefts, and at least one home invasion robbery, committed in this and other counties in the last month.

Anthony Bernal, Joshua Larrea and Jennifer Humphrey were arrested on Dec. 18 in Nampa as part of an ongoing investigation that has involved sheriff’s personnel from Owyhee, Ada, Canyon, Elmore, and Payette counties, as well as Boise, Garden City, Meridian, Mountain Home, and Nampa police. The Owyhee County Sherriff’s Office estimates that its agency alone has put “hundreds of hours” into the investigation, which is still incomplete.

In Owyhee County, the case involves several car thefts, burglaries, and a home invasion robbery where an elderly Givens Hot Springs-area resident was handcuffed to a bed for several hours.

A large amount of stolen property was recovered at the time of the arrests, along with a number of weapons.

Bernal, 18, of Nampa, faces a preliminary hearing at 1:30 p.m. on Monday in Owyhee



Anthony Bernal

County Magistrate Court on one count each of robbery and grand theft, and three counts of burglary.

Larrea, 20, of Wilder, is currently held in Canyon County Jail, charged with petit theft, failure to appear, failure to purchase a driver’s license, probation violation, and an Owyhee County hold which will likely transfer him to Owyhee County Jail to face charges similar to those against



Jennifer Humphrey

Bernal.

Humphrey was arrested for obstruction and delaying an investigation.

According to the Owyhee County Sheriff’s Office, a warrant is out for another female involved with the string of crimes, which began in Owyhee County on Thanksgiving Day, and additional arrests and charges are expected in the ongoing inquiry.

— RTH



Joshua Larrea

Boise men hurt in separate rec accidents

Two recreationalists received injuries in separate accidents in the Reynolds Creek area last week.

On Sunday, a 19-year-old Boise man suffered a back injury while riding his ATV near Richard Creek at Hemingway Butte. Jordan Nelson was transported by Marsing Ambulance to Mercy Medical Center in Nampa.

On Thursday, 67-year-old Robert Leonard of Boise suffered a separated shoulder and strained muscles when he slammed his snowmobile into a snow cornice at the head of Reynolds Creek.

Owyhee County Sheriff Gary Aman said Leonard was traveling in low light conditions and was traveling uphill when he probably

tried to blast through the cornice of frozen snow.

“The light conditions were real low, so it as kind of a white-out type thing,” Aman said. “He couldn’t see very well. He was climbing a hill and couldn’t see where he was going.”

An Air St. Luke’s helicopter landed and transported Leonard to the hospital. Aman said sheriff’s personnel had started out on snowmobiles with a sled because weather conditions were sketchy for a helicopter landing.

But the air ambulance crew was able to land and bring Leonard out just as sheriff’s personnel was arriving on the scene.

— JPB



Lizard Butte Library makes its move

About 20 volunteers turned out Saturday morning to help move books and other materials from the old location of Lizard Butte Library into its new digs in Marsing. The library currently is closed during the move. It opens in the new location on Third Street on Monday.



Mountain dusting of snow is a start

Much more snow is needed in the Owyhee basin before the area returns to normal snowpack levels, according to SNOTEL readings.

Owyhee basin snowpack less than normal so far

While recent accumulations in some river basins in this area are near normal or even slightly above normal, the parched Owyhee basin’s snowpack is still well below normal.

According to SNOTEL readings, the Weiser/Payette basin is at 106 percent of normal, the Boise basin is at 87 percent of normal, but the Bruneau basin snowpack is at 76 percent and the Owyhee basin stands at just 65 percent of normal.

Owyhee Reservoir held 173,866 acre-feet of water as of Monday morning, approximately 45 percent of the reservoir’s average holding for the date.

Above average snowpack will be required in the Owyhee basin in order to bring Owyhee Reservoir up to average levels. Some forecasts still predict above average precipitation for this area because of the effects of a La Nina weather pattern in the Pacific Ocean.



Owyhee Health and Rehab patients receive gifts

Santa Claus visited residents at Owyhee Health and Rehabilitation in Homedale on Christmas Eve to deliver presents gathered through The Owyhee Avalanche’s annual gift drive.

Slow and Steady

Win the Race With Slow Cooker Meals

FAMILY FEATURES

After a long day at work or running errands, don't you wish that dinner was cooked and would magically appear on your table? Chances are, you already have a slow cooker collecting dust on a kitchen shelf, just waiting to make suppertime a cinch. With family schedules busier than ever, slow cooking is quickly making a comeback.

Commonly, slow cooker recipes contain few steps and ingredients, which are tenderized by cooking at a low temperature for an extended period of time. By taking just minutes in the morning to get dinner underway with a slow cooker, you can leave for hours and still have a hearty and flavorful dish at the end of the day that you'll feel good about feeding your family. It is truly the meal that cooks itself!

The folks at Campbell's Kitchen understand the need for a warm and satisfying supper — especially after a busy day. Their must-have slow cooker recipes will definitely become a regular part of your weeknight repertoire in no time.

Doubt you can prep a home-cooked meal in just 10 minutes? This crowd-pleasing pot roast dish takes only that long to prepare. *Savory Pot Roast* starts with a base of Campbell's Cream of Mushroom soup, which turns into a savory sauce for the roast. The addition of hearty potatoes and carrots makes this dish a well-rounded main course.

If you're craving a rich and creamy meal, *Slow-Cooker Chicken and Dumplings* will hit the spot. This easy recipe evokes the flavors of a chicken pot pie and promises to become a fast family favorite.

Golden Mushroom Pork and Apples — another recipe that can be prepared in just 10 minutes — offers the unmistakable sensations of savory and sweet. The perfect combination of pork with apples and brown sugar will make your home smell good all day while it simmers away.

For slow cooking success, take note of these two tips:

- Leave the lid on! This will keep the heat in and ensure proper cooking time.
- Also, while it seems natural to want to stir every now and then, it's not necessary — so resist the urge!

The next time you have a hectic day ahead and dinnertime is likely to be a rush, plan to make one of Campbell's warm and filling slow cooker recipes. You'll be hooked on slow cooking in no time.

For more tasty recipes, visit www.campbellskitchen.com.

Slow-Cooker Savory Pot Roast



Slow-Cooker Pulled Pork Sandwiches

Prep: 15 minutes Cook: 8 to 10 hours
Stand: 10 minutes
Makes: 12 sandwiches

- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
 - 3 1/2 to 4 pounds boneless pork shoulder, netted or tied
 - 1 can (10 1/2 ounces) Campbell's French Onion Soup
 - 1 cup ketchup
 - 1/4 cup cider vinegar
 - 3 tablespoons packed brown sugar
 - 12 Pepperidge Farm Classic Sandwich Buns with Sesame Seeds, split
- Heat oil in 10-inch skillet over medium-high heat. Add roast and cook until well browned on all sides.
 - Stir soup, ketchup, vinegar and brown sugar in 5-quart slow cooker. Add roast and turn to coat.
 - Cover and cook on LOW 8 to 10 hours (or on HIGH 4 to 5 hours) or until meat is fork-tender.
 - Remove roast from cooker to cutting board and let stand 10 minutes. Using 2 forks, shred pork. Return shredded pork to cooker.
 - Divide pork and sauce mixture among rolls.

Slow-Cooker Tuscan Beef Stew

Prep: 15 minutes Cook: 8 to 9 hours
Makes: 8 servings

- 1 can (10 3/4 ounces) Campbell's Tomato Soup
 - 1 can (10 1/2 ounces) Campbell's Beef Broth
 - 1/2 cup Burgundy, other dry red wine or water
 - 1 teaspoon dried Italian seasoning, crushed
 - 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
 - 1 can (14 1/2 ounces) diced Italian-style tomatoes, undrained
 - 3 large carrots, cut into 1-inch pieces
 - 2 pounds beef for stew, cut into 1-inch pieces
 - 2 cans (about 16 ounces each) white kidney (cannellini) beans, rinsed and drained
- Stir soup, broth, wine, Italian seasoning, garlic powder, tomatoes, carrots and beef in 3 1/2-quart slow cooker.
 - Cover and cook on LOW 8 to 9 hours (or on HIGH 4 to 5 hours) or until meat and vegetables are fork-tender.
 - Stir in beans. Turn heat to HIGH. Cook 10 minutes more.

Slow-Cooker Savory Pot Roast

Prep: 10 minutes Cook: 8 to 9 hours
Makes: 8 servings

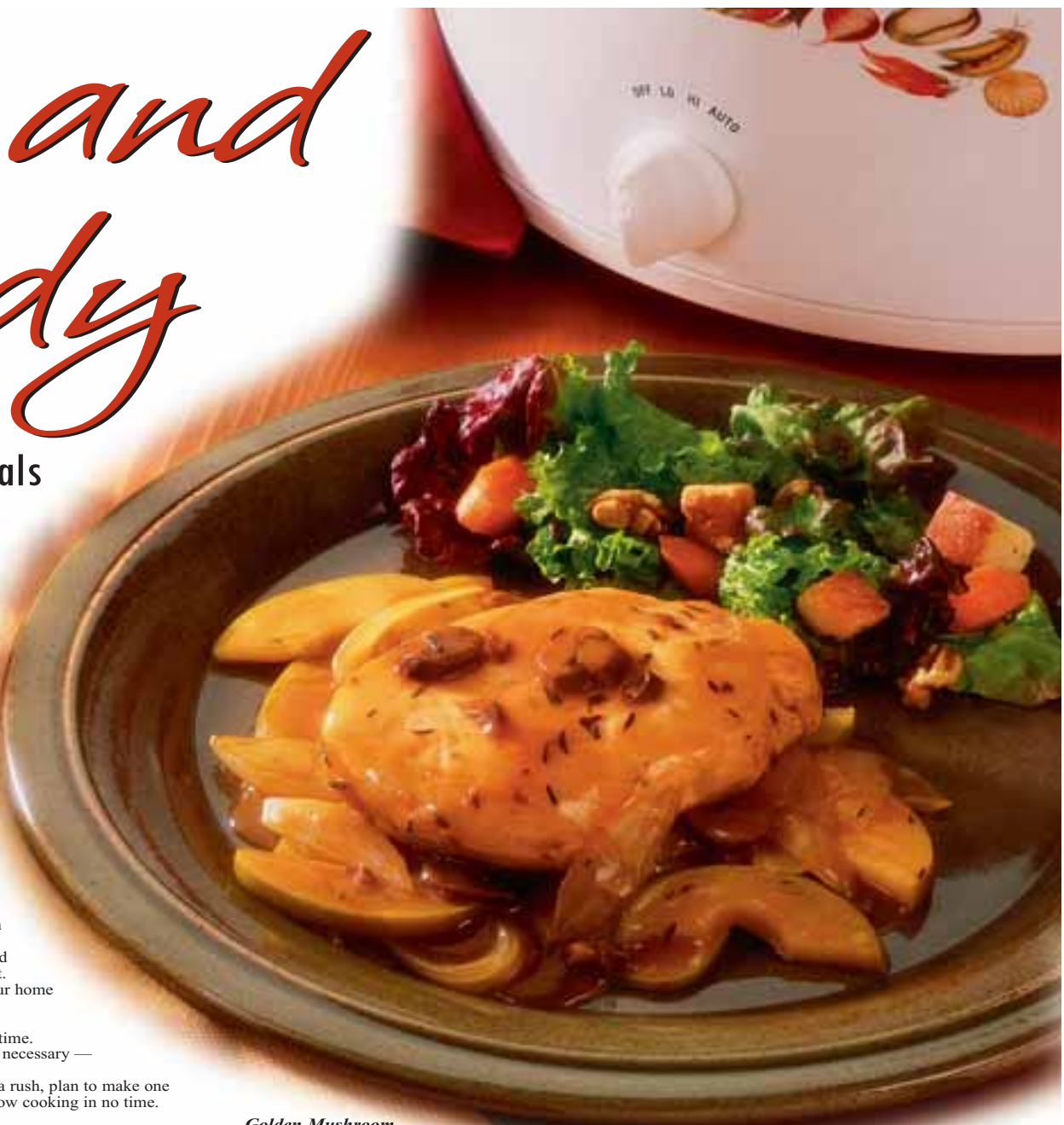
- 1 can (10 3/4 ounces) Campbell's Cream of Mushroom Soup (Regular, 98% Fat Free or 25% Less Sodium)
 - 1 pouch (2 ounces) Campbell's Dry Onion Soup Mix
 - 6 medium potatoes, cut into 1-inch pieces
 - 6 medium carrots, thickly sliced
 - 3 1/2 to 4-pound boneless beef bottom round or chuck pot roast
- Stir soup, soup mix, potatoes and carrots in 3 1/2-quart slow cooker. Top with roast and turn to coat.
 - Cover and cook on LOW 8 to 9 hours (or on HIGH 4 to 5 hours) or until roast is fork-tender.

Slow-Cooker Chicken and Dumplings

Prep: 20 minutes Cook: 7 to 8 hours
Makes: 8 servings

- 2 medium Yukon gold potatoes, cut into 1-inch pieces
 - 2 cups fresh or frozen whole baby carrots
 - 2 stalks celery, sliced
 - 1 1/2 pounds skinless, boneless chicken breasts, cut into 1-inch pieces
 - 2 cans (10 3/4 ounces each) Campbell's Cream of Chicken Soup (Regular or 98% Fat Free)
 - 1 cup water
 - 1 teaspoon dried thyme leaves, crushed
 - 1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper
 - 2 cups all-purpose baking mix
 - 2/3 cup milk
- Place potatoes, carrots, celery and chicken in 6-quart slow cooker.
 - Stir soup, water, thyme and black pepper in bowl. Pour over vegetables and chicken.
 - Cover and cook on LOW 7 to 8 hours (or on HIGH 4 to 5 hours) or until chicken is cooked through.
 - Stir together baking mix and milk with fork in bowl until ingredients are mixed. Drop batter by rounded tablespoonfuls over chicken mixture. Turn heat to HIGH. Tilt cooker lid to vent and cook 30 minutes or until dumplings are cooked in center.

