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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.

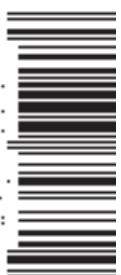
For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

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,

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Luke 2:7-14 KJV



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“Where’s my paper?”

The Avalanche office has been receiving calls like this since last Wednesday. But we have no answer. The Owyhee Avalanche’s December 16 issue was printed, labeled, sorted, and delivered to the Homedale post office a week ago Tuesday, as is our regular routine. From there, the mailbags are delivered to the Boise distribution center. From there they are — supposedly — delivered to the particular post offices. They were not.

The Grand View received last week’s papers yesterday. But where the rest are, the postal people cannot, or will not, tell us.

For a deeper insight, read Jon Brown’s column in this week’s edition on Page 8B (assuming this week’s paper gets delivered).

Remembering the reason for the season



The Nativity as depicted by the City of Marsing in Island Park each year.

What Christmas means to me

From the pages
of *The Owyhee Chronicle*,
December 22, 1949

The Christmas season. Christmas day. Light-studded garlands across the streets, handsome store displays, the crowds of last minute shoppers. Christmas carols from across the way. Fresh snow crunching underfoot, frost-coated shrubs, holly wreaths and tinsel trees in windows. Cheery greetings, friendly gestures, the giving and the receiving of presents. The family gatherings, the warmth of the fireside. Home. Christmas means all of these things of course. But is this all Christmas means to me?

My whole being, my God-formed soul, my inmost thoughts and desires say Christmas must mean more than that. Those things alone are too earth-bound, too self-

contained. They savor of a part of the world self-complacent, self-content, self-sufficient — but utterly forgetful of that other part, persecuted, homeless, oppressed, starved, naked, cold. Those things savor of men possessing knowledge and truth, heedless of the anguished cry of those in error. They savor of a people so smug and self-righteous as to think itself Christian, when in reality true Christianity is but a memory. Those things savor of a selfish Christmas. Such is a Christmas that is no Christmas at all.

Then what should Christmas mean? The thousands thronging the streets and crowding the churches at midnight, dawn, or later in the day — they have the answer. They do not go to church merely to hear the Christmas gospel read: the crowded inn, the stable, the

birth of the Son of God made Man. They come to church to have the Christ child present before them and reborn in them. To Him, the Child whose birthday it is, they pray for the strength to accomplish in themselves and in others what He began. They bring peace from the Prince of Peace, wisdom from the Angel of Great Counsel, life from the Author of Life, hope from the Source of All Hope, joy from the Promise of Eternal Joy. They bring Christ to a darkened and troubled world. They are happy because their Christmas is not their own. It is like Christ's, for others.

And as for all those other things — now they take on meaning, too, because I have found the true meaning of Christmas.

— Contributed

PASTOR BENJE GRAVES

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Benje Graves

Christmas message

What Child Is This?

by Benje Graves
Vision Community Church

What Child is This? It's a song familiar to us at this time of year. It's a great song, and it presents the critically important question: Who was this child? Why was the birth of this baby so important as to split the time on our calendar? His birth marked the changing of the world. The eternal Jesus chose to step into the constraints of time, leaving the light of heaven to step into a world of darkness. All to seek and save that which was lost.

Suddenly there was hope where there had been no hope. Suddenly a light that shined over Bethlehem was leading to the light that would shine for an entire world in darkness. A light that would burn so brightly only to seemingly be extinguished at the crucifixion. That moment when Satan thought he had extinguished the light, but instead Jesus rose again, and the light that had originally shined only for the Jews had now become the light of the whole world. The living hope of true salvation.

What can compare to the birth of Jesus? God incarnate. God become man. The Prince of Peace, who lowered Himself to our level so that we could be risen with Him. Put to death by our sin so that we might be forgiven of our sin. Who is this Jesus? He asked people the same question in Matthew 16:13-16, When Jesus came into the region of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, saying, "Who do men say that I, the Son of Man, am?" So they said, "Some say John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered and said, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

This baby, born one humble morning beneath the stars in Bethlehem, was truly Emmanuel, which means, "God is with us." What an amazing truth. So profound, and yet so simple to grasp; spelled out in a section of scripture that so many of us know by heart.

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." — John 3:16

That is the truth and the power of the birth of Jesus Christ. That is what happened in a manger 2,000 years ago. That is what we are celebrating. The birth of a child that made it possible for us to be born again.

May God bless and keep you all.

Christmas services

Local churches are planning special worship events to mark Christmas:

- Thursday**
Candlelight service — 7 p.m., Homedale First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale. (208) 473-9331
Candlelight service — 7 p.m., Homedale Friends Community Church, 17434 U.S. Hwy. 95, Wilder. (208) 337-3464
Note — Mountain View Church of the Nazarene has announced it will not hold a Christmas Eve service this year.

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MARSING GROCERY STORE CHANGES HANDS



A man walks out of Logan's Market in Marsing after doing some shopping on Friday. The corporate company for M&W Markets has purchased the Logan's chain.

M&W chain's parent company buys Logan's

Ownership to change immediately

A Boise-based family-owned grocery store chain has purchased Logan's Markets, including the Marsing location.

The Malheur Enterprise reported the news on Friday. The Owyhee Avalanche was unsuccessful in its attempts

to reach someone with Intermountain Food Stores to confirm the rumor before and after the Enterprise's article. Rumblings of the sale first emerged earlier this month.

Quoting Rich Tate, Intermountain Food Stores director of operations, the Enterprise reported that the company has purchased all of Logan's properties, including in Filer and in the Oregon communities of Vale

and Redmond.

Intermountain owns 13 M&W Markets locations, including in Parma and Nyssa, Ore. Tate told the Enterprise that his family's company would take over operation in Marsing and other Logan's locations immediately.

Tate told the Enterprise that Logan Carmichael, the owner of the Logan's chain,

— See *Logan's*, page 5A

Idaho 19 heavy truck route OK'd through Homedale

State board's decision can be appealed until Dec. 31

Barring a successful appeal, a trucking company will be allowed to use 129,000-pound semi-trailers to haul milk through Homedale next year.

The Idaho Transportation Board approved Idaho Milk Transport's application to use Idaho highway 19 through

Homedale as a 129,000-pound truck route to haul milk from a dairy northwest of town.

The resolution approved during Thursday's board meeting goes into effect on Jan. 1 if nothing materializes during the 14-day appeal period.

The appeals window began with Thursday's decision.

Idaho Milk Transport already had received the blessing of the Homedale Highway District board of commissioners prior to the public comment period

— See *Truck*, page 4A

HHS math textbooks heading online, too

New curriculum solves book shortage

Consumer math will become part of the Homedale High School mathematics curriculum.

District state and federal programs coordinator Christine Ketterling announced the purchase of new math textbooks and an online component during last week's monthly trustees meeting.

Superintendent Rob Sauer said the district paid \$39,159 for the material.

"The HHS math team was able to do a mini pilot of

the curriculum, and we have received very positive feedback thus far," Ketterling wrote in her board report.

"The new curriculum will allow students to access the complete textbook online as well as providing engaging, interactive content and practice."

The online curriculum component includes two levels and Algebra, Geometry and consumer math.

"One challenge we've had with textbooks is that in nearly every case we've only had a classroom set of textbooks," Sauer said.

"This purchase will allow

— See *Textbooks*, page 5A

DMV branch hours change at Grand View City Hall

Murphy manpower crunch necessitates reduction in days, too



Work continues on the county's Grand View substation — both inside and out. Submitted photos

In order to alleviate customer traffic and keep a vital cog in the workings of its office in Murphy, the Owyhee County Assessor's Office has temporarily changed its Grand View DMV hours.

Assessor Toni Gruenwald said that the Grand View office of the Division of Motor Vehicles is now open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., every other Wednesday

— See *DMV*, page 5A



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✓ Truck: Opponents fear roads will become more dangerous with permit

on the route application filed with the Idaho Transportation Department.

According to Idaho Milk Transport’s presentation to Homedale highway commissioners in October, the 1.55-mile route will allow transport of milk from the Turner Dairy along Idaho 19 through town. Other roads

that are impacted by the route include Hill Road and River Road.

Officials for Darigold and Idaho Milk Transport told local highway commissioners that switching to a 129,000-pound hauling set-up would actually reduce the number of trips on the roadways. With the larger-capacity semi-trailer, Idaho

Milk Transport will only have to haul fresh milk from the dairy to Darigold’s Caldwell processing plant once a day.

Currently, two trips with 105,500-pound gross weight vehicles are required to haul the same amount of milk each day. The ITD executive summary on Idaho Milk Transport’s application noted that the new route would reduce trips by 15 percent (from 431 to 365 annually).

The state’s 129,000-pound subcommittee recommended approval of the permit during a Dec. 2 remote meeting.

The recommendation came after ITD freight program manager Scott Luekenga presented a report detailing the different aspects of the route:

- Because of milepost overlap with old U.S. Highway 95, the actual distance of the route requested is 1.55 miles. Originally, the distance was believed to be 2.5 miles.
- The state Department of Motor Vehicles confirmed that 95-foot-long vehicles with 5.5-foot off-track are allowed on Idaho 19. Off-tracking is the turning radius of a semi-trailer and helps the vehicle stay in its lane of travel.
- An analysis confirmed that the new Succor Creek bridge west of town would safely

support vehicle combinations (semi and two trailers) of up to 129,000 pounds. The bridge is rated for 244,000 pounds.

- The report graded the Idaho 19 pavement condition as good to very poor, but noted there had been no tractor-trailer accidents on the roadway between 2014 and 2018.

One subcommittee member, Julie DeLorenzo, pointed out that road surface improvements were supposed to start on Idaho 19 next year.

According to the resolution approving the truck route, Idaho Milk Transport will be allowed to begin daily trips on Jan. 1.

The permit allows only Idaho Milk Transport to haul milk from Turner Dairy and — if agreements are reached — from other “regional” dairies. Additional routes by other haulers for any purpose must be approved individually through the same process.

The Idaho Transportation Board received several pages of comments on the Idaho 19 proposal.

The report summary noted that most comments expressed concern with safety and congestion. The majority of public comments were against the proposal, according to an analysis by The Owyhee Avalanche.

According to minutes from the Dec. 2 subcommittee meeting, DeLorenzo said that “the comments again appear related to (a) misunderstanding of 129,000-pound vehicle combinations.”

Public comments specifically noted too much speed and the noise produced by trucks’ engine brakes on the hill west of town by current agriculture-related operators. Also of concern was traffic congestion through downtown and particularly near the high school and Bette Uda City Park.

Others pointed out the wear-and-tear the roads would see, while those in support of the proposal were cheered by less wear-and-tear because of fewer truck trips.

— JPB

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Adrian: Let kids back in school

Adrian School District students have spent more time out of their classrooms than in them this year, a fact that students immediately east of the state line in Homedale haven't had to endure.

A group of students, parents, and volunteers made their voices heard Dec. 15 during a peaceful gathering to protest edicts passed down Gov. Kate Brown in Salem.

Their goal: Get the kids back in school.

Protest coordinator Katie Davis wanted to make clear that the marchers were not protesting the schools.

"We're actually protesting our legislators," she said. "We made that very clear on our signs. Our schools are doing everything they can.

"They are checking all the boxes to get our kids back in school."

The group gathered on Oregon highway 201 (Adrian's main drag), where signs were assembled and letters to legislators were written. Marchers then walked down the main street and up and around the schools' campus.

Speakers addressed protesters as they prepared to march, including Adrian High School interim principal Billy Wortman, science teacher/basketball coach George Ellsworth, student body president Tiana Pierce, and others.

Davis said she was grateful that the school board gave protestors their full support.

"They've worked tirelessly, and every time they got a plan together, some new thing comes up and they're told 'No, you can't do that,'" she said. "(Legislators) are just thinking about their political gains and not what is the future of this country — it's the kids."

Davis was a little worried when volunteers first began planning the protest but, despite fears, the plan received a great deal of community support.

She believes that the path Owyhee County schools are taking is one Oregon schools should follow.

"In Idaho, they're doing pretty good, all things considered," Davis said. "Homedale is in school full-time, they're playing sports, their kids are thriving ... Our kids are not."

Adrian students are in school for just a few hours a week. They attend lessons through Zoom calls in the morning and are in class for a couple hours twice a week. Davis said that it's not a recipe for success for Adrian students.



Adrian High School senior Belle Garza holds a sign during the Dec. 15 protest outside the school.

"With some kids, school is where they eat," she said. "For some, it's where you find out about kids who need interventions, kids of abuse."

Davis has two daughters in school but her oldest, Sidney, is a senior in Homedale. The family chose to send her to school on the other side of the border so she can be in school everyday and play basketball.

"She wants to pursue Spanish, and you can't really do that through Zoom," she said.

Davis' other daughter, an eighth-grader, continues in the Adrian district.

The mother felt that it was just time to have the majority's voice heard.

"Our kids need this, they need to be in school," she said.

— TK

From page 3A

✓ Textbooks: Engineers work on HES add

every student to have access to the textbook in and out of the classroom. The online component provides additional practice problems as well."

Consumer math will help students understand day-to-day mathematics such paying bills and keeping track of bank accounts.

Grade school addition update

District transportation and maintenance supervisor Dan Aberasturi provided information about school buildings' infrastructure.

He said that his predecessor in the supervisor role, Tom Muir, has been working with engineers to move forward on the project to add four classrooms to the elementary school footprint.

Part of the issue is moving the old storage building to another location to free up the area marked for the new classrooms.

•Aberasturi reported that the school buildings' ventilation and heating and cooling systems have received maintenance and are working properly as winter gets rolling.

The boiler servicing the 80-year-old high school continues to work.

"So far we have had minimal trouble with it. We had to replace a few blower motors and a couple thermostats," Aberasturi wrote in his report.

• Delta Fire is scheduled to perform upgrades and maintenance on the middle school's fire suppression system during the Christmas break.

"They will be replacing some sprinkler heads and a section of the main water line that developed a leak," Aberasturi said.

He said he welded a patch on the pipe to ensure the system remained functional until the repair could be made.

— JPB

✓ Logan's: Marsing store has third owner in a decade

was interested in retiring and Intermountain was looking at expanding.

Carmichael purchased the Marsing store at the corner of Main Street and 8th Avenue West in the fall of 2011 and changed the name from Snake River Market.

No financial details of the Logan's-to-Intermountain transaction have been disclosed.

According to Bloomberg, Intermountain Food Stores Inc., was founded in 1973.

— JPB

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What's happening
Read Calendar each week
in the Avalanche

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✓ DMV: Grand View office lines long, too

until further notice. The DMV is closed this week and will open next Wednesday.

The office, which is located inside Grand View City Hall at 425 Boise Ave., has been open every Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., but that has proven to be problematic for two reasons.

Gruenwald said the assessor's office and DMV branch in Murphy have been running shorthanded, and sending deputy assessor and cartographer/deed processor Lesli Hinton once a week to Grand View has put a crimp in the office's productivity.

"(Hinton) is the mapper, and it is the end of the year," Gruenwald said. "A lot of people need things done by the end of the year that Lesli has to do on the map.

"Therefore, she is very busy already in Murphy and just can't go to Grand View once a week or she falls behind."

Grand View DMV counter hours have been cut to four hours every other Wednesday (9 a.m., to 1 p.m.) because staff has had difficulty getting business completed by the time the office closes, Gruenwald said.

"When we show up at Grand View on Wednesdays, there is already 10 to 20 people waiting," Gruenwald said. "There are so many people in line that we need to close at 1 p.m. to get them all through by 3 p.m."

The assessor also said that she is considering requiring appointments for services in the Grand View office, but she is still undecided.

"Unfortunately Grand View has been discovered by Ada and Canyon counties," she said. "So once again, even in Grand View, Owyhee County citizens are standing in long lines not of their making."

The county is looking for a clerk for the Grand View DMV.

Construction continues on the new DMV building in town, which has been housed in City Hall. When the building is completed, hours will expand to 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday through Thursday. Gruenwald said that the building should be completed soon.

— TK

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Advocate for health and wellness with community volunteer program

Are you looking for more ways to be involved in health and wellness, not only in your own life, but through volunteering and sharing with others in the community? If so, you need to consider the Community Wellness Volunteer Program.



Suriñe Greenway

University of Idaho Extension is offering this health and wellness volunteer program in 2021. This program will begin Feb. 22. Volunteers will be trained on how to address community health issues and priorities and will receive education on: the social determinants of health, basic nutrition, physical activity recommendations, diabetes, chronic disease prevention, public speaking, and so much more. There are so many opportunities to take an active role throughout Owyhee County communities, and here is your chance.

• **WHO:** Youth 12 years or older (by Feb. 1) and adults are welcome to participate. Both youth and adults will be participating in the same program and will be delivered the same materials. Families are welcome to join. This could be a great parent-child volunteer and bonding experience.

• **FORMAT:** The program will be held from 5:30 p.m., to 7:30 p.m., on Tuesdays: Feb. 22, March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 and April 5. Online modules will be provided for an additional two more hours of learning during the week at your own

pace on your own schedule. The program will have office hours for the online program from 5:30 p.m., to 7:30 p.m., on Thursdays, so you may want to complete online modules before this time, so you can ask questions during these office hours.

• **WHERE:** The live classes will be held in-person or virtual (Zoom) depending on current protocols. Virtual attendance of live classes will always be available for this program. The Tuesday class will be held at the Owyhee County Extension Office, 238 8th Ave. W., Marsing).

• **COST:** \$15 per person
• **EXPECTATIONS:** There is a 20-hour volunteer expectation once you have completed the program during the year. The program will help offer volunteer opportunities throughout its duration. This program will offer these opportunities during the year to volunteers who have completed their training, as they become available within the community.

• **REGISTRATION OR QUESTIONS:** Contact the Owyhee County Extension Office at 208-896-4104 or email Suriñe Greenway at surineg@uidaho.edu

— Suriñe Greenway is the University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Family and Consumer Sciences educator. For more information, you can reach the U of I Owyhee County Extension Office at (208) 896-4104 or owyhee@uidaho.edu. The office is located at 238 W. 8th Ave. W., in Marsing.

Marsing girl dies in Canyon County crash

A Marsing girl died earlier this month in a single-vehicle accident in Canyon County.

The Ada County Coroner’s Office announced last Wednesday that 16-year-old Adabella Valle-Varela was one of two juveniles who perished in the accident that occurred after midnight on Sunday, Dec. 13.

Braydon Swartz of Caldwell, 17, was driving a 2009 Chevrolet Malibu southbound on Can Ada Road when the vehicle went out of control, overturned

and crashed into a power pole south of the road’s intersection with Chinden Boulevard.

Idaho State Police said Swartz, one of three juveniles in the car, wasn’t wearing his seatbelt. He was pronounced dead at Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise at 5:30 a.m., on Dec. 13. Valle-Varela died 73 minutes later.

A third juvenile was transported by ground ambulance to Nampa St. Al’s. No updates have been released.

