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Marsing kicks off the holidays



Royalty turns out on chilly night

Annie Kunerth, the 2011-12 Owyhee County Fair and Rodeo Queen, waves during Saturday's Marsing Holiday Night Light Parade. The 21-year-old Nampa resident was one of about two dozen entries in the inaugural procession that preceded the lighting of the community Christmas tree.

Owyhee joins, Twin Falls leads redistricting suit

Map filed with Supreme Court would keep county whole

The Idaho Legislature redistricting plan was formally challenged last Wednesday, two days after Owyhee County

decided to join the fight.

Twin Falls County is leading the charge with an appeal to the state Supreme Court. The Idaho Commission on Redistricting and Secretary of State Ben Ysursa are named as respondents.

Supreme Court justices, including former Homedale resident Daniel Eismann, could hear the case soon.

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"It's a good fit for Owyhee County. We pretty much stay where we are."

— Jerry Hoagland
County commissioners chair



Without commissioners' blessing, sheriff appeals insurance cancellation

As contractor, only BOCC has authority to ask ICRMP for relief

Contrary to the men who oversee Owyhee County's fiduciary affairs — including paying insurance premiums — Sheriff Daryl Crandall appears ready to fight the loss of his office's liability coverage on personnel matters.

In a document witnessed by Prosecuting Attorney Douglas D.

Emery, Crandall filed a written appeal with the Idaho Counties Risk Management Program last Wednesday.

The appeal was done independent of the Board of County Commissioners.

"If there's an appeal, it's not going to come from the county commissioners," BOCC chair Jerry Hoagland said when rumors began to swirl that Crandall would appeal the decision.

"Whether the sheriff wants to appeal it, that's on his own

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Holiday closures announced

Most government offices will be closed Thursday and Friday for the Thanksgiving holiday.

The Owyhee County Sheriff's Office and Homedale Police Department will continue patrols and emergency services will be available throughout the county as usual.

Most of the offices inside the Owyhee County Courthouse in Murphy will be closed both days, but the courts and the clerk's office both will be open Friday.

City Hall in Marsing and Homedale will be closed Thursday and Friday. Grand View, Jordan Valley and Adrian city offices usually are closed those days.

Post offices and banks will be closed Thursday.

The Owyhee Avalanche office will be closed Thursday and Friday. All deadlines remain the same. Schools in the Homedale, Marsing and Bruneau-Grand View districts closed today for the holiday

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Homedale musicians perform at supper

Homedale school band director Jessica Hanna conducts the middle school and high school band during the Nov. 15 spaghetti feed concert at the middle school. The select choir, sixth-grade band, middle school choir, high school choir and middle school and high school band performed before the entire choir ensemble closed the evening.

Businesses, shoppers encouraged to be safe during the holidays

With the holiday shopping season going into full swing in the late hours of Thursday night and early Friday morning, businesses and consumers are encouraged to be careful and protect themselves.

Although instances of people writing bad checks have dwindled a little bit, Homedale Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller warns businesses they need to take proper precautions year-round.

“The holiday season is one of the worst times. The economy is still in a situation that ordinarily good people get caught up in the moment and write bad checks,” Eidemiller said. “Obviously with people writing checks, get a photo ID. If we don’t have a way to ID the person, it makes it really hard to find the person.”

Eidemiller encouraged businesses to make sure they write the driver’s license number on the check and only use state- or government-issued identification

cards. In the past, some businesses have accepted other forms of identification and it makes it even harder to find the individual, he said.

“There are ways for businesses to protect themselves,” Eidemiller said. “Businesses can use check verification services to ensure the purchaser has enough funds available. Businesses should also avoid third-party checks.”

For those planning on waking up at the crack of dawn to participate in Black Friday and holiday sales, Eidemiller cautions consumers to take the extra effort to protect themselves and their purchases.

“When you are out shopping, if you are buying with cash don’t stand in line with a fistful of \$100 bills,” he said. “Keep control of your purse or wallet at all times. Make sure you get your receipts and verify them.”

If your wallet or purse is stolen, you should call your bank and credit card companies and cancel

your cards, Eidemiller said.

“Put the items you purchased in your trunk or cover them up. Don’t advertise your stuff. Out of sight, out of mind,” he said. “With so many cars in parking lots during the holiday season, it is a thieves’ paradise. Make sure you take the steps to protect yourself.”

For individuals making purchases online, law enforcement officials suggest doing research on the companies and the feedback from the Better Business Bureau before completing a purchase.

“For people buying online from a business in Homedale, start with the Chamber to find out about the business,” Eidemiller said. “Craigslis is buyers beware and people buying off eBay should research the seller’s history. Get a written receipt with the purchase. Keep in mind, if someone is selling brand-new VCRs from a van down by the river, it probably isn’t a good thing.” — JLZ

Consumer tips from Dale Dixon of the Better Business Bureau

No. 1 — Be aware of your surroundings.

“If you are at the ATM, make sure no one is standing right next to you,” Dale Dixon said. “Give the spot where you slide your card a good tug to make sure there isn’t a skimmer placed on it.”

Dixon said good scam artists can place a device to capture your card information and PIN numbers on an ATM in less than 15 seconds.

No. 2 — Always research before you buy

Through the BBB website,

<http://snake-river.bbb.org>, consumers can research business ratings and read feedback from other consumers who have had experiences with the company.

No. 3 — Never wire cash

“Never wire cash for a purchase unless you know beyond a shadow of a doubt they are real,” Dixon said. “Just because they have a website and email, doesn’t mean they are real.”

In the past three weeks, Dixon said there have been businesses pop up with official websites in Boise, Twin Falls and Idaho

Homedale crew decks the light poles



Electrified garland goes up

Bret Smith, Homedale Public Works new employee, winds garland around a light pole as city public works supervisor Larry Bauer prepares to help from the ground. City crews placed lighted garland on poles around town Friday in advance of the holiday parade next week.



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HMS inducts batch of honor students

Thirty-six students joined the Homedale Middle School chapter of the National Junior Honor Society last week.

An induction ceremony was held on Nov. 7 and included a keynote address from fifth-grader teacher JoAnn Morris.

Last week’s ceremony included presentations from NJHS officers, including president Matthew Thatcher (Pledge of Allegiance) and vice-president Sydnee Shanley and historian Gardenia Machuca (history of the NJHS).

Chapter secretary/treasurer Lance Eaton was part of the group that lit the five candles that are the pillars of the society’s mission. The candles were lit one-by-one after chapter advisor Margaret Lejardi officiated the induction.

Eaton lit the Leadership Candle, the fourth of the five candles. Kirsten Egurrola (Knowledge Candle), Nash Johnson (Scholarship Candle), Maya Correa (Service Candle) and Michael Lejardi (Character Candle) also participated in the ceremony.

Other inductees included Makayla Aberasturi, Megan Aman, Jennifer Bautista, Dylan Burks, Orion Cardenas-Ritzert, Conner Carter, Garrett Carter, Madison Conant, Tristan Corta, Madison Fisher, Abigayle Gibbens, Elizabeth Hernandez, Nathaly Jimenez, Shyanne Kelly, Taylor Kerbs, Lawsen Matteson, Sage Morgan, Raquel Palacios, Andrew Parker, Derek Pfof, Justine Rose, Adrianna Salutregui, Noe Sanchez, Benjamin Schamber, Caleb Smith, Makayla Steinmetz, Jordan Stuart and Josh Tolmie.

To be considered for induction, students must have a minimum cumulative grade-point average of 3.3. Students must have held one leadership position, and completed a minimum of three hours of community service, be involved in at least one school activity and one community activity and must also be in good standing with school faculty, staff and students.

The chapter meets at least once a quarter. Other requirements for members include participation in at least one group service project as well as completion of a minimum of three hours of individual community service hours by the end of the school year.

Margaret Lejardi said the chapter is still examining community service project possibilities. Call 337-5780.



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✓ Insurance: Allowing coverage exclusion a calculated risk for BOCC

expense, but I think it's futile." Because the county commissioners are the signed contractors with ICRMP, it's questionable whether Crandall even has standing to make an appeal. ICRMP received Crandall's five-page letter last Wednesday, two days after the public entity insurance carrier had taken the rare step to eliminate part of the county's policy. In his appeal, Crandall asserts that neither he nor the county had sufficient time to secure another liability insurance underwriter. None of the commissioners made a similar complaint. According to Crandall's appeal: "While ICRMP could have provided advanced notice of its election not to renew such coverage beyond the current policy term, the immediate termination of coverage was unwarranted and has placed myself, my office and

administrative staff in substantial detriment and peril." The sheriff, who says he will retire from law enforcement when his four-year term ends next year, also suggested that the cancellation could have been avoided. "I was afforded no reasonable opportunity to discuss the problem or this particular issue with you," the letter addressed to ICRMP executive director Rick Ferguson states. "This matter could have been averted had I been apprised of any related concerns." Crandall warned that if the coverage wasn't reinstated, "I will have no alternative but to continue to appeal the endorsement and/or consider other legal remedies." The sheriff's office budget has no tort line item, and only the commissioners can appropriate monies from the Tort fund to fight legal battles for the various county departments. County Clerk Charlotte Sher-

burn said commissioners appropriated \$147,788 for the FY 2012 Tort budget, up from \$128,835 in FY 2011. Nearly 72 percent of the Tort budget, or more than \$105,000 was scheduled to be paid to ICRMP for the FY 2012 premium for liability insurance. ICRMP did refund a portion of that amount when it excluded the sheriff's office and county jail personnel coverage. The Tort budget's professional services line, which covers hiring outside legal consultation, was set at more than \$31,000 for FY 2012. In Nov. 14 letters sent to the BOCC and the sheriff, Ferguson stated ICRMP would no longer cover claims pertaining to personnel-related actions carried out by Crandall for either the sheriff's office or the county jail. That includes consultation before any personnel action is taken as well as providing representation

in the event that litigation is filed against the county. ICRMP had no further comment after receiving Crandall's notice of appeal. Hoagland said last week that without liability coverage for personnel matters in his office, Crandall could be held personally liable if any litigation was filed against the county and the sheriff. Hoagland said that the commissioners had no plans to appeal for fear that maintaining the sheriff's office coverage could jeopardize the rest of the county's insurance policy with ICRMP. "For the county to try to appeal this and allow (claims) to continue could result in maybe ICRMP dropping the whole county," Hoagland said. A loss of complete coverage could create a dilemma similar to Boise County, Hoagland said. Boise County filed for bankruptcy

earlier this year seeking protection against a multimillion-dollar judgment awarded to a developer. At the same time, Hoagland acknowledged that the commissioners are taking a calculated risk by declining to appeal the ICRMP exclusion. The District 1 commissioner says that with the coverage exclusion, the county would have to bear the cost of any future lawsuits brought as the result of Crandall's actions. "There could be more filings — three, maybe four — that could be possibilities," Hoagland said. "The county, through whatever reserves we have, will try to head them off, fight them with our own attorneys." Hoagland said that in the event of future litigation, the county would dip into its Tort fund to hire outside attorneys because Emery "has a full plate as it is". — JPB