Golden Mushroom Pork and Apples



Golden Mushroom Pork and Apples

Prep: 10 minutes Cook: 8 to 9 hours
Makes: 8 servings

- 2 cans (10 3/4 ounces each) Campbell's Golden Mushroom Soup
 - 1/2 cup water
 - 1 tablespoon packed brown sugar
 - 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
 - 1 teaspoon dried thyme leaves, crushed
 - 8 boneless pork chops, 3/4 inch thick
 - 4 large Granny Smith apples, sliced
 - 2 large onions, sliced
- Stir soup, water, brown sugar, Worcestershire and thyme in 3 1/2-quart slow cooker. Add pork, apples and onions.
 - Cover and cook on LOW 8 to 9 hours (or on HIGH 4 to 5 hours) or until pork is cooked through.

Golden Chicken With Noodles

Prep: 5 minutes Cook: 7 to 8 hours
Makes: 8 servings

- 2 cans (10 3/4 ounces each) Campbell's Cream of Chicken Soup (Regular or 98% Fat Free)
 - 1/2 cup water
 - 1/4 cup lemon juice
 - 1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
 - 1 1/2 teaspoons garlic powder
 - 8 large carrots, thickly sliced
 - 8 skinless, boneless chicken breasts
 - 4 cups medium egg noodles, cooked and drained
 - Chopped fresh parsley
- Stir soup, water, lemon juice, mustard, garlic powder and carrots in 3 1/2-quart slow cooker. Add chicken and turn to coat.
 - Cover and cook on LOW 7 to 8 hours (or on HIGH 4 to 5 hours) or until chicken is cooked through. Serve with noodles. Sprinkle with parsley.

Slow-Cooker Chicken and Dumplings



District IT officer keeps technology humming

Holmes earns Homedale board's employee award

The use of technology was a primary topic during a recent gathering of Homedale High School alumni. Dave Holmes is the guy in the Homedale School District that makes sure students and teachers alike stay on the cutting edge.

The district's technology coordinator and network administrator, Holmes was honored last month with the school board's Award of Excellence.

"Dave is tremendously skilled on the technology side, but he also possesses the people skills necessary to work effectively with those of us having less background in technology," Homedale school superintendent Tim Rosandick wrote in a memo highlighting the board's Dec. 10 meeting.



Dave Holmes

Holmes is the guardian of a network that includes 641 computer work stations, 1,434 network accounts for teachers and students alike, 15 phone lines, 102 printers, 22 servers and nine computer labs.

Rosandick wrote that the Homedale district is "one of the most technology-rich in the state, if not the country."

"The purchasing of hardware and software, in some ways, is the easy part," Rosandick told school trustees.

"School districts, like any business that relies on technology, must have an expert on board that makes sure that things keep running. For us, that person is Dave."

Among Holmes' duties for the district are maintenance and upgrade of the district's computer system and management of the district's technology budget. Rosandick said Holmes tries to save the district all the money he can by researching all the options before pulling the trigger on a transaction.

The superintendent also said Holmes has an "excellent" turnaround time on fixing technology problems in the district.

"Underneath the quiet, calm demeanor is a great guy with a ton of patience," Homedale Middle School principal Luci Asumendi-Mereness said.

"I have put his patience to the test more than once, and regardless of the computer glitch, usually caused by user error, he greets me pleasantly, fixes the problems without a grumble; and makes it sound like it was no big deal or an imposition."

With Holmes' stewardship, students also are able to use the technology to prepare themselves for the demands of college or cope with the world's ever-expanding dependence on computers.

According to Homedale High School principal Mike Williams, students must have three technology-based credits to graduate.

The computer network that

Holmes looks after allows students to become comfortable with using a computer and the Internet for research. That, in turn, could cut down on study time in college.

"It helps to be familiar with a computer, so you have to time to get what you need done," Kyle Miyasako, a 2007 Homedale graduate, said during a recent focus group luncheon with recent grads.

— JPB

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Quick action limits fire's devastation

Owyhee Sand & Gravel owners grateful for firefighters' efforts

A fast response time despite initial confusion with an emergency dispatcher prevented a fire at Owyhee Sand & Gravel from being more harmful, the Homedale business' owners said Friday.

"All we want to say is thank everybody for coming out to put the fire out," co-owner Bill Maxwell said Friday morning as he surveyed the damage at the Northside Road cement plant.

The cause of the Thursday afternoon fire isn't known yet. Co-owner Chuck Maxwell, Bill's father, said he was away from the building for only about 30 to 45 minutes for a lunch break. He returned to find the 3,000-square-foot shop completely engulfed.

Chuck Maxwell said he called 911 on his cellular phone, but was routed to the Canyon County dispatch center. The dispatcher there was unclear on the location of the business — it's near the intersection of Northside and River roads west of Homedale — and tried to call Owyhee County dispatch in Murphy.

When Maxwell heard the line to Murphy beeping busy through his phone, he immediately contacted Homedale Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller with a two-way radio.

The fire turned into a six-alarm blaze with 30 firefighters from three different agencies — Homedale, Marsing and Wilder — battling the flames that sent thick, black smoke high into the air. It took crews about two hours to put out the flames, Homedale Fire Chief Scott Salutregui told reporters.

The smoke was visible for miles.

Homedale Fire was back on the scene at about 6 a.m. Friday to battle a flare-up. Tires on a front-end loader still were smoldering four hours later.

Maxwell, who has owned the business for 11 years with his sons Bill and Ray, said equipment

lost could be worth as much as \$500,000. Among the casualties were a front-end loader bought only three years ago, a cement truck and computer equipment used to run the cement batch plant behind the shop. Several pops heard during the fire probably were equipment tires exploding, Chuck Maxwell said.

No injuries were reported. Maxwell said the outcome could have been worse had the company not moved diesel fuel tanks away from the building about five years ago to make room for a semi-trailer purchased for extra storage space. The fire scorched the wall of the trailer, which Maxwell said was packed with tires.

Maxwell said that with a smooth insurance claim process he expects the business to be up and running again by the end of the month. He said that he was grateful not only for the action of fire crews but also the friends and business colleagues who had called to offer moral and material support.

Salutregui said that efforts to knock down the fire in frigid conditions were affected by the time of year. There is no fire suppression flows in that part of the county, and irrigation ditches normally used by emergency crews to get water in remote areas are dry.

A tanker from Wilder helped supply water. Homedale's tanker had to rush from the scene to be refilled early during the operation.

Homedale Police Officer Mike McFetridge was on hand to turn traffic away in both directions on Northside.

It was the second time in three months that a Homedale-area business was destroyed by fire. Alan Bahem's auto body shop on Graveyard Point Road went up in flames in September. Bahem is close to opening his business again after rebuilding.

— JPB



Company's shop a total loss

Above: A Homedale firefighter sprays water on the flames inside the shop at Owyhee Sand & Gravel.

Left: The Thursday fire spews smoke hundreds of feet into the air as a Homedale Fire Department vehicle speeds toward the scene on Northside Road.

Below: Owyhee Sand & Gravel co-owner Bill Maxwell, center, steps over a tank as he surveys the damage to the company's shop. A cement truck and front-end loader as well as the computerized controls for the cement plant (in background) all were destroyed during Thursday's blaze.



Hot fire still smolders a day later

Above: Tires from a front-end loader still smolder nearly 20 hours after crews from three firefighting agencies first extinguished the blaze at Owyhee Sand & Gravel.

Left: Flames shoot out of the roof and a window of the company's shop at the height of the fire Thursday afternoon.

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The Owyhee County Sheriff's Office requested that county residents submit their cell phone numbers for inclusion in a database of phone numbers for use with the county's new reverse 911 system. The system can automatically call phone numbers within a selected geographic area and play recorded information or instructions in an emergency. The county's first use of the system came in November, when residents of the Wilson Creek area were informed about the escape of a captive wolf.

Former Owyhee County magistrate Daniel T. Eismann became the chief justice of the Idaho Supreme Court, succeeding Gerald Schroeder.

The Owyhee Cattlemen's Association held its 129th annual convention in Silver City. Dana Rutan took the gavel from Russ Turner as president of the association. Elias and Inez Jaca received the Owyhee Cattlemen's Association's Life Member Award. Owyhee County treasurer Brenda Richards became the first woman ever named to the OCA board of directors. Richards downplayed the gender aspect of the appointment, and said that she prefers to look at it as going onto the board as a rancher, as she has always been a full partner in the cattle business she and her husband Tony have operated for 23 years.

Homedale mayor Paul Fink suffered a mild heart attack an hour before a July 26 city council meeting. The 69-year-old mayor missed the Thursday council meeting, but was recovered sufficiently to play a round of golf on Saturday, and apparently made a complete recovery.

The Bureau of Land Management captured 295 wild horses in the Black Mountain and Hardtrigger Herd Management Areas in Owyhee County. The agency removed 254 animals to bring the wild herds to proper management levels, and vaccinated the rest before returning them to the wild. The mustangs that were removed were offered for adoption, and any horses not adopted were transported to long-term holding facilities.

August

Henry Smith, 15, died in Bruneau after being accidentally shot in the head by his 17-year-old step-nephew. The 17-year-old boy was found innocent of involuntary manslaughter in a November trial.

Homedale lawyer Dan C. Grober was appointed to the position of Owyhee County magistrate judge.

The Owyhee County Fair and Rodeo had its annual run, with this year's theme being "Fun — any way you stack it." The event coped with several power outages and nearly went off without the traditional parade. The parade had been put on hold

as the fair board, operating with new personnel, concentrated on the attempt to finance a livestock barn expansion, which was ultimately postponed. In the end, Homedale business owner Laura Anderson volunteered to coordinate the parade, and it went off successfully with Wendell Hyer as grand marshal. The rodeo's schedule was severely disrupted by the power outages, but the event was still the largest ever thanks in part to a contract to televise the final round live on KTRV Fox 12 television.

A rash of vandalism caused more than \$4,000 in damage in Marsing, and the city responded by limiting access to City Park's restroom facilities and passing an ordinance to close the park at dusk.

The South Board of Control terminated its contract with attorney Bruce Smith and hired attorney Albert P. Barker. The board also resolved to retain tape recordings of meetings for a period of 30 days after meeting minutes are approved. The board had discussed permanent retention of meeting recordings, but was advised by Barker of his feeling that permanent recordings inhibit frank discussions and provide fodder for those who might wish to sue the board.

A proposed Melba Cottage Library taxing district measure was defeated, despite an overall vote of 155-54 in favor of the proposal. Idaho Code requires a majority in all counties affected by a proposed measure, and the vote was 12-8 against in Ada County. Melba Cottage Library board co-chair Alicia Cowger said that the group would probably petition again, and next time create a taxing district including only Canyon and Owyhee counties.

Homedale Police, acting on a citizen's tip, arrested Gregorio Diaz-Monreal on charges of kidnapping and lewd conduct with a minor. Diaz-Monreal, 27, was found with a 15-year-old runaway from Las Vegas who was listed on the Web site of the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. Diaz-Monreal pleaded guilty in December to a charge of statutory rape with the kidnapping charge dismissed. His sentencing is scheduled for February.

Marsing Middle School, which hosts middle school special education classes for the Canyon-Owyhee School Services Agency, installed a 1,792-square-foot modular building to meet the needs of an increasing number of students.

Paul's Market completed its Homedale store renovation with the opening of a pharmacy. Moxie Java, Producers Supply Co-Op, and The Hair Depot all celebrated grand openings at Homedale locations.

September

Alan Bahem's auto body shop on Graveyard Point Road was



severely damaged by fire. The Homedale Fire Department, using all of its vehicles and 16 firemen, extinguished the fire in about 45 minutes, but the main workroom of the shop and a near-fully restored Ford Model A were destroyed.

Gary Hubler, 51, who operated Valley Air Service, Inc. in Homedale and Caldwell, died as the result of a mid-air collision during a heat of the 44th annual Reno National Air Races. Hubler died while competing for his sixth consecutive Formula 1 national championship at the Reno races.

Owyhee County Sheriff's Posse members rescued three Boise boys attending an astronomy party at Bruneau Dunes State Park after the boys spent the night lost in the dunes. Colton Grainger, Daniel Vega-Myhre, and Alec Ward were attending the 23rd annual Idaho Star Party presented by the Boise Astronomical Society at Bruneau Dunes Observatory when they became lost. Posse members Jason Ineck and Tony Malmberg eventually found them after an 8-hour search.

A Homedale High School freshman suffered a fractured skull, and five other students were injured when their homecoming float came unhitched and crashed. Martha Benitez was critically injured when she fell off the float as it broke away from the Ford Explorer that had been towing it toward the staging area for the parade.

The Bureau of Land Management presented a four-year, \$23 million plan to rehabilitate fire-ravaged areas of Owyhee County and Elko County in Nevada. The plan includes the expected two-year rest period for grazing allotments damaged by fire, and massive reseeding efforts.

Officials cut the ribbon on a new community walking track at Homedale Elementary School. The track is the result of the efforts of elementary school teacher Dan Moore, who secured a \$22,500 grant for its construction from the Idaho Women's Charitable Foundation. Moore's student walking group, the Walking, Talking Trojans, has logged more than 50,000 miles in the past six years.

the Homedale Senior Citizens Center to collect pledges for the senior center's Meals on Wheels program. The 5-mile "Rolling for Meals on Wheels" jaunt brought in more than \$1,000 for the program.

The Board of Commissioners approved a \$30,000 expenditure to hire an assistant prosecuting attorney, mainly to ensure that an attorney is available on Mondays for Magistrate Court and meetings of the Board of Commissioners, which run concurrently.

