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Initiative could move to House this week

Crapo expects final Senate vote Thursday or Friday; first filibuster stifled

The Owyhee Initiative could be heading to the next congressional battle by the end of the week, and could be ready for presidential signature within a month.

In a rare Sunday session, the U.S. Senate voted to move the omnibus public lands bills package that includes the Initiative

and scores of other pieces of legislation out of committee to the floor for debate. The vote jump-started the process on the bills that were stalled by a filibuster threat during the November lame duck session of the previous Congress.

"The supporters of the bill, like myself,

pointed out that every one of these bills have been through committee," Crapo told The Owyhee Avalanche. "Most of them have been collaboratively developed and have broad support across the country, and

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Men face sex charges

Two men with Owyhee County connections are facing multiple sex offense charges.

Arthur Schmierer of Homedale has been arrested after allegedly attempting to solicit a minor over the Internet. Anthony Lazaro Quintana, whose address is listed as Boise in court



Arthur Schmierer

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New county officers take posts

Hoagland re-elected commission chair; sheriff enacts several changes



New officials get to work

Above: From left, Dick Freund, Jerry Hoagland and George Hyer conduct their first Board of County Commissioners meeting Monday in Murphy. **Below:** Magistrate Judge Dan C. Grober administers the oath of office to, from left, Prosecuting Attorney Douglas Emery, Sheriff Daryl Crandall and Hyer.



As a gallery member shouted, "We're on a new road," three new Owyhee County elected officials took the oath of office Monday in Murphy.

Judge Dan C. Grober administered the oath to District 2 Commissioner George Hyer, Prosecuting Attorney Douglas Emery and Sheriff Daryl Crandall during the weekly meeting of the Board of County Commissioners at the courthouse.

In addition to the three new faces, District 1 Commissioner Jerry Hoagland also began a four-year term on the board.

The swearing-in ceremony came before a standing-room-only crowd, with onlookers streaming down the hallways leading to both entrances to Courtroom 2.

"That's good," Hoagland said of the turnout.

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Aman's legacy lingers as he leaves

Former sheriff forged new tone with feds

Gary Aman has left his post after 12 years as Owyhee County's sheriff, but the impact of his tenure will continue to be felt as

his beloved county marches into a new era.

Aman spent 27 years in the county sheriff's office, including three terms as the top lawman.

Aman, who was succeeded by Daryl Crandall at Monday's Board of County Commissioners meeting, admits mixed feelings upon his departure.

"It is bittersweet," he said. "I am looking forward to new challenges, but my whole adult life has been working for and with the citizens.

"I have made many friends and plan to keep those friendships intact. I am not going to miss the

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Tolmie saw many changes in how county was run

Outgoing Owyhee County District 2 Commissioner Harold "Hal" Tolmie is pondering his next steps. While fishing is definitely in the cards, he's also looking for more demanding activities to be involved in, not a surprise

when one realizes the years he has spent in public service.

During the past two decades, Tolmie has been a county commissioner, helped county Planning and Zoning get off the ground,

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Sheriff's roundup

A woman was cited for following too close Thursday morning after she rear-ended a pickup truck on U.S. Highway 95.

Loretta Marie Bogdanski was driving a 1995 white Ford sedan southbound on U.S. 95 at Market Road when she drove into the rear bumper of a truck driven by Bradley Rudd.

Personnel from Owyhee County Sheriff's Office and Homedale Police Department responded.

Homedale Ambulance was dispatched and later cancelled as neither Bogdanski nor Rudd was injured.

No injuries reported in Sommercamp wreck

A 65-year-old Nampa man was cited for not having insurance and making an illegal U-turn after a two-vehicle, non-injury accident on Sommercamp Road near Idaho highway 78.

Chaffins was driving a 1994 Chevrolet pickup. Michael Campbell, 68, of Melba was also involved, driving a 2005 Toyota Prius.

Stolen truck recovered

A truck abandoned on Idaho 78 was discovered to be stolen out

of Canyon County after sheriff's deputies responded to the scene twice in five days.

Sheriff's Chief Deputy Bruce Cameron said property owner Jerry Benson found the truck, which had a stainless steel chuckwagon box in its bed, abandoned on the roadway on Jan. 3. When the Vehicle Identification Number was run, no record was found on the vehicle. Cameron said Benson put a battery in the truck and moved it off the roadway.

Last Wednesday, Benson called in another VIN inspection, at which time the record came back saying the truck had been reported stolen in Canyon County. The truck was returned to the custody



Law enforcement personnel, including from left Homedale Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller, Cpl. Perry Grant and Owyhee County Sheriff's Deputy Chris Even, push a Ford sedan damaged in a U.S. Highway 95 accident off the roadway.

of the Canyon County Sheriff's Office.

Cameron surmises that the report of the stolen vehicle hadn't

been entered yet when the VIN was run the first time.

— JPB

County commissioners add polish, professionalism

New agenda policy brings formality, creates public comment period

Just in time for a new term, the Board of Owyhee County Commissioners has adopted a new way of doing business.

In a Dec. 22 meeting, then-chair Jerry Hoagland, then-District 2 Commissioner Harold "Hal" Tolmie and District 3 Commissioner Dick Freund voted unanimously to adopt a business meeting protocol resolution.

"With a new term beginning,

we believe this type of agenda will make our meetings more efficient and professional," Hoagland said. "We have been discussing this for over a year. Many counties in the West are using this type of agenda."

The commissioners used the new protocol Monday during the first meeting for new District 2 Commissioner George Hyer of Homedale. Hyer and Hoagland,

Sheriff Daryl Crandall and Prosecuting Attorney Douglas Emery were sworn in Monday.

The new protocol calls for a more structured and detailed agenda. Time designations still appear on the agenda sent out by County Clerk Charlotte Sherburn, however. The city council agendas for Marsing and Homedale do not assign times to issues at hand, but merely put them in an order.

"The way they've been running their meetings was not real efficient because they had timelines for certain things," Hyer, who is in

a two-year term, said.

Sherburn said among the changes in protocol will be a formal calling for people to address the board. In the past, the chair informally called on an audience member for comment.

"They're going to act a lot more formal, which is excellent," Hyer, a former Homedale school board trustee, said. "It's how I was more used to it. On the school board, it was very formal and you get more work done that way."

Hyer said the new protocol will end the practice of department heads dropping into the meeting with issues throughout the day rather than addressing all issues during their report, which typical has come at the start of the Mon-

day meetings.

"If they have other issues, they'll have to wait until next week unless it's an emergency," Hyer said.

A public comment period also has been added, which Hyer said he favors greatly.

Board of commissioners meetings begin each Monday usually inside Courtroom 2 of the Owyhee County Courthouse in Murphy, although the commissioners have convened in the courthouse annex on rare occasions.

During months that have five Mondays, the commissioners do not meet on the final Monday. They meet on the Tuesday following Mondays that are observed as federal holidays.

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Homedale grad faces Friday prelim in Ada

A Homedale High School graduate charged with two felonies and two misdemeanors entered a not guilty plea early last week in the Fourth District Court in Boise.

Danny Ray Watson Jr., 39, faces an 8:30 a.m. preliminary hearing on Friday before Judge Daniel Steckle in Boise. He's being held in Ada County Jail on a \$250,000 bond.

Watson, a 1988 HHS graduate, was arrested Jan. 4 after allegedly attempting to take a young boy

from the arms of his mother in Meridian. Watson was booked into Ada County Jail on one count of felony kidnapping in the second degree, two counts of misdemeanor battery and a felony parole violation.

Lt. Bob Stowe of the Meridian Police Department told The Owyhee Avalanche that Watson was on parole after serving time for possession of a controlled substance.

— JPB



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✓ Initiative: Work group co-chair says president could have bill in 3 weeks

we've been working this bill and getting stalled procedurally for a year and a half or more now."

Sunday's 66-12 cloture vote is another step in Majority Leader Sen. Harry Reid's (D-Nev.) plan to move the omnibus bill on to the House of Representatives early in the 111th Congress. Crapo said he expects a final vote in the Senate on Thursday or Friday.

"I am very gratified by the fact that Sen. Reid is moving the bill as early in the session as he promised he would, and that we got this strong vote," Crapo said. "Having said that, I take nothing for granted."

"Although this is a tremendous outcome and a very good sign, it is not conclusive, so I am going

to continue work aggressively as we move into the next few votes that we continue to show that strength."

Initiative Work Group co-chair Fred Grant said late Sunday that he expects the House to approve the bill within three weeks. He anticipates few, if any, changes.

"Preliminary work has shown that the House of Representatives is ready to take up the bill as written, without changes or amendments," Grant said. "If that turns out to be so, final passage of the bill is predicted within the next three weeks to a month."

The margin of affirmation — only 59 votes were needed to end the filibuster — probably is wider than the vote shows, though. Crapo said some senators were absent for the vote, which is entered the same as a no vote.

"The vote today gives the collaborative process regarding public lands management a strong endorsement," Crapo said. "The Owyhee Initiative is the result of a long-term collaborative process, and it can provide a model to other environmental and land use issues in Idaho and around the nation."

The omnibus bill, labeled S. 22, was introduced into the Senate on Jan. 6, the first day of business in the 111th Congress.

Sunday's cloture vote quashed the first filibuster hurdle put up Sen. Tom Coburn (R-Okla.). Crapo warned that Coburn still has filibuster opportunities. One could have been avoided Monday when Crapo expected the motion to proceed to be passed by a voice vote. Results of Monday's session in Washington, D.C., weren't available at press time.

Coburn also could filibuster the bill itself when the Senate takes it up later in the week. In fact, Crapo foresees a cloture vote today, which would end debate on the bill and set up a final vote Thursday or Friday.

Crapo said Sunday's cloture vote could be a reflection of how senators will vote if Coburn filibusters again, but he's not putting this victory in his satchel just yet.

"You never can be sure, but usually senators vote the same in future votes," Crapo said. "In other words, it's not very often that senators reverse their position

once they've decided how they are going to vote on a procedural matter like this."

"We would hope that, but we are not counting on that. I take nothing for granted; we're going to work on the future votes as well, but this is certainly a good indication."

Sunday's cloture vote was the first vote cast by Sen. Jim Risch (R-Idaho), who succeeds Larry Craig in the chamber.

In his remarks on the Senate floor Sunday, Crapo said the omnibus has bipartisanship emblematic of the several groups who have worked eight years for the Initiative.

"As with my Owyhee wilderness legislation, not everyone got exactly what they wanted, but the broad array of collaborators achieved enough of their objectives to support the whole package and get behind legislation that offers significant improvement to land management practices and a reduction in decades-old conflict," Crapo said. "Similarly, this omnibus lands bill has broad support in every region of the country. As a result, on balance, this omnibus lands bill is widely

supported and represents a diverse group of interests from every region in the country."

The package includes the Initiative, which will designate 517,000 acres in Owyhee County as wilderness and more than 300 miles of water as Wild and Scenic Rivers. There also is a provision to provide increased law enforcement and cultural resources protection for the Shoshone-Paiute Tribes.

If the bill moves into the House, Crapo expects support from newly installed Rep. Walt Minnick (D-Idaho). With a wilderness bill of his own in the works, Rep. Mike Simpson (R-Idaho) also stands behind the Initiative.

Grant concurred about the rest of the Idaho delegation supporting the bill. He also tipped his hat to Crapo.

"The thanks of all who will benefit from this bill should go, in spades, to Sen. Crapo for his tireless work in the Senate to bring together the super majority needed to end the filibuster and get the bill to a vote on the merits," Grant said.

— JPB

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Member

✓ Tolmie: Retired commissioner ends public service career

sat on the board of directors of Southwest District Health and spent 13 years on the Homedale School Board.

Looking back across his years in office, Tolmie shared some simple rules that help make the potentially contentious world of commissions work smoothly.

"Working with the right people — other elected officials — makes your job a lot easier," he said. Knowing how to work with them, rather than through them, is equally vital. "You don't want to try to micromanage other people's departments. You discuss issues to solve them."

Working with people doesn't translate to a hands-off style, though. He's had rhubarbs with other officials over the years, trying to balance his representation of his district with the necessity of working with others.

"I'm the kind of guy that fights for what I think is good for my district," Tolmie said. "You have to be a good listener, you have to study an issue and fight for it."

And no matter the final decision, keeping a consciousness of future work relations is important, he said.

"It's a decision of the commission, in the end — you don't badmouth the other commissioners when you disagree with a decision."

The job has changed over the years, becoming more complex and demanding. But there have been positive changes as well, he said. When serving his first term, Tolmie was shocked at the lack



Senator's staff honors Tolmie

Harold "Hal" Tolmie, center, accepts congratulations from John Hoehne, left, and Layne Bangerter of Sen. Mike Crapo's office during last week's appreciation day in Murphy. Submitted photo

of focus in the county board of commissioners.

"I was surprised. The commissioners weren't controlling the budget. They didn't even go over bills (during meetings)," he said. "They were operating the same way they were back in the 1930s ... meeting two days a month."

It's a far cry from the current commission, where issues often pack a docket, and time is at a premium.

Looking back across other changes, Tolmie mentioned the altered relationship between the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and other agencies and the county. He recalled a more confrontational era, when a BLM employee displayed a "Cattle-free in '93" bumper-sticker and the ranchers and BLM were at loggerheads. A guiding light that helped Tolmie and others wend their way

from that standoff was county consultant Fred Grant, he said.

"Grant ... he understood the NEPA (National Environmental Policy Act) rules and regulations," Tolmie said. He praised Grant's work in making the county's understanding and actions of many issues more professional and effective.

As far as the future is concerned, Tolmie would like to see development in the county — but of a certain type.

"Something that doesn't take a lot of water," he said. "People forget this is a desert — we don't have a lot of water, and the groundwater here — not the surface water but the aquifers — doesn't replenish quickly." He worries that a crunch will come when and if the residential subdivisions approved in the county are occupied.

When he moved to Homedale in 1969, Tolmie opened his hardware business, which is still family owned and operated on North Main Street.

Tolmie, married to wife Judy for 51 years, has two sons.