✓ Redistricting: Commissioners seek to maintain status quo with District 23 reps

"Usually they put those on a fast track, so I would imagine within the next month," Board of County Commissioners chair Jerry Hoagland said. "It has to be done by January to get ready for the primaries." Owyhee County commissioners passed a resolution during their Nov. 14 meeting to join the case. Wednesday's filing included a map that would restore Owyhee and western Twin Falls counties into one district as it is now with District 23. "It's a good fit for Owyhee County," Hoagland said. "We pretty much stay where we are. It does change some of the (district's) eastern boundaries in Twin Falls County, but our representation would stay the same." All seats in the Idaho Legislature go on the ballot in May for the primary elections. Owyhee currently is represented by Bert Brackett (R-Rogerson) in the state Senate and by Jim Patrick (R-Twin Falls) and Stephen Hartgen (R-Twin Falls) in the House of Representatives. Hoagland also pointed out that Owyhee County still must work on tweaks to commissioner district boundaries based on 2010 Census population figures. If the legislative districts remain as set by the redistricting panel, commissioners will have to deal with legislators from two different areas. The second redistricting committee approved a reapportionment map on Oct. 14 that splits Owyhee County into two districts with odd boundaries. The northwest part of the county, including Homedale, Marsing and Murphy appears in a

new District 11 with rural Canyon County. The new District 23, however, has a strange northern boundary that, county commissioners say, would isolate Pleasant Valley constituents from the rest of the district, which includes the southern and eastern parts of the county, part of Twin Falls County and all of Elmore County. "Plan L87 disenfranchises these counties' citizens by gerrymandering these districts to eliminate the impact of the county electorate," the petitioners assert. Before the board's Nov. 14 meeting in Murphy, District 2 Commissioner Kelly Aberasturi pointed out that there is no major road connecting Pleasant Valley to the rest of the proposed District 23. State law and the Idaho Constitution insist that connecting state highways and communities of interest be considered during redistricting. According to Resolution 11-33, commissioners decided to join the lawsuit because the redistricting decision "neither is in the best interests of the residents of Owyhee County nor constitutional as proposed". "At this point (Twin Falls and other plaintiffs) are saying they just need us there, that we're the prime example in the state of just how bad and unconstitutional this final redistricting thing is," Hoagland said. Joining Twin Falls and Owyhee in the lawsuit are Kootenai and Teton counties as well as the cities of Hansen, Filer and Buhl. Twin Falls County and the other petitioners have challenged Plan

L87 alleging that it splits counties into two or more legislative districts unnecessarily. A total of 11 counties are divided under the adopted plan. The lawsuit suggests splitting six counties. In addition to making Owyhee County whole again, the proposed legislative map included in the Twin Falls filing would put Gooding, Camas and Elmore counties in a separate district. Redistricting commissioners placed Elmore in District 23 with the bulk of Owyhee County. In a letter to the first redistricting commission, Grand View city officials had expressed a desire to be included in a legislative district with Elmore. The first redistricting commission went its allotted 90 days without coming up with a consensus on a legislative map. Hoagland was unsure on whether Owyhee County would have to pony up any legal fees for the fight. He said any money for the lawsuit would come from the county's Tort budget, which Hoagland said was bolstered slightly compared to fiscal year 2011 in preparation for more fees owed to the Idaho Counties Risk Management Program. — JPB

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Nov. 18	53	31	.11
Nov. 19	40	31	.00
Nov. 20	45	27	.00
Nov. 21	41	18	.00

✓ Closures: Senior centers, libraries observe holiday

break. Schoolchildren go back to school Monday in Marsing, and return to class Tuesday in Homedale and Bruneau-Grand View. Adrian and Jordan Valley schoolchildren begin their vacation after a half-day today. The county's three senior centers closed for the week today. Paul's Market in Homedale is closed Thursday and will be open regular hours, 7 a.m. to 10 p.m., on Friday. The county's libraries have varying schedules, but all four will be closed Thursday. Homedale Public Library will remain closed Friday and reopen at 1 p.m. Saturday. Lizard Butte Library in Marsing reopens at noon Friday. Beginning Thursday,

libraries in the eastern part of the county will close through the weekend with Eastern Owyhee County Library in Grand View reopening at 10 a.m. Monday and Bruneau Valley Library opening again at 10 a.m. on Tuesday. Senior centers in the county also will be closed for the holiday. The Homedale Senior Center shuts its doors today and won't open again until Tuesday. Marsing Senior Center is closed today and Thursday. The Rimrock Senior Center in Grand View is closed Thursday and Friday, but the community Thanksgiving dinner will be served there from noon to 2 p.m. on Thursday.

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Vendor space still open for OCHS bazaar

Vendors can still reserve space for the annual Owyhee County Historical Society Christmas Bazaar. The bazaar takes place in conjunction with the Silver City Christmas Tree Sale on Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 3-4. Bazaar hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Dec. 3 and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Dec. 4. The event takes place at the Owyhee County Historical Museum complex, 17085 Basey St. in Murphy. Local vendors will sell crafts, and tables are available for \$25. Christmas trees, fresh-cut from around Silver City and commonly known as Charlie Brown Christmas trees, will be priced at \$10 and \$15 depending on the size. The Murphy-Reynolds-Wilson Fire Department also will hold a chili cook-off on Dec. 3. Additionally, the museum and the bookstore will be open. Food will be available for purchase, and music will be provided both days. For more information, call the museum at (208) 495-2319.

Quilt, afghan highlight Homedale seniors’ bazaar raffle

Two different sizes of tables are available for vendors at the Homedale Senior Center’s Holiday Bazaar. The bazaar takes place from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 3. Large tables are available for \$10, and smaller tables will be rented for \$6. Call (208) 337-3020 for more information. In addition to the holiday crafts and baked goods that will be sold, the senior center is holding a raffle. Small prizes are available, but the grand prizes will be a quilt and afghan. Tickets are \$1 each or \$5 for six. There will be drawings every hour, while the grand prize drawing at 3 p.m. Bazaar proceeds will help in the operation of the senior center. The center will close beginning today for Thanksgiving.

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Juniors — Cristian Ayala, Johanna Mori and Porter Simper		Juniors — Bailey Bachman, Jacob Black, Blanca Delgado, Kaitlin Erwin, Christopher Lootens, Samuel Maiden, Abigail Marquez, Austin Meyers, Trevor Ramirez, Kurtis Rathsack, Guadalupe Rodriguez, Luis Rodriguez, Austin Standlee and Antonio Varela	
Sophomores — Cruz Rodriguez		Sophomores — Sami Bachman, Yesenia Bazan, Bridget Black, Jaime Daniels, Jennifer Elizarraras, Stetson Gilbert, Naomie Greenfiels, Billy Heeb, Danielle Heredia-Race, Kyla Jewett, Jared Lemieux, Desiree Meyers, Heather Morrison, Staci Nelson, Jacquelyn Newman, Glenn Olsen, Andres Ruiz and Ramon Salinas	
Freshmen — Isaac Riley		Freshmen — Austin Barzee,	
Eighth-graders — Amanda Lingle			
Seventh-graders — Julianne Mori			
High honors			
(3.75 to 3.99 GPA)			
Juniors — Jesten Dick, Robert Draper and Bronson Gray			
Sophomores — Adam Johnson			
Seventh-graders — Jessica Riley			
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Homedale Senior Center

Nov. 23-24: Closed
 Nov. 29: Spaghetti & meat sauce, salad, bread
 Nov. 30: Chicken with noodles, California blend vegetables, salad, bread

Marsing Senior Center

Nov. 23-24: Closed.
 Nov. 28: Breakfast: pancakes & eggs
 Nov. 29: Pork chops, mashed potatoes w/gravy, beets, applesauce, whole wheat roll, custard
 Nov. 30: Split pea soup, salad bar, bread sticks, bread pudding

Rimrock Senior Center

Nov. 24: Closed.
 Nov. 29: Spaghetti, tossed salad, French bread, peaches & cookies

School menus

Homedale Elementary

Nov. 23-28: No school.
 Nov. 29: Spaghetti or pizza hot pocket, green beans, fruit, bread stick
 Nov. 30: Crispito or toasted cheese sandwich, taco salad, fruit, churro

Homedale Middle

Nov. 23-28: No school.
 Nov. 29: Wiener wrap or sloppy Jo, macaroni & cheese, carrots, fruit, goldfish crackers
 Nov. 30: Beef or chicken taco, corn, fruit, fruit rollup

Homedale High

Nov. 23-28: No school.
 Nov. 29: Chicken nuggets or egg rolls, rice pilaf, green beans, fortune cookie, fruit & salad bar
 Nov. 30: Idaho Haystack, baked potato or pizza hot pocket, fruit & salad bar, cinnamon roll

Bruneau

Nov. 23-28: No school.
 Nov. 29: Teriyaki chicken, rice, veggies, fruit, roll. *Breakfast:* cereal, cheese quesadilla, fruit
 Nov. 30: Vegetable beef soup, cheese yum, fruit, brownie. *Breakfast:* cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit

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Nov. 23-25: No school.
 Nov. 28: Chicken sandwich, tomato, lettuce, sun chips, vegetables, pineapple
 Nov. 29: Finger steaks, potato wedges, green beans, roll, fruit medley
 Nov. 30: Taco salad, lettuce & tomato, refried beans, chilled pears

Marsing grad completes Air National Guard basic

Air National Guard Airman 1st Class Kelsey L. Smith, a member of the Marsing High School Class of 2000, graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. The airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills. Airmen who complete basic training earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force. Smith is the daughter of Dale Smith of Peckham Road, Wilder. She earned an associate degree in 2003 from Treasure Valley Community College, Ontario, Ore.

Former Owyhee FSA director retiring

After 22 years of serving the Farm Service Agency, longtime farmer and County Executive Director Steve Ulrich is retiring. Ulrich, who is currently the Canyon County CED, spent four years serving Owyhee County farmers. On Dec. 1 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the FSA office located at 2208 E Chicago St., Suite B, in Caldwell a retirement party will be held in his honor. For more information, contact Debra Ragsdale at the Canyon County FSA office at (208) 454-8695, ext. 109.

