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LUKE'S CHRISTMAS STORY

Luke 2:1-20

King James Version

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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Christmas past and present

REV. HEIDI SMITH-TAKATORI

Rev. Heidi Smith-Takatori is the pastor at Homedale First Presbyterian Church, which is located at 320 N. 6th St. W.

The church serves a free lunch each Saturday at 11:30 a.m., and is the site for a food bank drop-off on the fourth Thursday of the month.

For more information about the church, call (208) 337-5419.



Rev. Heidi Smith-Takatori

Christmas message

Mary, Did You Know?

by Rev. Heidi Smith-Takatori

One of my favorite Christmas songs is Mark Lowry’s “Mary, Did You Know?” A few years back, I read a piece by a writer who objected to the song. His points were well-made — certainly Mary knew! The angel Gabriel told her in advance of her pregnancy exactly what God was asking of her. His appearance startles her — but when he greets her, she is not timid; the Mary of the Bible confronts him asking, “What kind of a greeting is this?” When he explains that God has “favored” her, and that she will become pregnant and bear God’s Son, she questions him: “How can I become pregnant? I’m a virgin!” She is not shy or retiring, unacquainted with the facts of life — she is bold enough to challenge an angel!

She also doesn’t simply give in — she considers what the angel tells her, and makes a conscious choice to do what God asks, without consulting Joseph or parents. The Mary of the Bible is no pushover — she is a bold young woman! She is also independent enough that when she is told her kinswoman Elizabeth is also pregnant in a miraculous way, she journeys from Nazareth to Jerusalem to visit her, once her own pregnancy has come about.

Mary definitely went into her holy pregnancy with eyes wide open, knowing there would be consequences. She would have to face a community that would consider her an outcast, for becoming pregnant prior to marriage. She risked losing

Joseph, her beloved fiancé — but she stepped out in faith and followed God anyway. (Thankfully, God sent Gabriel to Joseph, as well, to explain the situation!) She certainly knew that the Son of God would be all-powerful (the general gist of the song in question!), and that His mission was to save the world. Surely she was also aware that her Son would run into opposition in this sordid world. But God chose a brave woman — He knew that His Son would need a very strong mother. We get a glimmer of Mary’s strength on her visit to Elizabeth, when she sings her Magnificat in public, in the Temple!

So yes, Mary knew. But in defense of the song, there is a difference between foreknowledge and hindsight. We go into many things in life with eyes wide open. But there is something concrete in the experience that simply cannot be “pre-experienced” in advance. When someone shows us pictures of the Grand Canyon, for instance, we “know” what we will see when we get there, but they cannot prepare us for the actual view from the canyon rim!

So even as we sing “Mary, Did You Know?” at Christmas, perhaps we should consider not the Mary at the manger but instead the Mary at the cross, looking back with hindsight — for when we meet her there, even with all the foreknowledge she had, it is indeed appropriate to ask, “Mary, Did You Know?”



The Christmas lights at Marsing’s Island Park reflect off the Snake River earlier this month.

A holiday reflection from 150 years ago

From The Owyhee Avalanche, December 24, 1870

Merry Christmas

The angel’s hymn, which eighteen hundred years ago was wafted o’er Juda’s plains to the shepherds, proclaiming the birth of Israel’s King, and chanting “Peace on Earth, Good Will to Man,” has reverberated all those centuries through the corridors of time, and strikes our ears with renewed sweetness as on the threshold of another Christmas we stand. The Christmas light is breaking upon us, and even now we seem to catch the first strains of “Gloria in Excelsis,” and with rapturous hearts we swell the notes “Glory to God in the Highest.”

In the home of the rich, where wealth supplies every want, and where blessings are manifold; in the hovel of the poor, where perhaps the only Christmas light is the smiling face of an innocent babe, glad voices raise their praise, and the song is still the same. We stand upon the verge of another Christmas.

