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County opens unpaved roads to ATV use on Jan. 1

Highway district, city streets open to ATVs

Owyhee County commissioners have, by a 2-1 vote, approved an ATV use ordinance that effectively opens all unpaved county roads to recreational use.

Ordinance 08-03, dated Dec. 22, makes the use of ATVs illegal on roads specified by the county, even if the vehicles are licensed and registered. Those roads, with few exceptions, are paved. The ruling applies to all ATVs and dirt bikes - except

motorcycles with brake lights and turn signals licensed for highway use.

At present, under state law, city streets - every city street in Idaho that isn't also a state or federal highway — are open to licensed ATVs and dirt bikes.

Idaho Transportation Department Registration Program Supervisor Tom Fry left no doubt when interviewed.

"If it's not a state or federal highway,

it's open," he said. Fry was surprised that municipalities, so far as he had heard, had not been proactive in instituting ordinances limiting ATV and dirt bike traffic. So long as a rider didn't cross a state or federal route, an ATV could be ridden through Boise, he affirmed. Cities throughout the state will have to address their own closures individually.

"It's possible the legislature may make some changes (in the law)," Fry said. As a warning to riders, Fry pointed out that it's even illegal to cross a state or federal highway on an ATV — except at a posted and approved crossing specifically for the vehicles.

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While state highways remain closed, and some county roads are now closed, the rules for roads under the control of Gem and Homedale highway districts will likely remain very relaxed.

Fred Demshar of the Homedale Highway

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Cuts to take big bite out of senior centers

Local seniors may lose transport

Twenty southwest Idaho senior centers are facing deep cuts in some programs in 2009, according to a Dec. 23 release from Elderly Opportunity Agency (EOA), an Emmett-based private nonprofit that provides senior services and

activities for 20 senior centers, including those in Homedale and Marsing.

A release issued by EOA on Dec. 23 said the Southwest Idaho Area Agency on Aging (SWI-AAA) — administered by Sage Community Resources - ordered cuts that will result in funding reductions of 5.8 percent in Meals

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OC domestic violence counselors cut back

Hope's Door

its Owyhee County program. The loss of a two-year, \$10,000-per-month federal grant this September has put the organization in a financial bind. Hope's Door, which has had counselors on site to help victims of domestic or sexual assault in Homedale, Marsing and Murphy, has had to slash staff and pull

New Year's alters hours

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

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

Paul's Market in Homedale will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on New Year's Day.

Snake River Mart in Marsing will be open normal hours, 6 a.m. to 9 p.m., on New Year's Eve and New Year's Day.

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

Winter wonderland

McCoy Corral lies under a blanket of winter white beside the Silver City Road. This winter has seen record snowfalls in areas across the mountainous west, building much-needed snowpack. Photo by Chad Hyslop

shrinks as grant money ends

Victims of domestic violence used to have support on site nearly as quickly as law enforcement responded, but that immediacy was lost this week as Caldwell's Hope's Door was forced to curtail

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The Owyhee Avalanche office will be closed on New Year's Day. Deadlines for the Jan. 7 edition are noon Monday for display advertising and legal notices. The classified advertising deadline is noon on Monday, as well.

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Thousands pour in for Lowry-Nettleton legal fees

Ranchers beat feds in court, but have \$1 million bill to pay

by Jake Putnam Idaho Farm Bureau Federation

The Idaho Farm Bureau Federation reports that a fundraiser launched in May for two Owyhee County ranchers involved in a protracted legal battle with the federal government is progressing and could one day reach its \$1 million goal.

Tim Lowry and Paul Nettleton beat the Bureau of Land Management in every court battle they faced against the agency that unsuccessfully tried to wrestle water rights away from them. But the 10-year battle didn't come without blood, sweat and tears. The ranchers were stuck with a \$1 million legal fee bill.

A documentary film, press releases and a Web site outlining the dispute coupled with an impassioned word-of-mouth campaign brought in \$66,000 in just seven months. But the fight is far from over. An education campaign continues, to tell public landowners about the court victories that secured their water rights.

"It's a compelling story," documentary producer Steve Ritter said. "When you consider the fact that these two ranch-

ers stood up to a federal agency bent on destroying them and stealing their water, it's a story of courage against long odds."

Fundraising efforts are planned for the coming months.

"We want to get that DVD in the hands of the new administration and the new Secretary of the Interior," Ritter added.

Since the spring, envelopes filled with checks and words of encouragement have quietly filtered in from state and county Farm Bureaus and individuals from here in Idaho and across the nation.

The following organizations donated \$1,000 or more to the cause: Farm Bureaus of Owyhee, Ada, Idaho, Bonner, Kootenai-Shoshone, Valley-Adams and Twin Falls counties, Idaho Farm



Tim Lowry

Bureau, Illinois Farm Bureau, Texas Farm Bureau, and the Ag and Environmental Research Foundation.

"The generosity of the grassroots organizations warms the heart. It's obvious that they could see the sacrifice by the families and the importance of the cause,"

said the documentary's writer, Jake Putnam. "We just want to thank all the folks that gave money and believe in the cause. We urge them to tell their neighbors, share the DVD and visit the Web site. We want to retire this debt once and for all."

What started as a nightmare, ended up one of the greatest triumphs of Lowry and Nettleton's lives. Nearly a decade ago, the BLM hauled the two Owyhee County ranchers into state court to determine who owned the water rights on grazing allotments utilized by the ranches since the late 1800s.

The two ranches ended up fighting the government in state court after the BLM challenged their stock watering rights during the Snake River Basin Adjudication. During the SRBA, the U.S. filed overlapping claims to Idaho ranchers' stock water rights. While the fight was successful, the legal defense of the ranchers cost a small fortune and they were denied reimbursement of legal fees.

Lowry serves as the Owyhee County Farm Bureau president; he addressed the Farm Bureau's annual meeting Dec. 4 to give thanks.

"It's difficult for me to express what all of you have done," Lowry told the banquet crowd. "I read once that simple truths have great explanations, but great truths have great silences. That's kind of the way I feel right now. I can't come up with the words to express it; all I can do is just thank you all."

The outcome of the case benefits every western farmer and rancher, every ATV owner, every hunter and sets a precedent that protects stock water rights throughout the West, according to Idaho Farm Bureau president Frank Priestley.

"Their victory is a victory for all of us. All agricultural, mining and recreation users that utilize water on federal lands now have more secure rights based on this important legal case," Priestley said.

"It's just a concerted effort to get that water back out of the private hands and into the hands of the federal government, it was just going after and as far as I'm concerned extortion-type tactics to steal a private property right from individuals," Lowry said.

"It's time that we help these families because they helped us," Priestley said. "We want to pass the hat for these ranchers. What they did took a lot of courage and their example will continue to protect our way of life."

How to help

Send donations to: Agricultural and Environmental Research Foundation, C/O Idaho Farm Bureau Federation, 275 Tierra Vista Drive, Pocatello, ID 83201. A free DVD also is available by sending a request to the same address.

Idaho Farm Bureau Federation speakers can be booked to address groups on the issue.

More information on the landmark case is available by visiting the Web site http://luranchingandjoycelivestockcov.blogspot.com.



DeRuyter hearing highlights concerns

As briefly touched on last week, Marsing dairy owner Nicolas DeRuyter was denied a conditional use permit (CUP) on Dec. 19 following a 12-hour planning and zoning hearing at which 39 documents were entered into evidence and numerous witnesses testified. DeRuyter sought the CUP in order to expand operations by approximately 4,800 cows — roughly 50 percent of the existing numbers.

DeRuyter was represented by attorney Scott Campbell at the hearing, and never spoke on his own behalf according to transcripts of the hearing.

The hearing revisited questions about the dairy over the years.

The board of County Commissioners requested that the Department of Agriculture form a site advisory team in January of 2007. the actions necessary to mitigate or minimize adverse impacts on the neighboring property owners which would occur as a result of an increase in animal units of more than 50 percent.

"Because of the magnitude, and wide diversity, of the adverse impact currently evidenced, and because it is reasonable to believe that the current adversity would increase with the proposed expansion, the Commission finds that there is nothing that the applicant can do to gain approval, short of setting out to first abate the adverse impact of the current use, then demonstrating how those abatements would minimize or mitigate the adverse impact resulting from expanded operation."

In September of 2007, DeRuyter wrote to the commission and ap-

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The team's report said the dairy was "high risk" for groundwater and soil contamination.

Numerous witnesses also testified as to nuisances associated with the dairy — including flies, smell and road damage due to heavy vehicles.

The planning and zoning commission, chaired by Clay Atkins, addressed the dairy's history in handling complaints and contamination issues in deciding to deny the permit.

"The commission finds, again, that the applicant has failed to prove ability to, or desire to, minimize or mitigate the problems existent even with the current operation," the memorandum states, "and that he will not take plied for the CUP. He initially argued that no CUP was needed to expand his existing operation, but hearing officers did not agree.

The dairy, which opened in 1997, before any county ordinances on confined animal feed operations (CAFOs), would require a CUP today, and the hearing officer denied DeRuyter's initial argument that the expansion could be grandfathered in as the dairy is an existing business.

County Code is specific as to enlargement of use. It provides that an enlargement of non-conforming use, whether by enlarging the site itself or "expanding the use itself" is unlawful without a conditional use permit.

- MML

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The Avalanche year in review, 2008

This is the first of two installments covering the year in news in Owyhee County. The year in review will continue next week with the sports review.

-Ed.

JANUARY

A planning committee including corporate, county and emergency services professionals determined wildfires to be the chief danger to the county and addressed mitigation and hazard management under the Owyhee County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan. Interestingly, two percent of respondents to the committee's surveys reported acts of terrorism near their homes in the previous decade.

SSI Food Services suffered an ammonia leak that sent 18 people from the Wilder plant to area hospitals following a worker's mistaken opening of a control valve.

Zoning amendment changes in the county proposed stiffening fines for ordinance violations, raising penalties to \$100 per day, with each day of continuance logged as a separate misdemeanor.

Five county organizations received grant money from the Idaho Community Foundation (ICF). The \$10,000 was split, from largest to smallest award, between

the Marsing Resource Center, Silver City Fire and Rescue, the Bruneau American Legion Post 83, the Homedale Public Library and Rimrock Senior Center in Grand View.

Irrigators had to wait for county tax authorities to send

Idaho Power needed information before receiving their rebates in January, rather than the usual December date.

Owhyee County's 4-H team competed in the FIRST LEGO League Idaho state qualifier at Idaho State University robotics competition in Pocatello, following eight weeks of preparation. Team coach Bridget Aman said the team of 9- to 14-year olds will be setting its sights on state and national

20 volunteers.

Dave Holmes, the Homedale School District's technology coordinator, was honored with the schoolboard's Award of Excellence for his skills and leadership in designing, budgeting, training in the use of and maintaining the district's computer network and hardware.

Owyhee Sand and Gravel coowner Bill Maxwell thanked the speed and skills of the 30 firefighters from Homedale, Marsing and Wilder who battled and beat a blaze which threatened neighboring businesses. The involved shop and several pieces of heavy equipment were a total loss.

In the second week of January, Nampa native Manuel Avila was held on murder charges less than a month after being released on his own recognizance from the Owhyee County Jail following a guilty plea to a felony eluding charge. That charge stemmed from a chase that ended in Marsing, at which time Avila was also wanted on two protection order violations. A week later, he was sentenced to between two and five years for eluding the police.

Harold Wilson elected as Mayor of Homedale. New Homedale city councilmen Eino Hendrickson and Aaron Tines also

> step into public office. Paul Spang began his second term as mayor of Grand View, with councilpersons Marie Hipwell, Patricia Beaman, Opal Ward and Bill Lawrence also being sworn in.

Police searched for those responsible for acts of graffiti at Homedale High School, Homedale

Realty and Idaho Pizza. Idaho Power proposed a



new transmission station near Wilson as part of its \$100 million committed to system upgrades to ensure continued supply to Treasure Valley's growing demand. The station is scheduled for completion in eight years.

Convicted Owhyee County murderer Maxwell Hoffman was ordered resentenced by the Ninth Circuit Curt of Appeals, following an initial order from the US Supreme Court that he be released or offered a plea agreement. The Supreme Court then ruled that Hoffman's claim of ineffectual assistance on the part of his legal counsel be dismissed, effectively ending the case.

A head-on collision on U.S. Highway 95 resulted in the death of Caldwell resident Todd Ranstrom, 45. In an unrelated accident, Salvadore Contreras, 42, of Homedale, died after, according to witnesses, running a stop sign at the intersection of Homedale Road and Pride Lane in Canyon County.

The City of Marsing received a \$432,000 State and Tribal Assistance Grant to help pay for its drinking water system reclamation project.

A fire at the F&M Cattle Co.'s machine shop in the second week of January showed a lack

of available tanker trucks for quick response, with firefighters from Murphy-Reynolds-Wilson, Marsing and Melba waiting for water reinforcements while the blaze consumed the workshop and threatened to spread. This fire occurred just two days after

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level in the coming year.

The investigation by the Owyhee County Sheriff's Office continued into of a series of burglaries, including a home invasion involving the handcuffing of an elderly victim for several hours. Suspects included Anthony Bernal of Nampa, Jennifer Humphrey and Joshua Larrea of Wilder. All three were arrested in Nampa Dec. 18. A fourth individual thought to be involved, Amanda Ravellette, was arrested later, in Meridian.

Two Boise men were hurt in unrelated recreational accidents in the Reynolds Creek area: One was flown out by an Air St. Luke's helicopter.

Lizard Butte Library moved into its new site on Third Street in Marsing, with the help of about



Grober recuses self in Jolley assault case

If Homedale businessman Mark Jolley goes to trial on assault charges stemming from his Dec. 14 arrest, it won't be in front of Judge Dan Grober.

Grober recused himself from the case on Monday, having had professional contact with Jolley in the past.

The county is now on the lookout for another judge for the case.

Jolley will reportedly be represented by a defense attorney of his own choice rather than the public defender, and has waived time standards, giving everyone involved time to prepare their

arguments.

Jolley, the owner of Allied Sign in Homedale, is accused of two counts of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon stemming from an incident in which he allegedly used a handgun to threaten two men repossessing his daughter's vehicle.



Divided we drive

A City of Homedale maintenance crew reinstalled the concrete dividers on the first block of North Main Street last week. The previous dividers, many of them damaged, were removed during the summer. The city installed the dividers to reduce the chances of illegal traffic maneuvers near the busy intersection of Main Street and Idaho Avenue.



County roads closed to ATVs

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$\sqrt{\text{ATVs:}}$ Riders need license, helmet, liability insurance for open roads

District said he was not aware the commissioners had approved the closures list, and said that the district will have to address whether any roads under its jurisdiction are closed.

"We haven't got any information on that," he said. Demshar didn't know if the county's decision was effective on roads overseen by the district.

Rob Atkins of the district said he doubted there would be any closures or problems within the district. With no recreational use in the area "it doesn't affect us whatsoever," Atkins said. He confirmed the county closures do not affect highway district roads.

Gem Highway District does not expect any issues with usage. Historically, roads under the district's control have seen little or no recreational use, and unless a problem arises, they will stay

open to ATVs.

Exceptions to the closure rules include roads within the Murphy townsite, which will be open to ATV use and roads within the Bruneau townsite, which will be closed because of concerns over school bus traffic.

It is illegal to use an ATV or dirt bike anywhere in the county without a license. Licenses can be purchased at the Department of Motor Vehicles in Marsing, or from the assessor's office in Murphy. Any rider younger than 18 must wear a helmet, and riders on county roads must have liability insurance.

ATV use exemptions cover vehicles used by law enforcement personnel and those in agricultural use. No definition for agricultural use is given in the ordinance.

On all open roads, ATVs and dirt bikes have been limited to a

maximum speed of 25 miles per hour, and will be subject to all rules of the road established by the state and county.

The commissioners' decision followed input from a committee meeting on Dec. 19. The committee consisted of "two ATV owners who frequently use their ATVs throughout the county", deputy George Reed and Sheriff Gary Aman.

"The committee ... decided to recommend that all terrain vehicles be prohibited on paved portions of county roads, for the same basic reasons which would justify the Legislature in closing state highways: vehicles and heavy equipment—cattle, gravel, other hauling and agricultural equipment— use the pavement, and use it at higher speeds than are safe for all terrain vehicles," the committee's report states.

In addition to the paved portions of county roads, the committee pointed out several other danger spots they believed should be closed. These included a portion of Trout Creek Road from Pleasant Valley Road to the end of Cow Creek Road due to concerns over the use of the road by trucks and a lack of visibility; Bates Creek; Dairy Road and A&A road, which connect only to the closed 20 Mile Road and Clover Three Creek Road, a "long, rough road through the desert used heavily by military vehicles at high speed."

The departure from previous closure plans means that the maps and brochures printed in conjunction with the Owyhee County Sheriff's Office are no longer accurate, and will have to be redesigned, county commission chair Jerry Hoagland said.

Hoagland was the only dis-

senting vote on the ordinance as adopted.

"I voted no because I was concerned about the safety of all the vehicles out there," he said. "It isn't just the ranchers' vehicles, a lot of recreationalists are driving around out there." Visitors may not know, or obey, good road rules, and can make some routes more dangerous than they should be, he explained.