Brett, his eldest, is a Homedale High School graduate and graduate of the University of Idaho. He is employed by U.S. Bank in Nampa. Brett and his wife, Lauri, have two daughters — one a U of I graduate, and one who graduated from Eastern Oregon University. His younger son, Dirk, and wife Robyn have three sons: Zach, Jake and Josh. Jake and Josh attend HHS, while Zach is a freshman at the University of Idaho this year. Dirk and Robyn now run Tolmie's Ace Hardware.

He said his family is his sanity bar — somewhere he goes when he needs to discuss the issues that have made up his civic career. He gave Judy special praise.

"I couldn't have done it without her at my side," he said. "She's always given me a lot of moral support."

"It all hasn't been a bed of roses," Tolmie said when asked if the road was a hard one. "It's not so much hard, more trying. It's quite trying at times."

As for predictions, Tolmie said he hopes that citizens groups like the recently founded Owyhee County Citizens for Accountability in Government will become more involved in county government and will come to the county commission and get their concerns on the agenda.

He had one final prediction: Marsing would be the county seat within 30 years, due in part to its centrality for the bulk of county population.

"That'll draw a little ire," he said with a chuckle.

— MML

Weather

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Jan. 6	55	10	.55
Jan. 7	49	26	.02
Jan. 8	54	31	.00
Jan. 9	no reading taken		
Jan. 10	no reading taken		
Jan. 11	no reading taken		
Jan. 12	54	22	.00

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✓ **County:** Sheriff's office shakeup includes HPD corporal coming aboard

"That means there's a lot of interest."

The crowd disappeared minutes later when the commissioners began their business meeting with reorganization.

"Now the work begins," Hyer said. "Now I don't have to sit there and be quiet, and that's been hard for me."

Hyer said he has received many calls from constituents, and he's happy he can now officially address their concerns.

Hoagland was reappointed as commissioner chair and all three commissioners divvied up other responsibilities.

- Hoagland will be supervisor for the weeds department and Road District 1 supervisor and the county representative on the magistrate commission

- Freund will be supervisor for

Road District 3, the Planning and Zoning and Building departments and will be the county rep on the Southwest Idaho Regional Juvenile Detention Center Joint Policy Board and in joint land use study matters

- Hyer will serve as solid waste and probation department supervisor as well as county liaison with the Western Alliance of Economic Development.

- At Hyer's suggestion the board also voted to keep the man he replaced as commissioner, Harold "Hal" Tolmie, in the role of county rep on the Southwest District Health board until his term expires next year.

Several changes are afoot in the sheriff's office.

Crandall announced his reorganization plan, which includes at least two new faces

and other familiar faces in new roles.

As previously announced, former Elmore County Deputy Bill Detweiler has been appointed chief deputy. Crandall said former Chief Deputy Bruce Cameron has been relieved of his duties, but is welcome to submit an application and test for a deputy position.

Sgt. Gary Olsen will be the new backcountry deputy, replacing the retired George Reed. Crandall said Olsen is one year away from retirement, but the sheriff said he would like to revamp the position into two part-time positions. He envisions a north county backcountry deputy and a south county backcountry deputy, with Olsen remaining in one of the two positions.

"It would be a good deal for him and a good deal for the county,"

Crandall said. "We'll save money, and Gary will have a good-paying part-time job."

Crandall also said that Sgt. Jim Bish has been given a reassignment as the patrol sergeant in the south end of the county (the Grand View area). The new sheriff said Bish had until 3 p.m. Tuesday, which was after press time for the Avalanche, to make his decision. Crandall said if Bish declined the reassignment, he would be let go and Deputy Russ Turner would be installed as the patrol sergeant for the south county.

The sheriff said that Homedale Police Cpl. Perry Grant, a former independent candidate for sheriff, will re-join the county force and become the north county patrol sergeant. Crandall said Tuesday, Jan. 20, will be Grant's first day with the sheriff's office.

The new sheriff also made some changes in the Murphy office, moving administrative assistant Tiffany Walker and records clerk Sherry Olson to dispatch. Two dispatchers were reassigned, too: Linda Gerthung now will handle driver's licenses, and Bev White moves into the post formerly held by Walker.

One of Detweiler's first projects, according to Crandall, will be leading a team to examine how other counties operate and seeing if Owyhee County could use any of those ideas to improve operations.

In February, Crandall plans an emergency services summit with county ambulance and fire district representatives to review protocol.

— JPB

✓ **Aman:** Veteran sheriff turned office into influential post

all night phone calls, working 24/7/365."

While Aman is more than willing to leave behind the round-the-clock demands of the job, District 1 Commissioner Jerry Hoagland says that dedication is what made Aman a vital component in Owyhee County's evolution.

"What he's meant for the county is responsible law enforcement," Hoagland said. "In our area, we've had excellent law enforcement, which we haven't asked for much — only when it's necessary, and he's been there or his deputies have been there, and I highly respect that."

"I hope that will continue under the new sheriff."

But Aman's tenure has meant more to the county than peace and safety. At the end of his three terms in office, Aman said he considered his work with the Bureau of Land Management and the county's Recreation Task Force among some of his greatest triumphs.

In the summer of 2000, Aman issued a policy requiring BLM agents to file notice with the sheriff's office and the affected landowner any time they planned to cross private property in the county. The mandate grew out of instances when BLM personnel were escorting anti-grazing activists across private ground on tours of allotments.

Aman, whose father Cy was a cattleman in Owyhee County, also was looking out for the ranching industry to a degree when at about the same time he established the



Chair shows appreciation

Outgoing Sheriff Gary Aman accepts a plaque from Jerry Hoagland. Submitted photo

post of backcountry deputy, a position that George Reed held until his retirement earlier this year.

"The BLM trespass policy was a huge, pivotal event in how the BLM, ranchers and law enforcement work together on private property issues," Aman said, adding that obtaining funding for a backcountry deputy was another highlight of his tenure.

"The backcountry deputy, I think, is the greatest thing there ever was," Hoagland said. "And everywhere I go, I'm hearing the same thing from those landowners back there. Without the deputy it would have been a free-for-all."

A rancher himself, Hoagland attested to the landmark status of the trespass policy.

"That's an extremely important document that we stand on today," Hoagland said.

The commissioner said that particular example of Aman's

advocacy for private property rights also has caught the eye of other county governments.

"It's unique to the county," Hoagland said. "I think there are a few other counties starting to realize the significance of it and requiring a similar-type document."

As other highlights of his time in office, Aman also pointed to his service on the county Recreation Task Force, the implementation of the E-911 system and using grants to bring needed equipment to the county law enforcement, fire and ambulance agencies, saving the county money in the process.

"My legacy, I would hope, is that I operated a department that was bound by ethics and integrity, that I truly cared for the people and worked hard to make this a respected office, (and) that I wisely used taxpayer money," Aman said.

Aman is serving a four-year term as chair of the Idaho Peace Officers Standards and Training Council and was vice-chair of the Operational Standards Committee for the Idaho Sheriff's Association last year. He also beefed up his own credentials by graduating from the FBI National Academy.

"My work with ISA and mainly the BLM have impacted the county greatly, again in the trespass agreement, recreation enforcement, and an ability to get parties to sit down and talk," Aman said.

The work he has done with the BLM's law enforcement arm has shaped a vital portion of the Owyhee Initiative, which was

reintroduced into the U.S. Senate on Jan. 6 as part of the massive omnibus public lands bill.

"The passage of the Initiative will help everyone who lives, works and plays in Owyhee County from better recreation opportunities to grazing issues," Aman said.

While Aman is gone from the law enforcement scene, he has no immediate plans to leave Owyhee County, where he lives with his wife of 25 years, Trina, and where they raised two children — 21-year-old Justin and 18-year-old Kayla.

At every turn, Aman seemingly had the good of the county in mind, and that was generally reflected with how his deputies acquitted themselves in the field; Hoagland said the professionalism shown went a long way toward gaining respect from out-of-county visitors who used to see Owyhee as the badlands where they could do as they please. At the same time, Aman lists as his biggest regret an inability to change the attitudes of some of his employees.

But, the veteran lawman also understands that with a change in administration also comes a change in personnel. Reed already has retired; Marsing-Homedale Deputy Aron Streibel has moved on, too.

"There are some great employees that have also given years of service to this county whom also are going to be moving on, and the county will suffer," Aman said.

— JPB



Faulks accepts congratulations

Layne Bangerter of Sen. Mike Crapo's office makes a presentation to outgoing Prosecuting Attorney Matthew Faulks last week at the Owyhee County Historical Museum. Submitted photo

Ex-PA issues

statement

When given a list of questions for an exit interview by The Owyhee Avalanche, Matthew Faulks responded with the following e-mail statement:

It has been a privilege to serve as prosecuting attorney for Owyhee County and I have appreciated the opportunity to work with and on behalf of the many fine people of the county. I am optimistic about the future of this great county. I believe there is great promise in the newly elected officials who will be guiding the county. My successor, Doug Emery, along with new Commissioner George Hyer and incoming Sheriff Daryl Crandall each have my best wishes as they begin their work for Owyhee County.

Matthew Faulks

Keep up with county news
in the Owyhee Avalanche

HHS student spotlight

Homedale High School has begun a new program recognizing students for their contribution to the school and community:

Blanca Uriarte

Year in school — Senior
Parents — Jaime and Rosa Uriarte

Activities — Tennis, 4-H after-school program, Future Hispanic Leaders of America, Trio, Ambassador for Trio, Honors English, Yearbook club, historian for Associated Student Body

School accomplishments — Graduating and having good grades

Future plans — Attend the University of Idaho and major in Business Management. Have my own business, which will either be a restaurant or a boutique. Eventually have a family of my own.

Thanks — I am really thankful for my parents’ support.

What they’re saying about Blanca:

“I’ve been Blanca’s English teacher for three years, and it’s been really fun watching her grow and mature. She has a warm smile and a quirky sense of humor that adds to group discussions. ... I especially love that she decided to take Honors English 12 even though, as she wrote in her final portfolio, ‘Some students had said it was too hard’. ... I love



that Blanca didn’t take the easy way out her senior year; she rose to the occasion, and now she will be rewarded with greater self-confidence and sharper reading, writing, and thinking skills — not to mention six college credits.”

— **HHS English teacher
Melinda Lathrop**

“Blanca is active in her church youth group teaching elementary students after school. Blanca has been able to maintain a 3.42 cumulative GPA during her four years at Homedale high school.”

— **HHS bookkeeper
Leanda Uranga**

Shane Witt

Year in school — Senior
Parent — Tanya Harris
Activities — Vice-president of the Drama Club, president of the Industrial Tech Club, tennis, cross country

School accomplishments — Getting good grades and about to graduate being a student for underclassmen to look up to.

What they’re saying about Shane:

“Shane is a four-year industrial technology student and is president of the industrial technology club. Shane works hard each year to improve his GPA and vocational skills.”

— **HHS teacher
Mike Greeley**

“Shane is the type of student who makes going to work fun. Shane is an outgoing young man who always has a smile and big hello. As a student-aide to



the athletic director Shane has repeatedly demonstrated that he is responsible, dependable and able to work independently. Shane cares about his friends, classmates and the school. Shane is active in the school and sports while working at Jackson’s in Homedale.”

— **HHS principal
Mike Williams**

Scholarship goes to area student

Kansas State University has announced that Lucy Elizabeth Johnson of Homedale is among 5,000 students of the Manhattan, Kan.-based institution to receive a scholarship for the 2008-09 year.

Johnson received her part of the \$14.8 million in scholarship money from the Human Ecology Telefund Fund.

Last year, Johnson received a \$2,000 Denison Scholarship at Kansas State.

Senior menus

Homedale center

Jan. 14: Salisbury steak w/ grilled onions, mashed potatoes/ gravy, broccoli, roll, beverage.

Jan. 15: Baked fish, carrots, baked potato, bread, beverage.

Jan. 20: Chicken enchiladas, peas & carrots, rice, beverage.

Jan. 21: Lasagna w/meat & cheese, spinach, roll, beverage.

Marsing center

Jan. 14: Smoked sausage, caraway cabbage, apricots, bread, mashed potatoes, peanut butter and vanilla wafers.

Jan. 15: BBQ chicken, mixed veggies, pineapple & grapes, bread, parsley potatoes, pound cake.

Jan. 19: Closed.

Jan. 20: Pork cutlet, red skinned potatoes, creamy corn, pudding, sesame broccoli, whole wheat bread, apricot halves.

Jan. 21: Chicken enchiladas, cactus corn, fried bananas, Spanish rice lettuce & tomatoes, capirotda, angel food cake.

Death notices

JUNE MARIE (FLETWELL) LUNDY, 72, of Jordan Valley, passed away Monday, Jan. 5, 2009, at home. A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 17, 2009, at the Parish Hall in Jordan Valley. Services are under the direction of Flahiff Funeral Chapel Homedale.

JOHN W. WILLHITE, 85, died Friday, Jan. 2, 2009, at a care center. A family gathering was held Friday at the Cloverdale Funeral Home Reception Center, Boise.

School menus

Homedale Elementary

Jan. 14: Chicken patty or rib-b-que sandwich, potato wedges, fruit & veggie bar, applesauce cake, milk.

Jan. 15: Enchilada or corn dog, scalloped potatoes, fruit & veggie bar, brownie, milk.

Jan. 16: Cheese pizza or PB&J, salad, fruit & veggie bar, cookie, milk.

Jan. 19: No school.

Jan. 20: Nachos or baked potato, fruit & veggie bar, cinnamon breadstick, milk.

Jan. 21: Chicken nuggets or egg roll, rice pilaf, veggie, fruit & veggie bar, fortune cookie, milk.

Jan. 22: Lasagna or mini corn dogs, corn, turnover, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

Homedale Middle

Jan. 14: Crispito or toasted cheese sandwich, taco salad, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

Jan. 15: Nachos or baked potato, fruit & veggie bar, rice krispie treat, milk.

Jan. 16: Chicken tenders or chicken fried beef steak, mashed potatoes/gravy, roll, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

Jan. 19: No school.

Jan. 20: Chicken nuggets or egg rolls, rice, veggie, fruit & veggie bar, fortune cookie, milk.

Jan. 21: Burrito or fish sandwich, corn, fruit & veggie bar, apple crisp, milk.