Calendar

Today

Bruneau Valley Library preschool program
10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., ages 2-4, Bruneau Valley Library, 32073 Ruth St., Bruneau. (208) 845-2131

Preschool story time
10:30 a.m., Lizard Butte Library, 111 S. 3rd Ave W., Marsing. (208) 896-4690 weekday afternoons

After-school program
3:15 p.m. to 5 p.m., Homedale Friends Community Church, 17434 Hwy. 95, Wilder. (208) 337-3464

Thursday

Vision Church food distribution
2 p.m. to 4 p.m., donations welcome, Vision Church, 221 W. Main St., Marsing. (208) 896-5407

Soup and prayer day
3 p.m. to 5 p.m., freewill offering accepted, Marsing Assembly of God Church, 139 Kerry St., Marsing. (208) 965-1650

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

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

Bruneau Valley Library board meeting
7 p.m., Bruneau Valley Library, 32073 Ruth St., Bruneau. (208) 845-2131

Saturday

Marsing Chamber Holiday Bazaar
10 a.m. to 2 p.m., \$20 per space, Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center, 126 W. 2nd St. N., Marsing. susancwatson@gmail.com

Senior center dance
7 p.m. to 9 p.m., \$4 and finger food, Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

Monday

Board of County Commissioners meeting
9 a.m., Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Hwy. 78, Murphy. (208) 495-2421

Knit and crochet session
1 p.m. to 3 p.m., Eastern Owyhee County Library, 520 Boise Ave., Grand View. (208) 834-2213

Wednesday

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Thursday, Dec. 1

Vision Church food distribution
2 p.m. to 4 p.m., donations welcome, Vision Church, 221 W. Main St., Marsing. (208) 896-5407

Lizard Butte Library board meeting
4 p.m., Lizard Butte Library, 111 S. 3rd Ave W., Marsing, ID 83639

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

Saturday, Dec. 3

Homedale Senior Center bazaar
9 a.m. to 3 p.m., \$10 for large table, \$6 for small table, Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

OCHS Christmas Bazaar
10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Owyhee County Historical Museum complex, 17085 Basey St., Murphy. (208) 495-2319

Homedale for the Holidays parade
10 a.m., downtown Homedale

Marsing Lions benefit bingo
6:45 p.m., early bird game; 7 p.m., regular start, \$15 first card, \$5 second, Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center, 126 W. 2nd St. N., Marsing. (208) 896-4162

Sunday, Dec. 4

OCHS Christmas Bazaar
10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Owyhee County Historical Museum complex, 17085 Basey St., Murphy. (208) 495-2319

Monday, Dec. 5

Board of County Commissioners meeting
9 a.m., Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Hwy. 78, Murphy. (208) 495-2421

Knit and crochet session
1 p.m. to 3 p.m., Eastern Owyhee County Library, 520 Boise Ave., Grand View. (208) 834-2213

Grand View Mutual Canal Co. meeting
7 p.m., Grand View Irrigation District office, 645 Idaho St., Grand View. (208) 834-2350

Lizard Butte Library book club
7 p.m., Lizard Butte Public Library, 111 S. 3rd Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 896-4690

Tuesday, Dec. 6

Blood pressure clinic
10 a.m., free, Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

Homedale Chamber of Commerce meeting
Noon, Owyhee Lanes and Restaurant banquet room, 18 N. 1st St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-3271

Grand View Irrigation board meeting
11 a.m., Grand View Irrigation District office, 645 Idaho St., Grand View. (208) 834-2350

Ridgeview Irrigation District board meeting
1 p.m., South Board of Control office, 118 S. 1st St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-3760

Gem Irrigation District board meeting
1:15 p.m., South Board of Control office, 118 S. 1st St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-3760

South Board of Control board meeting
1:30 p.m., South Board of Control office, 118 S. 1st St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-3760

Wednesday, Dec. 7

Bruneau Valley Library preschool program
10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., ages 2-4, Bruneau Valley Library, 32073 Ruth St., Bruneau. (208) 845-2131

Preschool story time
10:30 a.m., Lizard Butte Library, 111 S. 3rd Ave W., Marsing. (208) 896-4690 weekday afternoons

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

After-school program
3:15 p.m. to 5 p.m., Homedale Friends Community Church, 17434 Hwy. 95, Wilder. (208) 337-3464

Snake River Irrigation District meeting
7 p.m., Grand View Irrigation District office, 645 Idaho St., Grand View. (208) 834-2350

NOCWMA meeting
7 p.m., North Owyhee County Cooperative Weed Management Area, U.S. Department of Agriculture Service Center, 250 N. Old Bruneau Highway, Marsing. (208) 896-4544, ext. 102

Homedale Highway District board meeting
7 p.m., Homedale Highway District Office, 102 E. Colorado Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3500

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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.*

Library patrons learn of upcoming “Outdoor Idaho” programming

Submitted by Judy Erwin
“Outdoor Idaho” came to Bruneau last week as personnel from Idaho Public Television traveled to Bruneau for the Bruneau Valley Library’s Bruneau and Beyond program on Wednesday.

Bruce Reichert, the host and producer, and Pat Metzler, the senior director and videographer for “Outdoor Idaho” and other programs, travel all over the state gathering information and filming footage for their programs.

Their talk included a viewing of portions of new shows that are scheduled to air next month. The audience was especially tense watching a portion of “Jarbidge Follies” in which the crew attempted to dislodge a

raft from boulders in the raging Jarbidge River.

The program was held in conjunction with an open house to showcase the library’s five new computers courtesy of the Idaho Commission for Libraries and the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program. The library was especially pleased to have Teresa Lipus and Kevin Tomlinson from the Idaho Commission for Libraries in attendance to visit with the local patrons and board members and to view the Bruneau facility.

There were 39 attending the luncheon and program in addition to the regular library patrons.

“It made for a very busy day, but a very successful one,” library director Clara Morris said.

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Homedale Teen Leaders among Otter's Brightest Stars

After-school mentors help elementary students grow

Dozens of Homedale teenagers were cited recently at the Governor's Brightest Stars 2011 ceremony in Boise.

The 40-person Homedale Teen Leaders group won honorable mention in this year's recognition program. Representatives of the 4-H-sponsored group attended the awards night Nov. 10 inside the Simplot Ballroom at the Boise State University Student Union Building.

The group, which conducts an after-school program at Homedale Elementary School, was among three that were honored in the Organization division in a ceremony that salutes volunteers from throughout the state.

"I was astonished that Homedale was enlisted as one of the top organizations because we're a small community, but overall very proud of all of us because our perseverance and collaboration was recognized," Teen Leader Jacqueline Martinez said.

"We wouldn't have been recognized if it wasn't for our 4-H VISTA Andrea Vega."

Vega works out of the University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension office in Marsing.

The Brightest Stars selections are made by Gov. C. L. "Butch" Otter, Idaho First Lady Lori Otter and a citizen review panel. According to the program's website, the awards recognize "Idaho's unsung heroes who work tirelessly as volunteers to improve the quality of life for Idaho and its citizens".

There were 106 nominees in six categories.

The Homedale group was honored for organizing activities for the elementary after-school

program participants, many of whom are from low-income families and would not be able to take part in certain activities if not for the program.

Vega said the 40 volunteers serve as homework tutors and role models for the after-schoolers, leading them in activities such as cooking, cake decorating, physical education, science, sewing and country living.

"I know these teens do a great job in everything they do, and they make a difference in many of the youth. Many of the youth need help with homework or need better understanding of a subject, and the teens are happy to help them," Vega said.

The group members are all Homedale High School students. Many went through the after-school program as elementary school students before returning as mentors.

This year's group includes: Adrian Albor, Alex Albor, Elizabeth Albor, Graviela Albor, Leslie Albor, Perla Albor; Ben Cardenas, Amanda Cook, Maggie Escutia, Brian Folwell, Dayara Gaeta; Teasha Harris, Janette Hurtado, Julissa Hurtado, Stephanie Hurtado, Nicole Keller, Rabecca Keller; Gabriela Luisjuan, Jacqueline Martinez, Jake Murray, Carolina Prado, Wendy Prado, Eric Sanchez, Veronica Sanchez; and Brenda Vega, Brenda V. Vega, Brenda S. Vega, and Edmy Vega.

"The youth look up to them and some of the teens who help now attended the after-school program when they were younger," Andrea Vega said. "So whoever volunteered in their



From left: First Lady Lori Otter, Jackie Martinez, Natalie Hurst, Elizabeth Albor, Andrea Vega, Judith McShane, Brenda Vega, Adrian Albor, Christian Hurtado, Alejandro Albor, and Gov. C. L. "Butch" Otter. Submitted photo



Homedale Teen Leaders help students during a cooking session during the after-school program at Homedale Elementary School. Submitted photo

time definitely made a difference because now they are doing the same and volunteering."

The teens give 200 hours or more throughout the school year to the program.

"It takes a lot of time and commitment to run the after-school program and without the teens it wouldn't be the same," Vega said. "The teens and youth build relationships and learn from each other."

With the Homedale Teen Leaders as coaches, the after-school children recently completed the FIRST LEGO League Robotics competition, winning the Gracious Professionalism trophy at the Southwest Idaho Regional. Vega said the trophy recognizes the team whose members show each other respect throughout the competition.

— JPB

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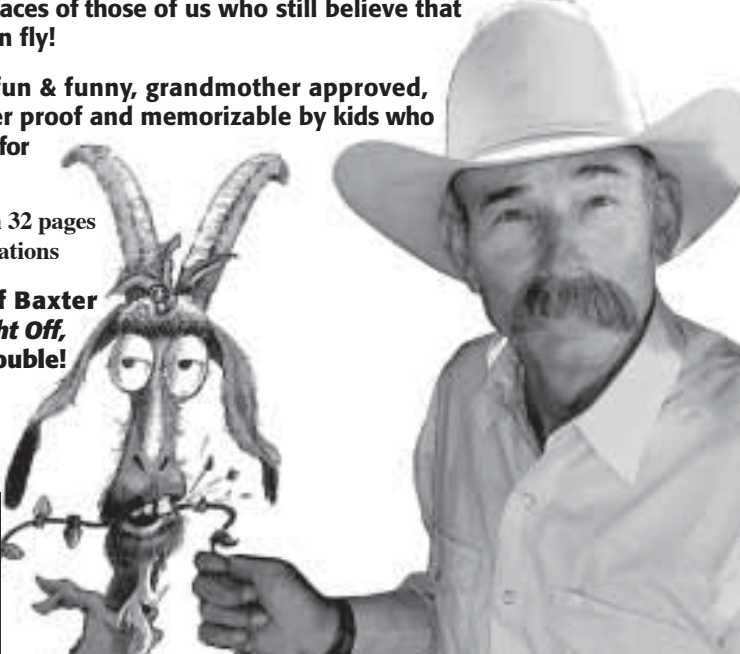
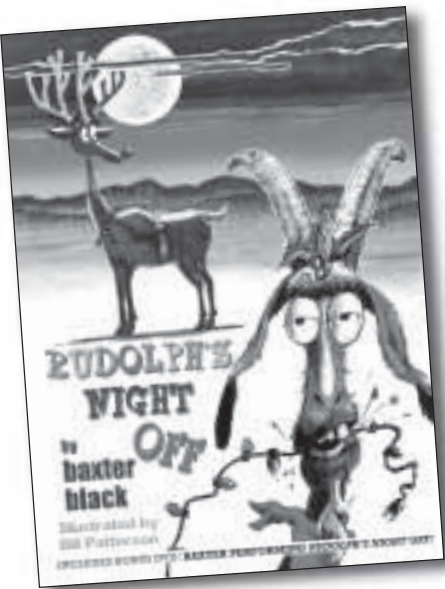
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Above: Angel Chavez, left, and Pedro Vasquez hold a garbage can while Elizabeth Vargas rakes leaves at a local residence during the Rake Up Homedale event.

Students from the Homedale Neighborhood Inc. and the high school's TRIO chapter took part in the annual event.

Left: Angel Chavez, left, Pedro Vasquez, center, and Joel Vega sit in a pile of leaves they raked during the Rake Up Homedale event.

Submitted photos

Rake Up Homedale helps out five residents during annual event

Students from Homedale Neighborhood Inc. and the high school's TRIO chapter recently took part in the annual Rake Up Homedale.

About 40 people pitched in during the Nov. 12 community service project.

