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Merry Christmas to all

Christmas message

Just as in the Gospel of Luke, God is still at work today

ABOUT CHRIS BIALY

Chris Bialy is pastor of Rising Light Farm Ministry in Marsing, which is dedicated as a place of healing, support, and guidance to the community’s youth, particularly those with personal struggles such as abandonment, trauma, and rejection. The ministry began Jan. 1, 2017.



Chris Bialy

by Chris Bialy

The Christmas story from the Gospel of Luke 2:1-20:

It begins with “And it came to pass in those days that a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered (for tax purposes).”

Who was Caesar Augustus, and what were the conditions on the Earth “in those days”?

Caesar Augustus was the first Roman Emperor. His real name was Gaius Octavius, and he was the Great Nephew of Julius Caesar.

The Roman Senate created the name for him: “Augustus” or “Exalted one.”

Gradually the power of government had been taken away from the people, and the Roman republic had passed away and in its place was the Roman Empire.

It was a time of great peace as there was no war, but this was because this Roman Empire had forced the world into submission.

This decree forced two people — Joseph and Mary, who was with child — to go from Nazareth to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, a little community outside of Jerusalem.

“So it was that while they were there; the days were completed for her to give birth.”

In the Bible, there is a prophecy written about 700 years before this happened in Micah 5:2-5:

“But as for you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are little among the thousands of Judah, Yet out of you shall come forth to Me The One to be Ruler in Israel, whose goings forth are from old, From the days of eternity.”

A testimony to the fact that the Savior would be born in Bethlehem and that God uses the meek and humble to accomplish His great and Glorious works! No one and no place are too small or unimportant for God to use to accomplish His will.

“Mary gives birth to her first-born son and she wraps Him in cloths and lays Him in a manger because there is no room for them in the Inn.”

I can’t help but wonder if then, like today, the pressures of government control and the cares of everyday life had the people so busy and distracted that they lost focus on the promises of God and could not see God’s hand moving behind the scenes.

In this story, we see political leaders who seem to have so much power and control, carrying out their policies for their own purposes, but God in His sovereignty is behind the scenes using it for His purposes to bring about His Glorious plan. The same is true today!

We can become so busy and stressed that we lose sight of what Christmas is about. We try to create our own peace through acts of goodwill towards each other and with things that we think will fill the emptiness in our hearts, but it does not last.

The real Message of Christmas is found in Luke 2:11 — “for today in the city of David there has been born a Savior, who is Jesus Christ the Lord.”

Isaiah 9:6-7: “For unto us a Child is born, for unto us a Son is given.”

In the earthly sense, a Child is born but in the divine sense the Son of God is given for man.

John 3:16: “For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.”

Romans 5:8: “But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”

Lord help us to lay aside the sins and temporary things of this Earth that distract us and weigh us down; that hinder us from hearing Your voice and becoming all that You have created us to be. Give us a wholehearted desire and focus to live for what will last for eternity!

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HOMEDALE, OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2019

SEASON OF GIVING



“Hub” of Marsing’s Christmas generosity

A crew of volunteers, including principal Nick Ketterling (foreground), gathered at “The Hub,” in the old Marsing Middle School on Friday, to box donations and wrap presents for local children and families in need as part of the community’s annual Giving Tree project.



Community comes through again for Owyhee Health and Rehabilitation

Kevin Beebe (left) and Dola MacLeod from Owyhee Health and Rehabilitation in Homedale dropped by The Owyhee Avalanche office Friday to pick up the residents’ Christmas wishes fulfilled by community members. The gifts were distributed Tuesday after deadline.

Murder conspirator could serve less than five years in prison

Punishments conclude in death of Oregon teen

The final defendant in the murder of an 18-year-old Oregon hitchhiker has been sentenced.

Montanna Rae Reed, 22, of Twin Falls could spend as little as 35 months behind bars for her role in the shooting death of Hunter Smith-Tash of Junction City, Ore., in the summer of 2017.



Montanna Reed

Third District Judge Susan E. Wiebe ordered Reed into the Idaho Department of Correction system for at least five

years and up to 15 years during a sentencing hearing last Wednesday.

Reed could be released much earlier than that because Wiebe also gave the woman credit for the 25 months she has spent in Owyhee County Jail since her arrest in the fall of 2017.

Reed entered guilty pleas in May to felony charges of criminal conspiracy and failure to notify authorities of a death.

She struck a plea agreement with prosecutors.

On the conspiracy conviction, she received a fixed

— See *Prison*, page 4

App enables patrons to help Marsing students

District needs 250 followers to start using Purposity

Marsing School District is looking for support for a new phone app, Purposity, through which community members can purchase items for students in need.

A school district becomes eligible to use Purposity after

a certain number of its patrons have downloaded the app and registered as followers.

“We have to have at least 250 followers before we can start inputting needs,” Marsing superintendent Norm Stewart said. “Until we get those 250, we are still in the launch phase.”

As of Friday, 121 people have registered as followers.

— See *Marsing*, page 14

Homedale P.O. still a no-go because of electrical woes

by Jon P. Brown

The Owyhee Avalanche managing editor

’Twas a long while before Christmas
But merchants and residents in Homedale
Daily had to hit the old Highway 95 trail

They weren’t getting a jump on shopping
They were driving to mitigate a postal fail
Through rain, sleet and hail to go check the mail

The everyday chore isn’t very merry
During those eight miles, thoughts probably
aren’t nice

For the merchants and people are paying a
heavy price

Homedale has been
without a post office for:
73 days

Because of U.S. Postal Service inaction
Doing their books, businesspeople wear a frown
There’s no post office in Owyhee’s largest town

P.O. boxes were moved in October
Electrical repairs are needed, officials do claim
But months later, things are still the same



The Homedale Post Office closed for repairs in mid-October. Work hasn’t begun yet.

— See *Post office*, page 4

From page 1

✓ Post office: Hundreds of residents, business owners inconvenienced

At the post office, the lights are on But, day after day no one's home People — at least 520 — must go to Wilder, even in snow	Crapo has been contacted Yet the council has been mum Even as it costs citizens a pretty sum	So, the Avalanche will keep the light on Yes, we vow to keep track Of every day the USPS doesn't act
To the chagrin of merchants, residents, et al Repairs were to start the week we gave thanks Yet, here it is Christmas, and still there is angst	For mileage and labor Businessmen continually must pay To go get the mail each and every day	From now until whenever To the paper and web readers can look To find out how long the USPS work took
Man hours are lost, work delayed The lengthy closure on North Main Causes everyone pocketbook pain	When Homedale will open The Postal Service has yet to say But those people, those merchants still must pay	To open the post office And end the arduous daily plight And allow merchants and citizens to again sleep at night

Early Avalanche deadlines for New Year's

✓ Prison: Cases concluded

In an effort to get the first edition of 2020 to readers before the New Year's Day holiday, The Owyhee Avalanche has moved up some of its deadlines.

For the Jan. 1 edition:

- Classified advertising will be accepted until 3 p.m. on Friday.
- Display advertising will be taken until 3 p.m. on Thursday.
- The legal notices submission deadline remains the same, noon on Friday.
- Letters to the editor and news submissions must be received by noon on Thursday.

The Owyhee Avalanche office will be closed on New Year's Day.

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sentence of five years and indeterminate sentence of up to 10 years. Reed also was ordered to pay \$245.50 in court fees.

For the failure to notify authorities of a death conviction, Reed will serve five years and pay \$5,000 in costs.

Wiebe ordered Reed serve the sentences concurrently, shortening the amount of time the woman could stay behind bars.

Reed is the last of three defendants sentenced in a case that emerged in the fall of 2017 when hunters discovered Smith-Tash's remains in the Owyhee Desert outside Bruneau.

Earlier this month, Mountain Home resident Willie Keith

Rabey, 36, was sentenced to between 11 and 26 years in prison on felony charges of accessory to first-degree murder, destruction of evidence, failure to notify authorities about a death, and a habitual violator enhancement.

The man who pulled the trigger and shot Smith-Tash in the head and torso during a June 2017 incident — former Bruneau-area resident Nicholas Blake Vandenberg — received a 30-years-to-life sentence in June. The Melba man entered guilty pleas to Murder 1 and criminal conspiracy, both felony charges, in April.

— JPB

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The Owyhee Avalanche continues to experience technical difficulties with its fax machine. The receipt and transmission of faxes have been sporadically successful.

Anyone who has business with the Avalanche — either editorial, advertising or billing — is urged to send inquiries and material via email:

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- jon@owyheeavalanche.com or todd@owyheeavalanche.com to submit news, sports, and milestone items (birthdays, engagements, weddings, and obituaries. Jon Brown's email can be used for letters to the editor, too.
- rob@owyhee.com to send display advertising inquiries to Rob Aman.

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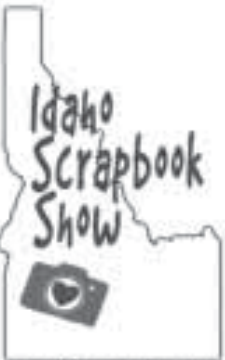
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County, city law enforcement help children at Christmas again
Above: Homedale Police officers take a photo with the children sponsored during the Dec. 14 Shop with a Cop event in Nampa. Below: Owyhee County Sheriff's deputies also took children to breakfast at Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center before escorting the boys and girls to a local store with lights and sirens. Photos courtesy HPD



Real-life people pepper Arock's Christmas play

W. W. Jones Elementary students presented an eclectic cast during its "AnAllAmerican Christmas" play on Dec. 16.

Tara Echave wrote the play, and Elias Eiguren played piano as the students taught by Vicki McConnell, Beth Hassler and Jena Grenke put on their show.