Jan. 22: Spaghetti or chicken bacon melt, bread stick, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

Homedale High

Jan. 14: Idaho haystack, burrito or pizza hot pocket, fruit & veggie bar, cinnamon roll, milk.

Jan. 15: Chicken patty, sandwich & soup or popcorn chicken, potato wedges, fruit & veggie bar, cookie, milk.

Jan. 16: Crispito or rib-b-que, corn, taco salad, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

Jan. 19: No school.

Jan. 20: Chicken fried beef steak or chicken filet, mashed potatoes/ gravy, roll, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

Jan. 21: Spaghetti, burrito or pizza hot pocket, French bread, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

Jan. 22: Chicken patty or hamburger,

Marsing

Jan. 14: Taco & rice, dessert, pizza, salad & fruit bar, milk.

Jan. 15: Mashed potatoes & turkey/gravy, corn, roll, beef nuggets, salad & fruit bar, milk.

Jan. 16: Hot dog, potato chips, veggie, sub sandwich, salad & fruit bar, milk.

Jan. 19: No school.

Jan. 20: Tator tot casserole, assorted dessert, taco, salad & fruit bar, milk.

Jan. 21: Texas fries, dessert, chicken burger, salad & fruit bar, milk.

Jan. 22: Corn dog, veggie, chocolate pudding, egg roll, salad & fruit bar, milk.

Bruneau

Jan. 14: Ham, potatoes/gravy, veggie, roll/butter, fruit, milk.

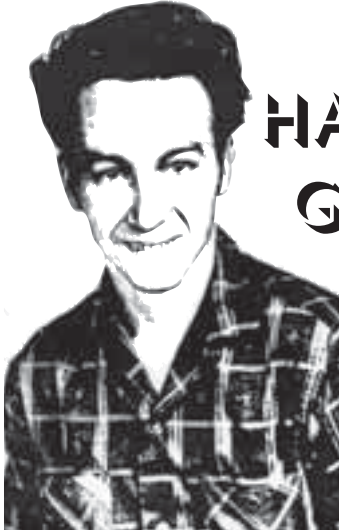
Jan. 15: Chicken noodle bake, tossed salad/croutons, fruit, bread stick, cake, milk.

Jan. 16: Hamburger, fries, veggie, fruit, cookie, milk.

Jan. 19: No school.

Jan. 20: Haystacks, corn, bread sticks, pears, milk.

Jan. 21: Chicken sandwich, tots, veggie, fruit, milk, cookie.



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Annual Men’s Wild Game Feed slated

Pastor Lennie Spooner, an avid sportsman who ministers in the Baker City, Ore.-area, is the guest speaker for the fifth annual Men’s Wild Game Dinner and Auction at the Mountain View Church of the Nazarene.

The event will be held from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 24, at the church, 26515 Ustick Road between Wilder and Homedale.

Mountain View pastor Chuck Ryan said attendees will enjoy Spooner’s great sense of humor.

Tickets for the public event, which is open to fathers and sons, are \$7 per person and are available through church men’s group members and at the door the night of the event.

For more information, call 337-3151.

Several sporting goods items will be available at the auction, and the door prize is a \$50 Sportsman’s Warehouse gift certificate.



Bet You Didn’t Know Audubon supported bird habit with painting

John James Audubon made his living as a portrait painter so he could afford to study birds.

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The country of Monaco? It covers only 370 acres.

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow is the only American poet to have a bust of himself on display at Westminster Abbey in London.

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— *For more information on Peary Perry or to read more of his writings or to make a comment, visit www.pearyperry.com*

Three Creek

by Lola Blossom

The Christmas program at the Three Creek school was a gala event. Besides the play and other things by the pupils, a silent auction, potluck and other events occurred. Such as state Sen. Bert Brackett and wife Paula celebrating their 40th wedding anniversary with their children and grandchildren attending.

Dustin and Crystal Merrell and three children who were at Summer Camp ranch have moved to Mountain Home.

It’s always fun to hear from former teachers during the holiday. Tashia Spradley is teaching at Imaly, Nev., Dixie Oswald in Idaho Falls, Kelsie Robinson is now a counselor in the Magic Valley, Susan Roy McKean is retired and lives in Boise and Myrle Leach, also retired, lives in Gooding.

Kathy Jones of Cherry Creek ranch lost her father Robert Jones Nov. 10, 2008. He passed away at his home near Castleford after a short battle with leukemia. Bob was born June 25, 1928 to R. C. and Eleanor Hayes Jones. He lived his entire life living and farming the farm his parents purchased in 1936. He married Virginia Keith in 1949. He was preceded in death by his wife Virginia and sister, Pauline Kruse. He is survived by a son Ronnie (Susan) Jones, daughters Sharon (Kip) Gould

and Neva (Mike) Lewis all of Buhl and Kathy Jones of Cherry Creek and brother Fred Jones of Buhl, eight grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren.

Donald Ramseyer, once owner of Antelope Springs ranch, passed away Nov. 1, 2008 at Bridge View Retirement Center. In 1957 Donald, his father and brother purchased 350 cows and Antelope Springs ranch from Chet Brackett. In January 1988 the Ramseyers sold the ranch to Chet Brackett, grand nephew of the one they bought it from.

David Long, 66 of Hansen, Idaho and who spent many fun times with his family at their abode at Murphy’s Hot Springs passed away Nov. 18, 2008 at St. Luke’s Magic Valley Medical Center in Twin Falls. He was born Feb. 27, 1942 in Milwaukee, Wis. He came to Idaho in 1962 where he married Dorothy Sanger.

Pastor Dean Grindstaff, 64 of Jackpot, Nev., passed away on Christmas day at his home following a long battle with cancer. Dean was born Aug. 12, 1944 in Marian, N.C., the son of Walter Andrew and Hazel Ramsey Grindstaff. On May 29, 1964 he married Judy McCormick in Mars Hill, N.C. They served the Lord in many blessed areas. For the last 4½ years he has served as the pastor of the Jackpot Baptist Church and the pastor of the Three Creek Ministry.

Job’s holds informational meet

Caldwell Bethel 8 of Job’s Daughters, which welcomes members from the Homedale-Marsing area, is holding an informational get-together next Wednesday.

The event begins at 7:30

p.m. at the Caldwell Masonic Lodge, 820½ Blaine Street, and refreshments will be provided.

For information, call Cindy Tolman at (541) 473-4103 or Mary Jane Muncy at (208) 724-1911.

Calendar

Today

County Planning and Zoning meeting
9 a.m., Owyhee County Courthouse annex, 17069 Basey St., Murphy. (208) 495-2095

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

Homedale Youth Sports signups
6 p.m. to 8 p.m., T-ball, baseball and softball, registration fees vary, Homedale Elementary School, 420 W. Washington Ave., (208) 880-4552

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

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)
5:30 p.m. weigh-in, 7 p.m. meeting, First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St., Homedale. (208) 482-6893

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

Friday

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

Monday

Marsing Lions Club meeting
7:30 p.m., Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center, 126 2nd St. N., Marsing. (208) 896-4204

Tuesday

County Board of Commissioners meeting
Courtroom 2, Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Hwy. 78, Murphy

Women’s exercise course
9:30 a.m., University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Office, 238 8th Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 896-4104

Monthly foot clinic
10 a.m., appointment necessary, Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

Exercise class
10:45 a.m., free, Homedale Senior Citizens

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

El-Ada commodity distribution
1 p.m. to 4 p.m., El-Ada Owyhee office, 15 W. Colorado Ave. Homedale. (208) 337-4812

Grand View Chamber of Commerce meeting
6 p.m., Grand View fire station

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

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

Wednesday

El-Ada commodity distribution
11 a.m. to noon, Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St., Grand View. (208) 337-4812

Bruneau and Beyond speaker series
Noon, lunch served, free, RSVP by Monday, Bruneau Valley Library, 32073 Ruth Street, Bruneau. (208) 845-2131 or (208) 845-2345

HTAA meeting
6 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

Marsing Chamber of Commerce meeting
7 p.m., Essence of Life, 107 Main St., Marsing. (208) 896-7001

Thursday, Jan. 22

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, Marsing Senior Center, 218 Main St., Marsing. (208) 337-4812

Senior citizens lunch
Noon, Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St., Grand View

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

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

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

Friday, Jan. 23

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

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Birthday

Sonja Stephens marks 95th birthday Saturday

The children of Marsing resident Sonja (Krave) Stephens invite friends and family to celebrate her 95th birthday at an open house from 1 p.m to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 17, 2009, at the Marsing Senior Citizens Center.

The event is being hosted by her son, Wayne and Julia Stephens of Middleton and daughter, Joe and Kathy Gannuscio of Marsing. The family requests no gifts, but encourages folks to bring a card or a note.

Born in Sweden, Sonja immigrated with her parents to Idaho when she was 6 years old. She

grew up in Nampa and has lived in the Treasure Valley area since.

Sonja and her husband, Jim, had a dairy farm for many years in the Middleton area. She then fulfilled a dream and went back to school at age 50 to become a nurse. She worked at Mercy Hospital until retirement and then volunteered at Caldwell Memorial Hospital. She and Jim moved to Marsing in 1991. She still does most of her housework and goes on daily walks. She also loves sitting on her front porch while listening to the birds and the sounds of the river.



Honor roll

Jordan Valley High School/Middle School

Second quarter

High honors

12th grade — Kayla Cuvelier, Emma Johnson, Catie Kershner, Tessa Matteri, Nickie Naegle, Alek Quintero and Cole Scown

11th grade — Ashley Hebison, Bryce Kershner, Brandon Mackenzie and Mattie Wroten

10th grade — Garret Williams
Ninth grade — Haley Hebison

Eighth grade — Tyrell Warn
Honors

12th grade — Zac Fillmore and

Koehl Trautman

11th grade — Dusty Easterday, Anne-Marie Eiguren, Logan Hardin and Sonny Mackenzie

Ninth grade — Meagan Fillmore and Christina Rogers

Eighth grade — Tom Nelson

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Photographer finds art in nature

Hobby becomes business

Homedale's Ruby Austin has an eye for animals, and nature in general. She's combined her fascination with nature and her photography hobby, helped by her three main models; Dagwood, Blue and Ricky — all cats she has adopted over the years.

Austin's photos are not limited to her cats. At the Dec. 13 Christmas Bazaar at Owyhee Lanes in Homedale, her work was on display, including photos of flowers and landscapes. She is fascinated with nature, motion and feeling, and seeks to capture more than just a static image in her work.

"I like animals because you never know what they're going to do — and they're part of my nature. I have Native American blood on both sides of my family — I relate to nature. To me, animals are more of a spiritual thing."

That spiritual cachet is something Austin seeks in all her work, whether the subject is an animal or not.

"A good photo, I think, is where you capture the personality, whether it's a flower, a tree — everything has movement and life in it," she said. "It's trying to capture that essence — that's what makes a good picture — if you can capture the feeling an object creates in the viewer."

Capturing an image that can transmit the photographer's inner feeling at the moment of the shot to the viewer is the challenge and payoff that raises a hobby to an art. Making a static image breathe and live is also vital, she said.

"Photography stops action — I try to make sure they're very much alive."

Shooting a lot is part of shooting



Shutterbug turns hobby into business

Above: Customers at the Christmas Bazaar at Owyhee Lanes in December take in the work of Homedale photographer Ruby Austin, seated. **Below:** Austin trains her trusty digital camera on one of her faithful photographic subjects, her house cat Blue.



well, Austin explained. "Maybe out of 20 or 30 shots I might have two or three that will work for me."

After retiring after a decade as an aide at the Canyon/Owyhee School Service Agency (COSSA), Austin was encouraged by her

husband, Peter, to expand her hobby — which began in sixth grade, when she won a camera in a contest. That Brownie helped

spark her love of photography, though her tools are modernized now; a digital Olympus and a computer.

Her oft-used models are her cats, all three of which were adopted.

"I'm a down-to-the-core cat person," Austin admits. Ricky, her oldest, was rescued from a trashcan in Wilder as a tiny kitten 16 years ago. Dagwood, a grumpy seven-toed Tom, and recent arrival Blue are featured in many of her pictures.

In addition to lessons self-taught with her cameras over the years, Austin has studied the arts — including photography, painting and drawing. She's begun to put those skills to the test with the formation of her small business, taking, framing and selling her art.

"It started out as something I enjoyed doing — I think when people move a hobby into something they're making money with, they put more effort into it — and get greater pleasure and satisfaction out," she said.

What does the future hold for Austin and her photography?

She's pondering a new camera with image stabilization — at 62 a tremor will on occasion interfere with her shooting — but "I still get some pretty good shots," she said with a laugh.

At present viewers can see her work at local events and bazaars, or can visit her at home at 102 W. Washington Ave. in Homedale to browse her collection. Those interested may contact her at 337-4303.

In the future, perhaps people around the world will be able to enjoy her view of the world online. An Internet presence "might be something down the road," she said.

— MML

Lahtinen talks about local history at Bruneau library

A fourth-generation Little Valley resident is the guest speaker next Wednesday for the Bruneau and Beyond speaker series at the Bruneau Valley Library.

Area native and, with his wife, Barbara, an honorary lifetime member of the Owyhee Cattleman's Association David Lahtinen will speak on the history of his family and the Bruneau area.

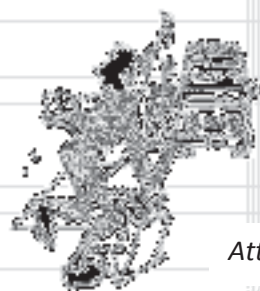
The luncheon is scheduled for noon at the library, 32073

Ruth St. The event is free, but you must RSVP by Monday to ensure enough food is prepared. If an overflow crowd shows up, the lunch will be moved to the Community Church, with notice posted at the library.

To RSVP, call library director Clara Morris at (208) 845-2131 or (208) 845-2345.

According to the library's press release, Lahtinen's grandfather was the first white man to settle in Little Valley.

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✓ **Charges:** Homedale truck driver arrested in Nampa after multi-agency investigation

records, has been charged with lewd conduct with two children under the age of 10.

Quintana waived his original preliminary hearing Monday, and the case is set for a Third District Court arraignment before Judge Thomas Ryan on Jan. 23, Owyhee County prosecutor Douglas Emery said.