Five yards and half of Bette Uda City Park were cleared of the leaves of autumn, according to HN1 coordinator Jim McMillan.

"We worked about five hours and accomplished quite a bit," McMillan said. "The weather cooperated, and the people were very appreciative of the kids' efforts."

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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2011

Unfamiliar rims don't rattle Homedale girls


Hot-shooting team gives
Holtry a winning debut

The closure of their home gym apparently has made Homedale High School girls' basketball players a more efficient bunch. Homedale players shot as if backboards were a rare commodity in a 46-33 season-opening victory over non-conference foe Nampa Christian on Nov. 15 at Middleton Middle School.

The HHS home game was played on the relatively far-away hardwood because the Trojans' gymnasium remains closed as repairs continue on the damaged roof. With the home floor out of commission, Homedale practices in the old gymnasium on campus.

"Considering we only have two rims in the old gym and are only able to get a certain amount of shots up each day, I was very pleased with our shot percentage as well as our free-throw percentage," Matt Holtry said after winning his HHS hoops coaching debut.

In Middleton, Homedale players rebounded from an early deficit and seized momentum in part with a free-throw performance that allowed them to shoot 70.5 percent from the charity stripe. Kylie Farwell, a 5-foot-5 senior guard, led the charge to victory with a 5-for-6 showing at the foul line and an impressive 50 percent field-goal shooting.

Homedale 33 (1-0, 0-0)		NCHS 46 (0-1, 0-0)
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Homedale High School post Kaylee Rupp fights for the position against Nampa Christian's Jeana Siegersma (13) and Kylie Weatherford as the ball goes out of bounds.

She scored 13 of her game-high 17 points before the intermission. "She played very hard and showed great leadership on the court," Holtry said. Homedale rallied from an early 5-0 deficit and then held

on after the coals cooled on their searing 11-2 run to a 15-7 advantage a minute into the second quarter. Holtry had an easy explanation for his team's fortitude. "I think that this has to do with the level of confidence that these


girls have going into the season," he said. "They realize that if they play a whole game to their ability good things are going to happen." Nampa Christian pulled to — See **HHS**, page 11A

Lady Huskies fall in season opener

Marsing set for three back-to-back
games starting Tuesday

The Lady Huskies were outscored 24-14 in the second half in their season opener last week against Parma for a 42-33 home loss. With 22 turnovers throughout the non-conference game, Marsing High School girls' basketball coach Tim Little isn't discouraged with the team's

performance and is looking forward to defining the roles on the team and moving past the loss. "Definitely in the second half we turned the ball over too much," Little said. "Some of the girls were put into positions they aren't familiar with. I am not discouraged by it. It gives us a

Marsing 33 (0-1, 0-0)		Parma 42 (1-0, 0-0)
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Huskies	12 7 6 8	

lot to work with." During the Nov. 15 opener, junior Ashley Hull paced Marsing (0-1 overall) with 14 points going 3-for-5 on three-pointers. "I think in the second half Parma was boxing (Ashley) more. She is still working on understanding how she is going to be guarded," Little said. "We aren't setting screens well enough to help her get open. Deep down along with everyone they want to be a good team. They all want to reach their potential. Ashley probably took Tuesday night the hardest even though she had a pretty good game." Seniors Andrea Rodriguez and Deidrie Briggs picked up six points each for the Lady Huskies. Rodriguez picked up a career high of nine steals. Junior Lacey Usabel picked up four points, two steals and two assists. "(Parma) has some tall and physical girls on the team," Little said. "Our preseason is tough. Parma is a good team and a good matchup for us. We can't let our guard down. We got pushed around a lot and gave them a lot of second- and third-chance opportunities." Marsing picked up only five — See **Marsing**, page 12A



Marsing's Ashley Hull works to get around Parma's Madison Blaylock during last week's 42-33 home loss. The Lady Huskies will host Payette on Tuesday night following the junior varsity B game at 6 p.m.

HMS wrestlers snag third at Borah meet

Trojans go 2-for-4 in title matches

The Homedale Middle School wrestling team backed up their coach's boasts this weekend with a third-place showing at the Treasure Valley Championships in Boise. "Every school there was much larger than we were, except Parma and Vale," coach Toby Johnson said. "It was the best performance ever for a school our size (95 points) in the 10-year history of the tournament." Four Trojans reached championship matches for the 26-team tournament Borah High School on Saturday, including Jakobee Osborn, who won the 215-pound championship, and 285-pound champion Enrique Palacios. Andy Montes (85) and Jairo Hurtado (105) finished the two-day tournament with championship match appearances, claiming silver medals. The 2011 showing was a continued improvement for the Trojans, who had 11 placers, two champions and four finalists. A year ago, there were six placers and a champion, while only four wrestlers placed at the 2009 tournament. "The strong eighth-grade group came back to Borah strong and with a year of experience,"

Johnson said. "And it showed with a tremendous performance." Nash Johnson (105) and William Elordi (145) both won third-place matches Saturday. Other placers included Manny Baltierrez (fourth at 160), John Collett (fifth and 120) and sixth-place wrestlers Miguel Gonzalez (115), Richard Symms (171) and Manny Macias (215). Homedale finished 12 points behind second-place East Valley Middle School. Kuna won the team title with a dominating performance and 183 points. Johnson and assistant coaches Ryan Nash, Joe Egusquiza, Martin Rose and Jake Levinski took a large contingent of wrestlers to Borah, including: Korbin Osborn (70), Orion Cardenas (80), Jacob Furlott (80), Ryan Randall (85), Caleb Meligan (90), Brandon Flores (95); Matt Thatcher (95), Riley Christoffersen (100), Chase Martell (100), Jake Deal (105), Kaleb Ketcherside (105); Keaton Kilby (110), Craig Romriell (110), Quentin Thornton (115), Jeff Carrillo (120), Sam Lorta (120); and Ryan Criffield (135), Francisco Amezcuita (160), Jorge Sanchez (171), Cesar Vasquez (171), and Tyler Eiguren (189).

Sports

Strong Rimrock representation at Shrine all-star game

Colunga, staff will coach four players for final time Friday

More than half of what coach Juan Colunga called the “heart and soul of our football team” will represent Rimrock High School in senior all-star game Friday.

Four of the seven seniors off the Raiders’ 1A Western Idaho Conference championship team have been selected to play in Friday’s 16th annual East-West Shrine High School All-Star Football Game.

What’s more, Colunga, the 1A WIC Coach of the Year, and his assistant coaches (Victor Samaguey and Travis Boman) will lead the East all-star team in the eight-man showcase that kicks off at 11 a.m. at Thunder Stadium in Eagle.

Clay Cantrell

Although hobbled by a knee ligament injury, 5-foot-11, 165-pound quarterback/linebacker Clay Cantrell is expected to be ready to go for Friday’s game, his coach said.

Cantrell injured a medial collateral ligament on the opening kickoff of the second half in Rimrock’s 56-30 1A, Div. I state playoff loss to Oakley on Nov. 4.

The senior was the 1A WIC’s first-team all-conference quarterback after finishing with 1,142 yards and 18 TDs on 99 rushes.

He led the Raiders through an unbeaten six-game conference season for the school’s first WIC title in 18 years. Rimrock ended the year 8-2 after its second consecutive 1A state playoff appearance and only the third since 2000.

The Raiders went 11-4 overall and lost only one of 10 conference games after Colunga moved Cantrell to quarterback after a 1-3 start in 2010.

Cantrell was named the conference’s co-defensive player of the year after leading the team with 109 tackles. He also forced turnovers with three fumble recoveries and two interceptions. He returned two fumbles for TDs.

Nathan Black

Cantrell’s favorite receiver, Nathan Black (5-10, 220) concluded his high school career as the 1A WIC Offensive Player of the Year and a first-team defensive end.

“Nathan was the muscle that made our offense go,” Colunga said of the bruising fullback. “We had to establish him in the middle to open up the offense, and he thrived on that.”

Black was a focal point for opposing defenses, and Colunga claims his production suffered because of it. Nonetheless, two of his 11 catches went for touchdowns, and he averaged 14.6 yards per reception. He was the team’s second-leading

rusher with 1,213 yards and 19 touchdowns.

Black led the Rimrock defense with three sacks, and he collected 33 tackles, forced a fumble and recovered one.

Oscar Gomez

Another two-way all-conference first-teamer, Oscar Gomez (5-10, 180) racked up a team-best 1,441 rushing yards during his senior season. He also scored 16 touchdowns.


He also led the team with three interceptions, forced a fumble and recorded 35 tackles. Gomez returned one pickoff for a touchdown.


Jorge Mondragon

An all-conference lineman on both sides of the ball, 5-10, 235-pound Jorge Mondragon had 44 tackles, the third-highest total among the Raiders. As center, he was the starting point for the ground-pounding Rimrock offense.

— JPB

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✓ HHS: Claims win in season opener, Holtry debut on unfamiliar court

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within three points, 15-12, when leading scorer Jeana Siegersma converted a steal by knocking down one of two free throws. The senior wing finished with nine points.

But after Alissa Weatherford put back a rebound to get Nampa Christian to within three again at 17-14, Homedale found another spark.

Raven Kelly had an offensive put-back for one of her two buckets on the night, and Farwell came off a crossover dribble and popped a jump shot to arrive at 13 points and a 21-14 Homedale lead.

“In the first half, I felt like we gave up a couple of easy buckets to a lack of rebounding, but I felt like we improved throughout the game in that area,” Holtry said.

With Homedale nailing 17 of 40 shots (42.5 percent), better rebounding all but froze Nampa Christian out of the win column.

Homedale held Nampa Christian to five points in the third quarter and shot 50 percent in the first eight minutes after intermission to build its 13-point cushion.

“Defense starts with effort, and I felt that the girls had great effort all night,” Holtry said.

“There were some times that we didn’t hustle back on defense, but for the most part I felt like we played hard and protected the basket.”

Aubrey Nash went 3-for-4 from the foul line and scored all 11 of her points in the second half. Kelly chipped in seven, and sophomore Kaylee Rupp added six.


“Coaching is always exciting,

and I love what I do,” Holtry said. “It makes it even better when you have a great group of girls that are buying into what you are about and what you are wanting to accomplish as a team.

“I am looking forward to watching them grow as a team and to see what they are able to accomplish.”

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Student Athlete Spotlight

Kylie Farwell *Senior Basketball*

The play — The 5-foot-5 senior guard fueled a strong start to the Trojans’ season, scoring 13 of her game-high 17 points in the first half of a 46-33 rout of Nampa Christian on Nov. 15 in Middleton.

Coach’s take — “She has put in a lot of time this off-season with camps, clinics and playing on the Idaho Flash basketball team. She is a special player and brings a high level of basketball to our team.”


— Matt Holtry

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Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM



On the edge of common sense Thanksgiving thoughts

Not everyone has a car, owns a home, carries a cellphone, can swim, knows the 18th president and can hum “Blue Eyes Cryin’ in the Rain.”

But everyone in this country, rich or homeless, conservative, liberal, gray, green, black, white, brown or yellow eats what we in agriculture produce; everyone, no exceptions.