County buys ballot counters

The Owyhee County Clerk’s Office is using Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act funds to improve its voting hardware and processes.

CARES Act funds are allocated to the county by the Idaho Secretary of State’s office.

The equipment was purchased after the Nov. 3 general election.

The county used \$27,135.50 from the funds to purchase two ballot scanners and vote tabulators at \$5,750 each (\$11,500 total), which combine digital imaging with paper-based voting and four ExpressVote Universal Voting Systems at \$3,325 each

(\$13,300 total). ExpressVote uses touch-screen technology that produces a paper record for tabulation.

All hardware and services were purchased from Election Systems and Software.

Also included in the purchase was a \$1,700 training day plus carrying cases, bins and paper.

The hardware will be placed at the Homedale and Marsing precincts during elections.

“Essentially, voters will use the ExpressVote to vote, then they will place the ballot themselves into the counter,” County Clerk Angie Barkell said. “At the end of the night, (poll workers) use the counter

to tabulate all the votes and verify the numbers.”

Barkell sees the process as a big advantage for her office because employees won’t have to hand-count ballots.

The county clerk said her office staff currently is working on a full plan to roll out the new equipment and processes.

Voters who do not like to use the machines can still request a paper absentee ballot to be mailed to them, Barkell said.

The sales order and maintenance agreement was signed during the Dec. 14 Board of Owyhee County Commissioners meeting. — TK

Calendar

Today

No activities scheduled

Thursday

Candlelight Christmas service

7 p.m., Homedale First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale. (208) 473-9331

Candlelight Christmas service

7 p.m., Homedale Friends Community Church, 17434 Hwy. 95, Wilder. (208) 337-3464

Friday

No activities scheduled

Saturday

Free lunch

11:30 a.m., Homedale First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale. (208) 473-9331

Sunday

No activities scheduled

Monday

Board of County Commissioners meeting

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

Story Time

10:15 a.m., Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library, 121 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale.

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11:15 a.m., Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library, 121 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale.

American Legion executive meeting

5 p.m., members invited to attend, George D. VanDerhoff American Legion Post 32 Hall, 14 E. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 965-0314, leave message with name.

Tuesday

Writing group

9 a.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale.

Wednesday

No activities scheduled

Thursday, Dec. 31

Teens & Tweens

5 p.m. to 6 p.m., Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library, 121 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228

Friday, Jan. 1

No activities scheduled

Saturday, Jan. 2

No activities scheduled

Sunday, Jan. 3

No activities scheduled

Monday, Jan. 4

Board of County Commissioners meeting

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

Story Time

10:15 a.m., Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library, 121 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale.

Story Time

11:15 a.m., Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library, 121 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale.

Tuesday, Jan. 5

Writing group

9 a.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale.

Submitting a calendar item

You can find a comprehensive listing of local events online at www.theowyheeavalanche.com. Click on the “Calendar of Events” link on the left-hand side of the page.

Submit information on upcoming fundraisers, meetings, reunions or community events to The Owyhee Avalanche by noon Fridays for inclusion in the calendar. Drop off press releases at the Avalanche office at 19 E. Idaho Ave., Homedale, mail them to P.O. Box 97, Homedale, ID 83628, fax them to (208) 337-4867 or e-mail them to jon@owyheeavalanche.com (an e-mail link also is available on our Web site). For more information on submissions, call (208) 337-4681.

Senior menus

Homedale Senior Center

Congregate meals suspended
Curbside pickup after noon
Phone ahead (208) 337-3020 to order
Dessert included in curbside lunch
Milk available each day
Roll available each day except Dec. 29
Dec. 23-24: Closed for Christmas
Dec. 29: Chicken patty on bun, hash brown casserole, peas and carrots
Dec. 30: Beef burrito, rice and refried beans, California blend vegetables
Dec. 31: Pork roast, mashed potatoes with gravy, spinach

Sandbar Community Room, Marsing

Noon inside Marsing City Hall
Milk available each day
Suggested donation: \$4 (60 and over), \$6 (59 and younger)
Dec. 23: Crunchy tuna casserole, winter vegetables, stewed tomatoes, wheat roll
Dec. 25: Closed for Christmas
Dec. 28: Chicken bacon ranch casserole, country trio vegetables, green salad, peach crisp, bread
Dec. 30: Beans and ham, potatoes, Brussels sprouts, juice, cornbread

Members urged to attend Homedale Legion meeting

George D. VanDerhoff American Legion Post 32 in Homedale will hold an executive meeting this week, and all members are invited to attend.
The meeting will take place at 5 p.m., on Monday at the Legion hall, 14 E. Owyhee Ave.
For more information on the special meeting, contact Post Cmdr. Bob (Magic) Warner at (208) 965-0314 and leave a voicemail with your name. You will be contacted.

Homedale teens take a break from library

Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library youth activities will run light in the next two weeks because of the holidays.
There is no Teens & Tweens on Thursday as Homedale's city library closes for Christmas Eve.
The library will also be closed on Christmas Day and New Year's Day.
Story Time will be held as normal at 10:15 and 11:15 a.m., on Monday.
The two sessions are geared to keep the crowd down to 10 people for each 45-minute event.
The activities, aimed at preschool-aged youth, will include two stories. The first is "A Loud Winter's Nap," written and illustrated by Katy Hudson, and "Llama Llama Mess Mess Mess," written by Anna Dewdney.
A painting activity will follow the stories.
Normal library hours are from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Wednesday, 1 p.m. to 7 p.m., on Thursday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., on Friday, and 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., on Saturday. It is closed Sundays.
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Obituary

Irene Florence Lang Chadez Uberuaga

September 2, 1926 – December 19, 2020
Irene Uberuaga, 94, of Nampa, passed away on December 19, 2020 at her home surrounded by her family. Irene was born September 2, 1926 to Henry Lang and Christina Reich in Burnstad, North Dakota. She was the youngest of three sisters. She spent her early childhood on the family farm surrounded by Aunts, Uncles and cousins. She started school in a one room schoolhouse in Lehr. In the winter when the weather was bad, the teacher would take turns traveling and staying at the various homes to teach the children. During the depression, most of her extended family moved to Idaho. Irene and her family settled in Marsing and she graduated from Marsing High School.

She met her first husband, John P. Chadez, at a dance in Claytonia and told her friends she was going to marry that tall soldier. Irene and John were married May 2, 1948 in Nampa. To this union five children were born. They farmed in Middleton and Wilder before settling in Marsing to farm and raise their family. Sadly, John passed on August 30, 1966. Irene continued to struggle and raise her family as a single mother.

Irene met Pete Uberuaga at a dance in Homedale. He told his friends that she was the woman he was going to marry. Little did he know he would acquire a full family! Irene and Pete were married in Homedale on December 9, 1972. They finally settled south of Nampa and built their dream home. They enjoyed 48 years together dancing, fishing



and traveling until ill health forced them to stop.
Christmas was always Irene's favorite time. She loved having all her family together, making sure everyone had plenty to eat and lots of presents. Irene and Pete enjoyed a large family with 5 children, 14 grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren, 8 great-great-grandchildren.
Irene was preceded in death by her parents, Henry and Christina Lang, siblings Pauline Weis and Ruth Drees, her first husband, John P. Chadez, a grandson, Ryan Chadez and great-great-grandchildren, Zyrnna and Ziraha.
She is survived by her loving husband, Pete, her children John S. Chadez (Shawna), Gary Chadez (Joan), Chris Simpson (Blaine), Clayton Chadez (Julie) and Duane Chadez (Kathy); grandchildren Shantel Chadez (Tracy Riley), Tonya Rojas (Roy), Brooke Linder (Rod), Christel Clapier (John), Phil Simpson (Laura), Patrick Simpson (Dana), JW Chadez (Amy), Matthew Simpson, Shasta Wood (Nich), Richard Simpson (Teonna), Brandi Chadez (Ben Day), Breeana Lootens (Ian), Jenifer Chadez (Kerey Barnowe-Meyer) and Alison Keycek (Alan); great-grandchildren Jessica, Tyler, Justine (Scott), Cristofer (Sarah), Joe (Lilly), Carli (Brett), John D., Cezar (Destyne), Molly, Brent, Cooper, JT, Jace, Dresden, Kolby, Cleo, Ramie, Adyson, Kash, Tyson, Bel, Tucker, Oliver, Ruby and Liam, who just missed seeing his great-grandmother by one day; great-great-grandchildren Evolve, Cezar, Christian, Amara, Emily and Ila; and a host of beloved in-laws, nieces and nephews.

The family would like to thank everyone at First Choice Hospice Care who provided caring help and support during this difficult time.
Rosary for the family will be on Wednesday at the Nampa Funeral Home, Yraguen Chapel. A private graveside service will be held at the Marsing-Homedale Cemetery
Please know we appreciate your love and support during these strange times, but we want you all to be safe so please watch a recorded video of the rosary and graveside services on YouTube in a future date.
Arrangements by Nampa Funeral Home-Yraguen Chapel, 415 12th Ave. S, Nampa, ID where an online guest book and full obituary is available at www.nampafuneralhome.com

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MARSING RESIDENTS LIGHT UP THE HOLIDAYS

This home on North Old Bruneau Highway in Marsing took the \$100 first-place prize in the Marsing City Light-Up contest. The Marsing Chamber of Commerce acknowledged upwards of 50 displays throughout town with cash and gift card prizes.



A lighted arch encircles an illuminated angel in a display at a residence on North Old Bruneau Highway.



Lights from inside this house on 8th Avenue West cast an interesting contrast with the oversized snow globe outside.



Gfeller Casemakers on West Main Street decked out its storefront from top to bottom.



A house on Live Oak Avenue off 2nd Street East gives a nod to the reason for the season, too.



Festive lighting showers a residence on Mountain View Drive.

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Schedule changes continue for govt., schools, businesses

Local students are in the midst of a two-week break for Christmas, extending through Jan. 4 for schoolchildren from Homedale, Marsing, Bruneau-Grand View, Adrian, and Jordan Valley.

All county government offices will be closed on Christmas and New Year's Day.

Law enforcement, fire, and emergency medical services will be available, as well as the Owyhee County Sheriff's dispatch.

Homedale City Hall will close at noon on Christmas Eve and will be closed on Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

Marsing City Hall closes at 3 p.m. on Christmas Eve and will be closed on Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

Grand View City Hall will be shut down Thursday for the Christmas holiday. City Hall will also be closed on New Year's Day. Grand View's administrative building is usually closed on Fridays.

Jordan Valley and Adrian city offices will be closed on Christmas and New Year's Day, too.

Bruneau Valley Library in Bruneau and Lizard Butte Library in Marsing will be closed on Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library in Homedale will close Thursday and Friday for Christmas, and New Year's Day.

Because of COVID-19 concerns, the Eastern Owyhee County Library in Grand View is closed until at least the next board of trustees meeting at 4 p.m., on Jan. 19.

Westowns Disposal Inc.'s won't collect on Christmas Day or New Year's Day.

Albertsons in Homedale will close at 6 p.m. on Christmas Eve, and will be closed on Christmas Day. Sav-On Pharmacy inside Albertsons will be closed on Christmas and New Year's Day.

Homedale Drug, and the liquor store inside, are closed on Christmas and New Year's Day.

Logan's Market in Marsing will be closed Christmas Day. The store is changing hands to the Boise-based M&W Market chain, which also has a location in Parma.

The drive-up teller windows at US Bank in Marsing and Homedale will close at 1 p.m. on Christmas Eve and will be closed Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

The University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Office will be closed from Christmas Day through New Year's Day.

The Owyhee Avalanche office will close at noon on Christmas Eve and will be closed on Christmas and New Year's Days.

Classified ad deadlines remain the same (noon on Monday) for the Dec. 30 and Jan. 6 editions.

The display ad deadlines will be at 5 p.m. today and noon on New Year's Eve.

Letters to the editor and non-breaking news items must be received by noon today and next Wednesday.

Legal notices deadline remains noon each Friday.

— TK

GV library closed until mid-January

Citing COVID-19 issues, trustees have closed the Eastern Owyhee County Library temporarily.

The library closure began last week and will last until at least Jan. 19.

"We were only going to be open two days the weeks of Christmas and New Year's anyway, so (last week) was the only additional closure for the holiday season," library director Tammy Gray said.

Gray said the board of trust-

ees will gather on Jan. 19 at the library to decide whether to re-open the library or expand the closure.

"They just decided that we might as well stay closed until we see what COVID is doing in Idaho after the holidays and then vote on whether to reopen or stay closed," Gray said.

The trustees' monthly meeting is open to the public and will begin at 4 p.m., at the library, 520 Boise Ave., in Grand View.

HES principal discusses values



First-year principal Tate Castleton takes time for a classroom chat with Homedale Elementary students. Submitted photo

Tate Castleton takes time out of his schedule each month to connect with students.

The first-year Homedale Elementary School principal shared his new program in his monthly report to the board of trustees.

Castleton visits each classroom each month for what he calls "chats" with the students.

"We talk about important things like kindness, service, hard work, and, perhaps most important, The Homedale Way," Castleton reported to the school board.

The visits include his sharing of stories and personal experiences, and he always presents the students with a challenge.

Most recently, his message focused on kindness and, "Mr. C" challenged every student to do something kind for someone else every day.

Castleton said that interacting with students is one of his favorite things to do.

"They are amazing and make our school a special place to be," he said.

A message from the Marsing Disaster Auction Committee

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APPLICATIONS FOR ASSISTANCE CAN BE PICKED UP AND RETURNED TO THE MARSING CITY HALL.

Courthouse report

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

Dec. 15

Stefan Grujic, Nampa — Felony flee or attempt to elude a peace officer in vehicle (plea deal): 2 to 5 years in state prison (retained jurisdiction), 3 years driver's license suspension, \$500 in fines, \$692.50 in court costs. **Dismissed by prosecuting attorney:** Felony controlled substance possession, misdemeanor drug paraphernalia possession, misdemeanor malicious injury to property

Jaquan A. Jasper, Las Vegas, Nev. — Misdemeanor motor carrier violation, fail to stop at checking station: \$118.50 in fines, \$160.50 in court costs

Dec. 11

Adrian Ojeda Albor, Homedale — Felony burglary (plea deal): \$1,316.50 in court costs. 3 to 10 years in state prison (suspended), 5 years felony probation. **Dismissed by prosecuting attorney:** Felony controlled substance possession, misdemeanor drug paraphernalia possession

Justin A. Donahue, Nampa — Felony driving under the influence, third of subsequent offense, felony flee or attempt to elude a peace officer in vehicle (plea deal): 3 to 14 years in state prison (185 days served; retained jurisdiction), 8 years driver's license suspended, \$500 in fines, \$640.50 in court costs (sentence concurrent with other case)

Jose Antonio Ponce, Greenleaf — Misdemeanor controlled substance possession 2x (plea deal): 1 year in jail (5 days served, 360 days suspended), 2 years supervised probation, \$400 in fines, \$1,039.50 in court costs. **Dismissed by prosecuting attorney:** Felony controlled substance possession

Dec. 10

Omar Flores, Mercedes, Texas — Misdemeanor DUI (amended from misdemeanor DUI, second offense): 90 days in jail (37 days served, \$43.50 in fines, \$157.50 in court costs)

Jessica Knaus, San Diego — Misdemeanor malicious injury to property: \$1,000 in fines, \$157.50 in court costs

Three Creek trustees honored

Colleagues have recognized Three Creek School's trustees for their service.

In her monthly newsletter, teacher Dena Pollock announced the Idaho School Board Association bestowed awards upon all three trustees — Art Small, gold award; and Gus Brackett and David

Severe, bronze awards.

The awards are based upon points earned for different aspects of school board work and participation in activities.

- Carla Stewart has been hired to succeed Jon Kreilich with grounds and maintenance work at the school in remote southeast Owyhee County.



Above: Marsing Giving Tree volunteers, from left, Jessica Showalter, Betty Ackerman, and Angela Cuevas wrap donated presents. **Below:** Marsing High School boys' basketball players Bowen Campbell (left) and Dominic Enrico, provided part of the team's annual assistance to boxing up Giving Tree food donations.

Giving Tree wraps up another season

Community volunteers converged to wrap presents and box up food and sundries on Friday at The HUB in Marsing, putting a finishing touch on the 2020 chapter of the Giving Tree.

The annual drive gathers the names of local families in need of help during the holiday season.

Cards with gift wishes were put on Giving Trees that were placed in various locations in Marsing, including OC Coffee, Logan's Market, Marsing City Hall, and The HUB.

The applications came in slowly when the drive first began, organizers said. With less than two weeks left in the nomination process, just 14 families had been identified.

By the Dec. 15 deadline, 36 families were picked to receive help.

Marsing City Clerk and Treasurer and project volunteer Jolyn Green said in



those 36 families, 96 parents and their children received help.

Volunteers, including Marsing secondary school principal Nick Ketterling, elementary principal Tim Little, school district superintendent Norm Stewart, the high school's boys' basketball team, and several others gathered Friday

morning to wrap presents and ready the donations to be picked up that afternoon.

Green said that the Giving Tree received donations from multiple individuals as well as the City of Marsing and Micron Technology.

Donations received included groceries, toys, and clothing.

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Another successful Hands Around Homedale food drive

The food items ringing the Christmas tree at Homedale Elementary School are the end product of the annual food drive coordinated by the school staff. Schoolchildren were encouraged to bring non-perishable items for the food drive. The class with the biggest contribution was scheduled to win a class party. As in years past, HES counselor Randee Garrett coordinated the Hands Around Homedale food drive to help the school district's families in need. Submitted photo

Man runs after boat capsizes near Marsing

A man is on the lam after being rescued from a capsized boat near the Marsing Snake River bridge Sunday.

There are signs that the boat may have been stolen although the Owyhee County Sheriff's Office hasn't received any reports of a missing or stolen boat.

Owyhee County Sheriff's deputy Terry McGrew said a witness called 911 around 1:30 p.m., to report that a 14-foot Bass Pro Budweiser flat-bottom craft had capsized about 200 yards south of the Snake River bridge in Marsing.

Leland Tieg was in his canoe nearby and rushed to assist the boater, who was in the water near the boat. Another

boat nearby assisted in getting the man out of the water and safely to shore on the Canyon County side of the river.

McGrew said that upon reaching shore, the man fled on foot.

When sheriff's office personnel found that the identification plate on the capsized boat had been removed and the serial numbers had been grinded off the motor.

Tieg told deputies that the man smelled of alcohol and described him as approximately 40 years old, about 5 feet, 10 inches tall, unshaven, and wearing jeans and a T-shirt.

The incident is under investigation.

— TK

Homedale man faces trespass misdemeanor

A Homedale man was arrested after illegally entering the home of his grandmother just after 8 a.m., on Friday.

Owyhee County Sheriff's deputy Terry McGrew said that Erron Marks, 27, was cited for misdemeanor criminal trespass after entering his grandmother's home on Sunflower Lane in Homedale.

The homeowner called into sheriff's dispatch, reporting that her grandson was in the residence and was refusing to leave.