Hoagland would have preferred some of the unpaved roads with heavy shared use considered for closure.

"I have a lot of constituents out there that are saying the same thing," he said.

For an alphabetical listing of county roads closed, see sidebar, page 4A. State and Federal highways are closed in addition to these specific roads.

-MML

Seniors: Cuts to SWIAAA also deep, and have potential to go deeper

on Wheels, 7 percent in senior center meals, 57 percent in senior transport services and 48 percent in health promotion programs.

"This is funding that pays for our cooks and coordinators," EOA executive director Donna Waters said. "It's funding that pays for the drivers and insurance on the vans and busses. It's also funding that is passed through to the centers to offset the expenses associated with home delivered meals."

Waters said that the transportation program had been under-funded initially, and that the new cuts are too deep and are liable to disable EOA's fleet of 24 vans and busses that serve the 20 senior centers, including Homedale and Marsing.

"We have insurance on all of them to the tune of about \$1,100 a year on each," Waters said. "We don't even have funding enough to pay the insurance on those vehicles, let alone the drivers."

In addition to EOA, the Idaho Council on Aging's transport program also took a cut. Waters said the two combined came to the \$87,000 that must be cut by Sage and SWIAAA as state and federal funds dry up in the coming budgetary year. It appears the shortfall was addressed by cuts largely targeted on a single program — transportation.

The cuts will effectively kill the trans-

ance on them."

The vehicles are owned by the senior centers themselves; the transportation program helped fuel, insure and pay for the drivers of the busses and vans.

"The Emmett bus is on the road from 9:30 in the morning to 4 or 5," Waters said when asked what the transport program does. "It brings seniors to the center to eat who aren't able to drive, it takes them home, with stops as needed at pharmacies, grocery stores, medical appointments and the like. All our centers use their vehicles like that."

"Anyone who is not mobile and able to drive ... the transportation budget cut is going to isolate even more," Waters said.

The cuts follow reductions in state and federal funding to Sage and SWIAAA itself.

"Recent loss of state funds is due to the recession," SWIAAA director Lori Brelia said in response to a query from The Avalanche. "Area III lost \$87,630 in state funds in the last six months. In addition, we may also incur a reduction in our state funding starting with the 2010 budget. The 2010 state budget year actually starts July 1, 2009. If the proposed state holdbacks for the 2010 budget year occur we stand to lose an additional \$84,125."

Brelia added that the federally funded 2008 Nutritional Supplemental Incentive



Parked for how long?

Proposed cuts in the transportation program budget of 20 senior centers in Southwestern Idaho, including the centers in Homedale and Marsing, may leave transport vehicles parked indefinitely because of a lack of funds to insure, fuel and staff them.

compared to this time last year... a 45 percent decrease in funds that go directly to help pay for food," she said.

According to Waters figures, \$76,000 have been cut from the EOA's \$736,000

"With that kind of reduction we're going to have to reduce salaries and reduce days, which will result in reducing the number of days the centers are able to serve meals," Waters said.

The other major cut — health promotion — targets fitness classes and preventative health care, like blood pressure testing, hearing tests, vision tests and similar services.

Another cut, while small, may have a disproportionate impact.

The Meals on Wheels program has seen funding reductions for the past three years, Waters said. This latest cut may be the straw that breaks the camel's back.

"This is a program that can't stand any further cuts," she said. "When you look at participation ... our (number of) meals goes up every year."

Meals on Wheels helps seniors avoid going into long-term care, Waters said. Many of the seniors the service aids are in their 80s or 90s, she said, and have children who are themselves of an age requiring care — leaving them without any options other than the program.

Waters argues that cuts in senior centers are penny-wise and pound-foolish, and will endanger the elderly population of Idaho. In her issued statement she closes by encouraging seniors, their families and friends to contact their legislators and voice their opinions.

portation program.

"They'll have to park the vans," Waters said. "They can't absorb the cost. Without that funding they don't have the means to keep them on the road and keep that insur-

Program (NSIP) decreased by \$20,000.

"To make matters worse the first NSIP payment for the 2009 year is \$86,000 less

budget.

Most of the Federal and state funding for the senior centers are for meal prep and delivery costs, and salaries for cooks, coordinators and drivers.

- MML

$\sqrt{\text{Hope's Door:}}$ Organization tries to find alternate funding stream

liaisons from the county.

Hope's Door director Brenda Cameron said that while assistance for victims in the county will still be available, it won't be as timely, and that worries her.

Hope's Door had invested time and effort to develop a relationship with law enforcement that meant advocates would be called in quickly. Now, responses will be slower, and it will require law enforcement to contact the program, rather than representatives checking in and being ready to help as needed.

"We try to get out there as soon as possible so the support systems can be in place," Cameron said. "They (victims) tend to get victimized by the system, whether it's by a loss of income or other impact." Hope's Door has tried to be on the spot to minimize the impacts — emotionally or financially — on families and

victims involved.

Hope's Door is reapplying for the grant after being declined initially. This has been a difficult year as far as grants are concerned. Cameron said only one center in Idaho, near Couer d'Alene, received a grant for 2009.

Even if the second grant application meets with success, the program would not see any additional funding until August, she said. At the same time, the organization is trying to find other ways to bridge the funding gap. The organization is selling survivor and supporter rings through its Web site in an attempt to raise funds — an idea that Cameron's husband Peter, a jeweler, came up with.

"I was so proud of him," Cameron said. "It was his idea, and it gives both survivors and supporters a way to silently say 'I survived' or 'I supported'." Rather than just holding a hand out for donations, Cameron said the organization was trying to find more creative ways to fund the program.

Those who would like to help support Hope's Door can find the jewelry for sale on the Hope's Door Web site at www.hopesdoor. org under the Online Store link.

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Marsing High begins blogging

Marsing High School students and parents have a new way to find out what's going on at the school, such as the highly successful food, clothing and toy drive put on by the school's FFA chapter.

In October, the school launched "We Are Marsing", online at http://wearemarsing.blogspot. com, to promote school events and activities. It's also accessible from the school's Web site, http:// www.marsingschools.org/mhs/ by clicking on any of the news items on the home page.

In Friday's post, the FFA was singled out for collecting hundreds of items during its drive, 357 food items, 319 pieces of clothing, 96 toys and 18 blankets.

"A big thanks to these students for taking time and the effort to help those in our community that need a little help in these tough times," a blogger wrote. "Our nation's future looks bright knowing that these are our future leaders."

The blog has been online since October and have chronicled several events, including the Nov. 18 season opener for the Huskies' girls' basketball team and a Nov. 21 lock down drill performed in conjunction with the sheriff's offices from Owyhee County and Canyon County.

On Thursday, the achievements of the high school's Academic Decathlon team were outlined. According to the blog, Seleste Estrada won a gold medal in Language and Literature in the Scholastic Division.

The team, coached by freshman and junior English teacher Lenore

Freeman, brought home five bronze medals from its season opener on Dec. 6:

• Katie Huffman in English Language and Literature in the Scholastic Division

• John Heidt in Social Sciences for the Varsity Division

• Andre Heidt for Social Sciences in Scholastic

• Estrada for Art in Scholastic The blog also reported that the schools engaged in a "lockdown" drill with the sheriff's offices from Owyhee and Canyon counties on Nov. 21. The Canyon County K-9 unit did a random search, and the blog reports no contraband was found.

According to the blog: "Marsing School District will use this as a means of keeping students and staff safe now and in the future."

Bauer receives

Air Force promotion

Air Force Tech. Sgt. Eric A. Bauer, a 1996 graduate of Homedale High School, has been promoted to the rank of technical sergeant in the U.S. Air Force.

Bauer, a combat weather forecaster with 11 years of military service, is assigned to the 28th Operation Support Squadron, Ellsworth Air Force Base, Rapid City, S.D.

He is the son of Larry and Becky Bauer of Homedale.

School

menus

Homedale Elementary

Dec. 31-Jan. 2: No school.

Jan. 5: Chicken tenders or country fried beef steak, mashed potatoes/ gravy, roll, milk.

Jan. 6: Hamburger or fish sandwich, potato wedges, fruit & veggie bar, cookie, milk.

Jan. 7: Crispito or toasted cheese sandwich, taco salad, fruit & veggie bar, churro, milk.

Women's fitness, nutrition class comes to Marsing

Just in time for those New Year's resolutions, the county extension office will offer an exercise course for women 35 and older early next year.

University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension educator Marsha Lockard will present "Strong Women, Stay Young" classes from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. each Tuesday and Thursday from January through February beginning Jan. 8 with an orientation class.

The classes are part of a national fitness and nutrition program that utilizes eight different strengthtraining exercises and stretching and balance exercises. Each class also will include a brief nutrition lesson. The county extension office

is located a 238 8th Ave. W., in Marsing. Pre-register for the program by

contacting Lockard at 896-4104 or mlockard@uidaho.edu.

Master Gardener program accepting applicants

The University of Idaho Extension's Master Gardener Program is accepting applications.

The program has a limited number of seats left. Applicants will be processed on a first come,

Irrigation

The boards of directors from

local irrigation districts will hold

their regular monthly meetings

Tuesday at the South Board of

Control office, 118 S. 1st Street

District board will meet at 1 p.m.

The Gem Irrigation District will

hold its meeting at 1:15 p.m.,

The Ridgeview Irrigation

districts

to meet

W., in Homedale.

first served basis. Applications can be obtained by contacting the Canyon County Extension office at 208-459-6003 weekdays, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., or by emailing canyon@uidaho.edu.

More information on the Caldwell, ID.

program, which runs Wednesdays from Jan. 7 to April 15, 9 a.m. to noon, is available online at www. ag.uidaho.edu/mg. Instruction will be held at the Canyon County Extension Office, 501 Main Street, Caldwell, ID.

Engagement Patrick, Cooper to wed Jan. 3

Crystal Renee Patrick of Greenleaf and Cole Robert Cooper of Wilder announce their engagement and upcoming wedding.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Dennis and Lisa (Aman) Patrick of Greenleaf. She graduated from Greenleaf Friends Academy in 2006, from Treasure Valley Community College in 2008, and is attending Northwest Nazarene University to finish her nurs-



Crystal Patrick and Cole Cooper TVCC in 2008. He is also attending NNU to finish his Education degree. He is employed by Bauer Heating and Cooling in Wilder. The wedding is planned for Saturday, Jan. 3, 2009, at Mountain View Church of the Nazarene.

Homedale Middle

Dec. 31-Jan. 2: No school.

Jan. 5: Hamburger or hot dog, fries, fruit & veggie bar, cookie, milk.

Jan. 6: Chicken or beef nuggets, broccoli, fruit & veggie bar, cinnamon roll, milk.

Jan. 7: Enchilada or chicken & noodles, corn, fruit & veggie bar, turnover, milk.

Homedale High

Dec. 31-Jan. 2: No school.

Jan. 5: Pizza or chicken bacon melt, fruit & veggie bar, cookie, milk.

Jan. 6: Beef or chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes/gravy, roll, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

Jan. 7: Lasagna, burrito or pizza hot pocket, French bread, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

Marsing

Dec. 31- Jan. 2: No school.

Jan. 5: Burrito & rice, apple crisp, hamburger, salad & fruit bar, milk.

Jan. 6: Spaghetti, salad, Italian bread, chicken nuggets, salad & fruit bar, milk.

Jan. 7: Pizza, salad, cookie, Chinese egg roll, salad & fruit bar, milk.

Bruneau

Dec. 31-Jan. 2: No school.

Jan. 5: Tuna bun, tots, veggie, fruit, cookie, milk.

Jan. 6: Spaghetti, salad, garlic bread, peaches, milk.

Jan. 7: Bean burrito & salsa, Spanish rice, veggie, fruit cup, milk.



Homedale Senior Center

and the South Board of Control directors will meet at 1:30 p.m.

Find out What's happening Read Calendar each week in the Avalanche ing degree. She is employed at Macy's in Nampa.

The prospective bridegroom is the son of Bob and Tierney Cooper of Wilder. He is a 2003 graduate of Homedale High School and Jan. 6: Baked ham, yams, green beans, roll, beverage.

Jan. 7: Chicken/bun, scalloped potatoes, beets, lettuce & tomato, beverage.

Marsing Senior Center

Dec. 31: Baked ham, scalloped potatoes, spinach, vegetable, jello salad, cake w/cherry topping, beverage.

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THENA MAE SMITH, 94, of Marsing, formerly of Warden, Wash., died at her home Dec. 22. Arrangements are pending at Flahiff Funeral Chapel in Caldwell.

> *Read all about it* in the Avalanche!



If you were playing the board game "Clue" in Switzerland, the playing piece we know as Colonel Mustard would be known as Madame Curry. Thought you'd want to know.

Test your friends..."What city in the United States is not located within a state." Why Washington D.C. of course.

Abraham Lincoln wore a size 14 shoe.

A star explosion is known as a Nova, light from the star at the time of the explosion becomes 10,000 times brighter.

Glenn Miller was the first musician to win a gold record. It happened in February of 1942 after sales of his song....'Chattanooga Choo Choo? climbed past the 1,000,000 mark.

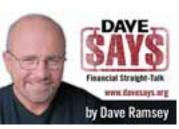
The first gold album went to the Broadway production of 'Oklahoma' in 1949. By 1956 this one had sold over 1.75 million albums.

In 1st Kings, 12:11. King Rehoboam tells the people of his nation that he will discipline them using scorpions. This was before Civil Rights.

Your finances Take care in whom you seek money help from

Dear Dave,

I've noticed that lately there are a lot of loan modification companies opening in my area. I've been getting lots of information in the mail, too. What are your thoughts on these companies?



— Lonnie you think?

Dear Lonnie,

There are some legitimate people out there who have a good track record and know what they're doing in the loan modification and short sale processes. My gut feeling, though, is that 70 to 80 percent of them are brand new to the field. They probably bought a business in a box. They think a lot of folks are in trouble, so they're going to "help" them. The problem is that a lot of these same people couldn't even spell "loan modification" a week ago!

If I were going to consider getting involved in this process, I'd do a whole lot of investigating into the history of the people. I'd want to know how long they'd been in the business, how many "modifications" they'd done, and how much experience - and real clout - they have with the banking industry and the mortgage and real estate industries. Here's a tip: if you hear phrases like "everyone's doing it these days" or "I started doing this a few months ago," you need to get away from them as fast as you can!

Dear Wayne,

I think it depends a lot on the goal you have in mind. If your goal is to stay in debt for a really long time, then by all means keep a credit card open. If your goal is to get out of debt and stay out of debt, then what does it matter if your credit score goes down? My FICO score is zero, and I could probably buy the FICO company for cash!

A credit score is really nothing more than an "I Love Debt" score. It isn't based on how "worthy" you are, how much you have, or how much you make. It's based on the fact that you got into debt, stayed there for a long time, and paid creditors a lot of unnecessary money. I stopped borrowing and paying back debt 20 years ago. As a result, my credit score gradually deteriorated to the point where it doesn't even exist anymore. FICO will love you if you're always in debt and making payments, but you'll never be able to take care of your family, retire with dignity, or make a difference in the world through giving.

Calendar

Today

DivorceCare recovery support group 7 p.m., Mountain View Church of the Nazarene, 26515 Ustick Road, Wilder. (208) 337-3151

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

Community dance

7 p.m., \$4 and finger food, Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

Monday

County Board of Commissioners meeting

Courtroom 2, Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Hwy. 78, Murphy

Elected officials appreciation

1 p.m., event for District 1 Commissioner Harold 'Hal' Tolmie, Sheriff Gary Aman and Prosecuting Attorney Matthew Faulks, McKeeth Hall, Owyhee County Historical Museum complex, 17085 Basey St., Murphy

Tuesday

Exercise class

10:45 a.m., free, Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave. (208) 337-3020 **Ridgeview Irrigation District board meeting** 1 p.m., 118 S. 1st St. W., Homedale

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

South Board of Control board meeting

1:30 p.m., 118 S. 1st St. W., Homedale Senior citizens dinner

6 p.m., Rimrock Senior Citizens Center, 525 Main St., Grand View. (208) 834-2808

Marsing PTA meeting

7 p.m., Marsing High School Commons Room, 208 S. 8th Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 896-4273

AA meeting

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

Wednesday

TRIAD meeting

1 p.m., Marsing Senior Center, 218 Main St., Marsing. (208) 337-4466

DivorceCare recovery support group

7 p.m., Mountain View Church of the Nazarene, 26515 Ustick Road, Wilder. (208) 337-3151

Homedale American Legion meetings

7 p.m., American Legion and Auxiliary meetings, Homedale American Legion Post 32 Hall, 16 E. Owyhee Ave.

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 (an e-mail link is available on our Web site). Call (208) 337-4681 for more information.

OCSO may see new patrol craft

The Owyhee County Sheriffs Office is preparing a grant application to Idaho Parks and Recreation in order to purchase a replacement boat for C.J. Strike Reservoir.

Marine Deputy John Nagel explained why the boat was needed.

