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“That 43rd star on that flag is shining a little brighter today because of what’s happening in Homedale.”



Governor gushes about Homedale’s Blue Ribbon school

Otter, others commend staff and students at assembly

Day-to-day dedication helped put Homedale Middle School in the pantheon of U.S. public schools, Gov. C. L. “Butch” Otter said last week.

“I can’t tell you how many schools there are in the U.S., but I’ll tell you this: You’re one of the best because of your efforts,” the governor said during a Nov. 22 appearance at the school.

Otter joined several other state and local dignitaries at the community celebration for HMS’ designation as a Blue Ribbon School by the U.S. Department of Education.

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Top: Idaho Gov. C. L. “Butch” Otter congratulates the students and staff on Homedale Middle School’s National Blue Ribbon Award. **Above:** Otter stands near the Blue Ribbon banner as HMS student body president Madison Fisher holds the national award plaque. From left, Homedale superintendent Tim Rosandick, former HMS principal Luci Asumendi-Mereness and current principal Amy Winters.

Holiday parade set for Homedale

Chamber set to give away more than 30 turkeys

With the annual Homedale for the Holidays Parade set for Saturday, the Homedale Chamber of Commerce is ready to get the festivities under way.

The Chamber- and city-sponsored parade will begin at 10 a.m. on Saturday and will be followed by the turkey raffle.

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Marsing man gets 35 years

A 46-year-old Owyhee County man has been sentenced to 35 years in the state penitentiary for three felony charges involving minors for incidents dating to 2000.

Lee E. Green Jr. of Marsing, faces 10-year fixed sentences for each of two felony convictions of lewd conduct with a minor under 16 and an additional 15 years for a felony conviction of injury to a child under 18.

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celebrate Thanksgiving



Diners pack in for annual feast

Top: Bob Hartnell of Homedale loads up a tray with freshly carved turkey during the Homedale Senior Center's Thanksgiving dinner on Nov. 22. **Below:** Betty and Ozark Mountain Music entertain the packed house of diners.



Above: Volunteers clear away shingles from the roof of the Pleasant Valley School. **Below:** Volunteers take the roofing down to the wood and work their way across the schoolhouse roof. Submitted photos

Community roof razing
benefits Pleasant Valley School

Community support has helped create a new roof for Pleasant Valley School.

With the school buildings in dire need of re-roofing, the school enlisted the help of parents, community members and the Jordan Valley High School football team to start the project by removing the old roofing.

The work, which was carried out near the end of August, helped the tiny school district save about \$7,000, according to Pleasant Valley School superintendent Andree Scown.

"It took 18 people and a very long day to get the job done," Scown said.

The district raised more than \$800 with a mid-October fundraiser to help offset the cost of Dumpsters, hauling and disposal of the old roofing materials. About 60 community members turned out for the chili dinner and bingo night.

"The school would like to express appreciation to the individuals and businesses from Jordan Valley and surrounding communities who generously donated prizes for the event,"

Scown said.

The businesses that helped out included:

Isom Industrial Metal and Structural Steel; Energy Feeds Inc.; Campbell Tractor; local artists Leon and Linda Gage; Jim Zatica's Shell Station; Moxie Java Bistro - Foxy Jewelry and Accessories;

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Creating electricity from a natural waste product



Marsing's methane project manager John Larsen puts the finishing touches on a test collection unit used to pipe captured methane into a 30kW generator at well No. 1.

Marsing one step closer to full-scale production operation capturing methane found in city water

After years of contemplating what to do with the naturally occurring methane found in Marsing's water, the city is getting closer to being able to capitalize on the waste product.

A little over a year ago, the city's methane project manager, John Larsen, began working on a feasibility study with Mountain Waterworks engineer Tim Farrell. With the blessing of the city and the matching funds for grants, the two began formulating the three-phase project.

"Everyone is worried about the carbon footprint," Farrell said. "This methane that is going into the atmosphere right now has 21 times the carbon footprint as (carbon dioxide). By removing the methane out of the air we are reducing the city's carbon footprint."

Before the project started, the city merely vented the 95 percent pure methane into the atmosphere to remove it from the drinking water.

"As long as we can do something with it and not just waste it, I will be happy," Larsen said. "We have something here that can be a benefit to the entire community and a model that other municipalities could follow to use the waste product."

Throughout the first phase, Larsen and Farrell first developed a screen filter to test the concentration of the methane. With the tests, the methane found in the city's waters supply was found to be 95 percent pure, Larsen said.

In comparison to other methane-capturing ventures — wastewater treatment facilities, dairies and landfills — Farrell said the three only produce around 60 percent pure methane.

Both Larsen and Farrell are excited for the potential for using the waste product to benefit the community and the city financially.

"Currently, it is looking like we should be able to produce around \$100,000 in energy annually," Farrell said. "That is just off the city wells, and that is a somewhat conservative number. The amount available is proportional to how much water is pumped. The more water the city pumps, the more there is to be made."

Larsen explained the current production of methane is centered around well No. 1, which is under the water tower. If things go as the two hope, they foresee a mass production facility near the city's 540,000-gallon water storage tank at well No. 8 off Idaho highway 78.

"We are in phase two of the feasibility study," Farrell said. "Right now we are looking at three areas to use the methane. No. 1, we can use it for heat, No. 2, we can use it for the Idaho Power net metering program and third we can convert the city's truck fleet to natural gas."

"No. 3 is the most attractive to me right now because it is free fuel forever. A lot of cities are doing this now to be more green."

Larsen said after talking with a company in Ogden, Utah, that sells retrofit assemblies to convert regular gasoline vehicles to run off of compressed natural gas (CNG), the city would probably have to spend about \$6,000 for each kit.

"We burn \$600 per month in gasoline," Larsen said. "That equipment would transfer to newer vehicles in the future as well. There would be a little bit more equipment involved to compress the gas so it could be used in the vehicles, but it would save money in the long run. Through conversions, 1.2 gallons of CNG is equivalent to one gallon of regular gasoline."

Farrell estimated the wells are producing enough methane to retrofit up to 20 vehicles.

"Twenty vehicles is a lot," Farrell said. "Depending on how much extra we have, it could benefit a lot of people, and we would have to talk with the other agencies to see if they could benefit from this as well."

Another avenue Larsen and Farrell have discussed using the gas for is heating the Marsing school buildings.

"From talking with the school, they spend over \$30,000 on propane to heat the three schools," Larsen said. "In reality, they would only need the gas during the winter months, and during the off-season, we could generate power or compress it and use it for vehicles. There are a lot of options."

If the city were to pursue only selling the power generated from the 30 percent efficient generator, they would have to work out a deal similar to the agreement from the newly installed solar panels on the city shop with Idaho Power.

"If we sold the power back to Idaho Power, we would probably break even for how much power the city buildings use," Larsen said. "Selling the power, is one way to reduce the city's overhead and expenses. The amount of power we generate is completely dependent on how much water we are pumping, though."

During the second phase that started this summer, Larsen began capturing methane at well No. 1 at the water tower and was able to power up two 4kW generators and run various hand tools.

Earlier in November, a generator donated by Western States Equipment Co. in Meridian was placed at well No. 1 to run a large-scale test.

Larsen said they are still working the bugs out of the 30kW Caterpillar generator to

determine how much power can be produced. Both Farrell and Larsen expect to wrap up the second phase of the project before the end of the year.

"We doubt we will be able to load 30kW of power," Farrell said. "We are trying to figure out how much of a load we can create from this one site. This will give us the efficiency rating for just the one site. If we pump this down and use it in a building or vehicle it is a one-to-one ratio. We would lose about 70 percent efficiency using it to create power."

"From the dollars-and-cents perspective, heat and gas makes sense. But the city may want to take the easy route and just run the generator."

Depending on which direction the city proceeds, Larsen wants to see the waste product used.

"If it is used, I am happy," Larsen said. "If at the end of the day we can say, 'Yes we used a waste product and used it to make the city a better place' we have succeeded."

— JLZ

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Romona Andrus stands next to the 11th quilt she has made for a Homedale Senior Center fundraiser raffle. The quilt and afghan also shown will be given away Saturday during the center's Holiday Bazaar, which is scheduled to run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Raffle tickets are \$1 each or \$5 for six.

Feds' proposed wilderness report spares Owyhee

Owyhee County officials and ranchers got some good news recently when the federal Department of Interior released its preliminary report on lands it would like to suggest to Congress for protection.

Only the Boulder-White Clouds region of Central Idaho appears in the report detailing Bureau of Land Management lands that the DOI would like to present for designation as National Conservation Areas or Wilderness.

Owyhee County already features 517,000 acres of wilderness set aside through the collaborative Owyhee Initiative, but there were fears that Interior Secretary Ken Salazar's abortive Wild Lands secretarial order issued

in December would threaten more lands vital to the county's economic base.

But the report spurred by the blowback from Salazar's unilateral document featured no more lands in Owyhee County. The Board of County Commissioners submitted comment on suggested lands for designation after receiving a request in July.

Commissioners wrote that no more public land in the county should be limited as wilderness or NCAs.

And, at least in the preliminary report, the federal government agrees.

"That's a good sign," BOCC chair Jerry Hoagland said. "I hope they're listening to the people finally."

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EPA’s mercury mitigation plan miffs mine, county

Officials: Land use limitations would affect economy

A mercury mitigation plan proposed by the federal Environmental Protection Agency could hinder the reclamation of the Kinross DeLamar Mine and impact land use in Owyhee County, officials say.

The Board of County Commissioners and a Kinross DeLamar Mine manager have objected to the EPA’s proposed Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for mercury in Jordan Creek.

“It’s an absolutely unattainable requirement and will stop any activities in that area,” BOCC chair Jerry Hoagland said.

A TMDL places limits on the amount of mercury that can find its way into the Jordan Creek watershed. The limits are set with the health of humans and aquatic life in mind.

The EPA issued a draft TMDL earlier this year after rejecting a similar program developed by the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality on the grounds that it wasn’t restrictive

enough.

Hoagland said that the EPA sent the TMDL to the Owyhee Watershed Council, and no one else.

“The county was never notified, and the entire Jordan Creek drainage where they’re trying to do this is within Owyhee County,” the District 1 commissioner said.

“We finally got the county a copy after calling EPA in Portland.”

Hoagland said the EPA also failed to notify point source operations such as the Ash Grove cement plant in Durkee, Ore., and the Jerritt Canyon Gold Mine in northern Nevada.

Hoagland is concerned that the EPA’s draft TMDL could effectively prohibit any ground disturbance, which along with runoff from rainfall and snow melt is one of the ways that mercury finds its way into Jordan Creek.

“It covers any soil disturbance that potentially could disturb soil where the mercury in the

soil could potentially become airborne and could be washed into the Jordan Creek drainage,” Hoagland said.

The mercury has been in the soil for more than a century. It’s the aftermath of legacy milling that took place between 1880 and 1917 during the heyday of the Silver City Mining District.

But the EPA seeks tighter water quality standards, and local officials fear that means possible limits on modern-day land use such as livestock grazing and trailing, road maintenance by county crews and ATV recreation that could stir up mercury deposited into the soil by miners from a century ago.

Other mercury deposits find their way into Jordan Creek from the Ash Grove cement plant in Durkee, Ore., the Jerritt Canyon Gold Mine in Nevada and even sources from as far away as California.

The proposed TMDL frustrates the county commissioners as well as Kinross DeLamar Mining Co. site manager Steven C. Smith. Both wrote letters to the EPA during the draft TMDL comment period. The BOCC also contacted

the Idaho congressional delegation in a Nov. 7 letter.