OCSO received support from a Homedale police offi-

cer at the home.

When law enforcement arrived, the suspect told them that he was there because he had nowhere else to go. McGrew said that Marks was legally trespassed from the residence after a similar incident in July.

Marks was arraigned before Magistrate Judge Shane Darrington on Friday and is scheduled for a Feb. 8 pretrial hearing.

He is currently out of custody.

— TK



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SNOTEL report, Owyhee County sensors

	Snow Equiv.	Snow Depth	Year-to-date Precip.	Previous day's temperature (measured in Fahrenheit)		
		(measured in inches)		Max	Min	Avg
Mud Flat						
12/15	0.8	4	2.0	30	21	26
12/16	1.0	4	2.2	35	27	31
12/17	1.1	4	2.5	36	29	33
12/18	1.3	7	2.5	34	20	27
12/19	1.2	5	2.3	39	17	26
12/20	1.3	6	2.3	45	28	36
12/21	1.4	6	2.7	n/a	n/a	n/a
Reynolds Creek						
12/15	1.3	4	4.4	n/a	n/a	n/a
12/16	1.4	5	4.5	n/a	n/a	n/a
12/17	1.5	4	4.5	n/a	n/a	n/a
12/18	1.6	5	4.6	n/a	n/a	n/a
12/19	1.6	5	4.6	n/a	n/a	n/a
12/20	1.6	5	4.6	n/a	n/a	n/a
12/21	1.2	2	4.6	n/a	n/a	n/a
South Mountain						
12/15	3.8	15	6.5	32	19	28
12/16	3.8	15	6.6	40	29	34
12/17	3.9	14	6.7	37	26	30
12/18	4.3	18	7.1	33	24	29
12/19	4.3	18	7.1	36	30	33
12/20	4.3	17	7.2	43	31	39
12/21	4.4	15	7.3	n/a	n/a	n/a

Water report

The Bureau of Reclamation website showing statistics for the Owyhee Reservoir was inaccessible this week.

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Homedale schools working to keep COVID-19 at bay

Handful of exposures reported in Homedale, Marsing districts

The Homedale School District has taken sanitation steps to avoid COVID-19 outbreaks.

District-wide as of Thursday, there were only three high school students missing class because of close contact with someone who had contracted the virus, according to superintendent Rob Sauer.

The district’s maintenance staff has been doing its part to keep the possibility of infection down.

Buses are sanitized after each route, and each bus has a surplus of masks for anyone who needs them, district transportation and maintenance supervisor Dan Aberasturi wrote in a report shared with trustees during a Dec. 14 meeting.

Aberasturi said the janitorial staff has been using something called Prevent X on all surfaces inside buildings, classrooms and buses.

He reported that the disinfectant sales representative

said the chemical kills germs for up to 90 days indoors and 30 days outdoors.

Sauer said that the district has experienced only one closure this school year when the middle school went to online learning in the week prior to the Thanksgiving break. At the time, HMS principal Moss Strong said the closure was a precaution to curb the COVID-19 infection rate.

“We have seen an increase in the number of parents requesting their child go to online learning,” Strong wrote in her monthly board report.

“The one week before break going virtual really helped our staff get healthy, and we are decreasing slightly in the number of absent/ill students.”

Middle school students have been asked to wear masks as long as the county is in the red health alert zone.

“I am so proud of our students and their modeling of The Homedale Way with

Overall Owyhee County COVID-19 cases:

756

Dec. 15 to Dec. 21 statistics:
New confirmed cases, 39
Probable cases, 91 (New: 5)
Deaths: 18 (New: 0)
People who recovered: 559 (New: 78)
Health alert level: Red
Source: coronavirus.idaho.gov and Southwest District Health

Malheur COVID-19 cases:

2,743

New cases, Dec. 15 to Dec. 21: 118
Deaths: 49 (New: 4)
Source: govstatus.egov.com/OR-OHA-COVID-19

their mask wearing,” Strong wrote in her report. “They have been very responsible and respectful.”

Strong reported that the school has 37 online learners, including 12 each in fifth and eighth grade, eight seventh-graders, and five sixth-graders.

At Homedale Elementary, first-year principal Tate Castleton reported no active cases.

“We feel immensely fortunate to be able to offer in-person learning,” he wrote in his board report.

Castleton said the school’s transition into a mask requirement in the first week of December was “relatively seamless.”

He said families have elected to quarantine 11 students, who are learning from home.

With the state still in Stage 2 of COVID-19 response, no spectators are allowed in sporting events.

Sauer said patrons seem to be handling the accessibility issues well.

“Our students and parents have done a good job navigating the restrictions.

It’s definitely not ideal for anyone,” he said.

“With that said, we will continue to work to make sure that our students are able to attend school in-person four days per week.”

Sauer is also part of a panel of administrators that has been working with state officials in hopes of loosening the restrictions on spectators at athletic events in the 3A Snake River Valley conference (and possibly beyond).

“We have advocated for allowing two parents per player to attend,” Sauer said. “It can be done effectively in all the gyms in our conference.”

In its weekly COVID-19 report, Southwest District Health listed two confirmed or probable cases in the Marsing School District between Dec. 5 and Dec. 12.

As of Thursday, four school staff and students from districts serving Owyhee County were in isolation after testing positive for the virus. Fifty-nine staff and students were home in quarantine after coming in contact with a person who had tested positive.

The health district reported that, while Owyhee County remains in the red health alert level, the daily incidence rate has fallen to 7.01 daily cases per 10,000 people. A daily case rate of less than 5.0 is needed to get the county back into the orange zone.

The incidence rate decreased by more than 33 percent in one week and continues to decline. But the number of positive tests rose more than two percent in the past week.

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Christmas traditions

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus

*Written by Francis P. Church
Editorial Page, New York Sun, 1897*

We take pleasure in answering thus prominently the communication below, expressing at the same time our great gratification that its faithful author is numbered among the friends of The Sun:

I am 8 years old. Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus. Papa says, "If you see it in The Sun, it's so." Please tell me the truth, is there a Santa Claus? Virginia O'Hanlon

Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the scepticism of a sceptical age. They do not believe except they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little. In this great universe of ours, man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus.

He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The external light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies. You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if you did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa

Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world.

You tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world, which neither the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived could tear apart. Only faith, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

No Santa Claus? Thank God he lives and lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay 10 times 10,000 years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!!!



Above: The Christmas tree decked in the Homedale High School gymnasium foyer. **Below:** The Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library staff got creative with its tannenbaum made of — what else? — reading material. Submitted photo



The spirit of Christmas was captured in its various forms with this barn's lights display on Waterview Drive in Marsing. Unfortunately, it looks like Santa was caught in the bath.

The legend of Christmas stockings

**From the Dec. 24, 1970
edition of The Owyhee
Chronicle**

"The stockings were hung by the chimney with care, in hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there ..."

It's not known how this tradition got its start, but there is a lovely legend about the custom's beginning.

It seems that in the town where the "first" Saint Nicholas lived, there was a merchant who had three daughters who were not married. In those days, the 4th century, a maiden had to have a dowry before she could marry. And the merchant was bankrupt.

Nicholas, who was then a boy, heard of their plight. He went to the house late one night and dropped three bags of gold down the chimney. They fell into the girls' stockings, which were hanging, by the fireplace to dry.

The gold was enough for the girls' dowry so they were married and lived happily ever after, taking care of their poor father as well.

Christmases past

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



The Stoddard children try their hand at skiing below the family’s home in Silver City.

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, surprise boxes, gentlemen’s dressing cases, writing desks, cups and saucers, children’s tea and kitchen sets, building-blocks, games, steeple-chases pocketbooks, and purses.

From the Dec. 6, 1873 edition
of *The Owyhee Weekly Avalanche*

The Christmas carols of old times, which have come down to us, are, in general, very quaint, and some of them, as specimens of the curious, are worth reproducing. Persons calling themselves “carol singers” were wont to go about from house to house on Christmas and sing carols for a small fee, including, of course, a taste of the good things which were prepared in every house for the holiday feast. Here are a few curious verses which show that the minstrels were not unmindful of the “creature comforts” of the occasion:

“A bonne, God wote!
Stickes in my throate,
Without I have a draught,
Of cornie aile,
Nappy and staile,
My lyffe lyes in great wanste.
Some ayle or beare,
Gentell butlere,
Some lycoure thou hus showe,
Such as you mashe,
Our throtes to washe
The best were that you brew.”

In the following the “sweet singer” takes occasion to remind his auditors that it would be well to do something for the dry throat which his exercises were producing:

“For there are things that will denie
Your Christian liberty,
Feed well the hungry, clothe poor
And such us stand in need

This is the way to celebrate
A true Christmas indeed”

In the olden time, Christmas was celebrated with much greater spirit than now, and England at this time surpasses us in doing honors to the day. An old poet says of King Arthur, of whom so much “resounds in fable and romance,”

“He a royal Christmas kept,
With mirth and philately cheare;
To him repaired many a knighte
That came both farre and neare”

Will those who are now preparing Christmas dinners just take a look at the table which is here spread before them:

“They served up salmon, venison
and wild boars,
By hundreds, and by dozens, and
by scores;
Hogsheads of honey, kilderkins of
mustard
Muttons and fatted beeves, and
bacon swine;
Herons and bitterns, peacock, swan
and bustard,
Teal, mallard, pigeons, widgeons,
and in fine
Plum-puddings, pancakes, apple
pies and custard:
And therewithal they drank good
Gascon wine,
With mead, and ale, and cider of
our own;
For porter, punch and negus, were
not known”

Who would not like to see the table
that would surpass or even equal that?

A Picture which is almost equal to the bright, cheerful scene presented by Couper, in his Winter Evening--(though the cups of which Cowper spoke have the advantage of being those which Cowper spoke have the advantage of being those which cheer but not inebriate)—is afforded by the following lines from a poem published in 1795

“Thy welcome eve, loved Christmas,
now arrived,
The parish bells their tuneful peals
resound,
And mirth and gladness every breast
pervade.
The pond’rous ashen faggot, from
the yard,
The jolly farmer to his crowded hall
Conveys, with speed; where, on the
rising flames
(Already fed with store of massy
brands)
It blazes soon; nine bandages it
bears;
And, as they each disjoin (so custom
wills),
A mighty jug of sparkling cyder’s
brought,
With brandy mixed, to elevate the
guests.

One of the old customs was the “bringing in the boar’s head.” This favorite and firs dish soused and prepared in grand style, was borne to

the principal table with great parade,
“upon a siver platter, with minstralsye.”
Here are two lines of a ditty that was
chante:

“The boar’s head is baude bring I,
With garlandes gay and rosemary.”

Speaking of serving up the boar’s
head, one of the early minstrels say:

“Let the boar’s head and mustard
Stand for pig, goose and custard—
And so you are welcome all.”

On all these occasions the drink
was not forgotten, as appears from the
following old stanza:

“Lets make Joy: sops with the
cake;
And let not then a man be seen here
Who unurged with not drink
From the base to the brink
A health to the King and Queen
here.”

A favorite drink was spiced ale. In is
said by one of the old writers: “Mark
you, sir, a pot of ale consists of four
parts: imprimis, the ale, the toast, the
ginger and the outmerg;” and another is
the following lines, reminds one of the
man who was going on a journey, and
had provided a great deal of whisky as
viaticum – and being asked if he wanted
anything else, replied that he would
take “a little more whisky.”

Winter sports without fans crimp athletic funds

HHS mulls fundraiser; Marsing planned prep basketball tournaments

The absence of spectators at Homedale High School basketball

games has done more than take away a chance for fans and parents to watch live sports.

The COVID-19 Stage 2 restrictions have put a pretty big dent in the school's athletic budget, too.

During the Dec. 14 school district board of trustees meeting, HHS athletic

director Casey Grove reported that even though there is no admission gate money, the school still has to pay game officials.

"... We are losing money every home event to pay for refs and a scoreboard operator," Grove wrote in his report to the board.

"We are used to this with spring sports, but have never had to do this for winter sports. Hopefully we have enough money in our athletic account to last for both the winter and sports season."

Grove told The Owyhee Avalanche

— See *Funds*, page 10B

Trojans' Turners take titles in Twin

The Turner sisters captured crowns wrestling in Twin Falls on Saturday.

The girls, both seniors, led four Homedale High School medalists at the Wiley Dobbs Invitational.

Both Savannah and Kaydince Turner were unbeaten in their round-robin pools.

Savannah opened her tournament with a 1-minute, 41-second pinfall against Minico's Naveah Villalobos, who wound up as the 127-pound division's runner-up.

Savannah clinched the gold with an 18-second pin of Wendell junior Mariana Avila.

She also only needed 14 seconds to dispatch Jerome's Autumn Koepful in the tournament's second round.

At 133, Kaydince beat teammate Trinity Neeser, a freshman, in the second round of action, taking 46 seconds to get the pin.

Kaydince stopped Fruitland's Mariah Skelly in 49 seconds in the defacto championship match in Round 3 of wrestling.

Trojans junior Elizabeth Hergesheimer was runner-up at 122 after losing to Taylor Hood from Buhl in the third round of wrestling. Hood prevailed with a pin at 2:37.

Hergesheimer dealt quickly with her other opponents — pinning Marianna Duran of Twin Falls in 1:36 and putting Aberdeen's Isabella Martinez on the mat in 46 seconds.

Sophomore Chase Cooper gutted out a 7-3 decision over Fruitland junior Ethan Skelly for third place in the boys'

— See *Titles*, page 3B

Homedale sinks shots, ends skid

Boys salvage SIC challenge with Saturday win

Cam Long called it "Trophy Saturday," but maybe it will be "Turnaround Saturday."

Ending a four-game losing streak punctuated by woeful shooting, Homedale High School wrapped up a three-game run against 4A Southern Idaho Conference boys' basketball teams with a 54-42 victory over Caldwell.

Sophomores Jaxon Dines and Mason Strong combined for six three-point goals, and Homedale (2-5 overall) converted half its first-half shots. The team's overall 40 percent field-goal shooting (19-for-47) nearly doubled the efficiency from each of the first two games last week.

Caldwell (1-3) missed 10 of its first 12 shots and finished the first 16 minutes at 25 percent field-goal

— See *Homedale*, page 6B

At right: Homedale's Trenton Fisher stretches to put a shot up against Caldwell's Hayden Lewis on Saturday in the Cougars' gym.



Deep Melba overpowers Marsing

Melba High School used a balance attack to roll over Marsing in girls' basketball last Wednesday.

The Mustangs' 60-10 victory over their visiting 2A Western Idaho Conference foes was the 10th consecutive triumph to start the season.

Faith Svedin scored 11 points and had three steals for Melba. Teammate Kate Clark added 10 points and five boards.

Sophomore Emily Vanosdall

paced short-handed Marsing with five points (0-9 overall, 0-2 in conference).

Marsing first-year coach Mike Swanson admits that the team needs improvements in most aspects of its game.

"The improvements come with focus on continuing to build on fundamentals and handling the pressures that come with playing games," he said. "This is very much a process, and I feel like we all are

seeing and buying into that."

Swanson said the Mustangs were simply fresher because of a full complement of players.

The Huskies suited only seven players for the contest.

"Melba hockey-subbed and just wore us down," Swanson said, referring to Melba coach David Lenz's ability to change his entire lineup multiple times throughout the game.

— TK

Homedale volleyball coach resigns

The Homedale High School volleyball program is in search of a head coach for the second time in as many years.

Evonne McGuire, who spent one season at the Trojans' helm, has stepped down.

The school district board of trustees accepted her resignation during its Dec. 14 meeting.

The Trojans went 5-12 during McGuire's only season as coach.

That included a 3-6 record in the 3A Snake River Valley conference campaign.

Homedale reached the 3A District III Tournament as the No. 4 seed. The team lost both of its postseason matches and five of the season's final six outings.

This marks the second time in as many seasons that the team is without a coach during the offseason. McGuire took over for Amber Fouts, who stayed one season after replacing three-year coach Jessica Willson.

Volunteers join wrestling

The school board approved the addition of Brady Trout and Luke Crockett as volunteer assistants on the high school wrestling team's coaching staff.

Trout is former state-caliber Trojans wrestler.

Crockett is a former Boise State University wrestler who previously led the Nampa High wrestling program.



Evonne McGuire

Sports

Homedale girls' arduous basketball campaign continues



Homedale's Jacy Parker takes a shot over Caldwell's Kaydence Moore during Saturday's game in the Cougars' gym.

Stingy 4A schools sweep Trojans

Homedale High School's tough girls' basketball non-conference journey visited three stops in three days last week.

The Trojans' losing streak stretched to seven games heading into Monday's home game against 1A, Div. I power Rimrock.

Homedale (1-8 overall) faced off with three 4A Southern Idaho Conference teams in as many days between Thursday and Saturday, wrapping up the Canyon County odyssey with a 56-21 loss to Caldwell.

The Cougars (4-2) scored 35 of the game's final 42 points after the Trojans showed signs of getting hot without a warmup coming out of halftime.

With her team trailing, 21-11, Homedale freshman Zayne Hall snatched a steal and raced down the floor for a layup 32 seconds into the third period.

Thirty-one seconds later, senior Mayci Cline muscled her way to a rebound, got fouled and hit one of two free throws to put the Trojans within seven points, 21-14.

But Homedale's momentum was short-lived.

Caldwell's defense forced the Trojans into nine turnovers in the final four minutes of the

quarter to fuel 12 straight points despite missing 10 of 11 field-goal attempts at one point.

The end of the Cougars' run came when sophomore Jacy Parker showed off her toughness with an inside jump shot, but missed the free throw after she was fouled.

Parker led Homedale with nine points, while Olivia Asumendi and Mayci Cline led the team's rebounding effort.

Even with its shooting drought, Caldwell piled up scoring from behind the three-point line. The Cougars hit four treys — including shots by Amaya De La Cruz and Kaydence Moore — in the game's final nine minutes.

Parker scored Homedale's final points of the game in the fourth quarter with a three-point play and a lay-in off the glass. On the three-point play, she put back a rebound and then sank the free throw to pull the Trojans within 20 points, 39-19 with about five minutes to go.

With 3 minutes, 10 seconds left in the game, the Trojans' junior guard Téa Uranga appeared to injure her right ankle while driving along the baseline.

Friday: Columbia 53, Homedale 15 — Ainslee Evans scored four points as the Trojans played their second game in Nampa in as many

days.

Parker was Homedale's leading rebounder.

Thursday: Nampa 62, Homedale 19 — The Bulldogs roared out to a big lead in the first installment of the three-day 3A Snake River Valley conference-4A SIC showdown.

Nampa (3-0) started the game on a 22-2 run and held a 36-point lead at the break.

Senior Ashlyn Nichols nearly single-handedly outscored Homedale, leading all players with 17 points. She had three of the Bulldogs' nine three-point goals.

Parker scored 10 points for Homedale and was part of the top rebounding triumvirate with Cline and Uranga.

Asumendi chipped in four points.

Nampa's defense stifled the Trojans with Atira Moore and Bethany Knight picking up four steals each to lead the 19-theft performance.

