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Late weekend storm dumps snow

Owyhee Auto Parts employee Brandon DeMond braved the wind and snow in predawn hours Monday morning to clear the parking lot and sidewalk at the East Idaho Avenue business in Homedale.

Winter weather hits area

Two die in Idaho 51 crash;
Owyhee snowpack creeps toward normal level

Tragedy struck in southern Owyhee County ahead of a snow storm that boosted precipitation and snowpack levels in the Owyhee basin and caused

snow days Monday in the Homedale and Marsing school districts.

Slick road conditions are being blamed for a two-vehicle crash on Idaho highway 51 on Saturday in which two Nevada residents perished and two other people were injured.

The accident occurred seven miles north of the

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Dairy worker dies in accident

The cause of an industrial accident that claimed the life of an Owyhee County man on New Year's Day is still under investigation.

Alexandro Juan Dominguez, 26, died when the Caterpillar loader he was piloting tipped over as he was moving feed at a DeRuyter Dairy hay lot northwest of Marsing. The Caterpillar model has a cab that is offset from the loading arm.

"It was an unfortunate accident," Owyhee County Sheriff's Det. Jim Bish said. "The man was

a two-year employee of DeRuyter Dairy, and he had experience on these loaders."

Deputy county coroner Aaron Tines said results from an autopsy performed Friday in Ada County probably wouldn't be available for a week.

Bish said Dominguez probably would have survived the crash if he had been wearing a seat belt.

The accident happened Thursday morning as Dominguez worked to move straw for calves

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CAT rollover claims life in Marsing

The Caterpillar operated by Alejandro Juan Dominguez lays on its side Thursday at DeRuyter Dairy near Marsing. OCSO photo

Former Homedale resident arrested

A former Homedale resident faces two felony charges after his arrest by Meridian Police on Sunday.

Danny Ray Watson Jr., of Boise, allegedly tried to kidnap a 2-year-old boy Sunday afternoon.

He was booked into Ada County Jail on one count of felony kidnapping in the second degree, and the mother said she had never



Danny Watson Jr.

battery and a felony parole violation.

Meridian Police Lt. Bob Stowe said Watson was on parole after serving time for possession of a controlled substance.

Watson apparently grabbed the boy's mother then tried to wrest the toddler from her arms.

Police have no motive, and the mother said she had never seen Watson before.

Owyhee Basin snow, precipitation levels rise with storm

	Snowpack		Snow Water Equivalent		Total Precipitation		
	(Inches)	Current	Avg.	%Avg.	Current	Avg.	%Avg.
Mud Flat	14.4	3.0	3.4	88	4.8	6.1	79
Reynolds Creek	7.9	2.6	N/A	N/A	7.0	N/A	N/A
South Mountain	24.2	6.5	8.3	78	11.9	11.2	106
Jack Creek Upper	33.4	6.0	8.2	73	11.5	10.0	115
Big Bend	21.6	5.1	4.3	119	7.8	5.8	134
Fawn Creek	29.2	6.3	8.0	79	12.3	11.2	110
Laurel Draw	25.9	6.0	5.3	113	11.1	9.2	121
Taylor Canyon	15.6	4.1	2.2	186	5.5	4.0	138
Basin wide percent of average				93			113

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New county terms begin Monday

Sheriff-elect outlines public service model


Crandall says announcements on reorganization will come Monday

Daryl Crandall uses the words of former Secretary of State Colin Powell when describing the direction the Owyhee County Sheriff's Office will take under his watch. "Close with the enemy; reason for existence," is how Crandall quotes what he calls Powell's mission statement. "It's very simple, but to me 'Close with the enemy' means take on crime. That's your main job. As a law enforcement officer, your main job is to protect the people from crime," Crandall said. "But the 'Reason for existence' you can't forget is that we're public servants. We're here to serve the public. "We're not just a one-focus area, and if it means re-inventing ourselves then we're going to re-invent ourselves. But it means we take care of the public on all levels." Crandall takes the oath of office as the county's next sheriff during the Board of County Commissioners meeting Monday. He will succeed three-term sheriff Gary Aman. An Owyhee County Sheriff's deputy since 2003, Crandall confirmed that he will bring former Elmore County deputy Bill Detweiler on board as his chief deputy. "He's got a good sense of humor. He's a cancer survivor. He's strong," Crandall said of

Detweiler. "He knows a lot in the community, and he's got a lot of years' experience." Crandall said among Detweiler's experience is time as a fire-arms trainer. Details on current Chief Deputy Bruce Cameron's future or a replacement for retiring Backcountry Deputy George Reed are being worked out in meetings with Detweiler, the sheriff-elect said. "There's going to be some reorganization. There's going to be some people moved around," Crandall said without giving specifics. "There's going to be a new way of doing business, and if everybody can buy into the new way of doing business, the only real changes will be some people moving around to different positions." He did say he expects Reed's position to be filled in-house from the existing pool of deputies. Crandall called the backcountry deputy position a "coveted" slot but one that is crucial to maintaining a good relationship with the county's ranchers. "Everybody kind of wants that because it's kind of a laid-back, relaxed (position)," Crandall said. "It's more a service to the ranchers in the backcountry, making sure they're well taken care of. "And that's a high priority for me, to make sure that everybody gets well taken care of."

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— Daryl Crandall, Owyhee County sheriff-elect



He expects to announce any sheriff's office reassignments Monday. "We'll probably have a meeting (after the commissioners meeting), and we'll let everybody know what's going on then," Crandall said. Crandall recognizes that the election divided the county, and perhaps the biggest part of the public service emphasis he brings to the table is restoring peace. "I think there has been a rift, and I think that one of the priorities is to bring this county back together," Crandall said. "I've said this in several meetings, 'You have to earn your second four years'. In the first four years, you have to work hard enough to earn your second four years, and that's what we intend to do." Crandall emphasized throughout his campaign that customer service and communication would be cornerstones of his administration. He plans to beef up the sheriff's office's portion of the county Web site to give citizens more access, and he said he'll strive to keep the public informed on what's going on in the county through the media. He also said he plans to be a "stay-at-home" sheriff of sorts during his first term. "I'm going to try to be more available to the public," Crandall said. "I'm not going to be on the committees. I'm not going to be on everything that is involved for right now. "Probably the first term, I'll be very available to the county and try to earn the second term." Crandall has an eye on giving the volunteer group TRIAD a more visible role in the Marsing substation office once it is finished in the annex building on Reich Street. His idea is to have someone behind the counter a couple days a week to hand out maps and informational brochures in a move he said will enhance the deputy in that area. He also envisions a more formal

search and rescue operation in the county, but said that doesn't mean the Posse won't participate. Crandall said he visited the last Posse meeting to discuss his vision for the organization's relationship with his office. "We talked a great deal with the Posse about a new way of doing business with the Posse and the demands and expectations that will be put on them as our budget decreases," Crandall said. Crandall said he has been in contact with Idaho Mountain Search and Rescue about incorporating that organization into the county's current search and rescue program. "We're looking at separating the Search and Rescue out of the Posse thing, but we're not going to say if you're on the Posse and you want to be on the Search and Rescue you have to quit the Posse," Crandall said. With budget constraints a clear concern, Crandall wants to utilize resources that won't impact his office's financial makeup. Leaning on the knowledge of longtime residents — such as the geographical recall many Posse members have — will be crucial to saving the county money, he said. "That's something we're going to have to depend upon, especially as the budget shrinks down and money gets tight," Crandall said. "We're going to depend more and more on the resources of the people of this county." — JPB

Marsing man violates felony probation with drink

A man involved in an April 2007, DUI crash that injured a small child has been taken into custody for violating probation. Ronald McIntyre was booked into Owyhee County Jail on Thursday. He violated his probation by consuming alcohol, according to Owyhee County Sheriff's Chief Deputy Bruce Cameron. McIntyre was sentenced to five

years' probation in November 2007 after pleading guilty to driving drunk during an April 7, 2007, accident at the intersection of Idaho highway 78 and Pershall Road south of Marsing. **Flashlight battery results in charge** Deputy Lynn Bowman and Homedale Police Cpl. Perry Grant

arrested Bruce Allen Melland for misdemeanor battery just after 8 p.m. Sunday. Melland reportedly barged into a house at 2626 Old

Dump Road in Homedale, began arguing, and struck the reporting party with a flashlight. According to the log, the victim took the flashlight away from Melland and sent him home, where law enforcement picked him up. — JPB and MML

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New county terms begin Monday

Emery focused on preserving area's quality of life

Former deputy PA for numerous counties emphasizes strong relationship with sheriff

After serving as a deputy prosecutor for the better part of the past 20 years, Douglas Emery is ready to step into the big chair for Owyhee County.

Emery takes the oath of office and becomes the county's next prosecuting attorney during the commissioners meeting Monday.

"I hope to continue with all positive aspects of the office which now exist and work to make further positive changes in the future," Emery said. "Owyhee County offers a great quality of life which deserves to remain secure."


Emery, who served briefly last year as deputy to outgoing prosecutor Matthew Faulks, plans to tackle the responsibilities of his new office without an assistant

PA. He said that will include all duties prescribed by Idaho Code, including advising the Board of Commissioners and the Planning and Zoning Commission while keeping a primary focus on criminal prosecutions.

"It will be necessary for me to meet the responsibilities of the office with the allocations and available resources," Emery said. "The key to avoiding burnout is in giving priority to the most significant and pressing matters while serving the best interests of the county."

Emery said the top prosecutorial focus of his office will be serious felonies and crimes against persons. But he added that drug offenses, property crimes and "other significant matters" must be handled promptly, too.

"I hope to continue with all positive aspects of the office which now exist and work to make further positive changes in the future."



— Douglas Emery, prosecuting attorney-elect

"Favorable public opinion is founded on appropriate performance and decision-making," he said. "My focus as Owyhee's prosecuting attorney will be to prosecute serious offenses and address the duties of the office."

"Appropriate public opinion will follow."

The prosecuting attorney-elect said among his first tasks once he loses the suffix is to sit down with secretary Lynda Freund and review all pending criminal case files and any cases submitted for review.

Emery has served as a deputy prosecutor for Ada, Canyon and Owyhee counties over the years. He also has drawn prosecutorial assignments in Fremont County as well as served as a special prosecutor for cases in Gem, Lincoln, Valley and Ada counties. Emery entered prosecutorial law soon after earning his juris doctorate from the University of Idaho in 1987. From 1992 to 2001, he was in private practice.

"The law and procedures have remained largely unchanged during my years of practice," Emery said of being a prosecutor. "I enjoy prosecutorial trial work."

Idaho Code requires that prosecutors focus on handling serious

felonies and other violations of state code and county ordinances, but Emery also is aware that he must serve in an advisory capacity for the commissioners, other elected officials and the P&Z. The balancing act comes from the Code, itself, Emery said, which allows the PA to attend commissioners meetings when required and empowers other elected officials to request written opinions on pressing legal issues.

The criminal court calendar in Murphy is carried out Monday afternoons, theoretically giving the prosecutor time to attend the commissioners meetings in the morning.

Just as important to the job of prosecutor, though, is a smooth relationship with county law enforcement, Emery said.

"It is imperative that the county prosecuting attorney and county law enforcement get along and work as a team together," Emery said. "The people of the county are most effectively represented when their elected officials put their differences aside and work together to serve the interests of the county."

"A prosecuting attorney needs the diligence and assistance of his sheriff, sheriff's department and law enforcement as much as they need such from their prosecutor."

— JPB

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1:00 - 1:45	Cow/Calf Strategies for Uncertain Times. Dr. Gary Sides, Cattle Nutritionist, Pfizer Animal Health.
1:45 - 2:30	Commodity Markets and Positioning a Business in Uncertain Times. Don Killingsworth, Former Vice President of Procurement for Continental Grain.
2:30 - 2:45	Break (provided by sponsors)
2:45 - 3:30	Tailoring Cow/Calf Production for a Changing Beef Industry. Tom Brink, Senior Vice President, Five Rivers Ranch Cattle Feeding.
3:30 - 4:15	Panel Discussion & Wrap-up. Tommy Beall, Beall Consulting Group, previously with ContiBeef and Cattle Fax.

Contact Anna-Marie Chamberlain 541-881-1417, Wannie Mackenzie 541-403-0345 or Bodie Clapier 208-899-0206 to RSVP


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Westowns seeks transfer station OK

Permit for Homedale-area waste facility tops county P&Z agenda

A request to build a transfer station for garbage in Homedale will be heard during the next Owyhee County Planning and Zoning Commission meeting next Wednesday.