“If the EPA draft TMDL for Jordan Creek is implemented, there will be significant negative impact on current and future land uses in Owyhee County, including on our primary economic activities such as grazing, farming, mining and logging,” the commissioners wrote.

The BOCC also pointed out some of the same concerns Smith itemized in his letter, specifically that the draft TMDL is based on limited data.

Smith asks the EPA to consider a two-year delay of TMDL implementation to allow for more extensive studies, or in the least a phased implementation. The studies carry a hefty price tag, he points out, but would give a better indication of how streamflows fluctuate year-round in the Jordan Creek drainage based on summer storms and snowpack run-off. The delay would also give the EPA a chance to consider more accurate statistics regarding seasonal precipitation and runoff rather than the annualized average that was included in the TMDL report.

The DeLamar official also worries that the TMDL will impact continuing reclamation efforts at the mine site, which was deactivated in 1998 after 22 years of open pit gold mining. No mercury was ever used in the DeLamar operation, Smith writes.

Smith’s letter reports a concern that restrictions on drainage from the mine site would delay the latter stages of a 10-year reclamation and closure project, which is scheduled to wrap up in 2013. He also states that the TMDL would limit the company’s ability for long-term management of the 2,100-acre area beyond the closure program.

Hoagland said the proposal is especially aggravating because the federal agency goes so far as to say in its 55-page report that mercury from legacy milling is a 100-year-old problem that will take at least a century to mitigate.

“It’s really frustrating that they’re trying to achieve something that’s totally impossible,” he said.

— JPB

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✓ Parade: Area businesses provide dozens of turkeys for annual giveaway

Entry tickets for the Chamber turkey raffle can be found inside the special holiday section of this week’s Owyhee Avalanche.

“So far, we have 27 businesses, which is every bit as many as we had last year,” Chamber president Gavin Parker said. “That is 27 sponsorships of \$20. We should be able to give away more than 30 turkeys this year to area families.

“The businesses really stepped up to the plate, and I am encouraged and appreciate the support from the businesses. We have some businesses that are sponsoring up to three turkeys. It is very encour-

aging despite the tough economy. Overall, it is a good thing for the community, and all the businesses are excited to give back.”

Those entering the raffle need to make sure their tickets are dropped off at the sponsoring businesses by noon on Friday.

Saturday’s parade begins at the corner of North Main Street and East Owyhee Avenue and heads west on Owyhee Avenue. The procession turns south on North Third Street West before turning onto West Idaho Avenue for the eastward trek to Homedale High School.

Parker said he isn’t sure how many floats will be entered into the parade yet, but expects a good turnout similar to last year.

Pre-registration for the parade isn’t required.

“If the weather holds up and we don’t have snow on the ground, we will have some classic cars in the parade as well,” Parker said. “I am expecting a pretty decent turnout. The plan is to have the bands from the schools, but I haven’t had a final confirmation.”

Parker said some of the floats that were entered into the Marsing Holiday Parade on Nov. 19

would also be taking part in the Homedale parade.

Those entering vehicles, floats or groups are encouraged to begin lining up at 9:30. During the staging process in front of Tolmie’s Ace Hardware on East Owyhee, Chamber officers will judge the entries and pass out candy to some of the groups to toss during the route.

This year, Santa Claus will hand out candy canes to children following the conclusion of the parade in front of the U.S. Post Office on North Main Street.

At last month’s Chamber lun-

cheon, Parker finalized plans to purchase 15 banners that will hang from the light poles along Idaho Avenue. The holiday-themed banners are planned to be installed before Saturday’s parade.

“We finalized the design, they will be printed front and back,” Parker said. “The primary color is Trojan Red. We are working with the city, and they should be up before the end of the week. I am really excited for the banners. We will try and space them all the way down Idaho Avenue. With the lighted garland, they will look good.”

— JLZ

✓ Man: Lee Green “stoic and blank-faced” during Monday sentencing

Owyhee County Prosecuting Attorney Douglas D. Emery said Green appeared “stoic and blank-faced” during his Monday sentencing hearing before Third District Court Judge Gregory M. Culet in Murphy.

“I think it was certain he would be going to the Idaho Department of Corrections today,” Emery told The Owyhee Avalanche after the sentencing. “I’m not certain the numbers were clear in his

mind.”

Green waived his right to appeal the sentence and will be required to register as a sex offender and provide a DNA sample along with a thumb print for the state database, Emery said.

Emery said Green will enter into the sexual offender program at IDOC and a further report would be filed with the courts to coincide with the 10 years retained jurisdiction of the sentence.

Green pled guilty to the three felony charges in August. Additionally, Green will pay court fines and fees along with a civil judgment that was imposed, Emery said. As of press time Monday, the exact figures weren’t available.

Emery said in an email late Monday afternoon that, generally, an inmate is not considered for parole until he has served one half of his sentence. Parole is granted only following the completion

of the necessary treatment programs and demonstration of good behavior within the penitentiary system.

Originally, Green was charged with six offenses.

Four of the charges were for felony lewd conduct with a minor under the age of 16 with one minor and two felony charges of sexual battery of a child 16 or 17, another minor.

“It was a very good sentence

and provides the necessary review in the event that he would ever be released from the Department of Corrections,” Emery said. “This was traumatic for the family and very emotional. I think the families felt that justice has been served.

“They weren’t vindictive but to ensure that this didn’t happen to another victim”

— JLZ

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Obituaries

Ruby Leonard Orton Townsend

On November 23, 2011 our loving Mother, Grandmother and Great-Grandmother passed away peacefully at home in Meridian, ID.

Ruby L. Leonard was born May 4, 1917 in Silver City, Idaho to Robert H. Jr. and Lillian (Hawes) Leonard. She was the seventh child of eight (one sister and six brothers) born to the Leonards. Ruby was raised in Silver City and went to school there through the 8th grade. She lived with friends in Boise, ID in order to go to Boise High School, where she graduated.

At a dance in Oreana, Idaho she met Clarence (Sid) Orton, Sr. and they married on September 6, 1937. They had three children: Sharon, Judy and Clarence



Monte Jr. During the course of their 47-year marriage they lived in Boise, Weiser and Homedale, ID and Burns, OR. Ruby was a hard-working homemaker,

was very active in the Eastern Star and loved to dance. She operated Ruby's Snack Shack in Silver City for several summers. Clarence Sr. (Sid) passed away on March 30, 1981.

Ruby married William (Bill) Townsend (a Silver City classmate) on June 17, 1984. They lived in Homedale and Nampa, ID and traveled frequently. Bill passed away on March 13, 1999.

Ruby moved to Heatherwood Retirement Community in Boise in October 2004 and then to Grace Assisted Living in Meridian, ID in October 2009.

She was very proud of her extensive family history in Silver City. Her grandparents Richard S. (Dickie) and Phillipa (Edwards)

Hawes and Robert H. Sr. and Adelaide (Durgin) Leonard were Silver City pioneers. Her mother and father were both born there. She was a charter member of the Owyhee County Historical Society and Eastern Star Chapter #83 Order of the Eastern Star in Homedale, a Past Matron of that chapter and a past member of the Heatherwood Red Hatters and Heatherwood Band.

Ruby was preceded in death by her parents, all her siblings, both husbands and her daughter Sharon Sligar, Twin Falls, ID. She is survived by her daughter Judy Tegnell, Boise and son Clarence Monte Jr. (Sandy) Orton, Meridian. Other survivors include her grandchildren Paul Sligar Jr., Filer, ID, Stephanie

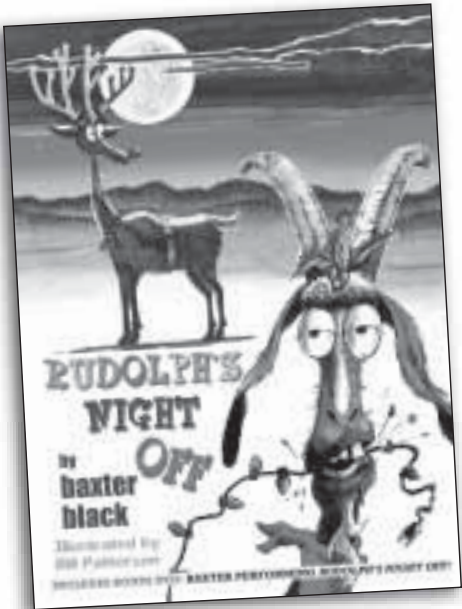
(Bill) Huber, Carlisle, OH, Lisa (William) Burt, Boise, Todd (Heidi) Tegnell, Eagle, ID, Linsi (Cliff) Pettigrew, Camas, WA and great-grandchildren Lauren (Robert) Martin, Amanda Telleria, Treyvan Sligar, Jessica Tegnell, Alex Burt, Wyatt Pettigrew.

The family would like to thank the staff at Grace Assisted Living, Meridian, and St. Luke's Hospice, Boise for their loving care.

At Ruby's request there will be no services.

An open house in her memory will be held on Saturday, December 10, 2011 from 2-5 p.m. at Grace Assisted Living (activity room), 1960 N. Lakes Place, Meridian, Idaho (west of Locust Grove off Fairview Ave., north off Fairview Ave.).

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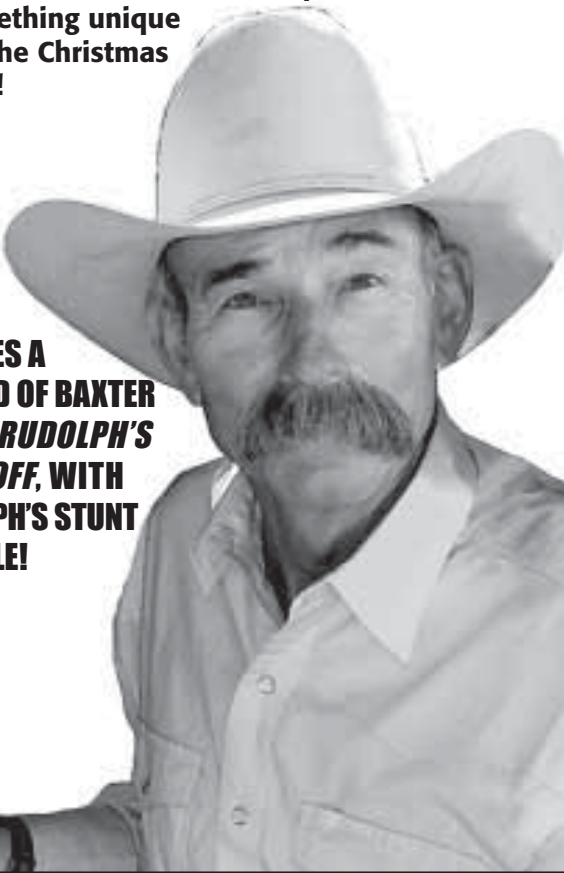
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Porter "Pat" Raymond Whitney

Porter "Pat" Raymond Whitney, 85, of Homedale, died at home of natural causes on November 25, 2011.

A funeral service will be held on Saturday, December 3, 2011 at 1:00 PM at the Homedale Church

of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 708 W Idaho Avenue Homedale, Idaho, with a grave dedication at Marsing Homedale Cemetery. Condolences may be made online at www.flahiffuneralchapel.com.

Rimrock seniors prep for board elections

Three December opportunities to file nominations

Rimrock Senior Center members have three opportunities to make officer nominations in the coming weeks.

Elections for 2012 officers will be held by secret ballot during lunch on Tuesday, Dec. 20. Installation of officers will follow afterward with new terms beginning on Jan. 1.