The cast included:

Kindergarteners — Jocelyn McConnell, Dancing Tree, Tiny Dancer, and Mary; Orson Berrett, Dancing Tree, Veteran Presenter, Tiny Dancer, and Joseph; and Zada Eiguren, Dancing Tree, Veteran Presenter, Tiny Dancer, and Angel

Second-graders — Clara Berrett, News reporter; and Raymond McElhannon, Solider and Pence

Third-graders — Maddox

Young, Veteran Presenter and Trump; Jadin Lane, Veteran Presenter and Kid in the Candy Bomber; Malia Villagrana, Veteran Presenter and Kid in the Candy Bomber; Itaii Mendoza, Kid in the Candy Bomber

Fourth-graders — Thales Eiguren, Hal; Layne Berrett, News reporter; Sam Dowell, Veteran Presenter and narrator, Candy Bomber

Fifth-graders — Ross Eiguren, Merle Haggard; Maci Lane, narrator and Candy Bomber; Ella McConnell, narrator and Candy Bomber and poem reader

Seventh-grader — Meg Eiguren, Weather Elf

Eighth-grader — Kale Gooch, Veteran presenter and Santa (poem with soldier)



Thales Eiguren, portrays Hal the pilot, and shares the stage with Itaii Mendoza, Malia Villagrana, Ray McElhannon, and Jadin Lane. Submitted photo

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Obituary

Ramona Lee Church

Ramona Lee Church passed away on December 9, 2019 at a Meridian hospital from complications of diabetes. Ramona was 80 years old. She was the first born to Fern and Earl Graham on July 10, 1939.

Ramona spent her younger years in Bruneau. She attended Bruneau schools and then completed her senior year at St. Theresa's Academy in Boise, graduating in 1957. She then moved to Elko, and lived with her great aunt Marjorie (Strickland) Vitale with her children Joe and Arlene Jarvis. During this time, she met Frederick Tay Hall at a Mountain City dance. Fred was the son of Margaret (Hawes) and Elmer Hall of Mountain City. Fred and Ramona were married in September 1957. Ramona loved Mountain City, Nevada and the surrounding area especially Merritt Mountain riding in Fred's fixed up jalopy.

Fred and Ramona ran a gas station in Mountain City when first married and since this did not pan out, they moved back to Elko. Fred then worked construction and Ramona was a slot girl at the Stockman's Casino. They then moved back to Bruneau so Fred could work

construction on a missile base project until that job was completed. In 1963 they moved to Sacramento, California so Fred and his father-in-law Earl Graham could work on a top-secret rocket fuel facility for Kaiser Construction Group.

Fred and Ramona eventually moved to Vallejo, California while Fred was a cement mason for Maher and Hess Construction and raised their three kids until they were divorced in 1974. Ramona then worked a variety of jobs as a motel manager, cook at Sears cafeteria, bill collector and cocktail waitress supporting her family. She eventually got a job at Mare Island Naval Shipyard in Vallejo as a Dispersing Officer until the base closed in 1994. She then transferred to China Lake Weapons Station in Ridgecrest, California until she retired in 2006 after 33 years working for the government.

She met Maurice Church at the Ridgecrest Fair while she was cooking corn at a Lions Club booth. Maurice and Ramona were married in November 1995. After her retirement, Maurice and Ramona lived in Bullhead City, Arizona and eventually moved to Ontario,



Oregon to be closer to family.

Ramona loved traveling and had many trips throughout the United States and abroad. Maurice and Ramona traveled all over the United States, going on several cruises in the Caribbean and a trip to Rome and Madrid.

Ramona was an avid reader and loved libraries. She loved historical books the best. She loved talking politics and family history. She loved the ocean and while living in Vallejo she took her family to many hot dog picnics at Stinson Beach and Dillon Beach near San Francisco. She loved Northern California, exploring museums and old Spanish Missions. She loved

camping along the Russian River and at Icehouse Reservoir near Placerville with her family. Ramona loved to talk, and you had to be prepared that you may not know where the conversation was going to end up.

Ramona was known everywhere for her cooking skills. She could cook anything and was very generous cooking for many events, and for families and friends. She loved making cakes, pies, jams and jellies. Ramona and Maurice sold jams and jellies at community events in Bullhead City just to have fun and watch people. She had a great kindness towards animals and especially loved her dog, Max. Mom and Max went everywhere in her little Mazda pickup exploring California. Her kids had cats, dogs, guinea pigs, turtles, ducks, chickens, parakeets and a rabbit that loved eating whipped cream.

She is survived by her husband Maurice Church of Ontario, Oregon, her mother Fern Graham of Bruneau, and brothers Roger Graham of Meridian and Leon Graham of Bruneau. She is also survived by her three children, daughter Susan Kay Davis (Duffy) of Bremerton, Washington;

daughter Marjorie Lee Hall of Ogden, Utah and son Fred Gregory Hall of Emmett. Her grandchildren Michael Joseph Davis (Kristen) of Bremerton, Washington; Megan Lena Hall of Beaverton, Oregon; Katelyn Emily Hall of Moscow, Idaho; Benjamin Gregory Hall of Emmett; James Lee Royster of Lancaster, California. Great-grandsons, Azariah Davis, Ezekiel Davis and Owen Royster. She was preceded in death by her grandson Kevin Mark Davis, Father Earl Lee Graham, maternal grandparents William Pern and Lena Gertrude (Wilson) Strickland of Bruneau and paternal grandparents Earl Victor and Zella Marie (Delaye) Graham of Hot Springs, Arkansas.

A Remembrance Dinner was held on Dec 14, 2019 at the Bruneau Community Church. Cremation was under the direction of Rost Funeral Home, McMurtrey Chapel. Ramona's remains will be spread on Merritt Mountain, Nevada when the sunflowers come out this Spring.

If you are inclined, donations to the National Diabetes Association in her name would be appreciated.

Death notices

BONNIE MAY JACKSON, 77, Caldwell, died Thursday, Dec. 19, 2019. A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. Friday, Dec. 27, 2019 at Dakan Funeral Chapel. Condolences may be shared with the family and a full obituary may be read at www.dakanfuneralchapel.com.

MARGARET JOYCE (O'MALLEY) LONG, 48, of Helena, Mont., who grew up in Murphy, died on Sunday, Dec. 8, 2019 at home. A memorial service will be held from 2 p.m., to 4 p.m., on Saturday, Dec. 28, 2019 at the Knights of Columbus hall, 2900 E. Railroad St., in Nampa. Arrangements: Franzen-Davis Funeral Home and Crematory of Livingston, Mont. www.Franzen-Davis.com

Homedale City Library youth programs slated

Despite being sandwiched between Christmas and New Year's, Homedale City Library's Teens & Tweens will meet on Thursday, between 5 p.m., and 6 p.m.

The youths, ages 10-17, can plan on enjoying a game night, including various board games and various video games.

At Story Time on Monday at 10:15 a.m., youth services coordinator Carol McMichael will read Jeanne Willis' "Blue Monster Wants it All," illustrated by Jenni Desmond, for the gathered Story Time children.

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Obituary

Frankie Lee Garrett

Frankie Lee Garrett (Dad) was born June 24th, 1924 to parents Frank L. and Lenora O. Garrett. He was born in the single bedroom of a very small house of relatives in San Jose, California, while his parents were visiting. This small house was named "The Shrine" by Dad, and us boys eventually visited this sacred site.

The family lived in Walla Walla, Washington, where Frankie grew up and attended schools. His parents farmed and ranched and raised fruit, row crops and cattle. Dad went to Wa-High in Walla Walla, when during his sophomore year (1940) he met the love of his life, Dorothy Gard. She was the cute new girl in school that had moved from nearby Dayton, Washington. A friend on the football team introduced them, and he knew she was the one. A true love story of high school sweethearts, they would spend the rest of their lives together.

Also in 1940, Frankie's Dad started to buy additional fruit and farm land in Idaho, near Homedale. His Dad was a very progressive and driven individual.

In High School, Frankie played football, basketball and baseball, being a starter in those sports from freshman through senior years. As a senior, he was the starting second baseman on the All-State Championship team from Wa-Hi. "Dot" and Frankie graduated together from Walla Walla High School (Wa-Hi) in 1942, shortly after the start of World War II.

Dad went on to Whitman College in Walla Walla and never commented much about his academic achievements, but as a freshman started for the Football, Basketball and Baseball teams.

In 1943, after one year of college, Dad enlisted in the Navy. He initially passed the "Eddy Test" and was sent to be a radio operator. After a few days, he knew that job wasn't for him. He saw Navy posters that showed beautiful pictures of palm trees and ocean water, with claims of "High Pay, See the World, join the Amphibs". So, he signed up. The Navy Amphibs were an all-volunteer group, the predecessors to the Navy SEALs and were attached to the 1st Marines. That High Pay amounted to an additional \$9 per month.

His ship was LSM (Landing Ship Medium) #355, with a crew of only about 20+ men. Per Navy information, the Amphibs purpose was, "Identify the



objective beach, maintain a position on the designated beach prior to invasion landing and guide the assault waves to the landing beach." The Amphibs would hit the beach first, usually at night, and set up target flags for the Marine invasions. There were unpredictable tides and shallow reefs on many invasions.

There were approximately 700 total men in the Amphibs, with very few returning home. Dad once said that he was thankful for every day he had, because there were many that did not come back. Dad was all over the Pacific in places such as Tarawa, Okinawa, Kwajalein, Saipan, Guam, Tinian, Leyte, Iwo Jima, Manila and Eniwetok, just to name a few. On many of these islands were fierce battles for the American forces.

