

# Caldwell - Time Line

- 1812 Reed Party Massacre.
- 1862 Gold discovered in Boise Basin
- 1863 Middleton and Boise founded.
- 1864 Dr. Junius Wright builds a cabin at the foot of Canyon Hill. Benjamin F. Morrow arrives in Dixie, preaches first sermon.
- 1865 Feb 6 Ada County formed.
- 1867 Apr 7 Mary Cox Pierce dies in Dixie, buried on Canyon Hill.
- 1868 SS Foote arrived in Middleton
- 1870 SS Foote returns to become a miller in Middleton.
- 1877-1878 Indian scares; settlers take refuge in a stockade.
- 1882 Robert E. Strahorn chooses the site for Caldwell. Jacob Ham establishes blacksmith shop in approximate area of First and Aven.
- 1883 Sep 2 Montie Gwinn's store established in a tent.
- Sep 6 Oregon Short Line Railroad construction completed to Caldwell. Dailson completes his drugstore.
- Oct 2 F.R. Coffin establishes branch branch hardware and grocery store.
- Nov Caldwell Telephone Exchange set up.
- Dec 9 6 am First issue of the *Caldwell Tribune* published.
- Dec 10 Idaho & Oregon Land Improvement Co. files Caldwell's plat.
- 1884 Jan First term of school begins.
- Jan 26 *Tribune* states Caldwell "now has 600 inhabitants, 40 business houses, 150 structures in all."
- Jan Telephone line starts from Caldwell, via Middleton, to Boise. Toll ferry on Boise River replaced with a free bridge. I.O.O.F. Lodge established.
- May 14 Fire consumes on entire business block.
- June Baptist Church dedicated. Caldwell's first circus arrives. Coffin Bros. begin town's first brick building.
- 1885 *Tribune* loans books, Caldwell's first circulating library. Orchards were planted.
- 1887 Women's Christian Temperance Union sponsors a reading room. Lincoln School, on Cleveland, completed. Stockgrowers and Traders Bank opens. First Caldwell Fair, Sept 29 through Oct 1. Dr. Boone arrived in Kuna with his 7 day-old bride.
- 1889 Four Caldwellites to Idaho Constitution Convention. Six fire hydrants installed on Front, water from railroad tank.
- 1890 Jan 15 Caldwell officially chartered by order of Ada County commissioners.
- Jul 3 Idaho becomes 43<sup>rd</sup> state of the Union. (They should have waited one more day.)
- 1891 Mar 7 Canyon County created from portion of Ada County. Caldwell named county seat.
- March Caldwell designated to test post office free delivery.
- Oct 7 Classes begin at the College of Idaho.
- 1892 Volunteer fire companies organize. *Caldwell News* begins printing. High school courses offered at Lincoln School. Caldwell becomes County Seat of Canyon County. Caldwell and Nampa connected by phone.
- 1893 First Canyon County Courthouse built. First fire bell installed.
- 1894 Mar 14 Orchard Dam breaks, Indian Creek floods the town. Commercial Bank opens. Gem State Rural starts. Caxton Printers open.

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1895 Feb 22 Opera House opens.

1896 Fire destroys one block of Main. *Gem State Rural*, a monthly agricultural magazine, begins publication. Frank Steunenberg elected Governor of Idaho.

1897 Stenuenberg wrote his first editorial in the Tribune.

1899 S.S. Foote moves flour mill to Caldwell.

1900 Pioneer Irrigation District forms.

1902 Chautauqua organizes. John T. Morrison elected Governor of Idaho.

1904 Van Buren School built.

Mar 17 Saratoga Hotel opens.

1905 Caldwell's first water system installed. Caldwell Power Co. begins to use Swan Falls Dam power.

Dec 30 Former Gov. Frank Steunenberg assassinated.

1906 Second Canyon County Courthouse built. Forward Club organizes and sponsors a public library. Three students' complete courses at College of Idaho Academy and request college classes. Washington School opens. Western National Bank opens.

1906-1907 Oregon Short Line builds new depot.

1907 City Hall construction begins. Downtown streets given present names.

Aug First car of the Boise and Interurban railroad reaches Caldwell via Middleton.

Oct Forty-acre new fairgrounds completed on Cleveland.

1909 Water turned into the Deer Flat Reservoir (Lake Lowell). College of Idaho campus on Cleveland under construction. Downtown street paving begins.

Aug Water from Deer Flat Reservoir turned into the laterals.

1910 Caldwell High School erected at 1118 Dearborn.

Feb 28 Indian Creek overflows – the town is flooded.