Board president Jim Markham has appointed a three-person nominating committee, which has developed a slate of officers to present for election. Members can make additional nominations from the floor on Dec. 6, Dec. 8

or Dec. 13. The current board includes Markham, vice-president Laura Frederickson, secretary Vera Lea Jayo, treasurer Jackie Lucas, and directors Willie Roby, Garry Boeger and Frank Millet.

Seats currently held by Millet, who is completing a three-year term, and Boeger, who is near the end of a one-year stint, as well as all officer positions will be on the ballot. Roby has one year left on his directorship.

Meals are served at noon on Tuesday and Thursday at the senior center, 525 N. Main St., in Grand View. Anyone is welcome to enjoy the meal, but advance notice is requested for large parties. Call center coordinator Carolyn Larsen or the cook at (208) 834-2808 to alert them of any large parties

Death notices

DOROTHY J. FELLOWS, 50, of Marsing, died Thursday, Nov. 24, 2011. Arrangements are under the direction of the Cremation Society of Idaho.

PILAR ELORRIAGA TUCKER, 91, of Garden Valley and a former Jordan Valley resident, died Thursday, Nov. 7, 2011 in Emmett. Funeral Mass was Saturday, Nov. 26 at St. Bernard's Catholic Church in Jordan Valley. Burial took place at Jordan Valley Cemetery. Arrangements were under the direction of Summers Funeral Homes, Boise Chapel.

BETTY WILSON, 86, of the Nyssa-Adrian area, died Monday, Nov. 21, 2011, at a care facility. Services were through Shaffer-Jensen Memory Chapel, Payette.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Thursday, Dec. 8

Rimrock quilting group
1 p.m., Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St., Grand View. (208) 834-2665

Owyhee Gardeners monthly meeting
1 p.m., Lizard Butte Library, 111 3rd Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 459-2860

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

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

Friday, Dec. 9

Grand View Lions Club meeting
11:30 a.m., Salinas Raider Cafe, 330 Main Street, Grand View.

Sunday, Dec. 11

Moms Night Out
6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., open to all mothers of young children, Mountain View Church of the Nazarene, 26515 Ustick Road, Wilder. (208) 697-1509

Monday, Dec. 12

Shopping trip
9 a.m. departure, call to reserve seat, Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

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

Homedale library board meeting
10 a.m., Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228

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

Homedale School board meeting
7 p.m., district office board room, 116 E. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4611

Tuesday, Dec. 13

HES Christmas concert
7 p.m., first- and second-graders, Homedale Elementary School gymnasium, 420 W. Washington Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4033

Gem Highway District board meeting
7:30 p.m., Gem Highway District office, 1016 Main St., Marsing. (208) 896-4581

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Bet You Didn’t Know

Children’s rhyme was first sound recorded for all time

The first words that Thomas A. Edison spoke into the phonograph were, “Mary had a little lamb.”

Henry Waterman, of New York, invented the elevator in 1850. He intended it to transport barrels of flour.

The alarm clock was not invented by the Marquis de Sade, as some suspect, but a man named Levi Hutchins of Concord, N.H., developed on in the United States in 1787. Perversity, though, characterized his invention from the beginning. The alarm on his clock could ring only at 4 a.m. Rumor has it that Hutchins was murdered by his wife at 4:05 a.m.

on a very dark and deeply cold New England morning. I’ll check on this and get back to you ...

If you would like to make a Siberian happy, give him a horse-meat steak.

The Ritz cracker was introduced to markets in 1934, but gourmets had to wait until 1953 for the invention of cheese in a can.

A man named Ed Peterson is the inventor of the Egg McMuffin.

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

Irrigation meetings set for Tuesday

The directors of the irrigation boards for the Homedale-Marsing area will hold their monthly meetings on Tuesday.

The meetings take place at the South Board of Control boardroom, 118 S. 1st St. W., in Homedale.

The Ridgeview Irrigation District board of directors meets at 1 p.m., followed by the Gem Irrigation board at 1:15 p.m. and the South Board of Control at 1:30 p.m.

For more information, call the SBOC office at 337-3760.

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Anniversaries

Lifelong ranching couples mark 50th anniversaries together

Fretwells married in Winnemucca in 1961

Owyhee County natives Forest and Nancy Fretwell will mark their golden wedding anniversary on Saturday, Dec. 10, 2011.

The Fretwells will be the guests of honor at a twin celebration with fellow Jordan Valley couple Terry and Rosemary Warn. The event runs from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the St. Bernard’s Parish Hall in Jordan Valley. Cake, coffee and punch will be served, and the only gift requested is the presence of the couples’ family and friends.

Both Forest and Nancy were raised in Owyhee County. Forest grew up on his great grandfather’s ranch outside Jordan Valley, which was homesteaded in 1865. Nancy was raised on the 45 Ranch in the southernmost part of Owyhee County.

The Fretwells were married on Dec. 16, 1961 in Winnemucca,



Nev., and then made their home and raised their family on the ranch in Jordan Valley. They still run cattle and live there today.

They have four children: Stacy Fretwell, Doug Fretwell, Colene Fretwell and Sam (Chanette) Fretwell. They have

10 grandchildren: Mindy Gorley, Michelle Rutan, Tyler Gorley (deceased), Jessica Fretwell, Alli Jo Swenson, Megan Harrison, Kelsea Fretwell, Kassidy Fretwell, Jared Fretwell and Karlee Fretwell; and seven great-grandchildren: Shailee Rutan, Madison Taylor, Kayden and Chase Swenson, Elijha, Ryker and Kace Harrison.

They have lived and loved the ranching life. They both have been very active in and outside the community. They have served on many boards and believe in preserving the ranching way of life for future generations.

Dad and Mom still work hard each day of their life, being ranchers, husband and wife. With many prayers, they found a way and they’re still together to this day.

Pleasant Valley’s Warns graduated JVHS in 1960

Terry and Rosemary Warn of Jordan Valley will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Saturday, Dec. 10, 2011.

The Warns will be the guests of honor at a twin celebration with fellow Jordan Valley couple Forest and Nancy Fretwell. The event runs from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the St. Bernard’s Parish Hall in Jordan Valley. Cake, coffee and punch will be served, and the only gift requested is the presence of the couples’ family and friends.

Terry and Rosemary are 1960 graduates of Jordan Valley High School. They were married on Dec. 9, 1961 at St. Bernard’s Catholic Church in Jordan Valley.

The Warns have four children and 11 grandchildren: Con (Gail Wiley), Ty, Sandy and Zoey



Warn, Julie (Rob) Justin and Kayla Allison, Joan, Ashley and Haley Hebison, John (Tricia Carson), Andi, Jett, Taylor and Blaise Warn.

The couple started their lives together by working for Terry’s

dad, Vernon Warn, who ranched and lived in Pleasant Valley. They lived in Jordan Valley at the Charlie Maher place before moving to where they live now back in Pleasant Valley.

The Warns are lifetime ranchers who have worked hard for what they have and love the ranching way of life, and wouldn’t like it any other way.

Half a century ago, they say, a wonderful marriage began that day.

Two beautiful people joined as one, and worked together to make living fun.

We celebrate now those fifty years; we raise our glass and give three cheers:

To partners in life in both work and play, it’s our pleasure to share your golden day.

Happy 50th anniversary.

School menus

Homedale Elementary

Nov. 30: Crispito or toasted cheese sandwich, taco salad, fruit, churro
Dec. 1: Tator tot casserole or mini beef bagel bites, fruit, roll, fruit snack, milk
Dec. 2: Pizza or popcorn chicken, salad, fruit, cookie, milk
Dec. 5: Chicken tenders or country fried beef steak, mashed potatoes/gravy, roll, fruit milk
Dec. 6: Cheesy chicken noodle bake or fish sandwich, broccoli & cauliflower, fruit, animal crackers, milk
Dec. 7: Chicken nuggets or finger steaks, carrots, fruit, cinnamon roll, milk

Homedale Middle

Nov. 30: Beef or chicken taco, corn, fruit, fruit rollup
Dec. 1: Idaho haystack or corn, churro, fruit & veggie bar, milk
Dec. 2: Chicken tenders or baked ham, mashed potatoes/gravy, roll, fruit & veggie bar, milk
Dec. 5: Hamburger or hot dog, potato wedges, animal crackers, fruit & veggie bar, milk
Dec. 6: Pizza hot pocket, popcorn chicken, green beans, cake, fruit & veggie bar, milk
Dec. 7: Crispito or toasted cheese sandwich, taco salad, fruit & veggie bar, milk

Homedale High

Nov. 30: Idaho Haystack, baked potato or pizza hot pocket, fruit & salad bar, cinnamon roll
Dec. 1: Chicken patty, hamburger, cheeseburger, potato wedges, fruit & salad bar, sherbet cup, milk
Dec. 2: Crispito or rib-b-que, corn, taco salad, fruit bar, milk
Dec. 5: Cheese pizza or mini corn dogs, salad, fruit bar, brownie, milk
Dec. 6: Chicken fried beef steak or chicken filet, mashed potatoes/gravy, roll, fruit bar, milk
Dec. 7: Spaghetti or pizza hot pocket, string cheese, French bread, fruit bar, milk

Marsing

Dec. 1: Burrito, steamed carrots, hamburger, tater tots, soup & salad bar, rice krispie treat
Dec. 2: Pepperoni pizza, salad w/ranch, PBJ, potato chips, soup & salad bar, chocolate chip cookie
Dec. 5: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, corn, ham/cheese, potato chips, soup & salad bar, rice krispie treat
Dec. 6: Lasagna, roll, corn dog, green beans, soup & salad bar, blue berry crisp
Dec. 7: Teriyaki chicken bowl, mixed vegetable, sandwiches, potato chips, soup & salad bar, strawberries w/topping

Senior menus

Rimrock Senior Center

Dec. 1: Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, coleslaw w/carrots, green beans w/onions, roll, orange juice, tapioca pudding
Dec. 6: Baked halibut, cheesy potatoes, mixed vegetables, cabbage salad, V-8 juice, roll, jello w/fruit, frosted graham crackers
Dec. 8: Beet stew, potatoes, carrots, green beans, celery, onions, biscuits, peach dessert

Local essayists excel in VFW contest

Winners, families honored next month with banquet in Homedale

The local Veterans of Foreign Wars chapter recently saluted Homedale and Marsing schoolchildren who took part in annual essay contests.

Winners in the Wilder VFW Post 11065 Patriot’s Pen and Voice of Democracy writing contests will be honored at a banquet on Saturday, Dec. 10 in Homedale.

Paul Eachus of Hope Christian Academy won \$100 as the Post’s Voice of Democracy champion for high school students. He was one of two students from the Marsing-based Hope House school to finish in the top three of the Voice of Democracy voting. Katie Point was second at Hope Christian Academy

and third overall, earning \$60. Natalia Haskell was third at Hope Christian Academy, earning \$25. All three are seniors.

Alexis Muir of Homedale Middle School won the Post’s top prize in the Patriot’s Pen contest. She earned \$100. Fellow HMS student Diana Cook was runner-up at the school and third overall and won \$60. Both students are sixth-graders.

Homedale High School champion Brian Folwell was second overall in the Voice of Democracy contest. The senior earned \$85.

Alexander Heidt won the Marsing Middle School title in the Patriot’s

Pen contest and finished second in the Post judging, collecting \$85. Brady Bowers (\$35) was second at MMS and McKenna Hall (\$25) was third. All three students are eighth-graders.

VFW Post 11065 draws entries from students in five towns, including Homedale, Marsing, Wilder, Greenleaf and Parma. The organization awarded a total of \$575 in the two essay contests.