"The current patrol boat is over 10 years old and has served the county well. Unfortunately, we have had to replace the engine twice this year and have made several welding repairs because of normal wear and tear and metal fatigue," he said in a release to The Avalanche on Tuesday. "The plan is to move the current boat to a backup capacity and to use it to patrol the Snake River from Swan Falls Dam to C.J. Strike Dam, and the heavily-used Walters Ferry to Swan Falls stretch."

Nagel said both Sheriff Gary

Aman and Sheriff-elect Daryl Crandall support purchasing a new boat "because they stated that it is essential that we have a dependable, efficient boat to respond to any emergency that may arise on C.J. Strike Reservoir. The patrol boat will also be used to conduct boating safety inspections, routine enforcement patrol, and search and rescue."

Nagel expects the new boat will have increased demand this year, with the anticipated increase in use of the CJ Strike area by people taking advantage of improved boat ramps and facilities, and with the additional campsites, restroom facilities, and day use areas currently being undertaken by the Idaho Power Company,

Preliminary research shows that the boat companies are willing to reduce their price to make a sale during this time of economic downturn, Nagel said. The projected cost of the new boat is expected to be about \$50,000.

"The grant we are applying for is from the Waterways Improvement Fund administered by the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation," he said. "There is a 20 percent matching fund requirement for Owyhee County that would come from the County Waterways Committee budget with approval from the Waterways Committee Chairperson Larry McDaniels. Approval is also required from the Owyhee County Commissioners."

Nagel invites any questions or comments about the grant process or the purchase of the new boat. He can be reached at 496-115 or by e-mail at jnagel@ co.owyhee.d.us.

— Wayne

- Dave

Dear Dave,

We've paid off most of our credit cards. My wife doesn't want to pay all of them off, though. She says it's a good idea to have open cards and a high score on your credit report to show that you're creditworthy. I want them out of our lives completely. What do

Close the accounts, Wayne. Cut up the cards and pay cash for everything! You can't worship at the altar of the great FICO if you want to get out of debt, and stay out of debt!

— Dave

— For more advice from Dave, please visit www.davesays.org.

Homedale FFA news

Though extra-curricular activities forced rescheduling, no busy schedule was going to stop the Homedale FFA chapter's annual Gift of Green community service project.

Chapter members shopped for toys and clothing for two local families in the last week of November. Presents and food were delivered to the families and their seven children on Dec. 4.

Homedale FFA advisor Lori Harrison said that chapter members also brought two cans of food each for the families in exchange for a pizza dinner.

After the Gift of Green delivery,

the chapter members embarked on a scavenger hunt, with each team getting their first clue at the ag shop on the Homedale High School campus.

Parents hosted eight houses ---four with clues and four that were set up as "fake" clue checkpoints. The FFA members' objective was to return to the ag shop with the eight items which were the correct ones.

The team of Hannah Johnson, Kendall Rupp, Summer Phelps and Laken Hiser was the first quartet to complete the mission. Each team member won a \$50 debit card.

The second-place team of Alex

Mereness, Carolina Salgado, Mitch Quintana and Megan Harper received \$35 gift cards, and the third-place team of Raven Kelly, Aubrey Nash and Laurien Mavey each made off with a pair of movie tickets.

Parents served as drivers for the teams, and Harrison thanked the following folks for the use of their houses and the time they spent manning scavenger hunt checkpoints: Sarah Black, Gary and Diane Amos, Kevin and Heather Cornwall, Jim and Teresa Ryska, Todd and Toni Kelly, Barney and Melanie Harper, Jason Tindall and Randy and Lynn Phelps.

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the MRW department learned it had received a \$114,000 grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency. The FEMA money is to be used to purchase a new water tender to alleviate the problem, said MRW Fire Chief Jim Mackenzie.

Homedale High's Kortney Bahem earned a full scholarship to Casper Community College in Wyoming, with her focus on livestock studies and horse judging.

Jan. 8 will be remembered for the snowfall that closed county schools and slowed traffic.

The Homedale Chamber of Commerce kept its lineup from the previous year, with President Gavin Parker, vice president/ treasurer Brad Dines and Secretary Robin Aberasturi all winning their re-election bids.

The new Homedale High School reader board lit up for the first time.

The South Board of Control accepted a \$135,586 check from the U.S. Department of the Interior Bureau of Reclamation. The money is intended to help a \$630,129 canal conversion project.

Homedale School District veteran David Correa stepped into the role of middle school counselor during the second week of this month.

A week later, Jerry Hoagland

was selected as the chairman of the Owhyee County Board of Commissioners.

Also in week three, the Owhyee County Sheriff's Office seized 29 horses, three burros, two cows, two llamas and a large number of dogs from a farm in Homedale. Deborah Hopson and Zach Robinson were cited for animal cruelty according to the police log. Police were also frustrated with the suspension of the sentence on another repeat animal cruelty offender, George Beck.

Adrian Albor-Cardenas, 24, of Homedale was killed in a one-car accident in Canyon County. The driver, Eric Gonzales, was also killed.

Homedale School District



received a \$75,000 state grant aimed at improving reading skills for middle school students. The money is earmarked for a variety of high-tech aids such as a projection system, wireless slates and an online curriculum available to all teachers in the language arts program.

HHS student Belen Vega and Homedale eighth-grader Deena Emry read their prize-winning writing compositions addressing race, tolerance and the frictions thereof at the Anne Frank Human Rights Memorial in Boise.

In the fourth week of January, yet another fire made headlines, when an onion storage building in Adrian burnt to the ground. One area farmer lost approximately \$70,000 in produce.

FEBRUARY

At the outset of the month, the Owyhee County Board of Commissioners unanimously — See Year in review, page 9

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voted to amend the county's personnel manual – requiring employees running against superiors to resign or face firing if there is a serious possibility of disruption in the office in question.

The Marsing Disaster Auction finished with a new high-water mark of more than \$99,000 raised for a variety of charity and assistance organizations operating in the county.

The Owhyee Avalanche announces its new online presence.

Nineteen-year-old Jessica Hiser, killed in a car crash in Wilder, was remembered by many in Homedale on Feb. 6 at the Latter Day Saints church in Homedale. Some students at HHS, which her younger sister attends, met with a grief counselor. More than 500 people are estimated to have attended the funeral.

The awaited rehabilitation of Homedale's water system began in the second week of February. New lines replacing aging ones are planned, as well as new hydrants.

The 47th annual Homedale International Smorgasbord tickled palates and vanquished appetites across a crowd that averaged roughly 400 people per hour for the event's first three hours. The event raised \$17,000 for the Homedale School District.

Members of the Owyhee County Sheriff's Office arrested three suspected sex offenders in 10-hour period over Feb. 4-5. The arrests occurred in both Homedale, where Colley Grant Reed was taken, and in Marsing, where Michael Chase Gardner and Jesus Sierra were nabbed. Each arrest was separated by less than three hours.

El-Ada Community Action Partnership saw donations at a 12-year low and demands at an all-time high at the organization's food bank, which provides food aid to 397 county residents.

On Feb. 5, Barack Obama wins the Owyhee County Democratic Caucus with a 78 percent majority.

The Spot Pizza opens in Marsing, on the site of a historic saloon called The Spot that existed in the 1930s.

Quick thinking and good timing nabs two burglary suspects when an employee at the Marsing ION truck stop called in to report a group of young people paying for their purchases with a pile of \$1 coins – two minutes after the victimized homeowner had called in to report the theft.

After Owyhee County officials threaten to suspend the permit process for Alternate Energy Holdings, Inc. – the group that proposed a 1,600-megawatt nuclear reactor near CJ Strike reservoir – the errant \$50,000 was paid as of Feb. 18. The plant location was later moved, though it still remains adjoining the Snake River.

After a 35-year wait, Lloyd Barnard of Homedale receives his Purple Heart for wounds suffered in Vietnam.

HHS students bring "The Princess Bride" to life on stage in the third week of the month.

Melba High School sophomore Clint Robertson is nominated to attend the National Youth Leaders Conference in December – where exceptional students meet and interact with members of both Congress and the Washington D.C. press corps.

In the last week of the shortest month the residents of Homedale were left without water for over six hours as workers refurbishing the system accidentally ruptured an old line in two places.

Mud, runoff and bad weather trigger county closures of many recreation areas in worries over safety and resource protection.

Toni McGuire, cowboy poet, wows a full house at the Bruneau Public Library.

L a w enforcement representatives talked about the dangers and nature of meth labs to Homedale volunteer firemen, highlighting the dangers the labs and the chemicals used in them pose to firefighters.

MARCH

The Txoko Ona Basque Center in Homedale showed off Basque culture, crafts and cooking, as well as the graceful moves of the Herribatza and Oinkari Dancers, in the eighth annual Homedale Basque Dance.

The Marsing Nazarene church celebrated its 90th birthday on March 17. The church was

founded by James and Annie Maxwell in 1917.

Adrian High School sees Kevin Purnell take over as chief executive.

The annual Bruneau Boosters auction raises \$9,000 on donated items.

Joe Weatherby of Marsing resigned from the Owyhee Planning and Zoning Commission, though not his chair on the Energy Committee.

Homedale Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller approached the Homedale City Council regarding an outbreak of graffiti throughout the town. During the third week of the month, seven new tags appeared on a variety of buildings around town.

Homedale High School seniors, faculty, and donkeys faced off in some non-regulation but still exciting hoops on March 10.

Marsing's initial water system nears completion, with the first steps toward finalized planning wrapping up. Bids are expected in the summer, with ground breaking on the project in the fall, planners hope.

A new city Web site and fullcolor printed map near release in Homedale.

In the chilly third week of March, Marsing Middle School principal Paul Webster found himself, and his office, atop the school building. Webster had challenged the students of the Advanced Reading program before, and paid his bets in shaved heads and the like. This time he bet the school as a whole, with stakes being his day of work on the roof if the entire school could raise its reading score by 20 percent. The student body was "up" to the challenge. Marsing High School junior Andre F. Heidt received the highest award in Scouting, the Eagle Scout rank. Heidt has been a scout since 1998 and is also a member of the Sons of the American Legion, the Marsing Honors Society and the Sons of the American Revolution.

the legitimacy of Emery's filing, 30 minutes before the deadline, for the office Faulks had held. Faulks added that his concerns centered around whether Emery was within the guidelines for residency within the county.

Crews continue to work on the Homedale water system, with at least two more unexpected stoppages in late March.

The Owyhee County Rodeo Board of Directors was named best in the Idaho Cowboys Association following a highly successful 2007 season that included a live TV broadcast from Homedale on the final night of the event.

Claudia Lorraine Curt, 53, was sentenced to 17 years on her conviction for felony grand theft. She was also ordered to pay \$238,632 in restitution to the Homedale-based Filler King Company, from which she had embezzeled a reported \$670,000 since 1996 by writing herself checks.

Zach Robinson and Deborah Hopson, charged in January with cruelty to animals, were ordered to pay \$7,700 for the care of the animals incurred after their seizure by the Owyhee County Sheriff's Office. If not paid within the week, the animals would become property of the county.

Students from Marsing and Homedale gathered for the Rachel's Challenge program, which is an assembly encouraging positive thinking and attitudes by talking about the life, writings and death of Rachel Scott, the first victim of the Columbine High School shootings. The program has been presented at more than 1,000 schools across the country. Some recreational areas are reopened by the Owyhee County Commission, but many thousands of square miles are still closed due to mud. The closed areas have been inaccessible since February. Nampa resident Maria Correa, owner of Alejandra's Mexican Restaurant in Wilder, opens a second location, in Marsing. Every Owyhee town is invaded by small, bright eggs hidden





Deputy Prosecutor Douglas Emery expressed surprise when Owyhee County Prosecuting Attorney Matthew Faulks launched an investigation into

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in a variety of places. Children step up to combat the problem. In Marsing alone, over 2,000 invaders were captured.

Owyhee Sand and Gravel and Bahem's auto body shop, both of which burned during the past winter, make comebacks. Bahem's is completely repaired and open for business and Owyhee Sand and Gravel has re-framed its destroyed workshop.

APRIL

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The first week of April opened with the Canyon County Sheriff's Office chasing down and arresting Thomas James Patanjo, 20, of Marsing for stealing irrigation pipe. The chase made it into Owyhee County before the suspect was nabbed, with the arrest of Patanjo and two companions occurring under the Marsing bridge. The trunk of Patanjo's car was found full of wiring and batteries — suspected stolen material to be sold to scrapyards, where sellers can get \$3 or \$4 per pound for the metal.

The Homedale City Council committed to the acreage expansion at the Homedale airport despite initial concerns over lack of a written plan of development. Three and one-half acres were added to the site, facilitating plans to add hangars and rework the entry road to the airstrip.

County commissioners voted unanimously to buy nearly 1 1/2 acres in Murphy for \$117,000 from Ronald and NaDean Goff. The land is earmarked for expansion of the County Courthouse.

Homedale and Marsing school districts offered rosy pictures of the 2008 budget in their systems, both showing a planned expansion of expenditures and programs.

Vandalism, in the form of graffiti tagging, declined in Homedale according to Police Chief Eidemiller.

Concerns over student safety helped unanimously carry a motion in Homedale's city council to install a pair of streetlights to illuminate the two crosswalks most heavily used at the city high school.

The Homedale LDS Church begins construction on its new picnic pavilion. The structure will be finished in a matter of weeks.

Commissioner Dick Freund is

Martin Guy Miller of Homedale is arrested under suspicion of theft in another copper-related case. Miller is arrested while allegedly burning the insulation off copper wire.

The Owyhee County Sheriff's Office hires two new deputies: Slade Heeb and John Thomas.

In the second week of April, nine-year veteran of the Homedale Police Department Andrew Hoagland resigns after a DUI arrest in Nampa.

Customs Enforcement agents raid Specialty Inc. Wood Products and detained 13 Mexican nationals illegally working for the Pioneer Road business.

Less than a year after the concept of the Idaho Energy Complex/Alternate Energy Holdings nuclear plant siting in Owyhee County was broached, the planners shift the proposed \$4.5 billion project into Elmore County, saying the new site is more in line with the needs of their project. The new site in Elmore County proves to be a hayfield owned by Owyhee County dairy owner Nicolas DeRuyter.

Longtime Homedale School District principal and teacher Herb Fritzley was designated for honors May 1 during the dedication of a garden space and flagpole at Homedale Elementary School.

With warming weather, the third week of April saw young anglers enjoying the historied sport of fishing in the Spring Fling event sponsored by the Western Idaho Community Action Partnership (WICAP) offices in Marsing and Wilder. Idaho Fish and Game handed out more than 100 rods and reels to preschool anglers at Island Park in Marsing.

The Marsing School Board voted to exclude kindergarten and firstgrade students from classes if they did not provide current proof of or exemption from immunization. The board unanimously passed a resolution that all kindergarten and first-grade students provide the school with current records showing compliance with state immunization requirements. Students who did not provide current records would not be allowed to attend class. The vote came as word came down from a state agency that continued noncompliance could bring the Idaho Attorney General's Office into the situation for disciplinary



action. Up to 25 percent of the young students had incomplete or missing vaccination records.

Streetlights approved the previous week go up on Idaho Avenue in front of the Homedale high school.

About 70 volunteers coordinated by the Idaho Department of Fish and Game pulled more than a ton of garbage out of the Snake River in a single day. The effort covered a mile-long stretch of bank at Bernard's Landing, and a much longer reach from Marsing upstream to near Swan Falls.

Five illegal aliens arrested during an April 2 raid on a Homedale pallet company are in the process of being deported, while seven others suspected of violating U.S. immigration laws await further proceedings in Boise federal court.

Republican candidates for county positions gather in Murphy to speak their piece to the voting public.

Janice Bicandi, Marsing's city clerk with 20 years experience in the position, is named the Idaho Rural Water Association's Administrator of the Year for 2008.

Joshua Larrea, a suspect in a Givens home invasion that left an elderly woman tied up for hours, is indicted by a federal grand jury for being a felon in possession of a firearm.

Four of Homedale High's FFA chapter horse judges — Alysha Bahem, Summer Megargee, Aubrey Nash and Kali McRae — won the state championship during the Idaho State FFA convention April 9-12 at the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls. The quartet is eligible to compete at the FFA national convention, set for Indianapolis in October. MAY Not to be outdone by Fish and Game's cleanup, The Jump Creek Wranglers 4-H group's "Clean Up Marsing" community service event netted at least 40 bags of litter in a sweep of Marsing's main corridor and both city parks. The Wranglers were aided by the Boy Scouts and some Marsing High School students. Burglars break into a Homedale tattoo shop and take everything not nailed down, stripping Munster's Ink of as much as \$10,000 of equipment. Rewards are offered, but the culprits remain unknown.

Idaho 51, and 13 passengers suffer injuries. Seven were taken by ambulance to the Mountain Home air base hospital; three others were evacuated by helicopter to Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center.

The Canyon County side of the impact area for the City of Homedale is finalized and approved by the Canyon County board of commissioners. The final area covers nearly 4,500 acres, stretching from Silo Way in the north to Ruby Lane and the Snake River in the south.

Jim Rice is appointed deputy prosecutor by a 2-1 vote of Owyhee County commissioners, following Douglas Emery's decision to run for prosecutor and his stepping down from the post.