Audrah Radford hit a pair of treys for Nampa, while snagging five rebounds and blocking three shots. Madison Moe got all her points on three three-pointers for the Bulldogs.

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Girls' basketball
Varsity
Tuesday, Dec. 29 at Marsing, 4:30 p.m.
Junior varsity
Tuesday, Dec. 29 at Marsing, 3 p.m.
Frosh soph
Tuesday, Jan. 5 at Parma, 4:30 p.m.

Wrestling
Coed
Friday, Jan. 8 at Rollie Lane Invitational,
Ford Idaho Center, Nampa
Saturday, Jan. 9 at Rollie Lane Invitational,
Ford Idaho Center, Nampa

Note: No spectators allowed in HHS gym (Stage 2, COVID-19)
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Sports



Marsing’s Emily Vanosdall (left), shown battling a New Plymouth defender earlier this season, scored 10 points Saturday against Liberty Charter.

Marsing girls battle Vision in triple OT

Liberty Charter rolls vs. Huskies in Saturday game

Marsing High School heads into the Christmas break still looking for a girls’ basketball breakthrough.

The Huskies lost their ninth consecutive game to start the season Saturday with a 57-28 non-conference loss to Liberty Charter in Nampa.

Emily Vanosdall scored 10 points for the Huskies.

Madison Hodnett outscored Marsing with 32 points for the Class 1A, Div. I Patriots.

Thursday: Vision Charter 42, Marsing 35 (3 OT) — The Huskies dropped a heartbreaker to the Golden Eagles in triple overtime in Caldwell.

The teams finished tied 28-28 at the end of regulation, but a strong performance from Vi-

sion Charter’s Seanne McDougall, who dropped in 30 points, stymied Marsing’s chance of pulling off its first victory of the season.

The Huskies were up by five points with about 90 seconds to play in the first overtime but couldn’t hold the lead.

“They came to play, and we just didn’t respond,” first-year Marsing coach Mike Swanson said. “(McDougall) had a huge game, hitting two step-back three-pointers in the second and third overtimes.”

Alana Larrusea, Jade Wainman, and Mazzi Roper led the Huskies with eight points each.

The Huskies have lost 12 consecutive games, dating to last season’s 2A District III Tournament. The program’s only victories in its past 31 outings both came against Vision Charter in the 2019-20 season.

— TK

Titles: Cooper rallies for bronze medal at 160

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160-pound bracket

It was Cooper’s second victory over his potential future opponent during the 3A Snake River Valley conference dual meet season. After a first-round bye, Cooper pinned Skelly at the 3:10 mark in the quarterfinals.

After losing his semifinal, Cooper rallied by pinning Aberdeen’s Micah Nelson in

32 seconds to reach the third-place match.

Willy Haun picked up two victories in the 195 bracket, pinning Fruitland’s Haiden Carroll in 1:41 of their opening match, and routing Kaimbridge Gee of Minico, 14-3, in a consolation bout.

Keagan Christensen pinned Owenn Meyer of Filer in 2:25 in a 182-pound consolation match.

Owyhee County Church Directory

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Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

25 years ago

December 27, 1995

Marsing needs medical techs

The December 13th article delineating the dire need for more Homedale Ambulance crew members gave way to another community’s need for emergency medical technicians.

Marsing needs support, too.

“We need people who are really willing to make a commitment.” Marsing Ambulance volunteer Betty Stappler said. “We only have five people keeping the service covered, and we need at least five more.”

Marsing residents interested in joining the volunteer crew will participate in the classes slated for January for Homedale residents.

“We’re involved in the program with Homedale,” Stappler said. “The people we are looking for will be taking the same classes.”

Homedale city donates land for COSSA project

Homedale Mayor Paul Fink reported during the last city council meeting that Canyon Owyhee School Service Agency (COSSA) is building a new auto shop at 3rd and Wyoming in downtown Homedale.

The new shop will be constructed alongside the current diesel shop and behind the old Simplot building, Fink said, and he believes the shop is scheduled to be completed by the summer of 1996.

The portion of 3rd Street that runs perpendicular to Wyoming Avenue has been closed since 1947, Fink said, and there is a small pie-shaped piece of property at the northwest corner of the intersection that COSSA wishes to fence and utilize for a parking lot.

After a brief discussion, Councilman Puri moved to donate the property to COSSA for the project, and the motion passed with full council approval.

Gem State Rodeo Assoc. year-end awards given

Eight youths from the Jordan Valley and Pleasant Valley areas were awarded their year-end awards at a banquet held in the end of November.

Mini-mite girls division:

Michelle Baltzor (PV) 1st place poles, 3rd place barrels, 5th place goats. Michelle was also awarded the “Reserve all-around” buckle. She is the daughter of Michael & Carolyn Baltzor.

Mini-mite boys division:

Jason Duby (JV) 4th place flags, 5th place poles, 5th place goats. Jason was awarded the “Rookie of the year” buckle for his division. He is the son of Skeeter & Stephanie Duby.

Shane Smith (PV) 1st place flags, 2nd place poles, 2nd place goats. Shane was awarded the “All-around” saddle. This is Shane’s 2nd year winning his division. He is the son of Dave & Patty Smith.

Pee wee girls division:

Shari Baltzor (PV) 5th place poles. Shari was awarded the “Rookie of the year” buckle for her division. Shari is the daughter of Michael & Carolyn Baltzor.

Lindsey Smith (PV) 3rd place goats, 6th place poles. Lindsey is the daughter of Dave & Patty Smith.

Junior girls division:

Jennifer Bruce (PV) 3rd place breakaway, 6th place goats. Jennifer is the daughter of Bob & Carol Bruce.

Junior boys division:

Tyler Smith (PV) 1st place flags, 5th place steer undecorating, 6th place breakaway roping. Ty is the son of Dave & Patty Smith.

50 years ago

December 24, 1970



INITIAL PLANS were made last week for the 10th annual International Smorgasbord which will be held Jan. 16 in the multi-purpose room of the Washington Grade School. Seated, from left, Mrs. Herb Fritzley and Chuck Yost, PTA president; standing, Mrs. Ralph Lineberger and Mrs. Paul Zatica. The women will serve as co-chairmen. Photo by Bette Uda.

Roy Eiguren gets appointment to U of I panel

Roy Eiguren has recently been appointed to the faculty council committee on campus affairs at the University of Idaho.

Eiguren is the first freshman to serve on this committee since its inception. The committee, composed of both faculty members and students, is charged with carrying out the faculty’s legal responsibility of making rules and regulations governing student conduct at the university and at all university-sponsored events.

Appointments to the committee are made by the Associated Student Body Senate with the consent of the faculty council.

Eiguren is also a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity, and is president of its 1970-71 pledge class.

Succor Crik Sam Sez: “They ain’t nuthin’ wrong with Christmas shoppin’ that a pocketful of money wouldn’t cure.”

Vallivue turns back Trojan hardcourt invaders

The visiting Homedale Trojans, with only one returning letterman, were no match for the hot-handed, more experienced, Vallivue Falcons Friday night as the Birds registered a 73-54 win.

The Owyhee boys could neither handle the ball nor connect from the floor the majority of the evening. They found the range on only 20 of 72 shots for a low 27 per cent average.

The Falcons had little trouble finding the bottom of the bucket as they dumped in 27 of 68 for 43 per cent. The first and third stanzas proved to be outstanding as they hit on 10 of 21 and four of eight, respectively.

Homedale’s Paul Pearson took scoring honors as he hit on eight from the field and 7 of 15 from the charity stripe for a total of 23.

The Canyon County crew put forth a balanced scoring attack with three men in double figures. Dave Christensen led the troops with 19 tallies, while Jim McMillan and Chris Pfeffer were right behind with 18 apiece.

145 years ago

December 25, 1875

LETTERS FROM WINNEMUCCA

“O. M. Jabers” on the Wing-Good-by to South Mountain-The Trip to Winnemucca- “Check” of South Mountain “Sufferers,” Personals, etc.

WINNEMUCCA, Nev., Dec. 15th, 1875.

Editor Idaho Avalanche:

“And he said unto him, take up thy bed and walk.” This Scriptural order, though originating eighteen hundred years ago, we found applied to our case when the picking got so short in South Mountain that it was not policy to stay there any longer. Then we straight-way took up our blankets and walked, and after tramping around through Owyhee County, we brought up at the Trout Creek Station kept by Silas Skinner. After sojourning there a couple of days we, on the 7th instant, together with four more sufferers, took passage on the Northwestern Stage Co.’s stage for the sagebrush land of Nevada, and, with a thorough disgust of the operations of the past Summer, time checks, and the South Mountain Consolidated Mining Company generally, we bid good-by to Idaho for the present and to South Mountain forever.

By way of parenthesis we will remark that, if the affairs of the Company operating at South Mountain had been honestly managed, that camp to-day would have been one of the best in the Territory. It failed not for the want of ore, nor for lack of rich ore, but because neither that nor any other company under the sun could stand it to have, in the first year of its existence, \$200,000 or \$300,000 taken from its treasury and put into the pockets of a few of its managers, and that, too before the mines are prospected.

To resume our journey we found this road from Trout Creek to the Sheep Ranch in a fearful condition. The wheels of the coach would sink to the hubs, and the horses had to be rested every few rods. We can assure you that it wasn’t very pleasant to ride over this part of the road through a drizzling rain, and seven of us jammed in on two seats. Such an intermingling of legs, bird cages, lunch baskets, blankets, pull-backs and undergear generally hasn’t been seen on that road lately. The road was very good from Sheep Ranch to Camp McDermitt. From the latter place the road was rough, having been eat up badly by heavy freight teams passing over it while wet.

We are informed by residents here that Winnemucca is very dull at present, and from our own observations thus far, we have every reason to believe that such is the case. Merchants seem to be doing a very light business, and that mostly with citizens who come in on the railroad.

THE vote of 232 to 18 recently adopted in the House of Representatives against a Presidential third term is quite decisive on that question. All the colored members voted with the minority.

THE CHRISTMAS BALL.-Messrs. Gross & Giles are making extensive preparations for their ball to be given in Champion Hall to-morrow evening. Excellent music will be provided and no pains will be spared to make the affair a pleasant one for all who attend. Tickets for the ball can be had at various business places in town. Those who intend to be present will do well to arrange beforehand for their suppers at the various hotels and restaurants in town.

BULLION SHIPMENT.-C. W. Moore & Co. shipped this morning to the Merchants’ Exchange Bank, San Francisco, six bars of bullion valued at \$6,253.

Sports

Huskies boys break into WIC win column

Cole Valley’s size, depth spoils Marsing’s opener

The Marsing High School boys’ basketball team recorded its first conference win Friday, knocking off Compass Charter, 44-38, at home.

The Huskies (3-2 overall, 1-1 in 2A Western Idaho Conference) certainly didn’t help themselves, though, hitting just 33 percent of its field goals. The Huskies went 11-for-14 from the free-throw line.

“We didn’t shoot the ball very well and gave up a lot of things defensively that Compass took advantage of,” coach Tim Little said.

Compass Charter fell to 3-3 overall, 0-2 in conference.

The Huskies got another solid game from senior post Jacob Ankeny, who put up a team-high 16 points and nine rebounds, finishing one board shy of his third double-double of the season.

Junior guard Noel Quebrado went 2-for-7 from beyond the three-point line to go with a pair of free throws, completing an eight-point, three-board night.

Senior guard Roger Valadez and sophomore guard Alejandro Barrera added five points each. Valadez was



Roger Valadez makes good on a fast-break finger-roll over a tardy Compass Charter pursuer.

second on the team with his seven rebounds, while Mikey Acosta pulled down five.

The less-than-smooth victory for Marsing came with opportunities for improvement.

“It provides us an opportunity to focus on things that we need to improve on so we can continue to compete once league games start back up again at the start of January,” Little said.

The Huskies opened participation in the Truckstop.com

Tournament in New Plymouth on Monday against Declo. Results from that game or Tuesday’s second-round contest weren’t available at press time.

Marsing ends the tournament today. The game could be played at 10:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 4:30 p.m. or 7:30 p.m.

Dec. 15: Cole Valley Christian 49, Marsing 36 — A conference season filled with confidence and excitement began with a bit of a rocky start for Marsing in Meridian.

The Huskies got their usual strong play from Ankeny, though his three-game streak of double-doubles to open the season ended. He finished the game with 17 points, on 6-of-10 shooting, and eight rebounds. He also went 4-for-6 from the foul line.

Quebrado contributed eight points, and Valadez added two in the losing effort.

Valadez and Acosta were good for four rebounds each.

The Huskies played catch up through the whole game.

Down three after the first quarter, the team found itself with a seven-point deficit at the half, and that was as close as they would get.

“Offensively, Cole Valley gave us a lot of pressure and we seemed out of rhythm,” Little said.

Little said Cole Valley’s bench depth and size allowed the Chargers to capitalize on multiple second-chance opportunities. The Chargers sport three players standing 6 feet, 4 inches or taller.

“We gave up 17 offensive rebounds, and they scored 13 points off those opportunities,” Little said. “Bottom line is we have to continue to develop roles for players and have to be more fundamental if we expect to pull out tough games like that on the road.”

— TK

New Melba booster club launches fan cutout fundraiser

The newly formed Melba Sports Boosters has initiated a “Fans in the Stands” promotion to raise funds for the district’s athletic programs.

For \$20, fans can have their photo on a cutout that will be placed in the stands for every home event.

According to the information from Melba AD Casey Clark, the photos must be of good quality and waist-up shots of “happy, cheering faces.” Arms can be raised as well.

Email photos to Bill Stradley at billst@cableone.net or Keith Copher at keith.copher@gmail.com.

The checks can be mailed to Melba Sports Boosters, P.O. Box 51 Melba, ID 83641.

Call Copher at (208) 453-2615 for more information.

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MARSING HUSKIES

Athlete Spotlight



Boys’ basketball
Noel Quebrado, jr., G
8 points, 3 rebounds vs. Compass Charter



Girls’ basketball
Jade Wainman, sr., G
8 points at Vision Charter



Wrestling
Isai Arriaga, sr., 182
Won Justin Wolfe Invite title

Boys’ basketball
Varsity
Truckstop.com Tournament
(At New Plymouth H.S.)
Wednesday, Dec. 23, opponent TBA, 10:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 4:30 p.m. or 7:30 p.m.
Non-conference
Tuesday, Dec. 29 at Homedale, 7:30 p.m.
Junior varsity A
Tuesday, Dec. 29 at Homedale, 6 p.m.
Junior varsity B
Tuesday, Dec. 29 at Homedale, 4:30 p.m.
Road games livestream at www.nfhsnetwork.com

Girls’ basketball
Varsity
Tuesday, Dec. 29, home vs. Homedale, 4:30 p.m.
Junior varsity
Tuesday, Dec. 29, home vs. Homedale, 3 p.m.

Wrestling
Saturday, Jan. 2 at Ron Johnshoy Invitational, Melba, 9 a.m.
(livestream on Melba School District Facebook and www.nfhsnetwork.com)

Note: No spectators allowed in MHS gym (Stage 2, COVID-19)
Home Games are streamed for free on Marsing Booster Club’s Facebook page
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Sports

Mustangs take dual meets vs. Parma, Tri-Valley

Forfeits helped Melba High School win a pair of dual meets Thursday.

The Mustangs crushed Parma, 58-30, in one non-conference encounter, getting 24 points on forfeits.

McKoy Richardson pinned Parma's Colt Murdock in 2 minutes, 34 seconds to give Melba six points.

Zane Helm posted a 13-4 major decision over the

Panthers' Garrett Weber at 152.

Ben Evans (195) notched a pinfall for Melba in 1:31 against Tate Oberg.

Cody Dickard pinned Parma heavyweight Alexzander Aslanzadeh in 3:01.

Melba also won four extra matches:

126 — Noah Alvarez-Clausen pinned Lucas Berros in 1:31, and Jaxen Hackler

pinned Berros in 1:45.

160 — Carlos Colunga pinned Kooper Rowland in 2:42.

220 — Alan Alvarez got Oberg in 29 seconds.

Melba 18, Tri-Valley 12 — The Mustangs squeezed out a non-conference dual meet victory when Trevor Rhoades pinned Blake Damon 43 seconds before the end of their 182-pound bout.

Prior to Rhoades' victory, the teams were tied, 12-12.

McKoy Richardson got six points for Melba at 138 with a 48-second pin of Adam Miller, and Vicente Acosta picked up six points for the Mustangs with a forfeit victory at 126.

There were a handful of extra bouts, too.

113 — Tri-Valley's Russell Noah pinned Jaxen Hackler in

35 seconds.

132 — Acosta pinned Miller in 1:42.

138 — Melba's Grant Svedin pinned Miller in 3:36.

145 — Michaelson fell in 2:54 to JC Henry, and Henry dispatched Skyler Vander-Zee in 1:22.

182 — Brenton Overall pinned Damon in 63 seconds.

Unclassified — Sutton pinned Vander-Zee in 1:08.

✓ Homedale: Shooters struggle to find the rim during first Canyon games

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shooting (6-for-24).

Strong hit back-to-back treys midway through the second quarter to launch Homedale on a 13-1 run to the intermission. The burst was part of eight straight points from the guard, who wound up with 14 in the matinee.

Caldwell had pulled to within three points, 18-15, when Alex Treaster grabbed an offensive rebound and spun back into the block for a put-back two minutes into the second period. The rebound was one of only 13 the Cougars managed on their own glass.

Sigmund Goode popped a three-pointer 18 seconds into the second quarter to help Homedale keep Caldwell at bay. Prior to the freshman's long-range shot, the Cougars had posted a 7-2 spurt to end the opening quarter with a trey from Andrew Solorio and jumpers by Francisco Sanchez and Alan Mendoza.

Solorio knocked down three long shots and led Caldwell with 13 points. Francisco Sanchez hit a pair of three-pointers as part of his eight points.

Dines drained four three-pointers and led all scorers with 19 points. He also yanked down six defensive rebounds and shared the team lead with Hayden Kincheloe.

Kincheloe added 10 points and was perfect in four trips to the free-throw line.

Strong and Trenton Fisher snagged five boards each, while Fisher scored six points.

Friday: Columbia 57, Homedale 27 — The Trojans struggled to find their range in another non-conference game



Homedale's Jaxon Dines lunges toward the rim in Saturday's victory over Caldwell.

against a Class 4A school.

The Wildcats held an 18-point lead at halftime and extended their advantage throughout the second half.

Columbia's Jaylen Alexander missed only two shots, and was 9-for-9 from inside the three-point line, to lead all scorers with 20 points.

Homedale connected on just eight of 36 shots (22.2 percent), and half of those successful baskets were three-pointers from Goode, Kincheloe, Strong and Dines.

Kincheloe scored seven points to lead the Trojans. Goode knocked down a pair of free throws en route to

five points, and Strong, Dines and Fisher scored four points apiece.

Strong and Dines were both hampered by foul trouble and eventually were disqualified with five infractions each.