Westowns Disposal Inc. owner Bill Pastoor has filed a conditional use permit to build a tipping station outside Homedale. Pastoor’s application will be heard at 1 p.m. Wednesday inside the Owyhee County Courthouse Annex Building in Murphy.

Pastoor wants to build a transfer station on Industrial Road to store waste and cut down on the fuel expense of frequent trips to the Pickles Butte Landfill in Canyon County. Pastoor’s company provides residential and commercial trash service inside the city limits of Marsing and Homedale and also has a contract for county trash services, too.

Wednesday’s P&Z hearing begins at 9 a.m., and the agenda also includes:

- At 9 a.m., a time extension request by E&T LLC for the Maple Estates Subdivision located north of Marsing off Edison Road and Thompson Road. E&T LLC has received approval to subdivide 40 acres into 19 residential lots.
- At 9:30 a.m., the commission will review the final plat application submitted by the Michael Simmons Trust for Leilani Estates Subdivision. The previously approved 32-home subdivision sits on 52 acres adjacent to the Shari Hills Subdivision south of Marsing off Idaho highway 78.
- At 10:30 a.m., a short plat application for the previously approved Brandau Subdivision will be heard. The plan is to subdivide about 32½ acres on Idaho 78 into three parcels.

For more information on the hearing, call the county P&Z office at (208) 495-2095.

Library cooks up ‘Gingerbread Man’

This week’s Story Time at the Homedale Public Library features the tale of “The Gingerbread Man”.

Story Time is set for 10 a.m., Friday at the library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave.

The story of the treat that jumped out of the oven will be accompanied by singing and refreshments.

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

Homedale Police roundup

Minor could be charged as adult in assault

Police continue to interview witnesses and suspects in the December assault of 18-year-old Christopher Lopez, who was beaten with a baseball bat by one or more individuals in an altercation near the Family Dollar in Homedale.

Homedale Police Officer Jeff Wasson said he expects to file charges soon against at least one individual involved. The suspect, a minor whose name has not been released, will likely be charged as an adult in the incident, and could face aggravated assault charges. In any case, felony charges will be considered.

The injuries to Lopez’s head and face that occurred in the incident required the attention of a specialist, Wasson said. Lopez reportedly has vision impairment following the incident; whether the damage is permanent or not is unknown.

On Dec. 29, Owyhee County dispatch received a 911 call from a seven-year-old who reported that someone named Lee had punched his mother, and that she was bleeding. Officers and Homedale Ambulance responded. The woman was not transported to the hospital, but Charles Lee Nelson was arrested for domestic battery, and an outstanding Canyon County warrant for petty theft, and transported to Owyhee County Jail in Murphy.

A New Year’s burglary on West Montana Avenue in Homedale is under investigation. Homedale Police said the investigation by Officer Atanacio Montes helped recover some of the items reported stolen, and warrants may be filed on several persons of interest in the case who were reportedly in possession of the stolen items.

At 10:44 p.m. on Thursday, an unidentified vehicle stopped in front of 602 W. Idaho Ave. in Homedale, and someone fired a paintball gun at the “No Crandall” sign in Tony Lopez’s front yard. At least one round also hit the house, Wasson said, and five or six struck the sign. There was no eyewitness to the event, and no description of the vehicle or person(s) involved.

— MML

Grand View city council minutes

- Pat Engel of Sage Community Resources addressed the Grand View City Council on the Idaho Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG) targeting the municipal water system improvement project. The grant, if approved, will be available in March, with a proposed project start date of July. Grand View must reduce arsenic levels to comply with federal clean water guidelines.
- Councilperson Marie Hipwell said “she would like to see a letter sent to our congressman concerning the Arsenic Level” in Grand View’s water supply. She announced she would make a form letter.
- The audit of all accounts for the 2007 fiscal year by Jay Miracle of Miracle and Associates showed all accounts in honor with no discrepancies. A suggestion by Miracle led to the adoption of a motion by councilperson Opal Ward to have City Clerk Helana “Lani” Race present original bank statements, investment pool statements for all accounts along with the treasurer’s report at every monthly meeting. The motion passed unanimously.
- The monthly Water and Sewer Board meeting was held. Minutes were approved. Votes were tallied for new board members. Votes were as follows, with the top four vote-getters earning seats: Dale Gray – 53, Paul Spang – 53, Opal Ward – 49, Marie Hipwell – 49, Richard Waltz – 10, Carrie Rahier – 4, Doug Meyers – 3.

— *From the Nov. 12 minutes as approved Dec. 2008*

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✓ Accident: Worker was moving hay for calves at Marsing-area dairy

at the dairy.

“He loaded the straw into the bedder, and for some unknown reason the loader made a hard left turn in the hay lot and tipped over,” Bish said.

“He went hard-left for an unknown reason. Whether it was driver error, we’ll probably never know.”

Dominguez was partially ejected from the loader, Bish said. He went through the window and was pinned between the lift arm of the vehicle and the cab.

Bish said that speed probably wasn’t a factor.

“He was probably going 20 mph, and it’s a very stable loader — it’s low to the ground,” Bish said.

“Some people who were there (Thursday) said they’d never seen one tip over.”

— JPB

✓ Weather: Chief deputy offers tips to safe driving in wintry conditions

Duck Valley Indian Reservation.

Idaho State Police reported that 21-year-old Chelsea Carter of Spring Creek, Nev., was traveling northbound in a 2005 Chevrolet Cobalt when she lost control and the vehicle slid into the opposite lane and struck a 1993 Toyota pickup being driven by Russell Ward, 67, of Caldwell. Carter and her passenger, 20-year-old Cade Cripps of Elko, Nev., died at the scene, according to ISP. Ward and his 14-year-old passenger, Eureka, Nev.’s Audrey Smith, were airlifted to Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise with non-life-threatening injuries.

ISP and Owyhee County Sheriff’s Office deputies John Nagel and Russ Turner responded to the scene. Both lanes were blocked on the highway nearly 19 miles from the Nevada border to make way for the St. Al’s LifeFlight helicopter.

Idaho 51 in southern Owyhee County has a reputation as a deadly road, with several fatal accidents on the stretch over the years.

Idaho 51 one-vehicle rollover sends two Garden City women to hospital

A single-vehicle accident occurred Sunday about 5 p.m. on Idaho 51 at mile-marker 30, 12 miles from a fatal crash that claimed the lives of two Nevada residents a little more than 24 hours earlier.

As with the fatal accident, slick road conditions contributed to the Sunday rollover as well, Chief Deputy Bruce Cameron of the Owyhee County Sheriff’s Office said.

Driver Adele Rose Thomas, 61, was transported by Grand View Ambulance, while her passenger, Rose White Hunt, 71, was flown by helicopter to St. Al’s in Boise.

Snowpack, precipitation levels on the rise in Owyhee Basin after latest storm

As Natural Resources Conservation Service SNOTEL data shows, winter is here and the snowpack and precipitation rate are close to average this year, and the forecast for January makes a better-than-average winter likely. While this is good news for agriculture in Owyhee County and throughout the region, the latest winter storm has been less kind to drivers and roads.

After a fatal collision and multiple smaller slips and slides, Owyhee County Sheriff’s Chief Deputy Bruce Cameron had some advice for drivers facing the conditions at present.

Cameron warned that numerous sections of highway in the county are icy, many with blowing and drifting snow possible, and all call for drivers to slow down and plan extra time for making any trips.

“Make sure to have your cell phone charged,” he warned drivers. “Be careful to wear appropriate clothing, too — in

these conditions, on any trip over 20 minutes.”

With the winter conditions keeping many off the roads, a stuck vehicle might leave passengers awaiting help for longer than people expect, and with temperatures low, staying warm is vital. For people driving with children, a blanket is especially helpful, Cameron said.

Pre-trip vehicle inspections become vital in blowing snow conditions, too. Taillights can be obscured by snow quickly — even before hitting the road if a vehicle is parked outside — and obscured brake lights can result in accidents, he warned.

“Check your taillights, especially if you’re hauling a trailer,” he said. The new LED taillights are especially prone to being blocked, he said, as they don’t generate as much heat than the older incandescent lights do.

Keep people informed of your departure and expected arrival time, and keep them updated should you stop or run later than expected, he advised.

“When you get where you’re going, call and let people know you got there,” he said.

During the last month, nearly every week’s dispatch log has shown calls from concerned people worried about travelers.

“Stay off your cell phone while driving, and save your coffee for when you get there,” Cameron said.

— MML

Marsing auction raffle items on display

Items available for the 48th annual Marsing Disaster Auction and Sale raffle are on display at Snake River Mart on Main Street.

Raffle tickets, prices at \$10 each, are now available for purchase from the store. Items in the drawing this year include an LG flat-screen television, a Cabela’s meat smoker, an Acer laptop computer, a washer-and-dryer set, a gun safe and a Weatherby 22-250 hunting rifle with a 6-18x40 Bushnell scope.

The auction is Saturday, Feb. 7, in Marsing. Last year’s event raised more than \$80,000.

Proceeds from the auction, which was first held in 1961 and raised \$6,000, help families with expenses incurred after medical emergencies, funerals, house fires and other tragedies.

The disaster fund also supports the Marsing Volunteer Ambulance District, the Marsing Senior Center’s Meals on Wheels program, after-school programs at the Marsing Resource Center, scholarships and United Way programs.

For more information on the auction, call chair Betty Ackerman at 896-4562 or 350-9137 or co-chair Pete Smit at 454-5404 or 863-8742.



Bet You Didn’t Know Buttoned British sailors blazed fashion trail

The men’s jacket known as a “blazer” was named for the British Ship ... the H.M.S. Blazer. The captain of that ship insisted that the crew always wear a blue jacket with metal buttons ... at all times.

Earthworms can grow to a length of 11 feet. They breathe through their skin since they have no lungs.

Theodore Roosevelt shook hands with 8,513 people on New Years day of 1907. Who do you think counted this fact? Why?

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Grover Cleveland is the only U.S. president so far to have been married in the White House.

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Owyhee organizations receive grants
*The Cenarrusa Foundation for Basque Culture honored Owyhee country organizations with two of 11 grants awarded during a ceremony last month in Boise. **Above:** Jordan Valley ION Heritage Museum curator Joanne Cunningham, left, and board member Mike Hanley, right, receive a grant from former Idaho Secretary of State and foundation namesake Pete Cenarrusa. **Below:** Cenarrusa awards a grant to Txoko Ona Basque Club representatives Tony Uranga, left, and John Lejardi. Submitted photos*



Constitution class set Thursday

The Constitution Party will sponsor a video class and discussion on the original intent of the U.S. Constitution at 7 p.m. Thursday.

The class, anchored in video instruction led by Constitution expert Dr. John Eidsmoe, will be held at the home of Warren Rekow, 10978 Hwy. 78, three-quarters of a mile north of Givens Hot Springs.

For more information, call 402-4635.

Calendar

Today

- 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.

Thursday

- Women’s exercise course**
9:30 a.m., University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Office, 238 8th Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 896-4104
- Owyhee Conservation District board meeting**
10 a.m., 250 N. Old Bruneau Highway, Marsing. (208) 896-4544
- Exercise class**
10:45 a.m., free, Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave. (208) 337-3020
- El-Ada commodity distribution**
11 a.m. to noon, Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St., Grand View. (208) 337-4812
- Homedale Chamber of Commerce luncheon**
Noon, Owyhee Lanes Restaurant, 18 W. 1st St. (208) 337-3271
- Senior citizens lunch**
Noon, Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St., Grand View
- Owyhee Gardeners meeting**
1 p.m., University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Office, 238 8th Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 896-5474 or (208) 896-4104
- Resume workshop**
4 p.m., Lizard Butte Library, 111 3rd Ave., Marsing. (208) 896-4690
- TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)**
5:30 p.m. weigh-in, 7 p.m. meeting, First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St., Homedale. (208) 482-6893
- Adrian school board meeting**
7 p.m., Adrian School Library
- AA meeting**
8 p.m., Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave.
- Owyhee County Fair Board meeting**
8 p.m., county fairgrounds, Homedale. (208) 337-4575

Friday

- Grand View Lions Club meeting**
11:30 a.m., Salinas Raider Cafe, 330 Main St., Grand View. (208) 834-2419
- 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

Monday

- County Board of Commissioners meeting**
Courtroom 2, Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Hwy. 78, Murphy
- Melba school board meeting**
4 p.m., district office board room, 600 Broadway Ave.
- Homedale school board meeting**
7 p.m., district office board room, 116 E. Owyhee

Tuesday

- Women’s exercise course**
9:30 a.m., University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Office, 238 8th Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 896-4104
- Exercise class**
10:45 a.m., free, Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave. (208) 337-3020
- Senior citizens dinner**
6 p.m., Rimrock Senior Citizens Center, 525 Main St., Grand View. (208) 834-2808
- Marsing Legion and Auxiliary meeting**
7 p.m., Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center, 126 W. 2nd St. N., Marsing
- Marsing school board meeting**
7 p.m., district office board room, 209 8th Ave. W.
- AA meeting**
8 p.m., Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave.