October

A long-standing protocol dispute between the Owyhee County Coroner and the Owyhee County Sheriff's Office was aired publicly when coroner Harvey Grimme confirmed that he suggested in an August article in the Mountain Home News that sheriff's office personnel may have destroyed evidence in the recovery of Wyoming trucker Dewey W. Lee's body from the Snake River. The dispute, which both offices acknowledge has been ongoing for at least two decades, centers on the interpretation of Idaho Law regarding deaths not attended by a physician for which the cause cannot be immediately certified by a physician. Idaho Code 19-4301(2) says that the county coroner must refer the investigation to the law enforcement agency controlling the jurisdiction in which the death occurred. Grimme believes that the coroner must be summoned to the scene prior to referring investigation to law enforcement; the sheriff's office believes that the coroner need not be present for the recovery of a body by sheriff's personnel.

Owyhee County Commissioners denied a petition to open Flint

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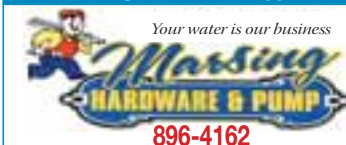
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Creek Road and part of Bachman Grade Road to off-highway vehicles as requested by the Owyhee County Ridge Runners OHV club.

Idaho Pizza Co. opened a franchise in Homedale.

Homedale, Marsing, and Grand View joined with the Canyon County towns of Greenleaf, Melba, Parma, and Wilder in launching the Western Alliance for Economic Development. The cities will each contribute \$1 per resident to fund the organization's efforts to strengthen the region's business community. Mike Pollard, former executive director of the Caldwell Chamber of Commerce, coordinates the Western Alliance through Sage Community Resources of Garden City.

The Homedale City Council passed a resolution setting the boundaries to be covered by a proposed \$500,000 Idaho Department of Commerce community block grant. The area extends roughly from Airport Way to West Third Street North between Idaho Avenue and Owyhee Avenue. Councilman Tim Downing cast the only dissenting vote, as he had safety concerns about the development of the intersection of Idaho Avenue and U.S. 95.

Three reports of overdue hunters and another hunter's request for assistance on the same weekend strained the resources of the Owyhee County Sheriff's Office and Posse, but in the end, all parties made it safely home.

The revamped Marsing Chamber of Commerce held a highly successful inaugural Pumpkin Harvest Fest. Between 150 and 300 visitors attended the parade and celebration at City Park.

A Homedale FFA chapter team consisting of Anna Salas, Summer Megargee, Kortney Bahem, and Alysha Bahem won the FFA Range state championship in Burley, and earned a berth in the national range and land judging career development event in Oklahoma City next May.

A Nampa man, Manuel Omar

Avila, 20, led Homedale Police and Owyhee County Sheriff's Office deputies on a chase from Homedale to Marsing at speeds of up to 110 mph before crashing his Pontiac Grand Prix into a farm truck on Main Street in Marsing. Avila was arrested in December in Caldwell and charged with the murder of 26-year-old Mario Gonzalez in Nampa.

Homedale city councilman Steve Schultz resigned two months short of completing his first term of office, after the expansion of his business forced him to move outside Homedale's city limits.

School administrators from Bolivia, Ecuador, and Venezuela spent a week observing classes in the Homedale School District as part of a delegation of 21 South American administrators who took part in a civic education and school curriculum program sponsored by the Idaho Human Rights Education Center, the AFS Intercultural Global Leap program, and the U.S. Department of State.

Isaac Gordon, 23, of Kuna, was hired as a patrol deputy by the Owyhee County Sheriff's Office to replace Perry Grant, who joined the Homedale Police Department in July. Gordon had been a detention deputy for five years in Ada County and Lake County, Calif., prior to moving to patrol duty.

November

Voters embraced change in Owyhee County, as two new mayors and eight new city council members were chosen in elections around the county. Five-term Homedale mayor Paul Fink lost to challenger Harold Wilson by a tally of 130-109. Marsing incumbent Don Osterhoudt declined to seek another term in office, and Keith Green defeated James E. Thomas by a vote of 92-51 to succeed Osterhoudt. The only mayor to remain in office was Grand View's Paul Spang, who garnered 56 votes while running unopposed.

In city council elections,

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In Remembrance

Notable people with Owyhee County ties who passed away in 2007, including the date of their death and age:

Wilbur W. Mancke, Jan. 21, 90

Prominent Homedale businessman in the 1940s and early 1950s. Co-owned John Deere dealership in Homedale, which later became Campbell Tractor Co. Died in Salem, Ore.

John E. Matteson, Feb. 5, 91

Former Homedale businessman and 50-year member of volunteer fire departments in Homedale (honored for 50) and Wilder. Fire chief for 20 years.

Ross A. Clevenger, Feb. 8, 21

Melba soldier, Marsing High graduate, killed in Anbar Province of Iraq by an improvised explosive device (IED).

John Prescott, Feb. 14, 86

Served as Marsing Police Chief, Owyhee County Sheriff's Office chief deputy and Canyon County Sheriff during 40-year law enforcement career, retiring in 1985. Moved to Opaline area at age 20.

Kenneth W. Roth, Feb. 24, 82

World-famous smokejumper pilot and bush pilot from Homedale. Died in Missoula, Mont.

Edwin Stansell, March 29, 91

Longtime Homedale farmer. Served on Gem Irrigation District Board (1952-79), including several terms as chair. Former member of board of directors for Western Idaho Potato Growers Association. Former Homedale City Council member

Deward X. Bell, March 30, 83

Former Homedale schools superintendent and Homedale High School principal, teacher and coach of football, basketball, baseball and track and field

Gene L. Lewis, April 8, 82

Murphy resident, renowned buckaroo and show horse trainer. American Horse Shows Association Medal of Honor winner, 1982. California Professional Horseman's Association Lifetime Achievement Award honoree, 2005. Idaho Horse Council Idaho Legend and Idaho Horseman of the Year in 2006. World War II veteran.

Willard R. Cravens, April 14, 92

Former storeowner in Walters Ferry.

Kathy M. Simpson, April 24, 66

Co-owner of Homedale video rental business, Reel Time Video.

Jon Raymond Johnston, April 28, 48

Part-owner of Snake River Mart in Marsing.

Leonard Ray Young, May 25, 77

Former owner of Homedale-area market Young's Corner.

Lawrence M. Lineberger, May 26, 91

Homedale High School Class of 1933 salutatorian.

Charles (Chuck) E. Yost, June 11, 76

Served as Zone 3 Homedale School Board member for 14 years, resigning in 1984.

Michael Leavitt, June 17, 63

Homedale High School graduate who went on to serve as a magistrate for the U.S. District Court in Eastern Washington. Died at Yakima Valley Memorial Hospital as a result of complications from lymphoma.

Jack David Dickey, July 19, 73

Twenty-seven-year veteran of Homedale Police Department and Korean War veteran.

Leslie Lee Ford, July 22, 82

Operated Quarter Horse Bar in Homedale during the 1960s and 1970s.

Lillian Lequerica, Aug. 25, 81

Member of family that founded Lequerica Bros. sheep ranch in Arock, Ore.

Ellen Miller Wiley Corta, Aug. 18, 93

Arock, Ore., postmaster from 1944 into the 1970s, former Marsing Elementary School teacher.

Jeremy A. Perkins, Aug. 31, 23

Former Homedale High School wrestler who won the District III 125-pound wrestling championship in 2003 and finished third at the state championship meet that year.

Juanita Johnstone, Sept. 4, 83

Named Honorary Life Member of Owyhee Cattlemen's Association in 2005.

Michael Asa Brown, Sept. 4, 65

Homedale resident who traveled to Thailand for experimental stem-cell transplant to fight heart disease.

Clinton Allen Seiders Jr., Sept. 5, 28

Adrian, Ore.-area rodeo cowboy nicknamed "Squeak."

Lodice Grant, Oct. 10, 70

Wife of Owyhee Initiative Chairman Fred Grant.

Junior Glynn Plumb, Nov. 29, 83

Former Marsing resident best-known for running the "Denio Stage," hauling freight and mail for 45 years between Nevada towns of Winnemucca and Denio.

C. Robert "Bob" Yost, Nov. 30, 87

Former Canyon County prosecuting attorney who coached and taught at Marsing High School for a time.

J. Max Collett, Dec. 7, 81

Grand View farmer and co-founder of Valley Medical Clinic in that town. World War II Navy veteran.



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Homedale's Aaron Tines (221) and Eino Hendrickson (117) earned the open seats. Stella Bush and Marie Herman ran for two open seats in Marsing, so a single vote was all either candidate needed for election. Bush received 113 votes and Herman got 41. Write-in candidates Patricia Beaman and Linda Lewis each garnered nine votes for the two available four-year terms on the Grand View council. Incumbent write-in candidate Bill Lawrence received 14 votes for a four-year seat, but all were disqualified because he was running for a two-year seat. Lawrence received only two votes for the two-year seat, and was defeated by Opal Ward (47 votes) and Marie Hipwell (44). Lewis subsequently resigned her seat on the day election results were certified, and Spang appointed Lawrence to fill the vacancy.

Grand View residents voted down proposals to consolidate the city's water and sewer associations and fund federally mandated improvements to the city's water system by identical 37-33 margins.

Dennis Turner unseated Dan Felty in the race for the Gem Irrigation District division 3 director's seat by a vote of 223-176.

With mayor-elect Harold Wilson stating his belief that the 7-acre parcel of land near the Homedale airport should be reserved for airport development, and council members opposed to a major construction project centered on the improvement of the intersections of U.S. Highway 95, East Idaho Avenue, and Airport Way, the Homedale City Council voted unanimously to table the city's application for a \$498,600 Idaho Community Development Block Grant. Homedale's chances of being awarded the grant may be considerably dimmed, as Idaho Department of Commerce community development specialist Pat Madarieta said that his agency likes to see its grant money leveraged against private investment money, and the initial proposal listed a \$6 million investment by Burley-based Kings Discount Department Stores — an investment that will not come if the seven acres are dedicated to airport expansion.

A requirement that federal agencies review lease agreements every five years may cause a drop

in the level of service provided by the Owyhee Conservation District. The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Farm Service Agency and Natural Resources Conservation Service recently moved from a 4,000-square-foot building owned by the OCD on Reich Street in Marsing to a new, 2,500-square-foot building on Old Bruneau Road in Marsing that a district official said was built specifically to meet federal contract requirements.

In order to maintain the current level of communication with the federal agencies, the OCD moved to the new location as well. OCD services will be reduced by the amount in rent no longer taken in at its building and rent now paid at the new building.

The OCD will attempt to reduce its shortfall by leasing or selling its building. According to Owyhee County Clerk Charlotte Sherburn, the county is looking into the possibility of purchasing the building to house some county offices. That's just one option the county commissioners are mulling because District 1 Commissioner Hal Tolmie is backing a plan to build a new county annex a piece of land the City of Homedale donated late in the year. The land is located on the controversial 7-acre plot near Homedale Municipal Airport.

Owyhee County Commissioners approved the purchase of more than 1,300 acres of Bureau of Land Management land on Elephant Butte near Marsing as the future site of a county landfill. The \$204,513.43 purchase price will be funded from the county's Hazardous Materials Trust. Idaho Code 39-4432 requires that Hazardous Materials funds be used "to respond to health and environmental problems which may be caused by hazardous waste emergencies or spills, or improperly handled or packaged hazardous waste." Commissioners said that the landfill fits within those parameters because it will be used as a temporary storage facility for hazardous materials in the event of an emergency, and will be equipped to be a disposal site for hazardous waste such as motor oil, paint, dairy waste, and asbestos.

A Homedale sewer improvement project that began with the passage of a \$2.1 million bond in May of 2006 was completed, resulting in the capacity to deal



with a population of 4,000 people. The improvements doubled the system's former capacity.

The U.S. Supreme Court declined to hear a case to decide whether or not two Owyhee County ranches could recover attorney fees after defeating the Bureau of Land Management in a water rights case in state court. The Equal Access to Justice Act allows individuals and small businesses to recover attorney fees when they win cases against the government in federal courts, and the ranches, LU Ranching Co., and Joyce Livestock Co., sought to have the same standard applied to cases settled in state court. The Supreme Court's refusal to hear the case means that, even though the ranches were proven right in their water rights claims against the BLM, they may be forced out of business by the combined \$1.5 million in attorney fees incurred during the fight.

A horse dragged as far as a mile behind a pickup and trailer in a "horrific accident" outside Homedale on Nov. 24 suffered injuries so serious that the animal had to be euthanized. The other horse broke away from the trailer shortly after the driver began to pull away and suffered unspecified injuries. No charges were filed in the incident, as there was no intent to injure the animals — a stipulation required for animal cruelty charges, and any question as to the unnamed driver's possible state of intoxication could not be answered when the incident was reported, three days after it occurred.

December

A captive wolf that escaped from its enclosure on Oct. 29 was located near the junction of Idaho highways 45 and 78 by Owyhee County Sheriff's Deputy Aron Streibel on Dec. 2. Idaho Department of Fish and Game Conservation Officer Matt Erickson shot and killed the animal after he and Streibel determined that it could not be safely tranquilized.

The wolf's destruction ended an intense search for the animal that involved the sheriff's office, Idaho Fish and Game, the U.S.

Department of Agriculture's Idaho Wildlife Services Office, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and included a concerted effort to capture the animal alive. Officials confirmed that the wolf killed at least one sheep and wounded two others after its escape, and was suspected of killing three calves.

The wolf was one of 20 kept in enclosures on a 2-acre property on China Ditch Road in the Wilson Creek area by Sandra Knox. According to Sheriff Gary Aman, Knox also keeps on the property seven bobcats, four wolf-dog hybrids, several dogs, numerous hedgehogs, and 65 cats.

Sommer Construction of Nampa submitted the low bid for the upgrade of Homedale's water system. City officials were pleasantly surprised as the bid, expected to be around \$1.8 million, came in at \$1,159,126. In fact, all but one of the 18 bids received came in under the \$1.8 million mark. Pipe, Inc., of Nampa initially challenged Sommer's bid, marking the second consecutive bid opening to be marred by controversy, but later withdrew its protest.