Columbia limited second-half shots, holding a 16-5 rebounding edge on Homedale's end of the floor. Strong led the Trojans with six rebounds, while Fisher dished a team-high four assists.

Thursday: Nampa 39, Homedale 27 — Shooting success (or the lack thereof) was perhaps a reflection that the players had entered Christmas break.



The Trojans' Matt Strong attempts a finger-roll lay-in during the non-conference game against the Cougars.

The host Bulldogs prevailed despite shooting 35 percent from the floor.

The Trojans connected on just 10 of 46 shots (21 percent) in the non-conference setback.

Nampa steadily built a lead, owning an 18-11 halftime edge as both teams scored in single digits in the first two quarters.

Homedale trailed by as many as 16 points at one point.

Dines knocked down the majority of Homedale's field goals (3-for-12) for a team-high eight points. All but two of the players that stepped on the court for Homedale scored

with Kincheloe adding five points and Eli Heck putting in four.

Dines, Heck and Strong connected on three-point shots. The trey was Strong's only points.

Strong and Todd Beatty collected five rebounds each, and they had nine of the team's 12 offensive rebounds.

Nampa collected twice as many rebounds as Homedale, snagging 36 boards. The Bulldogs denied the Trojans second-chance shots by taking down 26 defensive rebounds to Homedale's six offensive boards.

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Sports

Huskies' Arriaga continues mat dominance at Wolfe



Marsing senior Isai Arriaga takes down Parma's Adrian Munoz on his way to a first-place finish at the Juston Wolfe Invitational on Saturday. Photo submitted by Kelly Ineck.

Troy Miller takes silver at 138

Isai Arriaga began his 2020-21 wrestling campaign in the same dominant fashion that he finished last season. The Marsing High School senior used four pinfalls and a medical default to win the 182-pound championship at the Juston Wolfe Invitational on Saturday in Glenns Ferry. He capped his junior season with a gold medal at the 2A District III Tournament and a bronze medal at the state tournament.

On Saturday, Arriaga went 5-0 in the round-robin format, capping his afternoon with a 16-second pin of Melba's Trevor Rhoades. Arriaga pinned his way through the competition save for a medical forfeit over Wendell's Abraham Orozco in Round 3. Arriaga also pinned Valley's Rellis Murphy (1 minutes, 57 seconds), Parma's Adrian Munoz (2:40), and Raft River's Denzil Lloyd (4:54). Marsing teammate Troy Miller was runner-up at 138 pounds after taking New Plymouth's Brock Cooper into the third round of the

title bout before losing by pinfall (4:56). Another senior, Miller also was top dog coming out of districts last season but was not able to compete at state because of injury. Other Huskies' results from Saturday included: • **Kail Wyman, fr.** — fourth place, 220 pounds • **Jonathan Ineck, jr.** — fourth place, 145 • **Solon LaFleur, jr.** — fourth place, 113/120 • **Jonathan Leon, fr.** — sixth place, 195 — TK

Champion Helm heads up Melba's medalist wrestlers

A handful of Melba High School wrestlers captured gold and silver at the Juston Wolfe Invitational on Saturday. Wrestling at 152 pounds, Zane Helm pinned Oakley's Ethan Toribau in 2 minutes, 42 seconds to bring home the only championship from Glenns Ferry for the Mustangs. Most other brackets were round-robin competitions. • **Grant Svedin** — The 126-pounder finished second to New Plymouth's Skyler Rodriguez after going 3-1. Rodriguez got the early edge toward the gold medal when he out-pointed Svedin, 7-4, in the opening round of competition. Svedin had another battle in the final round with a gutsy 16-15 victory against Raft River's Tevin Grush to

secure second. Svedin also posted a 15-0 technical fall against Valley's James Meyer, and pinned New Plymouth's Zack Vian in 3:15. • **McKoy Richardson, 132** — Lost the championship match to fellow 2A Western Idaho Conference athlete Kyle Rice after a 16-1 technical fall. • **Brenton Overall, 170** — In another round robin, missed his chance at gold in the third and final round of competition. Isaac Mitton of Oakley captured the title with a 15-0 technical fall. Overall pinned New Plymouth's Grant Rupp in 1:12 and took down Raft River's Tenny Grush in 32 seconds. • **Ben Evans, 195** — Evans was runner-up to Zach Gunnell of Murtaugh, who pinned Melba's wrestler in 1:46 of

their Round 3 match. Evans cruised otherwise with pins against Oakley's Houston Bingham (3:45), Parma's Tate Oberg (2:22), Marsing's Jonathan Leon (17 seconds), and Nampa Christian's Sean Barton (53 seconds). • **Alan Alvarez, 220** — Finished third, splitting four matches. He pinned Marsing's Kail Wyman (43 seconds) and teammate Josh Waite (51 seconds) in his first two matches before losing by first-round pins in his other two bouts. • **Jaycie Hackler, 98/106** — Finished fourth in a combined division. • **Cody Dickard, 285** — Pinned New Plymouth's Dylan Reynolds in 4:28 to secure fifth place. • **Carlos Colunga, 160** — A pin of New Plymouth's Ben Coburn 44 seconds before the final whistle gave

Colunga fifth place. • **Skyler Vander-Zee, 138** — Lost the fifth-place match after Parma's Colt Murdock pulled a pin at 1:36. • **Trevor Rhoades, 182** — Sixth place after round-robin competition. • **Vicente Acosta, 132** — Pinned Valley's Odin Schmidt nine seconds before the end of their first round to finish seventh. • **Charles Arrington, 285** — Fell, 8-2, to Oakley's Colton Doto in the seventh-place match. • **Jaxen Hackler, 113/120** — Finished eighth after Valley's Evan Allen pulled off an 18-second pin in the seventh-place match. • **Evan Michaelson, 145** — New Plymouth's Christopher Newling pinned him in 4:16 of their seventh-place showdown.

Marsing, Rimrock future stars clash



Host Huskies prevail, 35-31 Above: Marsing's Josue Espejel drives past Loyd Boren on his way to the basket during Friday's junior varsity B matchup against Rimrock from Bruneau. Right: Rimrock's Moss MacMillan (21) leaps high for a layup over Huskies defenders Edgar Melendrez (20) and Andrew Sevy (30) during the first half Friday.



Streaking Mustangs spread the wealth

Melba High School has built a five-game winning streak in boys' basketball with balanced scoring. In a 2A Western Idaho Conference road game Friday, three players reached double digits to beat New Plymouth 61-47. Senior Josh Leavitt scored 15 points to pace the Mustangs (7-1 overall, 2-0 in conference). Teammate Cache Beus notched 13 points and nine rebounds, and Joe Reiber added 12 points and nine boards. Melba won a shootout in the first quarter, taking a 20-14 lead. The Mustangs opened up the margin with a 14-5 run over the final eight minutes.

The Pilgrims' Matt Hall led all scorers with 16 points. Tony Ray scored 11 points for New Plymouth (2-3, 2-0). Dec. 15: Melba 83, Vision Charter 29 — Four Mustangs scored in double figures in a conference blowout of the Golden Eagles in Caldwell. Reiber poured in 19 points to go along with five rebounds and three steals to lead Melba. Leavitt had seven steals to complement his 16 points, while Henry Clark put in 12 points and Braden Volkers added 11. Kaden Deener scored 10 points and Heyden Pinkston added seven points for winless Vision Charter.

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Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM

On the edge of common sense The last burro



He was the last burro left in the dusty corral. His two companions had been sold by the man. They were younger, stronger and finer-looking even by burro standards, which are quite high. They were worth more and brought more money, which was what the man needed.

Pickin's were slim. Every evening the man would stake the last burro out down below the spring to graze. During the day, he went with the man and packed mud or water or rocks or wood.

One morning, the man fed him a small bowl of grain. This continued for several days until the morning the man brushed him down, bobbed his tail and trimmed his long whiskers. Next thing he knew, the burro was blanketed and fit with a pack saddle. Two panyards were hung over the frame, and a thick pad was laid between the forks.

The burro watched with his wise burro eyes as the man led the woman out to the hitch rail and gently lifted her up on his pack saddle. The man shouldered his own pack, picked up his walkin' stick and clucked to the burro.

The burro was old, but he carried the load as easily as an old man milks a goat. From memory ... automatic. As he walked down the road, he passed his two younger, stronger companions. They were hitched to a water wheel and strained in their harness as they walked round and round. "Better this than that," thought the last burro.

They walked all day. It was the cool season, his hooves were hard as iron. The woman balanced well.

The second day the woman got off and walked a while. The man tied his pack on the saddle, and they walked on. As the days went by, the woman got off more often, and they'd stop to rest for a while.

They arrived in a town late one night. The man went in a house. The woman waited. Momentarily the man returned and led the burro around back to the stable. The burro was glad to get the saddle off. He was watered, tied in a far corner, and fed some grass hay.

The burro watched as the man put a blanket in one of the stalls and laid the woman down. Time passed. Later in the night, the woman walked out carrying a man-child and laid him in a hay manger.

The burro slept, as old men do, with one ear cocked. He saw the sheepmen come. He heard the singing. He'd heard it before. The burro had worked the sheep camps.

Next morning, the man fed and watered the burro and left. While he was gone, the woman picked up the man-child and brought him to the burro. She raised one of his tiny hands and stroked the burro's soft nose. She, herself, patted the burro's neck.

On the trip back home, the woman and man-child rode on the burro's back.

As the years went by, the woman would bring the growing man-child out to the corral and hold him up or set him on the burro's back. She would talk man-talk to the child. And when the burro got too old to work, the man-child would come and stroke his nose and give him a handful of grain.

One day, the burro could no longer get up. He became frightened. The woman and the grown young man came to the corral and held his head in their laps. They patted his rough coat and stroked his soft nose. Eventually the burro closed his eyes. He felt a teardrop on his face. It was the last thing he ever felt.

— Visit Baxter's Web site at www.baxterblack.com for more features and to purchase Baxter Black books, CDs and DVDs. His latest release is a collection of three audio books taking his usual humorous look at rodeo. Be sure to mention *The Owyhee Avalanche* when ordering.

Jon P. Brown, managing editor

Eyes on Owyhee Late edition



So you didn't get your copy of *The Owyhee Avalanche* last week? You're not alone, and for that I apologize. But, trust me, I share your frustration. We all do.

Each week, we work diligently to bring you timely, informative coverage of Owyhee County and some of the neighboring areas — Jordan Valley and Adrian, to be precise.

The work doesn't end with yours truly and reporter Todd Kleppinger gathering news of interest about local government, schools and your neighbors.

The *Owyhee Avalanche* has a whole crew — from pagination to the press guys to our insertion mavens — that take pride in the timely delivery of the newspaper each and every Wednesday.

Alas, it seems the pride ends when the U.S. Postal Service gets its hands on our edition each week.

To be fair, the Homedale Post Office — the initial entry point into the labyrinth that is the postal service — is just as prideful and diligent about getting *The Owyhee Avalanche* out to the public as anyone within the walls of our office and plant. Same goes for the folks at the post offices in Marsing, Melba, Murphy, Grand View, Bruneau, Jordan Valley and Adrian.

If they get the *Avalanche*, you get the *Avalanche*.

If no one gets the *Avalanche*, no one is pleased.

Apparently — judging from the dozens of phone calls we received last week — the problem doesn't lie with anyone west of Boise.

But, in the infinite wisdom of the USPS, anything that leaves the Homedale Post Office bound for parts known (every paper has a mailing label, and each is put in the correct

— See *Late*, Page 9B

From Washington Impact Aid helps fund schools near federal installations

Impact Aid is a crucial program that provides needed funding to school districts in Idaho. The Senate unanimously passed S.Res. 775, a bipartisan resolution I led with fellow Senate Impact Aid Coalition co-chair, Sen. Mazie Hirono (D-Hawaii), that recognizes the program's 70 years of delivering resources to federally impacted school districts to provide high-quality education and access to opportunities children need to reach their full potential.

The Congressional Research Service (CRS) provides the following description of the program: "Impact Aid compensates local educational agencies (LEAs) for a 'substantial and continuing financial burden' resulting from federal activities. These activities include federal ownership of certain lands, as well as the enrollments in LEAs of children whose parents work or live on federal property and children living on Indian lands. The federal government provides compensation because LEAs are unable to collect property or other taxes from these individuals (e.g., members of the uniformed services living on military bases) or their employers, even though the LEAs are obligated to provide free public education to their children. Thus, Impact Aid is intended to compensate LEAs, in part, for the resulting loss of tax revenue."

In 1950, President Harry Truman signed the Impact Aid program into law. The U.S. Department of Education administers Impact Aid, which is dispersed directly to local educational agencies. A total of 30 senators from both sides of the aisle, including Sen. Jim Risch (R-Idaho), co-sponsored the resolution. In the resolution, we included the following statistics illustrating the reach of Impact Aid:

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- In 2020, nearly 880,000 children, including children of individuals in the uniformed services, children residing on Indian lands, children in low-rent public housing, and children of civilians working or living on federal land are served by local educational agencies eligible for basic support payments under the Impact Aid program;
- There are 4.8 million acres of federally owned land within the boundaries of local educational agencies for which those local educational agencies are eligible to receive federal property payments under the Impact Aid program; and
- In fiscal year 2020, \$1,486,112,000 will be provided under the Impact Aid program

— See *Schools*, Page 9B

Commentary

Financial management

Get deliberate, personal and serious about attaining goals

Dear Dave,
I've got so many things I want to address and change about my life, both personally and professionally, in the coming year. Do you have any advice or practices for helping people be successful and achieve their goals?
— **Tim**

Dear Tim,
Goals are dreams, but you can't stop with just dreaming. Examining your goals inside and out, and by thoughtfully constructing small, achievable steps toward them is the key to creating change in your life. Remember, too, that it's your

responsibility — not someone else's — to fix things in your life. If you're waiting for someone or something else to make things better, you're going to be disappointed.
When it comes to setting and achieving goals, be specific about what you want to achieve. Vague, unspecified ideas will only cause you to feel overwhelmed, and this will likely lead to you giving up. Also, make your goals measurable. If you want to lose weight, don't simply write down "lose weight" as a goal. How much weight do you want to lose? How many pounds would you have to lose



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per week in order to see the desired result in a specified amount of time?

This one may sound silly, but are the goals you have in mind your goals? If a spouse or friend sets goals for you, you're probably not going to succeed. Creating a goal, and taking ownership of it, will give you more incentive to meet your goal. Setting a time frame will help you develop more realistic goals, too. And last, always put your goals in writing. Write them down, and review them often. This will provide you with added motivation to make your goals a reality.
Successful people examine and reassess their lives on a regular basis. When they realize changes need to be made, they start living

intentionally, in writing, on paper, and on purpose!
— **Dave**
— *Dave Ramsey is a seven-time No. 1 national best-selling author, personal finance expert, and host of The Dave Ramsey Show, heard by more than 16 million listeners each week. He has appeared on Good Morning America, CBS This Morning, Today Show, Fox News, CNN, Fox Business, and many more. Since 1992, Dave has helped people regain control of their money, build wealth and enhance their lives. He also serves as CEO for Ramsey Solutions.*

✓ Schools: Loss of property taxes brought Impact Aid 70 years ago

From Page 8B
to more than 1,100 local educational agencies that together enroll more than 10 million students.
The full text of the resolution can be read on my official website at <https://www.crapo.senate.gov>.
It is vital to ensure schools have the resources necessary to provide a positive learning environment for all students. Importantly, the Senate's passage of S.Res. 775 makes the unanimous statement that the Senate recognizes the importance of the objective of Impact Aid in ensuring all children educated in federally impacted school districts receive a high-quality education and have access to the opportunities they need to reach their full potential. This is an important reiteration in promoting strong, educational opportunities for all students, and I look forward to the continued success of Idaho schools and students backed through this program.
— *Republican Mike Crapo is Idaho's senior member of the U.S. Senate. He is in his fourth six-year term and has served in the Senate since 1999. Prior to that, he was a three-term Idaho Second District congressman.*

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Letter to the editor

Dems now have chance to return to their old ways

The voice n the radio, responding to the past election and current situation, announced, "We need a third party!"
What do you mean? We have a third party. It should be named what it is: the "Corruptocrats." They have succeeded in subverting our system by intimidation, referring to anyone who challenges them as racist, etc. The title "deplorables" tacked on objectors who represent middle America has become a badge of honor.
Population centers on the east and west coasts

along with those on the Great Lakes continue to consolidate their power, bending our Constitution in the process.
We have seen four years of relief here in the Owyhees from relentless attacks from environmentalist and agency sources. I believe they have been waiting in the wings for a change in administration and will return with a vengeance.
I hope I'm wrong.
Michael F. Hanley IV
Jordan Valley

✓ Late: Online subscription remedies SNAFUs

From Page 8B
bags here at our plant) winds up in a distribution center on Cole Road in Boise.
Even if it's supposed to go only 10 miles to Marsing or 14 miles to Adrian.
Most weeks, thankfully, that distribution center is just a way station for the cargo of information shipping to readers eager to know what's up south of the Snake River.
But there are weeks — far too many, I fear — when the processing and distribution center in south Boise is more akin to the Bermuda Triangle or a roach motel for reading material.
Newspapers go in, but they don't come out.
But maybe there's hope for USPS. Joe King from the Grand View Post Office informed us that the Dec. 16 newspapers finally arrived ... on Dec. 22.
No word on other destinations.
Emails left for the distribution wonks with the Boise plant went unanswered, so we don't have further information.
Exactly why papers stall on Cole Road is as much a mystery as where all those planes and ships went once they had entered that geometric chasm in the Atlantic Ocean off Florida.
There is a legend 'round these parts that one batch of Avalanches was found languishing in a rollaway basket in a dusty corner of the Boise plant several weeks after they were supposed to be in the mail.
OK, maybe it's not as dramatic as the Bermuda Triangle, but finding a reason for the lack of service

is just as frustrating.
Is it because the postal workers are overwhelmed by the holiday rush?
Is the Avalanche so compelling that there are postal workers sitting around the Boise plant thumbing through the newspaper?
At this point, your guess (or your theory) is as good as any that we've come up with around here.
Whatever is going on, some USPS folks don't seem too interested in finding the solution.
So, how do we solve it?
In the immediate future, the best way to solve the situation is for readers to call us when they don't receive a newspaper (Every time. Really, we don't mind.). We will be happy to mitigate the situation either by extending your subscription expiration date by one week or emailing a digital copy of that week's paper to you.
Another remedy: Readers can establish a companion online subscription to the Avalanche. The process is simple. Visit www.owyheeavalanche.com, click on "Current Issue" down the left-hand rail, and fill out the form on the page that appears.
We'll set up the online subscription as soon as we can on our end and, voila!, you have 24-hour access to the Avalanche — and access to the recent archives.
Those online subscriptions are free with your paid mail subscription to the Avalanche, by the way.
There truly are more ways than one to circumvent the ineptitude of a bureaucracy.
Thank you for your patience and your continued patronage of The Owyhee Avalanche.