Do those of you who farm and ranch think about the lives you touch? Steve Jobs invented Apple computers, Oprah Winfrey had a talk show that reached 7.4 million people five days a week, J.K. Rowling sold 450 million Harry Potter books, and 111 million watched Super Bowl XLV ... talk about reaching out! But every day, every person eats something you produce. Your contribution to their well-being exceeds Hollywood, the Nobel Prize or their psychiatrist. The public’s dependence on your ability to keep them fed is deeper than their need to text, jog, work, play golf, or go to school. You are more essential to their lives than their bookie, their broker, their drug dealer, their teacher, their boss, or even ... their best friend!

This week we celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday. It’s still a real holiday, you can tell because most of the work force gets the day off! I think of it as a time when we thank God for the blessings we have been given. Usually the Thanksgiving table is covered with food. Food that we in agriculture produced. Even the needy in soup kitchens, home-alone-bachelors, single mothers, on-duty soldiers, and orbiting astronauts will eat something we grew; a piece of ham, canned peas, a drumstick, a Happy Meal, or pumpkin pie. Regardless of what is on their plate, it started in some farmer’s pasture or plowed field.

I don’t mean to be boastful. I don’t even expect the average urban Thanksgiving diner to remember the farmer’s contribution to their day. Many praises will fall upon the one who cooked the meal. That is due, but without mentioning the farmer who grows it is like praising the painter of the bridge while the man who designed and constructed it stands in the shadows.

It is common to hear that farming is a “Noble Calling.” That is flattering, but its importance is much more profound. I agree that what we who work the land do is noble, but more, it is as vital to their lives as air and water.

What they eat is the gift of our labors, and somewhere down deep as they sit down to Thanksgiving dinner Thursday, they might conjure up a picture of a farmer leaning on a hoe, or a cowboy on a horse. That thought might just be the connection that helps them understand where their food comes from ... real people.

— *Can’t get enough Baxter? Visit his Web site at www.baxterblack.com for more features and to purchase Baxter Black merchandise, including books and DVDs.*

Jon P. Brown, managing editor

Eyes on Owyhee

A visit from the spirit of giving



I’ve always found it ironic that the most generous time of the year often follows something that can be so divisive as an election.

We can give thanks that the political season has been put to rest (at least as far voters are concerned) for a few months.

And we can begin looking at things that are more important in the big picture — including spending time with family and friends who we don’t see during the day-to-day hustle and bustle of the year and helping out those who are less fortunate.

Of course, the tendency is to think about those who go without during the chilly holiday season — even though the compassion that warms these days should also be on display throughout the rest of the year.

There are plenty of opportunities to show the community spirit as the Wish Tree and Hands Around Homedale programs lift off in the county’s largest town.

The Marsing Lions Club also is gearing up to help with Christmas care packages for those in need. This is a program that goes on without much fanfare, similar to the quiet nature of the Lions in general.

The Homedale FFA chapter is in the midst of its annual Gift of Green through which members adopt a family in town and fill their holiday needs.

Just like the Wish Tree in Homedale, which is about to start its third decade of existence, another long-standing gift drive also kicks off soon with the return of The Owyhee Avalanche’s efforts to round up Christmas presents and necessities for the residents at Owyhee Health and Rehab in Homedale.

The annual holiday benefits show just how big and

strong the heart of community is in Owyhee County. And how people can rally past their differences to offer help.

The compassion goes beyond holiday gift-giving, however.

Members of small communities throughout the Owyhee country have stepped up to the plate for several different causes recently.

Jordan Valley ION Heritage Museum curator Joanne Cunningham recently sent out a letter thanking several folks for their help in promoting the museum in word and deed.

Andree Scown, who pulls double duty as the superintendent for Pleasant Valley and Jordan Valley schools, also is singing the praises of local residents and regional businesses. By pitching in, the firms and individuals helped Pleasant Valley School save hard-to-come-by educational funds while rebuilding the small school’s roof.

With all the bickering and debate over the current climate in Murphy, it’s nice to be able to report on people coming together.

Uniting the community should be on the top of everyone’s wish list year-round.

It’s that community spirit and cooperation that make the chilly days of elections and personal agendas just a little bit more bearable.

But it is my hope that the glow of giving of one’s self that the holiday season should be about illuminates the outlook of those who will be suiting up for May’s primary and next November’s general elections.

Not sure if that’s an early Christmas wish, or if I should lobby for the candidates to file that as a New Year’s resolution.

Sen. Mike Crapo

From Washington Give thanks for Idaho’s abundance, remember needy



We are fortunate to live in a state that produces a wealth of quality agricultural products. To illustrate Idaho’s remarkable agriculture production, I have often cited statistics from the Idaho State Department of Agriculture indicating that if Idahoans had to consume all products produced within the state, each resident would need to consume the following each day: 234 slices of bread; 40 potatoes; two pounds of cheese or 42 glasses of milk; one eight-ounce steak or 1.5 quarter-pound burgers; two onions; and two cups of beans. Idaho agriculture is feeding the world, and thankfully this high-quality food is filling many of our tables this Thanksgiving.

However, this abundance does not necessarily mean that every family has the food they need. Estimates indicate that one in six Idaho residents and one in four Idaho children are food insecure, which generally means that they lack enough income and other resources for food. Nationally, the U.S. Department of Agriculture estimates that approximately 35 million Americans, including 12 million children, live in households with either “low” or “very low” food security. Globally, nearly 1 billion people are chronically hungry, according to estimates from the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO).

Additionally, alarming amounts of food are lost as waste. A report commissioned by the FAO that was released earlier this year indicated that approximately one-third of the food produced in the world for human consumption gets lost or wasted.

Compassionate Idahoans, food banks and other

organizations work tirelessly to utilize Idaho’s production to eliminate hunger. Local partnerships between hunger organizations and the agricultural community channel much-needed food to those in need throughout our communities. Efforts such as these make a difference in the lives of many families. Further, Congress has enacted and considered legislation to encourage the donation of excess wholesome foods and remove obstacles for delivery of surplus food. However, more can always be done.

For the seventh consecutive year, the Senate has acknowledged Thursday, Nov. 17, 2011 as “Feed America Day.” I cosponsored a resolution introduced by Sen. Orrin Hatch (R-Utah) that encouraged citizens to sacrifice two meals and donate the money they would have spent on food to a local organization for the purpose of feeding the hungry.

Despite our national challenges, there is much to be thankful for this Thanksgiving. We are blessed to live in a great nation where freedom, opportunity and a spirit of selfless giving abound. Remarkable work is being done throughout our communities to eliminate hunger and focus attention on helping those in need in the spirit of the Thanksgiving season. As we join with family and friends in celebrating Thanksgiving, let us count these among our many blessings.

— *Republican Mike Crapo is Idaho’s senior member of the U.S. Senate. He is in his third six-year term and has served in the Senate since 1999. Prior to that, he was a three-term Idaho Second District congressman.*

Commentary

Financial management

15 percent plan is good way to retire wealthy

Dear Dave,
Would you explain your 15 percent requirement on retirement contributions as listed in the Baby Steps?
— Melanie



Dear Melanie,
When I talk about Baby Step 4, which is saving 15 percent of your income for retirement, I'm talking about 15 percent of your gross annual pay. Now, you don't have to get too nerdy about it. It's not like you're going to die a pauper if you only save 14 percent, or be ridiculously extra-wealthy if you save 16 percent. The bottom line is you should be able to save \$7,500 a year if you make \$50,000 annually. That's only about \$600 a month.
But, the only way you can do

this is if you lose stupid things like car payments and credit cards. Get out of the land of MasterCard bondage and American Distress! When you get out of debt, it's easy to set aside an emergency fund of three to six months of expenses and breeze right along pumping 15 percent into retirement.
By the way, did you know you can retire with about \$7 million if you save 15 percent of a \$50,000 a year income and invest it in good growth stock mutual funds starting at age 30?

Sounds like it's worth doing to me!
— Dave

Dear Dave,
I have a couple of rental houses, and I was thinking about unloading them at auction instead of renting them out again. What are your thoughts on selling homes at auction?
— Shannon

Dear Shannon,
First, let's take a look at the two types of real estate auctions, absolute auctions and auctions with reserve. With an absolute auction, whatever the house sells for, that's it. When the hammer drops, you've sold the house. An auction with reserve is where the seller, or his agent, reserves the

right to accept or decline any and all bids. A minimum price may or may not be disclosed, and the seller reserves the right to accept or decline any bid within a specified timeframe.
As a general rule, auctions are not going to bring retail price. People who go to them are looking for a deal, so you've got to be willing to accept less than what the property's actually worth. Essentially, what you're doing is drawing out the vultures and hoping one of them will get excited and pay a price close to retail.
Take a good look at your properties, the neighborhoods they're in, and decide what you're willing to accept. Then, talk it over with a quality auctioneer in your area. I've done pretty well selling properties at auction, and

I've also found some great deals buying properties at auction. Of course, that meant someone else didn't do so well!
— Dave
— Dave Ramsey's new book, *EntreLeadership: 20 Years of Practical Business Wisdom from the Trenches*, is available at retail outlets now. He also is the host of *The Dave Ramsey Show* that airs at 6 p.m. daily on the Fox Business Channel. He also has a radio call-in show. You can find tools to help with finances or previous columns at *Davesays.org*. For more financial advice, visit the Web site or call (888) 22-PEACE. Have a question for Dave? Send correspondence to *syndication@daveramsey.com* or write *Dave Says*, 1749 Mallory Lane, Brentwood, TN 37027

Americans for Limited Government

International borrowing binge will sink world economy

by Robert Romano
Last Wednesday, the national debt surpassed \$15 trillion for the first time in U.S. history to \$15.026 trillion. And at its current trajectory, it will pass 100 percent of the \$15.198 trillion Gross Domestic Product by the end of the year, if not early in 2012.
That's problematic, because as gross debt service payments rise over the next 10 years, they will become a greater and greater burden on the overall economy. Government borrowing, therefore, becomes a drain on economic output.
For example, right now, gross annual interest payments on the national debt stand at \$430 billion at an effective rate of about three percent. But over the next 10 years, the national debt is projected to stand at \$26 trillion by 2021. If interest rates were to normalize to five percent, payments would rise to a gargantuan \$1.3 trillion.
That alone explains why the Federal Reserve has been so heavily involved with government debt markets since the financial crisis struck. Since the housing bubble popped in August 2007, the Fed's stake in U.S. treasuries has risen from \$790 billion to \$1.67 trillion today. By bidding into these markets, they can keep rates down.
More recently, the Fed has been dumping short-term debt and purchasing long-term issues in an effort to keep long-term interest rates down, dubbed Operation Twist.
So, just to keep interest rates at manageable levels at,

say, three percent, the nation's central bank is forced to print more and more money just to service the debt. This in turn has an inflationary impact, which too drains economic output as the prices of goods and services rise, hurting consumers.
This contrasts with the European Central Bank (ECB), which cannot monetize the debts of troubled sovereigns across the pond to any extent without violating Article 123 of the Lisbon Treaty. In the crisis, the ECB has but just €183 billion of European debt, even though the consolidated debts of Portugal, Ireland, Italy, Greece, and Spain (PIIGS) totals more than €3 trillion.
Keeping with its price stability mandate, every time it makes purchases, the ECB removes a commensurate amount of money from the banking system. For that reason, Rabobank economist Elwin de Groot has warned the ECB has a "natural limit" of €300 billion in debt it can take on.
So, because the ECB cannot intervene on a wide scale, Italian 10-year bonds are hovering near the danger zone of seven percent, as are Spain's. Greek one-year bonds have risen to over 260 percent, and 10-years are at over 28 percent. Portuguese 10-years are over 11 percent. Irish 10-years are over eight percent.
That is not to advise that Europe's salvation is to simply print money on an unprecedented scale to drive down interest rates for every single country in the Eurozone.