Wednesday

- County Planning and Zoning meeting**
9 a.m., Annex Building, Owyhee County Courthouse, 17069 Basey St., Murphy. (208) 495-2095
- Homedale City Council meeting**
6 p.m., City Hall, 31 W. Wyoming Ave. (208) 337-4641
- HHS college financial aid night**
6:30 p.m., Homedale High School library, 203 E. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4613
- DivorceCare recovery support group**
7 p.m., Mountain View Church of the Nazarene, 26515 Ustick Road, Wilder. (208) 337-3151
- Grand View City Council meeting**
7 p.m., City Hall, 425 Boise Ave. (208) 834-2700, Monday through Wednesday
- Marsing City Council meeting**
7 p.m., City Hall, 425 Main St. (208) 896-4122
- Owyhee Watershed Council meeting**
7 p.m., University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Office, 238 8th Ave. W., Marsing. (541) 372-5782

Thursday, Jan. 15

- Women’s exercise course**
9:30 a.m., University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Office, 238 8th Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 896-4104
- Exercise class**
10:45 a.m., free, Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave. (208) 337-3020
- Senior citizens lunch**
Noon, Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St., Grand View
- TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)**
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- AA meeting**
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4-H’ers give back to community

Members of Wilson Butte 4-H present a \$1,000 check to Ronald McDonald House. At the presentation were, from left, 4-H’ers Sammie and Annie Bass, Ronald McDonald House project coordinator Anna Hellinga and Wilson Butte 4-H president Haley Brisbin. Submitted photo

Wilson Butte 4-H news

Submitted by Deana Bass
Wilson Butte 4-H club has had a wonderful, memorable 2008. We just ended our year with a super fun awards banquet. All the members and leaders were recognized for their achievements and received their year-end awards. A great time was had by all. Everyone works hard throughout the year, and it’s really fun to relax and have a fun night with everyone.
For five years now, our club puts on our annual Cowboy Trailride. This is a fantastic fund-raising event, and proceeds have been put toward items or supplies needed for: nursing home residents, coats for kids, rescue, fairgrounds, hurricane 4-H families, food baskets and Toys for Tots.
This year, the club unanimously

voted to donate a \$1,000 check to the Ronald McDonald House in Boise.
Three of our members went to the Ronald McDonald House in Boise before Christmas. We were greeted by Anna Hellinga, project coordinator for Ronald McDonald House. She was awesome and gave us a tour of their facility. We were so impressed. What a wonderful, warm, beautiful home away from home for families with children staying at the nearby hospital. They go above and beyond to help these families. We were so excited to present our check to such a wonderful community charity. Thank you, Ronald McDonald House, for all you do in our community.
We are looking forward to another fantastic 4-H year in 2009.

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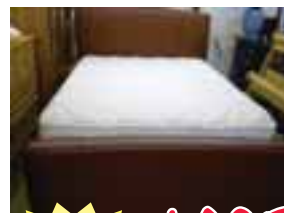


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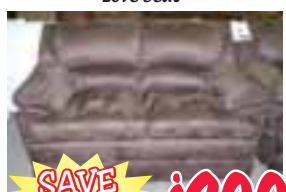
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Bits of the past bring history to New Year

Letter from 1932 reaches The Avalanche

With the economy in crisis and a new election offering change, The Owyhee Avalanche was interested in the following letter, found in the wall of a Homedale residence during a remodel. The letter, in its original envelope, with the 1932 postmark still quite clear, offers a window into the Great Depression as it affected the Northwest.

The letter was written by C.O. Johnson to cousin Lewis Tufty, a Homedale resident in 1932. Census data mentions a Lewis Tufty living in the county at that time, and listed his birth date at somewhere in the 1880s.



Seattle Wash.
Sept. 12 — 1932
Mr. Lewis Tufty,
Homedale, Ida.

Dear cousin, here I am trying to write you a letter, suppose you have been looking for it for some time.

Of course I have no important news to tell. The boys and I are having very good health, but have not been doing a thing for pretty near a year.

This depression is terrible. Seattle has 55,000 people that are living on the city and county, and business is at a stand-still. Small stores and office buildings empty by the dozens, lots of private residences, too.

I hope a change comes with the fall election. No matter who is our next President. "Hooverism" is no good.

Have you been working much this year? Burdette, my youngest son, got tired of laying around so he went over near Pullman, Wa. and worked 14 days in the harvest field at \$2 per day.

He rode over in a Ford and came back on the freight. He said he had a good place to work but long hours, tho.

I still have our little rooming house but there is no money in it, as what roomers we have are very behind with their room-rent.

I see by papers you have a new dam on the Owyhee River*. Did it help business in your part of the county?

We are having wonderful weather and did, not very many warm days so far this summer.

Martin and his family were over here to see us two weeks ago.

Bro. Lewis lives here in Seattle and was here the other day. He has been loafing most of the summer.

Bro. Henry has had a hard time of it all year. No work, and some illness, and besides his wife and him have had a divorce, but she still stays at home. That's peculiar, isn't it?

We still have the same lady keeping house for us. Three years now since she came to our house.

We all get along fine, have plenty to eat so far, and roof over our head.

We spend as little as possible for pleasure. Have to have it for living expenses. You see there are five of us to feed, the boys and I and Mrs. Peabody and her daughter.

The boys go out a great deal. I have only been out of the city once this summer. That was only over to Tacoma.

There is no pleasure in going anywhere, because all a person hears is hard times.

We are going to get busy on our wood pile pretty soon. All I want this winter is plenty of fuel and grub. Then we can wait for spring to come.

And I think we should be satisfied when our health is good, because there are so many thousands that have to live on charity.

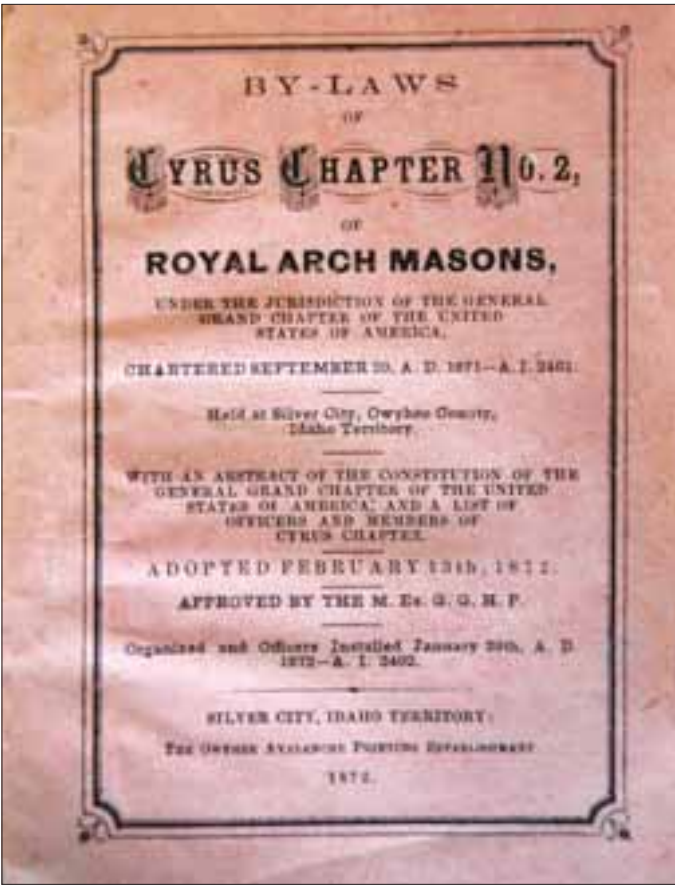
There are a few sawmills going to open for a short period. Every job small or large will help that much.

I will close as I've nothing more to write at present.

Please write as soon as you have time and feel like writing.

Yours respectfully,
C.O. Johnson
1416 W. Galer St.**
Seattle, Wa.

(* The Owyhee Dam, opened in July 1932)
(** This address is now a parking lot in Seattle)



A piece of Idaho Territory history

Canyon County resident Brent Bushnell stopped by The Owyhee Avalanche office to show off an exceedingly well-preserved copy of the 1872 Masonic Bylaws booklet, which was printed in Silver City. The well-preserved book was printed by The Owyhee Avalanche Publishing Establishment of Silver City, Idaho Territory. It was printed for the Cyrus Chapter No. 2 of the Royal Arch Masons 136 years ago. Bushnell, who owns a construction company that does work in Owyhee and Canyon counties, said he found three copies of the bylaws booklet when he went through papers belonging to his stepfather, who was a Mason.



Oregon requires ATV safety cards

Youths, chaperones must take test to ride on public lands

Idaho isn't the only state with new laws pertaining to ATVs and off-road motorcycles. Oregon also has new laws that went into effect Jan. 1.

Beginning this year, off-road recreationists 16 and younger — and the adults supervising them — will be required to complete the Oregon All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV) Safety Education course in order to legally ride on Oregon's public lands. After completing the online course, riders must carry an ATV Safety Education Card when they ride on public lands.

In five years, all riders on Oregon's public lands will be required to pass the course and carry the card.

The course and the card are free. The course is available at www.rideATVoregon.org, and riders can take it at their own pace. The course also is tailored to the places people ride — in

the dunes, forest, or desert.

Riders who lack Internet access can contact the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department at (877) 7SAFELY (877-772-3359) for off-line testing options.

Out-of-state visitors also will be required to carry the ATV Safety Education Card, and riders renting ATVs will go through a safety checklist with the rental company and be issued a temporary safety education card.

The safety course is not required if the vehicles are being used on land owned or leased by the owner of the vehicle, including farming, agricultural or forestry operations, or, are used exclusively for nursery or Christmas tree growing operations.

"This program is aimed at saving people's lives," Oregon Parks and Recreation ATV safety education coordinator John Lane said. "Accidents and deaths from ATV-related activities are tragic, but even more alarming is the number of children involved in these accidents."

From 1998 to 2003 the Oregon Trauma Registry recorded more than 1,200

injuries resulting from ATV crashes. ATV-related accidents rose 78 percent from 2001-2003, with more than 20 percent of ATV injuries occurring to children younger than 15.

Legislation passed in 2007 required the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department to phase in ATV Safety Education for riding on Oregon's public lands. In coming years, older age groups will be required to pass the online test. By 2014, all riders regardless of age will be required to carry an ATV Safety Education Card while riding.

"It is similar to driving a car — you want the other drivers to be as well trained as you are," Lane said. "Now, from the comfort of your own home, and at a time that works for you, you can become a safer rider and be better prepared next time you hit the trails."

Children 17 years and younger are required to wear helmets with chin straps, and children 15 or younger are required to meet new "rider fit" guidelines. These guidelines, which include the appropriate brake, leg and grip reach, are described in detail on the state's ATV Web site.

HHS grad gets EOU degree

Homedale High School graduate Sara Reed, who lists her residency now as Bayfield, Colo., has received a Bachelor's of Science degree in Biology from Eastern Oregon University in La Grande, Ore.

Reed was among 705 students to graduate with bachelor's degrees from EOU after the 2007-08 academic year.

HYS sports signups set

Homedale Youth Sports Inc. will hold registration for baseball, softball and T-Ball from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. next Wednesday, at Homedale Elementary School, 420 W. Washington Ave.

Late registration will be accepted by mail until Jan. 21. Check www.owyheeavalanche.com for more information in the coming days.

HYS plans a Texas Hold 'Em poker tournament as a fundraiser. The tournament, limited to 100 entrants, will be held Saturday, Jan. 24, at the Txoko Ona Basque Center, 333 S. Main St., in Homedale.

HYS spokesman Brad Dines said the doors will open at 6 p.m. with first deal at 7 p.m. A silent auction and raffle will be held from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

For more information on either registration or the poker tournament, call HYS president Shane Brown at 880-4552.

HTAA meeting postponed

Year in Review

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Avalanche Sports

Look back at 2008 continues next week

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The year in sports



State of '08 prep athletics was golden

The Avalanche's look back at 2008 continues today with a review of the early year in sports:

JANUARY

Homedale High School freshman Justin Ensley battled his way to a second-place finish at the Rollie Lane Invitational wrestling meet in Nampa. Senior heavy-weight Amador Cortinas finished third, and Trojans teammate Jamie Uriarte placed in the top eight in the same weight class.