Dad was eventually hurt on Okinawa. They were on the beach, and a Kamikaze plane hit a ship loaded with ammunition about 100 yards off the beach. His LSM had two large doors that opened and then a ramp would drop to the beach. He was on top (about 15 feet up), when the concussion of the explosion knocked him off the deck. He landed on the ramp. He immediately got up and ran, trying to get to safety, not realizing his pelvis was broken. He spent a month in a Guam hospital and eventually took a 3-week Hospital ship ride back to Seattle. Ironically, as bad as he was hurt ... he was out of the war zone, which basically saved his life.

After the war, because of his previous college sports achievements, he was offered a full-ride scholarship to play football at Washington State. However, because of his injuries he was never able to gain back the same strengths that he had before. Because sports were such a big part of his life, and he could not compete well again, he went



back to the farm to work with his Father.

Mom and Dad were married in 1948 in Walla Walla, WA. After they were married, Dad played a few years of semi-pro basketball and baseball. During that time his semi-pro basketball team played the original Harlem Globetrotters with the legendary Goose Tatum, and actually beat them two out of three times they met. He also calf-roped competitively during that time.

Frankie lost his older brother Herb, at the age of 30, in 1952.

Frankie and Dot had two sons, Gary born in 1951 and Gregg in 1955. Their sons were a major focus throughout their lives.

A severe October freeze occurred in Washington in 1955 and killed up to 90% of the fruit trees. The Garrett fruit operation had purchased orchard land in Idaho in the late 1940s, which quickly became the main part of the operations after the tree losses in Washington. Frankie, Dot and family moved to Idaho in 1956 to operate and expand the Idaho business.

In 1961, Frankie lost his father. Along with their own cattle operation, Frankie and Dot worked in the family fruit business, located in Walla Walla, WA, Milton-Freewater, OR and Wilder, ID. Frankie and Dot

acquired all of the operations after the loss of his father and brother, but with them came a huge debt. From that moment on, at the approximate age of 37, Frankie and Dot gave up a major part of their lives to try and run and save the ranches. Many years of hard work followed. Frankie learned to fly before he was married, and in the early '60s he would fly back and forth from Caldwell to Walla Walla to keep the operations running. He was running two prune and apple packing sheds, as well as packing Walla Walla sweet onions. A couple of times a week for a few months, Frankie would leave Idaho after the shed shut down, fly to Walla Walla in 45 minutes, just as that shed was finishing operations, spend 2-3 hours and fly back to Idaho that night. He had multiple planes, but he loved the fast Piper 260 Comanche retractable.

Frankie's hard work ethic, determination, and putting every penny available back into the ranch finally got the ranches out of debt. He was very progressive, growing and packing fruit, running cattle, building fruit cold storages, including a full-line apple packing shed with inside cold storages. He was never afraid of challenges.

In the '70s and '80s, his boys got interested in team roping. Frankie loved to rope, so he started to import Mexican cattle for commercial ropings. He would go to the Mexican border, sort out 300 head of true Corriente cattle and have them hauled back to Idaho. He would sell 200 head and keep 100 head to rope and hold ropings. Many years were spent holding team ropings at the Garrett Ranch Arena, which was in addition to all of the farm work. Both boys came back to the ranch after college during this time, allowing Frankie to slow down some from his hectic pace.

Frankie truly loved sports, so his boys' sporting events were

his main focus throughout their school years. He never missed one game that either son played ... ever! He also filmed most all games with an 8mm movie camera. His love of sports carried over to watching both his grandkids and great-grandkids. He was an avid Homedale Trojan fan, following and supporting many young athletes both male and female. He made a huge impact on many athletes' lives.

Frankie Garrett was a man with a HUGE personality, always witty, a great judge of character, and truly passionate about sports and the athletes that played the game. You always knew where you stood as he told it like it was. His true love for his wife Dot was ever present and a great example for all. His "Dottie" passed away in 2016 ... they were married 68 years, together 76 years. He will be sorely missed in our small community by all his friends and family.

A special thank you to his loving caregivers, who allowed Dad to stay in his home until the last month. Lynda Woodhall, Linda Miklancic, and Amber Woodhall were the mainstays of his care and truly devoted to Dad. Linda Jo Puffe took Dad on weekly drives, wherever he wanted to go ... and many times just around the ranch. Cris Fraire and Ramona Stockdale shared in the passionate caring as well. All loved our Dad.

Also a thank you to the Boise VA Hospice; a group of truly caring people!

Frankie is survived by his sons and their families: Gary (Kristie) Garrett and their children Angie (Brady Swallow), Kasey (Keri) and Corby (Nicole), Gregg (Ranee) Garrett and children Cody, Hailee Vernon, and Ryan. Great-grandchildren include Carli, Jayci, Shanlee, Delaney and McCoy Swallow. Kambell, Kinlee, Keiser and Krew Garrett. Boston, Bradley and Blake Garrett. Payson Vernon.





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Birthdays

Open house scheduled to celebrate Nick Ihli's 90th

Former Owyhee County Clerk Nick Ihli is turning 90, and his family wants to invite his friends to an open house celebration.

The celebration will take place from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., on Sunday, Jan. 5 at the Silver Crest II Estates Clubhouse, 1100 Burnett Drive, in Nampa.

No gifts please.

Ihli also has served on the Owyhee County Historical Society board of directors and was a former candidate for the Dist. 3 position on the Board of Owyhee County Commissioners. He is a past



Nick Ihli
president of the Idaho Title Association, too.

Nancy King 80th birthday celebration set in Caldwell

Nancy King will celebrate her 80th birthday with a party hosted by her four children.

The open house will be held from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m., on Saturday, Dec. 28, 2019 at the Caldwell Elks Lodge, 1015 N. Kimball Ave., in Caldwell.

Light snacks will be served, and the family asks that guests bring no gifts.

Nancy was the first child of Lefty and Lucille Parker. She and her siblings (Pat, Caroll, and Mike) grew up and attended schools in Homedale.

She worked at various Paul's Market grocery stores for many years.

She lives in Caldwell now.



Nancy King
Her children are Randy, Pat, Lisa, and Doug.
For more information, call (208) 454-9068.



Liberty Quartet is (from left): Philip Batton, John Bowen, Royce Mitchell, and Paul W. Ellis.

Gospel group returning to Mtn. View Church of Nazarene

Meridian-based gospel quartet Liberty will perform at Mountain View Church of the Nazarene.

The concert is open to the public and will be held at 10:30 a.m., on Sunday, Jan. 5.

There is no admission fee, but a love offering will be accepted to support the singing group's ministry.

A Southern Gospel group includes founding member Royce Mitchell, bass; Paul W. Ellis, lead; and Phillip Batton, tenor. John Bowen is serves as interim baritone.

Liberty has an extensive full-time schedule, traveling many miles each year and ministering in performances for church services, nursing homes, prisons, and other ministries.

They also sing at large conventions including Southwest Gospel Music Festival, Great Western Fan Festival, and the Gospel Music Fan Festival in Canada.

The men in the quartet cherish the opportunity to connect with people and make new friends wherever they go.

Lengthy probation for Grand View sex offender violation

A Grand View man will be on felony probation until 2027 for not following sex offender registration requirements and violating his original probation from a similar 2017 conviction.

Jonathon Edgar Haynes was sentenced on Dec. 13 in front of Third District Judge Thomas W. Whitney.

Facing a felony charge of failing to meet sex offender registration requirements or to perform other required duties, Haynes reached a plea agreement with Owyhee County Prosecuting Attorney Jeffrey Phillips.

Phillips dropped a second case that involved felony charges of failing to register or verify an address as a registered sex offender and giving false information on an offender registration.

Haynes had been jailed on a \$75,000 bond earlier this month.

While ordering four years of felony probation, Whitney suspended a state prison term that could have been between one and eight years.

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Haynes already was serving a four-year probation after violating his probation stemming from a 2017 fail to register felony conviction.

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Melba girls in tie
for 2A WIC lead

Huskies haul in 3rd at Truckstop.com

Marsing boys have two on all-tournament team

The Marsing High School boys' basketball team pulled off a close victory for third place on Saturday at Truckstop.com Christmas tournament at The College of Idaho in Caldwell.

The Huskies edged fellow 2A Western Idaho Conference member New Plymouth, 37-35, in the third-place game. Junior post Jacob Ankeny and senior wing Merrick Hall represented Marsing on the all-tournament team.

The win closed out a stretch in which the Huskies (5-3 at week's end, 0-1 in the 2A Western Idaho Conference) played four games over the course of five days. The team went 2-2 in those games.

Saturday: Marsing 37, New Plymouth

35 — The Huskies finished a five-day, four-game stretch with a nail-biter — a two-point win over the Pilgrims (6-2). New Plymouth won its first six games of the season, before losses on back-to-back nights.

"It was a busy week. The kids were physically drained," coach Tim Little said. "The boys stayed strong defensively, especially in the fourth."

Marsing was down eight points at the end of three periods but held the Pilgrims to just five points in the fourth to eke out the narrow victory.

The Huskies got a strong performance from Hall, who put up 16 points on 7-of-13 shooting, including a three-pointer. He also

collected six rebounds, dished out a pair of assists, and recorded a pair of steals.

Ankeny finished with six points, five boards, three steals, three blocks, and a pair of assists.

Junior Roger Valadez finished with six points, sophomore Noel Quebrado put up five, and seniors Cash Sevy and Joaquin Oliveros added two points each.

Friday: Nyssa, Ore., 44, Marsing 39 — Despite Ankeny's double-double, the Huskies lost in the semifinals to Nyssa (6-2). The Bulldogs are the third-place team in the 3A Eastern Oregon League.

"Fatigue and sickness played a factor in



A fellow all-tournament selection shakes hands with Marsing's Jacob Ankeny (right) as another Huskies' all-tourney player, Merrick Hall, looks on. Photo by Heidi Ankeny

— See *Huskies*, page 14

HHS boys fourth in Nampa

Three tabbed
all-tournament

Homedale High School capped a busy boys' basketball week with a fourth-place finish at the Today's Dentistry Christmas Classic.