A year has passed since last we mingled in its festivities, and we are brought again to share its pleasures. We know that it is at hand, for the stores are teeming with beautiful presents -- windows glitter with their wealth of costly goods, which seem to smile as we look at them; Christmas trees are being prepared; the churches throughout the land are being decorated; nimble fingers twine the bay, and young faces are breaking into ripples of joy at the anticipated visit of “Santa Claus.”

To the young the charm of Christmas lies in the number and beauty of the presents it brings; to the older it has a far deeper significance. Who can forget the feelings of his earlier years as Christmas was announced? The expectations, the longings, the hopes, the fears, the desire to sit up and see the man who filled the stockings; to watch

him come down the chimney; to witness his departure over the roof, with his “Dancer and Prancer,” and “Donder and Blixen.” But watch ever so closely we could never catch him, for the eyes would grow weary, and the little head drop over, fast asleep.

O, who can forget the joys on awaking on Christmas morn, with the Christmas light falling upon stockings swelled with Christmas gifts, with candies and other precious sweet-meats! and a jumping jack staring right at you! There would be dolls for the girls; dolls with rubber heads and red dresses; dolls that would cry; and new dresses -- and away down at the bottom, down in the toe, candy always. For the boys there would be jackknives, glittering and sharp; monkeys with grotesque faces; popguns to satisfy the martial mind; marbles by the dozen -- and -- candy at the bottom. O, happy, happy moments, when children count their gifts and wonder how the treasure man could so well anticipate their wishes! And these pleasures outlive childhood; we do not bury their joys in the childhood’s flower-decked tomb. They grow upon us, and we live them over again, when we hear the merry laughter of children on Christmas morn.

Then comes the Christmas dinner, glorious feast! Another Utopia where children revel, whose airs are redolent with the flavor of roast turkeys; whose rivers flows with oyster soup, through whose mist may be seen the marsh of cranberry sauce, with its floating island, and, towering high beyond, the mountain of plum cake; the ruddy flow of old Java pouring from the side of a bounteous reservoir. And then to see them swim the river, wade the marsh, clamber upon the island, scale the mountain, and

drink from the crimson stream! Say that children do not revel in such scenes, and you deny the existence of childhood. There is the Christmas tree, with its installment of gifts; the little ones puzzle their brains to know how “Santa Claus” got them there, for they surely have kept watch and ward. The little tapers burn cheerily, and the limbs spring back as their burdens are removed. The dolls are gone, the candy eaten, the books distributed, the wooden horses have galloped away -- and nothing remains but the pine branches.

The little ones are put to bed; they lie down and dream -- of what, the little mind only knows. There are many about us, who are looking forward to Christmas with joyful expectations; there are the young and the old -- the young to stockings corpulent with presents -- the old to a happy reunion with friends. Already the Christmas tree begins to bend beneath its precious burdens, and Christmas dinners preparing. Let us romp with the children and live again the pleasures of youth. From every home let the shout go up, “Laus Deo.” From the field, the workshop and the mine, let the laborer cry “Laus Deo.” From the halls of splendor and the habitations of poverty let frail humanity sing “Laus Deo.” From the priest, and from the congregation, let “Laus Deo” arise in one grand harmonious pean to the Throne above. Yes, “Praise God” for the Christmas light, and teach your little ones as they grow up the deep significance of the word, and the value of God’s gift to man. “Wreath the holly, twine the hay, Christ was born on Christmas day,” and, whether at home or abroad, in church or out, do not forget the angel’s song, “Peace on earth, good will to men.”

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Homedale High School girls' basketball junior varsity players get help from City Councilman Mike Aebischer (right) in moving boxes of food into the El-Ada Community Action Partnership Owyhee County food pantry Friday.

Volunteers unload truckload of food shipped for local pantries

There was a day's delay, but pantries in Marsing and Homedale benefitted from a huge donation Friday.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints provided a semi-trailer full of boxed commodities to The HUB in Marsing and the El-Ada Community Action Partnership Owyhee County location in Homedale.