"I can't really comment on the merits of it (the case)," he said. "I can just tell you the nature of the allegations. He's alleged to have committed two matters of lewd conduct with minors. The first minor is reputed to be eight years of age and the second is 10 years of age."

The specific location of the alleged misconduct has not been released.

Quintana, 30, whose address in court documents is in Boise, was arrested after investigation by the Owyhee County Sheriff's Office of incidents in July and August of last year.

As the case is pending, Emery had no other comment.

Schmierer, 35, was arrested on suspicion of trying to solicit sexual activity from young girls he encountered on the Internet, according to the Canyon County Sheriff's Office.

Schmierer was apprehended at the McDonald's on North Midland Blvd., in Nampa on felony charges of Attempted Lewd Conduct with a Minor Child under 16 and Enticing of Children over the Internet. He was arraigned Monday in District Court, Canyon County Sheriff's Office Lt. Marv Dashiell said.

The charge of violating an existing no contact order was dropped, but the felony charges of Internet Enticement and Attempted Lewd Conduct with a Minor Child will be pursued, Dashiell said.

It's possible the charges may be pursued in federal court, as the Internet enticement extended across state lines, Dashiell said.

Schmierer is being held in Canyon County Jail on a bond of \$250,000.

"Even though we've got the arrest made, we're still early in the follow-through on it," Dashiell said. "It may be a situation — as we process evidence — we may uncover other cases that we aren't aware of yet. As of this point we haven't, and I can hope that we don't find other victims related

to this, but there is always that possibility."

According to a press release, Schmierer's arrest was the culmination of an investigation launched earlier in the week by Idaho Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force (Idaho ICAC). Authorities from the Idaho Attorney General's office, Nampa Police Department, federal Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Shoshone County and Canyon County Sheriff's offices were involved in the investigation.

Schmierer's alleged activity came to light after a tip from the Iron County, Utah, Sheriff's Office.

The Idaho Attorney General is the lead agency in the Idaho ICAC, Dashiell said, and his office worked closely with ICAC on this case. The U.S. Attorney General's Office may become involved formally if the cross-state nature of the enticement is something that is legally pursued, Dashiell confirmed.

Authorities learned that Schmierer is an interstate truck driver and several communications were conducted from out of state.

Schmierer was arrested after a local investigation was launched and, according to the press release, he agreed to meet with who he thought was a 13-year-old girl at the Nampa location.

— JPB and MML

Courts update

One of three convicted in last winter's rash of burglaries and thefts through southwest Idaho, Amanda Ravellette had her retained jurisdiction review on Friday. Judge Gregory Culet did not chose to pursue incarceration for Ravellette, and instead gave her seven years' probation, in line with the Ada County court's decision.

Ravellette, originally tracked down in Meridian, still faces sentencing on felony convictions for grand theft and burglary in Canyon County.

Ravellette, along with Joshua Larrea and Anthony Bernal, began a four-county crime spree on Dec. 8 of last year, stealing cars, performing home invasions and burglaries. All three were under 21 years of age during the commission of the crimes.

Larrea remains in prison after his conviction, while Owyhee County still holds a \$200,000 warrant issued for Bernal for grand theft and burglary.

Outgoing Owyhee County Prosecutor Matthew Faulks on

Dec. 8 moved to dismiss all six felony charges faced by Homedale resident Dean Thiele. Thiele had faced three charges of theft by deception and three for forgery in connection with stolen checks. All charges were dropped on the passage of the bad checks, as Canyon County authorities will be pursuing a grand theft case centering on Thiele's theft of the checks from his father, according to the prosecutor's office.

Larry Bates, accused in the June destruction of buildings at the Dewey Mine near Silver City, entered a not guilty plea to charges in court at Murphy, and will be attending his preliminary hearing on Jan. 26.

Deborah Hopson and Zach Richardson, scheduled for a change of plea and sentencing on Monday, Jan. 5, instead decided to forego the settlement and continue on to trial. The case, involving multiple charges of animal neglect, is nearing its first anniversary in the courts. No trial date has been set.



Smorgasbord sales winners announced

Co-chair Michelle Burks, left, and chair Heidi Nash, right, rewarded the first batch of top-sellers for the 48th annual Homedale International Smorgasbord ticket drive. The winning Homedale Middle School sixth-graders were, from left, Morgan Nash (\$166), Devin Fisher (\$168), Roni Black (\$87) and Marcos Padilla (\$147). Sales for the first week totaled \$970. The students earned a cache of gift certificates from the Idaho Pizza Co., Owyhee Lanes, Frosty Palace, Paul's Market, Homedale Drive-In, Subway, Moxie Java and the HMS student store.

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Rimrock girls collect
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Marsing frosh finishes 2nd at Lane

Freshman Raymond Evans just missed a chance at Marsing High School history Saturday in the 112-pound championship match of the Rollie Lane Invitational in Nampa. Evans, a state-ranked wrestler who had the No. 3 seed when Rollie Lane pod play began Friday, fell in the title match, 6-5, to Hayden Heap of Star Valley, Wyo. Evans' performance helped the resurgent Huskies to 14 team points in the tough 47-team tournament that attracted schools from five states.

The freshman's road to the title match began Saturday with a 15-0 technical fall victory over Carlos Ojeda of Madison. He also beat Hillcrest's Josh Robinson, 11-4, before taking down Chad Curry from American Falls, 10-6, to reach the title match. Evans's teammate, John Heidt, also survived the first day to reach the championship bracket at 215 pounds. But Heidt was eliminated in the first round Saturday after a 15-0 technical fall loss to Cole Amende of Post Falls.

Four Homedale wrestlers also emerged from pool play to compete Saturday. Justin Ensley (119), Danny Zenor (145), Kevin Abels (171) and Cassidy Cook (189) all lost in the first round of the championship bracket.



Putting the hurt on

Raymond Evans flips Homedale's Todd Bahem at the Marsing Dual last week.

Zenor and Ensley went 3-1 for the weekend, while Abels and Cook were both 3-2.

Ensley qualified for the championship bracket by winning his pod on Friday with three easy victories, including a couple pins.

Kevin Abels had two win in a

171-pound pod, finishing second in his pool. Heidt captured one win in the 171 round-robin, while teammate Brandon Walgamott was winless.

Kyle Abels (Homedale) and John Heidt (Marsing) had one Friday win each at 215. The Huskies' Oscar Ceballos was

winless in that weight class during the first day.

Other wrestlers who competed but failed to win a match Friday included Kenny Cockrum (103), Chris Bueno (130) and Trevor Meligan (152) of Homedale, and Sean Finley (140) and Joey Burril (152) from Marsing.

Mustangs out-muscle Adrian

Girls: 'Lopes keep unbeaten HDL season going

With early positioning in the league standings at stake in both games, Jordan Valley and Adrian high schools clashed Friday on the Antelopes' floor in both boys' and girls' basketball.

Jordan Valley's boys ruled the backboards in a 60-39 1A High Desert League victory over their Antelopes counterparts.

Terra Rust scored 13 points as Adrian's girls pounded Jordan Valley, 64-44, to remain unbeaten in league play.

Boys' game — Zac Fillmore

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Trojans scuttle Pirates

In a nail-biting, back-and-forth shootout, the Trojans girls triumphed over Payette's hoopsters on the road Thursday night in OT, 47-42, thanks in part to a desperate last-seconds shot.

Trailing 41-39 with 11 seconds left, Homedale watched the Pirates rim off a pair of free throws, opening the door for a fast break and a swift pass to Kendall Rupp who drove into the paint and tied the game with just 2.8 seconds on the clock.

In overtime, a fired-up Homedale squad held the Pirates

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Huskies beat Trojans grapplers in dual



HHS's Dylan Kushlan and Taylor Aikins look for an advantage on Dec. 6 in Marsing.

Wrestlers from Homedale and Marsing squared off Tuesday, Dec. 6, to battle for mastery of the mat. Both teams had some individually great efforts, but the Huskies took the overall win in the dual by a narrow margin, 46 to 36 in varsity matches.

Marsing High School's head wrestling coach, Rick Folwell, was thrilled to have the numbers needed for a dual. After difficult years of rebuilding, 20 turned out for the squad this season, and only one dropped out of the program, he said. Folwell's numbers have been

whittled down slightly by injuries, as he has two wrestlers out for the season, but he still has the bodies he needs to be competitive, even if it's occasionally a tight squeak.

"It's nice to at least have the mathematical possibility of winning a dual," he said. With fewer wrestlers, forfeits would have killed the team's chance to win, no matter how well individuals did.

The Huskies have had a solid year thus far, with the win over Homedale, and winning 10

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The year in sports

The Owyhee Avalanche's look back at 2008 concludes today with a review of the year in sports after April:

MAY

Marsing's boys squad won the team title at the Horseshoe Bend Invitational. The Huskies overall got victories from Tyson Heller, the boys' 4x200 and 4x100 relay teams and two victories from distance runner Natalie Evans.

Homedale Freestyle Club wrestlers captured six state championships in Idaho Falls.

Blake Purnell fired a no-hitter in Adrian's 20-1 five-inning dismantling of Greenleaf Friends Academy.

Homedale's softball team made the trek to Fruitland pay off, beating Priest River, 13-3, to qualify for the 3A state tournament for the second time in three years. Coach Larry Corta's team was forced into a win-or-go-home situation in successive games after losing the district championship game to Payette.

Homedale brought home a third-place trophy from the softball state tournament. It was the first trophy for the Homedale program since the 1998 state championship. Junior catcher Hannah Johnson would be named the co-most valuable player of the 3A Snake River Valley conference. Other first-teamers included senior pitcher Corey Hall, senior shortstop Taryn Corta and

junior center fielder Kendall Rupp.

The Trojans' golf team returned to the 3A state tournament after a second-place finish in the District III tournament. The squad would finish eighth.

While the Rimrock softball team saw its season end in the district tournament, Rimrock returned to State in baseball by winning the 1A District III title. Coach Bob Murray, who would retire later in the year, led Rimrock into the tournament in Lewiston, but a twisted ankle suffered by Cody McCarthy put the team at a disadvantage early.

Three Homedale tennis players punched tickets to the 3A state meet.

Adrian's baseball team fell a couple

runs short of the postseason as Pine Eagle earned the final Wapiti League spot in the state tournament with a 4-3 win.

Marsing's track team made history with eight entries into the 2A state meet. The Huskies' boys' squad had an historic runner-up finish in the District III meet. Tyson Heller swept the shot put and discus titles at district, while freshman Joel Moreno won gold in the 400.

Homedale sophomore Nickole D'Alessio shattered the school shot put record at home during the district meet and became one of 10 Trojans to qualify for the 3A state championships. Austin Emry won three district championships, while sophomore

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Sports

Adrian girls stumble in tough task vs. top team

A shaky second quarter may be all that stood between the Adrian High School girls' basketball team and a breakthrough victory.

Adrian pulled within six points with two minutes remaining, but couldn't complete a comeback Saturday at in a 48-38 non-league loss at home against Imbler.

"This was a tough game," Adrian coach Gene Mills said. "The kids played a great second half an closed to six with two minutes left, but couldn't get the ball to drop."

Mills said Imbler of the Old Oregon League (11-0 overall) probably would be Oregon's top 1A team when the next state polls

are released. Adrian fell to 8-2 overall.

The Panthers outscored Adrian, 17-8, in the second period. Adrian (8-2 overall) got 11 points and 12 rebounds from McKenzie Purnell. Demetria Thompson, a 5-foot-10 sophomore post, led all scorers with 18 points for Imbler.

Saturday boys': Imbler 72, Adrian 58 — The Panthers put four players in double figures to offset what Adrian coach Brent Ishida called some of his team's best basketball of the season to capture a rough-and-tumble non-league victory on the Antelopes' floor.

"Even though we lost, I think

we are playing some of our best basketball," Ishida said. "Our defense has really stepped up allowing us to score on the other end. We were able to spread the scoring out as our bench did a great job."

Blake Purnell scored 14 points and snagged eight rebounds for Adrian, while teammate Kyle Dondero collected six steals.

Imbler's Bryson Ricker scored 19 points to lead all players.

Rust burns Burnt River Thursday girls': Adrian 46, Burnt River 26 — Terra Rust hit a pair of early three-point goals to set the tone and rolled to 20

points as the Antelopes blasted Burnt River in a 1A HDL victory on Adrian's floor.

McKenzie Purnell scored all eight of her points in the second quarter as Adrian built a 29-13 lead. Andrea Shenk also scored eight points and collected team-highs with 10 steals and six rebounds.

Thursday boys': Adrian 57, Burnt River 41 — Blake Purnell scored 18 points to lead four players in double-figure scoring as the Antelopes posted a home league win in a game which the Antelopes led by as many as 25 points.

"Blake Purnell had another great game," Adrian coach Brent

Ishida said. "This sophomore is aggressive, and he plays so smart."

Kyle Dondero and Levi Jones each scored 11 points, while George Ellsworth chipped in 10. Lois Adam and Purnell collected eight rebounds each for Adrian.

The Antelopes won every quarter, including the second in which the two teams combined for just seven points in eight minutes.

According to Adrian's statistics, the Bulls missed all of their shots from the floor in the quarter, while the Antelopes hit 13.3 percent of their attempts. Justus Wise scored 15 and Caleb Andrews added 12.

Mustang boys keep piece of HDL lead

Girls: Fatigue plays role in loss to Crane

Jordan Valley High School rode clutching free-throw shooting to a 1A High Desert League boys' basketball victory over visiting Crane on Saturday.

Zac Fillmore hit only seven of his 30 shots, but his 19 points led Jordan Valley to a 57-48 victory that kept the Mustangs in the league standings with Spray.

"This was a hard defensive battle — it was tough to get an open look," Jordan Valley coach Mike Workman said.

The team drained 18 of 32 foul shots, including an 8-for-10 showing from Alek Quintero, who finished with 11 points.

Dallen Davies scored 21 points for Crane, while Jordan Valley choked their opponents' options.

Koehl Tratuman scored just three points, but collected 12 rebounds. Jordan Valley held a

43-30 edge on the glass.