Hometown Class 4A Nampa (7-1) rallied for a 42-39 win for third place Saturday at Columbia High.

Homedale (3-6) faltered after grabbing a 26-21 half-time lead. The Bulldogs surged ahead, 30-29, after a low-scoring third quarter.

HHS freshman guard Jaxon Dines finished off an all-tournament performance, pouring in 16 points. He was 4-for-10 from behind the three-point line.

Senior guards Nelson Lomeli and Daniel Uranga joined Dines on the all-tournament team.

Homedale played a strong



Homedale senior Nelson Lomeli soars to the basket Thursday against Columbia.

— See *HHS*, page 14

Dines, Buckley earn all-tourney mention

Trojans get first
win of year

Homedale High School got its first girls' basketball victory of the season and turned some heads against bigger schools during a three-day tournament in Nampa.

The Trojans (1-10) lost to Nampa, 41-10, in Saturday's third-place game in the Today's Dentistry Holiday Classic, but seniors Gracie Dines and Savana Buckley were placed on the all-tournament team.

— See *Trojans*, page 12



Gracie Dines (left) and Savana Buckley.

Homedale's grappling siblings get Dobbs gold

Boys: Egusquiza
finishes third

The Turner girls finally won championships on the same weekend.

Homedale High School's most successful wrestlers to date in the 2019-20 season won round-robin titles during the Wiley Dobbs Invitational in Twin Falls.

The tournament was held Friday and Saturday at Canyon Ridge High School.

Savannah Turner (123 pounds) and her sister Kaydince (130) were the only female wrestlers to compete for coach Jake Levinski.

The juniors were unbeaten in four matches each over Friday

and Saturday to win their respective titles.

Sophomore Joseph Egusquiza highlighted the HHS boys' tournament stay with a third-place medal at 145 pounds.

Savannah pinned Boise freshman Fortina Ketia in 1 minute, 37



Kaydince Turner

Savannah Turner

— See *Dobbs*, page 14

Bunnell wins it from the line for Melba

Easton Bunnell's free throw with 0.2 seconds remaining gave Melba High School a key 2A Western Idaho Conference win Friday.

Bunnell's foul shot snapped the tie and pushed the Mustangs over the top in a 62-61 boys' basketball victory over McCall-Donnelly in Valley County.

The Vandals' DJ Green led all scorers with 26 points, but Melba (6-2 overall, 1-1 in conference) handed McCall (3-1, 1-1) its first loss of the season.

Joe Reiber (19 points) and

Caleb Fong (12) accounted for half of the scoring for coach Spencer Trappett's Mustangs.

Bunnell had eight rebounds.

Dec. 17: New Plymouth 58, Melba 47 — Derek Hampton scored 16 points as the host Pilgrims extended their season-opening win streak to five games in the teams' 2A WIC opener.

Reiber tallied 15 points and seven rebounds, and Bunnell chipped in nine points with six rebounds and three assists.

Charles Butler and Matt Hall were two of three Pilgrims to score nine points.

Sports

Hatfield: Homedale girls' players beginning to gel

Clay Hatfield entered his first 3A Snake River Valley conference girls' basketball season last week, and he was encouraged. Homedale High School lost its eighth consecutive game to start the season, 56-34, to

Weiser, but the host Trojans reached a season-high point total for the second consecutive game. Homedale nearly doubled its output from the first half to the second half. "We played our best second

half of the season," Hatfield, the Trojans' first-year coach, said. "The team is starting to gel and learn the new system that is being implemented." The Wolverines (3-6 overall) won for the third time in four games.

Weiser's Maddy Erikson led all scorers with 19 points. The Wolverines bolted to a 17-3 lead after the first quarter, but Homedale outscored the guests in the second and fourth quarters. Gracie Dines led the Trojans

with 12 points, while Savanna Buckley put in six points. Bella Smith added five points. "We still need to have more confidence in our shooting and take care of the ball more, but our defense looked good tonight," Hatfield said.

✓Trojans: Coach sees playing larger schools as benefit against 3A SRV

From Page 11 First-year coach Clay Hatfield said the three-game stay in Nampa will bolster Homedale in its restart to the 3A Snake River Valley conference season. "All three teams we played over the weekend were bigger schools," Hatfield said. "That provided us the chance to play against higher-level competition before entering conference play after the New Year." **Saturday: Nampa 41, Homedale 10** — Unable to handle the Bulldogs' big beginning, the Trojans finished

fourth in the tournament after a game played at Columbia High School. "We finished the weekend against a decent Nampa team," Hatfield said. "We had trouble making shots and controlling the ball." Dines scored six points, and Bella Smith and Mayci Cline added two points each. The Bulldogs bolted to a 15-2 lead and held a 26-4 advantage at the break. Homedale held the squad to four points over the final eight minutes. "I was very happy with the ladies' performance and

their hard work and hustle throughout the games," Hatfield said. **Friday: Wood River 52, Homedale 34** — The Trojans saw a season-best point total and Dines' season-high scoring performance. But despite 16 points from the senior, Homedale couldn't overcome Wood River's 18-8 start to the game. "The first half was plagued by turnovers that put us in a hole," Hatfield said. "We controlled the second half and played really well. We are starting to find our identity and

gel as a team." Amaia Aberasturi, who was injured earlier in the season, scored four points for the Trojans. Smith added five points, while Laney Swallow, Sarai Villarreal, Amaya Beckman and Ashley Moore tallied two points each. **Thursday: Homedale 32, Ontario, Ore., 27** — Season-high performances in shooting and on defense propelled the Trojans to a hard-fought first victory of the Hatfield era. "The team played great defense and gave up a season-

low points," Hatfield said. Homedale ball defenders forced 16 steals. "The win will also give us some momentum going forward," Hatfield said. The Trojans took the most shots of any game thus far this season and built an 18-10 halftime lead with a 13-7 run in the second half. Buckley paced Homedale with 11 points, while Dines put in nine. Villarreal added four. "We got a great game from Dines and Buckley," Hatfield said. — JPB

Other scores

Boys' basketball
Rimrock (1-4, 1-2)
Dec. 16 — Wilder 53, Raiders 34
Friday — vs. Castleford (not reported)
Jordan Valley (5-4)
Union (Ore.) Bobcat Classic
Thursday — Mustangs 45,

Elgin 35
Friday — Union 54, Mustangs 24
Saturday — Mustangs 56, Crane 47
Adrian (3-5)
Truckstop.com Classic, Caldwell
Thursday — New Plymouth 58, Antelopes 43
Friday — Carey 74,

Antelopes 46
Saturday — Horseshoe Bend 55, Antelopes 45
Girls' basketball
Marsing (1-11, 1-4)
Thursday — Nampa Christian 65, Huskies 29
Rimrock (8-0, 2-0)
Dec. 16 — Raiders 61, Wilder 11

Adrian (2-6)
Nyssa Chmas Tourney
Thursday — Payette 51, Antelopes 41
Friday — Orofino 60, Antelopes 25
Saturday — Nyssa 54, Antelopes 42
Jordan Valley (6-3)
Union (Ore.) Bobcat Classic
Thursday — Mustangs 48,

Elgin 34
Friday — Union 36, Mustangs 35
Saturday — Mustangs 60, Powder Valley 20
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Freshman
Friday, Jan. 3, home vs. Vale, Ore., 4:30 p.m.

Boys' basketball
Varsity
Saturday, Dec. 28, home vs. Marsing, 3 p.m.
Junior varsity
Saturday, Dec. 28, home vs. Marsing, 1:30 p.m.
Freshman
Saturday, Dec. 28, home vs. Marsing, noon

Wrestling
Girls
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Boys
Friday-Saturday, Dec. 27-28 at Charlie Anthony Invitational, Ontario, Ore.

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Sports

Melba, Marsing get plenty of work in at tri-meet

Marsing High School's wrestling team's tri-meet with Melba and Wendell produced mixed results on the mat at home last Wednesday.

The clash between the three schools marks the second of three duals that the Huskies will host in the 2019-20 season.

Melba 44, Marsing 21 — The early-season success continued for Marsing's 170-pound junior Isai Arriaga, who scored a 7-3 decision over the Mustangs' Hank Svedin.

Arriaga roared out to a 5-0 lead after four minutes then held off Svedin's late flurry to pick up the Huskies' first points of the match.

In other Huskies results:

- Jaristian Fuentes (145) lost by decision to Jordan Munoz, 10-6.
- Jonathan Ineck (152) lost by technical fall to Zane Helm, 17-1. Helm led, 12-1, after the



Jacob Goins looks to the referee during his match against Melba's Ruben Zavala, which the Marsing wrestler won by pinfall.

first period and closed out the bout with 54 seconds left in the second round.

- Harlee Liles (182) was pinned by William Hansen 26 seconds into their matchup.
- Jacob Goins (220) pinned the Mustangs' Ruben Zavala at 2 minutes, 17 seconds. Goins erased a 2-0 lead with a take-down and near-fall near the end

of the first period. Zavala was on his back and at Goins' mercy when the first-period buzzer sounded.

- James Lafleur (285) pinned Cody Dickard in 1:14. The two wrestlers traded near-falls in an action-packed bout before Lafleur triumphed.
- Matthew Goins (120) held on through the first period, but

lost by pinfall to McKoy Richardson at the 2:32 mark.

The Mustangs used three forfeit victories (18 points) to solidify the win as four Huskies missed the meet because of illness, according to longtime coach Jon Nelson.

In an exhibition at 170 delayed when Domminik Dreyer's nose was bloodied, Melba's Manny Zapate triumphed by pin with 8 seconds left in the opening round.