Homedale's water project ran afoul of several incorrectly installed valves from the 1970s, and water was shut off to city residents and businesses when what should have been a dry line blew when cut into. By the end of April, most of the trenching work in the city had been completed.

The expansion to the Owyhee County Fairgrounds livestock barn gets underway. The expansion will add 12,000 square feet of covered area to the structure when it is completed.

A China Ditch area woman gave up 17 captive wolves voluntarily. Sandra Knox worked with authorities and faced no charges in the pickup of the animals. The pickup was sparked in part by two wolves that escaped Knox's care, one of which was suspected of killing several calves. OCSO, Idaho Fish and Game, the USDA, the Idaho Humane Society and the Wolf Recovery Center were all involved

opponents. County commissioners adopt a policy in line with that of the Idaho Counties Risk Management Program (ICRMP) that would, in effect, mandate that employees running for office against an employer ---when it could cause "reasonable prediction of disruption" - step down from their position in order to run. The policy addendum, in the year of the hotly contested sheriff's race between Sheriff Gary Aman and Deputy Daryl Crandall, raises some evebrows and voices over its timing, but in the end is supported by the commissioners, bringing county policy more in line with the state standard.

The Homedale American Legion Auxiliary Unit No. 32 named Homedale High School students Hannah Johnson and Annamaria Salas as its 2008 delegates to Idaho Syringa Girls State at Northwest Nazarene University in Nampa.

A fire on the property of TM Farm Supply just north of Homedale burned dangerously close to the natural gas pipeline that spans the nearby Snake River



and supplies the city. The volunteer fire department dispatched every piece of equipment to knock down the fire before it could get any closer to the pipeline. An Intermountain Gas Co., employee said that the utility recently fixed a leaky valve on the pipeline near the site of the fire.

Another blaze flared a week later, when a large number of wooden pallets and onion crates burned May 5 at Specialty Inc. Wood Products on Pioneer Road outside Homedale. Homedale Fire Chief Scott Salutregui said 25 firefighters and three departments responded - Marsing and Wilder both supplied men and machines to help stop the fire. The Idaho Farm Bureau Federation kicked off a fundraiser for Paul Nettleton and Tim Lowry, who went through a 10-year court battle initiated by the Bureau of Land Management, won, and then got stuck with more than a million dollars in legal fees. The legal defense of the ranchers amounting roughly to the value of their ranching operations, and they were denied reimbursement

fined a total of \$75 for passing in a no-passing zone in a low-speed fender-bender



A tire blowout on April 24 sent an Air Force bus into a ditch on

A \$7

May opened with questions over County Assessor Brett Endicott after state tax commission appraiser Kathlyn Ireland said her office had received falsified information in the past from the assessor's office. Investigations which followed did not result in any official charges or reprimands.

The Owyhee Initiative continues to forge slowly ahead in Congress, despite stumbling blocks that delay its passage.

The county follows the advice of its insurance carrier and looks at revising the personnel manual as concerns candidacy and employment in the offices of

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of legal fees.

The Homedale Chamber of Commerce and City combined Web site launches at www. cityofhomedale.com.

Marsing Middle School teacher Michelle Ross and her husband, Thad, returned from a Peace Corps mission to China cut short by an earthquake.

A Caldwell couple, Mark and Shannon Cleaver, were arrested in connection with more cable and copper thefts that had cost Owyhee County companies and owners tens of thousands of dollars. The specter of wiretheft continues to eat up law enforcement hours, though, with cases involving more than just one group of thieves.

May 10 saw 157 riders mount up for the fifth annual Wilson Butte 4-H Cowboy Trail Ride. The course tested riders on bridges, across pipe, horse reaction to a deer, up hills and through water crossings.

Owyhee County commissioners draft a letter to the state tax commission asking for the removal of Kathlynn Ireland, who alleged that county assessor Brett Endicott had falsified records for unprofessional and harmful conduct. Commissioners expressed their unhappiness that Ireland would bring her concerns to the press before the county itself. Ireland said she had reported her findings previously to the prosecutor.

Homedale's west side sees some new asphalt as the weather warms.

The Homedale Police Department returns to full strength with the hire of reserve office Steve Atkins. Both officers Atanacio Montes and Jeff Wasson, now POST graduates, are also on patrol.

In the blackened wake of the Murphy Complex fire, a multi-agency effort brings eight special phones to the Owyhee County backcountry to help with minimizing the damage of wild fires and other disasters. The Owyhee County Sheriff's Office, Homeland Security and the Bureau of Land Management launched a plan to put satellite phones in the hands of eight different ranchers in order to better monitor remote fires

effort to slow the continued rash of wire thefts that have plagued the county.

As May wound down, primary elections found challengers topping incumbents in a number of races, most notably a 981-805 win in the emotional Sheriff's race for Daryl Crandall over Sheriff Gary Aman. This leaves Crandall facing independent candidate Perry Grant in November. Harold "Hal" Tolmie, who was running for his announced last stint on the county board of commissioners, was unseated 977-710 by George Hyer. Douglas Emery, running unopposed by his former boss, prosecuting attorney Matthew Faulks, moved ahead, facing an unopposed November election and his occupation of the prosecutor's office. Commissioner Jerry Hoagland was the only incumbent.

After seven years, a Marsing man's stolen aluminum boat was found in Troy in Latah County. The new owner was unaware that the boat had been stolen, and had a bill of sale. He voluntarily turned the boat over, and bought it back from its true owner, Bob Aldrich, bringing closure to a case dating to 2000.

The Sundance Park playground program makes it past the last major financial hurdle with a \$5,500 donation from the Masons and Eastern Star that brings the program's fund to \$13,500, which will qualify the project for the \$4,000 from the Caldwell Community Foundation. The funds are to be used to replace aging playground equipment with newer, safer equipment.

A windstorm closed Oreana Loop Road on May 22 with drifts of dirt and sand shifted from a plowed but not-yet irrigated field neighboring it. The road remained closed through Memorial Day, and county crews used heavy equipment to clear it.

John A. Williamson, 59, of Texas, was killed when his ultralight experimental aircraft crashed southwest of Jordan Valley

at Skinner Airstrip. The plane was believed to have lost power, and crashed in a





front of horrified onlookers.

The real estate slow-down in the county forces Alliance Title and Escrow to close its Homedale office and move its resources to its Caldwell branch.

Idaho Power holds an initial scoping meeting in Murphy for its proposed Gateway West transmission line. The line will connect multiple substations from Wyoming, across southern Idaho, to a proposed Hemingway station to be built north of Murphy.

The Homedale team of Kortney Bahem, Annamaria Salas and Alysha Bahem won the western regional ranging judging championship May 5-7 during 57th annual National Land and Range Judging Contest in Oklahoma City.

Josh Mackenzie takes the buckle for all-around cowboy at the Jordan Valley Big Loop Rodeo. The 50th anniversary event attracts hundreds of riders and a record crowd. It also included two 16-year-old Winnemucca boys who decided to streak through the arena. Law enforcement received an assist when a cowboy roped one of the pair. The other was captured by another group of cowboys as he tried to recover his clothing at a nearby tree.

May also sees high school grads take a last bow before heading out

JUNE

A potentially amaging flood was averted as crews worked

in June. The crooks stole wire from the company building a high-capacity power line through Owyhee County. Owyhee County Sheriff's Chief Deputy Bruce Cameron said that a spool of copper wire valued at about \$2,500 was stolen from the Wasatch Electric's construction staging yard about nine miles outside of Bruneau Idaho State Emergency Medical Services Bureau representatives presented the keys to a 2008 Ford F350 pickup and utility bed to Silver City Fire & Rescue, Inc. (SCF&R), after the completion of the process for a state EMS vehicle grant. Angela Correa, Homedale Middle School Limited English Proficiency teacher, is presented with the Homedale School District's Teacher of the Year Award and the glowing praise of the district and co-workers.

tankers to help clear standing water from the streets after the June 3 downpour. Approximately .63 inches of rain fell in a period of about 20 minutes. In the onemile-square area of downtown Homedale, that works out to 10,894,299 gallons of water. Basements and ground floors of businesses were hit hard in places

TRIAD increases patrols in an sharp turn in



about 90 minutes on the morning of June 1 to fix a canal break in the Gem Irrigation District. South Board of Control manager Ron Kiester said that water was lost at a rate of 20 cubic feet per second when a gopher hole compromised C canal about 400 feet north of Thompson Road, Kiester said the quick action of area farmer and Marsing contractor Brion Showalter as well as the timing of the breech reduced the loss of water and the amount of damage to neighboring properties.

Adrian's new school shows off its facilities on June 14 during the Strawberry Daze festival.

Wire thieves are at it again

A "storm of the century" floods downtown Homedale during what some residents call "the heaviest rain they've every experienced". The Homedale Fire Department dispatched all its trucks and

Investigators still are trying to figure out what happened to a 42-year-old Melba woman who was discovered driving with a gunshot wound. A husband and wife called the Owyhee County Sheriff's Office on the night of June 3 after they found Lynette Redmond sitting in her car near mile marker 8 on Idaho highway 78. Dispatch reports said Redmond told the couple that she had accidentally wounded herself while trying to shoot a beaver.

Winston Kelly, a Nevada man, was convicted in Elko County District Court of murdering a man whose body was found in remote southern Owyhee County in April

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2007. Kelly reportedly killed Peter Braun of Reno for the engine of his pickup truck. He is sentenced to life without the chance of parole.

The Homedale Block Party returns after a one-year hiatus. Events include dancing, games, and a dunk tank, music, food and more.

The 39th annual Murphy Outpost Days exposes those attending to slices of the history,

culture and skills of Owyhee County — everything from driving cattle to branding to blacksmithing are on display. Soaring gas prices and the weather put a slight damper on the event, but an estimated 1,500 brave both cost and wind to enjoy the day.

Questions over the possible malfeasance of county assessor Brett Endicott continue as state appraiser Kathlynn Ireland submits a 116-page report on the matter. Endicott denies any wrongdoing, and said that Ireland had been confrontational in their meetings. He pointed to a personality conflict as underlying the situation as it now stood.

A dedication ceremony for the Jordan Valley ION Heritage Museum was held June 21 in Jordan Valley. The event honored museum benefactor John Elorriaga, in whose childhood home the museum is housed. Curator Joanne Cunningham said that, in a way, the historic Elorriaga home continues to house the memories of those people who have passed through Jordan Valley while fanning out



in the region.

Marsing proposes its own impact area to the county commissioners, in line with both Mayor Keith Green and the city council's desire to have a map for Marsing's future growth.

The Blue Hawaii festival organized by the Marsing Chamber of Commerce attracts classic cars, touring cyclists, music and much more. With 30 entries from car fanciers, the event plans a shown-shine event for next year.

As June drew to a close, the Owyhee County Board of Commissioners began the process of determining which roads would be open, and which closed, to ATV traffic in light of next year's law that will open all roads not specifically closed by other governing entities.

Homedale business owners are unimpressed with the Idaho Transportation Department as it forces Allied Sign owner Mark Jolley to remove his billboards on U.S. Highway 95. Nearly all see the removal of the advertising on the billboards as a negative move that will limit the numbers of people stopping to avail themselves of services in the city.

In a fit of senselessness, a pair of military men stole a variety of bar paraphernalia from the Y-Bar and Café in Grand View – including several stuffed birds from the walls. All of the action was captured on the bar's security camera. Detective Jim Bish of the Owyhee County Sheriff's Office was confident that the two men were going to suffer for their lack of thought — especially at the hands of their commanding officers. "Wherever they go in

the world, we'll know," he said. "It was pretty stupid. Not a good career move. If you're going to be dumb, be real dumb."

Joshua Larrea and Amanda Ravelette, two of the three accused in last winter's burglary, home invasion and robbery crime-spree across southwest Idaho, have entered guilty pleas to grand theft and burglary. Both were sentenced at their June 17 hearings before District Judge Gregory M. Culet in

Murphy. Larrea will do two years fixed, seven indeterminate, and Ravelette two fixed, five indeterminate.

A former Melba School District administrative assistant entered a guilty plea on one count of felony grand theft in a Canyon County courtroom. The Melba School District announced that Belinda Thiel entered the plea before Third District Judge Thomas Ryan on June 16. She was accused of stealing more than \$45,000 from the school district, which serves students in parts of Owyhee, Canyon and Ada counties.

The Homedale airport turns 50.

The Txoko Ona Basque Center celebrated its first birthday in style on June 22. Approximately 400 people attended the event, enjoyed lunch, a weightlifting demonstration and contest and were entertained by the moves of both Boise's Oinkari Dancers and the youngsters of the Herribatza Dantzariak group taught by Homedale's Gloria Lejardi.

A fire — started by a trash fire that escaped control — damaged



the Bible Missionary Church Christian School on Industrial Road in Homedale.

It also threatened two 500-gallon propane tanks that had to be cooled with fire hoses, and set alight the gas escaping the melted register valve beside the building.

JULY

A brief but controversial chapter in the history of energy development in Owyhee County came to a close at the first part of the month as officials from the Idaho Energy Complex pulled the plug on their plan to build a 1,600-megawatt nuclear power plant along the Snake River near Bruneau.

The Owyhee County Board of Commissioners agreed to accept the conditional use permit withdrawal from Alternate Energy Holdings Inc. chief executive officer Don Gillespie. In the letter, Gillespie told the commissioners they could keep the balance of his \$50,000 check for future energy development the county. AEHI had been asked to pay \$50,000 to cover the costs of any future experts needed in the permit process.

Later in the year, AEHI had noved across the Snake River to Elmore County in a bid to build their nuclear plant there. Elmore's Planning and Zoning Commission rejected the company's CUP application to build on a 1,400acre hay field. As local governmental agencies began to shape their fiscal year 2009 budgets, Homedale Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller asked the Homedale City Council to consider pay raises for his officers. After asking to bring his officers' pay up to speed with their colleagues in the Owyhee County Sheriff's Office, Eidemiller was criticized in the workshop by Magistrate Court Clerk Jan Fink. Fink said Eidemiller's department had handed out considerably fewer citations during June 2008

as compared to the same time a year earlier.

Other budget workshop highlights saw public works supervisor Larry Bauer ask for automatic sewer and water rate increases each year. Later in the year, the council would pass an ordinance authorizing annual rate hikes. Homedale Public Library director Margaret Fujishin also would see her request granted for more library hours — and corresponding pay increases.

The Homedale council also discussed necessary sewer system rehabilitation as well as continued work to drill a new well for the municipal water system.

Longtime state legislator Frances Field reflected on the life of state Sen. Tom Gannon (R-Buhl), who lost a short battle with cancer on June 24. District 23 Rep. Bert Brackett (R-Rogerson), the only Owyhee County resident in the Idaho Legislature, would be appointed to finish Gannon's term. Twin Falls Republican Stephen Hartgen was appointed to take Brackett's place in the state House of Representatives.

Longtime Homedale Elementary School teacher MaryJo Lazarlier and her husband, local general contractor Doug, continued preparations for a two-year Quality Schools International (QSI) educational mission to Albania.



The Treasure Valley Reading Foundation brought \$6,000 in books on behalf of the Friends of the Lizard Butte Library to help stock the shelves of the Marsing public library.

Factions in Silver City butted heads on the necessity of a 50,000-gallon water tank for fire protection in the historic mining town.

Opponents, such as winter watchman Clarence Orton, argued that the tank wasn't appropriate for Silver City's historical district. Orton also argued that fireboxes that he helped build throughout

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the town had plenty of hose and water capacity to fight structural blazes. He also suggested water source alternatives such as the flooded Morningstar mine site or the dam on Jordan Creek.

Silver City Property Owners Association president Dave Cram said a Boise State University study recommended the addition of a tank for fire suppression, and Silver City Fire & Rescue, Inc., president Jim Hyslop said he could acquire such a tank for \$1 from a nearby mining operation.

Rogalio Martinez opened Tortilleria Martinez on Main Street in Homedale, complete with a huge, high-capacity tortillamaking machine. Within months, the restaurant was closed and a new eatery, Tacos El Panal, had relocated from a mobile eatery on West Idaho Avenue.

A U.S. Attorney said that many illegal aliens such as those arrested while working at Homedale's Specialty, In., Wood Products, use forged alien registration cards and Social Security numbers that are gleaned from actual accounts by the vendors of the illicit cards.

The 2007 Crime in Idaho report issued by the Idaho State Police showed that average offenses in Homedale had dropped during the previous two to 2 1/2 years. But the drastic crime rate drop was due to a data reporting error, not an actual drop in offenses. Homedale Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller assumed full responsibility for incomplete data being submitted to ISP.

Meanwhile, Owyhee County Sheriff's Office crime rates dipped slightly in 2007.

A Mexican national arrested on

Snake River District leadership camp. Owyhee County 4-H and FFA members also collected high marks during the Meridian Dairy Show.

Jordan Valley FFA member Anne Marie Eiguren visited Washington D.C. to take part in the Washington Leadership Conference.

Rookies took two of the top three spots in the annual Homedale Lions Club Demolition Derby with Chester Conklin of Parma bringing home the championship.

Thousands of people showed up to see the Marsing Third of July fireworks show over the Snake River. In Wilder, Homedale volunteers William Shaw and Mary Burman were honored as grand marshals of that town's Fourth of July parade.