The Voice of Democracy essayists wrote on the question “Are you proud of your country?” The Patriot’s Pen writers answered the question “Are you proud of your servicemen?”

Winning essayists and their families will be the guests of honor at a banquet at 6 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 10 at the Owyhee Lanes Restaurant in Homedale.

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Peanut Butter Caramel French Toast: This decadent breakfast or brunch dish can be prepared the night before, so all you have to do in the morning is pop it in the oven. It's an easy way to start the day off with friends and family.

Rigatoni Romesco with Grilled Shrimp: This flavorful pasta dish features peanut butter in a zesty red sauce with grilled shrimp. And it comes together in no time — which means you have more time to enjoy the company of good friends.

Apple Cranberry Peanut Butter Crisp: Take baked apples to a whole new level with a peanut butter crumble topping. It's so good you might want to make two and save one for later.

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Peanut Butter Caramel French Toast

Servings: 8
Preparation Time: 30 minutes
Cooking Time: 45 minutes

- Crisco® Original No-Stick Cooking Spray**
- 1 cup firmly packed brown sugar**
- 1/2 cup butter**
- 1/2 cup Jif Extra Crunchy Peanut Butter**
- 2 tablespoons light corn syrup**
- 12 1-inch-thick slices French bread**
- 6 large eggs, beaten**
- 1 1/2 cups milk**
- 1/2 teaspoon salt**
- 3/4 teaspoon vanilla extract**
- 1/4 teaspoon almond extract**
- Whipped cream or whipped butter**

- Coat 13 x 9-inch baking dish with no-stick cooking spray. Stir brown sugar, butter, peanut butter and corn syrup in small saucepan over medium heat, stirring constantly, until smooth and thickened. Pour peanut butter mixture into baking dish. Place bread slices over mixture, trimming to fit.
- Whisk together eggs, milk, salt, vanilla and almond extracts in a medium bowl. Pour egg mixture over bread. Cover and chill 8 hours or overnight.
- Heat oven to 350°F. Remove cover. Bake 45 minutes or until lightly browned. Invert onto large serving platter. Cut into servings. Serve with whipped cream or whipped butter.



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Apple Cranberry Peanut Butter Crisp

Servings: 9
Preparation Time: 15 minutes
Cooking Time: 40 minutes

- 6 cups peeled, sliced Gala apples (about 3 large)**
- 1/4 cup dried cranberries**
- 1/4 cup firmly packed brown sugar**
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon**

Topping

- 6 tablespoons Pillsbury Best® All Purpose Flour**
- 3 tablespoons toasted wheat germ**
- 1/4 cup firmly packed brown sugar**
- 1/2 cup Jif Omega-3 Creamy Peanut Butter**
- 1/2 cup chopped walnuts**
- Smucker's® Sundae Syrup™ Caramel Flavored Syrup (optional) or Smucker's Sugar Free Sundae Syrup Caramel Flavored Syrup**

- Heat oven to 375°F. Stir apples, cranberries, 1/4 cup brown sugar and cinnamon until coated. Spoon evenly in 9 x 9-inch baking pan.
- Mix flour, wheat germ and 1/4 cup brown sugar in medium bowl. Cut in peanut butter with fork until crumbs form. Stir in walnuts. Crumble over apples.
- Bake 35 to 40 minutes or until apples are fork tender and top is golden brown. Cool 10 minutes. Drizzle with caramel flavored syrup, if desired. Serve warm.

Rigatoni Romesco with Grilled Shrimp

Servings: 6
Cooking Time: 20 minutes

- 2 tablespoons Crisco® 100% Extra Virgin Olive Oil, divided, plus 1/3 cup olive oil**
- 3 cloves garlic, divided and chopped**
- 1 slice white bread**
- 1 cup Jif Extra Crunchy Peanut Butter**
- 1 (12-ounce) jar roasted red peppers, undrained**
- 1/2 teaspoon red pepper flakes**
- 2 (14.5-ounce) cans diced tomatoes**
- 2 tablespoons chopped Italian parsley**
- 2 teaspoons salt, divided**
- 3/4 teaspoon black pepper, divided**
- 2 tablespoons red wine vinegar**
- 1 teaspoon chili powder**
- 1 teaspoon paprika**
- 3 pounds (about 3 dozen) large raw shrimp, peeled and deveined**
- 1 (16-ounce) package rigatoni pasta, cooked according to package directions and kept warm**

Optional Garnish

Chopped Italian parsley, chopped peanuts or roasted red pepper strips

- Add 1 tablespoon oil and 2 cloves garlic to a large non-stick skillet on medium heat. Sauté and stir about 1 minute.
- Transfer garlic to small bowl. Add bread to skillet and cook 2 minutes on each side until toasted. Remove bread and tear into large pieces.
- Place sautéed garlic, remaining clove raw garlic, bread, peanut butter and roasted red peppers in food processor and purée well. Add in pepper flakes, tomatoes, parsley, 1 teaspoon salt, 1/4 teaspoon pepper, vinegar, chili powder and paprika; purée. With processor running, add 1/3 cup oil gradually through the feed tube and mix well. Return sauce to skillet and heat thoroughly. Keep warm.
- Heat grill. Season shrimp with remaining 1 teaspoon salt, 1/2 teaspoon pepper and 1 tablespoon oil in large bowl. Stir to combine. Grill about 2 minutes on each side or until opaque.
- Place pasta on large platter. Top with sauce, then shrimp. Serve hot. Garnish with Italian parsley, chopped peanuts and red peppers if desired. Serve hot.

MHS boys gear up for hoops

Avalanche Sports

Owyhee kids in the Shrine game

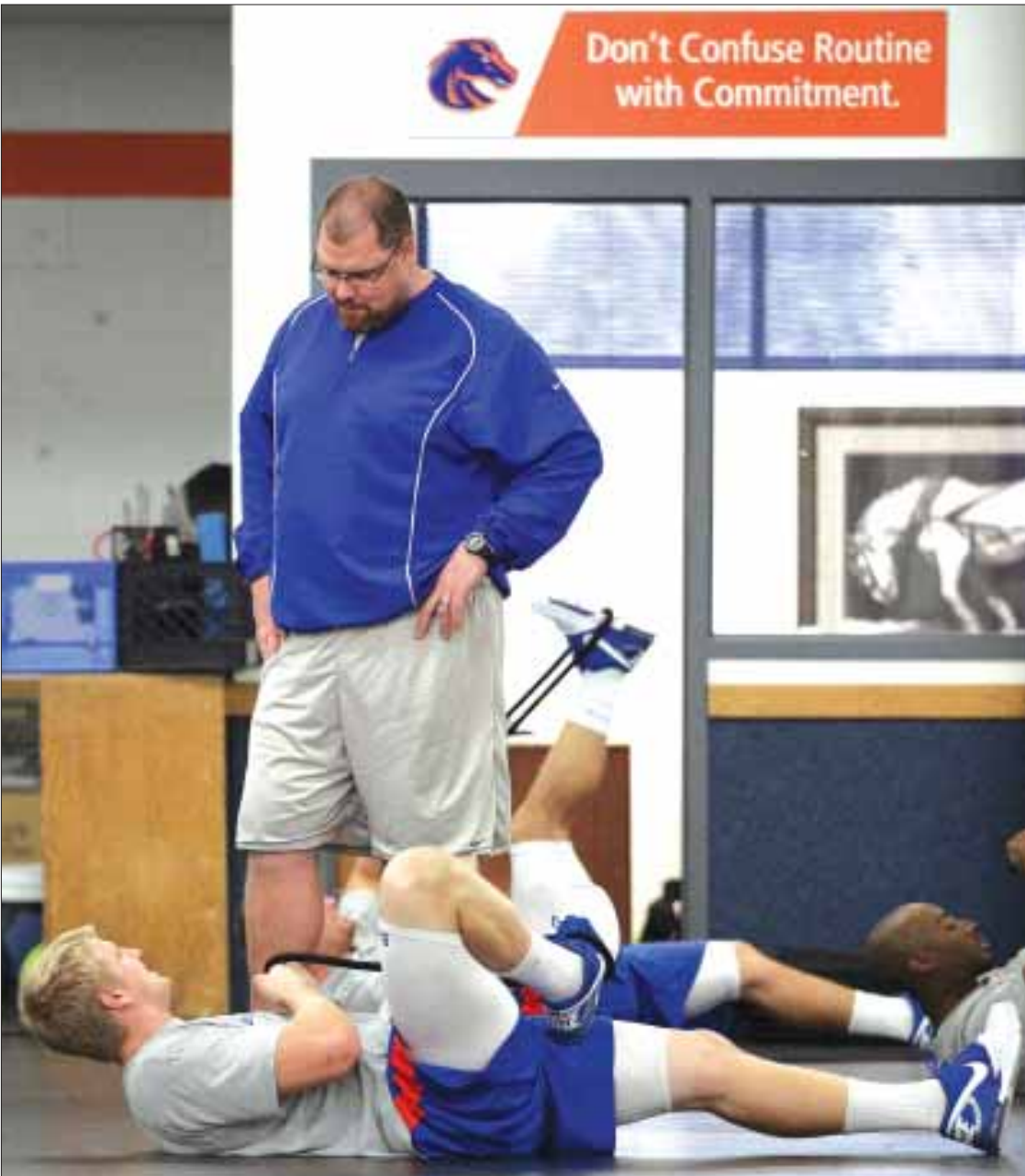
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Marsing's McClellin has made his mark

Quiet defender plays final Bronco Stadium game Saturday

Shea McClellin completes his Bronco dream Saturday. The 2007 Marsing High School graduate plays his final home game for the Boise State football team when New Mexico State visits. He'll have a large contingent of family and friends in Bronco Stadium prior to the 4 p.m. kickoff. "It's important not just for me but my family to stay close to them so they could come to all my home games," the 6-foot-3, 258-pound defensive lineman/linebacker said. "That helped me out a lot as far as comfort and (not getting) homesick. "I think if I was away I might focus on my family a bit more." Fortunately for his family, his BSU teammates and Broncos fans, McClellin was able to sign with his favorite college squad and launch into a career in which a quiet kid from Marsing spoke volumes on the field. "He wants to be the best player he can be, and I think he doesn't want to let anybody down, his fellow players, his coaches, his family. He's got a lot of pride for many reasons," BSU defensive coordinator and defensive line coach Pete Kwiatowski said. "And I think growing up being a

Bronco fan and being in the valley and seeing it, he's got that pride in how he goes about his business." Just like his business on the football field, McClellin's business in the classroom is nearly finished, too. He will graduate at the end of the winter term — two weeks away — with a Communication degree. He picked up the extra semester of study when he grayshirted out of Marsing. And his hometown is still on his mind. "A lot of people in Marsing have been there for me from the start, and I really appreciate the community around there," he said. He'll play his final home game with more than a dozen family and friends in attendance, including grandparents Terry and Jerry McClellin, mother Laura McClellin, grandmother RitaKay Youngblood, aunts and uncles Phil and Wendy McClellin, Troy and Sara Helmer, and Rae and Tony Peppley, half-brother Tristan Youngblood, girlfriend Samantha Wilson and her brother Kelly Wilson. Anyone who has spent any amount of time with McClellin knows he can be described as an introvert. But opponents will be hard-pressed to consider him the



Shea McClellin talks with Boise State strength and conditioning coach Tim Socha in the Fedrizzi Fitness Center Annex during a workout last week.

shy type. He enters his final regular-season college game as the ninth-most prolific pass rusher in BSU history with 18.5 sacks. That also puts him 18th on the NCAA active career list. He picked up his eighth tackle for loss (second on the team this season) in Saturday's 36-14 Mountain West Conference win — See **McClellin**, page 12A