Marsing's wrestler Mike Moore finishing in the top eight in the 145-pound class and other wrestlers reaching the round of 32 and beyond.

A week later, Ensley brought home a championship from the Magic Valley Classic in Wendell. He followed that with an effort at the Padilla Invitational in Parma, where Cortinas won the heavy-weight title with Uriarte second. The Trojans placed sixth.

Adrian announced that the baseball team would be back after a seven year hiatus. New principal Kevin Purnell served as coach.

Ben Fierro's buzzer-beating jumper gave the Homedale JV boys' basketball team a 49-47 3A Snake River Valley conference victory over Weiser on Jan. 18 and padded the team's 15-0 start to the season. The freshman boys closed the non-conference season by winning 10 of its first 11.

Jordan Valley's girls' basketball team destroyed Mitchell, 60-2, in a High Desert League contest.

Top-ranked Rimrock lost a girls' basketball showdown with defending 1A Nevada state champ, Owyhee, 49-47.

Behind the play of senior Paige Branstiter, Adrian High School's girls' basketball team won its 15th consecutive game to begin the

season and climbed to sixth in the 1A Oregon coaches' poll. The winning streak ended when 4A Ontario, ranked sixth, posted an 80-63 win on Jan. 22.

A three-game winning streak — and an upset of first-place Wilder — propelled star Logan Thomas and the Rimrock boys' basketball team to within one game of the 1A Western Idaho Conference lead.

Senior Shelby Chandler fired in five three-pointers and scored 21 points as Rimrock's girls won their ninth straight 1A WIC basketball game. The team would roar into the 1A District III Tournament after a 12-0 league campaign.

Former Homedale High School standout Kelsi Haylett capped her Oregon Institute of Technology three-sport college career with the Ad Rutschman Award as Oregon's top small-college athlete for 2007. She also got to meet former U-of-O football great Ahmad Rashad at the Jan. 27 ceremony.

Former four-time high school state champion Justin Ensley, a Homedale graduate, skyrockets to the top of the National Junior College Athletic Association wrestling poll after big 125-pound victories as a sophomore for Northwest College in Powell, Wyo.

The Homedale High School chess club brought home the Idaho Scholastic Novice state championship for the Grade 7-12 Division.

Marsing High School's girls' basketball team saw its season — which turned out to be the last under coach Don Heller — end with two straight losses in the 2A District III Tournament.

FEBRUARY

Homedale freshman Justin Ensley racked up another tournament championship, bringing home the 112-pound title from the Weiser

Invitational. Senior Jaime Uriarte finished fourth after losing the third-place match in overtime.

The Rimrock High School girls' basketball team saw its long string of 1A Real Dairy Shootout state tournament appearances end after a 46-41 loss to Tri-Valley in the District III tournament.

Adrian's girls wrapped the High Desert League regular-season championship and top seed in the 1A Oregon District 8 Tournament by smacking Burnt River, 65-30. The team then stepped out of league and padded its resume with wins against fellow state 1A powers Lowell and Dufur.

Juniors Tyler Gibson and Austin Emry had double-doubles, but their efforts couldn't save Homedale from an 0-8 conference season. Weiser and Payette capped the winless 3A SRV campaign for the Trojans.

Jordan Valley's boys' hoopsters came up short in a bid to upset once-beaten and HDL-leading Crane. Alek Quintero scored 25 points in a losing effort during the 79-77 overtime setback.

Jeremy Ensley capped his junior college wrestling career with a runner-up finish at the NJCAA tournament. He qualified for the national tournament by winning the West Central Zone championship in Rock Springs, Wyo.

Homedale's Amador Cortinas grabbed a No. 1 seed for the 3A wrestling state tournament after winning his third District III championship. He was one of 11 members of the squad to qualify for state. Freshman Justin Ensley pinned teammate Phillip Moulton for the district's 112-pound crown. Junior Danny Zenor was district champ at 140 pounds, while Joe Hernandez was runner-up at 145.

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JV boys bounce back after first loss

Jordan Valley High School righted its boys' basketball ship after suffering its first loss of the season by beating host McDermitt, Nev., on Saturday.

Zac Fillmore was perfect from the foul line and scored 26 points, and Alek Quintero added 20 points in a 88-50 non-league dismantling of the Bulldogs.

The Mustangs (10-1 overall) face a challenging week in the 1A High Desert League with a road game at Adrian on Friday and a home game against defending league champ Crane on Saturday.

Jordan Valley outscored McDermitt, 21-3, in the first quarter.

"We jumped on them early," Mustangs coach Mike Workman said. "McDermitt is young, but they play hard."

Improved play in the final six minutes Dec. 30 couldn't save the Jordan Valley High School boys' basketball team from its first loss of the season in the Rolly Lincoln Memorial Tournament in Wilder.

The Wildcats received 18 points and 12 rebounds from Miguel Rodriguez to keep their unbeaten season going with a 52-39 victory that sewed up the championship in

a tournament named for longtime Wilder announcer Rolly Lincoln, the father of Melba girls' basketball coach Larry Lincoln.

"Wilder came out with a lot of intensity, and we didn't," Mustangs coach Mike Workman said. "I guess Wilder wanted it more."

The Mustangs (10-1 overall) out-rebounded Wilder, 39-30, but shot only 25.4 percent from the floor (15-for-59, including Fillmore's 8-for-23 and Alek Quintero's 2-for-14). Jordan Valley managed just two points in the second quarter.

In the Dec. 29 opener of the Lincoln tournament, Jordan Valley rallied after a slow third quarter to beat Prairie, 49-43, behind 20 points from Fillmore.

The Mustangs outscored the Pirates, 18-10, in the final eight minutes for the comeback. Prairie opened the second half on a 12-6 run to claim a 33-31 lead.

David Sigler led three Prairie players in double figures, pouring in 17 points but hitting only seven of 21 shots.

Koehl Trautman had 10 points and 10 rebounds or Jordan Valley.

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HHS wrestlers compete at Lane

The Homedale High School wrestling team returns from the Christmas break with a huge challenge this weekend in Nampa.

The Trojans will compete in

the Rollie Lane Tournament at the Idaho Center in Nampa on Friday and Saturday.

Friday's action begins at 3 p.m., with wrestling starting at 9 a.m. Saturday.

Trojans boys go 0-2



After winning six of its first seven games to start the boys' basketball season, Homedale High School fell into a slump during the weekend.

Plagued by turnovers, the Trojans (6-3) fell to visiting Wendell, 51-39, on Friday.

Austin Emry scored 15 points and grabbed eight rebounds for Homedale, which had beaten Wendell on the road earlier in the season.

On Saturday, Tyler Gibson put down 16 points, but Homedale dropped a 66-61 non-conference decision in Meridian to Cole Valley Christian. Three Chargers scored in double figures.

Looking for the paint

Homedale High School's Mitch Quintana tries to drive around Cole Valley Christian's Steve Smith and Zach Eddy.

— Photo by Gregg Garrett

Adrian second in Ontario

Though small in numbers, the Adrian High School wrestling team made its mark at the Ontario Holiday Tournament on Saturday.

Daniel Lode lost the 160-pound championship match to New Plymouth's Kent Brown by pinfall as all six Antelopes placed in the top six in the Oregon tournament.

Coached by Rick Olsen, Adrian finished fifth in the seven-team tournament.

Mark Ishida (119 pounds) and Jake Mathews (189) lost third-place matches, while 171-pounder James Prechtl pinned Ontario's Jake Emtson to secure fifth place at 171 pounds.

Jesse Olsen finished sixth at 140 pounds.

Girls: Adrian at 6-1 now

Terra Rust scored 16 points, and McKenzie Purnell chipped in 14 on Saturday as the Antelopes traveled to beat Marsing, 50-38, in a non-league matchup.

Rust also had eight of her team's 15 assists, and Ranea Orosco and Madison Shira teamed up for half of the squads 22 steals.

"This was easily our best outing,"

Antelopes coach Gene Mills said. "It was a great win over a tough Marsing team."

The Huskies were paced by eight points from Rebecca Cossel.

Adrian also posted a 46-29 non-league rout of host Cove on Friday as three players reached double figures, including 12 points each from Purnell and Shira. Purnell racked up a double-double with 14 rebounds. Cove was led by Jamie Murchison's 12 points.

Boys: 'Lopes fall to Cove

A sluggish offensive start doomed the Antelopes in a non-league game played on the road.

Adrian shot only 18.2 percent from the floor in the second quarter (after a 21.4 percent showing in the first eight minutes) and trailed 32-14 at halftime.

Coach Brent Ishida's squad mounted a second-half rally, but only played even with the Panthers after the intermission.

Blake Purnell scored 15 points and grabbed 10 rebounds for Adrian, while Cove was paced by Jered Witty, whose 22 points led four players in double figures.

✓ JV wrapup: Girls sneak past Bulldogs



Mustangs look for win

Zac Fillmore puts it up from the paint in heavy traffic against the Prairie Pirates on Dec. 29. The Mustangs beat the Pirates 49-43 in a late-game speedball charge.

Mustangs edge McDermitt

Nickie Naegle scored a season-high 21 points and grabbed nine rebounds despite a 6-foot-4 McDermitt player in the paint as Jordan Valley edged the Bulldogs, 56-52, on the road Saturday.

"Nickie Naegle played her best game of the season so far," first-year Jordan Valley coach Chris Elsner said. "The girls recognized someone shooting well and got her the ball. This was a very good game for us and it came at a good time."

Anne Marie Eiguren scored 11 and Kayla Cuvelier added 10 for the Mustangs (10-7), who take an unbeaten 1A HDL record into league showdowns against Adrian and Crane this weekend.

Jordan Valley split its games in the Rolly Lincoln Tournament in Wilder early last week, losing 73-19 to Melba on Dec. 29 before beating Idaho City on Dec. 30.

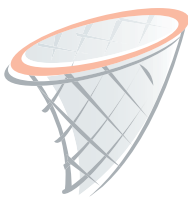
Against Melba, Jordan Valley scored only a free throw in the first eight minutes. Haley Hebison led Jordan Valley with four points, while teammates Eiguren and Shelly Payne scored three-point goals.

Melba raced out to a 40-point lead, 47-7, at halftime as Katie Brinkerhoff notched 17 points and three of her team's seven treys.

Trojan Winter Sports



BASKETBALL



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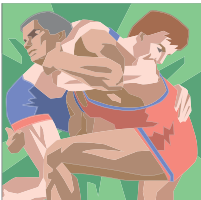
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WRESTLING

Friday-Saturday, Jan. 9-10 at Rollie Lane Invitational, Idaho Center, Nampa
Tuesday, Jan. 13, home vs. Payette, 5 p.m.



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✓ Sports year in review

Homedale was second behind Weiser.

Coach Rick Folwell and six Marsing wrestlers went to the 1A/2A state meet. Chaz Covey, John Heidt and Matt Merritt took bronze at district.

The Adrian girls' basketball team and the Jordan Valley boys' survived district play to reach the 1A Oregon state playoffs.

Marsing's boys were 0-2 in the 2A District III Tournament in the last games for coach Jake Walgamott.

Homedale's junior varsity boys' basketball team logged an 18-3 record, but coach Mark Shafer's squad lost the district tournament title game to Fruitland.

Senior Zach Tolmie scored 11 points and junior Austin Emry was injured as Homedale's boys' varsity squad closed its season with district losses to Payette (56-55) and McCall-Donnelly (65-57).

The Rimrock boys held off Wilder at the 1A District III Tournament, 41-37, and a Gary Jones-coached Raiders team qualified for state for the first time since 1997.

Amador Cortinas nabbed another state wrestling medal (bronze), and teammate Justin Ensley was fourth in the 3A tournament.

Senior 152-pounder Chaz Covey and 171-pound junior Andre Heidt rallied for first-round victories in Marsing's stay at the 1A/2A state tournament.

Rimrock senior guards Ellie Cantrell and Shelby Chandler received final accolades as members of the All-1A WIC team.

Paige Branstiter, Adrian's dominant post, was named the HDL player of the year. Junior teammate Terra Rust was a first-team all-leaguer, as was Jordan Valley's Annie Mackenzie. Among boys,

junior Koehl Trautman of Jordan Valley was tabbed a first-teamer.

In the All-2A WIC girls' basketball voting, senior guard Elisa Moreno led the Marsing contingent as a first-teamer.

The top rep for the Homedale girls' basketball team was 3A SRV second-teamer Kendall Rupp.

The Idaho Rally automobile road race wouldn't return to county roads outside Grand View after an inaugural 2007 run.

Adrian's stellar girls' basketball season ended at 27-3 after a 65-53 victory over Triad in the state tournament consolation final. Paige Branstiter earned a spot on the 1A all-state second team.