Local high school seniors-tobe Andre Heidt of Marsing and Hannah Johnson and Annamaria Ayala-Salas of Homedale participated in Boys State and Girls State conventions in Nampa.

Several artifacts from Owyhee County's Freemasons history went on display at the Idaho Historical Museum in Boise.

The Homedale Police Department began looking for a man, Juan Carlos Meza, after a bullet whizzed past two adults and 10 children riding in a pickup on July 13. None of the 12 people were injured as the bullet crashed through vehicle glass. Meza was arrested later in the year by Utah authorities.

After being asked to look into the situation by his Owyhee County counterpart, Ada County Prosecuting Attorney Greg Bower sent a letter to the county Board of Commissioners reporting that no criminal charges could be proven beyond a reasonable doubt in regards to the actions of Owyhee County Assessor Brett Endicott in the execution of his office. Matthew Faulks had asked Bower to look into the situation to determine if a special prosecutor should be appointed.

Bower was asked to look into the issue after the State Tax Commission released a comprehensive report on Endicott's valuation practices.

Later in July, an ISTC official confirmed that a taxpayer requested the agency investigate Endicott.

Garbage rates in Homedale and Marsing increased in July. The Homedale City Council approved a \$1 rate hike to \$9.25 at the request of Westowns Disposal Inc., to offset rising fuel costs. Marsing council members also approved a rate increase to cover rising fuel costs and a new rule making garbage totes mandatory in the city limits.

Owyhee County Sheriff's Office personnel confiscated illegal marijuana grows outside Murphy. The largest of the two operations netted 7,500 pot plants, included federal and local law enforcement agencies and garnered regional headlines.

Homedale city officials explored the idea of utilizing a Local Improvement District (LID) to help garner a revitalization grant from the Idaho Department of Commerce. By the end of the year, though, Homedale had submitted an application for a \$500,000 grant to refurbish sidewalks and gutters and install street lighting along Idaho Avenue without mention of an LID, which would have required a monthly tax from businesses in the redevelopment district.

A Nampa man was sought and later arrested after a historic building was destroyed at the Dewey Mine site on Florida Mountain. Owyhee County Sheriff's deputies eventually arrested Larry Ray Bates in connection with the crime.

For the first time in six years, the Owyhee Cattlemen's Association held its summer convention in the 116-year-old Silver City schoolhouse in late July. The OCA had met at the mining town's Masonic Hall during an extensive renovation of the schoolhouse. Marsing's Bodie Clapier was installed as the association president.

Joshua Larrea, one of three people charged in a string of burglaries and a home invasion in Owyhee County in the winter, was sentenced to state prison before facing federal charges related to the crime spree.

A Nampa resident was arrested and later acquitted of charges stemming from the 2007 armed robbery of the Snake River Mart in Marsing.

The Homedale Chamber of Commerce held a meeting to discuss the city council's plans to set fees and rules for vendors in town. By the end of the year, the city had yet to finalize an ordinance, but Councilman Tim Downing asked during the December council meeting that the ordinance issue be place on the Jan. 14 agenda.

Homedale resident Adelberto Lopez was arrested after an investigation led by Homedale Police Officer Jeff Wasson uncovered a dozen marijuana plants in a backyard on Whitecloud Circle. He entered a guilty plea later in the year and received a suspended sentence.

Homedale student Kara McRae traveled to Salt Lake City to take part in tryouts for the Fox television show "American Idol."

The former bookkeeper of the Marsing Farm Labor Board,

Juanita J. Quintero, was sentenced to a year in prison after pleading guilty to two of 25 counts of mail fraud. Quintero was charged with illegally collecting benefits that may have totaled more than\$50,000.

University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension educator Scott Jensen received the Achievement Award from the National Association County Agriculture Agents during the annual meeting in Greensboro, N.C.

AUGUST

Longtime county residents John Kushlan (grant marshal), Ethyl Cegnar (reserve grand marshal) and the late Fred DeGeus (Local Hero) were named as honorees for the Owyhee County Fair and Rodeo Parade. New parade coordinator Donna Marose came up with the idea to honor locals and opened nominations to the public.

The Owyhee County Board of Commissioners held a public hearing at Homedale High School to get input on ATV-related road restrictions. Only a handful of county residents showed up for the hearing. The commissioners later passed an ordinance closing some county roads to ATVs in accordance with a new state law that goes into effect Jan. 1.

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What is the Difference?

Have you ever heard the term, "A Carat is a Karat is a Carat!" The fact of the matter is: a Carat is not a Karat because there is a difference. A "karat" with the abbreviation "K." and sometimes "Kt." is associated with purity. In the case of gold a karat can also represent a degree of hardness vs. softness. One 'karat" is 1/24th of the whole. Gold designated 18 karat consists of eighteen parts gold and six parts of other metal(s), for a total of 24 parts. Ten karat gold, containing ten parts gold and fourteen parts of other metal(s) represents the minimum karats which may be legally deemed "gold" in the United States. When buying gold jewelry abroad, or while on that luxury cruise liner, you need to be aware that legal standards may very from one nation to the next. A "Carat" with the abbreviation of "C." or "Ct." is a term used to measure weight, where a Carat is 200 milligrams, or 1/5 of a gram. Notice the distinction between weight and size, where the weight of a denser gemstone (like a diamond) would appear smaller than a one carat of a less dense stone. The term carat is said to come from the carob bean, which is a seed pod exhibiting such consistent weight that it was historically used to measure the weight of gemstones.

suspicion of child molestation, 23-year-old Juan Bernabe, was returned to his homeland after county Prosecuting Attorney Matthew Faulks dropped the charges against the man, who was in Homedale illegally. Three charges of lewd and lascivious conduct with a child younger than 16 were dropped and Bernabe was deported by federal Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents.

Faulks wrote in his motion for dismissal that DNA evidence had not returned from the state lab. The dismissal came without prejudice by Magistrate Judge Dan C. Grober, allowing for charges to be filed at a later date. Jordan Valley's FFA chapter earned a third-place finish at the



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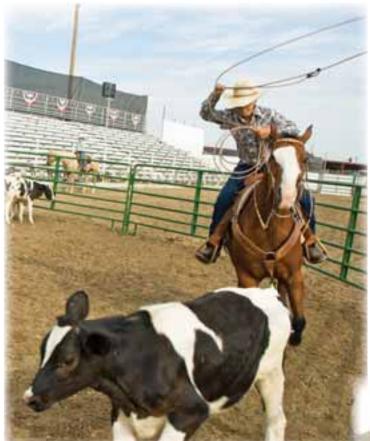
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began in the first full week of the month. Leslie Ann Winkelman of Caldwell was named the 2008 fair and rodeo queen. Paul's Market won the parade sweepstakes award again. The annual junior livestock auction brought in nearly \$150,000.

As governmental budgets tightened, the board of commissioners informed Homedale that hours and staff would be cut at the town's magistrate courthouse, drawing the ire of Mayor Harold Wilson. After Sept. 29, the Homedale court opened only two days a week.

Citing the costs involved, county prosecutor Matthew Faulks announced that his office would not seek the death penalty during the re-sentencing of Maxwell Hoffman. Later in the year, Hoffman was sentenced to life without parole in the 1987 killing of police informant Denise Williams. Hoffman had to be re-sentenced after a prolonged appeal that went to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Homedale Police Cpl. Perry Grant announced that he would withdraw his independent candidacy to seek the office of Owyhee County Sheriff.

The face of business in

Sheriff Gary Aman warned that budget cuts would affect nonemergency service from his office. Meanwhile, in an attempt to cut costs, the sheriff's Bruneau-Grand View area substation was moved from Grand View City Hall to an Idaho

Power building. The City of Homedale continued efforts to build a vision of the future with surveys commissioned by Sage Community Resources and an open house to solicit input for a transportation plan. No one showed up for the public meeting at City Hall, while participation in the surveys — pointed toward businesses, customers and residents - was better.

SEPTEMBER

Jim Duncan retired as Homedale School District clerk, ending a half-century relationship with the district. He was replaced by Faith Olsen, who was named business manager.

The Owyhee County Board of Commissioners held a public hearing to analyze a fiscal year 2009 budget that was 15 percent leaner than the FY 2008 budget. Layoffs, salary freezes for elected officials and other budget cuts honed the FY 2009 budget to \$7.5

View-Bruneau area and also began a similar process for the Homedale-Marsing area.

Lawmakers and law enforcement officials weighed in on the possibility that a fuel surcharge could be added to traffic citations to help lessen the blow of rising fuel costs.

The Homedale City Council agreed to help pay for leveling land that would be used to expand the Homedale Municipal Airport. Later in the year, the council set a hangar development fee and doubled lease rates at the airport to create revenue and eventually replace the money used to help level the ground.

About \$11,000 was raised during the annual Murphy-Reynolds-Wilson Fire District auction.

The second annual Mountain



View Church of the Nazarene Family Fair and Roundup attracted about 650 attendees to the Owyhee County Fairgrounds in Homedale.

A representative of the Owyhee County Sheriff's Office and the county's prosecutor were at odds after Sheriff's Det. Jim Bish said that Matthew Faulks' inaction in an animal cruelty case cost the county \$20,000 in animal feed and boarding costs. Later in the month, Faulks pinned the acquittal of a robbery suspect on testimony by Bish.

Citizens formed a signature drive to convince Sheriff Gary Aman to seek re-election through a write-in candidacy during the Nov. 4 general election. County Deputy Daryl Crandall defeated Aman in the May Republican primary and then again in the general election. Sheriff-elect Crandall will take the oath of office on Jan. 12.

A truck hauling sodium hyrdosulfide lost a 2,000-gallon pup trailer, resulting in a hazardous material spill that closed Idaho highway 78 north of Grand resolution gives the council the authority to raise utility rates each year before Oct. 1, if it is deemed necessary.

Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter came to Homedale on Sept. 29 for another installment of his "Capital for a Day" outreach program. Other state leaders also attended a daylong conference at the Txoko Ona Basque Center.

Queen Ashli Kesler and King Trevor Meligan were crowned as Homedale High School Homecoming royalty, while John Kushlan and Jim Duncan were honored during halftime of the Trojans' Homecoming football game.

Historic buildings in Silver City got new looks as a new roof was built on the Our Lady of Tears Catholic Church in time for the final summer mass and the belfry was placed on the Silver City schoolhouse during the town's annual Open House.

Owyhee County began a process to move Marsing satellite offices from City Hall to the old Owyhee Conservation District office building on Reich Street. The county board of commissioners approved \$240,000 to buy the OCD building, and used other money from the Payments in Lieu of Taxes Trust Fund to pay for remodeling. The remodeling project was awarded to Jean Shurtleff Construction of Murphy.

Students who took driver's education from the Homedale School District earlier in the summer received rebates after a district audit revealed program costs were less than originally calculated.

An Oklahoma man trekked through Owyhee County on his cross-country trip on horseback. Mark Ryan made his way to Washington state and then traveled to his Oklahoma home in the relative comfort of a used van that broke down at least twice on the return trip.

Homedale High School industrial arts teacher Mike Greeley finally received a couple of plaques signifying teacher of the year awards earned from his peers in the Career and Technical Educators of Idaho.

Owyhee County property owners began to hear rumblings of utility rights-of-way on their land south of Homedale to make room

OCTOBER

The Homedale City Council began discussing the possibility of hiking sewer rates to qualify for the remaining \$1 million in rehabilitation bond money. Talks also surrounded using part of a rate increase to establish a capital improvement fund.

Chances of passing legislation that included implementation of the Owyhee Initiative dimmed as Congress grappled with mounting economic concerns, including the \$700 billion package to bailout the nation's financial giants. Later in the month, Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-Nev.) said that the omnibus public lands bill of which the Initiative was part would see a vote in a lame-duck session after Nov. 17. The vote never came because senators wouldn't have time to get through a threatened filibuster by Sen. Tom Coburn (R-Okla.)

The Homedale City Council approved \$700 to help the Homedale Fire District put blue reflectors on streets to mark the location of fire hydrants.

The Homedale Taco Time location earned the Southwest District Health's Food Merit Award. Weeks later, the restaurant at Jacksons Food Store at the corner of East Idaho and North 1st Street East closed its doors.

In an attempt to raise revenues in a floundering economy, county commissioners approved an increase in processing fees charged by the sheriff's office.

Bruneau rancher Chris Black was honored with the Bureau of Land Management's Rangeland Stewardship Award.

Owyhee County Sheriff Gary Aman filed paperwork to seek reelection as a write-in candidate in the November election.

Marsing Mayor Keith Green addressed the Idaho Transportation Department's board of directors about the construction of a rest stop for Idaho highway 55 at Island Park along the Snake River. Homedale-Marsing residents also learned that a repaying project for U.S. Highway 95 was set for 2011 then later moved up to 2010.

In Homecoming extravaganzas, Marsing crowned Dixie Kent and Jose Paramo queen and king, Jordan Valley honored Queen Ashley Hebison and Adrian named Lilie Villareal queen and Kyle Osborn king.

Homedale changed as Dow AgroSciences purchased the company that owns Dairyland Seed Co., and Snake River Lumber closed its doors. Later in the year, local businessman Dennis Pruett completed a purchased for Snake River Lumber and changed the name of the Pioneer Road business to Pruett Lumber and Supply. Crews completed a large expansion project on the Owyhee Publishing Co., building.

While a handful of Owyhee County employees lost their jobs because of budget cutbacks, the City of Marsing announced raises for its employees.

The county also raised solid waste rates for residents, citing the increase in the cost to transport trash to landfills.

million.

Progress continued on bringing more grant money to the Homedale Municipal Airport when Mayor Harold Wilson signed a letter of intent to accept federal funding in the amount of \$187,500. The Federal Aviation Administration grant will be administered by the state Division of Aeronautics.

Four regions in Owyhee County were placed on a statewide list detailing areas with nitrate levels in groundwater that exceeds federal limits. Marsing (No. 5), Grand View (No. 7), Bruneau (No. 9) and Homedale (31st) appeared on the list of 32 problem areas highlighted by the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality. The state agency devised a management plan for the Grand View.

The Homedale City Council approved a total of five percent increase of water and sewer rates to battle inflationary trends. The for a Sunstone natural gas pipeline and the Boardman-to-Hemingway 500-kilovolt transmission line to be used by Idaho Power.



A Idaho Department of Labor employment report showed that the unemployment rate in Owyhee County doubled between January and September to three percent.

Homedale High School officials joined police representatives and deputy county coroner Aaron Tines to hold a parental meeting about drug use at the school.

In another step in the application process for a state grant, the City of Homedale finalized the footprint in which revitalization would take place downtown. The footprint changed later to encompass the length of Idaho Avenue.

A family was evacuated from

$\sqrt{\mathbf{Y}\mathbf{ear}}$ in review

its Bruneau home when a worker ruptured a natural gas line buried in a yard.

The Owyhee County Sheriff's Office was recognized by a division of the U.S. Department of Agriculture for its help in rescuing wolves and other animals from a China Ditch Road property earlier in the year.

Two teams of judges (livestock and horse) from the Homedale FFA chapter competed at the national convention in Indianapolis. Homedale High School graduate Kortney Bahem, competing as part of the livestock team, placed second in the national beef judging competition. Alysha Bahem, a horse judging team member, was sixth in halter horse judging and eighth in performance horse judging.

Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School teacher Connie Prow won a Micron Technology Foundation Outstanding Science Teacher Award.

Homedale Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller announced during a city council meeting that former Boise Police Officer Jeff Jensen was hired to fill out the force's full-time roster.

A former Homedale resident, Scott Douglas Maxwell, saw a rape charged dismissed at the behest of county prosecutor Matthew Faulks. Faulks' motion came after an Oct. 20 pretrial conference to discuss a possible plea deal.

Homedale resident Roy L. Lyons had an April 22, 2009, date set for his trial on Idaho County charges stemming from an alleged attempted kidnapping in August 2007.

A handful of landowners gathered for a public meeting in Marsing at which they learned Idaho Power had plans to run a 500-kilovolt transmission line across properties in Owyhee County and the Adrian area as part of the Boardman-to-Hemingway project.

A 20-year resident of Homedale, Tony Lopez, was cited on a charge of malicious injury to property after sheriff candidate Daryl Crandall signed a complaint Oct. 25. Crandall called the Homedale Police Department after finding one of his campaign signs altered and sitting in Lopez's yard on West Idaho Avenue. The misdemeanor charge against Lopez was dropped on Nov. 5.

Maxwell Hoffman was sentence to life in prison without parole on Oct. 30. The re-sentencing process carried out at the Owyhee County Courthouse in Murphy required added security leading to added cost for the sheriff's

office. Hoffman was housed in the Canyon County Jail, saving some expense for Owyhee.

More abandoned horses were rounded up in the county, continuing a frustrating trend for the Bureau of Land Management, the sheriff's office and the state brand inspector.

Hundreds of adults and children turned out for the second family forum in Homedale at City Park as youth leaders continued to try to build pride in the community.

Wayne and Marlene Ridley, longtime Grand View ranchers and farmers, received a Dodge pickup as winners of the annual Owyhee Cattlemen's Association Heritage Fund raffle.