Former Husky named JC all-conference in California

Heller catches TD pass, throws one for Santa Barbara

A former Marsing High School football player has landed on his feet in Southern California. Tyson Heller, who started at quarterback for his father, Don, with the Huskies in 2007, recently completed an all-conference freshman season at Santa Barbara City College. The 6-foot-4, 239-pound Heller was named second-team All-American Pacific Conference after catching 21 passes for 189 yards and a touchdown in his first year with the Vaqueros. "Tyson improved steadily throughout the season," SBCC fifth-year coach Craig Moropoulos said. "By the end, he was an outstanding blocker and already had excellent ball-catching skills." Those skills could be partially

genetic. Tyson's uncle, Ron, played for three NFL teams between 1987 and 1992, including the San Francisco 49ers squad that won Super Bowl XXIII in 1989 against the Cincinnati Bengals. The elder Heller now lives in the Santa Barbara area. Tyson Heller transferred to SBCC after his redshirt season at the University of Idaho. He finished his high school career as an All-4A Southern Idaho Conference second-teamer and Shrine All-Star at Caldwell. Heller caught balls in nine games during Santa Barbara's 0-10 season. He finished as the Vaqueros' second-leading receiver. He pulled in a season-high — See **Heller**, page 13A

HHS golf may return in spring

Boosters have until Jan. 4 to fund program; soccer mulling options

Proponents have received the go-ahead to try to bring back the Homedale High School golf program. School trustees gave their blessing to the effort during their November meeting, issuing a Jan. 4 deadline for supporters to come up with the nearly \$3,500 necessary to field a team for the spring season. Golf and soccer were both discontinued in cost-cutting moves during the summer. At that time, school board members weren't receptive to a soccer parent's suggestion of a self-funded program. According to district superintendent Tim Rosandick, the total price tag of \$3,478.49 for golf includes Idaho High School Activities Association dues, green fees, coaching stipend, transportation and tournament

fees. Participants must cover all associated costs such as equipment, meals and practice round fees if any players reach the 3A state tournament. Students will have to pay the district's \$75 sports participation fee, which will be applied to the \$3,478.49. Rosandick and HHS principal Luci Asumendi-Mereness met with girls' soccer parent Bridget Morrisoe-Aman in the weeks before the Nov. 9 trustees meeting. "Ms. Aman indicated that she might consider this option but thought the club soccer that a number of students were involved in this fall might be the most cost-effective way for kids to continue their soccer experience," Rosandick said. Coached by David Correa,

a group of HHS girls played soccer in a Treasure Valley club league during the fall season. The boys' team was shelved completely. Morrisoe-Aman told The Owyhee Avalanche that the club soccer costs about half the price of scholastic sports. She and Correa plan to discuss the opportunity to raise money to resume play in the 3A Snake River Valley conference, though. She said that soccer parents may consider the same route as the golf proponents, but that the girls' soccer athletes are continuing their club experience with an indoor league in Caldwell these days. The girls' soccer players and parents have relied on private donors and funds raised working concessions during Idaho Center events. Morrisoe-Aman said the team continues to raise money with an eye toward competing in a club league against next fall. — JPB

Sports



Homedale's Kylie Farwell defends Melba's Stephanie Hylton during a game last week in Middleton.

HHS girls reach 2-0 with mid-game rally

A surge over the second and third quarters propelled Homedale High School to its second girls' basketball win to start the season. Kylie Farwell led all players with 17 points in the Trojans' 42-35 non-conference victory over

Melba. It was the second straight home game for new HHS coach Matt Holtry at Middleton Middle School. Homedale (2-0 before Tuesday's road game against Nampa Christian) took control

with a 14-9 run to start the second half. Laurien Mavey scored half of her six points on a three-point goal, and fellow Trojan Kaylee Rupp added seven points. Stephanie Hylton's 10 points led Melba (1-2).



Kylie Farwell



Kaylee Rupp

Rupp, Farwell earn All-SRV for volleyball

Two Homedale High School volleyball players earned all-conference appointments this year. Setter Kylie Farwell, a 5-foot-5 senior, and middle hitter Kaylee Rupp, a 5-7 senior, both were placed on the honorable mention list for the All-3A Snake River Valley conference team.

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Freshman
Thursday, Dec. 1 at Melba, 4:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Dec. 6 at Vale, Ore., 4 p.m.

Wrestling
Friday, Dec. 9 at Calhoun Classic, Nyssa, Ore., 3 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 10 at Calhoun Classic, Nyssa, Ore., 10 a.m.

Boys' basketball
Varsity
Friday, Dec. 2 vs. Melba at Middleton Middle School, 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Dec. 6 vs. Vale, Ore., at Middleton Middle School, 7:30 p.m.
Junior varsity
Friday, Dec. 2 vs. Melba at Middleton Middle School, 6 p.m.
Tuesday, Dec. 6 vs. Vale, Ore., at Middleton Middle School, 6 p.m.
Freshman
Friday, Dec. 2 vs. Melba at Middleton Middle School, 4:30 p.m.
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Sports

MHS boys gear up for season with only eight on varsity roster

Huskies set to take on Parma, Greenleaf this week

With only eight players set for the varsity basketball team at Marsing High School, coach JW Chadez is remaining optimistic about the season.

This year, the Huskies will return four of their top players from 2010-11. Chadez said two of his varsity players won't be eligible until the middle of December and another athlete should be ready to play after the Christmas break.

"Our strengths will be having eight players who all have varsity talent and our potential to be a good rebounding team," Chadez said. "Our weaknesses will be having only eight players. We will have to be smart and stay healthy. If we can do this, then we will be successful."

Last year, the Huskies finished 10-13 overall and lost the team's leading scorer and their 2A Western Idaho Conference honorable mention candidate Agustin Paramo.

Paramo averaged 13 points per game along with three rebounds per game.

"We have to pride ourselves on our toughness and mental awareness," Chadez said. "If we play as a team and all strive towards our goals, we will be very successful. I like my players' make-up, and I'm excited to see how we compete."

Returning to this year's team: **Jason Galligan** — The 6-foot-4 junior landed on the second-team all-conference list last year for the 2A WIC after averaging 12 ppg,

nine rpg and three blocks.

Chadez expects Galligan to contribute more points this year.

"(Galligan) has potential to be a game-changer," Chadez said. "He is a great shot-blocker and rebounder with a good skill set."

Miguel Leon — Averaged seven points and three assists per game last year as a sophomore. This year, the 5-foot-8 point guard will be leaned upon to keep the lead and keep the intensity of the game flowing, Chadez said.

"(Leon) leaves everything on the floor," Chadez said. "Miguel makes our offense go. He is a great leader and tough."

MacKay Hall — The 6-foot-1 senior is touted as one of the best shooters on the team and is a threat for opposing guards. Last year, Hall averaged 8 ppg and 3 rpg.

"I want MacKay to be more aggressive and play with a high

level of confidence," Chadez said. "He is one of our best shooters."

Dakota Hill — The 5-foot-11 senior is expected to provide an offensive spark for the Huskies and has the potential to have a breakout season, Chadez said.

Key varsity newcomers for Marsing this year include 5-foot-10 sophomore Jose Acuna and 6-foot-2 junior Josh Larsen.

"(Acuna) is a very smooth player. We will need him to play beyond his years," Chadez said. "(Larsen) has good post moves and is a scrappy player. We need him to get stronger in the post and be more aggressive."

Chadez is expecting this year's team to be more "offensive-minded" and will attempt to keep "teams off-balance" as they progress through the season.

"We want to be more aggressive and physical," Chadez said. "We

need to be offensive-minded and look to get to the rim. We have to execute and limit turnovers. Defensively, we will mix it up and keep teams off-balance."

The Huskies faced off with Homedale in a non-conference game in Middleton on Tuesday after deadline.

On Tuesday, Marsing takes on non-conference rival Parma and then plays Greenleaf Friends Academy on Saturday at 7:30 p.m. in Greenleaf.

Marsing will begin conference play on Dec. 17 when the Huskies host rival Melba, which outscored Marsing last year 123-66.

"We are in the toughest conference in the state," Chadez said. "Three of the top four teams in the state last year came from our league, and they all return key players. We have the potential to compete with all of them."

— J LZ

✓ McClellin: Set to hit the blue turf to celebrate senior day for the Broncos

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over Wyoming at Bronco Stadium. He had two solo tackles and an assist.

McClellin spent a good portion of his day playing nickel in the Broncos' defense, which transferred him from the defensive end slot to a pass coverage assignment.

"He's a pretty physical guy, so really we made that move at the beginning of the year to get a bigger body to be able to handle those tight ends. Our nickel position really was a smaller stature," Kwiatowski said.

"The only reason we were able to do it is because how easy it is for him to pick up the defenses and techniques. He's very instinctual, so it doesn't take a lot of reps for him to figure out what he's got to do."

McClellin's instincts shone through during a play on which he didn't even record a tackle. When Wyoming quarterback

Brett Smith tried to run up the middle in the second quarter, McClellin plugged the running lane. Smith scurried outside, and McClellin's linemate Tyrone Crawford pounced, forcing a fumble. The turnover led to BSU's first touchdown of the game.

"We asked him to play a lot of linebacker today, and he made some big plays and some tackles for losses," Kwiatowski said. "I'm sure he was where he was supposed to be. He is one of the most consistent players we have week in and week out."

That consistency has made McClellin one of the Broncos' leaders, strength and conditioning coach Tim Socha said.

"He leads by consistency," Socha said. "Every day when Shea walks through the weight room doors, every day when Shea goes out to practice, you know exactly what you're going to get out of Shea every day."

"And guys know that he's going



Shea McClellin attempts to break free from Wyoming's John Hutchins during Saturday's game at Bronco Stadium.



In a Boise State tradition, Shea McClellin walks along the south end zone greeting fans following the win over Wyoming on Saturday.

to give great effort, and if he's one of our best players giving great effort then if they want to be like him they better give effort like him as well."

Being a leader doesn't mean McClellin is in his teammates' faces yelling and screaming, though. That would bring attention to him, and his coaches say that's not Shea.

So when attention was brought to bear last week, the razzing came out from his teammates and his strength coach.

"Everyone knows who Shea is and everyone knows what he's

about and everyone knows he's the ultimate team guy, so to have someone in the weight room that's there just to take pictures of him was so ironic," Socha said.

"You can't pass up a moment like that for a guy because he does have a good sense of humor and he is a good teammate, so (we had) to egg him on a little bit and give him a little jab here and there."

McClellin didn't expect any less from the group of guys he has called brothers for the past four years and with whom he will take to the blue one last time Saturday.

"I haven't really thought about anything like that," McClellin said of the Senior Day game. "It's crazy that it's already over."

"We should as a team finish strong and as a senior group finish strong and help build this program and go out with a bang."

A win Saturday would tie McClellin and his fellow upperclassmen with the 2009 senior class as the winningest seniors in school history. A bowl game victory would be the record-setting 50th win for the 2011 seniors.

— JPB

Sports

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Trey Corta



Oscar Gomez
Rimrock High School



Bodie Hyer



Rimrock's Clay Cantrell lines out a pass while getting covered by fellow Raider Nate Black.



Rimrock's Nate Black makes a run while getting a block from Jorge Mondragon.



Pedro Carrillo

✓ Heller:
Performs for
SoCal squad

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four passes for 32 yards in a 48-0 loss to Ventura on Sept. 17. A week later, his TD catch gave the Vaqueros a 9-0 second-quarter lead against Moorpark, which scored 24 straight points to win the game.