Public notices

NOTICE
The annual meeting of the Bruneau Buckaroo Ditch Company will be held at the Bruneau Emergency Center on Monday, January 4, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.
Chris Alzola
Secretary
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12/23/2020

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CASE NO. CV37-20-00427
IN THE DISTRICT COURT
OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT OF
THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN
AND FOR THE COUTY OF
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Magistrate Division
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DENISE C. FINLEY, Deceased. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that SEAN W. FINLEY and ANNE M. FINLEY were appointed Co-Personal Representatives of the above-named estate. All persons having claims against the decedent or the estate are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of the Notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented to the undersigned at the address indicated and filed with the Clerk of the Court.
Dated: Dec. 17, 2020
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**NOTICE OF PROPOSED
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water rights within OWYHEE County(s): Right No(s). 51-25A; to see a full description of these rights and the proposed transfer, please see <https://research.idwr.idaho.gov/apps/waterrights/querynewtransfers>. The purpose of the transfer is to change a portion of the above rights as follows: The purpose of the transfer is to change the POU and reduce irrigation acres from 25 acres to 7.5 acres. Water will be used adjacent to the current place of use near Bruneau Idaho.

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For additional information concerning the property location, contact Western Region office at (208)334-2190. Protests may be submitted based on the criteria of Idaho Code Sec. 42-222. Any protest against the proposed change must be filed with the Department of Water Resources, Western Region, 2735 W AIRPORT WAY, BOISE ID 83705-5082 together with a protest fee of \$25.00 for each application on or before 1/4/2021. The protestant must also send a copy of the protest to the applicant.
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12/16,23/2020

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**IN THE DISTRICT COURT
OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT
OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND
FOR THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE**

Case No. CV37-20-00327

**SUMMONS FOR PUBLICATION
ON COMPLAINT FOR JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE
AND DECLARATORY RELIEF**

SUN WEST MORTGAGE COMPANY, INC.,
Plaintiff,

v.

THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, ASSIGNS AND DEVISEES OF GORDEN J. MAXWELL; THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, ASSIGNS AND DEVISEES OF BONNIE J. MAXWELL; RODGER MAXWELL; KENNETH MAXWELL; SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; AND DOES 1 THROUGH 20, et al.,
Defendants.

TO: **DEFENDANTS THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, ASSIGNS AND DEVISEES OF GORDEN J. MAXWELL; THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, ASSIGNS AND DEVISEES OF BONNIE J. MAXWELL; and DOES 1 through 20**, inclusive, including all parties with an interest in and/or residing in real property commonly known as **1674 RIVER ROAD, HOMEDALE, ID 83628**:

You have been sued by Sun West Mortgage Company, Inc., the Plaintiff, in the District Court in and for the County of Owyhee, Idaho, Case No. CV37-20-00327.

The nature of the claim against you is an action for declaratory relief and judicial foreclosure of the real property currently known as **1674 RIVER ROAD, HOMEDALE, ID 83628** and legally described as

A TRACT OF LAND SITUATED IN A PART OF GOVERNMENT LOT 5, SECTION 24, TOWNSHIP 4 NORTH, RANGE 6 WEST, BOISE MERIDIAN, OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID GOVERNMENT LOT 5, SAID CORNER MONUMENTED WITH A 5/8 INCH DIAMETER IRON PIN; THENCE SOUTH 89°55'46" WEST A DISTANCE OF 198.00 FEET ALONG THE SOUTHERLY BOUNDARY OF SAID GOVERNMENT LOT 5 TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, SAID POINT MONUMENTED WITH A 1/2 INCH DIAMETER IRON PIN; THENCE CONTINUING SOUTH 89°55'46" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 428.00 FEET ALONG THE SOUTHERLY BOUNDARY OF SAID GOVERNMENT LOT 5 TO A 1/2 INCH DIAMETER IRON PIN; THENCE NORTH 1°14'56" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 253.26 FEET PARALLEL WITH THE WESTERLY BOUNDARY OF SAID GOVERNMENT LOT 5 TO A 1/2 INCH DIAMETER IRON PIN; THENCE NORTH 89°55'46" EAST, A DISTANCE OF 205.97 FEET, PARALLEL WITH THE SOUTHERLY BOUNDARY OF SAID GOVERNMENT LOT 5 TO A 1/2 INCH DIAMETER IRON PIN; THENCE NORTH 89°55'46" EAST, 15.17 FEET TO A 1/2 INCH DIAMETER IRON PIN; THENCE SOUTH 77°32'50" EAST, A DISTANCE OF 136.75 FEET TO 1/2 INCH DIAMETER IRON PIN; THENCE SOUTH 19°26'06" EAST, A DISTANCE OF 236.96 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

Any time after 21 days following the last publication of this summons, the court may enter a judgment against you without further notice, unless prior to that time you filed a written response in the proper form, including the Case Number and paid any required filing fee to the Clerk of the Court at P.O. Box 128, 20381 State Hwy 78, Murphy, ID 83650, (208) 495-2421, and serve a copy of your response on the Plaintiff's attorney, Sydney K. Leavitt, at ALDRIDGE PITE, LLP, 13125 W. Persimmon Lane, Ste. 150, Boise, ID 83713.

A copy of the Summons and Complaint can be obtained by contacting either the Clerk of the Court or the attorney for Plaintiff. If you wish for legal assistance, you should immediately retain an attorney to advise you in this matter.

Dated: 12/4/2020
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT
By: s/ R Fahey
DEPUTY
12/16,23,30/2020,01/06/2021

From page 1B

✓ Funds: Trojans lose \$400 every night

that the athletic program is losing “close to \$400” every home game.

Grove plans to bring a more comprehensive examination to the January board meeting, including whether or not a fundraiser will be launched.

“We are brainstorming different fundraiser ideas as we speak,” he said last week. “Nothing’s for sure yet if we will or won’t run a fundraiser to help with the cost of officials for winter sports.”

In Marsing, athletic director Brian Marshall doesn’t expect a financial impact until the 2021-22 school year.

“Before we went into Stage 2, we had brought in about 80 percent of what basketball typically brings in through the gate, so things may be tight next year,” the Huskies’ first-year AD said.

Marshall said the school planned to play host to more Idaho Prep Basketball tournaments in anticipation of a fall-off in sports revenue. The tournaments usually feature between 60 and 100 games on a given weekend with the school receiving \$40 per game. Marsing already has played host to three tournaments.

Last weekend, the Western

Idaho December Showcase No. 3 was originally scheduled for Marsing. But, according to tournament information found online, Oregon-based organizers moved the Friday-Sunday tourney to Wilder.

“Ideally, we move back to Stage 3 and are able to open our gyms back up to the prep tournaments, and we can bring in enough to not be short,” he said.

Marshall is hopeful that fans will be allowed to attend spring sports contests because those games and competitions are held outside.

— JPB and TK

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Sports



Jordan Rodriguez of Meridian with a 2.27-pound Lahontan cutthroat trout, certified weight state-record fish he landed while ice fishing at Grasmere Reservoir in south-central Owyhee County. Photos courtesy Idaho Department of Fish and Game

Owyhee County produces two fishing records in 2020

by Martin Koenig
IDFG natural resource
program coordinator

With winter finally here, you might have thought we were done with record fish for a while. Nope, not yet.

Avid angler Jordan Rodriguez of Meridian decided to grab his ice auger and hit the road in search of some winter trout fishing.

While fishing Grasmere Reservoir in south-central Owyhee County on Saturday, Dec. 12, he landed a nice 20-inch Lahontan cutthroat trout.

The 2.27-pound cutthroat was big enough to set Idaho's certified weight record, passing the previous 1.17-pound record set by Hayleigh Urban in September.

Certified weight state record fish require being weighed on a certified scale, while catch/release records are based on total length.

While not native to Idaho, Lahontan cutthroat trout are originally native to the Lahontan Basin of northern Nevada, northeastern California and southeastern Oregon.

They have been planted in several remote high-desert lakes in southwestern Idaho where they offer a chance to catch this unique variety of cutthroat trout.

Rodriguez's haul is one of at least 27 state records that were set in 2020.

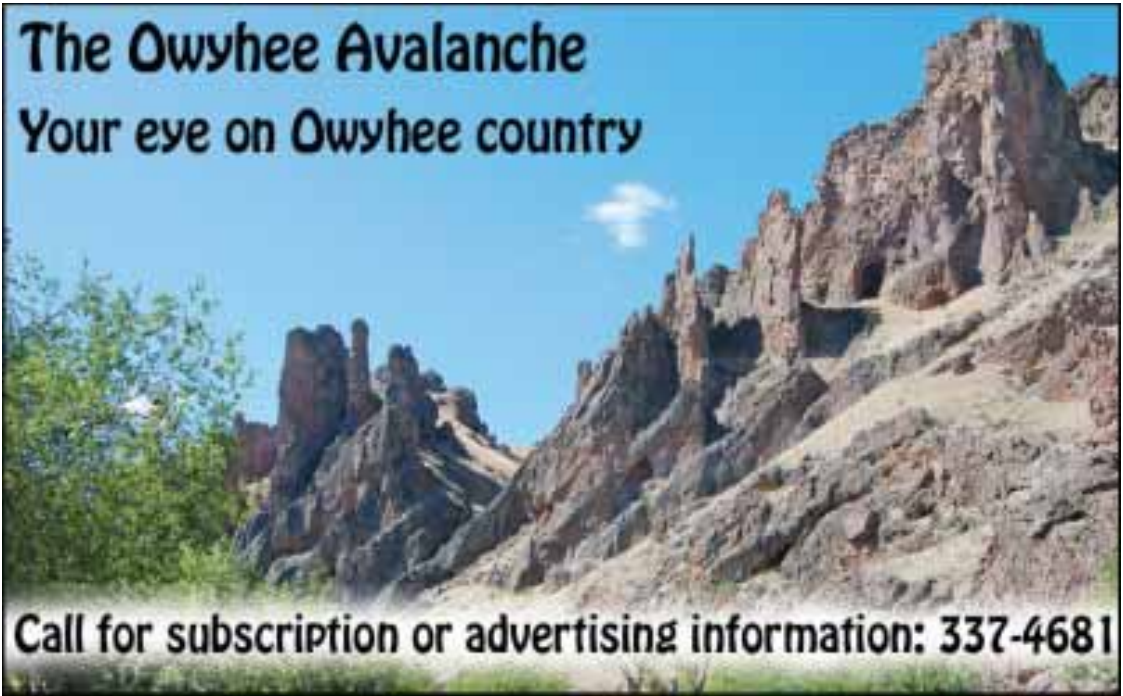
Among them was a catch-and-release record from the Snake River.

Homedale's Jared Holt caught a 42-inch flathead catfish in September to set the state's catch-and-release record for the species.



Homedale resident Jared Holt of Homedale set a catch/release state record when he hauled this 42-inch flathead catfish out of the Snake River in September.

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Jamie Anderson’s second-graders

Dear Santa,
I am nice. I help my mom and dad with the wood. I am nice to help my friends with math and reading. Santa, can I have a Beyblade sets. I want a tablet and I need a hamper to play with. Santa, I wish you a Merry Christmas.
Thank you, **Lowen W.**

Deer Santa
I was rely hoping to rite this letr. I have ben rell nice. I have ben plaing with my Brother. and feeding my dog. I wood like a wite tigr famaly Plee. I need a per of soks plees. Do You have eny Pets? I hope you have a gerate Cristemis
Love Yor frend, **Liora S.**

Dear Santa,
you are cool. I’m nice because I help my mom cleen and I want a Football game and toy and what I Need shoos and how meny I whant 3 but I have a question What color are your boots? I wish that you have a grate day. You are awesome!
Love, **Leo R.**

Dear Santa
I hop you are going to have a Merry Christmas. this year this is how I em nise. this year, I am going to Klen the dishis, Klen I am bedroom.
how is Mis. Clos.
Love **Jurnee S.**

Dear Santa
I hope you can diliver all the Presints and all or the ckids are happy and I Love You Santa and I hope you don’t crash and I Want a Minecraft and Robelox and I need Socks Cloces.
Love, **Elijah W.**

Dear Santa
I am going to loose a tooth One Day and i need a Ps% and I need a VR set an i need a Phone plz?!?.
Love **Mitchell E.**

Dear Santa,
I Love you Santa how hav you been? I Want tow Fortnite achon figure and I Need a new Ford hat and I was Nice because I hleped my friend Tuff up off the ground how hav your randear been?
Love **Ford J.**

Dear Santa,
I hope yoer rander are gud I be nise cuz I help my mom with the dishis and brom the haws i hope i get a ps4 and



Gabriela A., Jamie Anderson’s class, Homedale Elementary
a lego and socse i wont a psl cuz I wont to plae and the lego it coms me down and the socs cuz my are to littl i hope you are staine worm and helfe.
Love your frend
Frum **Alex D.**

Dear Santa
I hope you are doing good. I am plit I wood like a robot woch and a dron wate do you look like Sometimes I am funny I am nice two wase I am plit and a nathr is I do good at School I hope you have a nice flyt.
your friend **Paisley B.**

Dear Santa
Hi Santa i have ben good this yer I hop i am not itropting You Dear Santa for Chismas i want A book and i want a Big Hr skis and Barrbebolls and a Barrby hows and a camra how is it in the noth Poll have a good Chismis.
Love **Aaliyah M.**

Dear Santa
I hiope you have a safe trip dlivring the presins and can I ples have a huvrBord for Chrismis that is al.
Love, **Sophia M.**

Dear Santa
I would like to give you a dollar bill. I’ve been helpful to my grandma by helping her clean while she was at the hospital.
Please can I have a slime kit and a desk and my house

so I can work. And I want headphones. Why do you come at night and not at day? I’d give you cookies if you were sick.
Love, **Alex H.**

Dear Santa,
I wot to Be tolr i Love you Santa plea MS claws i sid She is cool i wot 2 hoverboards Ples and a dr bik with pads and a helmis alos and gas, srt chos
I’ve been nice. I hope you don’t miss christmas.
Love **Tuff H.**

Dear Santa,
I am nice bekus I klend my room and I klend The dishis Can I Have a pPhone and How are you? and LOL doll and a babydoll and a Amaricen girl doll and Have a merry Christmas Santa, tell Missis Clos that I Sed Hi Hi
Love You **JessahBell A.**

Dear Santa
How old are you I was cleaning My room I need to do the dishes How you’re Doing in the North Pole Santa
Can I have a cars 3 speedy comet’s Hauler Santa I will Give cookies and a carrot for the rendideer and a Drink For you Santa I Wish For a Nascar Aric amarola toy I Hope You Feel better in the north Pole Santa
love **Gilberto D.H.**

Dear Santa
I hope you have a good christmas. I helped a frind and helped my mom cook diner. I

want a baseball bat and I also want baseball Kleets. But I Need a mote conchrel Jet. How meny elfs do you have I hope you are helthy. and I hope you get around The world in time.
love **Garrett A.**

Dear Santa
I hope you have a good crismas Iv been very nice beaus I will allways help my grandm make dinner and help clean the kichen and I want all the kinds of lol dolls Please and a pink tablit I need a new par of boots and sox becaus myn are old and drty. Can I ask you a question how is Mrs Claws I hope you have a good crismas and I hope you get anuff Sleep after giving away all the Presents to all the kids and me and I will love the presets you give me and merry crismas ho ho ho
Your friend **Janie W.**

Dear Santa
I hope you have a grate christmas. and I been nice this year and I want a dog plush for I can sleep with it and the 2ne thing I want is a art set for I can color with it and I need is new hangers

becuse I ran out of hangers and why do you love cookies so much. I hope you feel well in the north pole.
you’r friend **Gabriela A.**

Dear Santa
Thank you Santa for giving me lots of gifts! I have been very nice this year. In one way is I play with my sister and one more is I did my chorrs. I would like a cupll My weird school books because I love to read! Also I would love some boy shorts because I don’t like the girl shorts I need some socks because myne have holes. Santa do you have kids? I wish you can get home and sleep all you want.
Sincerely, **Roenne R.**

Dear Santa
I hope you have a good cristmas this year. I have been nise this year. And I fouled my longery I cleaned the liveing room. And what I want to see if you can give me a siyent toy please. and a Ipad and what I need is sock and I love Siyens so that wood be fun and I need a new Ipad becus miyn crat . and

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With Warm Wishes at Christmastime

*May you and your loved ones enjoy His
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Dear Santa Claas,
My name is Axton. Santa can I axs a question? How do yor randeer fli? How do you go around the Wrld? I have been very good this Year! Frst, I holp my mom. Second, I did the cat box, Thisd, I hlnp my dad. May I let you want for Christmas. I want will like a ps5 I can Yosa gub. a bakc I Want to reed the cat in the hat. Thanks for reen my letter. You have a joyful Christmas.
Love, **Axton**

Dear Santa clos,
MY name is Aiden. Can I was you some questions? How do the radeer fly? Do you ever get sick? I have ben very good this yere. I cleen my room. I allwase feed my animls. May I tel you wat I want for christmas I Car and a Santa soot pleese and the Cristmas Speerety I wod like A Night bee for Cristmas book. Thak you Santa I hope you have a soopr lang list of good boys and grls.
Love **Aiden .**

Hello Santa,
My name is Kenneth. Why is it cold at the North pole? this year i followed directions. I would like a diesel truck for Christmas. Thank you Santa!
Love, **Kenneth .**

Dear Santa Claus,
Hi my name is Holly F. Santa can I ask sum cwestins! Wut is your favit toy? Wut is your favit color? Wut is your favit song?
I have been very good this year? Frst I help my brother get owt of bed. Second I help my mom cook then I help my dad get owt of bed. May I tell you whant I want for Christmas. I would like slime and Glafs and sisis are 3. Alots of Books pet Book. can you breg of dishes for my mom to cook mils? Thank you, Santa for reading my lettr. I hope you have a nis cookis on Chrimis.
Your friend, **Holly B.**

Dear Santa Clause
My name is Evan. I’d like to know How the elfs have Pointy ears? Also how do You come down the chimne without making noise? I should be on the nice list beause I help my mom clean up and i help Sett the tree up. i put my stuff away when my sister tells me to.
May I tell you what is on my

christmas list: I would like a nintendo swich Also i need a pare of socks. Also can i have the book one fish two fish red fish blue fish.
Thanks for reading my letter.
Your friend **Evan**

Dear Santa,
My name is Hayden. I have some qustions for you. How dow yor raderr fly? how dos Rudof’s glow? Sant I have been so good this year. I hold the door evey day. I have been yowseing miy manrs. Im Kind to PePle. May I tell you what I want for christmas? I want a makek in call oran ples I need huling biwtws Thank you for reading my letter. I hope wish you and Ellie a mery christmas.
Love, **Hayden .**

Dear Santa,
My name is Charlee L. I wont to rite sum queschins. Do you wer a mask? Do you git sik? I have been very good this year! First, I am kind. Second, I hellpt mi dad with the lites. Third, I smile! May I tell you what I want for Christmas? I would like Unspekbl shrts. I need mor mascs. I wod lik to red a book about nachr. Thank you Santa for read my letr. I hope you have a remrkbl Chismis!
Love, **Charlee L.**