NOVEMBER

Delilah Fierro, a 19-year-old Homedale High School graduate,

was killed in a singlecar rollover Nov. 2 in Canyon County. Investigators later confirmed that traces of drugs and alcohol were found in Fierro's system.

Daryl Crandall followed up his Republican primary

victory by turning back incumbent Gary Aman's write-in bid for Owyhee County Sheriff on Nov. 4. District 1 Commissioner Jerry Hoagland claimed an easy victory over Democratic challenger Joe Gannuscio of Marsing.

Owyhee County voters also confirmed a new District 2 commissioner and prosecuting attorney in the election. Former commissioner George Hyer, who won the Republican nomination for District 2 in the May primary, ran unopposed in the general election. Douglas Emery, a former deputy prosecutor for Matthew Faulks, also saw no opponent in the November election. He succeeded his boss, who chose not to seek a second term.

Dave Shenk and Kelly Lootens defeated incumbents in the Gem Irrigation District board

of directors election. Shenk and Lootens also will serve on the South Board of Control beginning in January.

In other elections, District 23 Idaho legislative incumbents Rep. Jim Patrick of Twin Falls, Rep.

Stephen Hartgen of Twin Falls and Sen. Bert Brackett of Rogerson - all Republicans — won reelection.

The Owyhee County election saw a large turnout at the polls, with nearly 80 percent of all registered voters casting ballots.

In Malheur County, Jake Roe was elected to a fourth term as Jordan Valley mayor, while three city council members were elected in Adrian - Vincent Bingham, Mike Heller and Keith L. Baldwin.

A 45-year-old Mountain Home man, Earl L. Madison, fell to his death in a hot springs about 10 miles south of Bruneau on Nov. 1.

Schoolchildren from Marsing and Homedale Elementary and Homedale Middle School paid tribute to current and past military service men and women with Veterans Day programs.

Former Homedale City Clerk Pamela Dugger was ordered to pay \$1,500 in restitution after entering an Alford plea to one charge of petit theft in a Caldwell courtroom. A 30-day jail sentence was suspended, and







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Dugger was placed on six months' probation as part of a plea deal that concluded nearly two years of court proceedings that started when she was charged with numerous felonies on suspicion of misusing public funds.

The county continued to work through rehabilitation plans for two bridges on county roads. A traffic flow study showed that the Reynolds Creek Bridge on Upper Reynolds Creek Road would have to be replaced with a twolane bridge. The Reynolds Creek Bridge is scheduled to be replaced in 2012, while the county has slated replacement of the Jordan Creek Bridge on Flint Creek Road for 2010.

John Kee, vice-president for physician services for St. Luke's Regional Medical Center, discussed what a medical clinic could do for the community during the Homedale Chamber of Commerce luncheon on Nov. 13.

The Homedale City Council heard from several residents on a proposed sewer rate increase during a Nov. 12 public hearing. Hearings also were held on the doubling of airport lease fees to 5 cents per square foot and the establishment of an airport development fee of \$500 per 25 square feet with a 50-foot minimum.

Meanwhile, Homedale city crews worked to cap aging water wells in the city limits.

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-Nev.) announced that a vote on the omnibus lands bill package of which the Owyhee Initiative was part, wouldn't see a vote in the Senate until after the 111th Congress begins January.

Grand View Community Church celebrated its 100th anniversary.

The City of Grand View began exploring the combination of a low- to no-interest state loan and grants to build a treatment system to bring its arsenic-riddled water system into federal compliance.

Members of the Idaho National Guard joined forces on a Saturday to clean up streets and yards in Homedale as a way to show thanks for the community's support during Guardsmen's deployment overseas. Homedale Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller hit the streets to round up business donations for equipment and supplies for the Utah to Owyhee County Jail in Murphy.

Outgoing District 2 Commissioner Harold "Hal" Tolmie was unhurt in a one-car accident on the morning of a board of county commissioners meeting. The pickup Tolmie was driving slid off the road in icy conditions.

Marsing ranchers Gene and Ruth Clapier were tabbed as grand marshals for the Marsing Christmas Parade, which was held in December.

Gift drives were begun in Marsing and Homedale in preparation for the Christmas season. The Beta Sigma Phi sorority put out Wish Trees in many Homedale businesses, while Snake River Mart employee Vicki Green started up a gift tree promotion in Marsing once coordinated by Carol Edwards.

Members of the Marsing American Legion Post 128 Auxiliary brought a little holiday cheer to residents at the Idaho State Veterans Home in Boise.

Marsing High School student Kim Garza was honored as one of Region Three's outstanding foster children and made a trip to Hollywood.

Volunteer firefighters in Grand View battled two major hay fires in one week. About 1,400 tons of hay were lost to the fires, which also required mutual aid from Murphy-Reynolds-Wilson, Mountain Home and Mountain Home Air Force Base.

Owyhee County Sheriff's Office personnel began investigating a situation that escalated when a 15-year-old Grand View boy fired a shotgun blast into the ground Nov. 21 as a warning to other teens who were apparently threatening him.

DeRutyer Dairy agreed to replace the front yard of a Homedale-area couple after a dairyowned trailer carrying diesel fuel spilled in the yard.

Former Owyhee Cattlemen's Association president Charlie Lyons was elected vice-

Association, while Grand View's a car on his property. Mark Jolley, Aron Bennett was elected to the who owns Allied Sign and the board of directors Rogerson's Jared Brackett was named to a second term on the board of directors.



The City of Marsing continued toward establishing an impact area in Owyhee County with a nine-person committee comprised of Marsing officials, residents and the county's three commissioners coming to an agreement on the boundaries of the zone.

Former state Sen. Walt Yarbrough, who represented Owyhee County in Boise from 1965 to 1986, died at the age of 96 in a Boise hospital on Dec. 8. He was buried at Riverside Cemetery in Grand View.

The Marsing Chamber of Commerce held an informational forum for business owners in the wake of three burglaries at Main Street businesses. Owyhee County Sheriff's Office personnel talked about protecting assets against theft and fraud.

The Owyhee County Historical Museum unveiled a new Native American exhibit during its Christmas party.

A 16-year-old Grand View boy, Adam Guy Lingle, died in a Dec.

14 accident when the vehicle he was driving left the roadway and rolled into an empty canal.

A Homedale merchant was arrested on two counts of felony aggravated assault after allegedly putting a gun to the head of a man

president of the Idaho Cattle who was attempting to repossess Owyhee Ice Cream Co., entered a not guilty plea and posted bail. Judge Dan Grober recused himself from the case because of previous professional dealings with Jolley.

of new playground equipment for city parks, capping a fund-raising drive by city resident Toni Kelly, who wanted to build a playground at Sundance Park.

It was learned late in the year that the animal cruelty trial of Homedale-area residents Deborah Hopson and Zachariah Robinson would be avoided in favor of a plea deal in January. The plea deal will come nearly one year after the couple had dozens of horses and other animals seized from their property.

As Silver City Road was closed for the winter, the Owyhee County Board of Commissioners continued to trudge toward a decision on which roads to close to ATV use. A new ordinance spelling out the closures must be in place before a new state law goes into effect Jan. 1.

Homedale-Marsing residents who travel U.S. Highway 95 learned that the long-planned widening of the roadway between Idaho highway 55 and the southern city limits of Homedale won't be implemented for decades.

Hundreds of folks braved biting winds to attend Christmas parades in Homedale and Marsing.

The Owyhee County TRIAD, a group of senior citizens who volunteer to support law enforcement agencies, named Sheriff's Deputy Chris Even as its Officer of the Year.

The county Planning and Zoning Commission turned away a conditional use permit application filed by Marsing's DeRuyter Dairy. DeRuyter had asked for permission to expand its operation to 14,400 head of cattle more than a year before the decision.

Homedale Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller returned from Portland with a patrol car, completing a three-car upgrade to the city's cruiser fleet in 2008. Earlier, Eidemiller had worked a deal for two cars late of the Garden City PD fleet.

Much like the City of Homedale did earlier in the year, Marsing began examining the need to upgrade its sewer pipes to prevent groundwater infiltration. Excessive groundwater in the sewer system also damages the municipal wastewater treatment facility. The remaining \$1 million in Homedale's bond — the reason sewer rates were increased in that town — will be used to replace aging and crumbling sewer mains throughout the city.

Ticket sales for the 48th annual Homedale International Smorgasbord began with Homedale Middle School sixth-graders kicking off a competition for one of three iPod music players.

The Caldwell-based Whittenberger Foundation awarded a \$3,000 grant to help fund an after-school program at Homedale Elementary School. Another \$200 Whittenberger grant will help buy board books for younger readers who visit the Homedale Public Library.

About 350 people were helped with food and Christmas presents through the Hands Around Homedale program, which included a food drive mounted by the town's three schools and the Wish Tree gift drive. Marsing's FFA chapter also collected more than 1,000 items for needy families at Christmas. — MML and JPB



cleanup effort.

Meanwhile, no citizens showed up for a Homedale Planning and Zoning Commission workshop on a proposed ordinance aimed at cracking down on dirty properties and abandoned vehicles in town.

A second federal payment brought the Payments In Lieu of Taxes money to Owyhee County for 2008 to \$1.1 million

Homedale Elementary School, Homedale Middle School and Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School earned state recognition for improving spring ISAT scores among population subgroups.

Juan Carlos Meza, a 19-yearold wanted in connection with a shooting earlier in the year in Homedale, was extradited from

Even as the housing market and economy continued to flounder, several final plats were approved for residential subdivisions in Owyhee County throughout the year. Among the last were a 28-home subdivision outside Homedale called River Shore Estates and the Sunset Meadows and Bella Vista subdivisions outside Marsing.

DECEMBER

The Missoula Children's Theatre brought a stage production of the Little Mermaid to Marsing, exposing students in the Marsing School District to stagecraft.

County Treasurer Brenda Richards reported more instances of full property tax payments reaching her Murphy office as the first-half deadline approached on Dec. 20.

The Homedale City Council approved new sewer rates after acceding to a revised proposal from Mayor Harold Wilson. A new base rate of \$17 was established, while the per-1,000gallon overage rate was upped to \$1.55.

Homedale council members also agreed to buy a couple of pieces



OHR residents revel in Christmas celebrations

Owyhee Health and Rehab rates 5-stars, tops list for awards

The Owyhee Health and Rehab (OHR) residents had a musical selection of Christmas cheer brought to them through the holidays this year. The entertainment started on Tuesday, Dec. 16 with a visit from Elvis (actually James McDonnell of Kuna). The King did a selection of his own classics, as well as some Sinatra. Adrian's Dale Borge of the Howling Coyotes entertained on Wednesday. Thursday's show featured the violins and keyboard maestros of the Friends Church, who performed a selection of Christmas songs. Stuart Batt performed on Friday.

On Christmas Day a group from the Friends Church was scheduled to attend and entertain residents with guitar and mandolin music.

Residents at the OHR Christmas party on Christmas Eve received gifts dropped off at The Avalanche during the past few weeks — with a few additions to round out numbers. Numbers of gifts were slightly down this year, event organizer and Santa's helper Penny Riley said. Quilts and other gifts from Friends Church were also received with smiles. Residents and staff both seemed happy with the many gifts, quilts and accessories provided by a wide range of groups and individuals from all around the community.

"We've been really busy the last four or five days," Riley said on Christmas Eve. "We had entertainment five days last week.

Riley thanked the community for stepping up and getting involved the way it has this holiday

his season.

"We're always looking for people to come in and entertain," she said as she watched residents unwrapping gifts. "It would be nice to see more in the rest of the year," she admitted. Christmas is wonderful, and OHR appreciates that entertainers come by the droves, she said, but the rest of the year can be leaner and musical entertainment rare.

"And they (residents) are very responsive to music. It's one of the things that always gets through. That and bingo," she laughed.

Anyone with a musical talent who might want to brighter a senior's day this coming year can contact Riley at the OHR at 337-3168.

OHR awarded highest rating

OHR got a Christmas present

of its own this year.

The government — Health and Human Services' Medicare organization in particular — has given OHR just one of nine 5-star ratings for nursing homes in Idaho, putting it far above Idaho and U.S. averages for quality of care.

The home also is the winner of the most consecutive annual L. Jean Schoonover awards in the state, with 12 on the wall and a thirteenth expected — especially impressive as the award has only been in existence for 14 years. The Schoonover award is given by the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare (IDHW) to recognize excellence in extended care.

The award is named after Chief of the Bureau of Facility Standards L. Jean Schoonover, who began her career with IDHW in 1967 and worked there until her death in 1994.

- MML





Hail to the King

OHR residents had a smorgasbord of holiday cheer this year. Clockwise from above: Penny Riley hands out gifts on Christmas Eve, Violinists of the Friends Church played a selection of classical and classic songs; residents soak up the Christmas cheer; James McDonnell entertained as the King of Rock-n-Roll.





Murphy event to honor officials

An appreciation event will be held at 1 p.m. Monday to honor Owyhee County's three outgoing elected officials.

The public is invited to share stories and appreciation for District 1 Commissioner Harold

"Hal" Tolmie, Sheriff Gary Aman and Prosecuting Attorney Matthew Faulks.

The event will take place at McKeeth Hall inside the Owyhee County Historical Museum complex, 17085 Basey St., Murphy.

Dragon tale to be told at library

Friday Funday at Homedale Public Library will feature the story "The Knight and the Dragon" by Tomie dePaola. The story time takes place at 10 a.m. at the library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave.

The story reveals what happens when a sheepish knight and a notso-fierce dragon fight for the very first time. The rookie knight heads to the castle library to learn about dragon-fighting and the dragon must dig through his ancestor's things to find out how to fight a knight.

For more information, call 337-4228 between 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. daily.



Retiring sheriff's deputy honored

Friends and family gathered at the Jade Garden Restaurant in Nampa on Sunday evening for a surprise retirement party for Owyhee County Sheriff's Deputy George Reed, right. Sheriff Gary Aman presented Reed with a shadow box containing his pistol, badge, handcuffs and patch after the dinner. Reed will retire from the office Jan. 12. Photo by Tiffany Walker

Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

25 years ago

January 4, 1984

Special chamber meeting slated

Businessmen and women throughout the community have been invited to attend a special noon-luncheon meeting of the Homedale Chamber of Commerce on Tuesday, Jan. 10, at Owyhee Lanes Restaurant.

Chamber President Mike Blankenship has announced that the special meeting will focus on setting 1984 goals and priorities for Homedale.

"It's important that we get as many representatives as possible to attend next Tuesday's meeting," Blankenship said this week.

"We need their input to help us outline the projects that need chamber attention during the coming year," he said. Blankenship also stressed that both chamber members and non-members are welcome to attend the meeting. "We need to know their thinking," the chamber president said.

The meeting will offer business representatives a forum for discussion of community needs to help the chamber establish a priority project list for the coming year, according to Blankenship.

Homedale kids win prizes

Four Homedale area children recently won prizes during a pre-Christmas drawing sponsored by Idaho First National Bank.

During the bank's drawing, which was held just before closing on Thursday, Dec. 22, Lani Ethington and Roxan Delgadillo each won large stuffed Elliott the Eagle.

And, Eddy DeLeon and Henry Rudolph won Elliott the Eagle puppets.

Two women win TV sets

Two Homedale women are the lucky winners of television set in a holiday drawing sponsored by Hirsch's Value Center in Homedale.

According to Doug Sower, store manager, Joan Troutman of Homedale, and Marie Orr, also of Homedale, each won a television set in the storewide drawing.

The first drawing was held Saturday, Dec. 24. The second drawing was on Saturday, Dec. 31.

Matteson's, Cats pace city BB play

Matteson's Owyhee Motors Sales perfect record on the season continues to hold as Men's City League basketball enters its fifth week of competition in Homedale.

With a bye in last week's fourth round of action, Matteson's remained at 3-0, while The Wilder Cat remained contenders by beating the league's basement bunch (Grammater Construction 78-57 last Wednesday at the Homedale High School gymnasium.

Wilder moved to 3-1 on the season as Grammater Construction catches the bye this Wednesday night after a four game losing streak.

Sharing the cellar spot with Grammater is Greenway Tractor with a three-game losing streak going into the

50 years ago

January 1, 1959

Jaycees announce winners of Christmas contest

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Stewart have been announced as winners of the Jaycee's annual Christmas lighting contest, according to Poke Henson, chairman.

Their clever window display of carolers painted on four big front windows of the house, with a background of small decorated Christmas trees caught the judges' eyes. To add to the scene, colorful lights decorated the patio and the front of the house. Ordinary can lids, saved by Ms. Stewart over a period of time, were hung on a willow tree and shone in the dark, reflecting colored lights and crating a very original decoration.

Winners in the three divisions were Dr. and Mrs. Reimer, first and Mr. and Mrs. Vic Uria, second, window display; Mr. and Mrs. John Echevarria, first and Dr. and Mrs. George Wolff, second, large lawn display; Christian church, first and Lutheran church, second, small lawn display.

Telephone dial system delayed

Due to unexpected shortage in equipment, the new telephone dial system will not be in use until January 19, according to Harper Saunders, manager of the Owyhee Telephone company.