Heller even showed off his arm with a 19-yard scoring strike to Dominic Losco in the fourth quarter of Santa Barbara's 38-17 loss to Glendale on Oct. 29.

"I think Tyson has a very bright future," Moropoulos said. "If he continues to work hard, both in the classroom and on the field, I think he has a great chance to continue at the next level."

"He has excellent athletic ability, and if he continues to work hard in the weight room, I believe that he can definitely reach his potential as a four-year college tight end."

— JPB

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Student Athlete Spotlight

Pedro Carrillo Senior Football

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Girls' basketball
Varsity

Tuesday, Dec. 6, home vs. Cole Valley Christian, 7:30 p.m.
Thursday, Dec. 8, home vs. Homedale, 7:30 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 9 at Melba, 7:30 p.m.
Junior varsity A
Tuesday, Dec. 6, home vs. Cole Valley Christian, 6 p.m.
Thursday, Dec. 8, home vs. Homedale, 6 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 9 at Melba, 6 p.m.
Junior varsity B
Tuesday, Dec. 6, home vs. Cole Valley Christian, 4:45 p.m.
Thursday, Dec. 8, home vs. Homedale, 4:45 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 9 at Melba, 4:45 p.m.

Boys' basketball
Varsity

Tuesday, Dec. 6 at Parma, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 10 at Greenleaf Friends Academy, 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Dec. 13, home vs. Homedale, 7:30 p.m.
Junior varsity A
Tuesday, Dec. 6 at Parma, 6 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 10 at Greenleaf Friends Academy, 6 p.m.
Tuesday, Dec. 13, home vs. Homedale, 6 p.m.
Junior varsity B
Tuesday, Dec. 6 at Parma, 4:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Dec. 13, home vs. Homedale, 4:45 p.m.
Wrestling: Monday, Dec. 5 at Melba Jamboree, 6 p.m.



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Looking back...

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25 years ago

December 4, 1986

Son of Homedale man named Outland recipient
Jason Buck, a 274-pound defensive tackle at Brigham Young University, was named the 1986 winner of the Outland Trophy last Saturday as the best interior lineman in college football.
Buck, a senior at BYU, is the son of Sid Buck of Homedale and Moeena Buck of Nampa. His grandparents, now deceased, were Clarence and Rosella Buck, who farmed just southwest of Homedale in the 1950s.
Buck attended school at Adrian through his junior year, and then transferred to St. Anthony (Idaho) High School, where he graduated.
“I was always a quarterback in high school, so it wasn’t until I was switched to the defensive line in college that I began dreaming of the Outland,” said Buck, a 6-foot-6 senior.
“It was the impossible dream, but I knew it was out there.”
Buck was one of eight nominees for the award presented by the Football Writers Association of America.

Lynde to represent Oregon in national pageant
Patricia Ann Lynde, 18, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Lynde of Jordan Valley, will represent the state of Oregon in the eighth annual Miss T.E.E.N. Pageant to be held in Kansas City, Mo., November 25-30, 1986.
State representatives from all 50 states will vie for the national title. All are between 13-18 years of age, maintain a “B” or better grade average in school, and have donated many hours of volunteer service to their community. The state queens will be judged on scholastic and volunteer service achievements, speech or talent, formal presentation, and personal interview.

Deployed to Japan
Marine Cpl. Michael A. Stansell, son of Keith E. Stansell of Homedale, recently deployed to Camp Schwab, Okinawa, Japan with 1st Battalion, 8th Marines, Camp Lejeune, N.C.
During the two-week deployment, Stansell participated in the Korean incremental training program in Pohang, Republic of Korea (ROK).

County museum receives grant
The Owyhee County Museum has received a grant from the Idaho Humanities Council to develop a program entitled, “Homesteading Women in Owyhee County, 1900 to 1920.” The program will tell about the day-to-day life of rural and remote families using a slide show, first-person narration, and hands-on artifacts.
The show will be offered this spring to all fourth-grade classes throughout the county to enhance their knowledge of local history. It will also be shown at a regular meeting of the Owyhee County Historical Society.

Sheriff announces new program
Owyhee County Sheriff Tim Nettleton has announced the new Victim Advocate Program for Owyhee County. “Much research and work has gone into bringing the citizens of Owyhee County this program,” the sheriff said.
“The victim advocate brochure, now available at the sheriff’s office, is only the first step in this rewarding program for us all,” Nettleton said. The brochure, as well as other information concerning victims’ rights, can be obtained from the Owyhee County Sheriff’s Office and Marsing City Hall.

About folks you know
Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Ethington were hosts at a family Thanksgiving dinner. Guests included her brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Johnson and Cecilia of Boise; a daughter, Lynnette Ethington of Lehi, Utah; sons, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Ethington and three daughters, Mr. and Mrs. LeRoyce Ethington and eight children, Mr. and Mrs. Delwynn Ethington and six children, and daughter, Neva Jorgenson and two children.

50 years ago

December 7, 1961

John Kushlan retained as fire commissioner
John Kushlan was re-elected commissioner-at-large of the Homedale Rural Fire Protection District in an election held Monday, December 4, at the Homedale labor camp south of town. He was elected for a four-year term.
A total of 25 ballots were cast with 22 votes for Mr. Kushlan and three votes cast for Bruce Smith, who is already serving as a commissioner.

Homedale Rod and Gun Club elects officers
At a meeting at the city fire house Monday night, the Homedale Rod and Gun Club members re-elected the following members for 1962: Louis Breshears, president; Howard Kiester, vice-president; Tom Arima, secretary-treasurer; Dick Fry, executive officer; John Malmberg, chief instructor; and Jack Walker, junior leader.
The State Wildlife Federation meeting will be held in Pocatello starting on January 19, 1962, and a delegation from the local club is planning to attend.
The members felt that the season and regulations on last year’s hunting for Owyhee County were satisfactory and felt no need for any changes. However, they thought that the pheasant season opening date should be changed to coincide with the opening of the duck season. This would be more in line with what Oregon is doing too.
A committee was appointed to work on the possibility of holding a dance in the near future. Plans were worked out to pay for some B.L.M. land where the big bore range now exists. The land is to be purchased by the club, and shares will be sold to those members of the club wishing to participate.
A trap shoot will be held this Sunday, using the facilities of the Wilder Gun Club. Turkeys, hams, and bacon will be offered.
Two films on game management by the Idaho Fish and Game department and a short film on Owyhee County scenes by Tom Arima were shown.

George named to Owyhee Co. ASC Committee
Allen George of Homedale was elected to serve as a member of the Owyhee County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee for 1962. He was chosen at a convention of community delegates held at the county office in Marsing on December 1.
Eugene C. Davis of Bruneau was re-elected chairman and David R. Miller of Murphy was re-elected vice-chairman. Roy Hoagland of Reynolds Creek was elected as first alternate and Ed Chadez, Homedale, was chosen as second alternate.
Mr. George will replace Takeo Nakano as a member of the committee.
This is the first time in several years the Homedale area has been represented on this committee, according to Emmett M. Dent, secretary.

Prow, Carpenter win Homedale Highway posts
The Homedale Highway District elected two commissioners Monday. They are Elmer Prow, District 1, and Howard Carpenter, District 2, according to Mrs. Forrest Parker, secretary.
Carpenter, who received the four-year term of office, was a write-in candidate for re-election. Prow was elected for two years on a write-in.
A total of 92 votes were cast in the election held at the highway district office. Carpenter, who had declined to run in the election, received 38 write-in votes; Al Udlinek received 34 votes and Harold Glanzman, 18 votes in District 2; Prow received 59 votes; Merle McClure, 22 votes and Jack King, one vote in District 1.

Homedale locals
Tom Yost is recuperating from major surgery performed on his back last Thursday at the Caldwell hospital. Mr. Yost was expected to remain in the hospital from seven to ten days.

140 years ago

December 2, 1871

THE PERILS OF SLEIGHING. Last Sunday, Hosea Eastman, mine host of the Idaho Hotel, and Jerry Philips, of Wells, Fargo & Co., taking a notion to have a sleigh ride, engaged a team and hied away to Fairview on War Eagle Mountain. Upon returning they took in a couple of passengers, and, while doubling Cape Horn, the sleigh capsized, landing all four among the rocks and stumps below the grade. Hosea’s countenance is now covered with about an acre of court-plaster, as a substitute for the numerous patches of skin left upon the treacherous rocks at Cape Horn.

“DRUNK AND DISORDERLY”. During a blinding storm of rain and sleet a few nights since, one of Silver City’s “soiled doves” might be seen reeling along Washington Street in a beastly state of intoxication. Men say that she once was fair and virtuous as the virgins who guarded the sacred fire of Vesta. And, indeed, traces of rare beauty yet linger in that florid and bloated countenance while a life of shame and dissipation has not entirely effaced the impress of refinement stamped upon the once brilliant but now besotted mind. Alas, poor woman! You have chosen the downward path, and your steps are leading you headlong to perdition. Your career will be as evanescent as a fleeting brickbat, which flutters fitfully athwart the night, and plunges feebly into the gloom of a dark alley after a vanishing canine! Renounce! O renounce the flowing bowl, ere they sinews are unstrung, thy bones embrittled and thy head dismantled of its thatch! Bring whisky to the dogs and leave the guzzling swine to revel in rum. Drink gilt!

THE WORLD’S DEBT. Some enterprising statistician has figured it out that the entire debt of the world amounts to twenty-two thousand million dollars. Of this sum, forty-four hundred millions are due by France; four thousand millions by Great Britain; three thousand millions by the United States, including individual States, counties and towns; sixteen hundred millions by Austria; fifteen hundred millions by Russia; one thousand millions by Prussia and the German States; four hundred millions by Holland; twenty-one hundred millions by the other European States, and four thousand millions by Asia, Africa, South America, and the other countries of the world. Now, as there can be nothing gained to the world by accumulating a debt against it, why not have a World’s financial convention in connection with Gilmore’s Universal Peace Jubilee, at Boston, next year, repudiate the whole debt and let other planets look out for themselves? It would so help along the jubilee.

CHRISTMAS TREE. Mr. Vass, Superintendent of the Silver City Sabbath School informs us that it is the intention to have a Christmas Tree on Saturday evening, Dec. 23rd. Juvenile committees will call round before long soliciting contributions in aid of the project, and it is to be hoped that our citizens will respond liberally in order that a large tree with plenty of fruit may be forthcoming.

THE RINK. McKay’s Roller Skating Rink is coming more into favor with our people every day. During skating hours the rink is crowded with men, workmen, and children, all putting in their best licks. It affords an abundance of healthful exercise and any amount of fun.

ANNEXATION OF MEXICO. An organization exists — the ramifications of which are said to be very extensive — for the annexation of the Mexican Republic, by peaceable means if possible, by force if necessary. Many ex-Confederate officers, soldiers and politicians, and some who served with the Federal forces, are identified with the scheme. The promoters calculate on being able to accomplish their desire by peaceable means in about five years.

Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM

On the edge of common sense Pills



While sitting next to a 20-something young woman on the airplane, I shook a handful of peanut butter M & M’s into my palm. She said, “I wish I’d bought some of those, too.”

I offered her one, but she declined. “Oh, no,” she sighed. “I’ve got these.”

She indicated a plastic baggie with enough pills and capsules, big and little, to fill a dinner plate!

I looked at her more closely, thinking she was allergic, had a contagious disease, was trying to get pregnant, or had recently been diagnosed with malaria. But no, she had clear skin, pink cheeks, bright eyes, perfectly sculpted brows and dark, shiny hair.