Girls': Crane 57, Jordan Valley 34 — After a tough battle against archrival Adrian the night before, Jordan Valley didn't have the gas left to keep up with Crane.

"The varsity girls were very tired tonight," first-year coach Chris Elsner said. "Adrian was a very physical game, then to play a fast game the next game was tough, and it showed in our shots."

Catie Kershner hit a pair of three-pointers and posted 10 points to lead Jordan Valley. But fatigue was evident in Kershner's 0-for-3 performance at the foul line. Overall, the Mustangs (9-3 overall, 4-2 1A HDL) made only two of seven free throws. Kayla Cuvelier and Nickie Naegle delivered identical lines with eight points and 11 rebounds.

JV girls': Crane 14, Jordan Valley 9 — Michelle Telleria and Meagan Fillmore led Jordan Valley in scoring and rebounding against Crane. Ashley Hebison and Jessi Carson scored two points apiece.

Coaches to talk at HTAA meeting

The Homedale Trojans Athletic Association has rescheduled a meeting postponed because of the heavy snow that fell earlier this month.

Homedale High School athletic director David Hart said the meeting will be held at 6 p.m. next Wednesday inside the Homedale High School library, 203 E. Idaho Ave.

The agenda includes:

- Presentations from winter varsity coaches, including Jeremy

Chamberlain (girls' basketball), Kenny Thomas (boys' basketball) and Toby Johnson (wrestling).

- Setting the fee schedule for charter memberships, which will be good through May 2010. The different levels to be discuss include a husband-wife rate; a coach program; the Trojan level, which entitles the member to membership and sticker; Silver Trojan (membership, sticker and shirt), Century Trojan (membership, sticker, shirt and

jacket) and Diamond Trojan (membership, sticker, shirt, jacket and a home game pass).

- Officer nominations include two-year terms for a coach and parent, one-year terms for a coach and parent and a one-year term for a member, which can be a coach, a parent, school staff member or alum).
- Discussion of spring event ideas.

For more information on the HTAA, call Hart at 337-4613.

Youth rec signups tonight

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

- \$35 for boys and girls T-ball, open to ages 5-7. Players must turn 5 before June 1.
- \$45 for coach pitch boys, open to ages 7-8. Players cannot be 9 before Aug. 1.
- \$75 for boys Cal Ripken, open to ages 9-10. Players cannot be 11 before May 1.
- \$75 for boys Cal Ripken, opens to ages 11-12. Players cannot be 13 before May 1.
- \$90 for Prep, open to boys age 13. Players cannot be 14 before May 1.
- \$100 for Babe Ruth, open to ages 14-15. Players cannot be 16 before May 1.

- \$45 for 8U girls. Players cannot be 9 before Jan. 1.
- \$75 for 10U girls. Players cannot be 11 before Jan. 1.
- \$75 for 12U girls. Players cannot be 13 before Jan. 1.
- \$75 for 14U girls. Players cannot be 15 before Jan. 1.
- \$75 for Babe Ruth Age 16 softball. Players cannot be 17 before Jan. 1.

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

Doors will open at 6 p.m. with first deal at 7 p.m. From 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., a silent auction and raffle will be held. For more information on either registration or the poker tournament, call HYS president Shane Brown at 880-4552.

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Sports

✓ Dual: Trojans 3A ranked

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of 17 matches at the Rollie Lane Invitational after a win at the Glenns Ferry dual.

He also said both Homedale and Marsing wrestlers had turned in some great matches at the dual.

Homedale coach Toby Johnson was also pleased with the tournament, and congratulated Marsing on the win.

“We were a little short-handed, but Marsing stepped up and did what they had to do on the mat,” he said.

Wrestlers to watch

Four Homedale grapplers made the recent 3A state rankings as posted on IdahoWrestling.com. These will be athletes to watch as the district tournament draws near. Those picked were Kenny Cockrum, ranked third among 103-pounders; Justin Ensley, ranked third for the 125 class; Ulysses Vargas, ranked third for the 160 class and Cassidy Cook, ranked third for wrestlers at 189.

Marsing dual results Marsing 47, Homedale 36

103 Kenny Cockrum (H) won by forfeit, 6-0 H
112 Todd Bahem (H) won by forfeit, 12-0 H
119 Ismael Hinajosa (M) won by forfeit, 12-6 H
125 Raymond Evans (M) won by tech. fall over Phillip Moulton (H), 12-11 H
130 Matt Merritt (M) won by pin over Jacob Compton (H), 17-12 M
135 Jerry Wright (M) won by forfeit, 23-12 M
140 Sean Finley (M) won by forfeit, 29-12 M
145 Danny Zenor (H) won by pin over Nathan Danner (M), 29-18 M
152 Joey Burrill (M) won by forfeit, 35-18 M
160 Mike Moore (M) won by forfeit over Ulysses Vargas (H), 41-18 M
171 Kevin Abels (H) won by pin over Brandon Walgamott (M), 41-24 M
189 Cassidy Cook (H) won by pin over Andre Heidt (M), 41-30 M
215 John Heidt (M) won by pin over Kyle Abels (H), 47-30 M
285 Wes Taggart (H) won by pin over Drew Maisy (M), 47-36 M

✓ Mustangs: Archrivals split doubleheader

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and Koehl Trautman turned in their usual performance as the Mustangs (12-1 overall, 6-0 1A HDL) pulled away by doubling their archrivals’ scoring output in the second half.

Both coaches — Jordan Valley’s Mike Workman and Adrian’s Brent Ishida — said the game was a hard-fought, physical contest.

“Any road win is a good win,” Workman said. “Our defense stiffened in the second half.”

Fillmore scored 22, and Trautman added 12. There was only one foul committed between the two. They snagged 16 rebounds apiece, and Cole Scown collected 15 as Jordan Valley dominated the backboards, 54-23.

“Jordan Valley is so big inside they are hard to rebound against, and we had a tough time containing Fillmore and Trautman,” Ishida said.

The loss was the first in league play for the Antelopes, while

Jordan Valley remained unbeaten in HDL action.

The Mustangs sealed the deal with a 17-6 finishing kick through the final eight minutes.

“Our defense was very good through the first three quarters,” Ishida said. “We were able to get the stops we needed.”

“But on the offensive size I think their size intimidated us at the bucket, causing us to change our shots giving up some easy points.”

No Adrian player scored more than eight points nor pulled down more than seven rebounds against the taller Mustangs. Kyle Dondero reached both those plateaus to lead the Antelopes. Blake Ishida and Blake Purnell scored seven apiece, with Purnell also collecting seven boards.

Girls’ game — Every player that stepped on the floor scored for the Antelopes with Andrea Shenk pouring in eight of her 10 points in the first half as the Antelopes (8-2, 4-0) built a 35-15 advantage.

“This was a nice win over a typically tough and aggressive Jordan Valley team,” Adrian coach Gene Mills said.

Adrian outscored the Mustangs (9-3, 4-2), 17-5, in the final eight minutes before the break.

For Jordan Valley, Kayla Cuvelier scored 12 of her game-high 15 points in the second half. Catie Kershner scored 12 points.

Trojans boys find winning formula

Emry averages 17.3 per game in three-win week

Apparently when Homedale High School’s boys’ basketball team unwrapped its Christmas presents, it also wrapped up any memories of their two-game losing streak.

Senior Austin Emry fired in 21 points Saturday as the Trojans blew out visiting Nampa Christian, 74-54, to avenge their first loss of the season.

Tyler Gibson added eight points and eight rebounds as Homedale (9-3 overall) stretched its winning streak to three games after ending 2008 with losses to Wendell and Cole Valley Christian.

Friday: Homedale 57, Melba 37 — Emry and Gibson teamed up on the road to lead the Trojans’ lopsided non-conference victory over the Mustangs.

Emry scored 10 points, and Gibson was balanced again with nine points and nine rebounds.

Jan. 6: Homedale 62, New Plymouth 48 — The Trojans built a big lead then withstood a comeback by the home squad in a non-conference victory.

Homedale owned a 22-point edge, 50-28, with eight minutes

to play after outscoring New Plymouth, 39-17, over the second and third periods. But the Pilgrims rallied with 20 points over the final eight minutes to narrow the gap.

Emry fashioned a double-double, leading all players with 21 points and 11 rebounds. He also dished a co-team-high four assists for Homedale.

Senior guard Ryan Garrett added 11 points to go with his four assists.

Seth Bodas hit all five of his foul shots and finished with 19 points to lead New Plymouth of the 2A Western Idaho Conference.



Homedale High School’s Justin Harrell drives the key around New Plymouth’s Jake Mellenthin. Photo by Gregg Garrett

✓ Trojans: Rupp, Johnson, Mackenzie shine in victory

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to a lone point, while finding six of their own to head home winners.

Homedale gained early momentum in the game with a 10-2 run, but Payette adjusted and brought it back to 11-11 at the end of the first. The second and third quarters saw neither team able to form up a charging offense, and Payette held the edge, barely, outscoring Homedale 12-9

in both periods, but in the fourth, Homedale’s defense stepped up, and the offense, spurred by a pair of key offensive board putbacks by Mikal Mackenzie, closed the gap.

Mackenzie and Rupp combined for 28 rebounds in the game — 12 of those in the fourth.

Hannah Johnson and Mackenzie led on point with 12 each, Rupp led the defense with seven steals and 16 boards and Mackenzie added 12 rebounds of her own.

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Boys basketball

Varsity
Thursday, Jan. 15, home vs. McCall-Donnelly, 8 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 17, home vs. Weiser, 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 20 at Payette, 7:30 p.m.

Junior varsity
Thursday, Jan. 15, home vs. McCall-Donnelly, 5 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 17, home vs. Weiser, 6 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 20 at Payette, 6 p.m.

Freshman
Saturday, Jan. 17, home vs. Weiser, 4:45 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 20 at Payette, 4:45 p.m.



Girls basketball

Varsity
Thursday, Jan. 15, home vs. McCall-Donnelly, 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 20, home vs. Melba, 7:30 p.m.

Junior varsity
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Tuesday, Jan. 20, home vs. Melba, 6 p.m.

Freshman
Tuesday, Jan. 20, home vs. Melba, 4:45 p.m.

WRESTLING

Thursday, Jan. 15 at Vale, Ore., 5:30 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 16 at Magic Valley Classic, Wendell, 3:30 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 17 at Magic Valley Classic, Wendell, 9:30 am.
Tuesday, Jan. 20 at Melba, 6:30 p.m.



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Sports

Long layoff doesn't hamper Rimrock at Greenleaf

Low in numbers, girls still pull off two WIC wins; boys split

With more than three weeks between games, the Rimrock High School girls' basketball team didn't waste any time getting going last week.

The Raiders rolled out to a 31-9 halftime lead Wednesday and cruised to a 60-24 victory over Gem State Adventist in a 1A Western Idaho Conference game played in Caldwell.

Rimrock (11-2 overall, 7-1 1A WIC at week's end) played short-handed in both conference games last week, suiting fewer than 10 players each night. Nevertheless, coach Mike Chandler's squad was able to beat Liberty Charter, 45-30, on Thursday in Bruneau.

The wins were the first action since a Dec. 15 conference loss to Greenleaf Friends Academy.

"We were a little nervous. We had to call a couple players from the JV to get to seven," Chandler said after the Gem State game. "Last week, we had a couple players out of town (who missed practice)."

Stevie Richardson missed both conference games last week after having her tonsils removed, and Shoni Gennette was out of the lineup against Gem State.

Chandler said his team's fast start to the second half of the conference season reflects a change in attitude among his athletes after getting knocked out of first place with the loss to Greenleaf.

"I think after the Greenleaf loss, the kids in practice had a different determination," Chandler said. "They didn't like losing."

Wednesday: Rimrock 60, Gem State Adventist 24 — Anna Cantrell scored 18 of her 20 points in a torrid first half, pushing Rimrock to a the big lead at the break.

Three Raiders reached double figures as Kaile Murray added 13 points and Jackie Thurman 12.

The Raiders and Jaguars played with a running clock in the fourth quarter once Rimrock had built a 30-point lead.

Ruth Mendoza scored seven of her nine points in the third quarter for Gem State.

Thursday: Rimrock 45, Liberty Charter 30 — Gennette scored 13 points and grabbed six rebounds in her return to the lineup, and Cantrell matched her output.

Chandler suited only eight players for the game.

Liberty Charter, which played only eight as well, was led by 12 points from Halee Schafer.

Thurman had a big all-around game with eight points, seven rebounds (five on the Patriots' end), five assists and four steals.

"One thing about Jackie this year, her stats aren't as good this year, but she's



Rimrock's Francisco Garcia drew the foul during this layup against Gem State's Travis Michel on Wednesday.

Thurman pumped in five three-point goals and scored a game-high 17 points. She scored half her team's points in a tight 16-15 first half that ended with the Raiders on top.

Randie Denton, who scored nine points, and Kaile Murray also hit three-pointers. Anna Cantrell led the rebounding effort with 12 boards.

Castleford was paced by nine points from Rikki Wiggins.

Boys go 1-1

Friday: Rimrock 44, Idaho City 33 — Sam Richardson's monster effort of 15 points and 20 rebounds propelled the Raiders to a 1A WIC victory at home. Dary Langfitt chipped in 10 points.

Rimrock moved to 4-6 overall and 2-3 in conference.

Wednesday: Gem State 49, Rimrock 37 — The Jaguars scored 11 consecutive points to fuel a 17-2 run over the first and second quarters en route to a conference win over the visiting Raiders in Caldwell.

Ricardo Araujo scored eight points to lead the Raiders, who were playing without coach Gary Jones, who had car trouble earlier in the day and couldn't make the trip. Assistant John Hannah coached in Jones' absence.

Gem State took a 40-28 lead into the third quarter. The Jaguars were paced by 18 points from junior Justin Hansen.

✓ Sports year in review

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Trent Acree qualified for State in four events.

Rimrock sent four athletes to the 1A state meet — Brian Simper, Ellie Cantrell, Chris Hipwell and Katie Johnson.

Three Trojans qualified for the 3A state tournament in tennis. Freshman Tanner Lair and senior Shravan Sriganesh collected victories during the tourney at Vallivue High School in Caldwell.