A string of burglaries and a home invasion robbery in the Givens Hot Springs area were solved in a cooperative effort involving the Owyhee County Sheriff's Office, the Elmore County Sheriff, the Canyon County Sheriff, and Nampa Police. Josh Larrea, Anthony Bernal, and Jennifer Humphrey were arrested in Nampa and charged with the crimes.

Owyhee County announced that it now can accept property tax payments via credit and debit card through the state agency Access Idaho.

More than 20 airport tenants, community leaders, and concerned citizens attended a meeting to discuss the future of Homedale's airport. Attendees created an airport advisory board to assist the city in addressing issues regarding future development of the airport.

The net market value of property in Owyhee County jumped 34.7 percent in the last year, from \$457.2 million to \$615.7 million, driving up tax bills almost across

the board throughout the county, in some cases even where levy percentage rates declined. For example, Homedale's city levy dropped from 6.04 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value to 4.9 cents per \$1,000, but a 32.3 percent increase in the assessed value of property gives the city a 7.6 percent increase in tax revenue. The Marsing Fire District is an exception. The net value of property in the district rose 35.9 percent, but a drop in the levy from 0.58 cents per \$1,000 to 0.14 cents per \$1,000 results in a drop in tax revenue from \$130,055 to \$44,514.

Owyhee County TRIAD awarded Homedale Police Officer Mike McFetridge and Owyhee County Sheriff's Deputy Aron Streibel plaques as law enforcement officers of the year. Both men were involved in life-saving incidents in 2007. McFetridge performed the Heimlich Manuever on a choking 1-year-old in January, and Streibel rushed a family out of a mobile home filled with carbon monoxide in February.

Marsing's water system improvement project suffered a series of setbacks and delays, including a contract revision adding \$144,800 to the project's cost and the decision to drill another well at a cost of \$90,000 in October. In December, the project suffered another blow when the city learned that it may have to add another pump to the facility at a cost of around \$100,000.

Homedale hosted the Owyhee Energy Summit. The event was attended by officials representing a wide variety of energy industry perspectives, from traditional mainstream to nuclear, biomass, geothermal, and even a view that "Owyhee County could be the Saudi Arabia of Idaho energy production" through the implementation of wind energy production. Nuclear power was at the forefront of discussion, however, due to the possibility of two nuclear power plants being constructed in southwest Idaho in the not-too-distant future.

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Teams tasted success in 2007

The second half of 2007 brought more new faces and more state postseason appearances for Owyhee-area high schools.

Homedale High School hired a new baseball coach and welcomed both new coaches in football, volleyball, girls soccer and girls basketball to their respective seasons.

Jordan Valley's football and girls basketball teams opened their seasons with new coaches, too.

Adrian's falls squads — football and volleyball — returned to the 1A Oregon state playoffs, as did Jordan Valley's volleyball squad.

Homedale's football team reached the 3A state playoffs for the first time since 2003.

July

Jordan Valley High School's Bailey Kershner was named the MVP for the 1A East team at the Oregon State All-Star basketball weekend. Fellow Mustangs senior Michelle Elsner was also named to the 1A East all-star team.

Homedale High School baseball players Ryan Johnson, Ryan Davis, and Darren Burdine were named to the 3A Snake River Valley All-Conference second team. Johnson, a senior, batted .350 on the season, while Burdine, a senior co-op player from Notus, hit .341. A sophomore, Davis stole 20 bases and batted a team-high .439.

Snake River Valley Youth Baseball League Minors Division team Marsing 1 completed a perfect season by defeating Wilder in the championship game of the season-ending tournament.

Tyler Maxwell led a contingent of 12 first-timers in the field of 26 competitors at the silver anniversary Homedale Lions Club Fourth of July Demolition Derby. Maxwell, 18, drove his 1976 Chrysler



New Yorker to victory and picked up the winner's check for \$1,360. Fellow rookie Daniel Ineck won the consolation heat and a \$300 prize.

Homedale's 12U Babe Ruth all-star softball team won the state championship in Boise and won its first two games in the northwest regional tournament in Hoquiam, Wash., before being eliminated. The team finished with a 22-2 record in Babe Ruth play, and 22-5 overall.

Caba's ended Panzeri Livestock's three-year reign as champions of the Percifield Memorial softball tournament, and in doing so also thwarted Panzeri's effort to break a tie with Pour House as the tournament's all-time winningest team.

Caba's won its fourth championship. Panzeri and Pour House have each won five tournament titles.

Homedale High School graduate Bryan Martinat finished 12th in the saddle bronc event at the National High School Finals Rodeo in Springfield, Ill.

August

The Oreana area hosted elite endurance horse riders from around the world for the 2007 American Endurance Ride Conference National Championships. The championships featured 55- and 100-mile endurance horse races. Colorado's Bob Stellar and his horse Majestic Star won the 55-mile event in 4 hours, 57 minutes. John Crandell III, of Virginia, and his horse Heraldic won the 100-mile event in 9-hours, 19 minutes.

September

Nestor Machuca scored twice, and Dustin Regis added a goal in the Homedale boys soccer team's 3-1 win over Fruitland in a season opener.

Parma spoiled David Hann's debut as Homedale volleyball coach with a 25-18, 25-19, 25-21 non-conference victory on the Trojans' floor.

The Homedale football snapped a five-game losing streak and got Rob Kassebaum his first victory as Trojans coach in a 41-6 non-conference pasting of New Plymouth. Junior Rodrigo Villarreal scored two touchdowns and notched an interception to set up a third score.

Upstart Rimrock lost to the state's No. 1 1A, Div. I football team as Council posted a 43-8 victory in the conference opener for both schools.

Jessica Eubanks scored the game-winner with 10 minutes left to give Homedale girls soccer coach Kirt Stragey his first victory, 2-1, over 4A Nampa at Sundance Park.

Twenty-one schools descended on Homedale Middle School for the Homedale Invitational cross country meet, which continues to grow in popularity. Coach Nick Schamber had limited the field to

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Marsing soars past Jordan Valley

Jordan Valley High School's Brandan Mackenzie looks for cover as Marsing boys basketball player Taylor Nielsen leans in for a layup during the Huskies' victory Saturday in their own tournament.

Huskies endure a chilly Classic

Boys overcome
shooting woes,
break Mustangs

Marsing High School has struggled with poor shooting all season. Saturday's final game of the boys varsity portion of the Husky Holiday Classic basketball tournament was no exception.

The Huskies shot just 26 percent from the field against Jordan Valley. The difference in Marsing's 61-51 victory was that the team raised its level of play in virtually every other area.

The Huskies (2-7 overall) out-rebounded the taller Mustangs (10-2), 55-50. They scored 20 points off turnovers while Jordan Valley scored three. They went 19-for-30 from the free-throw line while Jordan Valley made five of 17. Marsing came up with 19 steals to just four for the Mustangs. And although there is no

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Bad quarter
bounces struggling
girls again

The Marsing girls basketball team looked like it might have shaken its tendency to be badly outplayed in one quarter of every game Saturday.

The Huskies took a 25-24 lead into the fourth quarter against McCall-Donnelly finale of the Husky Holiday Classic. But Marsing saved the worst for last. The Vandals outscored Marsing 11-3 in the final period to hand the Huskies their 11th loss in a dozen tries, 35-28.

Don Heller said that the inconsistency is because of the team's youth.

"It's the kids," the veteran Marsing coach said.

His team has two freshmen and a sophomore in the starting lineup, and has lost senior leader Holly

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Sports



Homedale boys come back on Cole Valley

John Bittick sinks a shot over the defense of Cole Valley Christian defender Jacob Mouser in Homedale High School's 56-47 non-conference boys basketball victory Saturday in Meridian. Homedale stormed back for the win in the fourth quarter behind Austin Emry, who finished with 22 points. Homedale trailed by 11 points heading into the final period, but outscored the Chargers 26-6 in the final eight minutes. The Trojans (6-3) take on Parma in another non-conference game Friday night in Homedale. Photo by Gregg Garrett

Trojans, Huskies tackle Lane

While a handful of Homedale High School wrestlers enter this weekend's Rollie Lane Invitational with some unfinished business, the Marsing team is looking at a new experience.

The Trojans have long been a mainstay at the massive Rollie Lane, which begins Friday afternoon at the Idaho Center. While this is the fourth year for Homedale coach Toby Johnson's charges, Huskies coach Rick Folwell is taking wrestlers to one of the biggest tournaments in the state for the first time.

"The main reason we're going is because it's close and our superintendent (Dr. Harold Shockley) wants us to find things close to home," Folwell said. "We prefer smaller tournaments, but this is a chance for the kids to get some experience."



Amador Cortinas



Mike Moore

More than 40 teams from three states have entered the Rollie

Lane. The wrestlers will compete in weight class pods on 10 mats beginning at 3 p.m. Friday.

Folwell said he's taking most of his team, and that the majority of athletes are going for the experience. He speculates that 145-pounder Mike Moore is the only Husky with a chance of earning a seed into one of his division's 10 pods for the first day. Only 10 wrestlers from each weight class will earn seeds, putting them at the top of each pod.

"Our team's getting bigger, so it'll be nice for them to get some experience," Folwell said. "They're always wondering how they'll do against bigger schools."

The top wrestlers from the pod portion of the tournament will advance into a 32-man bracket for one round of matches at the end of the first day.

The second day begins at 9 a.m. with a 16-man bracket and a single-elimination round. The tournament reverts back to double-elimination for the rest of Saturday's preliminary matches. The championship matches are scheduled to start at 5 p.m.

The Trojans finished tied for 11th in last year's tournament as then-senior Bryan Martinat won the 152-pound title. Another senior, Jason Christoffersen, finished fourth at 145 pounds.

Heavyweight Amador Cortinas also medaled, picking up a fifth-

place showing after a 5-2 week-end. The senior has been resting a shoulder injured before the season and hasn't seen any action yet this season.

But Johnson expects the 285-pounder to make his 2007-08 debut in Nampa on Friday.

"He's signed up, and we're going to see how it goes and see how it feels," Johnson said.

Three other Homedale wrestlers reached the second day of action in 2007 — Frankie Obregon at 125, Danny Zenor at 130 and Jaime Uriarte at 285 — and all three will be looking to improve on their 2007 experience.

Johnson is confident about his entire roster, and he hesitates to point out individual wrestlers. But he did say that Obregon, Uriarte and Justin Ensley have a shot at making some noise in Nampa, as does Zenor.

"A lot of it depends on your pool," Johnson said of the tough tournament.

Homedale's coach sees the Rollie Lane as a springboard to the meat of his team's schedule. The Trojans wrestle at tournaments nearly every weekend until the end of the season.

"This will give these guys some good mat time, especially the juniors," Johnson said. "And it's an opportunity to start turning it up for the tournaments ahead."

— JPB

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
Tuesday, Jan. 8, home vs. Fruitland

BOYS BASKETBALL

Game times (unless noted):
Varsity, 7:30 p.m.; junior varsity, 6 p.m.; freshman, 4:45 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 4, home vs. Parma
Monday, Jan. 7, home vs. Cole Valley Christian

WRESTLING

Friday-Saturday, Jan. 4-5, Rollie Lane Tournament, Idaho Center, Nampa

OWYHEE AUTO SUPPLY 337-4668	HOMEDALE CHIROPRACTIC CENTER J. Edward Perkins, Jr. D.C. 337-4900	Farm Bureau Insurance Company 337-4041
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Marsing Huskies

BOYS BASKETBALL

Game times (unless noted):
Varsity, 7:30 p.m.; junior varsity, 6 p.m.; freshman, 4:45 p.m.
Jan. 10 at New Plymouth

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Game times (unless noted):
Varsity, 7:30 p.m.; junior varsity, 6 p.m.; freshman, 4:45 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 5 at Nampa Christian
Tuesday, Jan. 8, home vs. Cole Valley Christian

WRESTLING

Friday-Saturday, Jan. 4-5, Rollie Lane Tournament, Idaho Center, Nampa
Tuesday, Jan. 8 at Melba

Marsing HARDWARE & PUMP 896-4162	NAPA AUTO PARTS 896-4185
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20 teams, but he let in one squad that didn't get the memo when its athletes showed up on the day of the meet.

Homecoming king Ethan Sauer gained 206 yards and scored a touchdown as Marsing beat Glenns Ferry 36-29.

Tony Martinat made his retirement as Homedale wrestling assistant coach official.

Organizers kicked off a new youth flag football league in Homedale.

Kyle Rogers' 428 yards rushing weren't enough to push Adrian past Spray-Mitchell in a 40-36 High Desert League shoot-out loss.

Four players from Homedale's junior varsity volleyball team were suspended for undisclosed violations.

Rimrock's Ricardo Araujo rushed for 383 yards and five touchdowns in a 50-19 victory over Cascade

October

Homedale's runners finished third in the SRV championship meet at River Bend Golf Course in Wilder. Junior Tyler Gibson finished sixth.

Jordan Valley's football team continued to struggle under first-year head coach Tim McBride, but the Mustangs scored their first touchdowns of the league season in a 46-12 loss to Prairie City.

Rimrock's volleyball team beat Meadows Valley to earn a spot in the 1A District III Tournament.

A tough defensive showing and touchdowns from Trent Acree and Rodrigo Villarreal (who also had 168 yards rushing) fueled Homedale's 14-0 victory over McCall-Donnelly at Deward Bell Stadium. The win put the Trojans into the 3A football state playoffs for the first time since 2003.

Marsing's own defensive prowess set up an 21-18 victory to stopped state-ranked Nampa Christian's perfect season. The Huskies limited the Trojans to 25 yards in the second half.

In cross country, Homedale's Tyler Gibson earned a berth in the 3A state championship meet.