Telephone employees have been equipping the local phones for the change-over at the rate of 50 to 75 per day. This job is expected to be completed next week, Mr. Saunders said, however local people will continue to use the same telephoning procedures until the change-over is made. New directories have also been handed out, but can not be used for the Homedale and Wilder exchanges until the change is made.

Basketball tournament to be held here Jan. 2 and 3

Homedale will be host at an invitational holiday tournament here this week end when Wilder, Kuna and Grand View join with Homedale to entertain local basketball fans.

Wilder and Kuna will play the first game followed by Grand View and Homedale, Friday night. The losers of the first night will play for third place in the first game Saturday night followed by a game between the two winners who will battle for the championship trophy.

Game time is 7pm each night. Proceeds from the games will be split between the four schools. The Kuna band will entertain Friday night and Homedale band, Saturday night.

High school chorus and speech group present outstanding Christmas program

The high school chorus and speech parliament, under the direction of Mrs. Hollis Selders, presented an outstanding Christmas program December 23 at the high school.

The program included entertainment by the speaking choir, singing choir, septet, and soloists.

Soloists were Jerry Tidwell, Rosemary Jesenko, and

140 years ago

December 26, 1868

"HOME AGAIN," not from a very "foreign shore," but from the beautiful little city of Boise, the Capital of Idaho Territory; nevertheless, it "fills our soul with joy, to meet our friends once more." Our visit to this "sweet village of the plain" was very pleasant indeed, if not profitable. The progress of Boise City is, like the Mill of the gods, slow but sure; and owing to the fine, fertile and extensive agricultural district by which it is surrounded it has perhaps the most permanent foundation, upon which to base dreams of future greatness and erect castles in the air, than any other in the Territory; but an air of listlessness apparently pervades its business regulations, not at all characteristic of a mining town. That generous recklessness, putting it mildly, which characterizes the wild denizen of a mining region, evidently constitutes no component part of the Boise; yet they are a mild-mannered, hospitable people, and occasionally you will find one who is up to the mark in all the virtues and vices of the day. Nature, we must be permitted to say, has done more for Boise City than its inhabitants; enjoying a fine climate, situated in the midst of a beautiful and fertile valley, an evident lack of taste is too clearly portrayed in the dwelling houses and their surroundings; but few trees, gardens, walks and other adornments which lend so much prominence and beauty to California homes, are to be seen as yet, and it is to be hoped that the citizens will in future take a greater interest in beautifying their homes and grounds, for we all feel more or less interested in the progress of our Capital City. Owing greatly to the influx of strangers, and the Legislature which is now in session, the town presents a lively appearance – balls, parties, drives &c. are the rage, and Bacchus lords it over many a jolly scene.

EARTHQUAKE. From the Tidal Wave, we learn that a distinct shock of earthquakes was felt on Maize's Point, Silver City, one night last week. It is not stated whether "El Tembler" had a conniption in any other portion of the city or not. We have feared and predicted, that something of the kind would occur soon; for calamities of this character, like ordinary misfortunes, hardly ever come singly. It ought to have been patent to every one that when the Tidal Wave came in, an earthquake would soon follow.

WE HAVE a serious matter to settle with Hon. E. T. Beattie, Speaker of the Assembly, which we intend to defer until that gentleman comes over to Silver. Prepare yourself, Judge, and bring a friend with you.

RISING STAR MILL. We received an invitation to be present at the starting and education of this prominent institution at Flint, on last Wednesday, and regret that we were unable to respond, owing to an accumulation of business in consequence of our last week's absence. From parties who were present on the occasion, however, we learn that there was quite a pleasant jubilee. Mr. Sandborn, and all the parties concerned acquitted themselves with a great deal of credit; and some of the participants are said to have got very "t—ired" at an early hour of the evening.

games this Wednesday night. Lucy Vanderhoff.

Greenway extended its losing last Wednesday at the hands of LTC Trucking, which hauled out a 69-51 victory over the long green lineup.

LTC Trucking's win moved that squad to a 2-2 split on the season after four outings.

And in the battle of the week, Idaho First National Bank moved to 2-1 on the season with 66-63 overtime win over ConTel, which now shares third place in the league with the bankers.

This Wednesday, Idaho First faces Greenway Tractor in the first of three games, while ConTel challenges Wilder in the second contest of the evening. League leading Matteson's squares of against LTC Trucking for the final match up of the night.

County passes toxic waste site ordinance

Owyhee County's new ordinance requiring that hazardous waste dumps pay monthly fees and disclose classified business information takes effect today. Lucy Vanderhoff. Composing the septet were Rosemary Jesenko, Lucy Vanderhoff, Judy Lewis, Sharon Hinton, Judy Jemmett, Carol Cegnar, and Sandra Cook.

During the interlude between scenes a skit, "The Twelfth Night," was presented by Sandra Vance, reader; Leon Leavitt, the stranger; Jerry Tidwell, shepherd lad; and Douglas Leslie, stable boy.

Mrs. Judy Phelps and Alfred Eiguren played the piano accompaniment for the chorus. Ushers were Pat Parker, Jay Brinkerhoff, James Frank, and Bruce Bergeson.

Dick Frazier, Jr., was stage manger; Dennis Brandown, lights; Rodney Leslie, Bob Kushlan, and Jim Toston, stage crew; Bonnie Ross and Rosemarie Salutregui, property chairmen; Mary Ellen Buck and Shirley Mewhinney, costumes; Donna Joregenson, publicity; Carol Jordan, Louise Egurrola, Donna Caler, and Linda Turner, posters; Wanda Friel, programs. The mill, and all the machinery connected with it, is said to be a success. The citizens of Flint are much elated, as they have chiefly based their hopes of the future permanence and prosperity of the camp upon the results of the Rising Star Mill and mine.

OWYHEEANS AT THE CAPITAL. Besides Hon. P. E. Ensign, of the Council and Hons. Seth Catlin, Patrick Campbell and P. J. Quinn, of the Assembly, and Messrs. O. H. Purdy, Assistant Secretary, W. W. Habersham, Engrossing Clerk, and L. F. Alpey, Door-Keeper, of the Council, and J. H. Slater, Enrolling Clerk, of the House, there are for the time being sojourning in Boise, the following Silverties: Judge R. T. Miller, Frank Ganahl, John M. Wilson, Judge McBride, Jas. Pollard, E. H. McDaniel and Pike's Peak. All appear ... to be doing well, enjoying themselves hugely, admiring and admired, and make, altogether a good, healthy, hearty, jovial, jolly representation.

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Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM

On the edge of common sense

Cowboyness Test

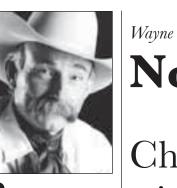
One of the hazards of being a colorful duck in the flock is that you are an easy target!

In my travels, my "cowboyness" is routinely tested. If I'm speaking at a rodeo they will graciously invite me to ride in the grand entry. It's always a good bet that I better check the cinch myself and be ready. I spoke in the auction barn at Ft. Pierre. They asked if I'd ride into the sale ring and furnished me a horse. On entering I had to duck under a door that just cleared the saddle horn. As I appeared in the ring the crowd cheered and the horse spooked! As we raced around the ring I had the horse's head pulled clear back to my crotch! On the third pass I bailed out into the auctioneer's box and you could hear the wood splinter as the horse shot under the door!

I've ridden horses in parades, through crowds, on stage, through branding fires and into hotel dining rooms! In one forced exhibition of my roping skills at a ranch rodeo, I had to chase the steer around the arena four times before he finally stopped, exhausted in a corner where I caught him. I explained to my critics that this is representative of how we do it in real life!

When I'm doing a program I usually wear a colorful shirt and scarf with a braided scarf slide. Some might suggest that in real life "real cowboys' just tie their scarf but I wear my scarf slide in self defense. You see, often after a show my hosts take me out for late night breakfast or a beer at the local watering hole. Occasionally a belligerent, loud-mouth, had-one-too-many, troublemaker insists on physically critiquing my attire. As he approaches I can quickly jerk the scarf slide off and prevent being strangled!

Recently a well-meaning lady perused my website and e-mailed me calling attention to my lack of cowboy correctness. She pointed out that in one picture I was wearing bat wing chaps without tapaderas, that the picture negative was reversed because it made me look left handed! AND, if I WAS left-handed, God forbid, that I had my rope coiled up and hung on the right side of my swells! Then she quoted Walt Woodward, famous team roper, who said that left-handed heelers should take a week off and then quit! Her criticism was well meant, she said, and only given to help save my reputation. In defiance I wrote her that I was wearing leggins, not batwings and that the mesquite had worn the wings off my tapaderas!



Wayne Cornell Not important ... but possibly of interest Chinese won't be satisfied with less as consumerism rises



China, at least the portions of China we see, is very clean.

On the streets of Beijing or Shanghai, we seldom, if ever, see garbage like in a large American city.

I suspect trying to stay clean is built into one's character when you share space with 1 billion, 300 million other people.

One thing we have noticed is the Chinese ALWAYS wash their hands after using public rest rooms. That's not always the case in the West. Also, in cities you see people sweeping the sidewalks - sometimes even the streets with "brooms" made from a pole with a freshly-cut leafy tree branch attached to the end. Sometimes people even mop the sidewalks. We aren't sure if this sort of work is paid or voluntary.

One reason it's probably easier for the Chinese to handle garbage, even in a city of sixteen- or twenty-million people, is that they don't generate as much refuse per capita as the U.S. and other industrialized countries.

Back home, when we go grocery shopping, we return home with a trunk full of plastic bottles, packages and metal cans. The vegetables we buy are packaged and frozen or we haul them home in plastic bags if they are fresh. Everything is in some sort of package and that packaging winds up at the dump.

In China most people shop for food every day because they don't have refrigerators or much storage space. If they buy rice it's probably in a 25-pound cloth bag rather than 25 individual cardboard boxes. Vegetables are hauled home on little two-wheel carts with no wrappings. The little bit of meat purchased is wrapped in paper.

Westerners acquire a lot of non essentials - 50-inch TVs, home entertainment systems, computers, iPods, electric toothbrushes, espresso machines, etc, etc, etc. And each of these items comes in packaging that sometimes takes more space than the actual item. The majority of Chinese don't have the space or the money for such luxuries, so they don't have to deal with getting rid of the packaging.

Westerners have all sorts of pets. We buy them special food and treats and toys and heated water dishes and automatic feeders and sleeping pillows and scratching posts. All these items come in packaging that is waste not to mention what the pets themselves generate.

We have seen very few pets in our China travels. We have encountered a few small "decorator dogs." We have seen only one cat — a white tabby with a red collar. There



A Chinese couple returns home from the market.

are a lot of jokes about why there aren't many dogs and cats. Some of them, I'm certain, have some basis in fact. But from what we've seen, I believe the main reason Chinese don't have pets is the same reason they don't have other "luxury" items. They don't have the resources, time or space. When an entire family lives in an area the size of an American tract house living room, they probably have trouble affording enough food for themselves, let alone a dog or a cat.

One of the big problems I see that the Chinese government will have to deal with in the next few years is that their citizens are being exposed to the outside world and visitors like us. This is going to make them want more "extras" like the folks in the U.S. and other more developed nations. More extras require more space and generate more pollution and waste - huge issues when your country has 1/3 of the people in the world.

The Greeners and Global Warming warriors can talk all they want about how everyone in the world must learn to get along with less. But Chinese families have been getting along with less for thousands of years and are just starting to realize life can be more than basic survival. I can guarantee they aren't going to happy if the environmentalists try to tell them, "Whoops, too bad --- too late. You can't have any of the nice stuff."

Yeah, that's gonna work.

Then, alas, I realized as I took up my pencil to write the column... with my left hand ... that cowboy cartoon characters like Jake, Elmo, Earl and me aren't supposed to win.

I'd give my write arm to be ambidextrous.

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Letters to the editor

All letters to the editor submitted to The Owyhee Avalanche must be no longer than 300 words, signed and include the writer's address and daytime phone number.

The deadline for submitting letters is noon on Friday. Letters can be submitted in the these ways:

• E-mailed to jbrowneditor@cableone.net

• Faxed to (208) 337-4867

• Mailed to P.O. Box 97, Homedale ID, 83628

• Dropped off at the Avalanche office at 19 E. Idaho Ave., in Homedale

For more information, call (208) 337-4681.

Letter to the editor

Kudos to the community for its giving spirit during Christmas

I would like to acknowledge some members of the community who help out with the gift boxes of food we distribute to the families who need a little help each year at Christmas time. The members of the Sage Hen group have always been generous contributors each year in helping with the project. We have also had some very generous families in the area who have come into the store and contributed money toward the food boxes. I won't name them for I am sure they do not want to be named, but their

generosity is greatly appreciated.

We are lucky to live in a very loving and caring community. The employees at Snake River Mar would like to thank all of the Owyhee County community for your loyalty and support. Have a very blessed and healthy Christmas and New Year.

Jo Lootens

and the employees of Snake River Mart Marsing

Let your voice be heard. Write a letter to the editor

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ELECTION CALENDAR FOR 2009

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: the following taxing districts will be conducting Candidate elections in Owyhee County during the calendar year 2009 NAME AND ADDRESS OF CANDIDACY

NAME AND ADDRESS OF CAND		
FILING TAXING DISTRICTS ELE	CTION DATE	DEADLINES
Eastern Owyhee Library	May 26, 2009	April 17, 2009
520 Boise Ave.		
P.O. Box 100		
Grand View, ID 83624		
Lizard Butte Library	May 26, 2009	April 17, 2009
111 3 rd Ave. S		
P.O. Box 60		
Marsing, ID 83639		
Bruneau Valley Library	May 26, 2009	April 17, 2009
32073 Ruth Street		
P.O. 253		
Bruneau, ID 83604		
Marsing-Homedale Cemetery	November 3, 2009	September 25, 2009
4410 Cemetery Road	100000000000000000000000000000000000000	September 20, 2009
P.O. Box 452		
Marsing, Idaho 83638		
Owyhee Pioneer Cemetery	November 3, 2009	September 25, 2009
P.O. Box 24	100veinber 5, 2007	September 25, 2007
Murphy, Idaho 83650		
Bruneau Cemetery	November 3, 2009	September 25, 2009
Box 152	November 5, 2009	September 25, 2009
Box 152 Bruneau, Idaho 83604		
	November 2, 2000	September 25, 2009
Riverside Cemetery	November 3, 2009	September 25, 2009
645 Idaho Street		
P.O. Box 152		
Grand View, Idaho 83624	No	Santanikan 25, 2000
Grand View Fire District	November 3, 2009	September 25, 2009
P. O. Box 54		
Grand View, Idaho 83624	1 2 2000	G (1 05 0000
Bruneau Fire District	November 3, 2009	September 25, 2009
26855 Crane Falls Rd.		
P.O. Box 276		
Bruneau, Idaho 83604	1 2 2000	G (1 05 0000
Marsing Rural Fire District	November 3, 2009	September 25, 2009
420 1 st St. N.		
P.O. Box 299		
Marsing, Idaho 83639		
Homedale Rural Fire District	November 3, 2009	September 25, 2009
19 E. Wyoming		
P.O. Box 905		
Homedale, Idaho 83628		
Homedale Highway District	August 4, 2009	June 26, 2009
102 E. Colorado		
P.O. Box 713		
Homedale, Idaho 83628		
Gem Highway District	August 4, 2009	June 26, 2009
1016 Main Street		
P.O. Box 453		
Marsing, Idaho 83639		
Three Creek Highway District	August 4, 2009	June 26, 2009
56562 Blossom Rd.		
Rogerson, Idaho 83302		
City of Grand View	November 3, 2009	September 25, 2009
425 Boise Avenue		
P.O. Box 69		
Grand View, Idaho 83624		
City of Homedale	November 3, 2009	September 25, 2009
31 W. Wyoming		L /
P.O. Box 757		
City of Marsing	November 3, 2009	September 25, 2009
425 Main St.		L /
PO Box 125		

P.O. Box 125

Marsing, Idaho 83639

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

/s/Charlotte Sherburn, Owyhee County Clerk

12/31/08

OWYHEE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

Payment of all bills were approved from the following funds Current Expense \$62,596, Road & Bridge \$12,306, District Court \$7,380, Probation \$1,125, Health District \$4.234. Historical Society & Museum \$266, Indigent & Charity \$30,750, Revaluation \$391. Solid Waste \$21,490, Weed \$183, 911 \$2,203.

done. The Board adopted Resolution 08-44 Re-appointing Planning **YOUR DRINKING WATER:**

Effective January 1, 2006 the US Environmental Protection Agency reduced the drinking water standard for Arsenic from 50 parts per billion (ppb) to 10 ppb. The two Well's supplying water to the Grand View Water & Sewer Association, Inc. was tested on October 7, 2008 and has an Arsenic concentration of **0.21 ppb** of which is above the 10 ppb Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) set forth by the EPA. This is considered to be at the violation of the federal drinking water standard. Although this is not an emergency, you have a right to know what is happening, what you should do and what your water association is doing to continue to keep in compliance. The Grand View Water & Sewer Association, Inc. is still required to provide quarterly public notice of this excess EPA standard Arsenic level. Until such time as Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (IDEQ) notifies the Association that this notice is no longer required you will continue to receive this notice quarterly.