The Rimrock boys went two-and-out at the state tournament, but not before a heart-stopping 47-39 double-overtime loss to Murtaugh in the opener. Prolific scorer Logan Thomas was named the 1A WIC player of the year.

A fourth-grade girls' basketball team from Homedale and coached by Larry Corta won the Nyssa Select League championship.

Katie Larrusea, a bowler who had never before competed in league play, collected two first-place trophies at the 50th anniversary Homedale Women's City Tournament at Owyhee Lanes. She teamed with Jane Nestor for the doubles title.

MARCH

Homedale High School's baseball team began the coach Burke Deal era with three losses by an average score of 18-2. The losing streak would grow to seven games before Joey Cline's two-run double in the top of the seventh inning on March 18 led the Trojans to a 6-5 win over Marsing. It was

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✓ Sports year in review

the Huskies’ first loss of the year after four victories.

Trojans’ softball edged Parma, 2-1 in 10 innings in an early-season three-game winning streak.

Young tennis players — freshmen Tanner Lair and Jordan Meligan — set the tone for an early Homedale victory.

Homedale’s golf squad opened with promise as junior Grant Sweet finished second in the Homedale Invitational at River Bend Golf Course. Sweet and fellow junior Ryan Garrett collected top-10 finishes at the Canyon County Classic at Purple Sage Golf Course in Caldwell, too. The season would be the last under coach David Thompson, who resigned later in the year.

Championships were handed out during the annual Homedale Men’s Bowling Association city tournament at Owyhee Lanes.

Homedale High School graduate Michael Eby tried out for NFL officials during a Pro Day at BSU and then learned that he would represent Eastern Oregon University in the Victory Sports Network Senior Classic for the best seniors from NAIA programs.

Elly Collett went 2-for-4 and scored twice as Marsing’s softball team edged Rimrock, 5-4, for its second win of the season.

A group of Homedale Middle School boys — Trey Corta, Casey

Christoffersen, Conner Landa and Zac Lowder — teamed up to win a 3-on-3 basketball tournament that raised funds for the Homedale Senior Parents Committee.

APRIL

Adrian’s baseball team beat Pine Eagle, 7-5, in a 1A-2A Wapiti League contest. Blake Purnell, the son of coach Kevin, struck out nine in a complete-game outing.

Homedale’s track and field team began what would become an outstanding season with Trent Acree (silver) and Nickole D’Alessio (two bronzes) medalling at the Don Walker Lions Invitational.

Meanwhile, 6-foot-1 Adrian senior Paige Branstiter was dominant with a pair of shot put championships and a javelin runner-up showing in meets for the Antelopes. Maurus Hope, a 1A Oregon state record holder who would finish the year smashing records at Northwest Nazarene University, also won the 400 meters in Nyssa and helped Adrian’s 4x400-meter relay team to a gold medal.

Adrian softball opened the season without Branstiter, who ran track, and with the third coach in the past three years — Tony Sifuentes.

A week after finishing third in a 3A SRV golf meet, Homedale’s consistent scoring won a victory in the Payette Invitational at Scotch

Pines Golf Course.

With Devin Meyers throwing a no-hitter, striking out 13 and facing the five-inning minimum of 15 batters, Rimrock ripped Greenleaf Friends Academy to start the 1A WIC baseball season 2-0.

Rimrock’s softball team broke through for its first win of the season, and ended a five-game losing streak, with a 7-6 victory over Greenleaf that was fueled by Lee Gray’s two-out RBI single in the bottom of the seventh inning.

Nickole D’Alessio launched her assault on the Homedale shot put record at the Homedale Invitational, while Austin Emry and Austin Ferguson were 1-2 in the high jump.

Adrian won five events, and Tyson Heller and Elisa Moreno shared four of five victories for

Marsing during the John Stewart Invitational track meet in Payette. Heller also notched a couple of victories at Nampa Christian. Also at the Stewart meet, GFA freshman Kendra Graber, a Homedale-area resident, posted a victory in the 1,600 meters. Rimrock’s Ellie Cantrell took three silver medals.

A walkathon, “Trekking for the Thomases”, drew hundreds of walkers and raised more than \$2,000 to help the participating track programs and family of Sherry Thomas, the former Homedale High School librarian who suffered a stroke.

Defending 3A state champion Austin Emry won the high jump title at the 38th annual Pat Beiter Invitational/Boise Relays, clearing 6 feet, 4 inches, and followed that with a win in the long jump.

Emry and Trent Acree won two events apiece as the Trojans finished second in the Parma Invitational. Marsing’s Tyson Heller won the boys’ shot put title, and Adrian’s Paige Branstiter beat Homedale’s Nickole D’Alessio for the girls’ shot put crown.

Later in the month, Heller and the Huskies’ 4x200 relay team won championships to lead Marsing to a third-place showing at the New Plymouth Invitational.

Ethan Salove’s three-hitter led Marsing to a 3-1 victory over Glenns Ferry.

Jonathan Stacey’s two-out double helped Homedale end a six-game losing streak with a 5-4 win over Melba.

Grant Sweet capped the month with the medalist award for the Garden Valley Invitational.

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

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

The written comment deadline is January 28, 2009, unless otherwise listed.

(Temp & Prop) indicates the rule is both temporary and proposed.

**(*PH) indicates that a public hearing has been scheduled.

IDAPA 11 – IDAHO STATE POLICE IDAHO STATE RACING COMMISSION
PO Box 700, Meridian, ID 83780-0700
*11-0401-0801, Rules Governing Horse Racing. (*PH) (Temp & Prop) Chapter Repeal.

*11-0404-0901, Rules Governing Rules Governing Disciplinary Hearings. (*PH) (Temp & Prop) Chapter Repeal.

*11-0404-0902, Rules Governing Disciplinary Hearings and Appeals. (*PH) (Temp & Prop) Chapter rewrite provides for a hearing and appeals process before the Racing Commission.

*11-0405-0901, Rules Governing Advanced Deposit Wagering. (*PH) (Temp & Prop) New chapter addresses advanced deposit wagering in Idaho.

*11-0406-0901, Rules Governing Racing Officials. (*PH) (Temp & Prop) New chapter outlines duties and responsibilities of racing officials.

*11-0407-0901, Rules Governing Racing Associations. (*PH) (Temp & Prop) New chapter governs the conduct and licensing of racing associations.

*11-0408-0901, Rules Governing Pari-Mutuel Wagering. (*PH) (Temp & Prop) New chapter addresses pari-mutuel wagering in Idaho.

*11-0409-0901, Rules Governing Claiming Races. (*PH) (Temp & Prop) New chapter governs the procedures and requirements for the claiming of horses and conducting claiming races.

*11-0410-0901, Rules Governing Live Horse Races. (*PH) (Temp & Prop) New chapter governs the running of live horse races in Idaho.

*11-0411-0901, Rules Governing Equine Veterinary Practices, Permitted Medications, Banned Substances and Drug Testing of Horses. (*PH) (Temp & Prop) New chapter governs the practices of veterinarians licensed by the Commission, the permitted medication of horses and drug testing of horses by the Commission.

*11-0414-0901, Rules Governing Owners, Trainers, Authorized Agents, Jockeys, Apprentice Jockeys, and Jockey Agents. (*PH) (Temp & Prop) New chapter governs the conduct of owners, trainers, authorized agents, jockeys, apprentice jockeys, and jockey agents in Idaho.

*11-0415-0901, Rules Governing Controlled Substance and Alcohol Testing of Licensees, Employees, and Applicants. (*PH) (Temp & Prop) New chapter governs controlled substance and al-

cohol testing of licensees, employees, and applicants by the Commission.

IDAPA 16 - DEPT. OF HEALTH & WELFARE
PO Box 83720, Boise, ID 83720-0036

*16-0310-0902, Medicaid Enhanced Plan Benefits. (*PH) (Temp & Prop) Reduces the maximum number of service hours for Developmental Disability Agencies therapy services.

16-0739-0901, Appointment of Designated Examiners and Dispositioners. (Temp & Prop) New chapter provides for qualifications, appointment requirements, and appointment process for designated examiners and designated dispositioners to ensure proper education, training, and experience to assess mentally ill individuals and their needs.

*16-0750-0901, Rules and Minimum Standards Governing Non-Hospital, Medically-Monitored Detoxification/Mental Health Diversion Units. (*PH) (Temp & Prop) New chapter provides for minimum design and construction requirements for a medically-monitored detoxification/mental health diversion unit.

THE FOLLOWING TEMPORARY RULES HAVE BEEN ADOPTED:

IDAPA 08 – State Board of Education
08-0203-0901, Rules Governing Thoroughness
IDAPA 16 – Dept. of Health and Welfare
06-0310-0901, Medicaid Enhanced Plan Benefits

IDAPA 20 – Department of Lands
20-0101-0901, Rules of Practice and Procedure before the State Board of Land Commissioners

IDAPA 21 – Division of Veterans Services
21-0104-0901, Rules Governing the Idaho State Veterans Cemetery

IDAPA 30 – Idaho Commission for Libraries
30-0101-0901, Rules of the Idaho Commission for Libraries Governing the Use of Commission Services

NEGOTIATED RULEMAKING MEETINGS ARE SCHEDULED FOR THE FOLLOWING:
IDAPA 58 – Dept. of Environmental Quality
58-0101-0901, Rules for the Control of Air Pollution in Idaho

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MARSING HUSKIES

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WRESTLING

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Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM



On the edge of common sense

In the company of the kings of rodeo

It was one of those weeks when I felt like Forrest Gump. In the movie, he frequently found himself in the company of presidents, Hall of Famers and kings. In my week at the National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas, I found myself shaking hands with rodeo royalty: Roy Cooper, Ty Murray, Lewis Feild, Larry Mahan and Trevor Brazile. Each an all around world champion with enough buckles between them to sink Bob Tallman to the bottom of the pool!

There is something about the kind of people who achieve greatness. They have a presence. When they walk into a room or ride into the arena, it's like putting a big frog in the aquarium; the water level changes for everybody.

There is mental toughness in these champions that allows them to play through pain, to push the envelope, to deal with adversity; be it a bad draw, a strained knee or a muddy track. They have the practiced ability to concentrate on the job they're doin' even when the canvas is flappin', the reins are tangled and the wheel's comin' off the wagon!

Ty Murray, seven times all around world champion, was asked about Trevor Brazile's sixth all around world championship win after the 2008 National Finals Rodeo. Ty said he expected Trevor would surpass his seven wins and set a new record. He credited Trevor's youth, but he emphasized his determination, work ethic and drive.

Ty made an observation that I have noticed in many fields of endeavor: there is only one guy who can beat the most naturally gifted competitor ... that is the guy who works the hardest. However, if you are naturally talented AND work the hardest, you are unbeatable. That describes all these world champions.

When Ty won his seventh all around world championship in 1998, he broke Larry Mahan's record of six. Larry had held it for 25 years after besting Jim Shoulders's record of five. All three of these champions worked the rough stock events: saddle broncs, bareback and bulls. At the time Ty broke Larry's record, Larry had graciously congratulated Ty and crowned him King of the Cowboys. Which meant, of course, that Larry acknowledged he, himself, was the Queen.

Now with Trevor Brazile barking at Ty's heels, Ty asked Larry, "What happens if Trevor beats my seven championships?" Would Ty, himself, then become Queen? And Larry be moved down the ladder to become the Prince of the Cowboys? Larry gave it a flicker of thought and said, "Nah, he's just a roper."

— *Can't get enough Baxter? Visit his Web site at www.baxterblack.com for more features, merchandise and his new book, "The World According to ... Baxter Black Quips, Quirks & Quotes".*

Jon P. Brown, managing editor

The way we see it

Compassion leaves Owyhee aglow long after Christmas



A recent conversation with a utility worker revealed an impression that folks in Homedale can be a rude bunch. But, while this man saw the ugliness of drivers screaming at him as he tried to do his job, the behavior is a far cry from the Owyhee County I have come to know.

The foundation of any community isn't the bricks-and-mortar of buildings and businesses within a city's walls but the hearts and souls of the inhabitants.

Even in these difficult times, Owyhee County residents are finding ways to help those in need. The recently completed gift drives in Homedale and Marsing are testament to the willingness of folks to reach out.

While it may not be an unfamiliar human trait, the compassion in Owyhee County has unique characteristics. Seemingly, there always are groups or individuals with the means to help regardless of the situation.

Perhaps the sense of community that has amazed me since I first arrived over the Snake River from the larger towns in the Treasure Valley can be extracted directly from Owyhee's frontier roots.