Homedale-area resident Kendra Graber, a freshman, earned a spot in the 1A/2A state meet for Greenleaf Friends Academy.

Homedale's first appearance in the state football playoffs since 2003 was a short one as the Trojans were sent packing by Buhl, 34-0. The Trojans finished the season at 3-6.

November

Adrian High School won the 1A High Desert League volleyball crown, then advanced to the Oregon state championship game before bowing to a Dufur squad that won its third state championship in four years. Antelopes senior Paige Branstiter was named championship match co-MVP with Dufur's Kelsey Reffert. Branstiter and Adrian junior McKenzie Purnell were named to the all-tournament team.

Jordan Valley, the 2006 1A Oregon state volleyball champion, earned its third consecutive berth in the state playoffs, but was eliminated in the first round by Condon-Wheeler. Kayla Cuvelier and Elisa Eiguren were named to the All-District 8 team, and Nickie Naegle was a District 8 all-tournament selection.

Adrian's Branstiter and Purnell, and Jordan Valley's Cuvelier, Naegle, and Jessica White made the All-HDL volleyball first team. Antelopes Kassi Daugherty, Kirsten Phillips, and Andrea Shenk were placed on the second team, while Eiguren and Adrian's Jayna Witty earned honorable mention.

Rimrock High School volleyball players Anna Cantrell and Shelby Chandler were first-team picks for the 1A Western Idaho Conference all-conference team. Jackie Thurman made the second team, and Ellie Cantrell earned honorable mention. Chandler, Ellie Cantrell, and Sadie Timmons were named to the 1A District III senior all-star team.

Adrian's football team earned a berth in the 1A Oregon state playoffs, but ran into eventual state champ Mohawk in the first round. The Indians set an all-classification playoff scoring record in a



90-12 romp over the Antelopes.

Five Adrian football players were named first-team All-HDL: Running back and kick returner Kyle Rogers, receiver and defensive back David Meyers, guard George Ellsworth, defensive end Colton Wynn, and linebacker Kyle Dondero. Quarterback Blake Ishida, running back Kyle Osborn, center Chance Wood, guard Dondero, offensive end Wynn, defensive tackle J.J. Stephens, and defensive end Ellsworth made the second team. Defensive backs Ishida, Rogers, and Levi Jones, defensive tackle Daniel Lode, and kicker Dondero earned honorable mention.

Jordan Valley's Tad Jones was named to the All-HDL second team at receiver, and defensive end Koehl Trautman earned honorable mention.

Marsing High School junior volleyball player Kaitie Kent earned first-team all-conference honors in the 2A Western Idaho Conference, while senior Amanda Staudenmier earned honorable mention and was named to the 2A District III all-senior team.

Four Homedale volleyball players earned All-SRV honors. Rachel Wheeler made the first team, Mandy Brasher was a second-teamer, and Corey Hall and Nina Bell were honorable mention.

Homedale's Amador Cortinas and Jaime Uriarte were invited to play for the West team in the 12th annual District III El-Korah Shrine All-Star 11-man football

game. Marsing's Ethan Sauer was also named to that squad, while Rimrock's Nate Hofer, Carlos Salinas, and Jose Araujo made the eight-man West roster.

Uriarte, Zach Tolmie, and Rodrigo Villarreal were named to the first team of the All-SRV football squad at offensive lineman, defensive back, and kick returner, respectively. Villarreal earned second-team accolades at running back, defensive back, and kicker, while receiver Trent Acree, tight end Grant Sweet, defensive end Micheal Wilhelm, and linebacker Daniel Valadez also made the second team and defensive tackle Cortinas, center Mario Gaeta, quarterback Ryan Ryska, and linebacker Sam Hart earned honorable mention.

Eight Marsing Huskies earned spots on the 2A WIC all-conference team. Martin Galvez made the first team as both offensive and defensive lineman. Ethan Sauer was a first-team running back and an honorable mention defensive back. Taylor Nielsen was a first-team tight end and second-team punter. Kalob Myers earned second-team honors at defensive back and return specialist, and honorable mention at receiver. Mike Moore was a second-team selection at running back. Logan Glenn was a second-team offensive lineman. Tyson Heller earned honorable mention at quarterback and defensive lineman, and Marcus Miller made honor-

able mention at linebacker.

Marsing won the 2A WIC Fall Sports Sportsmanship Award.

Rimrock football players Carlos Salinas, at offensive lineman, defensive lineman, and kicker, Nate Hofer at linebacker, and Ricardo Araujo at running back were named first-team 1A All-WIC performers. Raiders linebacker T.J. Snyder and defensive linemen Ethan Standlee and Sam Richardson made the second team. Offensive lineman Alex Meyers earned honorable mention.

Homedale hired a new baseball coach, Burke Deal, to replace Tim Fulwood, who had resigned earlier in the year.

December

A 23-point fourth quarter pushed Marsing to a thrilling 48-47 come-from-behind win over Nyssa for the Huskies' first boys basketball victory of the season.

Fueled by the scoring of Austin Emry and clutch shooting from Ryan Garrett and Ben Fierro, Homedale's boys basketball team opens the season on a five-game winning streak. The Trojans' junior varsity squad also had a lengthy winning streak to start the year.

The Adrian boys basketball team also won the first seven games of its season, including two tournament championships.

Homedale's girls basketball squad rebounded from a rocky start for first-year coach Jeremy Chamberlain with a modest four-game winning streak.

Jordan Valley's boys basketball team opened the season by winning nine of its first 10 games, while the Mustangs girls squad, under new head coach Doug Rutan, tried to keep pace with unbeaten Adrian in the High Desert League's East Division.

Homedale Middle School's wrestlers finished fifth in the Snake River Valley conference meet they hosted.

Justin Ensley, Rowdy Lair and Jaime Uriarte won weight-class championships as Homedale's wrestlers finished third at the Mac-Hi Tournament in Milton-Freewater, Ore.

— RTH

Marsing wrestling: Team will struggle as individuals shine

Marsing High School's wrestling season again will be more about individual accomplishments than team success, as forfeits in some weight classes will hamper the team in dual meets, according to coach Rick Folwell.

"One of the reasons I really like wrestling is that it is not just about team score, but we get to celebrate individual victories and progress," Folwell said.

The coach thinks that the Huskies will come up with some great individual efforts.

"We have some returning wrestlers who

will do well, and a few first-time guys that may surprise some people," Folwell said.

Folwell's squad of 20 includes eight returning lettermen. Three of the veteran Huskies qualified for state last season: Junior Carlos Ceballos at 215 pounds, senior Kris Young (140), and junior Mike Moore, who placed sixth at State last season at 145 pounds. The other returners are sophomore Brandon Walgamott at 152, junior Andre Heidt at 171, sophomore John Heidt at 215, and junior Logan Glenn at 285.

The coach is looking for good performances from newcomers Matt

Merritt at 125 pounds, Francisco Martinez at 152, and Derek Dayton at 215.

Folwell said that the team should do better this year, because almost all of last year's team is back, and there are more wrestlers this year at the heavier weights.

The Huskies lost only one wrestler from last year to graduation, Michael Tuckness at 189 pounds.

"He was a strong wrestler," Folwell said, "but we hope to move Carlos Ceballos to 189 to take his place."

In early action this season, Folwell said that the Huskies wrestled well at the Melba

Jamboree, and struggled at Nyssa.

"At Melba, we did really well," Folwell said. "We had some new guys that found out why we push them so hard to be in shape. Mike Moore took first at Nyssa at 152. We had many kids who were out with low grades and injuries, so hopefully we will have more placers at upcoming tournaments."

Among the upcoming tournaments are a duals meet Jan. 12 hosted by the Huskies. Marsing will also host the 2A Western Idaho Conference tournament on Feb. 16.

— RTH

Sports

✓ Girls: Huskies unable to prevail in rough outing vs. McCall-Donnelly



Marsing girls battle McCall-Donnelly
Guard Elisa Moreno stretches for a shot over a McCall-Donnelly defender during the Marsing High School girls basketball team's game against the 3A Vandals on Saturday at the Husky Holiday Classic.

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Heller for much of the season to illness. In most games, the team has been competitive for three of four quarters. In one quarter, however, the team has had a hard time scoring.
Against Vale, Ore., on Friday, The Huskies managed just one point in the first quarter, and were down 10-1. The Huskies were outscored just 38-36 in the last three quarters of their 48-37 loss to the Vikings.

The Huskies managed to get to halftime against McCall-Donnelly with the score knotted at 14, despite a triple technical foul call against Marsing in the second quarter.
In a game that was teetering on being physically out of control, Marsing senior Elisa Moreno was called for a technical after several plays where Huskies players had been knocked to the floor. Huskies coach Don Heller was given a

technical as he stepped onto the floor to discuss Moreno's T. The Marsing bench was whistled for the team's third technical foul seconds later, and officials asked Huskies boys coach Jake Walgamott to go into the crowd and ask fans to calm down, as several people in attendance were shouting their objections to the officiating.
McCall-Donnelly made two of the free throws to extend its lead to 9-6.
— RTH

✓ Boys: Icy Marsing opens with loss to M-D

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statistic for it, the Huskies played their most patient and controlled game of the season.
“It's the best they've played all year,” Marsing coach Jake Walgamott said. “Under control, being smart, they handled pressure. I can't be happier.”
Jordan Valley, which sits atop the East Division standings of Oregon's 1A High Desert League, took a 12-8 advantage after one quarter of play. In previous games, the Huskies would have tried to run, to score as quickly as possible to get back into the game. This time, the Huskies slowed down. They moved the ball around and waited for good shots.
The patience sent them on a 17-7 second-quarter run. The trend con-

tinued in the third quarter, and Marsing held a 43-29 edge going into the final eight minutes.
Jordan Valley rode Zac Fillmore's hot hand back into the game. Fillmore led all scorers with 25 points, and made several consecutive baskets as the Mustangs came back.
With 3 minutes, 15 seconds left and Marsing up 53-45, Walgamott told his players to take only lay-ins or free throws. When the Huskies missed two consecutive jump shots, the Mustangs came back to within four points. Marsing regained its composure and patience, and extended the lead to the final margin.
Marsing's leading scorers, Taylor Nielsen (23 points) and Jose Paramo (17) made key free throws down the stretch. Nielsen made nine of his 13

free throws, and Paramo was 7-for-10. Nielsen also had a dozen rebounds, while Tyson Heller had a double-double with 11 points and 11 boards.
A frigid 20 percent showing from the floor (12-for-60) froze the Huskies out in a 57-39 opening-round loss to McCall-Donnelly on Friday.
While Marsing struggled in the first half, knocking down just eight of its 33 shots, the Huskies fell off the radar after halftime. Marsing scored only 16 points in the final 16 minutes while converting just four of 27 shots (14.8 percent).
JD Leedom's 12 points led three Vandals in double figures.
Paramo and Nielsen led the way for Marsing with 11 points apiece, but they were 7-for-30 on the night.
— RTH

PREP SCOREBOARD

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	7	3					
Thursday's games									
Cascade at McCall-Donnelly									
New Plymouth at Payette									
Friday's games									
Homedale at Payette									
Vale, Ore., at Weiser									
Saturday's games									
Ontario, Ore., at Weiser									
Orofino at McCall-Donnelly									
Tuesday's games									
Fruitland at Homedale									
McCall-Donnelly at Weiser									
Last week's scores									
Husky Holiday Classic, Marsing									
Parma 36, McCall-Donnelly 34									
McCall-Donnelly 35, Marsing 28									
2A WIC		Conf.		All					
	W	L	W	L					
Parma	3	0	11	2					
Melba	2	1	5	7					
New Plymouth	2	1	8	4					
Cole Valley Chr.	1	2	4	7					
Nampa Christian	1	2	5	7					
Marsing	0	3	1	11					
Thursday's game									
New Plymouth at Payette									
Friday's game									
Melba at Nyssa, Ore.									
Saturday's games									
Marsing at Nampa Christian									
New Plymouth at Cole Valley Chr.									
Tuesday's games									
Cole Valley Christian at Marsing									
Parma at Nampa Christian									
New Plymouth at Melba									
Last week's scores									
Husky Holiday Classic, Marsing									
Vale, Ore., 48, Marsing 37									
McCall-Donnelly 35, Marsing 28									

Vale, Ore., 44, Parma 39				
Parma 36, McCall-Donnelly 34				
Non-conference				
Nampa Christian 50, Melba 47				
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
Thursday's games				
Gem State Adventist at Greenleaf				
Friends Academy				
Notus at Wilder				
Monday's games				
Rimrock at Owyhee, Nev.				
Greenleaf Friends Academy at Liberty				
Charter				
Gem State Adventist at Notus				
Idaho City at Wilder				
Tuesday's games				
Rimrock at Liberty Charter				
Greenleaf Friends Aca. at Council				
Last week's scores				
No games played				
High Desert		League		All
East	W	L	W	L
Adrian	3	0	8	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	2
Ukiah-Long Crk	1	1	1	4
Dayville-Mon.	1	1	3	1
Prairie City	1	1	2	5
Mitchell	0	3	0	4
Thursday's game				
Pine Eagle at Adrian				
Friday's games				
Mitchell at Adrian				
Spray at Jordan Valley				
Prairie City at Huntington				
Ukiah-Long Creek at Burnt River				
Crane at Powder Valley				
Dayville-Monument at Harper				
Saturday's games				
Spray at Adrian				
Mitchell at Jordan Valley				
Prairie City at Harper				
Dayville-Monument at Huntington				
Ukiah-Long Creek at Crane				
Tuesday's games				
Harper at Adrian				
Mt. Bachelor at Dayville-Monument				
Last week's scores				
Husky Holiday Classic				
Marsing 61, Jordan Valley 51				
Jordan Valley 68, Nampa Christian 65				
McCall-Donnelly 47, Nampa Chr. 43				
Non-conference				
Homedale 56, Cole Valley Chr. 47				
Fruitland Christmas Tournament				
Fruitland 67, Parma 26				
Parma 59, Baker City, Ore., 57				
Walk The Plank Tournament, Payette				
Nampa 50, New Plymouth 36				
New Plymouth 53, Payette 51				
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
Friday's games				
Greenleaf Friends Aca. at Idaho City				