Quite the opposite.
It is to suggest that once gross debt has reached such exorbitant levels that private funding markets cannot sustain the amount of borrowing needed by governments at affordable interest rates, it's time to stop borrowing. Printing money will fuel inflation and sink the global economy further.
Instead, it's time to balance the budget, in Europe, and here in America. The U.S. has the largest debt in the entire world, and we have to figure out a way to pay it down.
We also have to figure how to do so in such a way that itself will not become a drain on economic output. That is why a balanced budget and debt repayment needs to be accompanied by broad-based tax reform that will lower rates plus removing restrictive regulations in order to jumpstart economic growth.
Yet none of these proposals are on the table either in Europe or the U.S., which means that over the next 10 years, the gross debts of the Western world will surpass and soon dwarf the size of their respective economies. We need to knock off this borrowing binge before it is too late.
— Robert Romano is the senior editor of *Americans for Limited Government*.
The U.S. House of Representatives rejected a Republican-backed balanced budget proposal on Friday.
— Ed.



Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

25 years ago

November 27, 1986

Interior releases Owyhee final wilderness EIS
The Department of the Interior has released to the public the final wilderness environmental impact statement (EIS) for the Owyhee Planning Area in southwestern Idaho.
This document, prepared by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Boise District Office, assesses the environmental consequences of managing five wilderness study areas (WSAs) totaling 95,645 acres as either wilderness or non-wilderness.
It also identifies the Idaho BLM State Director’s recommendations for wilderness suitability. Of the total acreage, 41,665 acres are recommended suitable for wilderness designation, and 53,980 acres are recommended non-suitable for wilderness designation.
The five WSAs and the recommendation for each is as follows:
North Fork Owyhee River — 41,665 acres suitable for wilderness designation (including 115 acres outside the WSA boundary) and 9,840 acres non-suitable.
Big Willow Spring — 6,210 acres non-suitable for wilderness designation.
Squaw Creek Canyon — 10,780 acres non-suitable for wilderness designation.
West Fork Red Canyon — 12,970 acres non-suitable for wilderness designation.

Homedale resident awarder vo-tech scholarship
John F. Lentfer, Homedale, has received an Automotive Wholesalers Scholarship for his achievement in the Boise State University Vocational Technical School this fall.
Lentfer is a freshman in the Agricultural Equipment Technology Program at BSU. He is the son of J.L. and Floy Lentfer, Homedale, and the husband of Karen R. Lentfer.

Bruneau News
Bruneau Elementary School has a new “Citizen of the Month”. Matt Tindall, son of Dave and Celia Tindall, was named “Citizen of the Month” for November. For this honor Matt received \$10.00 from the Disabled American Veterans, Chapter 17; \$3.00 from the Bruneau Legion Auxiliary; \$2.00 from the Bruneau Legion; a small coke and fry from the One Stop; a toy from the Valley Merc; pop, candy bar or chips from the Pastime; a free hair cut from the Bruneau Beauty Shop; pop and candy bar from Jumbo’s Service Station; a T-shirt from Feed Service; a multi-colored pencil from Omicron Nu Sorority; crayons from St. Bridget’s Altar Society; pencils from Ladies Aid; a book from the Bruneau Library; a frisbee and certificate from Bruneau Elementary; and a book and posters from the Chapter 1 Program at the school.

Team, coach praised for discipline at Kibbie
The Homedale High School football team has been commended for its actions — or lack of actions — following the victory in the Kibbie Dome in Pocatello.
The Trojans won the A-3 title there on Nov. 15.
The letter, addressed to football coach Jim McMillan, with copies sent to the HHS Principal Nolan Taggart and Idaho High School Activities Association Director Dick Stickle, reads as follows:
“Dear Mr. McMillan:
“On football weekends at the Kibbie Dome on the University of Idaho campus, we look forward to a lot of football, a lot of people, and a very messy place when everything is over. The dressing rooms lead the way.
“Not so with the Homedale football team. When they departed the Kibbie Dome with a victory under their belts, they also departed with a grateful thanks from the Kibbie Dome staff. The dressing room was left in excellent condition. So much so that nothing had to be done to prepare the room for the next team.
“Our thanks to you and your team. Please be our guests any time.
“Sincerely, Edmund M. Chavez, Manager, Kibbie-ASUI Activity Center”

50 years ago

November 30, 1961

Marsing patrol car window shattered
Everett Ballou, Marsing patrolman, reports a shattered window of his patrol car when a bullet fired by an unknown assailant early Monday morning passed through, narrowly missing him. The assailant then fled in an auto with Ballou giving chase toward Givens Springs until he lost contact in the dark about 15 miles south of Marsing. Law enforcement officers set up roadblocks and combed the Reynolds area by auto and plane Monday without finding a trace of their quarry.

Record vote is reported in recent ASC election
Tabulation of the ballots cast in the recently concluded election of Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Community committeemen showed more voters participated than in any former election, according to Eugene C. Davis, Bruneau, chairman of the county ASC committee.
Elected to serve their three communities as committeemen for 1962 were:
“A” Community
Ray Mansisidor, Homedale, chairman; Ed Chadez, Homedale, vice-chairman; Allen George, Homedale, member; Donald Dobbin, Marsing, first alternate; Leslie Selders, Homedale, second alternate.
“B” Community
Roy Hoagland, Murphy, chairman; Earl Cummings, Murphy, vice-chairman; Frank Jayo, Oreana, member; C.J. Cotner, Star route, Melba, first alternate; Henry Brandau, Star route, Melba, second alternate.
“C” Community
Joe Hawes, Bruneau, chairman; Max Collett, Grand View, vice-chairman; Don Davis, Bruneau, member; LeRoy Davis, Bruneau, first alternate; James Munro, Grand View, second alternate.

Phone change effective Dec. 2
Changes in the Owyhee Telephone Co., prefix numbers will become effective at midnight Saturday, December 2, according to Harper Saunders, owner/manager of the company.
The FE7 prefix formerly used for Homedale number has been changed to 337; the HU2 for Wilder phones has changed to 482 and the TW6 Marsing prefix is now 896.
The numbers are located on the dial in the same position as the letters and it will still be necessary to dial only the last five numbers when making local calls. You must dial all seven numbers when calling Marsing or Wilders however and it is very important to give the correct prefix to the operator when placing long distance calls, Mr. Saunders said.

Mary Levanger wins Miss Owyhee Pageant contest
Mary Elaine Levanger, Homedale High School senior with a talent for dancing, was crowned Miss Owyhee of 1962 at the pageant Saturday night at Homedale. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Levanger.
Miss Owyhee County of 1961, Lynn McClintick, Marsing, placed the crown on the head of the charming new queen as a climax to an evening of competition between 10 lovely and talented girls who appeared before an audience of approximately 400 persons at the Washington grade school. One of the contestants, Zella Jean Field, Grand View, withdrew from the pageant because of a leg injury.
Judith Anne Jemmett, vocalist daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Jemmett, was first runner-up in the competition and winner of a \$125 scholarship and a \$20 gift certificate.
Second runner-up and winner of the Miss Congeniality title was Anna Belle Wilson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Wilson of Marsing, who presented a dramatic reading in the talent portion of the contest. Miss Wilson was given a \$15 gift certificate and a cosmetic set as well as a gift from a local fashion shop for winning the coveted Miss Congeniality.

140 years ago

November 25, 1871

WHAT OUR SPIRITS COST. But few persons have an idea how much the people of the United States pay for liquors, and if told that the cost of the spirituous, vinous and malt liquors consumed in one year by the tipplers is \$600,000,000, few would be inclined to believe the statement. Such, however, is the estimate made by Edward Young, Chief of the Bureau of Statistics at Washington, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1871. The population of the United States in round numbers is 38,500,000; and they pay yearly for stimulants \$600,000,000, or more than \$15 for each man, woman, and child. Place the drinking population at one-third the entire number, and we have about 13,000,000 tipplers, paying \$600,000,000 for their whisky — almost \$50 each. The question, “Will the coming man drink?” is already settled, if that individual hails from the United States.

OUR NEW GOVERNOR. Speaking of the newly appointed Governor of Idaho, the New York *Herald* says: “Gov. Bowen of Idaho having resigned, the President appointed Gen. Thomas W. Bennett, of Indiana, to succeed him as Governor of that Territory. During the war of the rebellion General Bennett served as Captain, Major and Colonel of an Indiana regiment and as Brigadier General of volunteers. He was subsequently a State Senator in the Indiana Legislature, and is reputed to be a lawyer in high standing.” Governor Bennett writes that he will be in Boise City by the 15th of next month.

ROLLER SKATING. The gayest amusement, to which our people have yet been treated, is McKay’s Roller Skating Rink now in operation at Jones & Bonney’s Hall. For particulars as to time, &c, see advertisement in another column. Although the rink has only been running about a week, it is quite extensively patronized and already there are many quite proficient in the art. Besides being one of the most innocent of pastimes, it is exhilarating, healthful and pleasant in the highest degree. Our word for it, go to the rink and you’ll have a jolly time. Old and young, parents and children, lads and lassies — and in fact everybody goes.

YOUNG WINNEMUCCA. The Chief of all the Paiutes of Nevada, young Winnemucca, died at Wadsworth, three days ago, of consumption. Young Winnemucca commanded the Indian army in the spring of 1860, near Pyramid Lake, in the battle, when Major Ormsby, Storey, Henry Meredith and many others were killed. The old Chief Winnemucca still lives up in the north part of the State towards Queen’s River. He is very old and decrepit. - *Gold Hill News*, Nov. 7th.

JEFFERSON’S TEN RULES. A friend sends us “Jefferson’s Ten Rules,” which he says cannot be too often published. He has written them down from memory, and it seems to us that he has got them quite right:

1. Never do to-day what you can put off till to-morrow.
2. Never do yourself what you can get any one else to do for you.
3. Never spend ready money when you can get credit.
4. Always buy anything that is cheap. If you don’t want it now, you may by and by.
5. If you only have proper pride you can endure hunger, thirst and cold.
6. We seldom repent having eaten a really good dinner.
7. A man should not be too willing to put himself to trouble.
8. It is better to be troubled about imaginary evils than real ones.
9. When angry, pitch in at once.

LOCAL HINTS AND HAPPENINGS. Father Mesplie christened seven babies during his recent visit to our town.

Public notices

SYNOPSIS OF COMMISSIONERS MINUTES NOVEMBER 7, 2011

Approved payment of outstanding bills from the following funds: Current Expense \$81,224, Road & Bridge \$21,246, District Court \$6,928, Fair \$93, Probation \$1,576, Health District \$4,275, Museum \$718, Indigent & Charity \$17,834, Junior College \$23,750, Revaluation \$2,192, Solid Waste \$9,460, Weed \$926, 911 \$3,028, County Vessel \$182.