1911 College of Idaho's first graduating class. President Taft visits County Fair.

1912 Dec Idaho Traction Co. completes the "loop."

1914 Carnegie Library opens on Cleveland.

1915 Jul 12 Liberty Bell visits Caldwell – for 20 minutes.

1919 Memorial Park named honoring soldier of World War I.

Nov Caldwell Sanitarium opens.

1919-1920 Two wings added to Caldwell High School.

1921 Odd Fellows Home on the Hill opens.

1928 City Memorial swimming pool opens.

1929 Memorial Park Hospital opens.

April Caldwell's first talking movie at the American.

1933 Rose Garden established.

1935-1936 New gym and auditorium at Caldwell High School. Night rodeos begin.

1937 President Franklin D. Roosevelt visits Caldwell. Everett Corn opened the first NAPA store in the Treasure Valley in Caldwell.

1943 New Van Buren School completed.

1944 New Lincoln School completed.

1950 Apr 20 Caldwell Memorial Hospital opens.

1956 City government moves to 706 Blaine. Classes begin in new Caldwell High

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School on Willow.

1962 Wilson Middle School opens.

1963 Simplot stadium and O'Connor Field House under construction.

1965 First Little Britches Rodeo.

1967 Old city hall demolished. Dedicated new fire station.

1970 Best Class of Caldwell High School graduates.

1974 New Jefferson Junior High completed on South Tenth.

1975 Third Canyon County Courthouse construction begins.

1976 April Caldwell Public Library dedicates building on Dearborn.

Oct Industrial Airport dedicated.

1977 Caldwell Memorial Hospital completes new building.

1984 City government moves to Sixth and Cleveland.

1990 Idaho celebrates 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Statehood.

1997 Current HS completed.

2017 New HS addition completed.

2020 COVID 19 hits the World. 1970 Class Reunion stopped, then delayed a year.

2021 CHS finally had their 50th reunion. The CHS Memory Book is posted online. The website used is [Fifthleaf.co](http://Fifthleaf.co) Free downloads for everyone.

2025 All files in the Memory Book have been update.



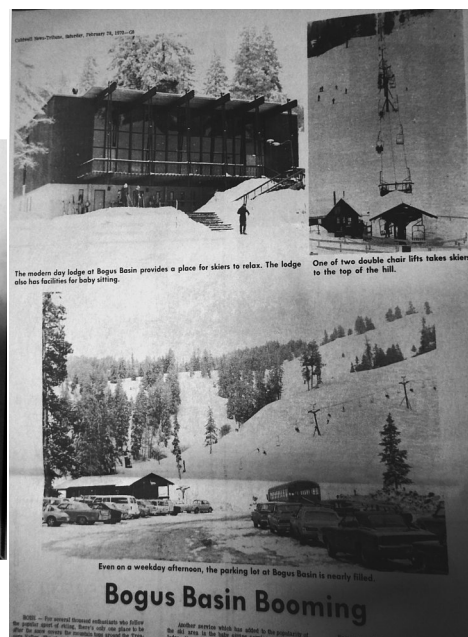
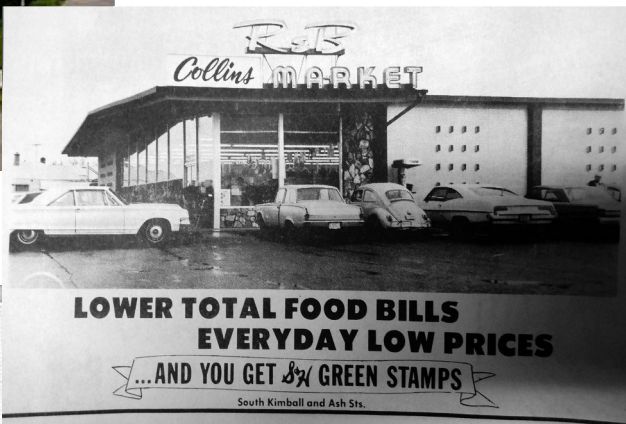
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on this Property?