Dreyer had the upperhand and was within inches of getting Zapate on his back before the Melba wrestler pulled off a quick reversal to set up the pin.

Wendell 42, Marsing 30 — The Ineck brothers accounted for all the Huskies' points scored on the mat.

- Justin Ineck (138) won by pin over the Trojans' Brayan Sanchez 29 seconds in.

- Jonathan Ineck also pinned Deavin Goedhart at 2:34

- Harlee Liles fell to Remington Winmill at 1:10

- Matthew Goins was pinned by Elliot Thompson at 1:32

All other points scored were by forfeit.

Melba 45, Wendell 17 — The Mustangs recorded three wins by pinfall in their match-up with the Trojans.

- William Hansen (182) bested Kolby Sutton (3:48)

- Grant Svedin (120) over Elliot Thompson (1:44)

- McKoy Richardson (126) over Evan Haddad (2:59)

- Logan Dunn (132) topped Gunner Hester with an 8-5 decision

- Zapate (160) lost by technical fall to Teegan Dunn, 18-2 at 3:10

- Jaxen Hackler (106) was pinned by the Trojans' Wyatt Flick at 24 seconds

End of win streak puts Melba girls in 2A WIC stalemate

After just four games, observers are probably resigned to a tight battle in the 2A Western Idaho Conference girls' basketball season.

Melba High School is one of four teams locked into conference's top spot after a 55-47 loss to Cole Valley Christian on Thursday in Meridian.

The Mustangs (10-2 overall), the Chargers (8-2), New Plymouth (8-2) and Nampa Christian (8-3) all share a

piece of the 2A WIC lead at 3-1.

McCall-Donnelly (5-3) is one game back at 2-2.

Marsing and Vision Charter both winless in four conference games find themselves in a deep hole already in the competitive conference.

Thursday: Cole Valley Christian 55, Melba 47 — Maddie Cooke poured in 22 points as the Chargers ended the Mustangs' seven-game win streak.

Kate Clark led Melba with 16 points, and Kortney Trappett added 14 points.

Dec. 17: Melba 46, Nampa Christian 29 — Kortney Trappett and Kendall Clark scored 10 points apiece as the Mustangs stayed unbeaten in conference play.

Melba's seventh consecutive victory came against a Nampa Christian coached by Marsing resident Jaime Wood, who is a former Marsing coach.

Wood's daughter Jessie scored six points in the third quarter for the Trojans. She is back on the court after season-ending ACL injuries to her left knee each of the past two seasons.

Ella DeJong led Nampa Christian with 11 points.

Kendall Clark and Kate Clark grabbed five rebounds each for Melba, while Kate also had nine points and four assists.

MARSING HUSKIES

ATHLETE SPOTLIGHT

Boys' basketball
Cash Sevy, sr., P
12 points, 6 assists vs. Ontario at Truckstop.com Christmas tournament

Girls' basketball
Alana Larrusea, jr., P
Third year on varsity

Wrestling
Justin Ineck, sr., 138 pounds
Pinned Wendell's Brayan Sanchez in dual

Girls' basketball
Varsity
Wednesday, Jan. 7, home vs. Melba, 7:30 p.m.
Junior varsity
Wednesday, Jan. 7, home vs. Melba, 6 p.m.

Boys' basketball
Varsity
Saturday, Dec. 28 at Homedale, 3 p.m.
Junior varsity A
Saturday, Dec. 28 at Homedale, 1:30 p.m.
Junior varsity B
Saturday, Dec. 28 at Homedale, noon

Wrestling
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Go Huskies!

Courthouse report

A list of felony and misdemeanor dispositions recently completed at courtrooms in Murphy and Homedale. Infractions are not included:

Dec. 13

Landen Sage Favinger, Caldwell — Felony controlled substance possession: 3½ years in prison (18 days served), \$635.50 in court costs.

Jonathon Edgar Haynes, Grand View — Felony failure to meet sex offender registration requires or perform other required duties: 1 to 7 years in prison (161 days served), 4 years felony probation, \$245.50 in court costs

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✓ Marsing: Community assistance program kicks in when enough people sign up

Stewart first heard of the app last year when Purposity was one of the groups highlighted at a State Department of Education family engagement conference.

The district can enter information on a student into Purposity, and anyone who downloads the app can see what the general needs are (such as “student in Marsing needs size 10 shoes”). If they click on the item needed, the app will send them to Amazon to purchase the item. All selections are shipped to the school district for dispersal.

“It keeps it confidential as far as who is actually in need, but it gives us an opportunity to list what the needs are for our kids and for the community,” Stewart said.

Originally, Purposity started with bigger schools (called cohort 1). Marsing is considered a cohort 2.

Stewart has communicated with all district staff and posted information on the district’s Facebook page to drum up support.

“There is no financial obligation,” he said. “People just need to download the app and register as a follower.

“If they so choose, they

can then fill the needs that we would be posting there.”

According to its website, Atlanta-based Purposity does not charge people for participation and does not receive funding from Amazon. Private donors fund the program, and purchases made through Purposity are tax-deductible.

“We live in an age when we can make a doctor’s appointment right from our phone, but we have no way of knowing if the family down the street has food on its table or if their children have shoes on their feet,” Purposity founder Blake Canterbury said.

“The Marsing community has a proven record of generosity when needs of others arise,” Stewart said. “We hope that our partnership with Purposity will provide easy access via your cellphone to provide for needy children and families of Marsing.”

For more information about the Purposity app, contact Stewart at (208) 649-5411 or nstewart@marsingschools.org, or Jamie Rife with Purposity at Jamie@purposity.com.

— TK

Sports

Huskies drop conference opener

The Marsing High School boys’ basketball team lost a heartbreaker at home to McCall-Donnelly on Dec. 17.

A turnover with less than a second left ended the Huskies’ comeback in a 35-34 2A Western Idaho Conference loss.

Trailing by seven points with about five minutes left, Marsing (3-2 overall, 0-1 in conference) was down by one point and had the ball with eight seconds remaining.

With less than a second left, the Huskies lost the ball out of bounds to end the emotional rally.

“(It was a) tough way to open league, especially at home,” coach Tim Little said. “Defensively, we gave ourselves some chances and actually executed down the stretch fairly well being so early in the year.

“It was a typical matchup with McCall (3-0, 1-0): physical and close as always.”

Guard Noel Quebrado led the Huskies with 12 points from four three-pointers.

Senior Merrick Hall scored 10 and grabbed seven boards.

In what may be one of the few times this season he’s not the tallest player on the court

(Vandals senior center Joel Meske is a 7-footer), Marsing’s junior post Jacob Ankeny scored seven, pulled down five boards, and recorded four each of assists and steals. He also blocked two shots.

“I am encouraged by the many things we did well, and the stuff that cost us the game are things that we can improve on and control,” he said.

It’s time to get back to work, though, he said.

“We will be spending a lot of time in the gym over break trying to improve.”

— TK

✓ Huskies: Turnovers cost team a title shot

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the lack of intensity and concentration with a scrappy, quick Nyssa team,” Little said.

Marsing trailed by one point with less than 40 seconds left, but couldn’t hit a shot.

Little said Nyssa defenders’ constant pressure and active hands caused crucial turnovers in the waning moments.

Ankeny led the Huskies with his first double-double of

the season (13 points and 12 boards). He also accounted for five assists and three blocks.

Hall finished with 10 points and eight boards.

Sevy had four each of points, rebounds, and assists.

Thursday: Marsing 59, Ontario, Ore., 19 — The Huskies gave up 12 first-quarter points and seven over the final 24 minutes.

Some of the Huskies’ bench

players saw significant time, including senior guard Anthony Noblett.

“(Noblett was) taking charges on D and being aggressive on the ball defensively, as well as scoring two points and getting two steals,” Little said.

Ankeny finished two boards and two assists shy of a triple-double, finishing with 15-8-8.

Hall put up 13 points and pulled down five boards.— TK

✓ Dobbs: Other Trojans pick up victories

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seconds in the girls’ final bout of the tournament to nail down the gold medal.

Kaydince also secured her championship in her final match, pinning fellow junior Alexandra Crow of Centennial in 72 seconds.

Egusquiza captured the boys’ 145-pound bronze medal by forfeit when home-school wrestler Logan Smith of Canyon Ridge couldn’t answer the opening whistle.

Willie White pinned his way into the quarterfinals (1:09 against Vallivue’s Jason Gassett, and 13 seconds against Elko, Nev.’s Ethan Saenz).

Chase Cooper got a couple of victories at 160, pinning Hawk in 1:22 in the championship bracket and defeating Fruitland’s Carter Stowe, 7-2, in the consolation rounds.

Julian Ramos posted two consolation-bracket decisions at 138, beating Minico’s Freddy Larios, 5-3, and Jerome’s Camren Firth, 12-9.

Jace Love (145) got two straight pins in the consolation rounds (Twin Falls’ Jacob Fullenwinder, 1:43, and Churchill Hill County, Nev.’s Cody Shelton in 2:02).

Rhyalee Nix reached the quarterfinals at 182 after beating Filer’s Owenn Meyer, 9-4.

✓ HHS: Comeback dispatches Cole Valley

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first half against Nampa, knocking down 45 percent of its shots (9-for-20).

But the Bulldogs turned the tables in the second half, shooting 40 percent (8-for-20) to counter the Trojans’ icy 19 percent (4-for-21).

Lomeli hit two treys as part of his eight points.

Nampa’s Donovan Estrada led all scorers with 19 points.

Friday: Capital 46, Homedale 39 — Rallying from a lopsided first quarter, the Trojans held a slim halftime edge only to watch the 5A Eagles use the free-throw line to claim their first win of the season.

Capital emerged from a low-scoring third quarter with a

31-30 lead. The Eagles were 16-for-23 from the foul line in the second half. Capital had 16 more chances at the line than Homedale. The Trojans were 7-for-11 at the charity stripe.