Approved the purchase of two Dodge pickups for the Sheriff’s office at a cost of \$23,459 each, and \$2,795 per vehicle for equipment.

Approved letters sent to the Idaho Delegation regarding the EPA proposed TMDL for Mercury in Jordan Creek.

Adopted Resolution 11-30 Ratification of comment letter sent to EPA on TMDL level’s in Jordan Creek.

Adopted Resolution 11-31 Ratification of comment letter on Gateway West Transmission Line Project.

Approved proposal by Foster & Son for replacement of the front step to the Sheriff’s office.

Adopted Resolution 11-32 Relating to Closure of Reynolds Creek Road for Bridge Replacement.

Approved funding of \$1,000 to Posse for the fishing derby.

Approved the Consultant Agreements on the Jordan and Reynolds Creek Bridges with HMM, LLC.

Indigent & Charity 11-52 lien approved. 11-21 Suspension approved. 11-50 applicant approved. The complete minutes can be viewed online at owyheecounty.net or in the clerk’s office.

11/23/11

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MARSING, IDAHO, CREATING THE OFFICE OF TOWN MARSHAL IN THE CITY OF MARSING, IDAHO; PROVIDING FOR APPOINTMENT BY CITY COUNCIL OF PERSON TO SERVE AS TOWN MARSHAL; PROVIDING DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF SUCH OFFICE; PROVIDING FOR A SUMMARY; PROVIDING FOR COMPENSATION AND TERMS OF EMPLOYMENT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Section 1: Provides for the office of Town Marshall filled by appointment by the Mayor.

Section 2: Provides for the powers and duties necessary to carry out the proper administration of his appointment including authority to enforce all penal and regulatory laws of the state and the city.

Section 3: Provides for the power to arrest all offenders against the laws of the State and City associated ancillary duties.

Section 4: Provides that the Town Marshall shall attend council meetings.

Section 5: Provides a repealer clause.

Section 6: Provides eligibility requirements including POST certification.

Section 7: Provides for the publication of the Ordinance or a summary thereof and the effective date of the Ordinance.

CITY OF MARSING
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Wednesday, the 14th day of December, 2011 at the hour of

7:00 o’clock p.m., at Marsing City Hall, 425 Main Street, Marsing, Idaho, has been fixed as the time and place for public hearing for the purpose of hearing comments regarding Creating the Office of Town Marshal in the City of Marsing, Idaho.

City Hall and the Council Chambers are accessible to persons with disabilities. Please contact city Clerk Janice C. Bicandi at (208) 896-4122 for additional information.

11/23/11

NOTICE TO CREDITORS CASE NO CV2011-02251 IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATES OF: MARIE T. YORK and DANIEL A. YORK, Deceased.

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

Claims must be presented to the undersigned at the address indicated, and filed with the Clerk of the Court.

DATED this 31st day of October, 2011.

/s/Jodi Christine York, Personal Representative.

c/o Mary V. York, Holland & Hart LLP, PO Box 2527, Boise, ID 83701, phone 208-342-5000
11/9,16,23/11

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE

Trustee’s Sale No. 02-OC-109974 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, PIONEER TITLE OF ADA COUNTY DBA PIONEER LENDER TRUSTEE SERVICES, the duly appointed Successor Trustee, will on March 2, 2012, at the hour of 11:00 AM, of said day, ON THE STEPS OF THE OWYHEE COUNTY COURTHOUSE, CORNER OF STATE HIGHWAY 78 AND HAILEY STREET, MURPHY, ID, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real and personal property (hereafter referred to collectively as the “Property”), situated in the County of OWYHEE, State of Idaho, to-wit: A parcel of land located in the North half of Section One, Township Six South, Range Seven East, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho, bounded and described as follows: COMMENCING at the East Quarter corner of Section One, Township Six South, Range Seven East, Boise Meridian, and running thence North 0 degrees 00’ 00” East 599.09 feet along the East line of said Section One; thence South 79 degrees 41’ 17” West, 1,352.65 feet to a State Highway right-of-way monument on the North side of State Highway 78, being a brass cap set in concrete marked P.O.C. Station 534+82.6, which point is the REAL POINT OF BEGINNING for this description; thence continuing from the REAL POINT OF BEGINNING, South 79 degrees 41’ 17” West 155.01 feet along the North right-of-

way line for State Highway 78; thence North 1 degrees 55’ 30” East 677.02 feet; thence North 87 degrees 11’ 52” West 92.47 feet; thence North 6 degrees 35’ 43” East, 115.38 feet; thence North 78 degrees 50’ 14” East 206.06 feet; thence South 0 degrees 28’ 31” East 807.95 feet to the REAL POINT OF BEGINNING. The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above-referenced Property but, for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113 of Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed that the address of 52612 STATE HIGHWAY 78, HAMMETT, ID 83627, is sometimes associated with said real property. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by MARY ALYCE WILSON, UNMARRIED WOMAN, as Grantor, to PIONEER TITLE COMPANY OF CANYON COUNTY, as Trustee, for the benefit and security of NEW CENTURY MORTGAGE CORPORATION, as Beneficiary, dated 5/17/2006, recorded 5/23/2006, under Instrument No. 256508, Mortgage records of OWYHEE County, IDAHO, the beneficial interest in which is presently held by U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, as Trustee under Pooling and Servicing Agreement dated as of September 1, 2006 MASTR Asset-Backed Securities Trust 2006-NC2 Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-NC2. THE ABOVE GRANTORS ARE NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506(4)(A), IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THEY ARE, OR ARE NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION. The default for which is sale is made is the failure to pay when due under the Deed of Trust Note dated 5/17/2006, THE MONTHLY PAYMENT WHICH BECAME DUE ON 3/1/2011 AND ALL SUBSEQUENT MONTHLY PAYMENTS, PLUS LATE CHARGES AND OTHER COSTS AND FEES AS SET FORTH. Amount due as of October 28, 2011 Delinquent Payments from March 01, 2011 8 payments at \$ 1,614.10 each \$ 12,912.80 (03-01-11 through 10-28-11) Late Charges: \$ 366.80 Beneficiary Advances: \$ 1,060.56 Suspense Credit: \$ 0.00 TOTAL: \$ 14,340.16 All delinquencies are now due, together with unpaid and accruing taxes, assessments, trustee’s fees, attorney’s fees, costs and advances made to protect the security associated with this foreclosure. The principal balance is \$176,896.72, together with interest thereon at 8.900% per annum from 2/1/2011, until paid. The Beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation. Anyone having any objection to the sale on any grounds whatsoever will be afforded an opportunity to be heard as to those objections if they bring a lawsuit to restrain the same. DATED: 10/28/2011 PIONEER TITLE OF ADA COUNTY DBA PIONEER LENDER TRUSTEE SERVICES, Trustee By Kara Lansberry, Assistant Trustee Officer c/o REGIONAL TRUSTEE SERVICES CORPORATION 616 1st Avenue, Suite 500, Seattle, WA 98104 Phone: (206) 340-2550 Sale Information: <http://www.trtrustee.com> ASAP# 4128786

11/16,23,30;12/7/11

NOTICE OF SALE CASE NO. CV-11-01916M IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE

B L A C K B U R N E & SONS REALTY CAPITAL CORPORATION, a California corporation; BLACKBURNE & BROWN MORTGAGE FUND I, a California limited partnership; BLACKBURNE & BROWN MORTGAGE FUND II, L.P., a California limited partnership; WILLIAM L. CHOY and YIM L. CHOY, as Trustees of The Choy Family Trust; JERRY E. DOCKTOR, as Trustee of The Jerry E. Cocktor Living trust; THOMAS S. JEW and JOAN M. ALIPRAND, as Trustee of The Jew-Aliprand Family 1979 Trust; KERRY C. SCOTT and ANNE L. SCOTT, husband and wife; RONALD J. SMITH, as Trustee for Ronald J. Smith 2003 Revocable Trust; MATTHEW S. LANDERS, as Trustee of The Matthew S. Landers Living Trust dated July 15, 2008; MARK A. SINGLETON, M.D., as Trustee of The Singleton and Moore Medical Corp. Pension Plan; GREG A. LOITZ, as Trustee of The Greg A. Loitz, DDS, MD, Inc. Pension and Profit Sharing Plan; BANK OF THE WEST, as Trustee of The Robert W. Johnson IRA; CHARLES E. MILLSAP and TELA D. MILLSAP, as Trustees of The Charles E. Millsap and Tela D. Millsap Living Trust dated November 18, 1988; RONALD D. DAVISON and JANET G. DAVISON, husband and wife; ANDREW GARCIA; and ALLEM M. KROHN, Plaintiffs, Vs.

JOHN and LORNA STEINER, husband and wife; and HART CREEK RANCH, LLC, an Idaho limited liability company, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

Under and by virtue of the Writ of Execution executed out of the District Court of the Third Judicial District of the State of Idaho, in and for the County of Owyhee, Case No. CV-11-01916M, on the 31st day of October, 2011;

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that on Thursday, the 12th day of January, 2012 at the hour of 1:30 o’clock p.m., at the Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 Highway 78, Murphy, Idaho, I will sell all the right, title and interest of Hart Creek Ranch, LLC in and to the below-described real property located in Owyhee County, Idaho at public auction to the highest bidder for cash in currency of the United States payable at time of sale:

Parcel 1: Lots 3 through 10 in Block 5 and Lots 5 through 8 in Block 6 or Oreana Subdivision, according to the official plat filed as Instrument No. 165543, Official Records of Owyhee County, Idaho.

Parcel 2: Lots 1 through 4 in Block 6 of Oreana Subdivision, according to the official plat filed as Instrument No. 165543, Official Records of Owyhee County, Idaho.

Parcel 3: Lot 1 and 2 in Block 5 of Oreana Subdivision, according to the official plat filed as Instrument No. 165543, Official Records of Owyhee County, Idaho.

Parcel 4: Lot 1 through 4 in Block 7 and Lots 1 through 4 in Block 8 of Oreana Subdivision, according to the official plat

filed at Instrument No. 165543, Official Records of the Owyhee County, Idaho.

Parcel 5: Lots 5 through 8 in Block 7 and Lots 5 through 9 in Block 8 of Oreana Subdivision, according to the official plat filed as Instrument No. 165543, Official Records of Owyhee County, Idaho.

The sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation of Hart Creek Ranch, LLC pursuant to that certain *Judgment, Order of Sale and Decree of Foreclosure* entered on October 21, 2011 in the above-referenced matter (the “*Judgment*”), whereby Defendant Hart Creek Ranch, LLC is indebted to Plaintiffs in the amount of \$821,296.01, plus interest.