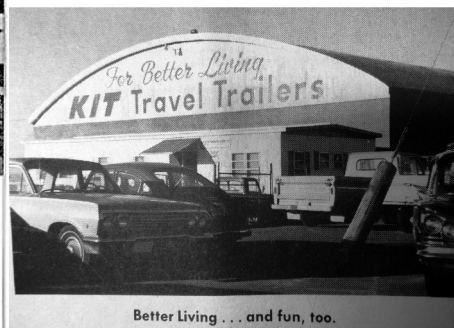


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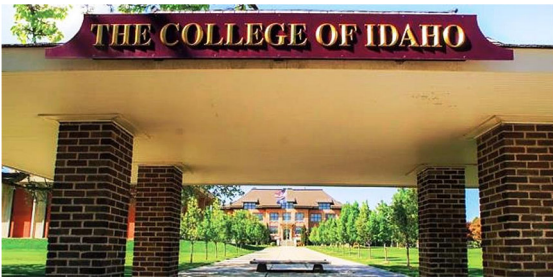
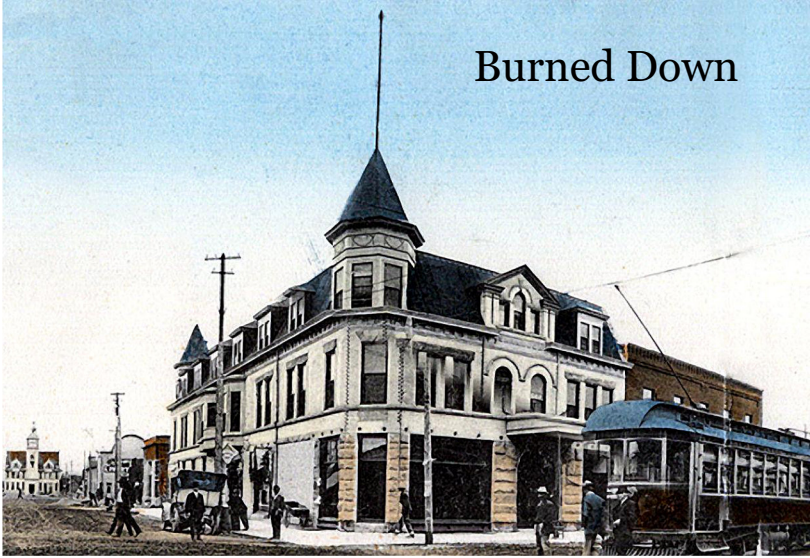
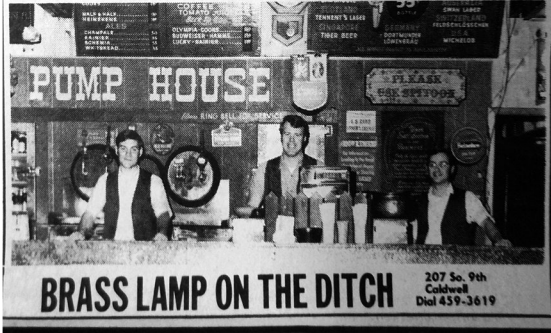




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**FINE PIZZA — SANDWICHES — SALADS**  
Idaho's largest selection of imported beer, Heinekens on tap.  
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# Caldwell Today



This is Not the Indian Creek we remember in 1970. The Creek has been cleaned and is now worth taking a walk along the path.

Every December Indian Creek turns into a very colorful event. Many of the businesses have been removed from 5th to 11th along the creek.

During this time Caldwell decorates Indian Creek in downtown Caldwell with over a million lights. Many events are held night and day during the Winter Wonderland Festival.

Everyone is welcome to explore downtown. Of course Santa will be there, go ice skating, eat your favorite treat, and go shopping.