Braden Johnson and Jonah Blackham paced Capital with 10 points apiece.

Capital (3-for-20, 19 percent from the field in the second half) needed the free throws.

Dines led the Trojans with 16 points despite four fouls.

Thursday: Homedale 44, Columbia 41 — The winless Wildcats missed 11 of their final 13 shots as the Trojans came from behind to win.

Spencer Fisher hit two free throws to cap a 12-6 run and give Homedale a 36-35 lead

early in the fourth quarter.

Absorbing a hard foul, Dines hit a driving jump shot in the lane and a free throw to give Homedale the lead for good, 39-36. Dines went 4-for-8 from long range and led everyone with a career-high 17 points.

Keygan Lasniewski led Columbia with 10 points.

Dec. 16: Homedale 34, Cole Valley Christian 29 — The Trojans shut down the visiting Chargers in the fourth quarter, embarking on a 13-4 run to erase a six-point deficit.

HHS connected on 10 of 15 free throws after halftime.

Lomeli was 2-for-2 from the line and nailed two three-point goals to lead the Trojans with 12 points.

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Looking back...

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25 years ago

Dec. 28, 1994

Homedale pulls back impact area boundaries
Owyhee County and Homedale city officials fielded the complaints of thirty citizens last Thursday, who all felt threatened by the size and scope of Homedale’s proposed area of impact and convinced the city to scale back the size of the area.

Originally, Homedale’s proposal had called for the city to take within its impact area all the land south of town within a radius of about three miles, but those assembled at the city’s and county’s special hearing on the topic Thursday, Dec. 22 were unanimous in their disapproval of that proposal.

County residents cited a number of reasons why they disliked the proposal, but overwhelmingly they agreed that it made the impact area too large.

“So you’re saying that the city is getting too big for its britches,” city councilman Daniel Erbe asked one of the men who spoke before the council, who replied “Yes.”

Homedale Mayor Paul Fink responded that the city was only trying to protect those who bought into subdivisions, and to avoid future costs to the city, which otherwise might have to pay to bring properties up to code as it annexed them.

HHS’ George nominated to Naval Academy
Homedale High School senior Christopher George was one of 15 southwest Idaho students recently nominated by United States Senator Dirk Kempthorne to military service academies.
“These young Idahoans are absolutely topnotch,” Kempthorne said. “One of the consistent attributes of each applicant is that they have already demonstrated their ability to work hard, get good grades, and to be leaders among their peers.”

At HHS, George has routinely made the honor roll and is a leading member of the school’s Business Professionals of America Club. Last fall he advanced to that organization’s national competition in San Francisco, making him one of only two HHS students ever to accomplish that feat.

George’s nomination was sent to the selection committee of his chosen service academy, the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland.

Lady Trojans roar past Greenleaf Grizzlies
Homedale’s girls put the pedal to the metal for their second half of basketball against Greenleaf Friends Academy Tuesday, Dec. 20, and saw it pay off big-time in a 54-24 victory.

The win marked the third straight for the Trojans, who are 8-4 overall and have won five of their last six games to climb to third place in the WIC A-3.

Again, defense was the key to the victory.
“They (the Grizzlies) scored five baskets in the whole game,” HHS coach Dan Tristan says. “Anytime you can do that you’ve played a good game defensively.”

The game was played virtually even in the first half, with Homedale hanging on to a slim 18-14 lead, but in the third quarter that all changed.

Homedale turned up the heat on its half-court trap defense, forcing turnover after turnover, and by the end of the period the Tros had gone on an 18-2 run, allowing just a pair of Greenleaf free throws.

Their dominance of the game continued into the fourth period and right up to the final minute, when the Grizzlies mustered their first open-court shots of the half, a pair of three-pointers.

50 years ago

Dec. 25, 1969



Ysedro Bicandi gets Bronze Star
Army Spec. 5 Ysedro R. Bicandi, left, 21, son of Mrs. Eloise Dexter, Homedale and Ysedro Bicandi, Rt. 2, Ridgefield, Wash., receives the Bronze Star Medal during ceremonies near Tay Ninh, Vietnam, on Nov. 23.

Congratulating him is Colonel John Tyler, commanding officer of the 1st Brigade, 25th Infantry Division.

Bicandi received the award for outstanding meritorious service while serving as a personnel management noncommissioned officer in Headquarters Company, 1st Brigade of the 25th Infantry Division near Tay Ninh.

He entered the Army in April 1968, completed basic training at Ft. Lewis, Wash., and arrived overseas in March of this year.

Carl Holmes wins lighting contest
Carl Holmes was judged winner of the outdoor lighting contest sponsored jointly by the Homedale Chamber of Commerce and the Idaho Power Co., with \$60 in prizes.

Judging was done over the weekend. First prize was \$20.

Second and third prizes of \$12.50 and \$10.00 were split between Clint Smith and Frank Matteson.

Fourth prize, \$7.50, went to Alvin Woodburn.

Fifth prize, \$6, went to Russell Hulse, and 6th prize, \$4, Vic Uria.

Petitioners ask recall of GVH accreditation
The State Board of Education was asked last Friday by petitioners in the Bruneau area of the Bruneau-Grand View School District No. 365 to withdraw accreditation of the district’s secondary school.

The petition, containing 87 district residents, was delivered to Public Instruction Supt. D. F. Engelking in Boise and also asked that the school board be ordered to pay tuition to any secondary school student in the district who applies so he can attend any fully accredited school in a neighboring district.

The Board of Education will meet this week in Boise where the petition is to be presented

There are four schools in the district consisting of a high school at Grand View, a junior high school at Bruneau and grade schools in both communities. Request for withdrawal of accreditation was made in a petition circulated in one day by a committee of Bruneau residents headed by Albert Black.

The petition asserts that the district, which was created in 1952, currently is on warning from the Board of Education for deficiencies in facilities and personnel and has been “nearly every school year” since 1952.

145 years ago

Dec. 26, 1874

Local Intelligence. (From Monday’s Daily.)
NEEDS ATTENTION. - We hear of many complaints about the bad condition of the Reynolds Creek toll road, and if the proprietor neglects or refuses much longer to do some repairing upon it there will be trouble, as the Stage Company and teamsters threaten to petition the Board of County Commissioners in relation to it. If the owner of a toll road neglects or refuses to put his road in passable condition for teams, he has no right to collect toll thereon. The next thing that we shall most likely hear of will be a stage accident, wherein some passenger is injured who will sue the Stage Company for damages, and the latter in turn will sue the proprietor of the toll road.

He who does not subscribe for and read the AVALANCHE, especially the Daily, is a fool among wise men; he is a desert in the midst of vine clad hills and running rivers; he is a dismal swamp in a land of flowers; he is a fly leaf in the book of knowledge; a blind man grasping his way in clear sunlight; a bat, who loves darkness rather than light. He who is not guilty of the Athenian hunger for something new, the eager appetite for the ‘very latest,’ is nearly twenty centuries behind the times, and can have no part nor note in the great events of this progressive age.

STAGE ACCIDENT.
Dec. 21, 1874. EDITOR AVALANCHE:
This is written from the big hill above Wagontown, where we are camped in the brush, with a good fire and in good spirits.

The stage on which we took our departure from Silver this morning broke down some three or four miles from Wagontown, on a dead level, going at the regular rate of speed. The front axle broke short off at the wheel and let us down nicely. Joe Tuttle, the driver, landed under the heels of the off wheeler, and Mr. Morey-who was on the outside-ten feet beyond him.

All inside were jammed and bruised. Mrs. Donaldson is rather severely, though not badly, cut about the shoulder and face. Mr. and Mrs. Adams and child and myself and son are all right.

The off wheeler, one of the Jacobs horses, broke the ring of the singletree, got loose and started to run. Tuttle held on like grim death, and the team dragged him and the coach fifty yards from where the axle broke. But for Tuttle’s coolness, not many of us would have got off alive-he is grit, sure. Providence may have helped us, but Joe Tuttle did the work.

Important News.
(Specific to the Daily Avalanche)
SOUTH MOUNTAIN, I.T., Dec. 21.

It is reported here that a new mining company is being organized in San Francisco to erect other large smelting works in this camp. Owners of mining claims here are working vigorously in order to have their claims open and ready for the market by the time the new company wish to purchase.

MINING ELECTION.-
At the annual election of the War Eagle Mining Company, held in San Francisco on the 14th inst. the following named gentlemen were elected as a Board of Trustees to serve during the ensuing year: John Farneman, Wm. Davidson, J.G. Mather, John Carroll, and R.T. Carroll. R.T. Carroll is President of the company; J.G. Mather, Vice-President; Louis Kaplan, Secretary; C.S. Miller, Superintendent.

Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM



On the edge of common sense Testimony

Christmas is the most joyful of seasons for Believers ... when publicly we are closest to God ... birth of Christ.

It is also a time when we can open our hearts and remember the “second great commandment” as mentioned in Matthew 22:39, “Love thy neighbor as thyself.” Sometimes that’s hard to do.

Years ago I received a call from a close friend. He was excited because I was coming to his town to put on a cowboy poetry performance. I looked at my calendar and told him it was a mistake, I WAS NOT booked there on that date ... in fact, I was booked somewhere else!

The next week, he called back and said they were advertising my appearance. He sent me the newspaper promoting and selling tickets! I called the editor and explained that something was wrong. He argued with me, saying his “booking agent” had confirmed it just the day before. I said, “Somebody is scamming you. He plans to use me to draw a crowd, then tell everyone I was a ‘no show’, but will then say fortunately he has another group ready to take my place!”

I admit I threatened to sue him. Then I CALLED the scammer and offered to perform some surgical procedures on him that would make his voice higher.