What happened? Arsenic is a natural deposit occurring element thought to enter the water source from contact with natural rock formations.

What health effects? Arsenic can cause adverse health effects, including cardiovascular disease, diabetes mellitus, skin changes, nervous system damage, and various forms of cancer.

What is being done? On the second Wednesday of each month there are regular Water & Sewer Board and the City Council meetings at City Hall - 425 Boise Ave. at 7:00 pm. Questions are encouraged concerning your drinking water and other issues.

IDEQ has made a revised loan offer to The Grand View Water and Sewer Association, Inc. for 1.5 m. The Water and Sewer Board at the December 10, 2008 City Council and Water & Sewer regular meeting motioned, seconded and a unanimous voted to accept IDEQ Revised Loan Offer. **Opal Ward President signed** the Loan Offer Contract, and the Water & Sewer Secretary mailed certified with a return receipt this approved and signed Loan Offer back to IDEQ in compliance within the sixty (60) days requirement.

Our Grant Administrator Pat Engel with SAGE Community Resources submitted our completed ICDBG grant in the amount of \$ 360,000 to the Idaho Department of Commerce within the required time line. A copy of this grant was presented to the Water and Sewer Board and City Council for review on December 10, 2008 our regular scheduled meeting. Some time in February or March 2009 we will receive notice if we will receive this grant money.

What should I do? It will be each citizen's choice to use alternative drinking water (e.g., bottled) or drink City of Grand View water the choice is the total responsibility of each citizen. However, if you have specific health concerns, consult your Doctor

For more information, please contact Grand View City Hall -Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday from 8:00am to 5:00pm, lunch 12:30 to $1:30 - (208)^{\circ} 834-2700$ - Closed all major holidays or you may contact Tiffany Floyd or Steve Staufer at the Boise DEQ office 373-0550

Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly. The City of Grand View has notified owners of properties to supply copies to their residence. (For example, people in apartments, manufactured home parks, businesses and schools) You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

Thank you, Helana Race

Grand View Water & Sewer Association, Inc. Secretary Treasurer

December 20, 2008 12/31/08

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION CASE NO. CV-06-05537 IN THE DISTRICT COURT **OF THE THRID JUDICIAL** DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN

AND FOR THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE

In the Matter of the Estates of NERRON BEULER HIGHLAND and ROSEMARY HIGHLAND, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given to the heirs and devisees and all other persons who are interested in or who claim an interest in the above estate that on November 25, 2008, Charles Highland filed with this Court a Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Formal Appointment of Personal Representative. The petition has been set for hearing at the Owyhee County Courthouse at 31 West Wyoming Avenue, Homedale, Idaho, 83628, on January 7, 2009, at 10:30 o'clock a.m.

DATED this 25th day of November, 2008.

/s/Russell G. Metcalf, Attorney for Petitioner

17 E. Wyoming Ave., PO Box 385, Homedale, ID 83628. 208-337-4945 Fax 208-337-4854 email: rmetcalf@cableone.net 12/10,17,24,31/08

DECEMBER 15, 2008 OWYHEE COUNTY COURTHOUSE MURPHY, IDAHO

Present were Commissioner's Hoagland, Tolmie, and Freund, Clerk Sherburn, Treasurer Richards, Assessor Endicott, SheriffAman, Commissioner Elect Hyer, Sheriff Elect-Crandall, Fred Grant and Betty Stappler.

Amendments to the agenda included: Eastern Owyhee CWMA, and change order for remodel of the Marsing Annex.

The Board adopted Resolution 08-45 Approving the change order for remodel of the Marsing Annex.

Pursuant to I.C. 67-2345 an executive session was called on a personnel issue.

Division of Building Safety was present to discuss the contract with Shurtleff Construction. No action was taken.

The following action was taken on pending Indigent and Charity cases: 08-51 a lien was approved; 08-35 approved the findings reaffirming the initial denial.

District 23 Representatives Stephen Hartgen, Bert Brackett, and Jim Patrick were present to discuss the upcoming Legislative Session

The Board approved the grant request made by Rayola Jacobsen for the Eastern Owyhee CWMA. The grant request was for \$109,000.

The Board discussed the Murphy Travel Plan with Fred Grant. Further review will be

and Zoning Commissioner's Dan Landa and Jeff Christoffersen to three year terms.

The Board held a hearing on a building permit appeal for Silver City requested by Clarence Orton. The hearing was continued.

Pursuant to I.C. 67-2345 an executive session was called on possible litigation. No action was taken.

The Board recessed and reconvened on December 18th at 10:00 a.m. to discuss the Murphy Travel Plan.

The complete minutes can be viewed in the Clerk's office. /s/Jerry Hoagland, Chairman Attest: /s/Charlotte Sherburn 12/31/08

ATTENTION: RESIDENTS OF GRAND VIEW **IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT**

NOTICE

The annual meeting of the Bruneau Buckaroo Ditch Company will be held at the Bruneau Legion Hall on Monday, January 5, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.. Chris Alzola, Secretary 12/31/08



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CITY OF MARSING QUARTERLY EXPENDITURE REPORT 4TH FISCAL QUARTER, FY2008

Fund	Personnel			Law Total Enforcement		
General	\$43,335.	\$40,332.	\$68,291.	\$74,160.	\$226,118.	64.8%
Streets	18,732.	30,020.	21,865.	-0-	70,617.	66.7%
Parks	-0-	7,027.	917.	-0-	7,944.	44.1%
P&Z	1,662.	12,939.	-0-	-0-	14,601.	51.1%
Total	\$63,729.	\$90,318.	\$91,073.	\$74,160.	\$319,280.	63%
Water	147,706.	94,453.	331,824.	-0-	573,983.	15.7%
Irrigation	11,837.	22,613.	3,271.	-0-	37,721.	64%
Sanitation	12,091.	70,200.	-0-	-0-	82,291.	96.8%
Sewer	12,121.	141,216.	57,612.	-0-	210,949.	40.9%
Total	\$183,755.	\$328,482.	\$392,707.	-0-	\$904,944.	21%
Total All Funds	\$247,484.	\$418,800.	\$483,780.	\$74,160.	\$1,224,224.	25%

Citizens are invited to inspect the detailed, supporting records of the above Financial Statement, at Marsing City Hall during regular office hours. Janice C. Bicandi, City Clerk/Treasurer

Dated 12-22-08

12/31/08

OWYHEE COUNTY ORDINANCE NO. 08-03 (MAKING IT UNLAWFUL TÒ OPERATE ALL TERRAIN VEHICLES (ATV), UTILITY TYPE VEHICLES (UTV) AND MOTORBIKES, EVEN THOUGH LICENSED AND REGISTERED, ON ROADS AND PORTIONS OF ROADS DESIGNATED IN THE ORDINANCE AND STATING EXEMPTIONS FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT AND AGRICULTURE USE AND **ESTABLISHINGAMAXIMUM** SPEED LIMIT AND RULES OF THE ROAD APPLICABLE TO SUCH VEHICLES ON ROADS OTHER THAN THOSE DESIGNATED AS **CLOSED TO SUCH USE)**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE **BOARD OF OWYHEE COUNTY** COMMISSIONERS;

Section 1. Purpose.

Pursuant to Idaho Code, Section 49-426 (3) Owyhee County scheduled, noticed and held a public hearing so that citizens could provide input into the decision as to whether any public roads within the Owyhee County Highway system should be closed to use by all terrain vehicles, utility type vehicles and motorbikes. The prior ordinance No. 02-02 had designated roads and portions of roads which were open to use by such vehicles. But, Idaho Code 49-426 (3) provides that all county roads would be open to such use after January 1,2009 unless the County adopted an ordinance closing certain designated roads or portions of such roads to such use. After taking into account the testimony received at the public hearing, after considering matters of public safety and the considerable cost for search, rescue and assistance to the County, after considering testimony in favor of unlimited use and testimony in favor of even more restrictive closures, the Board of County Commissioners decided to designate the roads and portions of roads set forth in this ordinance as closed to use of all terrain vehicles, utility type vehicles and motorbikes. Section 2. Designation of county roads and portions of such roads which are closed to use by all terrain vehicles, utility type vehicles and motorbikes. It shall be unlawful to operate or allow to be operated any all terrain vehicle, utility type vehicle, and motorbike as those terms are defined in Idaho Code, Section 67-7101, on the roads and portions of roads in Owyhee County stated on Appendix A to this Ordinance. Section 3. Murphy and Bruneau townsites.

Roads within the Murphy townsite shall be open to all terrain vehicles, utility type vehicles and motorbikes;

Roads within the Bruneau townsite will be closed to all terrain vehicles, utility type vehicles and motorbikes.

Section 4. All terrain vehicles, utility type vehicles, motorbikes must be licensed and registered.

It shall be unlawful to operate or allow to be operated an all terrain vehicle, a utility type vehicle or motorbike on any county road in the Owyhee County highway system without a license and without being registered pursuant to Idaho statute.

Section 5. Exemptions.

a. Use of all terrain vehicles, utility type vehicles and motorbikes by qualified law enforcement officers in the pursuit of legitimate law enforcement action is exempt from the provisions of this ordinance. b. Agricultural use is exempt

from the provisions of this ordinance pursuant to Idaho law. Section 6. Maximum speed

limit and rules of the road. On those county roads within the

Owyhee County highway systems which are open to all terrain vehicles, utility type vehicles and motorbikes, such vehicles shall not exceed a maximum speed limit of 25 miles per hour. All such vehicles shall be subject to all rules of the road established by the State of Idaho and Owyhee County.

Enacted this 22nd day of December,2008. /s/Jerry Hoagland (voted nay)

/s/Harold Tolmie

/s/Richard Freund

Attest: /s/Charlotte Sherburn APPENDIX A Wilson Creek Rd.; T1S RE3W Highway 78 to Oreana Cut Off) Bachman Grade Rd.; T7S R3W Section 13 to T4SR1W Section 36

Missile Base Rd.; T6S R1E Section 25 to T5S R2E Section 2 (From Highway 78 to end of pavement)

Oreana Loop Rd.; T4S R2E Section 30 to T4S R1E Section 18 (Paved)

Bates Creek Rd.; T4S R1W Section 24 to Section 21 Lemley Rd.; T4S R2E Section

29 to Section 19 (Paved)

Parkinsons Rd.; R4S R2E Section 27 to Section 22 (County portion Paved)

River Rd.; T4S R2E Section 34 to T6S R4E Section 4, excluding all portions within the Grandview city limits.

Beet Dump Rd.; T5S R2E Section 12 to Section 1 (Paved) Alma Rd.; T5S R3E Section 7

to Section 8 (Paved) Millet Lane; T5S R3E Section

8 to Section 8 (Paved) Vista Rd.; T5S R3E Section 16

to Section 16 (Paved)

Quail Lane; T5S R3E Section 16 to Section 16 (Paved)

20 Mile Rd.; T6S R3E Section 34 to Section 33 (Paved)

Dairy Rd.; T5S R3E Section 33 to T6S R3E Section 9 (Connects only to 20 mile road Which is closed all way through)

A&A Rd.; T6S R3E Section 3 to Section 6 (Connects only to 20 mile road which Is closed all way through)

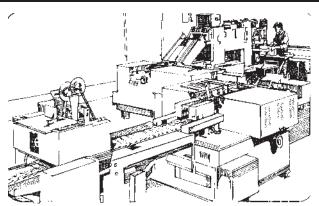
Shoofly Cut Off Rd.; T6S R3E Section 34 to T7S SRE Section 18

Strike Dam Cut Off Rd.; TSS R4E Section 33 to Section 33 (Paved)

Black Sands Rd. T5SR4ESection 33 to T6S R4É Section 3 (Paved)

Mormon Blvd; T6S R4E





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SECTION 2 TO SECTION 9 (PAVED)

China Ditch Rd.; T1S R3W Section 12 to Section 1 (PAVED)

Bailey Rd.; T1S R3W Section 7 to Section 13 (PAVED)

Upper Reynolds Cr. Rd.; T1S R2W Section 17 to T2S R3W Section 36 (Paved Portion from High-Way 78 to end of pavement)

Silver City Rd.; T3S R1W Section 18 to T4SR2W Section 5 (Paved portion from Highway 78 to Diamond Basin only)

Trout Creek Rd.; T5S R5W Section 1 to T5S R6W Section 26 (From Pleasant Valley Road To the end of Cow Creek Road)

Pleasant Valley Rd.; T5S R6W Section 26 to T6S R6W Section 13(Oregon line; Paved)

Mud Flat Rd.; T10S R4W Section 14 to T5S R3E Section line of 26&27 (Paved from Section 11 to T7S R43 Section 14 (Paved)

Davis Rd.; T6S R4E Section 25 to T6S RSE Section 33 (Paved) Cattle Or.; T7S R4E Section 4

to T7S RSE Section 5 (Paved) Hot Creek Rd.; T6S R5E Section 26 to T7S R6E Section 27 (Paved)

Hot Springs Rd.; T6S R6E Section 19 to T7S R6E Section 27 (Paved)

CloverThree Creek Rd.; T7S R6E Section 27 T10S R9E Section 32

Colyer Rd.; T6S R5E Section 24 to Section 15 (Paved)

Crane Falls Rd.; T6S R6E Section 18 to TSS RSE Section 5 (Paved)

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Available at:

Dan's Ferry Service, Walter's Ferry Homedale Drug Jackson's, Homedale Paul's Market, Homedale Matteson's Phillips 66, Homedale Homedale Discouts, Homedale Idaho Pizza, Homedale **Murphy General Store** Fishin' Hole, Grand View Snake River Mart, Marsing ION Truck Plaza, Marsing

The Ownhee Avalanche

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LAST CHANCE SALOON

We would like to thank everyone who helped with our various fundraisers through out this year.

Thanks to the many businesses and individuals who donated items and hours of their time, we raised \$4373.50. This money is used to buy needed personal items and Christmas gifts for the residents of Owyhee Health and Rehabilitation Center here in Homedale.

Again, A Very Sincere Thank You and Happy New Year! - Barbara and Eino Hendrickson

BSU Football Idaho Steelheads Idaho Stampede Bruce Caba Barb's Barr Reel Time Video McGuire's Auto Owyhee Vet Clinic Family Video Ace Nielson **Buckin' Country Band Homedale Realty Homedale Chiropractic** Les Schwab Terry's Jewelry & Gifts Rumors **Orphan Annie's** Jackson's **Homedale Floral Carole's Beauty Shop** Maxwell Farms **Tolmie's Hardware**

Cash-n-Carry Stores Main Street Overstocks **Buttercup Soaps Terri's Cinches** Wilder EDC **Bowen & Parker** Napa Auto Matteson's **Homedale Drug** Nina Collette **Brenda Coons** Jack Pascale **Candy Andreason** Larry Ford Tom Murray Jeff McCord **Tamara Patrick** Joan and Larry Wass **Owyhee and Sylvia Stewart** Art Rangel **Melissa** Prichette **Chuck Turner**

- and a Very Special Thanks to Denise Baker for her many hours of time and help!



	Latter Day Saints Marsing 215 3rd Ave. West, 896-4151	Marsing 221 West Main Marsing, Idaho 208-896-5407 Sunday School 9:30 a.m.	United Methodist Church Wilder Corner of 4th St. & B Ave. 880-8751	P.O. Box 97 Homedale ID 83628
	Sunday 1st Ward, 9:00 a.m. Bishop Lakey Sunday 2nd Ward, 12:30 p.m. Bishop Payne	Sunday Scrivice 10:30 a.m. Sunday Service 10:30 a.m. Adult, Kids & Youth Meetings Wed. 7:00 p.m.	Pastor June Fothergill Sunday Services 9:30am	
Γ	First Presbyterian Church Homedale	Calvary Holiness Church Wilder Corner of 3rd St. & B Ave. Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.	Seventh Day Adventist Homedale 16613 Gamet Rd., 880-0902 or 453-9289	Buy it, sell it,
	320 N. 6th W., 337-3060 Pastor Marianne Paul Sunday Morning Worship 11am Sunday School 11am	Sunday Mo ^r ning Worship: 11:00 a.m. Sunday Evening: 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Evening: 7:00 p.m. Food Pantry Open Fridays 10 am - Noon	Pastor Chuck Dimick Sabbath School Sat. 9:30am Worship 11am Tuesday Prayer Mtg. 7:00 pm	trade it, rent it
Г	Iglesia Bautista Palabra de Esperanza	Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic Church - Oreana 2008 Mass Schedule - the following Saturdays at 9:30am	Amistad Cristiana de Wilder UMC Esquina de 4 y calle B	in the
	Homedale 711 W. Idaho, 463-9569 Pastor Jose Diaz Servicios: Los Domingos 11:00 am	Jan. 26 - Feb. 23 - March 8 - April 12 May 10 - June 28 - July 12 - Aug. 16 Sept. 27 - Oct. 11 - Nov. 22 - Dec. 27 All are welcome! For more information, call St. Paul's Church, Nampa 466-7031	Domingos Servicio: 12:00 pm El Ropero (Banco de ropa) Miercoles 12- 2pm Martes y Jueves: 6:30 pm Ingles Sabados: 12:00 pm Arte Infantil Todo en Espanol, Inf. 989 7508	Classifieds!



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