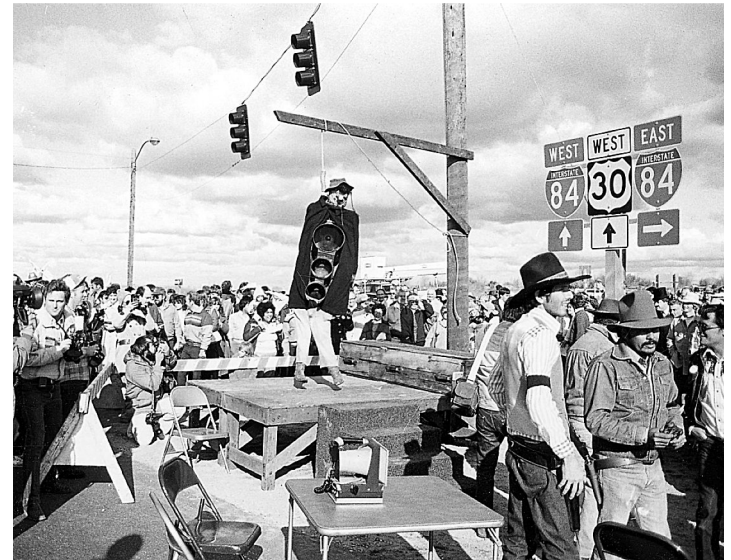
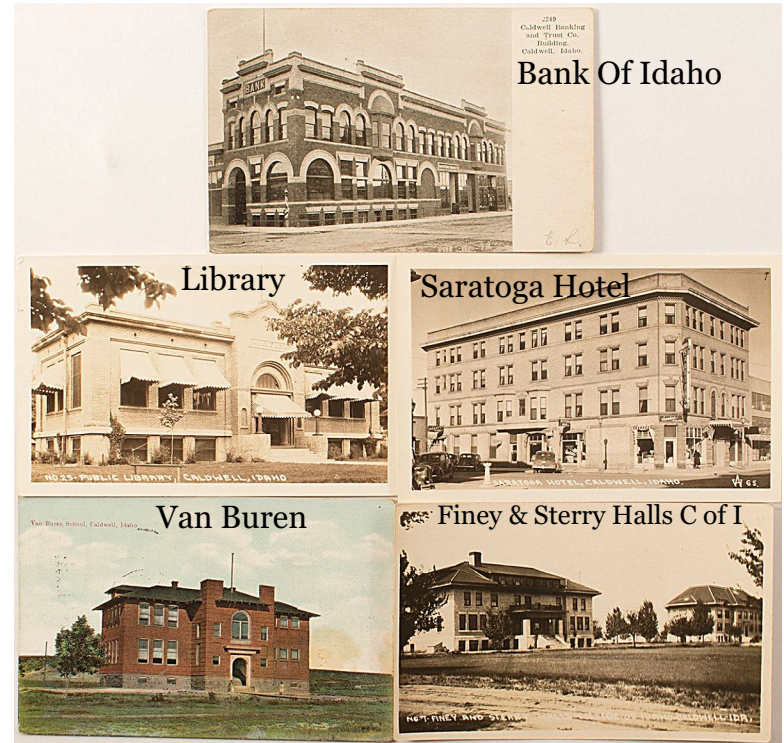
Or, just walk along the Indian Creek path and enjoy the lights.



*Winter Wonderland on Indian Creek, Caldwell, Idaho*



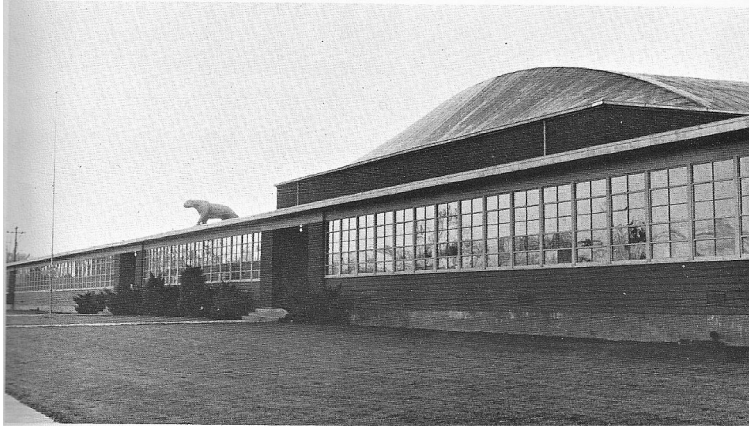
# CHS - Caldwell History



The last stoplight on the freeway system was removed from I-84 on November 18, 1983, the year that Caldwell celebrated its Centennial. Mayor Al McCluskey, known for his poetry and humor, orchestrated an elaborate theatrical production when the traffic light dubbed "**Red Eye Pete**" was removed. Key community leaders dressed in costume and "unhanging judge McCluskey" ordered it to be taken down. The light was the only stop on the freeway from Portland to Salt Lake City and was part of an \$18.8 million, four-phase construction project in the Caldwell area. (Source: Idaho Press Tribune Cavalcade Publication April 7, 2012).



# CHS - Caldwell - Today



Now the Junior High



Simplot Stadium



Old Highway going to Portland North of Caldwell.

A Circus would stay here and the Elephants would bathe here.



Old Library - Superintendent Offices Now



Lincoln School is still being used.

Lincoln School was built in 1888. At that time it consisted of 4 rooms, 3 of which were used for school purposes while the 4th was fitted with stage and scenery and by being connected with one of the school rooms by means of sliding doors, served as Caldwell's first opera house.



Train Depot



Snack Shack - Hi Pop In

Bonus points - Where is this shack?