Ukiah-Long Creek at Burnt River				
Crane at Powder Valley				
Dayville-Monument at Harper				
Saturday's games				
Spray at Adrian				
Mitchell at Jordan Valley				
Prairie City at Harper				
Dayville-Monument at Huntington				
Ukiah-Long Creek at Crane				
Tuesday's games				
Harper at Adrian				
Mt. Bachelor at Dayville-Monument				
Last week's scores				
Wallowa Tournament				
Joseph 47, Spray 26				
Boys basketball				
3A SRV		Conf.		All
	W	L	W	L
Fruitland	0	0	7	3
Homedale	0	0	6	3
McCall-Donnelly	0	0	6	1
Payette	0	0	5	4
Weiser	0	0	6	0
Thursday's games				
Payette at Nampa Christian				
Weiser at New Plymouth				
Cascade at McCall-Donnelly				
Friday's games				
Parma at Homedale				
Melba at Fruitland				
Weiser at Baker City, Ore.				
Saturday's games				
Melba at Payette				
Baker City, Ore., at Fruitland				
Orofino at McCall-Donnelly				
Monday's game				
Cole Valley Christian at Homedale				
Last week's scores				
Non-conference				
Homedale 56, Cole Valley Christian				
47				
Husky Holiday Classic				
McCall-Donnelly 57, Marsing 39				
McCall-Donnelly 47, Nampa Chris-				
tian 43				
Fruitland Christmas Tournament				
Fruitland 44, Vale, Ore., 21				
Fruitland 67, Parma 26				
Walk The Plank Tournament, Payette				
Nampa 50, New Plymouth 36				

Ontario, Ore., 50, Payette 37				
New Plymouth 53, Payette 51				
2A WIC		Conf.		All
	W	L	W	L
Cole Valley Chr.	0	0	4	3
Marsing	0	0	2	7
Melba	0	0	4	3
Nampa Christian	0	0	2	6
New Plymouth	0	0	3	3
Parma	0	0	1	5
Thursday's games				
Payette at Nampa Christian				
Weiser at New Plymouth				
Friday's games				
Parma at Homedale				
Melba at Fruitland				
Vale, Ore., at New Plymouth				
Nyssa, Ore., at Cole Valley Christian				
Saturday's game				
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Nyssa, Ore., at Parma				
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Husky Holiday Classic				
Marsing 61, Jordan Valley 51				
McCall-Donnelly 57, Marsing 39				
Jordan Valley 68, Nampa Christian 65				
McCall-Donnelly 47, Nampa Chr. 43				
Non-conference				
Homedale 56, Cole Valley Chr. 47				
Fruitland Christmas Tournament				
Fruitland 67, Parma 26				
Parma 59, Baker City, Ore., 57				
Walk The Plank Tournament, Payette				
Nampa 50, New Plymouth 36				
New Plymouth 53, Payette 51				
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
Friday's games				
Greenleaf Friends Aca. at Idaho City				

Liberty Charter at Notus				
Wilder at Cove, Ore.				
Tuesday's games				
Liberty Charter at Rimrock				
Greenleaf Friends Academy at Gem				
State Adventist				
Notus at Wilder				
Last week's scores				
No games scheduled				
High Desert		League		All
East	W	L	W	L
Jordan Valley	4	0	10	2
Crane	4	0	10	1
Harper	2	3	3	4
Adrian	1	2	7	4
Burnt River	1	3	2	5
Huntington	0	4	1	5
West	W	L	W	L
Spray	4	0	11	1
Prairie City	3	0	6	4
Ukiah	1	2	1	5
Mitchell	1	3	1	4
Mon.-Dayville	0	4	0	5
Thursday's game				
Pine Eagle at Adrian				
Friday's games				
Mitchell at Adrian				
Spray at Jordan Valley				
Prairie City at Huntington				
Ukiah-Long Creek at Burnt River				
Crane at Powder Valley				
Dayville-Monument at Harper				
Saturday's games				
Spray at Adrian				
Mitchell at Jordan Valley				
Prairie City at Harper				
Dayville-Monument at Huntington				
Ukiah-Long Creek at Crane				
Tuesday's games				
Harper at Adrian				
Mt. Bachelor at Dayville-Monument				
Last week's scores				
Husky Holiday Classic				
Marsing 61, Jordan Valley 51				
Jordan Valley 68, Nampa Christian 65				
Crane Tournament				
Crane 91, Pine Eagle 41				
Wallowa Tournament				
Spray 64, Union 38				
Joseph 67, Spray 55				

Jordan Valley opens Husky tournament with wild win

Koehl Trautman's 21 points led three Jordan Valley High School boys basketball players in double figures, but the Mustangs had to hold on for a victory Friday over Nampa Christian in the opening round of the Husky Holiday Classic in Marsing.

Alex Quintero hit a pair of 3-pointers on the way to 18 points in the Mustangs'

thrilling 68-65 victory over the Trojans from the 2A Western Idaho Conference.

Dustin Kamper and Justus Van Gundy scored 16 points apiece to lead Nampa Christian, which fell behind by six in a game that was tied 30-30 at halftime only to charge back in a wild fourth quarter that saw the teams combine for more than a

third of the game's total points (45).

Jordan Valley (10-2) salvaged the victory despite 19 turnovers and a hail of 3-pointers from Nampa Christian. Kamper nailed three of his team's eight treys.

Four Nampa Christian players scored in double figures as Marcus Lee and Matt Arendse contributed 10 points apiece.

Mustangs JV win streak ends

Jordan Valley's junior varsity team saw its 10-game season-opening win streak come to a screeching halt in the Husky Holiday Classic at Marsing Middle School.

The Mustangs (10-2) were blown out by Nampa Christian, 57-36, on Friday before Marsing edged them, 63-57, on Saturday.

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Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

25 years ago

December 29, 1982

Girls beat Raiders

Homedale’s girls worked their way to a 34-31 victory over Rimrock last Tuesday night.

Free throws by Pam Kubosumi and Diane Bruneel broke a 31-31 deadlock in the closing seconds as the Trojans improved their season record to 6-7, while the Raiders dropped to 3-10 for the season.

Rimrock’s Connie McKay scored a game-high 17 points and grabbed 10 rebounds.

Ann Akichika’s 16 points and 9 rebounds paced the Trojans. Sheila Seime added 10 points, while Denise Taggart pulled down 8 rebounds.

Men form basketball league

A men’s basketball league of six teams has been formed in the Homedale, Marsing, Wilder area, according to Steve Gaschler, Homedale, and practice will begin on January 8 with league play beginning on January 12. Participating teams are Sunny Slope, blue; Murph’s, black; Big 8 Merchants, yellow; Homedale Drug, green; Grammater Construction, light orange; A & J Construction, dark red.

Scouts hold court of honor

A combined Court of Honor for troop 409 and 509 was held at the Homedale LDS Church on Wednesday, Dec. 15. Following the welcome by Larry Bradshaw, Scout Master of troop 409, Mike Pearson, new member, was introduced and recognized. New members, Scot Ethington and Eddie Leavitt were not present.

Skill awards were presented to Shawn Shelton for communications and hiking. First Aid skill awards to Mike Mansisor, Jeff Fogg and Shawn Shelton. Cooking and Physical Fitness skill awards to Jeff Fogg. Communications merit badges were presented to Monte Anderson, Scott Taggart, Mike Mansisor, John Hyde, Fred Seibold, Jason Fogg, Kelly Itano, Ryan Nash, Shawn Shelton, Tom Fogg, Bard Rogers, Ron Hooker, David Bradshaw and David Carson.

Citizenship in Community merit badges were presented to Bard Rogers, Ron Hooker, Kurt Shanley, Kelly Itano, Ryan Nash and Shawn Shelton. Safety merit badges were given to Scott Taggart, Mike Mansisor and Tom Fogg. Bard Rogers received merit badges for gardening and book binding. Mike Mansisor received a merit badge for scholarship; Mike Taylor and Tom Fogg, merit badges for cooking. Home Repairs merit badges were given to Fred Seibold, Tom Fogg, Jason Fogg and John Hyde. Merit badges were presented to David Bradshaw and David Carson in environmental science, David Carson and Fred Seibold in Personal Management, Mike Taylor for Emergency Preparedness, Jason Fogg for Genealogy and Ryan Nash for Motor Boating.

Personal awards were presented to Fred Seibold, Scott Taggart and Tom Fogg for Religious Square Knot and “On My Honor.”

Josie Isaguirre is new honored queen

Josie Isaguirre, daughter of Rufo and Margie Isaguirre, was installed Honored Queen of Homedale Bethel 31, International Order of Job’s Daughters, in a “Story of Christmas” ceremony on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 19, in the Homedale Masonic Hall.

Visit nursing home

The second grade classes of Peggy Nielson, Kris Johnston and Jan Tuckness went on a holiday excursion, Monday, Dec. 20. The walked from the grade school to the nursing home to sing Christmas carols and present the elderly with Christmas cards which they had made. Peggy Nielson said that they were trying to teach the children that other people have special needs and the importance of giving rather than getting. She said the children were exceptionally well behaved and learned a lot from the trip.

50 years ago

January 2, 1958

Homedale Trojans lose to Kuna

Kuna’s Kavemen picked up their sixth victory and handed the Homedale Trojans their first defeat Saturday night at Kuna.

With Ron Brown pouring in 13 points, the Kavemen took a 13-9 lead and stayed out front the rest of the game. At half-time they were ahead 28-19. In the third quarter Kuna’s lead was trimmed to four points as the Trojans put on a 19 point rally. When the period ended Kuna led 42-38. But in the final period the Kavemen scored 12 points while holding Homedale to six.

Homedale JV’s lost the opener to Kuna 48-28.

Silver City Lodge holds public installation

A public installation of Silver City lodge was held December 20 at the IOOF hall when Joe Turner was installed master.

Other officers installed were Allen Hubble, senior warden; Robert McArthur, junior warden; Don Townsend, senior deacon; Jim Graham, junior deacon; Vic Ford, treasurer; Bert Adams, secretary; Keith Eachus, marshal; Stan Carlow, senior steward; Kenneth Downing, junior steward; Jodie Distler, chaplain; Floyd Dazey, acting Tyler for Willie Hawes of Silver City.

Giff Shaffer, 10th district deputy grand master, and Homer Judy, past master of Washoe lodge No. 28, Payette, were installing officers.

Entertainment was furnished by Ina Lewis at the piano and songs by Toni Jackson and Lois Cole; dancing by Donna Sevy, Carol Parker, and Mildretta Nash.

Homedale locals

Mrs. Hattie Pierce entertained with a Christmas dinner at her home Wednesday. Guests were her sister, Mrs. Lena Stutheit, and son, Elmer Stutheit, Wilder; and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Tibbetts, Payette. Mrs. Pierce and grandchildren Billy and Marcella Benjamin and Mrs. Stutheit and son visited that evening at the Fred Stutheit home.

Christmas dinner guests at the Frank Pierce home were Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Kindelberber and two sons, Meridian. Marleen and Millie Pierce were overnight guests of Mildretta Nash at the Hoyt Nash home Friday. Frank Pierce took his father L. A. Pierce to Boise Thursday afternoon for a check-up at a hospital and brought him home Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Grant Eason, Fargo, and her parents Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Tipton and sons, Moore, and daughter Sharon Tipton, Idaho Falls, were Christmas day dinner guests at the home of Mrs. Tipton’s parents Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Cupp at Nampa. The Tipton family and Mr. and Mrs. Eason visited with Mr. Tipton’s mother Mrs. Erma Tipton at Marsing that evening. The Tiptons, who also visited at the Floyd Breach home earlier in the day, were overnight guests at the Eason home Christmas eve and Christmas night, returning home Thursday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Matteson and daughter Lori spent Christmas eve with his parents Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Matteson. Others visiting at the Matteson home were their son-in-law and daughter Mr. and Mrs. Clint Smith and family, Boise, and Mr. and Mrs. John Matteson. The Frank Mattesons spent Christmas day with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Troy Lane at Marsing. Others at the Lane home were Mr. and Mrs. Paul Emerson and family and Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Landa.

Mr. and Mrs. Walt Adams were dinner guests at the home of her brother-in-law and sister Mr. and Mrs. Leo Gowing in Caldwell last Thursday night.

Sgt. Melvin Berry arrived Sunday from Fort Ord, Calif., at the home of his parents in law, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Hetrick to spend the holiday with his wife and family who plan to return with him to California. The Berry family were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Kersey at Fruitland last Friday.

Mary and Marie Evans, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Hal Evans, Caldwell, spent the weekend at the Pete Kershner home.

140 years ago

December 28, 1867

PROCEEDINGS OF ROAD MEETING. Paradise Valley, Dec. 11, 1867

An adjourned meeting of the citizens of Paradise Valley was held at Mr. Mitchell’s store on Dec. 11, 1867. The following gentlemen addressed the meeting in reference to the proposed road from the head of Paradise Valley to Silver City in Idaho.

Mr. Wright stated that he had been over the proposed route and found it to be a very natural and practicable route the entire distance from Paradise Valley to the Owyhee, and that he thought it could be built with very little trouble and expense, and also thought that it would be from 80 to 100 miles shorter than any other route from the line of the Pacific Railroad to Idaho.

Mr. Adams made a few remarks in reference to the benefits the citizens of Humboldt County and the settlers of Paradise Valley in particular would derive from the building of the said road.

Mr. Palmer remarked that the first steps to be taken was to hire a practicable engineer and make an experimental survey of the road, and report the cost of building the said road and to take steps immediately to make such survey.