But while the frontier mentality of hard work as its own reward seemingly would fly contrary to helping out fellow man, folks in this county have an innate sense about those who truly need a hand up and those who are just looking for a handout.

The Wish Tree and Hands Around Homedale in the county's largest city and the gift tree in Marsing spotlighted the Christmas spirit, and the Owyhee spirit of helping one's self — Hands Around Homedale coordinator Randee Garrett mentioned that some of the families helped by the charity drive were the same folks who showed up at Homedale

Elementary School on Dec. 12 to stuff care packages.

Christmas may have passed for another year, but there will be several more opportunities to help out in the coming weeks.

Some are long-standing; others are relatively new and tied directly to the economic rut that has developed throughout the nation.

The Marsing Disaster Auction is set for another run on the first Saturday of February. For five decades, folks have flocked to bid on items and raise money for the community's disaster fund. In fact, the auction's success puts to shame similar efforts in cities hundreds of times larger than Marsing. During this Christmas season, a charity drive in my hometown of 120,000 struggled to raise \$50,000. Last year, the Marsing auction rounded up nearly \$80,000.

But, with a frontier-hardened eye toward need before greed, scrutiny is placed on which groups or individuals receive support.

A week after the Marsing auction, the Homedale International Smorgasbord will be held to raise money for school needs — as it has for the past 48 years.

And there's more.

Recent funding cuts have put a renewed focus on the needs of the Meals on Wheels and transportation programs provided by county's three senior citizens centers.

It's too early to tell if the recession will affect the success of fundraising drives for any of the worthy causes in the county. But Owyhee's history indicates that the old adage of "where there's a will, there's a way" will kick into gear.

Wayne Cornell

Not important ...

but possibly of interest

Great Wall or endurance test?



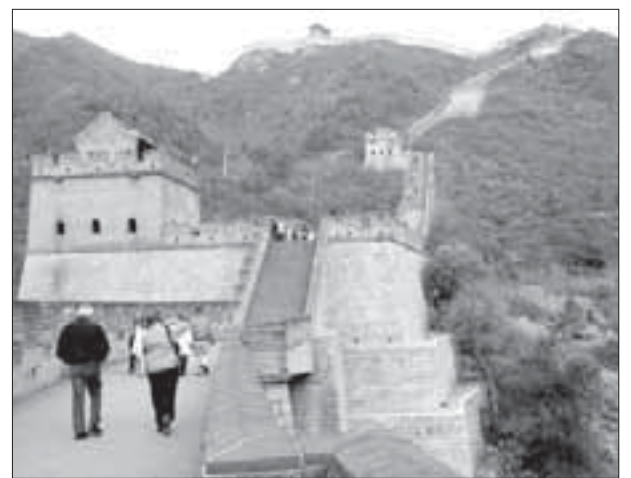
Our bus rolls north from Beijing. Beijing is situated on a flat plain. Ahead of us we can see a range of rugged peaks — a barrier running east and west. There are no real foothills. The mountains just suddenly leap up from the plain. The busy highway we are following dives into a notch in the mountains. We go around a couple of curves, and the bus begins to slow. We have arrived at China's most famous landmark — The Great Wall.

We unload in a parking lot. To our left, the wall seems to go straight up the mountainside for maybe a half-mile before following the top of the ridge until it disappears from sight in the west. To our right, on the far side of the highway, the wall makes a more leisurely climb out of the valley. We can see about a mile of the wall and watchtowers in that direction.

The Great Wall was started in the fifth century to protect China from invading Mongol armies. By the 16th century, the Wall was about 4,000 miles long. Much of the initial wall was made of dirt but was later replaced by brick and stone.

Much of the Wall has eroded into rubble over the centuries. The five-mile section we are visiting was restored about 30 years ago. Our Chinese guide says The Great Wall is the only manmade structure that would be visible from the Moon. A nice story but not true. Astronauts say it is nearly impossible to see the Wall with the naked eye from even 200 miles up — let alone 245,000 miles away.

Our schedule gives us a couple of hours at the Wall. The eastern section looks easier to climb so we go that



The Great Wall of China winds up a mountainside and out of sight. The trek up the uneven steps is almost as demanding as the terrain the wall traverses.

direction. It requires a lot of sweat just to get to the jump-off point. We have to climb up about 100 stairs — then go back down 100 stairs to the point where the real climb starts. Some of the older folks start lagging behind. Sara and I are pretty much in the middle of the pack, with some of the younger members taking the lead along with my brother-in-law who is in disgustingly good shape for being three years my senior.

We soon discover that although this section of the wall isn't as steep as the part on the far side of the valley, it is

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Commentary

Financial management

Pawnshop bargain-hunting is ethical and economical

Dear Dave,

Do you see an ethical dilemma involved in buying things like repossessed cars, houses that have been through foreclosure, or even pawnshop items? While these kinds of purchases can be smart and thrifty, I worry sometimes that I'm taking advantage of those who are stuck in a bad financial cycle.

— Ryan



pay! I never make a deal that's not a win-win situation.

I buy lots of things at the pawnshop. If someone pawns something, and later I can get a bargain, you bet I'll buy it. As far as a house is concerned, is it worse for the other person to sell the house to you, or to go through foreclosure? With the latter, they've already been foreclosed on, so you're buying it from the bank. You're not taking advantage of them by doing this.

If someone is in a bad situation, and buying their stuff will help keep things from getting worse, that's a blessing. In some cases you're assisting them in turning their lives around!

— Dave

Dear Dave,

I'm considering opening an online money market account. They're offering a higher interest rate because they don't have as much overhead as a traditional bank. Is this legitimate? Is there any more risk in this than at my local bank?

— Sean

Dear Sean,

The fact that it's an online bank instead of a brick-and-mortar institution doesn't really increase the risk. In the end, it's the integrity of the people involved that matters. You're probably going to be all right, as long as they have a physical presence somewhere, or they're insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. (FDIC).

Don't take just their word for everything, though. Do your homework. Get on the Internet and gather some information first. This is your money we're talking about, so be diligent and

check them out! Make sure their security measures are complete and up-to-date, and that you're personally comfortable with the differences between online and in-person banking.

There are some Internet-only banks out there that I wouldn't give a dime of my money. That's because they're not strong banks, though, not because they're "net only."

— Dave

Dear Dave,

I have an 80/20 interest-only, adjustable-rate mortgage. The rate will adjust in seven years. Should I really pay into the 20 percent portion of the loan, and knock it out before it adjusts, or refinance with a fixed-rate loan?

— Beau

Dear Beau,

You've got one of the worst kinds of mortgages on the planet! If I were you, I'd go ahead and spend the money to refinance now.

The current interest numbers on fixed-rate home loans are some of the friendliest we've ever had. I mean, it's a pretty sweet world when you're talking about financing a property at about six percent!

After that, you'll have no interest-only issues, no pre-payment issues — none of that garbage that can sneak up on you down the road. Do it, Beau. It's an absolutely fabulous time to refinance a house!

— Dave

— Dave Ramsey is the best-selling author of *The Total Money Makeover*. He also is the host of *The Dave Ramsey Show* that airs at 6 p.m. daily on the Fox Business Channel. You can find tools to help with finances or previous columns at Davesays.org. For more advice, visit the Web site or call (888) 22-PEACE. Send correspondence to syndication@daveramsey.com or write Dave Says, 1749 Mallory Lane, Brentwood, TN 37027

√ Wall: Restoration saves part of original 4,000-mile structure

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steep enough. The climb is more difficult because no two stone steps are the same height. One might be 10 inches high, the next 18 inches, the next nearly two feet and the next eight inches. We climb maybe 10 or 15 steps — stop and pant for a while — then climb another dozen steps. Meanwhile, teenage Chinese school kids are bounding ahead of us, then bouncing back down behind us, then running ahead of us again. It makes me remember what being young was all about.

It is a cool, cloudy day. But after climbing for about 15 minutes, my coat is off and tied around my waist. As I struggle upward, I wonder how the soldiers who defended this wall could move any distance and still have any energy for fighting.

It takes about 35 or 40 minutes to reach the guardhouse on top of the ridge. As we approach it, we are surrounded by Chinese students who want to have their pictures taken with us. "Hey look! Here's a shot of me with a sweaty American!"

Past the guardhouse, the reconstructed Wall abruptly ends. Beyond we can see a pile of rubble that snakes off over the hills — the remains of the original wall.

It turns out going down isn't much easier than going up. The climb has turned our legs to jelly. Now we have to be careful that the uneven steps don't send us tumbling — and it would be a long tumble. It wouldn't be any fun trying to do the rest of the tour with a broken ankle. I wait three weeks and break mine walking on our icy driveway. Go figure.

But we have seen (and climbed) the Great Wall of China.

— Go to www.theowyheeavalanche.com to link to some of Wayne's previous columns on his Internet blog. You'll find the link in the bottom right-hand corner of the home page.

Letter to the editor

Departing sheriff's deputy thankful for years in Owyhee County

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the citizens of Owyhee County for allowing me to serve and protect you for the last 4½ years. Thank you for working with me and making this the best county to work and live in.

Thank you to the Owyhee County TRIAD for all of your efforts; I have enjoyed being your liaison and working with you.

Thank you to the Owyhee County Sheriff's Posse for always being there when the call comes in for help no matter the time of day or night.

This is truly an extraordinary county with extraordinary people. I am proud to call Owyhee County home. I will miss working here. I hope the New Year will bring prosperity to all of you.

Aron Streibel, Owyhee County Sheriff's deputy
Marsing

Frank Priestley — Idaho Farm Bureau president

Voice of Idaho ag

Livestock tax would kill small operations

Former U.S. President, the late Ronald Reagan, once said government's view of the economy can be summed up in a few short phrases: "If it moves, tax it. If it keeps moving, regulate it. And if it stops moving, subsidize it."

In the most recent example of our federal government validating Reagan's deft assessment, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has announced a proposal to tax livestock in an attempt to regulate greenhouse gases under the Clean Air Act. The announcement, which left livestock operators scratching their heads in wonderment, would amount to a yearly tax of \$175 on every dairy cow, \$87.50 for every head of beef cattle and \$20 per hog.

In our opinion, a new tax at these proposed levels would gobble up the entire yearly profit margin of most if not all Idaho farms and ranches while accomplishing absolutely no net reduction in greenhouse gases.

According to U.S. Department of Agriculture figures, any farm or ranch with more than 25 dairy cows, 50 beef cattle or 200 hogs emits more than 100 tons of carbon equivalent per year and thus would need to obtain a Clean Air Act Title V Permit under the proposed rules. Farms with more than 500 acres of crops may also be subject to the regulation if it comes to fruition.

According to the 2007 USDA National Agricultural Statistics Survey, dairy operations with more than 30 cows comprise 98.8 percent of milk production, beef cattle operations with more than 50 head comprise 89.4 percent of the beef inventory and hog operations with over 500 head comprise 96.8 percent of the U.S. hog inventory.

It will be extremely difficult for small farms to pass these costs along to the consumer and is likely to speed up the trend of small farms being swallowed by large farms. Large livestock and crop producers have volume on their side and if these regulations gain approval they'll have to find creative ways to pass their costs along. The only other alternative is going out of business. This means consumers will pay more for beef, pork and milk.

In addition, the proposed rules would be ineffective because of the global nature of greenhouse gases. If regulations put U.S. farms out of business, demand for meat and milk doesn't disappear. The production of those commodities just crosses borders and there's plenty of evidence to bear this out. The bottom line here is while these proposed regulations would put plenty of farms out of business, they won't reduce agriculture's carbon footprint.

As our economy has evolved to take advantage of production efficiencies, currency values and many other factors, corporations have become multinational in order to maximize profits. This economic trend dictates that solutions to limiting greenhouse gases must be globally negotiated.

It doesn't make sense to remove livestock in Idaho if they are going to be replaced by livestock in China.

Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

25 years ago

January 11, 1984

Chamber session sets agenda for Homedale

More than 50 community businessmen and businesswomen participated in a special Chamber of Commerce meeting Tuesday to help set an agenda for Homedale in 1984.

“We want to reach workable, achievable goals,” Mike Blankenship, chamber president, told the crowd as he opened the special noon luncheon meeting at Owyhee Lanes Restaurant.

“What do we want to work toward within the realm of our resources?” he asked the business community representatives who packed the meeting room of the restaurant.

“I won’t try to defend past actions of the chamber,” stressed Blankenship, explaining that the purpose of the meeting was to get ideas for a list of priorities.

“We’ve been through some turbulent times and now we’re trying to get some direction,” he told the group. “This is our new foot forward.”

After the business representatives introduced themselves, Blankenship rounded the room in roll-call fashion asking for suggestions for a chamber list that will be reviewed by the organization’s board of directors.