All real property sold at the sale shall be subject to a redemption period of up to one (1) year as set forth in Idaho Code §11-401, et seq. Therefore, Hart Creek Ranch, LLC, as redemptioner, as that term is defined in Idaho Code §11-401(2), may redeem the property from the purchaser within one (1) year after the sale if the property sold consists of more than twenty acres, or within six (6) months, if the property sold consists of a tract of land of 20 acres or less, upon paying the purchaser the sum of: (x) the amount of his purchase, with interest on that amount at the rate allowed by Idaho Code §28-22-401(1) of the from the date of sale to the date of redemption; and (y) the amount of any assessment or taxes which the purchaser may have paid after the commencement of the action and which are not included in the *Judgment* with interest such amount(s) at the rate allowed by Idaho Code §28-22-401(1).

In the event the purchaser is also a creditor having prior lien to that of the redemptioner, other than the Judgment, the purchaser will also be entitled to payment of that amount of such lien, with interest at the rate allowed in Idaho Code §28-22-104(1).

The Sheriff, by Certificate of Sale, will transfer all right, title, and interest of the judgment debtor in and to the property at the time of execution or attachment was levied. The Sheriff will give possession but does not guarantee clear title nor continued possessory right to the purchaser.


DATED this 14th day of November, 2011.

/s/DARYL CRANDALL, Sheriff of Owyhee County

POLICY OF NON-DISCRIMINATION ON THE BASIS OF DISABILITY. THE OWYHEE COUNTY SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT DOES NOT DISCRIMINATE ON THE BASIS OF DISABILITY IN THE ADMISSION OF OR ACCESS TO, OR PARTICIPATION IN ITS PROGRAMS OR ACTIVITIES. REQUESTS FOR REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE OWYHEE COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE 20381 STATE HWY 78 MURPHY IDAHO 83650 208-495-1154

Matthew J. Ryden, ANGSTMAN JOHNSON, 3649 Lakeharbor Lane, Boise, ID 83703. 208-384-8588 Fax 208-853-0117 Ryden ISB 6577, Attorney for Plaintiff.

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Owyhee County Church Directory		
Iglesia Misionera Biblica Homedale Pastor Silverio Cardenas Jr. 132 W. Owyhee • 337-5975 Servicios: Mar - 7pm - Oracion Mier - 7pm Predicacion, Vier - Oracion Dom - 10am Esc. Dom y 6pm "Una Iglesia Diferente."	Knight Community Church Grand View Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:45 a.m. Adult Bible Study: Wednesday, 7 p.m. Knight's Neighborhood: (Youth Activity Group) Friday 5-6:30 pm	Crossroads Assembly of God Wilder Pastors Ron & Martha Hwy 19 & 95, 482-7644 Sunday School 10am Sunday Morning Worship 11am Sunday Evening Worship 6pm Wed. Bible Study 7pm
Assembly of God Church Homedale 15 West Montana, 337-4458 Pastor George Greenwood Sunday School 9:30am Sunday Morning Worship 10:30am Sunday Evening Service 6:00pm Wed. Bible Study 7:00pm	Friends Community Church Wilder - Homedale 17434 Hwy 95, 337-3464 Sunday School 9:30 am Worship Services: 10:45 am Sundays Wednesday Prayer Meeting: 5:30 pm Wednesday CLC: 3:15 pm	Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church 1122 W. Linden St., Caldwell 459-3653 Mass: Saturday 5:00 pm Sunday 9:30 am Spanish Mass: Saturday 7:00 pm Spanish Mass: Sunday Noon
Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church Homedale - 337-4248 Sunday Services 10am Pastor Sean Rippey Adult Sunday School 9-9:45am Visitors Always Welcome! Call Church for Prayer requests	Chapel of Hope Hope House, Marsing Look for the Blue Church South Bruneau Hwy at the Hope House Welcoming Families, especially those with special needs children. Keith Croft, Pastor 880-2767 Jake & Alisha Henriouille, Youth Pastors 761-6747 Sunday Services at 10 am	Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Homedale 708 West Idaho Ave 337-4112 Bishop Travis Kraupp Bishop Ronald Spencer Sunday 1st Ward 9am Sunday 2nd Ward 12:30pm
Homedale Baptist Church Homedale 212 S. 1st W. Sunday School 10am-11am Sunday Worship 11am-Noon Wednesday Evening 7pm Pastor James Huls	Wilder Church of God Wilder 205 A St. E, 482-7839 Pastor Ray Gerthung Sunday School 9:45am Sunday Service 11am Sunday Eve. 6:00pm Wed. Eve. 7:00pm	Mountain View Church of the Nazarene 26515 Ustick Road, Wilder 337-3151 Sunday School 9:30 Worship 10:30 Adult & Youth Bible Class: Wednesday 7:00 pm
 MARSING APOSTOLIC ASSEMBLY Asamblea Apostolica de Marsing 107 W. Main • Marsing, Idaho Pastor Jose Gutierrez 208-461-9016 or 880-6172 Sunday School 10:00 am Sunday Service 1 pm • Wednesday Service 7 pm Bilingual Services/Espanol	Iglesia Evangelica Wilder 317 3rd st., Pastor Ramiro Reyes 10 am Sunday School 11 am Service 482-7484 Bilingual	Marsing Church of Christ Marsing 932 Franklin, Marsing Minister Gib Nelson Sunday Bible Study 10am Sunday Worship 11am
Christian Church Homedale 110 W. Montana, 337-3626 Pastor Maurice Jones Sunday Morning Worship 11am Church school 9:45	Bible Missionary Church Homedale West Idaho, 337-3425 Pastor Ron Franklin Sunday School 10am Worship 11am Sunday Evening 7pm Wednesday Evening 7:30	Assembly of God Church Marsing 139 Kerry, 965-1650 Pastor Rick Sherrow Sunday School 10am Sunday Worship 11am & 6 pm
Lizard Butte Baptist Church Marsing Pastor David London 116 4th Ave. W., 859-2059 Sunday worship: Morning: 11am-Noon• Evening: 6-7pm Sunday school 10 am-10:55am Wednesday evening 6pm-7pm	Nazarene Church Marsing Pastor Bill O'Connor 896-4184 12 2nd Avenue West Worship Services - Sunday 11am and 6pm Sunday School - 9:45am Mid Week TLC Groups	Trinity Holiness Church Homedale 119 N. Main Pastor Samuel Page 337-5021 Sunday School 10am Sunday Morning Worship 11am Sunday Evening 7pm Thursday Evening 7:30pm
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Marsing 215 3rd Ave. West, 896-4151 Sunday 1st Ward, 9:00 a.m. Bishop Jensen Sunday 2nd Ward, 12:30 p.m. Bishop Parry	Vision Community Church Marsing 221 West Main Marsing, Idaho 208-896-5407 Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Sunday Service 10:30 a.m. Adult, Kids & Youth Meetings Wed. 7:00 p.m.	United Methodist Church Wilder Corner of 4th St. & B Ave. 880-8751 Pastor June Fothergill Sunday Services 9:30am
First Presbyterian Church Homedale 320 N. 6th W., 337-3060 Pastor Marianne Paul Sunday Morning Worship 11am Sunday School 11am	Calvary Holiness Church Wilder Corner of 3rd St. & B Ave. Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship: 11:00 a.m. Sunday Evening: 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Evening: 7:00 p.m. Food Pantry Open Fridays 10 am - Noon	Seventh Day Adventist Homedale 16613 Garnet Rd., 880-0902 or 453-9289 Pastor Chuck Dimick Sabbath School Sat. 9:30am Worship 11am Tuesday Prayer Mtg. 7:00 pm
Iglesia Bautista Palabra de Esperanza Homedale 711 W. Idaho, 463-9569 Pastor Jose Diaz Servicios: Los Domingos 11:00 am	Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic Church - Oreana 2011 Mass Schedule - the following Saturdays at 9:30am Feb.12 - March 12 - April 9 - May 14 - June 11 - July 9 - Aug. 13 Sept. 24 - Oct. 22 - Nov. 26 - Dec. 10 All are welcome! For more information, call St. Paul's Church, Nampa 466-7031	Amistad Cristiana de Wilder UMC Esquina de 4 y calle B Domingos Servicio: 12:00 pm El Ropero (Banco de ropa) Miercoles 12- 2pm Martes y Jueves: 6:30 pm Ingles Sabados: 12:00 pm Arte Infantil Todo en Espanol, Inf. 989 7508

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Legal assistant: The Office of Owyhee County Prosecuting Attorney, Murphy ID (located approximately 30 miles SE of Nampa) seeks an experienced legal assistant. The full time position is based upon 37.5 hours weekly. A back ground check and reference verification is required. The job description is contained at www.owyheecounty.net along with the requisite Owyhee County Application for Employment. The position requires proficiency in Word, Word Perfect and Power Point programs. Compensation package: \$14.50 to \$16.00 hourly, depending on related experience; with fringe benefits following successful probationary period and accrual. The intended start/training date is December 12th, 2011. Owyhee County is an equal opportunity employer. No e-mails or telephone calls please. Applications will be accepted through November 23, 2011 at 5:00 pm. A resume and cover letter may also be attached to the required application, if desired. Submissions should be mailed to: Pros. Atty Emery, Owyhee County Courthouse, P.O. Box 128, Murphy, ID 83650.
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Season's Greetings

**The annual Owyhee Avalanche
Christmas gift project for the residents of
Owyhee Health & Rehabilitation Center**

**Residents have included several gifts
on their wish lists, but local "Santas"
need only to select one item. Gifts
may be gift wrapped and tagged with
the number and item selected**

**Gift
Drive
Ends
Dec. 21**

- F1: Piano Hymn book, blouses (XL), perfume
- F2: Blouses (3x), slacks (3x), socks, slippers
- F3: Blouses (XL), sweat pants (XL), large playing cards
- F4: Candy, perfume, slippers, socks
- F5: Candy, jewelry, perfume
- F6: Slippers (boot style, L), perfume, jewelry
- F7: Perfume, soft plush animal, slippers
- F8: Slippers (boot style), lotion, socks
- F9: Word search puzzle books, cami's (L), underwear sz 9
- F10: Ankle socks, velcro tennis shoes (sz 10W) , blouses (2X)
- F11: Blouses (L), sweat pants (L), socks
- F12: Candy, stuffed animal, socks, tennis shoes sz 7
- F13: Blouses (M), slacks (M), jewelry, perfume
- F14: Slippers, pajamas (M), trail mix, word search puzzles
- F15: Talking stuffed animal, blouses (M), slacks (M)
- F16: Blouses (L), slacks (L), jewelry
- F17: Jewelry, slippers, duster dresses (4X), perfume
- F18: Slippers (boot style), underwear sz 8, slacks (L), blouses (L)
- F19: Shirley Temple/western DVDs, slacks (L), plush socks
- M1: BSU shirts (2x), jogging pants (2x), baseball cap
- M2: Sweat suit (lrg), men's cologne, socks
- M3: T-shirts (5x), sweat pants (5x), cologne
- M4: Regular size pillows, cologne, slippers
- M5: Tank-tops (XL), sweat pants (XL), men's sandal (Sz 7)
- M6: Slippers, cologne, large size playing cards
- M7: Sugar-free candy, T-shirt (2x), slippers

Misc. Gift Ideas:

**Electric shavers,
nose hair trimmers,
non-slip socks, portable
CD players,
family oriented
DVDs, cardigans,
sweat suits**

**Gifts for residents may be dropped off at the Avalanche office,
19 E. Idaho Ave., between 8am-noon and 1pm-5pm Monday through Friday.**