On motion of Mr. Byrnes, it was proposed that a subscription be immediately taken up and money enough raised to make such survey as soon as possible. Said motion being seconded, it was passed unanimously.

On motion of Mr. Palmer, it was ordered that a committee of two be appointed by the Chairman to wait on the Commanding Officer of the District and request him to furnish an escort to accompany said surveying expedition. Said motion having passed, the Chairman appointed the following gentlemen as such committee: A. Denio and S. B. Pierce.

The Chairman offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That a committee of four be appointed to go over the said proposed route and make an experimental survey of the same, and estimate as near as possible the cost of building the said road and the exact distance it would be from the line of the railroad to Idaho, and report to the citizens of Paradise Valley at their next meeting, to be called when said survey shall have been completed.

Said resolution having passed, the following gentlemen were appointed as such committee: Messrs. Palmer, Middleton, Wright, and Adams.

On motion of Mr. Palmer, it was ordered that the said road be called the Paradise Valley and Silver City Wagon Road.

On motion of Mr. Middleton, the committee to survey the said road are requested to start and make such experimental survey on or before the 15th inst.

On estimating the cost of said expedition, it was found that four hundred and fifteen dollars would cover all the expenses of the same, and the following gentlemen were appointed to solicit subscriptions to pay the above amounts: Messrs. Pierce and Mitchell.

On motion, it was ordered that the Secretary furnish the Commanding Officer of this District, the Humboldt Register, the Owyhee Avalanche, and the Sacramento Union a copy of the proceedings of this meeting and request the publication of the same.

TELEGRAPHIC SUMMARY. Washington, 17th. – The President has nominated W. H. Gibbs for Governor of Idaho; Alexander K. Lowry Register of the Land Office at Marysville, and James F. Swain Postmaster at Benicia.

Chicago, 17th. – The Finance Committee has agreed upon a bill funding the National debt. It authorizes the issue of six per cent bonds, the proceeds to be used in redeeming existing securities. These bonds are exempt from taxation. The bill creates a sinking fund for the reduction of public debt, provides for the redemption of 5-20 bonds in currency, and authorizes the Secretary of the Treasury to redeem the bonds held abroad by the issue of bonds bearing four and a half per cent interests; payable in forty years.

Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM



On the edge of common sense B.E.L.C.H.

As global warming increases, and most agree it has regardless of the cause, ruminant raisers are going to become conversant in a new field of science called “Bovine Emissions Lately Considered Hazardous,” or B.E.L.C.H.

The study of B.E.L.C.H. will revolve around a simple formula: greenhouse gas emissions per pound of beef produced. It is obvious, if the world truly wanted to reduce methane and nitrous oxide (two of the big three greenhouse gases) they could destroy all ruminants. For the sake of the economy and human survival, we should first have a mass eradication of all wildlife species that produce those two gases. From the eland, the mountain goat, and the giraffe to the elk, the llama and the buffalo in Yellowstone Park.

Or, since Carbon Offsets are allowed for coal and oil-driven emitters, we could allow Methane Offsets. For instance, if you normally run 200 cows on your farm, you could get set aside subsidies for only running 100 cows. The U.S. Conservation Districts are already able to calculate grazing land CRP (Conservation Reserve Program) payments. They could calculate a B.U.R.P. (Bovine Use Reduction Payments.)

In the meantime, global warming should bring longer summers, thus longer grazing seasons. As we do research on B.E.L.C.H., I expect we will discover that the more a ruminant eats, the more methane gas it will produce. So improving the ratio of feed per pound of grain will be stressed. There are many products on the market now in accordance with our desire to reduce methane emissions; growth additives will become mandatory. Grass fat beef would be considered too expensive because of the length of time required to make them tender and the additional number of cattle required to meet the quota. But they might get Methane Offsets to trade against the fuel used to grow and transport grain to feedlots.

Another area to consider is palatability. Tenderness derives from two basic factors: youth and marbling. We could mandate that cattle be slaughtered at less than three months of age, following the model of veal, which is always tender. That way the critter would not even have to become a serious ruminant.

I expect in the years to come, or until the next ice age prediction, we will develop feed additives which will convert methane into Kool-Aid, a lactobacillus liqueur, or Glade Air Freshener and be considered inert.

Or, we’ll develop a use for methane in the cure of cancer or aromatherapy, and it will be financially viable to trap all emissions in a cow-shaped polyethylene facemask or a rumen fistula installed in each ruminant at their Bar Mitzvah.

Ah, the possibilities are endless. But I have faith that we as a global community with all our cowboy wisdom and computer models will solve the B.E.L.C.H. problem and move on to other, more pressing issues ... like the Palestinian-Israeli conflict and whether the Cubs will ever win the World Series. Because the alternative is unthinkable ... chicken every night!

Wayne Cornell

Not important ... *but possibly of interest*

The F-86: an adult toy



It had to have been about 1954 or 1955. The Kuna Elementary School had burned down on the last day of school the previous year, so the grade school was sharing classrooms with the high school.

The Air National Guard set up its display on the east side of the building. The Guardsmen were there to try to recruit high school seniors. But I think most of the interest generated was among the younger grade school-age males — yours truly included.

The Air Guard demonstration featured a genuine F-86 sabre jet. In those days, fighter planes were small enough to be hauled on a truck. The F-86’s wings had been modified so they could be folded when out on the road. When the display reached the destination, the wings were unfolded and a portable staircase was rolled up to the side of the plane. We all lined up. Two at a time, we were allowed to climb the stairs and look inside the cockpit.

When my turn came, I was surprised at how little room there was inside the cockpit and how many dials and switches the pilot had to deal with. It had only been a few years since fighters like this one were tangling with Russian-built MiG 15s in the skies over Korea.

My close-up look at a real F-86 left me with an ambition to fly such planes someday.

In the evenings and on weekends, I would hike on foot, “flying” toy airplanes to the back corner of our 40-acre farm on missions against imaginary enemy targets. Despite all my training, when I took my pre-induction physical about 10 years later, it revealed I didn’t have the vision to be a jet pilot.

It was about a month before Christmas. I was wandering through the toy department of a local store when I saw it. It was a 1/18th scale model of an F-86 sabre jet. The model

was nearly a foot and a half long.

I hurried over to the clothing section where my mate was browsing. “Come over and look at what I found!” I said. I pulled her back to the toys. “Just look at that!” I said, pointing to the model.

“What is it?” she asked.

“What is it? Why that’s a scale model of an F-86 sabre jet! Look how big it is! Look at the detail!”

“So, what’s it good for?” she said.

“It’s good to look at!” I said. “Man, why didn’t they make toys like this when I was a kid?”

She was already headed back to the clothing.

We opened our presents on Christmas Eve this year. I got a snap-in hood for my jacket, which I wanted. She also got me a duplexing (print on both sides) attachment for my printer. Then she put another package in front of me. I tore off the wrapping paper. It was the F-86 sabre!

I ignored the printed advisory on the box claiming the F-86 was for ages “8 and up.” What 8-year-old would appreciate that every simulated metal panel on the fuselage has the correct military stenciling? Few kids would appreciate that the flaps, ailerons and rudder work or that the landing gear and nose wheel retract, or that the auxiliary fuel tanks on the wings are removable or the cockpit interior is detailed just like on the real F-86.

The F-86 now occupies most of the space on the top shelf of a cabinet behind my desk at work. Sara said it will look better there than in our living room at home. Several co-workers in my age group think the model is really neat. Some of the younger people probably think it’s pretty silly.

I suspect people would stare if I started taking lunch-hour flights to targets at the far end of Main Street.

Sen. Larry Craig

From Washington Hail Borah, the Lion of Idaho



I was reminded not long ago that 2007 marked the 100th anniversary of the election of William E. Borah, “The Lion of Idaho,” to the United States Senate. As more and more people move into Idaho, I realized that not everybody knows about this state’s most famous senator.

I have always found Borah to be a fascinating character, and I’ve taken it upon myself to study his career and the work he did for Idaho. I actually have the privilege of using his desk on the Senate floor, although it hasn’t always belonged to Idaho senators. More than 30 names are written inside, from various states. Some of the more famous ones include Sen. Barry Goldwater of Arizona, Sen. Lee Metcalf of Montana, and Sen. Jacob Javits of New York.

It is truly humbling to sit at the same place so ably occupied by Borah for 33 years, from 1907 to 1940. He was best known for successfully leading the charge in the Senate to keep the United States out of the League of Nations and the World Court after World War I. Despite the fact that he never traveled abroad, foreign relations were his primary interest, and in 1924, he became chairman of the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations.

Borah was also famous for his eloquent and powerful speeches. Stories have been told that mention how word traveled quickly when Sen. Borah took to the floor of the Senate. Reporters quickly filled the press gallery, and senators filled their desks just to hear him speak.

The qualities I admire most about Sen. Borah are the strength and independence he displayed throughout his career. Despite his close friendship with President Teddy Roosevelt, Borah had reservations about the creation of the federal forest reserves, which are now known as the national forests. As it turns out, many Idahoans at the time were concerned, too, and many of those concerns remain today.

During my first term in the Senate, I got a once-in-a-lifetime chance to “pinch-hit” for Sen. Borah. Let me explain. When the Russell Senate Office Building was being remodeled in 1994, telephone workers found a letter in the midst of their renovation work. Written in 1917, the letter was nearly 80 years old, and was addressed to Sen. Borah. In the letter, a rancher from Leadore asked for copies of a report on diseases in cattle and horses.

Today, many of the same issues and requests for assistance continue, so I was happy to continue the strong Idaho tradition of constituent service. After a little research, my staff and I managed to find a descendant of that rancher, and we answered the letter. In this very small way, it was an honor to help conclude this piece of business on the great senator’s behalf.

In 1936, Time Magazine named Borah the “most

— See *Borah*, Page 23

Commentary

✓ Borah: Senator ran for president in 1936

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famed senator of the century.” That year, he ran for president to save small businesses from the encroachment of FDR’s New Deal programs. Even today, in the halls of the Capitol, it’s clear that Borah’s fame lives on. In a sign of affection from thousands of passers-by, one of the shoes on Borah’s statue shines from being touched by so many. Today, as it was nearly 70 years ago, people feel a connection to him. He makes us proud of Idaho.
— Larry Craig is a Republican U.S. senator from Idaho.

North county annex New location in Marsing makes more sense

by Chris Salove
Not too often when any of us is looking for something we need does the perfect opportunity to acquire that thing present itself. Right now, the Owyhee County Commissioners have that opportunity in the form of the old NRCS/FSA building in Marsing.
There is no question that the arrangement with the City of Marsing to use a part of City Hall has outlived its usefulness. The county needs more room, and definitely more parking to effectively and conveniently serve its citizens. The existing building on Reich Street is a perfect fit.
First off, the building is already set up to house government offices, meaning it is compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act, and is technologically equipped to deal with the needs of the county computer systems. The layout of the building makes it



very easy to change the number or size of offices as the needs of the county change. For what the building would cost the county, it would not be possible to build a comparable facility, even with donated land.
It also is in an ideal location. Approximately one half block off Main Street and about a block from the current office, it is easy to find, is across the street from the county’s bank, and provides ample parking and turn around opportunities even for vehicles pulling trailers.

By continuing to serve the people with the offices in a Marsing location, it is not only convenient for the northern portion of the county, but also for the citizens from the Givens Springs/Opaline/Pleasant Valley areas as they come through Marsing headed to other destinations in the valley to conduct their business.
The Marsing location makes much more sense for the Owyhee County Sheriff’s satellite office since Marsing is patrolled by the county. In the event that Marsing some day added its own police protection, the Marsing location would still be more central for officers working the outlying areas.
I would urge our commissioners to act quickly and take advantage of such a rare and excellent opportunity.
— Chris Salove of Marsing is a former county commissioner from District 2.

Accuracy In Media White House scores knockout over New York Times

by Cliff Kincaid
Like Floyd Mayweather knocking down Ricky Hatton in the recent welterweight title fight, the White House has exposed how the New York Times makes things up for dramatic political effect. The paper has now corrected the record in its coverage of White House statements on the CIA destruction of interrogation tapes. It’s a knockout win for the White House and a loss for the Bush-bashing press.
The battle with the Times has to be put in context. This is really an effort by the liberal media to continue to try to make a controversy over the waterboarding, or the simulated drowning, of terrorists. It is a practice that has saved American lives. But liberal reporters who lay awake at night worried about protecting the rights of terrorists find it horrifying. With the destruction of the CIA’s waterboarding tapes, the media have found that this constitutes possible “destruction of evidence” and a potential criminal act. Then along comes the Times, suggesting that White House officials knew more than what had previously been acknowledged. Breathlessly following the coverage, liberal Democrats must have been salivating at the prospect of holding another hearing.
This is how the media concoct a “scandal” in Washington, D.C. It is completely phony when the administration can honestly be criticized on so many other policy fronts. But it gives the Bush-bashing commentators on MSNBC something else to talk about. On Dec. 19, MSNBC host Dan Abrams even tried to make an anti-Bush point out of Britney Spears’ kid sister getting pregnant. Incredibly, he cited the pregnancy as proof that Bush-supported federally-funded abstinence-only programs don’t work. He had also shown, without irony, film footage of Sen. Ted Kennedy (D-Mass.), who left a young lady to die in his car submerged at the bottom of the channel between Chappaquiddick Island and Martha’s Vineyard, trying to make a controversy out of pouring water over the face of a terrorist.
We can all laugh at a clown like Abrams, who doesn’t seem to understand how ridiculous he looks in serving as a shill for the lunatic left. But when the New York Times tries to make a scandal out of the handling of CIA interrogation tapes, it should be taken seriously. It’s good the White House did so.
The last time I checked, the First Amendment applies to all Americans, even officials who work at the White House. So it’s appropriate and necessary for them to confront a paper like the New York Times when they see its sensational and hyped coverage as being inaccurate and unfair. In this controversy, the White House asked for

and received a correction of the record. The White House should go further and seek to identify the officials who are secretly leaking information to the press. That’s the only way to put an end to this scandal-mongering.
The leaker may be one of the administration lawyers or officials named in the article. This may sound strange, but some of them have been at each other’s throats in the past.
As the Joe Wilson/Valerie Plame case demonstrated, the Times is a mouthpiece for certain CIA elements that want to discredit the administration and set policy. It is an assault on our constitutional form of government. The White House badly mishandled that controversy, but perhaps it has learned its lesson. In the CIA tapes controversy, the White House seems to recognize that some elements are trying to use the paper to shift the blame to the White House. In other words, the Times is in classic scandal mode. My assumption would be that the leaker has or has had ties to the CIA.
It is also a safe assumption that the leaker is someone uncomfortable with the administration’s aggressive policy in the war on international Islamic terrorism. It may be someone who has had to defend that policy but doesn’t like doing so. So he leaks to the press to get back at the administration.
It is necessary to speculate on this point because there is such a concerted effort by some elements of the press to undermine the administration’s counter-terrorism policy using anonymous sources. As usual, of course, the Times won’t identify its “sources.”
The White House response, which hopefully signals a more aggressive posture with the liberal press, included a statement that the paper had implied that the White House “has been misleading in publicly acknowledging or discussing details related to the CIA’s decision to destroy interrogation tapes.”
The White House statement said that “The sub-headline of the story inaccurately says that the ‘White House Role Was Wider Than It Said,’ and the story states that ‘... the involvement of White House officials in the discussions before the destruction of the tapes ... was more extensive than Bush administration officials have acknowledged.’ Under direction from the White House General Counsel while the Department of Justice and the CIA Inspector General conduct a preliminary inquiry, we have not publicly commented on facts relating to this issue, except to note President Bush’s immediate reaction upon being briefed on the matter. Furthermore, we have not described — neither to highlight, nor to minimize — the role or deliberations of White House officials in this matter.”