According to Blankenship, the list will provide the foundation for setting a workable agenda for Homedale during the coming year.

A citywide clean-up effort, selling Homedale, improving coordination and communication among community groups and actively seeking new industrial and commercial development were among the highlights of suggestions offered during the hour-long session.

Several business representatives suggested that the community needs better coordination of projects and information among the various governmental units, service organizations and schools.

Time and time again, those attending the meeting touched on the need for Homedale to put its best foot forward with a citywide clean-up project that ranged from improvements in weed control to sidewalk, street, curb and gutter upgrading.

The chamber also was urged to continue, or reactivate, committees for new businesses, manufacturing ventures and commercial development.

Other suggestions involved upgrading the municipal water system, increasing the community’s political involvement, working to retain the youngsters who get their education here, shopping in Homedale, and studying the success formulas of other small towns that are rated as progressive in community betterment projects.

Indigent charges burdening the budget

Exempting indigent charges from Idaho’s budget limitation law has sent certified tax charges skyrocketing in counties throughout the state, including Owyhee, Canyon and Elmore.

That’s the finding of a recently released survey conducted by the Boise-based Associated Taxpayers of Idaho.

“The largest categorical tax charge increase occurred in county operations (29.5 percent) due largely to 1983 legislation exempting indigent charges from Idaho’s budget limitation law,” the group’s survey analysis states.

Certified indigent charges for 1983 rose from the \$3.7 million total actually charged statewide in 1982 to \$8.8 million for 1983, according to the ATI report. That statewide increase represents a 237 percent hike in indigent charges since the exempting legislation.

By the end of 1982, Owyhee County Commissioners were facing more than \$183,000 in indigent bills and were forced to issue warrants for a 1983 payback, according to representatives of the Lloyd Co., a Pocatello-based firm involved in property reappraisals throughout the county.

The recent taxpayers’ group study confirms the appraisers’ contention that Owyhee County’s mandated responsibility to underwrite the costs of services (primarily medical) for indigents may impact taxes more significantly than any other budget category.

50 years ago

January 8, 1959

Kuna wins holiday tournament here; Trojans 2nd

Kuna won the holiday invitational basketball tournament at Homedale Saturday night, beating Homedale 49-40. Wilder won consolation honors with a 48-32 victory over Grand View.

The Kavemen led all the way with a scant 19-17 margin at halftime which they widened to 33-26 at the end of the third period. Russ Aman was high for the Kavemen with 15 points and Pat Parker counted 14 for Homedale.

Wilder held a 29-20 lead over Grand View at the half but broke loose in the final quarter with a 19 point splurge. Fred Carlson tallied 20.

In the opening round of the tournament Friday night Homedale beat Grand View 51-35 after Kuna dropped Wilder 46-33.

The Trojans jumped to a 16-3 first period lead and widened the margin to 23-11 at halftime. Pat Parker scored 14. Kuna lead the cold-shooting Wildcats all the way.

Homedale baby is 1st of year at Caldwell

The first birth of the year recorded at the Caldwell Memorial hospital was a seven pound, three and a half ounce boy named David Steve, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack David Dickey.

The Dickeys have two other children, both girls. One is 10 and the other 11 years old.

Council meets; discusses well

Included in discussions at the regular city council meeting Monday night were the plans for completion of the new city well.

New pipe and fixtures to connect the city water mains with the new well are expected to begin arriving next week. The job is expected to be completed before summer.

Bills amounting to \$8,297.95 were approved.

Bell speaks on casaba outlook at Kiwanis meeting

Coach Deward Bell discussed the current basketball season at the regular Wednesday noon meeting of the Homedale Kiwanis club at El Gavilan, and predicted that the Trojans will finish in the top bracket of the SRV-B league conference. He was introduced by Dick Frazier, program chairman.

Coach Bell tabbed Adrian as the team to beat, but said every team in the conference is a potential winner. The Antelopes are currently on top in the standings.

Homedale’s chief disadvantage is height and experience, the coach declared. He is looking forward to welcoming back a 6-foot-2 sophomore to the squad who was ineligible the past semester because of low grades.

Middleton plays here Friday night and the Trojans travel to Notus Saturday. Coach Bell’s main concern in the Notus game is to stop a rangy transfer from Kansas who has scored 118 points for the Pirates in three games.

The coach commended his team for its hustle but said he was trying to develop more scoring punch which he said was potentially available. The squad is in good shape, with only one boy, Larry Smith, out with a foot injury suffered in the holiday tournament.

Les Carter presided. Secretary Jim Duncan read a letter from BJC President Eugene Chaffee in appreciation of a scholarship which the club gave to Charles Dunn.

A financial report was read by Paul Zatica, treasurer. Bud Ross reminded members of the bloodmobile visit here January 20.

Vern Hunderdahl reported on plans for the installation banquet at El Gavilan January 20. He said the Kiwanis calendars had not yet arrived.

Breshears to head Rod and Gun Club for year

Louie Breshears was re-elected president of the Homedale Rod and Gun Club Monday night at the armory. Other officers elected were Howard Kiester, vice-president; Tom Arima, re-elected secretary-treasurer; Dick Fry, Jr., re-elected executive officer; and John Malmberg, Jr., chief instructor.

140 years ago

January 2, 1869

SINCE THE LAST ISSUE of this paper, another cycle has been added to the record of Time; another year freighted with its joys and sorrows has passed away and mingled its waters with the broad, eternal sea of the past; and another year has dawned upon the world’s nation and has entered the lists as gay and as defiant as its vanished predecessor. The past year has been an eventful one. Monarchs, who upon its threshold peacefully swayed the scepter of loyalty and power, have been dethroned, banished and disgraced, by a wronged and infuriated people. Nations, upon which the sun of peace shed its benignant rays, have been the theaters of bloody strife, and have been torn and distracted in the throes of revolution. Cities, whose inhabitants were among the proudest and gayest of earth, and whose palaces, promenades and temples excited the admiration of the world, have been swallowed and blotted from the face of the globe, countries, which have sumptuously feasted from the horn of plenty, have been made to experience the suffering and torture of gaunt famine. Communities, enjoying the blessings of health, have been stricken by pestilence and disease. Statesmen and warriors, who entered its arena with towering ambitions and high hopes of future greatness, are now food for worms, and only the silent head-stone left to note the fact that they ever existed. Little green mounds mark the last resting places of thousands of the old and young, fair and gay, who entered its portals with light and happy hearts, and passed from earth forever with the year 1868.

We are now entering upon another year, and may safely count on a repetition of the past to some extent but that we may be saved the disasters and calamities, which will ever make the past year memorable, is our fervent hope.

INDIANS. A letter received by Judge Lyman, from a friend at Flint, states that evidences of the presence of numerous “noble red men” were seen in the vicinity of South Mountain, by some men who were employed on a wood ranch. From the barking and actions of their dogs, the men suspected Indians were about during the night, and upon daylight appearing, they examined the ground and discovered several fresh tracks made by the Lo family, at an uncomfortably short distance from their frail and temporary quarters, which suggested the idea to them that a change of venue would be desirable about that time, so they immediately came into Flint. The “children of the forest” are getting hungry. Look out for your scalps!

GLEE CLUB. The Poorman Glee Club gave a performance on Christmas night. Owing to the number of tired individuals who were so completely exhausted from the day’s labor that they were unable to put in an appearance, it was not as well patronized as it deserved. They had, however, a fair and orderly house, and the entertainment was excellent. The Glee Club acquitted themselves creditably, as usual, and the ladies who volunteered on the occasion executed their parts well, and were vociferously applauded.

RAFFLE. A grand raffle for a lot of splendid pictures, will take place at the post office book-store, when the chances are all taken. The most of the pictures are excellent, some of which would make beautiful parlor ornaments. There are thirty prizes and the chances are only \$5 each. It will afford a good opportunity to any who wish to try their luck to win a nice ornament.

EUGENE HOWARD, Hill Beachey’s efficient Agt at Boise City, is about to start for White Pine, for the purpose of inaugurating a stage line in the interest of his employer, between that place and Maggie’s creek.

FOR WHITE PINE. Col. Kirkpatrick and Al Cage intend starting to this Silverado next Tuesday. They take two good passenger wagons, and propose to land passengers there in sixteen days for sixty dollars.

Public notices

ANNUAL ROAD AND STREET FINANCIAL REPORT CITY OF MARSING OWYHEE COUNTY GEM HIGHWAY FISCA YEAR ENDING SEPT. 30, 2008		
Beginning balance as of October 1 previous year		-0-
RECEIPTS		
Local Funding Sources		
Property tax levy (for roads, streets & bridges)	23859.	
Interest income	2087.	
Total local funding	25946.	
State Funding Sources		
Highway user revenue	36190.	
Sales tax/inventory replacement tax	4526.	
Sales tax/revenue sharing	9860.	
Total State Funding	50576.	
Federal Funding Sources	-0-	
Total Receipts	76522.	
DISBURSEMENTS		
New Construction	-0-	
Reconstruction/Replacement/Rehabilitation		
Bridges, culverts & storm drainage	1000.	
Total reconstruction/replacement	1000.	
Routine Maintenance		
Chip sealing or seal coating, purchased chips	11636.	
Patching	2580.	
Snow removal	874.	
Grading/blading	2189.	
Other	18732.	
Total Routine Maintenance	36020.	
Equipment		
Equipment lease-equipment purchase	954.	
Equipment maintenance	565.	
Other, street signs-crosswalk signs	3200.	
Total Equipment	4719.	
Administration salaries & expense	8042.	
Other		
Street lighting	7944.	
Professional services-audit, clerical & legal	1872.	
Professional services-engineering	2617.	
Total Other	14433.	
Total Disbursements	64214.	
Receipts Over Disbursements	12308.	
Closing Balance	76522.	
Funds obligated for specific future projects;		
Chip Seal Oil	12308.	
Fund retained for general funds & operations	-0-	
Other Adjustments	-0-	
Ending Balance	-0-	
Dated this 23 rd day of December, 2008. Attest: /s/Janice C. Bicandi /s/ Keith Green, Mayor 208-896-4122 Ext 21 1/7/09		

ANNUAL ROAD AND STREET FINANCIAL REPORT CITY OF HOMEDALE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2008		
Beginning balance as of October 1 previous year	\$2,570	
RECEIPTS		
LOCAL FUNDING SOURCES		
Interest income	\$3,290	
All other LOCAL receipts or transfers in	\$9,456	
Total Local Funding	\$12,746	
STATE FUNDING SOURCES		
Highway user revenue	\$96,820	
Total State Funding	\$96,820	
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$109,566	
DISBURSEMENTS		
ROUTINE MAINTENANCE		
Chip sealing or seal coating	\$15,000	
Patching	\$665	
Snow removal	\$245	
Other	\$32,264	
Total Routine Maintenance	\$48,174	
EQUIPMENT		
New equipment purchase	\$8,572	
Equipment maintenance	\$1,162	
Total Equipment	\$9,734	
ADMINISTRATIVE	\$3,309	
OTHER		
Street lighting	\$16,485	
Professional services - audit, clerical, legal	\$4,343	
Professional services - engineering	\$12,000	
All other local expenditures	\$15,000	
Total Other	\$42,828	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$109,045	
RECEIPTS OVER DISBURSEMENTS	\$521	
CLOSING BALANCE	\$3,091	
Funds retained for general funds and operations	\$3,000	
ENDING BALANCE	\$91	
City of Homedale Alice E. Pegram Clerk/Treasurer 1/7/08		

Read all about it
in the Avalanche!