The food was delivered Friday, one day after the semi-trailer's trip from Salt Lake City was delayed because of

weather.

Volunteers showed up at both locations after the driver unloaded several pallets of food.

In Homedale, the high school's junior varsity girls' basketball team, coach Benji Sorenson and City Councilman Mike Aebischer were among the volunteers who formed a bucket brigade to move each box of food into the pantry at El-Ada's office at 15 W. Colorado Ave.

LDS missionaries were also on hand

to help move the food.

In Marsing, businessman Brian Isert put out a call for volunteers on social media, and folks showed up at the HUB on 8th Avenue West to unload several pallets and help pantry coordinator Becky Barkell organize the shelves.

Food is regularly available at the El-Ada pantry, while Barkell opens the doors of the HUB pantry from 9 a.m., to 1 p.m., on Wednesdays when school is in session.

Changing of guard in youth program

McMichael enters final week at Homedale library

The Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library Teens & Tweens group will meet this week, but Emily Lincoln is already looking ahead.

The new youth program coordinator for Homedale's city library has already mapped out a theme for the final Teens & Tweens activity of 2021.

At 5 p.m., on Thursday, Dec. 30, boys and girls ages 10-17 will have the opportunity to create Self Portrait Hand Art."

Lincoln said the participants will embark on a team-building activity that combines creative writing and art.

"The teens will be creating art that represents them as individuals," Lincoln said. "They will trace their hand prints on paper and will be writing interesting things about themselves."

Once the creative activity is complete, the teens will go around the room and show their work to their peers.

— See *Program*, page 9A

Local Christmas services planned in coming days

Area churches will hold Christmas-related services in the coming days.

- Vision Community Church in Marsing will present a free community Christmas dinner at 6:15 p.m., today. The Simmons family will perform a concert, too.

The church is located at 221 W. Main St., in Marsing.

- Calvary Fellowship in Homedale will hold a Candlelight Communion Service at 7 p.m., today at 711 W. Idaho Ave.

Several church's will hold Christmas Eve services:

- A candlelight service is planned for 5 p.m., at the Mountain View Church of the Nazarene, 26515 Ustick Road, Homedale. The church is located at the

corner of Ustick Road and Batt Corner Road in Canyon County.

- Knight Community Church, 630 Idaho St., in Grand View plans a Christmas Eve service at 6:30 p.m.
- The Homedale Assembly of God will hold a candlelight service at 7 p.m. The church is located at 15 W. Montana Ave.

- Homedale Friends Community Church's candlelight service also starts at 7 inside that church at 17434 U.S. Hwy. 95, which is north of Homedale over the Snake River.
- The First Presbyterian Church of Homedale will hold a candlelight

— See *Christmas*, page 5A



This week for subscribers: The Owyhee Avalanche's 2022 calendar

Businesses, governments announce Christmas hours

Government offices will be closed Friday to observe Christmas, but Homedale City Hall will close early on Thursday as part of the city’s Christmas break.

Homedale City Hall will be closed at noon Thursday, and Grand View City Hall will be closed all day Thursday, which is typically the final day of the business week for that city government.

The rest of the government offices in the county — Marsing City Hall and the Owyhee County Courthouse and annexes (including Division of Motor Vehicles offices) — will be closed Friday for the holiday.

Emergency response such as law enforcement, fire and medical services will be available through the holiday weekend as well the county

emergency dispatch.

Other holiday hours include:

- Albertsons in Homedale will close at 4 p.m., on Friday and will remain closed on Christmas Day. The Sav-On Pharmacy inside the store will close at 3 p.m., on Christmas Eve and will be closed all day Christmas Day.

- Homedale Drug and the state liquor store inside will have regular hours Friday and will be closed Saturday.

- M & W Market and its liquor store will close at 7 p.m., on Friday and remain closed Saturday.

- The Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library in Homedale, and Marsing’s Lizard Butte Library will be closed both Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. The libraries will reopen

on Monday.

- The Eastern Owyhee County Library in Grand View is closed today through Sunday and will be open regular hours on Monday and Tuesday.