The statement added that “The New York Times’ inference that there is an effort to mislead in this matter is pernicious and troubling, and we are formally requesting that NYT correct the sub-headline of this story.”
The New York Times statement in response to the controversy consisted of the following: “The White House has not challenged the contents of our story, but it questioned the precision of the second deck of our headline: ‘White House Role Was Wider Than It Said.’ While Bush Administration officials have discussed the White House role in the tapes episode (asserting, for example, that Harriet Miers opposed the destruction of the tapes) ‘the White House’ has not officially said anything on the subject. We have made the appropriate correction online, and will print a correction.”
The correction in the Times’ Dec. 20 edition noted that the paper “referred imprecisely to the White House’s position thus far on the matter. While Bush administration officials have acknowledged some discussions leading up to the destruction of the tapes in November 2005, as the article noted, the White House itself has not officially said anything on the subject, so its role was not ‘wider than it said.’”
Notice what the Times is admitting to. The subheading said the White House role was wider than it had previously claimed. This had all the ingredients of a cover-up, or so the Times wanted people to believe. But the White House had not officially said anything about that aspect of the controversy. So the paper was making a false charge. It was a concoction intended to create another in a series of endless “scandals” for the administration on the handling of terrorists. This is what passes for “investigative journalism” these days. It is designed to win a journalism prize.
The White House should take this further and challenge the “contents” of the story, at least in the sense of trying to find out where it is all coming from. That’s where the real “scandal” lies.
There is a view that the White House should just sit back and take it when a paper like the Times launches an attack. This view is based on the erroneous assumption that the Times (or the Washington Post, for that matter) is an honest broker of information. We cannot afford, during a time of war, to take such a benign view of anonymous sources. These “sources” could be spies or traitors. The public has a right to know who they are.
The scandal in this case is the conduct of the press, not the administration.
— Cliff Kincaid is the Editor of Accuracy in Media, and can be contacted at cliff.kincaid@aim.org.

Public notices

**OWYHEE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING
DECEMBER 17, 2007
OWYHEE COUNTY COURTHOUSE
MURPHY, IDAHO**

Present were Commissioner’s Freund, Tolmie, and Hoagland, Clerk Sherburn, Treasurer Richards, Assessor Endicott, Sheriff Aman, and Prosecuting Attorney Faulks.

The Board amended the agenda to include, an initiative workgroup update.

The Board approved payment of all outstanding bills, to be paid from the following funds: Current

Expense \$68,962, Road & Bridge \$19,340, District Court \$5,451, Fair Grounds & Bldg. \$593, Probation \$25, Historical Society & Museum \$4, Indigent & Charity \$14,849, Revaluation \$441, Solid Waste \$16,503, Weed \$204, 911 \$5,365.

Larry Howard gave the Board an update on the Bureau of Homeland Security grant for 2008.

Department of Environmental Quality representatives Dean Ehlert, and Jack Gantz discussed tires being stored on two pieces of property within the county, and how to clean the two sites up. The Board approved having Jim Desmond work with DEQ on a solution.

Bill Pastoor with Westown’s Disposal is building an enclosed transfer station in Homedale. Mr. Pastoor asked if the county would be interested in using the site. He will provide costs at a later date.

The Board held a coordination meeting with the Boise District Bureau of Land Management.

Pursuant to I.C. 67-2345 the Board called for an executive session on a land issue. No action was taken.

Inez Jaca met with the Board as the county representative on the Owyhee Initiative work group to discuss the language in the proposed legislation. The Commissioners made a motion to have the legislation move forward that contained all of the elements agreed to in the signed Owyhee Initiative Agreement.

There being no further business the Board moved to adjourn.

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

/s/Richard Freund, Chairman
Attest: Charlotte Sherburn
1/02/08

BEFORE THE OWYHEE COUNTY PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION

On January 23th, 2008 beginning at 9:00 am the Owyhee County Planning and Zoning Commission will hear testimony first at an application site, and then in the Annex Building of the Owyhee County Courthouse in Murphy, Idaho on the following matters at the times listed below. When hearings are finished the commission will take up administrative matters if time permits.

9:00am The Commission will meet at the site of Falcon Butte Farms for the purpose of an official site visit. The address of site which will be visited is located at 23 Falcon Butte Road, Murphy, Idaho.

10:00am The Commission will hear additional evidence in the Falcon Butte Farms request for modification of special condition in support of the Remand of this file ordered by the County Commissioners. The case being

heard is a request for amendment to conditional use permit 02-07 special condition 2. (b) Which states “The length of time that Applicant for the duration of the project on this site will be 5 years and 6 months, commencing at the date of issuance of these Findings and Conclusions.” The date of the Findings and Conclusions being the 25th of March 2002. The Original application was requesting permission to apply cheese plant waste products, originating in the Nampa area, to land leased by the applicant. The Subject property concerning permit 02-07 is Northeast of Murphy in Sections (or portions of Sections) 14, 15, 21, 22, 23, 24, 26, and 27, of Township 2 South, Range 1 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho.

For further information on any of the above matters, please contact Owyhee County Planning and Zoning at 495-2095 ext. 2.
1/02/08

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

**JANUARY 1, 2008 – 1ST QUARTER
TO: CITY OF MARSING RESIDENTS
FROM: CITY OF MARSING
RE: WATER QUALITY IN THE CITY**

Dear City of Marsing Resident,

Effective January 26, 2006, the US Environmental Protection Agency reduced the drinking water standard for arsenic from 50 parts per billion (ppb) to 10 ppb. One well supplying water to the City of Marsing, Well #3, has an arsenic concentration of 11 ppb, which exceeds the Maximum Contaminant Level set forth by the EPA. The City of Marsing is required to provide quarterly public notice of this exceedence. You will continue to receive this notice every quarter until such time as the City is notified by IDEQ the notice is no longer required.

Arsenic is a naturally occurring element thought to enter the water source from contact with natural rock formations. Arsenic can cause adverse health effects, including cardiovascular disease, diabetes mellitus, skin changes, nervous system damage, and various forms of cancer.

The City of Marsing is taking action to remove the well as a source of water for the water system. As you may be aware, the City is in the process of upgrading the municipal water system, and a new well to serve the system, and replace Well #3, will be first item completed for water system upgrade project.

1/2/08

NOTICE

The annual meeting of the Bruneau Buckaroo Ditch Company will be held at the Bruneau Legion Hall on Monday, January 7, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.
Chris Alzola, Secretary
01/02/08

**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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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
CASE NO. CV 07-0377
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, JACK DAVID DICKEY, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the estate of the above-named Decedent. All persons having claims against the Decedent or the estate are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or said claims will be forever barred.

Claims must be presented to the Personal Representative in care of the attorney indicated below, and filed with the Clerk of the Court.

DATED this 28th day of September, 2007.
McAnaney & Associates, PLLC
/s/Ronald G. Carson, Jr., of the Firm
Attorney for Personal Representative
David S. Dickey
1101 W. River St., Ste 100
Boise, ID 83702
(208) 344-7500
1/2,9,16/08

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 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
12/19,26/07;1/2,9/08

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE

Notice of Trustee’s Sale Idaho Code 45-1506 Today’s date: December 18, 2007 File No.: 7777.25160 Sale date and time (local time): April 18, 2008 at 11:00 AM Sale location: in the lobby of the Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Highway 78, Murphy, Idaho 83650 Property address: 506 Cascade Dr. 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: Tarry Meligan and Jennifer Meligan, husband and wife Original trustee: Fidelity National Title Original beneficiary: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., solely as nominee for Home Funds Direct Recording date: October 12, 2006 Recorder’s instrument number: 258462 County: Owyhee Sum owing on the obligation: as of December 18, 2007: \$172,217.61 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: All that certain land situated in the State of ID, County of Owyhee, City of Homedale, described as follows: Lot 4 of Block 4 of Big Sky Estates No. One, part of Government Lot 4, Section 4, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, B.M., Owyhee County, Idaho, according to the official plat thereof filed October 26, 1978 as Instrument No. 156593 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 or USA-Foreclosure.com. The sale is made without representation, warranty or covenant of any kind. (TS# 7777.25160) 1002.81253-FEI
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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 1 of 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 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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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE

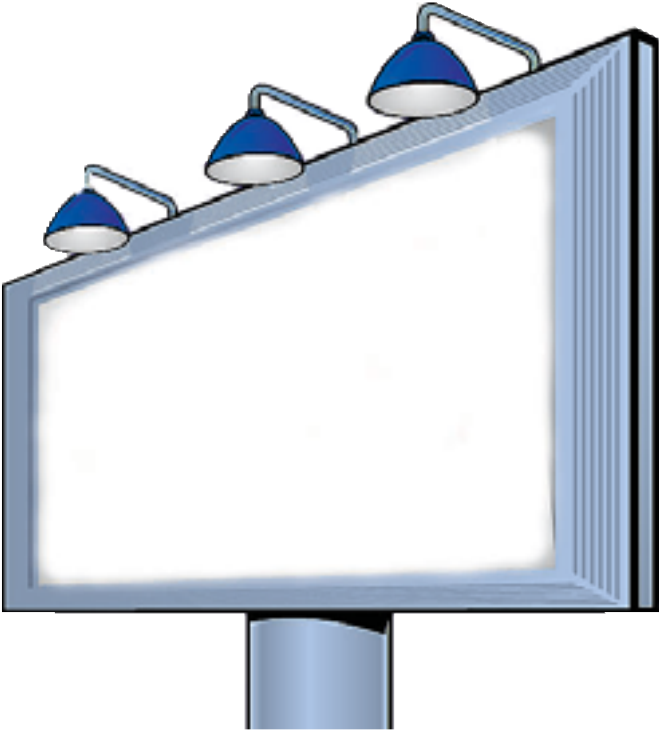
On March 7, at the hour of 11:00, of said day, at the entrance to Owyhee County Courthouse located at 20381 State Highway 78, Murphy, Idaho, Owyhee County, Idaho, on behalf of PIONEER LENDER TRUSTEE SERVICES, LLC, as the Successor Trustee; will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash 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 1st 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 described 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 1st 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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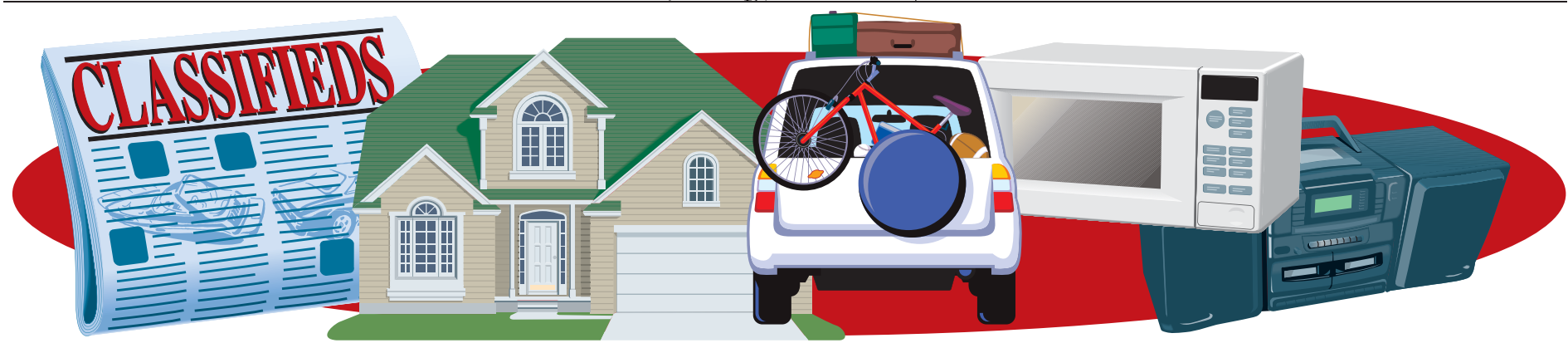
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