Austin Emry broke Homedale's 18-year-old high jump record, clearing 6 feet, 7¾ inches, to win one of four 3A state championships for the Trojans. While Emry repeated as high jump champ, he also followed up teammate David Liddell's 2007 state gold by winning the long jump. Senior Daniel Valadez capped his career with the state championship in discus, and Nickole D'Alessio also brought home gold in the girls' shot put. Trent Acree set the school record in the triple jump — 43-2¼ — while bringing silver back to Homedale.

Marsing's Tyson Heller won a silver medal in the 2A shot put, and Greenleaf's Kendra Graber was a state silver medalist in the girls' 1A 3,200 final.

Competing for Idaho State University, Homedale grad Cheyanne Andrade set a personal record in the shot put during the Bronco Twilight Meet in Boise.

The Homedale Middle School boys' track and field teams won district championships while

several athletes broke records. The HMS seventh-grade girls were runners-up, while the eighth-grade girls were a few points shy of silver. Records included Danny Magdaleno (11.6 seconds in the 100); Trey Corta (championship time of 23.9 in 200), who also won the 100; the eighth-grade 4x200 boys' relay team of Magdaleno, Brett Shanley, Conner Landa and Bodie Hyer (winning time of 1:44.8); seventh-grader Mariah Mackie in the girls' 800 (2:44.3 in a preliminary; she finished second in the final); the eighth-grade girls' 4x200 relay team of Ashley Leslie, Kylie Farwell, Kaytlin Garcia and Laurien Mavey, who ran to third in a record time of 2:02.7; and the girls 4x400 relay team, which set the record at 4:51.2.

Homedale schools' athletes of the year included Austin Ferguson and Mandy Brasher at the high school, while Laurien Mavey and Deena Emry shared the female award at HMS and Trey Corta was named male athlete of the year.

Don Heller's long tenure as Marsing football coach ended as the school board voted not to renew his contract and opened it up for new applicants. Two months earlier, Heller had resigned as girls' basketball coach and co-athletic director. Athletes stood behind Heller during the year-end sports banquet, asking him to throw his hat into the ring as an applicant for the football job.

Catcher Sean Finley was the lone Marsing first-teamer in the

all-2A WIC balloting for either baseball or softball.

JUNE

Marsing-based sprint boater Amanda Vestal tasted victory in the first race of the year at Marsing International Sprintboat Track (MIST).

Adrian horse trainer Matt Zimmerman finished fifth during the Western States Mustang Challenge in Sacramento, Calif. Zimmerman had been charged to whip a wild mustang into shape in the weeks leading up to the competition sponsored by the Bureau of Land Management.

Proving that there was life after high school coaching, former Raiders football assistant Anthony Pomerlee made his mark as a second-year running back with the semipro Idaho Matadors, who played for the Rocky Mountain Football League AA championship. Pomerlee also was named an RMFL all-star.

The Chandlers softball team, originally not planning to play in the Grand View Days softball tournament, brought home another championship trophy.

Recent HHS graduates Gage Egurrola and Shravan Sriganesh became the first athletes to sign on with the reinstated men's tennis team at The College of Idaho in Caldwell.

Coach Mike Kelly's Homedale Freestyle Club fared well during the Kids Western Regional Wrestling Championships in

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MARSING
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BASKETBALL

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Sports

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Pocatello. Justin Ensley was runner-up in the 119-pound Cadet bracket, while several of the 11 Homedale wrestlers also collected top-eight finishes.

JULY

Four young athletes from the Homedale Freestyle Club earned medals at the Kids Western Regional Championships in Pocatello. Eleven local wrestlers attended the meet, which attracted talent from 11 states to compete in freestyle and Greco-Roman. Justin Ensley was second at 119 pounds for the Cadet Division of Greco-Roman. Dawson Wilson finished fourth in Midget Division freestyle at 120 pounds, Nash Johnson (75 pounds) was fourth in Midget Division freestyle, and 60-pounder Adam Campos was sixth in the Midget Division Greco-Roman.

The Homedale Thunderstix Under-10 softball team won 14 of 15 games during the season to win the Caldwell GALS championship.

Former Marsing High School assistant football coach Jake Walgamott was named the Huskies' head coach. He also resigned as boys' basketball coach to take on athletic director duties as well. Walgamott was assuming the reins from longtime coach and AD Don Heller. Heller also stepped down as the Huskies' girls' basketball coach. JW Chadez replaced Walgamott as the boys' basketball coach and Gloria King took over the girls' program from Heller.

Homedale High School football coach Rob Kassebaum announced that all players at all levels would undergo mandatory drug testing. The Homedale School District board of trustees approved the policy at its July meeting.

The Homedale Women's Bowling Association marked 50 years, while Owyhee Lanes welcomed the Gutter Gussies Tournament for a monthlong stay later in the year.

Caba's won the upper-division championship in the annual Percifield Memorial softball tournament in Marsing, creating a three-way tie for the most championships in tournament history between Caba's, Panzeri Livestock and the Pour House. Idaho Auto Center won this year's lower division title.

Marsing High School girls' basketball player Jessica Freeman played on a team of Idaho and Nebraska athletes that finished fourth at the Down Under Games in Australia.

AUGUST

Owyhee cowboys, including Homedale's Bryan Martinat, Bruneau native Rob Black and ropers Mike Pendergrass of Homedale and Mike Eiguren of Jordan Valley, were among the champions during the Owyhee

County Rodeo.

Officials from Homedale Police and the Idaho Department of Fish and Game converged on an Oregon Avenue front yard to subdue and transfer a fawn to the Snake River.

Five bowlers with ties to Owyhee Lanes captured gold medals during the Idaho Senior Games at Westy's Bowling Center in Garden City.

U.S. Olympian Michael Phelps historical swimming gold medal run had a Marsing witness as Marsing Elementary School teacher Ken Price attended the Beijing Games as an official for the modern pentathlon competition.

Homedale High School's football season began with a loss to Vale in Oregon, while Rimrock also kicked off another year under coach Jim Clark with a loss.

SEPTEMBER

The lingering effects of 2007 Murphy Complex Fire and West Nile Virus on sage-grouse habitat and population forced the Idaho Department of Fish and Game to curb the 2008 hunting season.

Former Homedale High School track and field standout Colleen Williams Cozzetto was inducted into the University of Idaho athletic hall of fame in Moscow.

New Marsing football coach Jake Walgamott was a winner in his debut as the Huskies trimmed Elgin of Oregon, 13-7.

Rimrock High School also began the volleyball season with a new coach, Ashley Merrick.

Adrian and Jordan Valley both opened their football seasons with victories.

Former Homedale High School boys' soccer player Antonio Bautista began a season of accolades with the Cascade Collegiate Conference Player of the Week Award.

Grand View City Council president Bill Lawrence completed a successful Thunder Stocks racing season at Meridian Speedway to cap a racing comeback that ended a 10-year absence from the oval.

Adrian High School assistant football coach Quentin Shenk took advantage of a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, bringing down a bighorn sheep in Oregon.

An 85-yard hook-and-lateral play begun by a pass from quarterback Blake Ishida to receiver George Ellsworth was capped by a toss back to Ishida as Adrian preserved a perfect football season with a 42-40 High Desert League win over Prairie City.

Brittany Cockrum and Phaedra Stevenson finished in the top 12 of the 3A Snake River Valley conference cross country meet in McCall.

The Homedale Middle School boys' cross country team finished second in the conference meet with Antonio Sturgeon grabbing second place individually. Lauren Craft placed fifth in the girls'

championship race.

OCTOBER

Sturgeon and teammate Alfonso Barbosa finished first and second, respectively, during the middle school race for the Rusty Fender Classic at CJ Strike Reservoir. Craft was eighth in the middle school girls' race.

Bruneau's Shawn Morehead and Bobby Jean Colyer both won championships (saddle bronc and barrel racing, respectively) at the 25th annual Bruneau Roundup rodeo.

Marsing rolled up 300 yards in total offense and dodged 100 yards in penalties to beat Cole Valley Christian, 28-21, in a 2A Western Idaho Conference game.

Natalie Evans became the lone cross country runner for Marsing when she went for glory in the 1A/2A District III championship meet after spending the year with the Vallivue team.

Jordan Valley's volleyball team received a season-high 21 kills from Kayla Cuvelier, but lost its first match of the season, 21-25, 25-23, 18-25, 25-16, to Crane in a battle of High Desert League unbeatens.

Homedale's girls' soccer team spent another heart-stopping week in the district tournament, this time nearly reaching the state tournament for first-year coach David Correa.

Football players and cheerleaders appeared on trading cards created by Marsing High School students.

Freshman Trey Corta collected two interceptions and returned a fumble for a touchdown to push Homedale to its only football victory of the season, 22-13, over McCall-Donnelly on the road.

Marsing's junior varsity football team beat visiting Parma, 16-14, to win the 2A Western Idaho Conference championship.

The football teams from Adrian and Crane combined for 700 yards offense, but the Mustangs were able to pull out a 32-16 victory in a battle of 1A High Desert League unbeatens.

Homedale Middle School's seventh-grade football team fell, 28-6, to Fruitland in what amounted to the 3A Snake River Valley conference championship game. The Trojans had reeled off three straight wins and allowed few points since a season-opening loss to Grizzlies in September.

The HMS boys' cross country team finished second in the district meet in Payette. Three eighth-graders finished in the top 10 for the Trojans. Antonio Sturgeon was third in the boys' race, while Lauren Craft grabbed fifth in the girls' race.

Marsing junior Natalie Evans won the 2A District III cross country championship then finished second in the 2A state meet at Eagle Island State Park in Eagle. Homedale-area resident Kendra Graber also competed in

the 1A state meet for the second consecutive year.

Adrian High School's volleyball team avenged a rare High Desert League loss by beating Crane for the 1A District 8 Tournament championship. Kayla Cuvelier and Nickie Naegle were named to the all-district team in leading Jordan Valley to another state playoffs appearance.

Jordan Valley's football team fell out of a first-place tie in the HDL with a 70-12 loss to Crane, which sewed up the league championship.

Homedale's volleyball team stormed to a strong finish despite being short-handed in the 3A District III Tournament. Coach David Hann's Trojans finished third in the district tournament despite several athletes attending the FFA national convention in Indianapolis.

Meanwhile, Homedale's freshman volleyball squad finished second in the district tournament under first-year coach Sasha Washburn.

The New Hampshire-based one-man volleyball team, Bob Holmes, took on all-comers to promote his anti-drinking message to the Marsing community and Homedale High School student body.

Antonio Bautista, a junior at The College of Idaho, was named the NAIA National Offensive Player of the Week after scoring four times in two days for the Coyotes' men's soccer team.

A group of Homedale fifth- and sixth-grade football players won the Caldwell Optimist League youth championship.

Marsing's Optimist League youth football players also enjoyed success during the season, with the two tackle teams racking up a combined 10-3-1 record.

NOVEMBER

Marsing cross country runner finished second in the 2A state meet in Eagle, while the volleyball teams from Jordan Valley and Adrian both were eliminated from the 1A Oregon playoffs in the second round.

Marsing's football season came to an end with a 50-0 loss in a first-round 2A state playoff game against host Nampa Christian.

Jordan Valley beat host Adrian, 22-16, to win the 1A High Desert League's No. 2 seed into the Oregon state playoffs. Both Adrian and Jordan Valley would lose in the first round of the state tournament.

Antonio Bautista, a former Homedale High School boys' soccer player, was named the Cascade Collegiate Conference Player of the Year after leading The College of Idaho men's soccer team with 21 goals.

Rimrock ended its football season with a 60-14 1A Western Idaho Conference triumph over Wilder.

The Marsing High School basketball teams began the season

with new coaches. Gloria King led the girls through preseason drills, while JW Chadez oversaw the boys' practices.

Tim McBride won the 1A High Desert League coach of the year award after leading the Jordan Valley High School football team to a 10-2 season and a No. 2 seed into the Oregon state playoffs. Several Jordan Valley and Adrian football players were named to the all-league team.

Seniors Sean Finley (Marsing) and Mitch Quintana (Homedale) ended their high school football careers in the 13th annual District III Shrine All-Star Game for 11-man schools. Rimrock coach Jim Clark and players TJ Snyder, Sam Richardson, Alex Meyers and Antonio (Tony) Ayala competed in the eight-man all-star game.

In All-HDL volleyball, Madison Shira, McKenzie Purnell, Andrea Shenk and Terra Rust represented Adrian, while Jordan Valley placed Kayla Cuvelier, Nickie Naegle, Catie Kershner and Emma Johnson.

DECEMBER

On Dec. 4, Rob Kassebaum resigned after two years as Homedale High School football coach days after Homedale School District patron Dwayne Fisher, speaking on behalf a group of concerned community members, asked the district board of trustees to begin looking for a replacement for the two-time Oregon state championship coach.

The Homedale High School boys' basketball team used balanced scoring to build a 6-1 start to the season. Adrian's boys' basketball team won its own tournament to start its season, and Jordan Valley's boys' squad started the season with a win streak.

The Homedale Trojan Athletic Association formed in an effort to improve communication between the community, athletes' parents and the high school's coaches.

The Marsing Middle School eighth-grade girls' basketball team slumped in the second half of a 22-18 loss to New Plymouth in the 2A Western Idaho Conference tournament championship game.

Four Homedale Middle School wrestlers — Cayetano Montes, Brad McCain, Michael Deleon and Joel Campos — won 3A District III championships as the Trojans grabbed a fourth-place finish in Ontario, Ore.

The Rimrock High School girls' basketball team fell out of a first-place tie with Greenleaf Friends Academy after a 49-40 loss to the Grizzlies on Dec. 15.

Owyhee Lanes co-owner Mike Marose bowled a 300 game during Tri-City League play on Dec. 16.

— JPB

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Looking back...

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25 years ago

January 18, 1984

City plans to test the financial waters with pool

Homedale’s city swimming pool is back in municipal hands after a season of upgraded operation by the Homedale Chamber of Commerce.

The municipal swimming pool was turned back to the city debt-free last week by Mike Blankenship, chamber president, during the City Council’s first-of-the-year organizational meeting.

And, the pool’s return was accompanied by a 1983 budget record that showed gross revenues at \$10,411.91 for the season against \$14,673.04 in expenditures.