Couple years later, I got a call from a lady who lost her job because this same scammer advertised a popular performer and then the performer didn’t show up. The local sponsor blamed her. I called her boss and explained she was a victim of his bait and switch. She got her job back.

Five years later, the scammer sent an email out in a blanket mailing to the “cowboy poetry world” accusing that I was no longer popular, my shows were vulgar, profane, I was a drunk, and that he himself was having to take my jobs. We received a truckload of messages from friends and fans cursing, angry, and condemning the scammer. I should have been mad.

However ... by that time in my life I had made a personal commitment to the good Lord’s direction, specifically: FORGIVENESS AND MERCY TO ALL WHO OFFEND.

I instructed my office not to say anything in response to any calls, emails or gossip. I suppose the scammer took a lot of heat ... he wrote another email, which was ignored. When the smoke cleared, I wrote him a card forgiving him. That his hate was only hurting himself and I could forgive him because I know the truth, he knows the truth and God knows the truth. And that is all that matters.

This Christmas, parts of our fellow Americans are floating in a sea of political hate. It personally harms the hater much more than the hated. It is like drinking poison and expecting the other person to die from it. Take the first step ... Jesus forgave those who crucified Him.

Philemon, chapter 1.

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Letter to the editor

Homedale Sr. Center gives thanks for community’s help

Homedale Senior Center would like to thank the merchants, the community, the staff, and volunteers for all of the donations, money, help and support of the center — not only for our bazaars but year around.

With all of the help we are able to keep our doors open and serve lunch to the community and Meals On Wheels to Wilder, Homedale and Marsing.

We are here to help with information and serve you.

The city’s Christmas decorations are beautiful.
Sandra Ledford, coordinator
Homedale Senior Center

Letters to the editor

All letters to the editor submitted to The Owyhee Avalanche must be no longer than 300 words, signed and include the writer’s address and daytime 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.

Gov. Brad Little

From the Statehouse Canada, Mexico trade deal important to Idaho’s producers



It’s been over a year since the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA) was signed and House Speaker Nancy Pelosi motioned for the trade agreement to be brought to the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives for a vote.

Finally, Speaker Pelosi and Congressional Democrats listened to Americans, dozens of Governors from both parties, and many others in agreeing to allow a vote on USMCA in the House. the legislation passed out of the chamber Thursday.

This is a critical moment.
Our neighbors to the north and south play an integral part in Idaho’s economy.

The USMCA modernizes the 25-year-old North American Free Trade Agreement and promotes mutually beneficial trade leading to freer markets, fairer trade, and robust economic growth in North America.

The USMCA would enable Idaho businesses to continue competing in a global market and enhance their customer base in North America.

If Congress ratifies President Trump’s USMCA, Idaho businesses and rural communities across the state will reap the benefits.

Canada and Mexico combined make up more than

— See *Trade*, Page 17

Rick Naerebout, Idaho Dairymen’s Association

Future of farm labor Farm Workforce Modernization Act is smart federal legislation



I am an Idahoan. I grew up on a dairy and have worked in the dairy industry nearly my entire life. I support the Farm Workforce Modernization Act. It is good conservative legislation that supports legal immigration and really takes a look at the reform we as Americans have been demanding.

A few weeks ago, the U.S. House of Representatives overwhelmingly passed House Resolution 5038, also known as the Farm Workforce Modernization Act. This bipartisan legislation was negotiated between Democrats and Republicans over a seven-month period. It is well-thought-out and takes a good, hard look at what the state’s economy and our industry need. Without this act, Idaho’s dairy industry simply won’t be able to survive.

I would like to take a moment and thank Rep. Mike Simpson (R-Idaho) for being active in the bill’s negotiations and a co-sponsor and Rep. Russ Fulcher (R-Idaho) for voting yes. They both looked at the issue, and they looked at the act and saw that

this will preserve agriculture’s experienced workforce by allowing our existing farmworkers to earn legal status, without creating amnesty. This is the right approach to immigration issues and guaranteeing a legal workforce to ensure an abundant, safe and affordable food supply.

So, what does the legislation actually say? There are three main provisions to H.R. 5038.

First, it offers *earned* legalization to our current workforce and allows immediate family members living with them to stay. It does not give any handouts. It allows agricultural workers to get right by the law with a background check and payment of back taxes and to earn legal status by working on farms.

It would allow workers to continue doing their jobs, and it would allow dairy operators to hire people needed to do the work this state needs.

Second, this bill streamlines the H-2A Program and

— See *Legislation*, Page 17

Commentary

Financial management
Burial policies can bring peace of mind at a difficult time

Dear Dave,
My parents are getting up there in years, and they aren't really prepared for when they pass away. They can't afford life insurance at this point, and they also have a lot of debt. When they die, who will be liable for their debt?
— Tammi

Dear Tammi,
Any outstanding debt your parents have upon passing will likely go against their estate. If they have a positive net worth — meaning they owned more than they owed — there will be money left over after the debts are paid, and this could go toward an inheritance. If they have a negative net worth, which means they owed more than they owned, everything could be sold off to cover as much of the debt as possible. Regardless, you would only

be held liable for any of their debt if you were a co-signer on the loans.
I'd also suggest getting their permission to buy burial policies on them. If they won't agree to this, you might have to save up money for their final expenses yourself. In most areas, \$10,000 to \$15,000 is enough to cover basic burial costs for two people.
— Dave

Dear Dave,
I've recently begun living on a budget, and I've got \$1,000 saved. At the moment, I have \$150 left over each month after everything is accounted for in my budget. I also have three debts totaling about \$12,000. Should I use this extra cash to pay off debt, or would it be a better idea to start investing the money?
— Leland



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Dear Leland,
Let's put off investing for the time being. You've done a great job so far by getting on a budget and saving \$1,000. Making mature decisions and telling your money where to go, instead of wondering where it went, is the key to gaining control of your finances.

Now, let's take a closer look at my plan and where you stand. You've already set aside \$1,000 for a beginner emergency fund. That's Baby Step 1. Don't touch that money except in the event of an actual emergency. You're ready now for Baby Step 2, which is to pay off all debt except for your mortgage using the debt snowball system.
To do this, make a list of your debts from smallest to largest. Make minimum payments on all but the smallest debt, and attack it with a vengeance. As soon as you get that one paid off, move on to the next one and then the next one.
Once you finish the debt snowball, and you're debt-free except for your house, you go back to your emergency fund and stash more money away until you have a fully funded emergency fund of three to six months of expenses. This is

Baby Step 3. Now you can begin concentrating on investing for retirement, which is Baby Step 4. Start with your employer's 401(k) plan. Then, you can invest the rest into Roth IRAs — one for you, and one for your spouse, if you're married.
Saving and investing are both very important. But it's also important to become debt-free. That's what makes them easy!
— Dave

— Dave Ramsey is CEO of Ramsey Solutions. He has authored seven best-selling books, including The Total Money Makeover. The Dave Ramsey Show is heard by more than 16 million listeners each week on 600 radio stations and multiple digital platforms. Follow Dave on the web at daveramsey.com and on Twitter at @DaveRamsey.

✓ Trade: New treaty will expand North American markets for Idaho

From Page 16
25 percent of Idaho's total exports and nearly 50 percent of Idaho's total food and agriculture exports.
More than 1,700 companies in Idaho export goods and services to more than 150 countries around the globe, and the two most accessible and important markets are right next door.
Canada alone, as Idaho's No. 1 export market, purchased \$926 million worth of goods ranging from fertilizer and locomotives to precious metals and cattle.
Mexico was Idaho's fifth-largest market with sales

topping \$230 million led by malt, milk powder, frozen potatoes, cheese and electronic integrated circuits.
Clearly, the products exported to these two markets reflect a vast range of sectors and businesses from every corner of the state.
The USMCA is important to Idaho because it preserves and enhances critical gains made in previous trade agreements for Idaho products. It would also create additional market access in Canada for Idaho wheat, wine and dairy products. The agreement would eliminate the Class 6 and 7 milk pricing system that created tremendous disadvantages to dairy processors

in global markets. It also makes progress in the areas of labor, intellectual property, and digital trade.
I have been steady in my support of this important trade agreement, and I encourage Idahoans to speak up and share their support of it, too.
We need to do all we can to ensure Idaho's long-term economic prosperity into the future.
— Brad Little (R-Emmett) is in his first term as Idaho governor. He previously served 10 years as lieutenant governor and was a state senator for nearly eight years.

✓ Legislation: New bill requires farms to use E-Verify to vet employees

From Page 16
allows farm owners with year-round needs into the program for the first time. This is critical to the dairy industry because the job runs 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. In our current situation, we can't find enough people who are willing, able and legally allowed to get this critical work done.
Third, H.R. 5038 requires farm employers utilizing the H-2A Program to use the E-Verify system for new hires to confirm their backgrounds are legitimate.

The Idaho dairy industry provides about 40,000 jobs in this state, more than \$10 billion in economic output, and \$160 million in state and local taxes. Dairy makes up about one-third of the entire agricultural sector of Idaho, and we are second in the nation in net farm income. Food processing and agriculture generate one-fifth of this state's total economic output. And it is important to remember that agricultural jobs create even more job opportunities because when it thrives because more truck drivers, service workers, grocery

stores, teachers and more are needed.
Thank you to Reps. Simpson and Fulcher for recognizing the importance of this act and standing up and voting yes. This is an important step in the right direction. We look forward to the chance to work with Sens. Mike Crapo and Jim Risch, and President Trump, toward the same goal.
— Rick Naerebout is CEO of the Idaho Dairymen's Association.