INVITATION FOR BID
The Owyhee County Historical Society will accept sealed bids for the **OWYHEE COUNTY MUSEUM REMODEL** project. Bids will be received at **Owyhee County Museum, Community Room** located at **17085 Basey St., Murphy, Idaho** until **4:00 p.m. (MST), February 9, 2009**. Bids will be opened, and read aloud at **Owyhee County Museum, Community Room** located at **17085 Basey St., Murphy, Idaho**, on **February 9, 2009** beginning at **4:05 p.m. (MST)**. Bidders and other interested parties are invited to be present at the bid opening. A pre-bid conference will be held on **January 26, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. (MST)** at the **Project Site, Murphy, Idaho**. Attendance by bidders is **HIGHLY RECOMMENDED**. Drawings and specifications, including bidding documents and conditions of agreement, may be examined at the following locations:
Modus Architecture, 519 W Front Street, Boise, ID 83702
Owyhee County Historical Museum, 17085 Basey Street, Murphy, Idaho 83650
AGC / Boise, 110 N. 27 th Street, Boise, ID 83702
McGraw-Hill Construction/ Dodge Plan Center, 5254 Chinden Boise, ID 83714
Bidders who wish to review the drawings and specifications at locations other than those listed above must submit a deposit for the documents at Modus Architecture.
Bonafide prime bidders and major sub-bidders may obtain complete sets of **full size** bid documents at Modus Architecture upon deposit of \$50.00 per set. The deposit will be refunded upon receipt of documents, in good condition, within 10 days of bid opening date.
All bids must be submitted on the forms furnished and must be signed by the bidder in pen and ink with his/her name and mailing address.
Bids received after the time set for opening shall not be considered and no bidder may withdraw his bid after the hour set for opening or before award of contract unless said award is delayed for a period exceeding thirty (30) days.
The Owyhee County Historical Society reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive any informalities, or to accept the bid or bids deemed to be in the best interest of the Owyhee County Historical Society.
Each bid must be accompanied by a bid bond with a surety company licensed to do business in Idaho or a certified or cashier’s check drawn on an Idaho bank in an amount not less than 5% of the total bid made payable to the Owyhee County Historical Society. The bidder, in the event of failure to sign the contract or furnish the necessary 100% performance bond and the necessary 100% payment bond, will forfeit this surety.
Bidders shall obtain a valid Public Works Contractor’s license in accordance with Title 54, Chapter 19, Idaho Code as amended prior to award of Contract. The term “Public Works Contractor” includes any “builder, sub-contractor or specialty contractor”.
Before any contract is awarded for the work contemplated herein, Owyhee County Historical Society shall conduct such investigation, as it deems necessary to determine the performance record and

ability of the apparent low bidder to perform the type and size of project specified under this contract. Upon request, the bidder shall submit such information as deemed necessary for such evaluation.
The successful contractor shall carry out his employment practices and payment of wages according to the provisions of Title 44 Chapter 10, Sections 44-1001 through 44-1006 inclusive, Idaho Code Amended, per the Wage Determination under the Davis Bacon Act for Canyon County, Idaho and shall comply with the Equal Employment Opportunity provisions as defined in the respective Code of Federal Regulations.
Owyhee County Historical Society
1/7,21/09

The following application(s) have been filed to appropriate the public waters of the State of Idaho: 2-10350
JON ROADENBAUGH, 4004 BROWNS LN, MARSING ID 83639
Point(s) of Diversion L6 (NWSW) S17 T03N R04W
OWYHEE County Source SNAKE RIVER
Tributary To COLUMBIA RIVER
Use: IRRIGATION 03/01 To 11/15 0.88 CFS
Total Diversion: 0.88 CFS
Date Filed: 07/02/2007
Place Of Use: IRRIGATION T03N R04W S17 NWSW Lot 6 SWSW Lot 6
Number of Acres 43.3
Permits will be subject to all prior water rights. Protests may be submitted based on the criteria of Sec 42-203A, Idaho Code. Any protest against the approval of this application must be filed with the Director, Dept. of Water Resource, Western Region, 2735 Airport Wy, Boise ID 83705 together with a protest fee of \$25.00 for each application on or before 01/26/2009. The protestant must also send a copy of the protest to the applicant.
DAVID R. TUTHILL, JR.,
Director
1/7,14/08

The following application(s) have been filed to appropriate the public waters of the State of Idaho: 57-11715
GARFIELD SHULTS, 1526 HILL RD, HOMEDALE ID 83628-3517
Point(s) of Diversion SESW S25 T04N R06W OWYHEE County Source GROUND WATER
Use: IRRIGATION 03/01 To 11/15 0.2 CFS
Total Diversion: 0.2 CFS
Date Filed: 01/29/2008
Place Of Use: IRRIGATION T04N R06W S25 SESW
Number of Acres 10
Permits will be subject to all prior water rights. Protests may be submitted based on the criteria of Sec 42-203A, Idaho Code. Any protest against the approval of this application must be filed with the Director, Dept. of Water Resource, Western Region, 2735 Airport Wy, Boise ID 83705 together with a protest fee of \$25.00 for each application on or before 01/26/2009. The protestant must also send a copy of the protest to the applicant.
DAVID R. TUTHILL, JR.,
Director
1/7,14/08

The following application(s) have been filed to appropriate the public waters of the State of Idaho: 57-11748
RONALD L KELLY, 9510 WRIGHT RD, MELBA ID 83641
Point(s) of Diversion L6 (SWSW) S7 T01N R03W
OWYHEE County Source GROUND WATER
Use: IRRIGATION 03/01 To 11/15 0.3 CFS
Use: STOCKWATER 01/01 To 12/31 0.02 CFS
Total Diversion: 0.3 CFS
Date Filed: 06/04/2008
Place Of Use: IRRIGATION T01N R03W S7 SWSW Lot 6
Number of Acres 15
Place Of Use: STOCKWATER T01N R03W S7 SWSW Lot 6
Permits will be subject to all prior water rights. Protests may be submitted based on the criteria of Sec 42-203A, Idaho Code. Any protest against the approval of this application must be filed with the Director, Dept. of Water Resource, Western Region, 2735 Airport Wy, Boise ID 83705 together with a protest fee of \$25.00 for each application on or before 01/26/2009. The protestant must also send a copy of the protest to the applicant.
DAVID R. TUTHILL, JR.,
Director
1/7,14/09

The following application(s) have been filed to appropriate the public waters of the State of Idaho: 57-11754
HOMEDALE JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT # 370, 116 E OWYHEE AVE, HOMEDALE ID 83628
Point(s) of Diversion L8 (SWSW) S3 T03N R05W
OWYHEE County Source GROUND WATER
Use: IRRIGATION 03/01 To 11/15 0.15 CFS
Total Diversion: 0.15 CFS
Date Filed: 11/24/2008
Place Of Use: IRRIGATION T03N R05W S3 SWSW Lot 8
Number of Acres 5
Permits will be subject to all prior water rights. Protests may be submitted based on the criteria of Sec 42-203A, Idaho Code. Any protest against the approval of this application must be filed with the Director, Dept. of Water Resource, Western Region, 2735 Airport Wy, Boise ID 83705 together with a protest fee of \$25.00 for each application on or before 01/26/2009. The protestant must also send a copy of the protest to the applicant.
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1/7,14/08

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Owyhee County Church Directory



**Knight Community Church
Grand View**
Pastor Paul H. Ryan • 834-2639
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service 10:45 a.m.
Adult Bible Study: Wednesday, 7 p.m.
Knight's Neighborhood:
(Youth Activity Group) Friday 5-6:30 pm

**Crossroads
Assembly of God
Wilder**
Hwy 19 & 95, 482-7644
Sunday School 10am
Sunday Morning Worship 11am
Sunday Evening Worship 6pm
Wed. Bible Study 7pm

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

**Friends Community
Church
Wilder - Homedale**
17434 Hwy 95, 337-3464
Sunday School 9:30 am
Worship Services: 10:45 am Sundays
Wednesday Prayer Meeting 6:30 pm

**Our Lady of the Valley
Catholic Church**
1122 W. Linden St., Caldwell
459-3653
Mass:
Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday 9:30 am
Spanish Mass: Saturday 7:00 pm
Spanish Mass: Sunday Noon

**Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church
Homedale - 337-4248**
Sunday Services 10am
Rev. Ross Shaver, Pastor
Youth and Adult Sunday School 9-9:45am
Wed. Adult Bible Study 7-8:30pm
Visitors Always Welcome!

**Chapel of Hope
Hope House, Marsing**
Look for the Blue Church
South Bruneau Hwy at the Hope House
Welcoming Families, especially those with
special needs children.
Keith Croft, Pastor 880-2767
Jake & Alisha Henriouille, Youth Pastors 761-6747
Sunday Services at 10 am

**Church of Jesus Christ of
Latter Day Saints
Homedale**
708 West Idaho Ave 337-4112
Bishop Alan McRae
Bishop Ronald Spencer
Sunday 1st Ward 9am
Sunday 2nd Ward 12:30pm

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

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

**Mountain View
Church of the Nazarene**
26515 Ustick Road, Wilder
337-3151
Sunday School 9:30
Worship 10:30
Adult & Youth Bible Class: Wednesday 7:00 pm
Bible Based Recovery: Friday 7:00 pm


**MARSING APOSTOLIC ASSEMBLY
Asamblea Apostolica de Marsing**
221 W. Main • Marsing, Idaho
Pastor Ricardo Rodriguez
896-5552 or 371-3516
Sunday School 1:30 pm • Sunday Service 3 pm
Thursday Service 7 pm • (Bilingual Services/Espanol)

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

**Marsing Church of Christ
Marsing**
932 Franklin, Marsing

Minister Gib Nelson
Sunday Bible Study 10am
Sunday Worship 11am

**Christian Church
Homedale**
110 W. Montana, 337-3626
Pastor Maurice Jones
Sunday Morning Worship 11am
Church school 9:45

**Bible Missionary Church
Homedale**
West Idaho, 337-3425
Pastor Ron Franklin
Sunday School 10am
Worship 11am
Sunday Evening 7pm
Wednesday Evening 7:30

**Assembly of God Church
Marsing**
139 Kerry, 965-1650
Pastor Rick Sherrow
Sunday School 10am
Sunday Worship 11am & 6 pm

**Lizard Butte Baptist Church
Marsing**
Pastor David London
116 4th Ave. W., 859-2059
Sunday worship:
Morning: 11am-Noon • Evening: 6-7pm
Sunday school 10 am-10:55am
Wednesday evening 6pm-7pm

**Nazarene Church
Marsing**
Pastor Bill O'Connor
896-4184
12 2nd Avenue West
Worship Services - Sunday 11am and 6pm
Teen Services Sundays 7:00 pm
Sunday School - 9:45am
Mid Week TLC Groups

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

**Church of Jesus Christ of
Latter Day Saints
Marsing**
215 3rd Ave. West, 896-4151
Sunday 1st Ward, 9:00 a.m.
Bishop Lakey
Sunday 2nd Ward, 12:30 p.m.
Bishop Payne

**Vision Community Church
Marsing**
221 West Main Marsing, Idaho
208-896-5407
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.
Adult, Kids & Youth Meetings Wed. 7:00 p.m.

**United Methodist Church
Wilder**
Corner of 4th St. & B Ave.
880-8751
Pastor June Fothergill
Sunday Services 9:30am

**First
Presbyterian Church
Homedale**
320 N. 6th W., 337-3060
Pastor Marianne Paul
Sunday Morning Worship 11am
Sunday School 11am

**Calvary Holiness Church
Wilder**
Corner of 3rd St. & B Ave.
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship: 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening: 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening: 7:00 p.m.
Food Pantry Open Fridays 10 am - Noon

**Seventh Day Adventist
Homedale**
16613 Garnet Rd.,
880-0902 or 453-9289
Pastor Chuck Dimick
Sabbath School Sat. 9:30am
Worship 11am
Tuesday Prayer Mtg. 7:00 pm

**Iglesia Bautista
Palabra de Esperanza
Homedale**
711 W. Idaho, 463-9569
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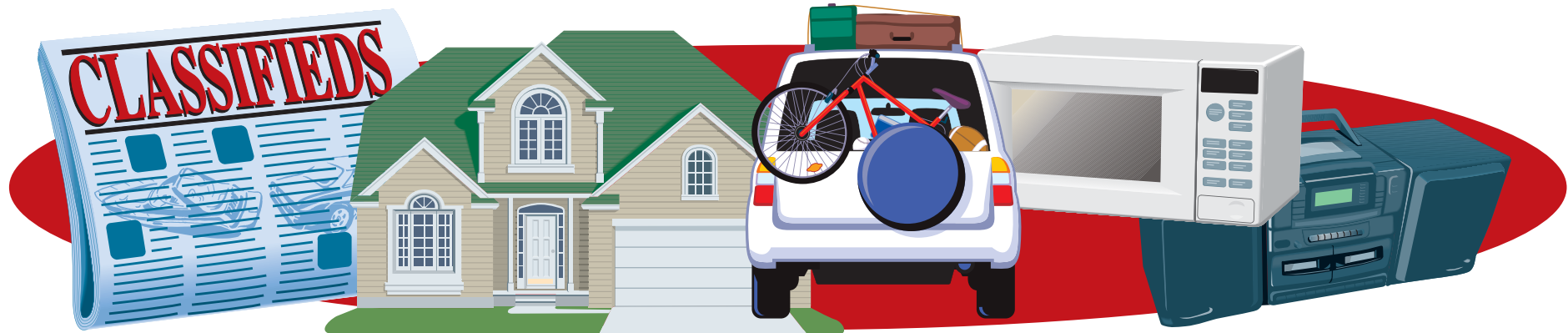
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