The \$4,261.14 net loss for the season has been picked up by the chamber, according to Blankenship, who apologized to the City Council for not being able to turn the pool back with an operational budget surplus.

“Some things came up that have prevented us from turning it over with the \$2,000 surplus we expected,” Blankenship told the Council last Wednesday night.

The chamber’s 1983 operating budget showed season passes to the pool netted \$1,935 and lessons garnered \$2,573.

Daily swimming fees brought in \$4,186.75 and swimming parties earned another \$455. Concessions at the pool totaled \$1,262.15.

On the expenditure side, lifeguard salaries totaled \$4,765.66 and chemicals and maintenance amounted to \$2,251.56.

Insurance fees were \$1,960 and the power bill was \$1,761.93. The pool manager’s salary was \$1,500 for the season.

New mayor, councilmen take the oath of office

Homedale’s new mayor has pledged to work closely with the Homedale Chamber of Commerce, “to overcome long-time” problems facing the city.

“Working together, we can overcome those longtime problems, but we’ll need a lot of luck, too,” Mayor Paul Fink said after taking the oath of office as the city’s chief executive officer last week.

Fink took the oath of office along with Councilman Edwin Stansell. Both men won office during last November’s general election.

Fink replaces long-time Mayor George Murray and Stansell replaces Councilman Rodger Nash, who did not stand for re-election. Councilman Larry Bauer, who won re-election last fall, was reelected.

One of Fink’s first actions as mayor was to reappoint city employees, including Edna Grimes as city clerk, Gary Morgan as city attorney, Allen Bidwell as police chief, Paul Pearson as public works superintendent, Elwin Moore was building inspector and Robbi Busse as city librarian.

Fink did not appoint a municipal airport manger, indicating he preferred to wait until some problems at the facility were resolved.

With council consensus, Fink designated The Owyhee Chronicle as the official legal publication for the city.

Mayor Fink also reassigned Councilman Bauer to police, personnel and streets, Councilman Herb Fritzley to domestic and irrigation water systems, Councilwoman Bette Uda to parks, recreation and the city library and Councilman Stansell to city sewer systems.

Councilman Fritzley, who conducted last week’s meeting until Mayor Fink took the oath of office, was re-elected to his post as Council president.

Trojans defeat Melba & McCall on home court

Homedale’s varsity basketball squad heads for a Friday night home-court test against Nampa Christian after a two-game weekend win at home.

But, weekend action saw the Homedale five ride the Melba Mustangs to a 56-44 victory.

And, the Homedale squad marched right on through McCall with a 66-62 victory before the hometown crowd on Friday night.

50 years ago

January 15, 1959

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1952 requires that every alien in the United States, except diplomats, persons officially connected with International organizations of which the United States is a member and others admitted temporarily as agricultural laborers, must report his address during January of each year; and

WHEREAS, this law requires such an address report though the address of the alien has not changed since the last address report; and

WHEREAS, Address Report cards may now be obtained at any United States Post Office or Immigration Service Office.

NOW THEREFORE: I, Joe Eiguren, Mayor of the City of Homedale, in the State of Idaho, in recognition of the importance of compliance with the law to future citizens of Homedale do hereby proclaim the month of January, 1959, as ALIEN ADDRESS REPORT MONTH in Homedale, and request all citizens, employees, and officers of the City of Homedale to assist and encourage every alien within the City of Homedale to report his address to the nearest Post Office or Immigration Service office during the month of January, 1959.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great seal of the City of Homedale, in the State of Idaho, to be affixed at Homedale, Idaho, this second day of January in the year of Our Lord One Thousand and Nine Hundred and Fifty Nine.

JOE EIGUREN, Mayor.

Sworn into office

Sworn into office Monday were these 10 county officers. Kenneth Downing, Homedale, Carl Agenbroad, Bruneau, and Pat Muller, Wilson, members of the county board of commissioners, and Nick Ihli, Murphy, clerk, auditor and recorder. Mr. Muller succeeds Mr. Agenbroad as chairman of the board. Dr. R. George Wolff, Homedale, coroner; Al Barberis, Murphy, sheriff; Sadie Eisenhart, Murphy, treasurer and tax collector; Wayne Grammer, Murphy, probate judge; Jim Blaine, Oreana, attorney, and Jack Dunning, Murphy, assessor.

4 new directors elected at regular chamber meeting

Four new directors were elected at the regular monthly meeting of the Homedale chamber of commerce Tuesday noon at El Gabilan.

Elected were Vic Uria, Frank Matteson, Ed Manning and Vern Underdahl.

The directors will meet soon to elect new officers.

President Paul Zatica reported that a map for use in the chamber’s brochure is now being drawn.

Joe Turner acted as secretary in the absence of Kenneth Downing. He reported the chamber’s bank balance now stands at \$428.52.

A letter will be sent to the district highway engineer expressing appreciation for the new destination and mileage signs recently put up on highway 95.

A report was made on the visit of Santa Claus to Homedale and letters to the home ec department of the high school thanking them for sacking the treats, and to the volunteer fire department for furnishing transportation for Santa Claus were ordered written.

The chamber discussed the possibility of helping the junior chamber of commerce in finishing up their lighted athletic field project.

The soft drink concession at the rodeo and the possibility of obtaining pennants and flags and strings of lights to give Homedale a more festive appearance at fair time were other subjects discussed.

Trojans split two close league games

The Homedale Trojans won a close contest from Middleton here Friday night 52-50, but were nosed out by Notus 56-55 in the final minute Saturday night.

140 years ago

January 9, 1869

WE ARE SORRY to see that the Avalanche misapprehends the motives that actuated us in publishing the communication of “Tax-Payer.” Nothing was more foreign to our feelings than jealousy with reference to the county printing. We began the publication of the Tidal Wave without any thought of receiving any public or County patronage, intending that it should stand or fall on its own merits alone. As we hoped for nothing in the line of County work, of course we could not be disappointed. Nevertheless had we been doing the County printing and expecting to continue it, we should have published “Tax-Payers” communication on the ground that any question that will not bear investigation and discussion is hardly a proper foundation on which to base an honorable business. – Tidal Wave.

It was not of the publishing “Tax-Payers” communication we complained, but your endorsement and advocacy, editorially, of the views therein contained, “if you had been doing the county printing and expected to continue it” and would advocate the measures set forth in the communication referred to, in reference to county printing, we can only say that you are a rare gem in this sinful age. We regret that any reflections we were lead, by a false education, to indulge in on the subject, grated harshly on the feelings of our learned and virtuous neighbor.

AT THE PRESENT term of the Supreme Court, now being held at Boise City, E. H. McDaniel, Esq., of this town, was admitted to practice in that court. Mr. McDaniel was also appointed prosecuting attorney, for Owyhee County, for two years. It will be seen by his card in another column, that the Major has opened an office with Frank Ganahl, Esq., where he will attend to all business instructed to his care, with promptness and dispatch.

WAR EAGLE TUNNEL. A letter received by Mr. John Darrah of this county, from G. Collier Robbins, dated at New York City, states that he (Mr. Robbins) has succeeded in organizing a strong company in that city for the purpose of prosecuting his great War Eagle Tunnel enterprise. This tunnel is designed to commence at the base of War Eagle Mountain somewhere near the mouth of Wade’s Gulch and penetrate it on a level base through. This is an enterprise of no small magnitude, and will, in our opinion, eventually turn out the most profitable of any ever inaugurated on the Pacific Coast. We are not informed as to the dimensions and length of the contemplated tunnel, the survey, however, we believe has been made. The company proposes to commence operation early in the spring.

MEMORIAL. Congress, through our Legislature, has or will be, memorialized on the question of making an appropriation for the purpose of compensating Brinkerhoff & Rogers, for carrying the United States mail for the past eighteen months to and fro, between this place and Flint District. The demand is equitable and just. Flint is fast becoming a populous and important section and these gentlemen have been indefatigable in their exertions to furnish its citizens with their mail. It has been conveyed and delivered regularly through sunshine and storm; and Messrs. Brinkerhoff & Rogers are not only entitled to compensation but also to the gratitude of the citizens of both places.

THAT whole-souled gentleman, Clayton Yale, dropped in on us Thursday evening, and insisted on our accompanying him to his residence. After arriving there, we were ushered into the parlor and lo! There were eight or ten of the fairest of the sex congregated, and a band of music. The first salutation we received upon entering the room was, “take your partner for a quadrille,” and we done so — you bet! By the by, our friend Clayton is in the book and stationery business in the post office building. All you who want any of those articles give him a call, and you are sure to purchase.

Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM



On the edge of common sense

Always be ridin’ yer horse

“ALWAYS BE RIDIN’ YER HORSE”

A good cowboy passed along that bit of wisdom he learned from his dad. I have since passed it on to young or inexperienced riders as regular as the car dinger reminds me to fasten my seat belt. More riders get unseated due to not payin’ attention, than to bronky horses. A misstep, badger hole, jack rabbit, rattlesnake, mule deer, covey of quail, piece of paper, puff of wind or brain flatulation can cause your horse to go berserk! He will jump sideways, rear, skitter or whirl, leaving you momentarily where he was ... but now he’s over there and you’re in midair! It’s all about riding with your legs. This piece of advice can be applied to driving your car, making a business deal, pleasing your spouse or taking a class. Keep your eye on the road, your hand on the wheel and your mind on what you’re doin’!

Another larger-than-life guideline, “IF YER HORSE IS DOIN’ WHAT YOU WANT HIM TO, GIVE HIM HIS HEAD”

How many times have you seen new riders simultaneously pull back on the reins and kick ’em in the ribs? I tell ’em it’s like stepping on the brakes and the gas at the same time! How many times have you explained to your kid how to cut a board, make a cake, deal the cards or paint the shed and then hung over them instructing continuously until they scream in frustration? Show ’em how then get outta the way and give them a chance to do it right.

“IF YOU PLAN ON GETTING THROWN RIDE ON THE BALLS OF YER FEET. IF YER GONNA RIDE IT OUT, SHOVE YER FEET ALL THE WAY INTO THE STIRRUP”

Remember, most riders’ injuries occur when they hit the ground. You stand a lot better chance of survival if you stay in the saddle. We are talking about confidence here, not bravado.

“WHEN YER HORSE STUMBLES, LIFT UP HIS HEAD”

A horse’s head weighs as much as a bag of cement. He’s got to catch himself to check his fall. By lifting his head and leaning back you move his center of gravity to the aft, and like a boat, the nose will come up and he can get his feet under him. Same for students and puppies. Sometimes you’ve got to pull them back from temptation or a mistake long enough to let them catch their balance.

“IF YER HORSE STARTS WALKING OFF AS YOU’RE TRYIN’ TO MOUNT ... STOP HIM”

There is a moment between your feet leaving the ground and your seat hitting the saddle that is akin to the football leaving the punter’s toe and the receiver getting creamed.

It’s just a good idea to get behind the wheel of your tractor before you put it in gear.

“IS IT PROPER TO STOP AND WAIT WHEN YER HORSE IS POOPING?”

Of course! They’re not cows!

— Visit Baxter on the Web: www.baxterblack.com.

Wayne Cornell

Not important ... but possibly of interest

Observing China’s Screaming Hordes



According to recent news reports, China’s military is growing stronger by the day. But if you are in China, if you try to talk about it, people get nervous.

Our first encounter with the military was in the Beijing Airport. I had read online that Chinese authorities take a dim view of tourists shooting photographs in the airport, and I passed this on to the other people in our group as we arrived. They ignored the information and started firing their flashes in all directions. They even took some shots of some armed soldiers who apparently were members of the airport security force. The soldiers didn’t seem to mind. So much for the reliability of Internet research.

Later we saw soldiers on guard duty in the Forbidden City and Tiananmen Square. Most looked very young. Most had uniforms a couple of sizes too large. None of them carried firearms, but one got the feeling their weapons weren’t far away if there was a problem.

As I watched the young men practice ceremonial marching, it occurred to me that at least some of them were probably the grandsons — maybe great-grandsons — of the men who made up the “screaming hordes” who savagely battled Americans more than a half century ago in Korea. I remember seeing a cartoon from the Korean War period with a grizzled soldier named Willie asking his combat-weary buddy, “Hey, Joe. How many Chinamen are in a Horde?”

In all the time we were in China, I only saw a half a dozen military vehicles in public and most of them were staff cars for officers. One of the perks of being a colonel or above seems to be you and your entourage can drive as fast as you want on the freeway without getting a speeding ticket.



Few Chinese give notice when young army soldiers in their oversized uniforms are around.

We saw more military personnel around Beijing than we did later when we were farther south. That makes a certain amount of sense because the central government is located in Beijing. But most of the troops we saw were in dress uniforms and seemed to be there mostly for show.

But the Chinese Army does have weapons — apparently some fairly big ones.

One day our group visited the Ming Tombs — where emperors from the Ming Dynasty are buried. The tombs are north of Beijing in a less-populated area. A few miles farther on one can see low mountains.

We were inside one of the ancient buildings on the tomb grounds and our Chinese guide, Chris, was giving us a speech about the tombs. But my attention was drawn from Chris by a “Boom!” that echoed through the building. A

— See *Hordes*, next page

Sen. Mike Crapo

From Washington

Throwing more money at problem won’t solve it



On Jan. 7, the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) released its budget outlook for Fiscal Years 2009-2019. With a sobering prediction that this year’s deficit will total \$1.2 trillion (without factoring the cost of any new stimulus bill), the report cites what many already know or suspect: the slowdown in economic activity and policy responses to challenges in the housing and financial markets have significantly affected the federal budget. In fact, CBO stated that the U.S. will likely see the “longest and deepest” recession since World War II. While not the next Great Depression, as many Idahoans know, times are tough.

Solutions to this staggering problem are not simple or short term. According to CBO, declines in federal receipts from individual and corporate income taxes will continue, largely due to major losses in asset values. And, any stimulus package will only add to the already skyrocketing deficit. The new deficit numbers indicate that we’re faced with the proposition of even more borrowing and going an additional \$1 trillion in the hole for a new stimulus bill. Can we really spend our way to prosperity, or is it time to stop digging? Will borrowing money from future generations, and shifting it around from one person or group to another, really lead to long-term investment and growth and economic stabilization?