Dear Santa,
My name is Preless M. Can

I tell you some questions? What do you eat at the Noth Pol? Dose Roodof alwas gide the slay?
I have been very good this year? First, I pick up trash on the playgrawnd. Second, I help my techer take somthing to the lost and fawnd. Third, I help my techer cleen up pipe cleeners. May I tell you what I want for Cristmas? I would like a Netedowe swich caler teell I could use some jeen shorts size 12. A book I would lik to read is Tales of Sasha chapter books. Thank you Santa for reading my letter. I hope you have a joyfill Cristmas
Love, **Preslee M.**

Dear Santa,
Hi My name is Paige S. Dear Santa, can I ask you two questions?> What is your faverit tree on Christmas? What is your faverit culer?
I have been very good this year! First, I help my Mom bake some times. Second, I am kined to people. Third, I help my ferends.
May I tell you what I want for Chrismis! A lol haose with lols in it please. Santa can I have. The book nameed Cerecher campers. I hope you have a jolly Chrismas!
Love **Paige S.**

Dear Santa,
My name is Eli I elves make all or the presents. I have been

very good the year. I help my brother to get the kitties when they escape. I help my mom make tea. For Christmas I want a new awccucis vR Thank you Santa for reaing my letter. I hope you have a

Jolly Christmas!
Your friend, **Eli .**

Dear Santa Clos,
My name is Carlie. I have
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**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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Dear Santa,
HI I hope you are well. what are your favorit cookies in christmas? I have been very good this year. I have been clining my hool hows all day evry Day. I hopepe you have been happy evry holiday. I want a Lanmoer that I can Drive, a umberella.
Love, **Sunnie B.**

Dear Santa
Hi. I hope you are nice. What is your favorite elf. I am good. I hope you tradl safle. I wont for christmas is a apple phone, a apple cas and a huvorbord. Meery christmas is.
Love, **Matia C.**

Dear Santa,
Santa I hope you hav a good yer. What is your Favret rander. I hav bin good I help my bruth. I want a huvrbord. I hope you hav a good yere.
Love, **Drake D.**

Dear Santa,
Hello.
Are you happy in the north pole? I have been good this year. I do my dog's food. I want 2 things a toy miny gun, friend-Z I hope you have happy holidays.
from **Vikktor H.**

Dear Santa,
Hello I hop you bine good have you Bin? good What is your favrit RanDer. I woDe like a Blue MegaNerf and a R/C pickup truck and a humve and a traktr tralr and a



Emilia M., Tina Uria's class, Homedale Elementary

R/C tanke kemo and a pupey and a Sniper BB Gune and a HuvrBord and a New Mask and a Woter Bodol.
Love, **Jace H.**

Dear Santa,
Hi, I hope you are wsell. What is your favorite elf. I have been good this year. I help clean the house. I want a Spider-man toy and amungus toys. Merry Christmas to you Santa!
From, **Dalton H.**

Dear Santa
Hello! I hope you are having fun up there. What is your favorte raitdeer? What is your farit. What I've been

this year is very good.
From, **Anthony L-D.**

Dear Santa,
Hello I hope you are well. Who is your favet elf? I hope I have ben good becous I want a calf for christmas.
from **Blake R.**

Dear Santa
Hi, How old are you? I have been extra nice because I do chors. I want three toys. A gteer toy, a cat, and a white bord. Happy Holidays!
Love, **Brystal R.**

Dear Santa,
Hi, I hope you are well today. What are your farie bears? I have been a litte good the year. I have been good ecuz I cleneup My room. My

farit thing for crism a recr kor. A toy car a prtend gun with boolis. Have a grat happy holidays.
Have a safe ride.
Love, **Francisco M.**

Dear Santa
Hi, I hope you are warm. I been a good boy this year. I help my mom clean up the house. Merry Chismas Santa. I wont a Big Tety Bear and a rc car.
from **Weston R**

Dear Santa,
Was I good this year Santa? how mene randers do you have Santa? do you have 21 randere Santa? I klingd the dishis and I rakt the lefs. well wishes I want a Huvrbord.
your frend, **Aiden S.**

Dear Santa,
Hi, I hope you are well. Do the elfs comes with you? I bin nice all year. I bin helppng my granmol. The things I want 2/3 theing I want a guitar, avngm vs plushes, white beadr, and banana split move bvb.
From, **Noel V.**

Dear Santa,
Hi, I hope you are warm in the north pole. How many raindeer do you have? How do you drop all the presents to all the good kids? I have been good. I helped my dad wraped my dog's foot, helped my mom put the chouths away and lots of other stuff. I want a Amarican girl doll shcool, a camma and a book called Karen's haircut. Have

a Merry christmas and tell Ms. Claus the elves and raindeer that.
Love, **Bretlee E.**

Dear Santa
Hello Santa. How are you doing at the north pole good. I hope you are. What is your favorite cake. I have anther question how old are you? I was very nice this year. How? I help my frenids and my famliy. What I want for christmas is a lot of jojo shirts, jojo pants, and jojo toys please. I hope you have geat dreams. I hope you drive carefully.
from, **Callista G.**

Dear Santa,
Hi I hope you did not get sick. do you have any kids I help out by picking up. What I want is a fish to name Bretlee and some techer suff. Because I like to play techer and three bloks of gold and a bit watch. I would love some new cowgirl stuff. My boots are a little small. I hope you have a safe fly AND DO NOT DO NOT GET SICK!!
From, **Emilia M.**

Dear Santa,
Hi, I hope you are warm. What is your favorte raindeer. I have been good this year. I helped my brother get a dog. I want a ps5, close, and boots. Be safe flying.
Love, **Austin Y.**

Dear Santa
How are you doining wate
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your friend, **Landin.**

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I Would like Vans and Frozen II Toy Car, and I miss you. I hope we can see each Other some day.
Your friend, **Naomie.**

Dear Santa Claus,
Hello, how are things at the North pole? For Christma may I have a Barbie house, puppy, and LOL house? I hope you and the reindeer have a Safe trip on Christmas Eve.
Your friend, **Daisy.**

Dear Santa,
How are the reindeer? May I have a radio for Christmas? May I have a Boris stuffed animal that is big? May I have a skateboard?
I hope you have a safe ride on Christmas.
Your friend, **June.**

Dear Santa,
Hi, how are you and Mrs. Claus doing? I would like a Nerfgun, rollerblades, and Nerfgun bullets for Christmas. I hope you have a good Christmas.
Your friend, **Bryan.**

Dear Santa,
Hi, how are you and Mrs. Claus doing? I would like a stuffed animal, shoes and a LOL doll for Christmas. I

want to wish you a Merry Christmas.
Your friend, **Destiney.**

Dear Santa Claus,
Hello, how is it in the North Pole? For Christmas may I have an electric bike, a soccer ball, and a stuffed animal? I hope you and the reindeer have a safe trip on Christmas Eve.
Your friend, **Carson.**

Dear Santa Claus,
How are you doing? For Christmas may I have a Barbie Doll? May I have a unicorn stuffed animal? May I have a Teenager LOL? I hope you and The reindeer and Mrs. Claus have a Merry Christmas.
your friend, **Adeline.**

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Claus doing? I would like a stuffed animal bunny and a new saddle for Christmas. I hope you and the reindeer have a safe trip on Christmas Eve.
Blake.

Dear Santa,
Hi, how are you and Mrs. Claus doing? I would like a Nerfgun, rollerblades, and Nerfgun bullets for Christmas. I hope you have a good Christmas.
Your friend, **Bryan.**

Dear Santa,
Hi, how are you and Mrs. Claus doing? I would like a pair of ice skates and some more legos please. I hope you would have a safe trip.
Your friend, **Arthas.**

Dear Santa,
Hello, how are things at the North Pole? For Christmas may I have a watch, watch charger, and a miny Christmas tree? I hope you and Mrs. Claus have a Merry Christmas.
Your friend, **Guadalupe.**

Dear Santa,
Hello, it is me Jacxe. I’d like to know if Rudolph is real. I’d like a dirt bike, a bunkbed, and a German Shepherd for Chrismes. Have a nice Christmas.
From, **Jace.**

Dear Santa Claus,
How are the reindeer doing? May I have a Barbie, a Barbie house, and LOL for Christmas?
I hope you have a very good Christmas.
Your friend, **Xitlaly**

Dear Santa,
Hi, how are you and Mrs. Claus doing? I would like a dog, new shoes, and a new jacket for Christmas.
Your friend, **Bradyn.**

Dear Santa,
Hi, how are you doing? I would like a Skate board and a punching bag for Christmas. Hope you have a good Chrismas
Your friend, **Trip.**

Dear Santa,
Hello, how are the reindeer doing in the North pole? For Christmas may I have some roller blades, ice skates, and some OMG dolls? I hope you stay warm on Chrismas Eve.
Your friend, **Lillian.**



June, Dorothy Hutchings’ class, Marsing Elementary



Clancy, Wendy Swenson’s class, Marsing Elementary

Homedale Elementary

Tina Uria’s second-graders

From previous page
wat are your fravret cookeas so wg can you not Show your Body to children can you also Bring your slay Pleas. Can I have A ginomis BoX of lego’s Pleas. titanic, and diPic, and Britanic, oK then Big lego’s ok.
your Frend **Hayden M.**

Dear Santa
Hi Whats your favret cookies But I want a Amung us playset. Amung us toys and Amung us cace and that is what I want for Christmas

happy Holaday Santa travl Safely.
from **Mykol C.**
I hop you ar fine Santa.
hal ar your rader and your elfs. Halcor you Santa or Your rigen jan. to peple is the noplefun or you wom in the nople. what or your rader.
from **Otniel P.**

Dear Santa,
Hi, I hop you are feleng good. Wat is your vavrit rander. how much presints

do you have ech year. This year I want a nrth gun mague Snipre and a huvrboard a mawonchruc rse
Love, **Parker L.**

Dear Santa,
hello, I hoPe you are worm in The norch Pol. How manney rander do you have. I have been good This yare. Bekos i fed my car win i git home. A how to tran yor gragin toy and how to Tran your gragin Sweatsrte.
Your friend, **Paislee B.**



... And our best wishes, too, to each and every one of you! Merry Christmas!



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Wendy Swenson’s second-graders

Dear Santa,
Are the reindeer ready to fly?
I am thankful for: Jesus, Santa, Life
I would like a gutar, lol dolls some Frozen 2 dolls.
Love **Karli.**

dear Santa
How has it been going at the North Pole? How are the elves doing? are the reindeer ready to fly? How was your year? is the Sleigh ready to fly
I am thankful for: Jesus I would like
from merry Chrismas you frend **Isaias.**

Dear Santa,
How was your year? I am thankful for my family. I would like slime and LOL doll.
From **Yatziri.**

Dear Santa
Is the Sleigh readg to fly? I am thankful for you. This is what I want for christmas. I want a electric scooter and a bike and microphone.
From **Nevaeh.**

Dear Santa
Is The sleigh ready to fly? I am Thank ful for: Family. I would like lol dolls and a micro phone.
Love, **Lcee**

Dear Santa,
How has it been going at The North Pole? I am Thankful for: family I would like harry potter Legos.
Merry Christmas **Trey.**

Dear Santa How are the elves doing? I am thankful for family. I would like pokymo cards and Beyblades and legos. From merry christmas your friend
love **Lince.**

Dear Santa
How are the elves doing? I am thankful for you and Jesus. I would like a hover bord and tablet and nintendo Switch.
your friend, **Emmett.**

Dear Santa,
How are the elves doing? I am thankful for family. I would like a tablet, a hover board and a cat.
Your friend **Kip.**

Dear Santa,
How was your year, I am

thankful for my famly, I would like
1. Mini Gitar
2. Bike
3. Nitedo Swich
your friend, **Clancy**

Dear Santa,
Are the reindeer ready to fly?
I am thankful for: my family and my School
I would like a L.O.L. and a five suprise and a Bows Merry Chriend
from **Skyler**

DEAR SANTA
HOW Was your year?
Im thankful for my family. I wald like a guiter and a bike and a Nintendo Switch.
from **Valeria**

Dear Santa,
How is it going at the north pole? I am thank-ful for Jesus. I would like, a welly-wisher toy doll, and a LOL, and some welly-wisher cloths.
Love, **Makenzee**

Dear Santa
How was your year?
I am Thankful for Santa. I would Like some bows and a guitar, and a microphone. Merry Christmas,
Love **Elsie**

Dear Santa
How was your year? I am thakful my family. This year I would like a LOL and a doll house and a new blanket.
merry Christmas, **Janee**



Nevaeh, Wendy Swenson’s class, Marsing Elementary



Roenne R., Jamie Anderson’s class, Homedale Elementary

Marsing Elementary

Mary Westrand’s second-graders

Dear Santa,
How is Mrs. Clous doing?
For Christmas I want a bike,
and a kitchen and a puppy.
Merry Chrstmas
Love, **Jenni.**

Deer Santa
I want to meet Rudolph.
For Christmas I want a RC
car, RC truck, and RC bumper
car. I hope your reindeer stay
safe.
From, **Ryder.**

Dear Santa,
How are you feeling? For
Christmas I want Poweman
cards, headphones, and cars I
hope you have good night.
Hugs and kisses, **Davian.**

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? For
Chistmas I would like
American doll accessories,
Sweat shirts and scrunchies.
Merry Christmas and a Happy
New year!
Hugs and kisses, **Colbie S.**

Dear Santa,
Are your elves okay? for
Christmas is Slime, Shoes,
and monster trucks.
I hope you have a good night.
From **Brielle.**

Dear Santa,
How is your Work Shop

doing? Foir Christmas I
want roller Skates, a bike,
and a tablet. I hope you and
Mrs. Claus have a Merry
Christmas.
Love **Macey.**

Dear Santa,
Are your elves okay? I
want a doll, journal, and a
book. Merry Christmas!
Love **Cynthia.**

Dear Santa,
I want to meet Rudolph. I
want Pokemon Cards, Mario
lego set, and Elf on the shelf
for Chistmas. I hope the elves
are doing okay.
From, **Atticus.**

Dear Santa
Are your elves okay I wiant
For Christmas a big Pokemon
Packet, an Apple Card, and a
billion dollars. Be careful!
From **Coby.**

I want to hello to Rudolph.
For Christmas I want a PS5,
Vbuck Cards, KYani toys.
Merry Christmas
Zacharia

Dear Santa
How is Mrs Claus?
For christmas I want unicorn
teddy, new blanket, and new
back pack.
Love **Kimberly.**



Trip, Dorothy Hutchings’ class, Marsing Elementary



Leopoldo R., Jamie Anderson’s class, Homedale Elementary

Homedale

Jamie Anderson

From Page 3
I’m runing lowe on socks.
How meney elves do you have.
Have a good cristmas.
Love **Taelah H.**

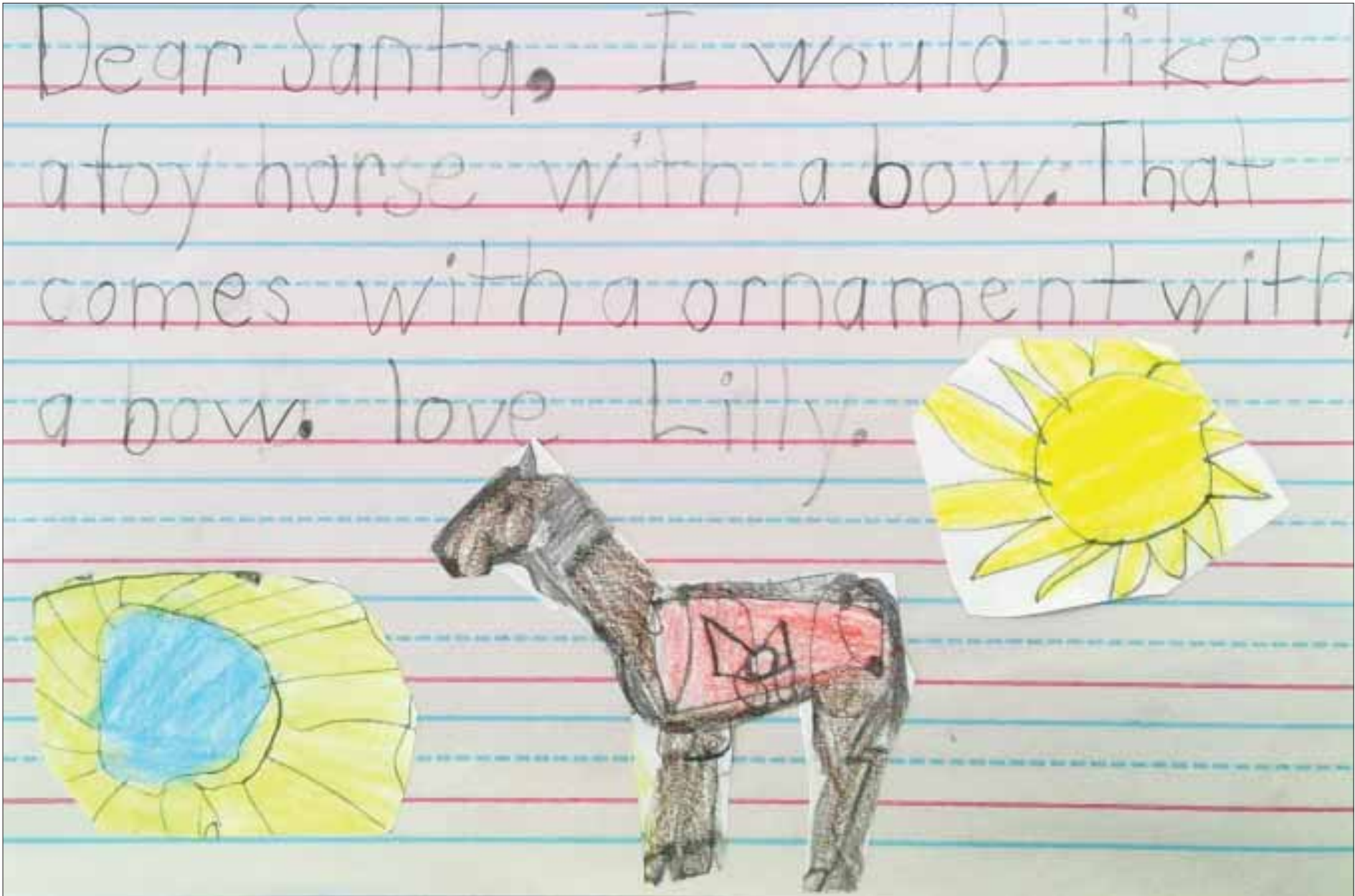
deer Santa
You are hansome. I have
been very nice. beacase on
halloween I help a littel girl
pick up candy. and I did
chorese. Can i plisess have
A book and an have a hover
bord and Chapstick beacas my
lip’s are dry and a fow books
beacas I want to get good at
reading. I wish you are helthy
and safe and getting around
the world in time and getting
all of the cookies you want
and get rest Merry Christmes.