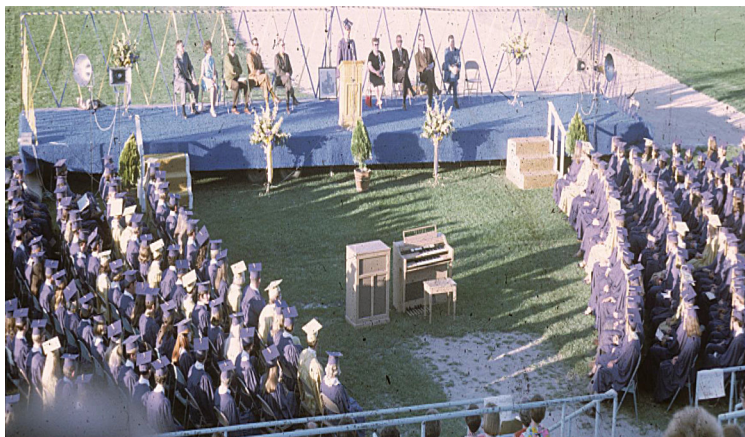












THE CALDWELL HIGH SCHOOL BAND PLAYS "Pomp and Circumstance" for the procession at Monday night's CHS Baccalaureate-Commencement exercises in Simplot Stadium while School District No. 132 administrators, trustees and guest speaker stand with the Class of '70. From left are Board Chairman Dr. Ralph Marshall; board mem-

ber Margaret Knight; board member William L. Wilson; board member William H. McDonald Jr.; board member Ralph Nyblad; Helen Wilson, NWC dean of women, and principal speaker; Supt. Jerry Evans; Kirby Roberts, clerk of the district, and Walter Gerhauser, high school principal. (Staff Photo)

## Diplomas Awarded At Rites

CALDWELL— Nearly 250 Caldwell High School graduates were told Monday night to seek earnestly for truth— "all you have to lose is your ignorance."

Miss Helen Wilson, dean of women at Northwest Nazarene College, Nampa, told the graduates at exercises in Simplot Stadium, "Your world— what are the great problems of your day? You must learn to think, and that entails considering all opinions— even those contrary to your own. A closed closet admits no light, and a closed mind shuts out truth. Seek earnestly for truth— all you have to lose is your ignorance."

Other speakers were Student Body President Newell LaVoy and seniors Randy Marshall and Linda Askren. Scripture was read by Student Body Chaplain Pete Hunt. Introduction of the speaker was by Sam Summers, Senior Class president.

The Class of 1970 was presented by Principal Walter Gerhauser, and accepted by Supt. Jerry Evans. Chairman of the Board of Trustees Ralph Marshall presented the diplomas. Opening prayer was by LaVoy and benediction was by Sandy Milligan, Senior Class historian.

Miss Wilson told the students that the world needs people who will dream impossible dreams and then achieve the dreams. "Successful people have goals and work toward those goals."

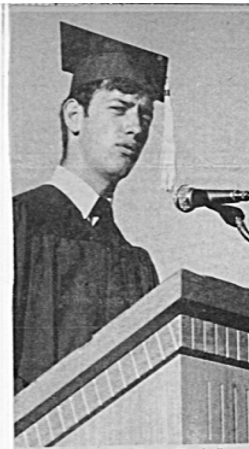
However, she quoted from Harvey Cox's book, "The Feast of Fools," saying, "in a success and money-oriented society, we need a rebirth of unapologetically unproductive festivity and expressive celebration."

"Is inner satisfaction achieved by best efforts or through drugs?" she asked. "Which is preferable in dealing with 'the establishment— dialogue or debate? Can a university education be attained through using guns and bombs to vandalize a campus?"

She admonished, "You must do your job. The world doesn't owe you a living. Hard work is still the key to mastery."



Senior Speaker Linda Askren



Senior Speaker Randy Marshall



Cheryl Franklin and Chairman Marshall



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## A Formal Time For Moving on

CALDWELL— News-Tribune photographer Glen Clark kept his camera busy during the Caldwell High School Class of 1970 Baccalaureate-Commencement exercises Monday night in Simplot Stadium. The class of 247 seniors was presented by Principal Walter Gerhauser, and Board Chairman Ralph Marshall presented the diplomas. Featured speaker at the exercises were seniors chosen by their classmates, and Miss Helen Wilson, dean of

women at Northwest Nazarene College, Nampa. Pre-program selections and the procession and procession were played by the Caldwell High School Band under the direction of Bruce Fiedler. "The Senior Supper" sang. The program quote was from Robert Frost's "Road Not Taken." It reads: "Two roads diverged in a wood and I—I took the one less traveled by, and that has made all the difference."