What is needed is a strong dose of fiscal responsibility on the part of Congress, and a realization by all of us that we must control government spending. What can rightly

be called “mission creep” across the federal government has led to deficit creep. And, to make matters worse, the urgent need for reduced government spending comes when demands on certain federal programs are growing. Furthermore, we need to consider the much larger problem looming down the road — unmanageable fiscal demands on entitlement programs like Medicare and Social Security. Solutions are not the stuff of sound bites and will require patience, wisdom, consultation with a broad range of experts and, most of all, the support of taxpayers throughout the process.

As a member of both the Senate Finance and Senate Budget Committees, I will be reviewing the upcoming economic stimulus package in coming weeks and the federal budget when it is released later this winter. While not yet complete, the economic stimulus package under consideration in Congress right now is threatening to become an avalanche of special funding, much of which is unrelated to stimulating our economy as a whole. Additionally, news about the much-heralded package of tax breaks looks to be somewhat overblown: indications are that much of the package will include refundable tax credits to those who pay no taxes in the first place, which are, technically, tax outlays (spending), not tax cuts. I will continue to press my colleagues to craft legislation that controls entitlement spending, maintains the tax relief

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Commentary

Financial management

Debt consolidation only prolongs the climb out

Dear Dave,

We have about \$20,000 in debt, and my husband and I have made a resolution this year to pay it off. I think we should live on a really tight budget and save like crazy, but my husband is really fired up about using a debt consolidation service. What can I say to make him change his mind about this?

— Brandy

Dear Brandy,

Debt consolidation services aren't evil, but there are huge problems involved in using them. For one thing, it will trash your credit for the purposes of buying a house. According to the underwriting guidelines of both Fannie Mae and FHA, you will be treated as if you'd filed Chapter 13 bankruptcy if you use one of these debt CON-solidation outfits.

Yes, I called it CON-solidation,



because the whole thing is basically a con. You think you're doing something about your debt problem, but the debt is still there, and in the end, so are the bad habits that caused the debt.

The consolidation idea seems appealing to lots of people, because usually there's a lower interest rate or lower monthly payment involved. In most cases, however, the lower interest rate or payment only exists because the term is extended. You might pay a little less each month, but you end up staying in debt even longer!

There's another problem. Your

husband wants to wiggle out of the mess instead of owning up to it and fixing it. Sometimes you've got to face the music, Brandy. It's a behavior issue. Making sacrifices and living on a tight budget is the best way to fix this mess *and* learn a lesson in the process. Live like no one else, so that later you can live like no one else! There's no magic pill, and no consolidation company is going to get you out of debt and help you stay out of debt. The answer is *you*, Brandy. *You* are your best and only secret weapon. You're never going to learn how to get control of your finances if you turn it all over to someone else.

— Dave

Dear Dave,

I'm a sophomore in college, and I earn about \$1,500 a month at my job. My rent is \$500 a month.

I don't really have a credit history, but I've saved \$20,000, and I'm thinking about using it as a down payment on a \$140,000 home. Would this be a good idea?

— Gil

Dear Gil,

I wouldn't do it. I love the fact that you're working while you're in school. Saving that much money is fabulous, especially for someone who's not even 20 years old!

I almost did the same kind of thing when I was in college. I was into real estate, and I really wanted to test my wings and buy something. Looking back on it, though, I'm glad I didn't. It would have been a huge mistake.

College can be a bumpy enough ride, even for the most responsible student. If you lost your job you'd be in a real mess, and with your

stated income you wouldn't have a lot of breathing room. Plus, the two years following graduation have the potential to be the most permanently life-changing period you'll ever experience. You could move across the country for a new job, get married, or decide to attend graduate school. In any of these situations, a house would turn into an anchor around your neck.

Being a renter is a great thing while you're still in school. In the meantime, keep piling up cash until you're ready to settle down!

— Dave

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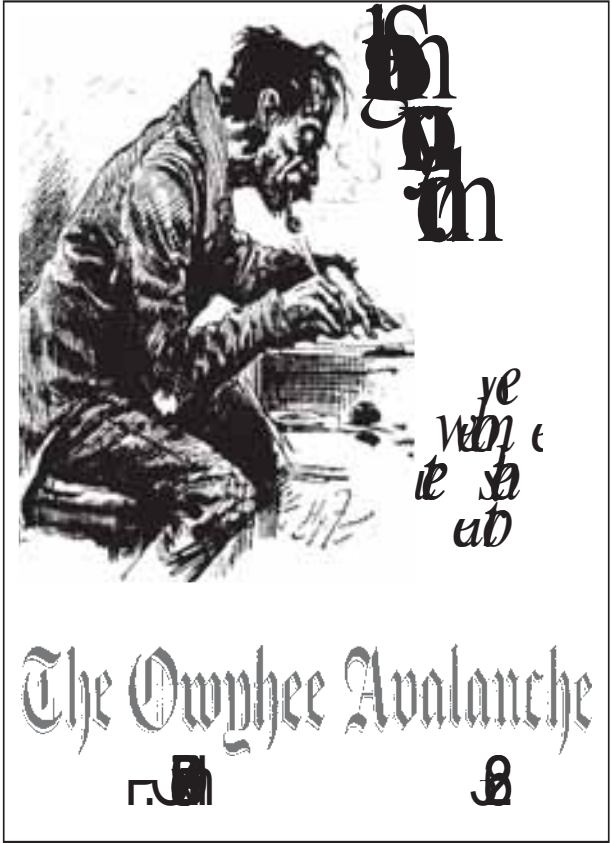
✓ Money: Mounting deficit needs Congress' immediate attention

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and incentives that have benefited the vast majority of individuals and small businesses over the past eight years and updates and streamlines costly procedures, rules and regulations across federal agencies. Congress has the "power of the purse," and the purse is large. We must focus our immediate attention on the \$1.2 trillion gaping hole in that purse that needs mending.

My priorities remain unchanged: Congress must be frugal with hard-earned taxpayer dollars. In the long term, the United States benefits from policies that support steady, sustainable economic growth for individuals and businesses, strong and highly responsive national security and healthy families and communities. I welcome and encourage your input as Congress reviews the economic stimulus package and the federal budget in the coming weeks and months.

— Mike Crapo is the senior U.S. senator from Idaho.



Letter to the editor

Echoing socialism, President Obama can either sink us or save us

In my lifetime there has never been as much uncertainty facing a new year.

We have a forthcoming president who ran on the catch phrases: "It's our patriotic duty"; "to share the wealth"; "for the common good". Individually and collectively, they are definitions of socialism.

He patterns himself after Abraham Lincoln and Franklin D. Roosevelt. Lincoln freed the slaves and FDR enslaved us to the federal government.

Congressional delegation pledges to keep Idaho values in mind

On Jan. 6, three of us took our public oath to serve the people of Idaho in the United States Congress — two for the first time and one for the sixth time— and the fourth moved into a new role as senior senator. Together, we look forward to working to uphold the values of all Idahoans and promoting what is good for our families, communities and state.

2009 begins in a challenging time for our state and nation. Whether it is personal or business financial uncertainty, a loved one serving our nation overseas, health care or housing concerns, or just getting through what is proving to be a second hard winter, Idahoans have concerns about what the future will hold. While it is indeed true that there are challenges ahead in 2009, there are also tremendous opportunities to make positive gains.

It remains to be seen which path will be taken. We Americans have proven many times that we can survive whatever is thrown at us.

Past presidents lament the state of their legacies. Mr. Obama has two options open to him. He'll either be one of the great presidents or one of the worst. For our sake and the world's, we'd better pray for the former.

Michael J. Hanley IV
Jordan Valley

You can count on your Idaho Congressional delegation to work hard, together and with Gov. Otter for the good of Idaho and Idahoans. We are united in this commitment and plan to take every opportunity we can to accomplish goals that reflect Idaho's heritage of individualism, hard work and commitment to family and our unparalleled natural resources. We appreciate the opportunity to serve in public office, and pledge to work collaboratively and uphold the dignity and respect of our offices.

The Idaho Congressional Delegation:
Sen. Mike Crapo, Republican
Sen. Jim Risch, Republican
Rep. Mike Simpson, Republican
Rep. Walt Minnick, Democrat

✓ Hordes: Big guns sound off near tourist spots

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few seconds later there was a second boom — this time much farther away. This was repeated several times — a big boom up close followed by a distant smaller boom. The booms seemed to be coming from the direction of the nearby hills. They sounded to me like some military unit was holding artillery practice. It has been 40 years since I sat on a desert hilltop south of Boise and called in artillery fire from National Guard howitzers, but I haven't forgotten the sound.

When Chris finished his Ming Tomb speech, I strolled over and said I was surprised there was a military firing range that close to a big city. Chris asked how I knew that, and I said I could hear artillery fire and it wasn't very far away. My statement seemed to make Chris a little nervous. He immediately changed the subject, and from his general

reaction I decided I should let the matter drop.

One thing I did notice during our visit was the way the Chinese population reacted to the military. The Chinese man (or woman) on the street doesn't seem to take civilian authority too seriously. Often if a cop gives somebody an order, they just laughed and/or shouted a reply that doesn't sound very complimentary — even to someone who can't speak Chinese. But I never saw that sort of behavior around soldiers. In fact, when a couple of soldiers walked across Tiananmen Square, the 40,000 or so people in the square acted like the soldiers didn't exist. And the troops made no attempt to interact with the people.

Interesting.

— 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.

Public notices

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:

57-11748
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

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57-11754
HOMEDALE JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT # 370, 116 E Owyhee Ave, HOMEDALE ID 83628
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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

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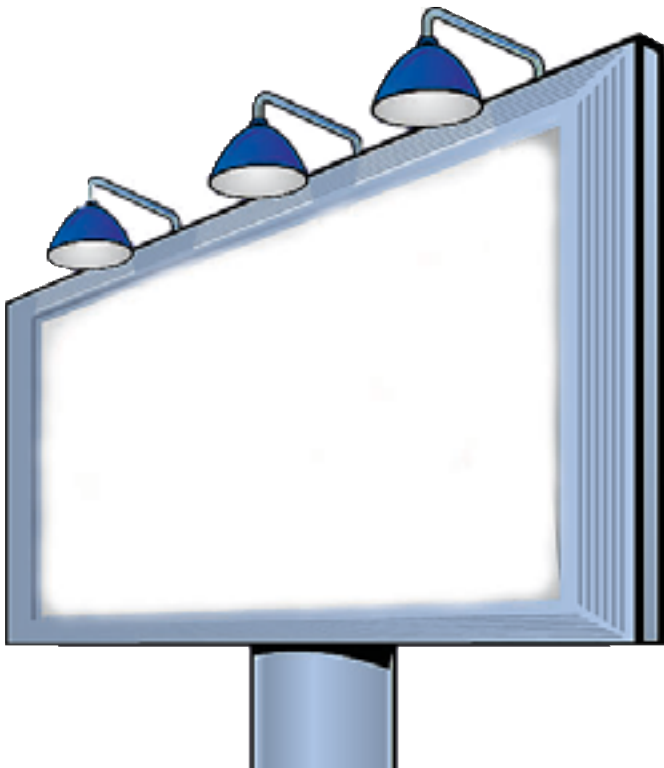
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57-11715
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Point(s) of Diversion SESW S25 T04N R06W Owyhee County Source GROUND WATER
Use: IRRIGATION 03/01 To 11/15 0.2 CFS
Total Diversion: 0.2 CFS
Date Filed: 01/29/2008
Place Of Use: IRRIGATION T04N R06W S25 SESW
Number of Acres 10

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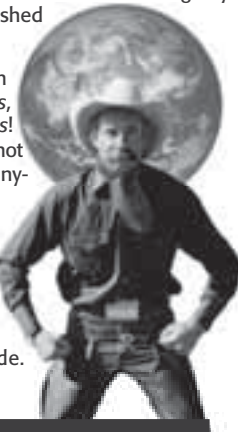
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Assembly of God Church Homedale 15 West Montana, 337-4458 Pastor George Greenwood Sunday School 9:30am Sunday Morning Worship 10:30am Sunday Evening Service 6:00pm Wed. Bible Study 7:00pm	Friends Community Church Wilder - Homedale 17434 Hwy 95, 337-3464 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
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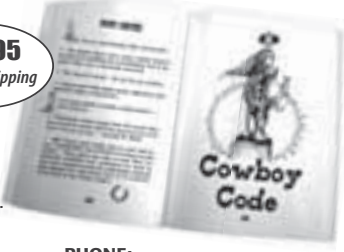
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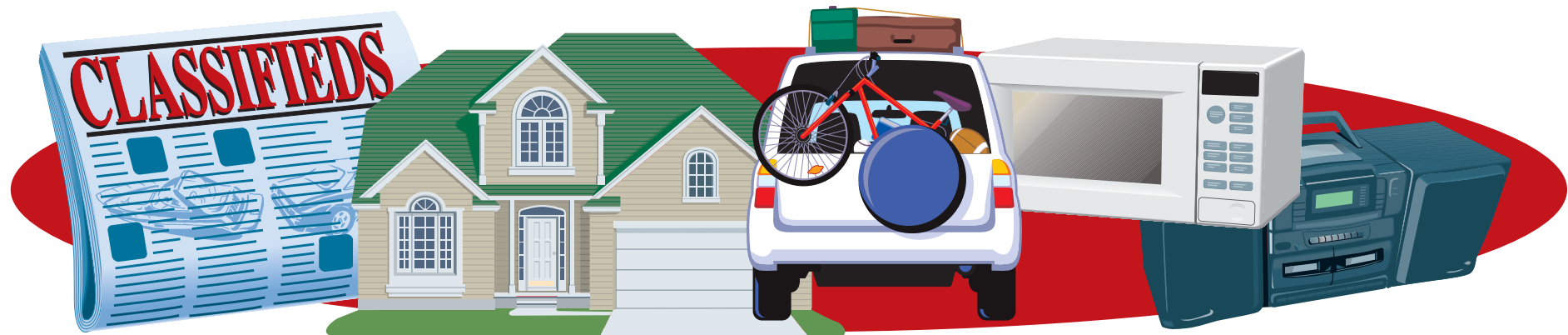
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