Happy Christmes eve I hope
you can make it. I love toys!
Love **Sarah W.**

Dear Santa
Your cool. I am nice because
I help my frenids and family.
Sometimes I play wolfs with
my fenids. can i have a toy
horse and a toy goat? I need a
bike for my mom and my dad.
I hope you slept warm last
Christmas. Oh i almost forgot to
tell you what esll i whant. can
i have a toy vet. how is mrs.
Clas and your raindeer? how
is your raindeer Blizen? how
many elf’s do you have? what
is your favrit coler is it bule? I
hope your Staying warm.
love **Alyssa C.**

Three Creek School

Lilly B., Dena Pollock’s class



Pleasant Valley School

Alicia Bruce’s students

Dear Mr. Claus,
I was wondering how many elves do you have? Scooter showed up today. What would you like for Christmas? Also, what are your reindeer’s favorite foods? For Christmas, I would like a bull-whip making kit. If I was good, I would like a Chromebook. Oh, and a few sets of gloves. Have a holly jolly Christmas, it’s the best time of the year!

Love,
Pace

Dear Santa,
I have a question. My question is how do you watch us day and night? This is the stuff I would like to ask for, a hoverboard, sled with a steering wheel, and for my mom a puppy. Merry Christmas Santa.

Love,
Cy

Dear Santa,
How have you been? How many elves do you have? This year I would

like a 100 dollar bill and a toy dually pickup. I would also like a toy flatbed trailer with ramps. Thank you and fly safe.

Love,
Reese

Dear Santa,
Do your elves get a break from their jobs? How many elves do you have? For Christmas, I would like a puppy and a real 100 dollar bill. If I was really good I would like an Ipad. Have a Merry Christmas.

Love,
Houston

Dear Santa,
How do you fit down the chimney? I want a puppy and a little phone. Merry Christmas.

Love,
Bailey

Dear Santa,
What do your reindeer like to eat? I know they might like carrots. I will leave out what

they enjoy. What are all of your elves’ names? I already sent you a letter but, I forgot to put this on it. I would like a small TV for my room and one more thing, please bluetooth headphones purple. Stay warm up there. Tell everyone I said hi.

Love,
Ryann

Dear Santa,
How are all of your Christmas presents coming? I have a few questions to ask. First, how tall are all your elves? Next, do you like your cookies inside or outside? Last, are your elves named Christmas names? I would like some stuff to hunt in. I would also like a drone, some new gloves, and a sled. Have a Merry Christmas and enjoy your flight here.

Love,
Jayden

Dear Santa,
I want to ask a few questions. What

town do you go to first? Can you go to our house last so I can say Hi? What are your favorite elves? I would like an Xbox with the hunting game called Hunter Simulator 2, a phone, and a Chromebook too. Hopefully you have a good trip. Oh, where did you get your elves?

Love,
Colby

Dear Santa,
What are your reindeer’s names? I have been really good. I would like a small phone and a pink computer. Merry Christmas.

Love,
Cadee

Dear Santa,
Can your elves make Legos? Please can I have some for Christmas? I like the Marvel kind. Do your reindeer light your way?

Love,
Klay

Grand View Elementary

Britnie Meyers' class

Hello Santa
How are you doing? I hope you doing good I am doing good

I have been good I helped my aunt take in groceries I also helped clean the house.

I want a fortnight Durr bugger motorzed blaster and a zombie strike goulgrinder blaster. So me and my cousin can have a nerf war Can you land on roofs without snow?

That is what I want for Christmas Hope you have a good night.
Love Wyatt



Hello Santa,

How are your reindeers? How are you?
I have been nice to my friends. I play with them and I help them up.
I want LEGOs because they are fun.
I hope you have a nice flight.

Love,
Damien



Hello Santa,

How are you doing? Are you staying warm? how are your reindeer doing?

I am doing good. I am helping carry groceries into the home. I am good to other kids

I want a toy horse. I also want a laser gun because a lasr gun would be cool.

Love,
Kylee



Hello Elves,

How are you doing elves? you are the best elves! Thank you for the presents elves You are the best elves.

I have been good elves I want a toy monster truck. I helped my Ronda with the dishes.

I hope you are doing good

Love,
Tyler



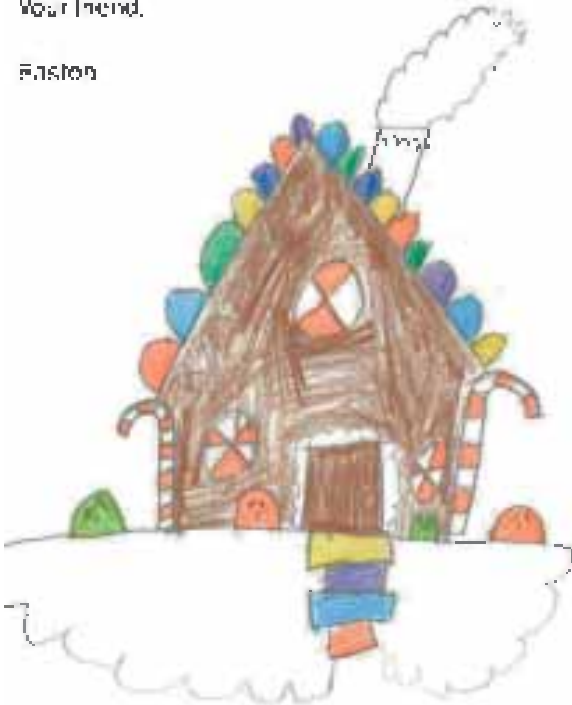
Grand View Elementary

Britnie Meyers' class

Hello Santa,

How are you doing? I hope you have a good christmas. How is Mrs. Claus?
I have been good. I help my mom pack in groceries. I help my mom clean. I want a little snowmobile because I can pull my siblings around. I also want two legos, one fire slashin, one jet ski so I can play with my siblings.

Your friend,
Eliason



Hello Santa,

How are you doing Santa? I love you. How are you doing in the cold weather?

I have been good at school. I listen to Mrs. Meyers.

I want new shoes because my shoes have a rip. My mom would like perfume. She likes to smell good.

I hope you have a good day.

Your friend,
Karely



Hello Santa,

How are your elves doing? Are you being good?

I am being really good. I'm cleaning my bedroom everyday.

What I want for Christmas is a puppy. I want a puppy because they are cute. They like to play and run.

I bet you are busy getting toys made. I am sure the elves help a lot. Make sure you feed the reindeer so your flight is safe!

Your friend,
Lydia



Hi Santa,

How are you doing?

I have been good because I did laundry and vacuuming.

I wonder if I can get a green bike and a drone please. Can you please? I want them because my bike is too small and my dad flew my drone in the house and it broke.

I hope you have a nice flight.

Love,
Karter



Grand View Elementary

Britnie Meyers' class

Hello Santa,

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How are your elves doing? Santa I hope you are well.
I have been good because I helped mom bring in the groceries. I have cleaned my room.

I want a dirt bike and a nerf gun please. I want them because I don't have them.

Have a safe flight!

Love,

Lavi



Hello Santa,

How are you doing in the snow? Where do you live Santa?

My friends from Nevada came over and spent the night three times on the weekend when school was out.

I want gloves because I have none. I have no more presents I want.

How are your elf's doing? I'm doing good.

Your friend,
Dillon



Hello Santa Claus

How is Mrs. Claus and the elves doing and the reindeer? I hope everyone is doing good. I hope everyone is not sick. I have been good. I have been kind to my friends and I have been helping my mom and dad. I hope you are doing well.
I want a dirt bike because I never had one. I want earrings because I have only had one pair. I want five sticky hands because I have never had them.

Best wishes,
Arianna



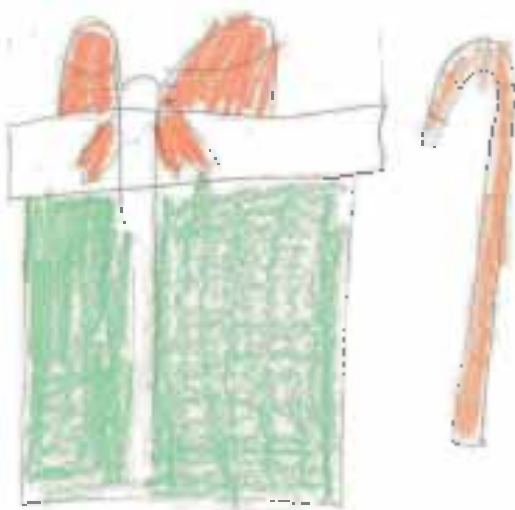
Hi Santa,

How are you doing? I hope you have been warm.

I have been good. I have been nice to my friends and I have been raising my hand in class.

I want a bike for Christmas and I want a sand block and I want 3 slimes and I want a phone too for me and my sisters. I want a bike because my bike is too small. I want a sand block so when I get home I can get my sand block and write my words. I want 3 slimes because slime is fun. I want a phone so my mom and Dad don't have to buy us one.

Your friend,
Karmen



Hello Santa.

How are you doing? I hope you are doing good too. How is Mrs. Claus? I hope she is doing good too. Is Ms. Lehman one of your elves?

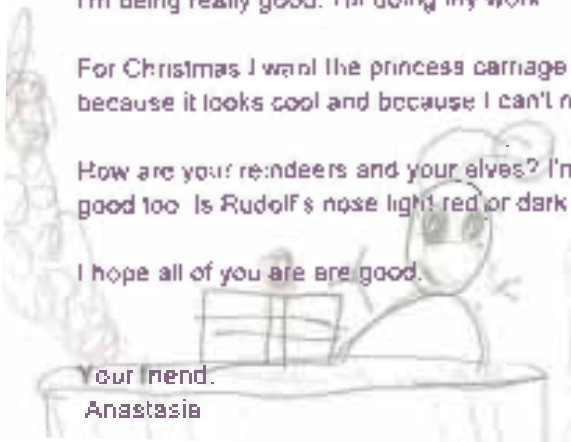
I'm being really good. I'm doing my work.

For Christmas I want the princess carriage in Walmart because it looks cool and because I can't run very well.

How are your reindeers and your elves? I'm doing good too. Is Rudolf's nose light red or dark red or both?

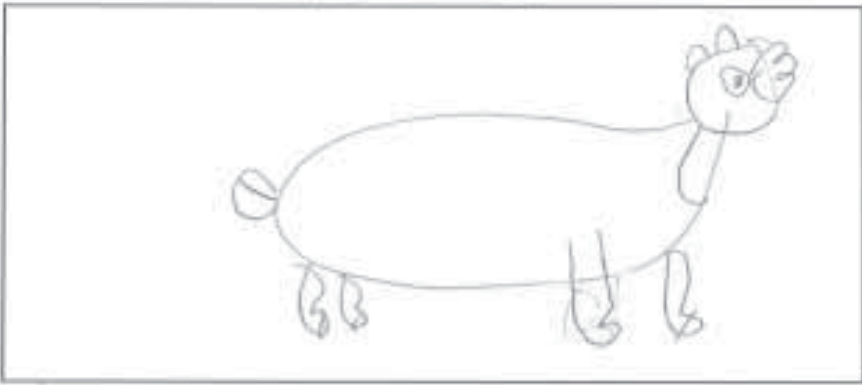
I hope all of you are good.

Your friend,
Anastasia



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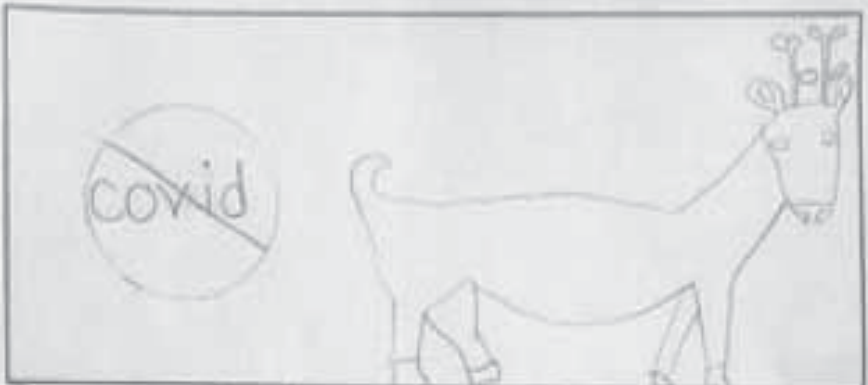
Crissy Terry's students



Dear Santa,

Have you been good or bad?

I help my dad. I went to
Grandma's house. I would
like a sled and a corgi
puppy. Love Rainer (k)



Dear Santa, can I please
have a reindeer that can
walk when you push a
button? Can you please make
the coronavirus go away
too? Santa, how do reindeer
fly? Merry Christmas Santa!
LOVE,
Laynee (2nd)



Dear Santa,

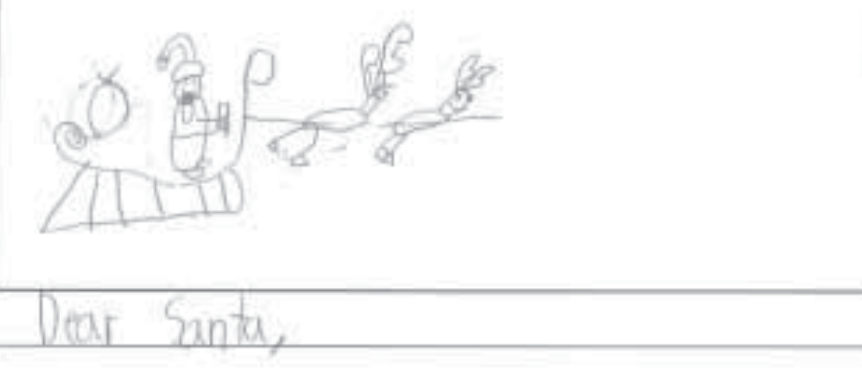
I said love you to dad.
I would like the video
game marvel spider man.
How is it up there?
oh and can you please get
me a Santa hat thanks
love tristan. (2nd)

Travis



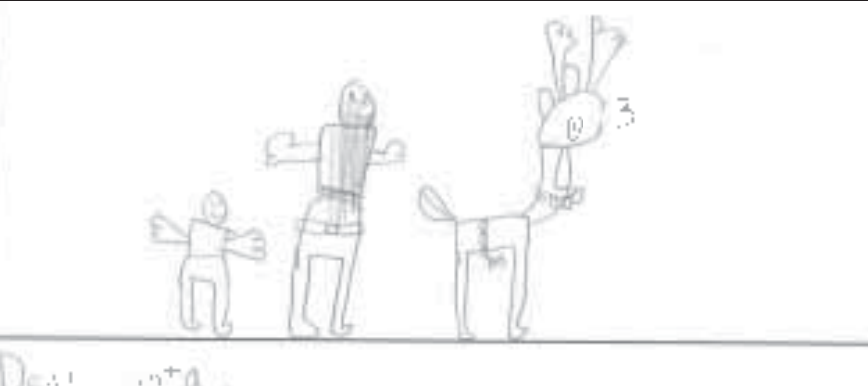
Dear Santa,

How are you doing? How is
the North Pole? I picked a box
for my dad. I helped pick up the
room. Santa I want a Big and
a Small pig.
Love vince. (2nd)



Dear Santa,

I helped with the chore. I helped with the
puppies. I eat my vegetables. I would like a girl
a blue bear and a bunny house. Thank you
for being good. How are the elves? How are you
reindeer? Love Saday. (1st)



Dear Santa,

I help my mom and my mom.
I want jessy and baby and a snow globe.
What are the elves names?
Love Purley (2nd)

Jordan Valley Elementary

Crissy Terry’s students



Dear Santa,
How are you? I hope you
bring a fox. I got my
chores done.
Love Buster (1st)



Dear Santa,
I brot 4 dogs in.
I Cleen my room. I Fed
my dog. I want a
elektrik sled. I
want a Hover Board
and Board House.
Have you beeh sic KP
How many elves are
there? How are your
reindeer doing? Love
Austynn (1st)

Laura Eubanks’ class

From Page 4
help my sisters clene the room. I want a late bug. I want ten Barbies. I need a new shert. How old are you?
Love, Mia H.

Dear Santa
I hope you are warm at the noth pole Santa and I want A R.C. car Santa and A Lizerd to ono more thing A watch do you have Kids how do you make all Those presints I need soks and shose and I hope you have a good chritmas. Bye
Love Titus R.

Homedale Elementary

Kristi Uria’s second-graders

From Page 5
sum qweshens for you if you dowl mined. How do you get arwd the wold in 8 hours wut do you do the rest of the yeer?
I hope I am on the nice list becus I am nice to my Sisters I help my mom cook tacos. I compliment people all the Time. I woud like to tel you wut I wont for Christmas. I want mor made tel, a tocing groing baby Alive, Amercen gril dall. Thank you for reading my letter. I hope you and Ellie a mery Christmas.
Love, Carlie

Dear Santa,
Hi my name is Evelyn. Can I ask you sum questins. How do your reindeer fly? Is Rodoph real? I have been very good this year. First, I reamind my sistr to feed the animals. Second, I play with my sistr. Third, I work hard.
I would like a fitbit. I would use food. I would like popup book. Thank you for reading my letter.
Love Evelyn

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Trigger C. I have two questions. Who

your favort Elf? How does your randeer fly.
I have been very good this year First, I help my mom and dad clean the house. Second, I help my mom cook cookies. Third I help my dad grows shop.
May I tell you want for Christmas I would like a green hond dirt bike I could use a sony white ps5 A book i wold like to read is the witchs. Thank you Santa for reading my letter. I hope you get to eat your favorte cookies at all of the house. I hope you have a long list of good boys and girls.
Love Trigger C.

Dear Santa,
Hiy Mi name is Alfredo L. How dow reindeer flis with the lill Bells?
I have been very good I hap mi mom with food. mi mom with lunth. mi mom haps me with mi lonjre. May I tell you what I want for christmas? I would like a Iy wont fopol gluvs I woht a ifon and erpos. Buk uv irman B Thank you Santa for reding my letter. I hope you god Boys and gawd grls.
Love, Alfredo L.

Dear Santa Claus,
Hi my name is Adley L. Can I ask you some questions? Does your sleigh run by true believers? Is Rodoph real?
I have been very good this year! First, I always feed my animals. Second, I help my grandma. Third, I play with my brother Jett.
May I tell you what I want for Christmas? I would like the video game Just Dance 2021. I could use some clothes size 10-12. A book I would like is a Dogman book.
Thank you, Santa for reading my letter! I hope you have a remarkable Christmas!
Love Adley L.

Dear Santa,
Hi my name is Juan. Can I ask two questions? I teak my dog owt side to get fresher. I doo my chors done. I hav been vere good. First, I get my i stake my dog owtside for fresher may i tall you what I would like a Blak PS5. I would wont a book uv the witchs. Thank you for reding my list. Hav a grat Crismis!
Your frind, Juan