“Vitamins and ...” she said, scrolling through a quick inventory of enough patent medicines, supplements, tablets, palliatives, pills, purges and boluses to stock a Third World Whole Foods market! She explained how each protected, eliminated, balanced, disrupted, prevented, increased and/or cured virtually anything she might be exposed to on the planet Earth.

I was taken aback. She asked me what health supplements I took.

“Does coffee and Copenhagen count?” I asked.

“Not really,” she said, “I mean something that makes you feel better. They’ve got a pill for everything, ya know?”

“Well, I try to eat at least one jalapeño a day with Miracle Whip on it.” I said. But then I got to thinking. ... Do they have a pill for forgetting your grandson’s name? Or one to protect me from rudeness? Maybe a spray to protect me from animal rights lunatics. How ’bout one to give me more hours in a day?

We’d be rushing to get the calves sorted for shipment. The trucks are arriving at 9:30 a.m. We’ve been working since daylight and still have 275 cows and calves to sort. I could stop the crew and administer each of them a TIME-OUT pill that will give each of us another hour and a half that day. Everyone would set his watch back and relax!

Have you ever put your credit card bill in your box and forgot it? On the date your bill comes due you remember, but there’s no way to avoid paying that extra 17 percent interest on the next bill! I have. I panic. What a waste of money! But say you had a bottle of PAY-BACK capsules that you could take that instantly eliminate the penalty ... penalty pills. You take them, then send your bill in late but the pills keep you from being charged the interest!

Have you ever raised your hand at a livestock auction, only to find that you’re still bidding on the last animal that went through and not the one in the ring. And you don’t really have a place for a burro. You pop a “WHOA, HOLD IT!” pill! It works like nitroglycerine and immediately wipes out the last thing you said.

There could be “WHOOOPS” pills, “OVERS” pills, “WAIT UP” pills and “IT WAS AN ACCIDENT” pills, and “SILENCER” pills for those times you spoke your mind ... and shouldn’t have. Which could be me. Pass me a SILENCER, I’ll swallow it whole.

— *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
The gift of sharing memories



Since moving to Idaho (and away from family) 15 years ago, holiday memories have become more cherished for me.

Small-town Christmas celebrations are unique in their own right, and this California kid is glad he has been exposed to the special reverence with which Owyhee County people hold this time of year.

This is my first holiday season without my father, and the memories of Christmas past are particularly strong as I look forward to this year’s celebrations with family and friends.

My father was known very well in my hometown for going all-out with the outdoor Christmas decorations, lining our driveway with candles, sticking St. Nick and the reindeer up on the roof, a nativity scene complete with palm leaves salvaged from the pruned trees at my high school.

I was proud when Dad was showcased in the newspaper for his lighting artistry, and I look forward to seeing great holiday decorations every year.

The Avalanche would like to help share those lights with your neighbors and invite phone calls from anyone who knows of an outstanding display this season.

Call (208) 337-4681 to let us know about the county’s

great decorators, and we’ll try to get as many examples as possible to share this holiday season.

Sharing memories, both the poignant and the humorous, are what makes get-togethers with family, friends and loved ones so special any time of year, but especially during the holidays.

With that in mind, the Avalanche is launching a new endeavor and going in search of Christmas memories and recollections from our readers.

What makes Christmas special? What unique memories do you hold from holiday seasons past?

We invite our readers to take some time to record their reflections for publication in our Dec. 21 Christmas edition. High-resolution photos and essays no longer than 300 words are welcome. Submit them by Dec. 13 with contact information, in case we have questions.

You can email photos and essays to jon@owyheeavalanche.com, mail them to P.O. Box 97, Homedale, ID 83628 or drop them off at the Avalanche office, 20 E. Idaho Ave., in Homedale.

The essays can cover any specifics that make Christmas special, from funny anecdotes or events to thoughtful remembrances or traditions. What makes Christmas and

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Sen. Mike Crapo

From Washington
Cap on capital gains tax rates would help farm families



A major problem with the U.S. economy is a drought in capital investment. This problem is worsened by the uncertainty of the U.S. tax code. However, when businesses and individuals are confident enough to invest, unemployed Americans will be put back to work and consumer spending will come back to life. Action to make permanent the current tax rates on capital gains and dividends would help restore this confidence and encourage the investment and job creation needed for economic growth.

As noted by the Congressional Research Service (CRS), initial confusion with the taxation of capital gains income has led to almost 100 years of legislative debate, and capital gains tax rates have changed constantly since the establishment of the income tax. If Congress does not act before the end of next year, tax rates on capital gains and dividends will change again, through a scheduled increase. Working together to make the current tax rates on capital gains and dividends permanent will decrease some of the uncertainty in our nation’s current tax code.

Rep. Peter Roskam (R-Ill.), Chief Deputy Whip and member of the House Ways & Means Committee, recently joined me in introducing legislation in both the U.S. Senate (S. 1647) and House of Representatives (H.R. 3091) to permanently keep the capital gains and dividend tax rates at 15 percent. This legislation is needed to avoid the impending tax hike that would particularly affect American businesses, seniors and investors of all sizes.

The agriculture community is among those especially vulnerable to the capital gains taxes due to the significant long-term investments in land and buildings needed for production. Such assets that are often held for long periods of time usually appreciate in value significantly. In a report regarding how federal tax policies affect farm households, the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Economic Research Service (ERS) noted that capital gains are a key component of income for many farmers. ERS reported that “according

to the Internal Revenue Service, 40 percent of all farmers report some capital gains, nearly double the share for all taxpayers,” and “the average amount of capital gain reported by farmers is about 50 percent higher than the average capital gain reported by other taxpayers.”

While expressing support for our legislation, American Farm Bureau Federation (AFBF) President Bob Stallman indicated that the imposition of higher capital gains rates makes it difficult for many family farms to shed unneeded assets to generate revenue to adapt and upgrade their operations and obtain land, buildings and animals needed to stay efficient. Additionally, high capital gains tax rates threaten the transfer of land to the next generation of farmers and ranchers. This is especially devastating for the thousands of our nation’s family farms that are struggling to stay solvent amid the current economic climate.

AFBF is joined by a broad coalition of more than two dozen other American businesses and organizations in supporting our legislation. This support and continued input to Congress and the Obama administration on the need to keep these tax rates low will be instrumental in pushing this legislation over the finish line.

Pro-growth tax policy that will generate investment, capital formation and job creation is critical to reversing the uncertainty and sluggishness in our economy. Providing certainty for farmers and ranchers, along with other business owners and investors, starts with the guarantee of fair and competitive tax reform. That reform starts by stopping increases in capital gains and related investment taxes. Congress needs to adopt pro-growth tax reform, and extending the current capital gains and dividend tax rates will help address both the short and long-term needs of our economy.

— *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
Mobile home may be cheaper, but it’s a poor investment

Dear Dave,
I’ve heard you tell people not to buy mobile homes. We bought one when we moved out of our apartment, and it’s been much cheaper for us. Why do you feel this way?
— Debbie



Dear Debbie,
It’s simple. Mobile homes go down in value. When you buy a house, it goes up in value in the long run. From a financial standpoint, when you buy a mobile home, you’re buying a very large car in which to live.
Now, I’m not necessarily against manufactured homes. But the phrase “manufactured home” can mean different things to different people. My test goes something like this: If it’s a type

of housing that doesn’t look like it had the wheels yanked off, then it will probably go up in value over the years.
There’s nothing wrong with renting an apartment for a while. When you pay out rent, that’s all you’re losing in the deal. But when you buy a mobile home, you’re losing out with the payments and you’re losing money every day as the thing goes down in value.
That’s why I tell people not to buy mobile homes!
— Dave

Dear Dave,
My stepdaughter is 17 and will be starting college this fall. Her dad and I want to help her with expenses, but she’s chosen a private university (with the help of her other parents) that costs \$250,000 for an undergraduate degree. We don’t want her going into student loan debt, but we can’t afford that kind of money, and she’s really pressing the issue. What do you suggest?
— Christina

Dear Christina,
The biggest problem I see is that you’ve got a 17-year-old girl wagging the dog. I can tell you right now this wouldn’t happen at my house. When it comes to the parent-child relationship at that age, the adults tell the children

what to do. It doesn’t happen the other way around.
If this child is going to take your money, then she needs to take your advice, too. If she’s not willing to be reasonable and take your advice, then she gets none of the money. There’s no undergraduate degree on the planet worth \$250,000. The whole idea is absurd, and somebody needs to say that out loud.
This girl can work, and she can go to a state school and get a great education for about a fourth of that price. Since you’re in Texas, there’s absolutely nothing wrong with the University of Texas or Texas A&M. They’re great schools. And at that price range, I’m sure it would allow you guys to pitch in and help out some.
But seriously, a quarter of a million dollars for an undergrad degree? I don’t think so!
— Dave
— Dave Ramsey is the bestselling author of *The Total Money Makeover*. His 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

Letter to the editor
It’s time for Owyheeans to demand sheriff’s resignation

I feel trapped and guilty for sitting on the sidelines for too long regarding issues in the sheriff’s office. The situation has reached a tipping point for our county. The Idaho Counties Risk Management Program (ICRMP) didn’t just willy-nilly revoke liability coverage. It was a calculated assessment and action resulting from past practices, claims and behaviors within the sheriff’s office. As supervisor, the sheriff is responsible for all actions of that office. The fact that Sheriff Crandall’s actions have resulted in ICRMP revoking liability coverage should have all citizens demanding his resignation.
The fact the sheriff appealed ICRMP’s decision further

demonstrates his insubordination and how naive he is to the severity of his actions and the potential effect upon all of us in Owyhee County. As the *Avalanche* reported Nov. 23, Owyhee County could end up like Boise County. Bankrupt. Because of his actions.
Considering past practices and actions, it is conceivable one or more huge lawsuits could develop before the end of the sheriff’s term. With ICRMP refusing coverage, we citizens of Owyhee County, will be liable to pay for litigation and judgments against the sheriff and/or his office (do you really think the sheriff could take personal responsibility or have the money to pay a huge lawsuit?).
If the sheriff truly worked for the best interests of the county and its citizens, he would resign. Others like myself sat on the sidelines during the recall effort. Shame on us. Legally a second recall cannot be initiated. The sheriff says he will not resign. The commissioners cannot fire an elected official. We may feel trapped, but let’s not give up. We can repeatedly send letters to the sheriff requesting his resignation. Let the commissioners know they have your support should options develop whereby they can encourage the sheriff to resign.
Trudy Webb
Homedale

✓ Holiday: Memories, traditions from readers welcomed for Dec. 21

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the season special to you? What’s the meaning of this time of year?
The memories could be from a snowball fight, or a backyard football game, or a family dinner filled with cheer, laughs, hugs and warmth, or a particular gift, the meaning behind it and how it made that Christmas more vibrant than others.
My fondest memories of Christmas always revolve around spending time with my family, especially in the years since my daughter’s birth. Watching her enjoy the special attention she received in early Christmases and now actually making a Santa list out for other friends as well as herself makes me proud of the compassionate human she is growing to be.
My time covering Owyhee County has only added to the holiday memories. It’s impressive to see how the communities come together each year to help the less fortunate. Of course, in a special place like this county, that mindset is present year-round, but the holiday gift and food drives restore my faith that people can look past petty differences and prejudices – even for a month or two – and help out their fellow citizens.
I’m looking forward to the opportunity to delve deeper into the Owyhee country Christmas through the memories, photos and writings of our readers.
Based on our recently completed Veterans Day memoirs project, it’s quite obvious there are some fantastic storytellers out there and some great stories waiting to be told. I have no doubt that the Dec. 21 *Avalanche* will be one worth picking up to learn more about your neighbors, how they celebrate Christmas and how those celebrations have carved rich and memorable traditions into their lives’ tableau.
Here’s to a safe, memorable holiday season of sharing of one’s self and one’s memories.