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NOTICE OF SHEFFIFF’S SALE
CASE NO. CV-2017-1394
IN THE DISTRICT COURT
OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT
OF THE STATE OF IDAHO,
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY
OF OWYHEE
NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC, Plaintiff vs. BOYDR. EOFF (Deceased) and the Unknown Heirs, Assigns and Devises of BOYD R. EOFF; BETTY R. EOFF (Deceased) and the Unknown Heirs, Assigns and Devises of BETTY R. EOFF; JOANN FAYE EOFF; KELLY GENE EOFF; TAMRA SUE EOFF; CORAM DEO, LLC DBA CLEANUP AND TOTAL RESTORATION; ROBERT W. PAASCH; STATE OF IDAHO; DOES I THROUGH XX, AS INDIVIDUALS WITH AN INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY legally described as:
LOTS11AND12OFBLOCK53 OFTHEAMENDED TOWNSITE PLAT OF HOMEDALE, OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO, ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL PLAT THEREOF FILEDAUGUST9, 1911ASNO. 7284 ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER FOR OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO.
Which may commonly be known as: 124 West Washington Avenue, Homedale, Idaho 83628, Defendants.

Under and by virtue of a Third Order for Sale of Foreclosure executed on September 17, 2019 and entered with the Court on September 17, 2019, and Third Writ of Execution issued on September 23, 2019, out of and under the seal of the above-entitled Court on a Judgment and Decree of Foreclosure recovered in said Court in the above-entitled action on March 16, 2018, in favor of the above-named Plaintiff, I am commanded and required to proceed to notice for sale to sell at public auction the real property described in said Third Order of Sale of Foreclosure and Third Writ of Execution and to apply the proceed of such sale to the satisfaction of said Judgment and Decree of Foreclosure with interest thereon and my fees and costs.

The property directed to be sold is situate in Owyhee County, State of Idaho, and is described as follows to wit:
LOTS 11 AND 12 OF BLOCK 53 OF THE AMENDED TOWNSITE PLAT OF HOMEDALE, OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO, ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL PLAT THEREOF FILED AUGUST 9, 1911 AS NO. 7284 ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER FOR OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO
The above-described property is commonly known as 124 West Washington

Avenue, Homedale, ID 83628.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on the 16th day of January 2020, at the hour of 10 o’clock a.m. of said day, at Owyhee County Courthouse front entrance, 20381 state Highway 78 Murphy, ID 83650, County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, I will attend, offer and sell at public auction all or so much of the above-described property thus directed to be sold as may be necessary to raise sufficient funds to pay and satisfy the Judgment and Decree of Foreclosure as set out in said Third Order for Sale of Foreclosure to the highest bidder, for case or certified funds in lawful money. The time period for redemption of the above property is six (6) months from the date of sale herein.
The Sheriff, by a Certificate of Sale, will transfer right, title and interest of the judgment debtor in and to the property. The Sheriff will also give possession but does not guarantee clear title nor continue possessory right to the purchaser.
DATED this 4th day of December. 2019
Sheriff of Owyhee County
By: Luisa Basabe
Deputy Sheriff
12/11,18,25/2019

NOTICE OF FIRE COMMISSIONER VACANCY
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, THAT THE Murphy-Reynolds-Wilson Fire District Commissioners will appoint an individual to fill a vacancy on the fire board, during their monthly meeting at 7pm on January 14, 2020 at the Wilson Fire Station Schoolhouse. Residents interested in being appointed to the position must submit a written request for appointment to the board to the Secretary of the fire district, 11606 SH 78, Givens Hot Springs, ID 83641, not later than 7 January 2020. Any fire commissioner so appointed shall serve out the remainder of the term for the commissioner last serving in the vacant seat to be filled (November 2020) and shall be a resident of the Wilson Sub-district (Givens Hot Springs Area) which is the fire protection commissioner’s subdistrict. In accordance with Idaho Statute 31-1408.
12/25/19

LIEN SALE
Unit E-5, Korene Gonzalez, containing baby item and misc house hold items.
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To all the police firefighters and city workers who answered my call for help from my 911 call. I had just left Albertson’s when my pickup cab filled with smoke. The police officer arrived first in a timely manner, then soon after, the fire department aid truck and the large engine, too. The gentlemen went to work to discover the problem and made sure I was safe to travel. I am so grateful to these first-responders who are willing and very capable to assist in an emergency such as this. Again, thank you gentlemen. Sincerely, Jean Hedger
We would like to extend a heart felt thank you to the Homedale community for the kind words, calls, and concerns after our truck was stolen. A special thank you to the Homedale Police Department for their excellent police work, the Family Dollar for helping us with their kind gesture and to Don’s Automotive for being available to help get our truck back home. What an awesome community we live in and that we are proud to call home. Thank you all again so much! Calvin and Carol Cobb and family
I didn’t know turning 80 could be so much fun! Best Birthday party ever. Want to thank my family for all of their planning and hard work. Great job! Lots of thanks to all who attended and for food, cards, and gifts. Love & God Bless all of you. Lin

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Merry Christmas to all

Christmas morning, Silver City

by Chad Hyslop, from the Dec. 27, 1995 edition of *The Owyhee Avalanche*

A thin blanket of snow, a starry sky, the searing cold, seventy empty houses leaning quietly in an unlighted valley between towering mountains. The wind roars among the peaks above, but not a sound can be heard in the darkened hallways, empty bedrooms, and quiet kitchens in the town below.

The morning is like any other winter morning for the lonely houses — quiet, and cold. Memories of a better time, a busier time, have long left the houses after more than 60 lonely winters. This morning is like any other, and there is nothing to remind the empty buildings of what day it is — the birthday of Christ. With their echoing hallways, shrouded furniture, and bare living rooms, there are no indications of the celebration of Christmas during

Essay's inspiration

My parents were living in Silver City that winter, and my wife and I were newly married and staying with them over the holidays. I believe it was my brother (who was 11 or so at the time) who got on the old magneto phone system and cranked out Jingle Bells. It was a unique experience to get to spend Christmas in Silver. We've never done it before or since, so it is a special memory.

Chad Hyslop

over town the bells ring out, and then fall quiet once more. Listening, the buildings wait. And then again, the bells peal through the 70 empty houses, ringing a happy tune, a tune of “Jingle Bells.” Slowly, hesitantly, in a single key, the tune rings out of the old antique



Our Lady of Tears Catholic Church in Silver City after the first heavy snowfall earlier this year. Photo by Dave Wilper

phones, thundering through the kitchens, hallways, bedrooms, a call of Christmas-time! A call that has not been heard for sixty years.

And then, as the last halting note is run, the echoes fall one more time on the wood floors, the kitchen sink, the cold

stoves, and then drift away. And the lonely town slumbers again, and waits for yet another cold, quiet winter morning.

— Former *Avalanche* reporter Chad Hyslop now is director of sales and marketing for US Ecology Inc., at the company's corporate office in Boise.

Christmas shopping in Silver City, 1877

From the Dec. 22, 1877 edition of *The Idaho Avalanche*

A Glance at the Leading Mercantile Establishments of Silver City, and their Contents-Where to buy you Holiday Presents-Well-filled Stores with Goods of every Description- The “Winter of our Discontent” not so bad as it might be.

The holiday season has dawned upon us again, and, in accordance with our usual custom, we sallied out a few days ago to take a peek at the contents of the leading stores of the city, so as to be the better able to give our friends and the public correct information as to where they should buy their holiday goods and procure seasonable outfits of any description. The establishments which we visited are all well supplied with a great variety of articles, comprising all that is requisite for the wants of manhood, womanhood and childhood, and if any of our readers have any doubt on this score we advise them to call and make a personal inspection for themselves. Certainly, no one here has occasion to send abroad for any description of goods in the shape of edibles, liquids or wearables, while our own stores are so well supplied with everything that imagination can suggest; to all of which the attention of customers is

respectfully directed. At the store of James Graham: Clothing, carpet, boots and shoes, cutlery, raisins, coffee, teas, spices, syrups, cigars, wines, cheese, butter, and an endless variety of hardware and other staples are scattered about in great profusion. Mr. Graham has one of the largest mercantile establishments in the Territory, and is one of the old warhorses of the country, having been living in Idaho for 17 years. At the store of Morris Obendorfer: The reporter was graciously welcomed, both by Mr. O, and his polite brother-in-law, recently from Germany. In reply

to a request to enumerate the contents of the establishment, one of the gentlemen stated that it would take pretty near a day to do that, and we thought so too, after looking around for a few minutes. Not only every article that Santa Claus will have occasion to dispense next week can be found here, but there is also a stock of staples that seems to cover everything within the range of human wants. There is no end to the display of dry goods, clothing, hats, caps, boots, shoes, blankets, rubber goods, stationery, champion goods, wall-paper, cutlery and crockery; and the ladies will be interested in the superb stock of laces, trimmings, hosiery,

buttons, shawls, hats, cloaks, collars, stockings, gloves and other articles, of which there is an endless variety in the establishment. For children, the supply also seems to partake of every requisite, including socks, gloves, and suck like; for the general public, the stock embraces such goods as candies, nuts, groceries, hardware, liquors, wines, cigars, hams, bacon, California apples, figs, fruits, pistols, and cartridges.

Ed. Moore has, at the post-office store, toys of every description and the largest and best collection of articles in this line to be found in the city. His counters and shelves are just bristling with holiday gems, and those who can't find suitable articles for presents here must be very hard to please. The display of mechanical and tin toys is immense, and there are in addition, albums, vases, safes, tops, and surprise boxes.

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Merry Christmas to all

The Story of Christmas

Luke 2:1-20, King James Version

And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Cæsar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed. (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.)

And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city.

And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judæa, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David).

To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.

And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.

And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.

And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.

And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.

And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child.

And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds.

But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart.

And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

During this busy holiday season
take some time to relax and enjoy
your family and friends.

Time for
Celebration!

And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests."

Luke 2:8-14



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