Letters to the editor must be no longer than 300 words, signed and include the address and phone number.
The deadline for submitting letters is noon on Friday. Letters can be submitted in these ways:
• E-mailed to *jon@owyheeavalanche.com*
• Faxed to (208) 337-4867
• Mailed to P.O. Box 97, Homedale ID, 83628
• Dropped off at the *Avalanche* office at 19 E. Idaho Ave., in Homedale
For more information, call (208) 337-4681.

Immigration and assimilation is nothing new

“In the first place, we should insist that if the immigrant who comes here in good faith becomes an American and assimilates himself to us, he shall be treated on an exact equality with everyone else, for it is an outrage to discriminate against any such man because of creed, or birthplace, or origin. But this is predicated upon the person’s becoming in every facet an American, and nothing but an American...There can be no divided allegiance here. Any man who says he is an American, but something else also, isn’t an American at all. We have room for but one flag, the American flag... We have room for but one language here, and that is the English language... and we have room for but one sole loyalty and that is a loyalty to the American people.”

Who wrote this?

President Theodore Roosevelt in a 1919 letter

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Owyhee County Courthouse
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Murphy, ID 83650

Public notices

SYNOPSIS OF OWYHEE COUNTY COMMISSIONER MINUTES NOVEMBER 14, 2011

Approved cancellation of taxes on parcel no. MHO1S02W201960A of \$42.13. Approved agreement with Intermountain Hospital for \$827 per day for patient services. Indigent & charity 11-42 hearing with affirmation of prior decision of denial. 11-53, 11-54 liens approved. 11-18 accept withdrawal of application. Canvass of ballots for City Elections, and Homedale Fire. Adopted Resolution 11-33 To Join the Redistricting Litigation with Twin Falls County. Approved submitting a letter to Sheriff Crandall asking for his immediate resignation, including a letter of coverage exclusion for liability insurance from ICRMP. A Coordination meeting was held with the Jarbidge District BLM. The complete minutes can be viewed online at owyheecounty.net or in the clerk’s office. 11/30/11

LIEN SALE

Notice of lien sale for rent and other charges. Unit B-30, Mike Dockins, 3045 Star City Ave, Winnemucca, NV 89445. Contents of unit includes 2 chairs, couch, TV with remote and other misc. items. Sealed bids will be accepted on 12/10/2011 from 9am until 1pm at Hwy 95 Storage, located at 3685 Hwy 95, Homedale, ID 83628. 11/30;12/7/11

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/oREGIONAL TRUSTEE SERVICES CORPORATION 616 1st Avenue, Suite 500, Seattle, WA 98104 Phone: (206) 340-2550 Sale Information: <http://www.rtrustee.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

ANNUAL STREET AND ROAD FINANCIAL REPORT FOR GRAND VIEW, IDAHO AS REQUIRED BY IDAHO STATE CODE 40-207 and 40-708 FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2011

Beginning Balance as of OCT 1, 2010 \$0.00

Local Funding Sources:	
Interest Income	\$31.00
All Other Local Receipts - Idaho	
Power Franchise	\$6,303.00
State Funding Sources - HUR	\$16,127.00
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Total Receipts	\$22,461.00
Disbursements:	
New Construction	\$0.00
Reconstruction/Replacement/Rehabilitation	\$0.00
Routine Maintenance	\$2,413.00
Equipment	\$0.00
Administration	\$16,624.00
All Other Expenditures	\$3,665.00
Total Disbursements	\$22,702.00
Receipts Over Disbursements	-\$241.00
Closing Balance	-\$241.00
Funds retained for general funds and operations	\$0.00
Ending Balance	-\$241.00

Prepared by: Helana Race - Grand View City Clerk 11/30/11

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 MUST BE MADE NO LESS THAN 48 HOURS BEFORE THE SCHEDULED SALE. REQUEST 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. 11/23,30;12/7/11



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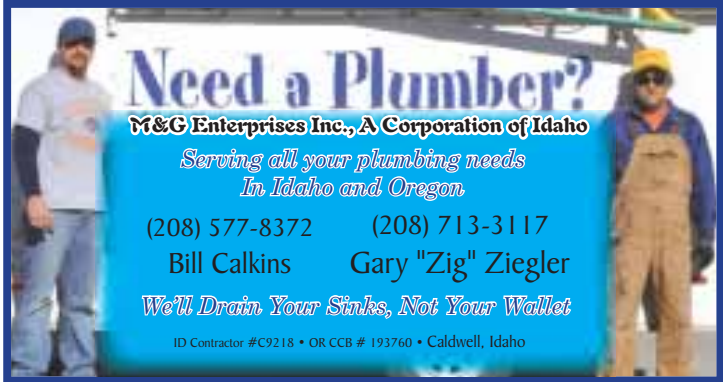
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What makes HMS a Blue Ribbon School?

LINDA MIKLANCIC
Secretary/registrar

"I think our staff dedication to learning and the community is making all our students more successful in their lives as young adults and future leaders of our society."



DAVID CORREA
PE/Spanish/Careers teacher

"I believe it is a combination of factors that got students there. However, all the extra help students received stands out: The tier 2 classes, the after-school program, the mandatory Saturday school."



PATRICIA WARREN
Sixth-grade teacher

"Parental support is a crucial element in success. Students need the encouragement and commitment to excellence that a home can best provide. Homedale parents who team with the teacher are valuable partners in the success of the educational system."



NICK SCHAMBER
History teacher

"Dedicated involvement from students, staff, administration but most importantly from the community."



NICK KETTERLING
Science teacher

"I believe the bright students and talented staff are the reason HMS is a Blue Ribbon school."



DAVID HANN
Sixth-grade teacher

"More parents have been more active in helping with their child's work. Lumen has helped the students and parents with immediate access to their grades."



National Blue Ribbon School
2011

Responses from Powerpoint presentation shown as backdrop to last week's celebration

✓ School: Luminaries flock to town to celebrate middle school students

From front page

The governor was the first of several guest speakers who outlined the importance of a quality education and the role that the middle school has played in that quest.

Homedale Middle School was honored as one of four Blue Ribbon Schools in Idaho in 2011, and the only middle school in the state to receive the distinction. HMS was recognized after attaining Adequate Yearly Progress on Idaho Student Achievement Tests for four consecutive years.

Luci Asumendi-Mereness, who guided HMS through the years of AYP performance, closed the ceremony with a salute to the teachers and staff members who helped turn the middle school around.

"We stand at the summit of one of the hardest, most challenging professions," Asumendi-Mereness said. "Teaching is demanding and difficult, and learning isn't always easy either. Yet, the staff in this school has changed student lives for the better, and I couldn't be prouder to address you."

"Teaching is one of our nation's most honorable professions. You help shape the future every day, having an impact on the hearts and minds of our kids that far outlasts any lesson plan or career."

Asumendi-Mereness also tipped her hat to the work done by Homedale teachers mentoring kindergarteners through fourth-graders.

"The stellar work of the elementary school staff has not



Homedale Middle School student body president Madison Fisher accepts the Department of Education-issued plaque from former HMS principal Luci Asumendi-Mereness.

gone unnoticed. The enormous task of teaching a child to read is a challenge that is embraced at the elementary school and successfully accomplished," she said.

"To be honest, without the work of the elementary school staff, and the outstanding leadership of their principal, Yvonne Ihli, we would likely not be gathered here today."

Facing scores of Homedale students and staff members, Otter focused on what the education

students receive at HMS and other Homedale schools means for the future.

"The only chance we have of saving our republic is a well-educated citizenry," Otter said, echoing Ben Franklin and urging students to continue their education beyond high school.

"This republic of ours is worth saving, and it's in your hands."

Otter's address served as a pep talk for the students to continue their success now that Asumendi-

Road to the ribbon

2003 — Last time Homedale Middle School had achieved Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP)

2007 — Luci Asumendi-Mereness takes over as principal; school is in School Improvement Status Year 2 for reading and math

Spring 2008 — School achieves AYP and receives Exceptional Yearly Growth Award from state after 24 percent growth in reading among Limited English Proficiency (LEP) students

2009-11 — School achieves AYP each year, stretching the streak to four consecutive years

Dec. 7, 2010 — School is nominated for the National Blue Ribbon Award

Spring 2011 — School achieves AYP again, solidifying award

Nov. 14-15, 2011 — District delegates visit Washington, D.C. for award ceremony

Improvement, 2006-2010

Former HMS principal outlined proficiency achievements by students in ISAT testing over the years:

Reading

- 39 percent growth for Economically Disadvantaged students
- LEP students improved from 12 percent to 67 percent proficient.
- An improvement to 50 percent proficiency for Students with Disabilities (SWD)
- Migrant students improved from 35 percent to 100 percent proficiency
- Hispanic proficiency grew from 37 percent to 94 percent

Math

- 30 percent growth for all students
- 39 percent increase for Economically Disadvantaged students
- 24 percent increase for Non-Economically Disadvantaged students
- LEP students' proficiency rose 50 percent
- Non-LEP student proficiency increased 23 percent
- There was a 36 percent increase in SWD proficiency
- Migrant students achieved a 53 percent increase
- Hispanic students improved 41 percent

Mereness has become Homedale High School principal and the school district's delegation has returned from Washington, D.C. after the Blue Ribbon award presentation earlier this month.

"That 43rd star on that flag is shining a little brighter today because of what's happening in Homedale," he said.

The governor also credited the students with giving him a little more swagger among his colleagues. Asumendi-Mereness pointed out that only 16 states have Blue Ribbon middle schools.

"I will be meeting with other governors around the country soon, and I will have bragging rights because of your work in the classroom, out of the classroom and on Saturdays," the governor said.

Speaking on behalf of state Superintendent of Public Education Tom Luna, state Title 1 director Marcia Beckman triggered a loud standing ovation when she thanked the teachers for their role in boosting student performance. Before attaining AYP each of the past four years, Homedale Middle School hadn't hit the No Child Left Behind benchmark since 2003.

"All the people here have great expectations for you," Beckman told the students.

State legislators such as District 23 Sen. Bert Brackett (R-Rogerson), District 10 Reps. Darrell Bolz (R-Caldwell) and Gayle Batt (R-Wilder) and District 11 Sen. Melinda Smyser (R-Parma) anchored a group of dignitaries that included Homedale Mayor

Harold Wilson, Third District Judge Juneal C. Kerrick, whose son George taught music in the Homedale district two years ago, Homedale Chamber of Commerce president Gavin Parker, University of Idaho professors Drs. Ross Joki and Roger Reynoldson and representatives from U.S. Sen. Jim Risch (R-Idaho) and U.S. Rep. Raul Labrador (R-Idaho).

Homedale School Board trustees also attended with chairman Kurt Shanley stressing the change in atmosphere when Asumendi-Mereness became HMS principal in 2007.

"There seemed to be a new optimism," he said.

Asumendi-Mereness again credited her staff with taking part in the change in culture.

"Homedale Middle School educators have known for quite a while what others are just learning: Students in the middle grades are energetic and emotional," she said. "They are curious and creative. They are diverse — and we know they can be full of drama, and the drama all middle schools deal with is not used as an excuse for students not learning, but the energy of it is used to fuel students' interest in learning all they can."

"We know that early adolescence is the wonder years and the worry years. It is a time of great promise — and of great peril. What sets you apart as a Blue Ribbon school is that you want for other people's children, what you want for your own children."

— JPB