- The Bruneau Valley Library is always closed on Friday and Saturday.

- Homedale Senior Center is closed today and Thursday for Christmas. It will reopen on Tuesday.

- The Rimrock Senior Center in Grand View is only open on Tuesday and Thursday each week, so the holiday won’t affect its operation.

- There will be no congregate meal at the Sandbar Community Room inside Marsing City Hall on Friday because of the holiday.

- Republic Services, the

parent company of Westowns Disposal, Inc., will have regular garbage pickup days next week ahead of the New Year’s holiday.

- The Owyhee Avalanche office will be closed the next two Fridays for Christmas and New Year’s, and deadlines for the next two issues will be affected by the Christmas and New Year’s holidays.

The deadline for display advertising insertions is noon on Thursday this week and next.

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Deadlines for classified advertising (noon on Monday) and legal notices (noon on Friday) will remain the same both weeks.

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Correction

Homedale M.S. district medalists omitted

Eighth-grader Tayson McKay won a 3A District III championship for Homedale Middle School on Dec. 11.

The 185-pound wrestler’s title and two other medalists were mistakenly unreported in the tournament roundup in The Owyhee Avalanche on Dec. 15.

McKay beat top-seeded Alex Arredondo of Fruitland in the district championship bout at Payette Lakes Middle School

in McCall.

“Tayson’s match was a highlight of the tournament,” HMS coach Ryan Nash said.

“Tayson had come up short against (Arredondo) all season, so it was really exciting to see him beat him in the district championship.”

Another eighth-grader, Kade Hall, was runner-up at 152 pounds, and Miriah Kiser finishd third at 152.

Kiser was the highest-placing girl in the tournament. Two other girls — one each from Payette and Fruitland — collected fourth-place medals.

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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						
12/14	0.3	1	3.7	36	15	27
12/15	0.4	2	3.8	26	3	17
12/16	0.8	6	4.1	33	25	28
12/17	1.1	7	4.4	29	12	23
12/18	1.0	7	4.4	33	12	20
12/19	1.0	7	4.4	35	17	27
12/20	1.0	6	4.4	n/a	n/a	n/a
Reynolds Creek						
12/14	0.3	1	3.9	37	16	23
12/15	0.5	1	4.1	24	13	19
12/16	0.6	2	4.2	29	21	26
12/17	0.8	3	4.4	27	15	23
12/18	0.8	2	4.4	36	16	29
12/19	0.8	2	4.4	39	33	36
12/20	0.8	1	4.4	n/a	n/a	n/a
South Mountain						
12/14	0.5	2	7.9	32	13	23
12/15	1.0	7	8.4	26	12	18
12/16	1.4	9	8.8	29	24	25
12/17	1.8	12	9.3	29	18	23
12/18	1.9	11	9.4	42	26	33
12/19	1.9	10	9.4	40	33	36
12/20	1.9	8	9.4	n/a	n/a	n/a

Water report

The Bureau of Reclamation website showed that the Owyhee Reservoir was 16 percent full and that water was flowing in the Owyhee River above the reservoir at Rome, Ore., at a rate of 159 cubic feet per second. Water is flowing out at Nyssa, Ore., at a rate of 23 cubic feet per second. The reservoir held 111,934 acre-feet of water on Monday.

Marsing AcaDeca students soar

Marsing High School's Academic Decathlon students are ranked fourth overall statewide among their small-school peers.

Advisor Lennie Freeman's team recently competed in an online invitational that featured schools of all sizes.

There were seven regional medal winners and 40 small-school medal recipients.

Art

Regional — Nathan Madrid, Varsity gold

Small school — Honors: Amelia Green, gold; Emily Whitted, silver; and Alex Christiansen, bronze; Scholastic: Lexi Loucks and Jared Bowers, bronze; Varsity: Madrid, gold, Hailey Andrus, silver; and Anna Gluch, bronze

Economics

Regional Honors — Laz Sevy, bronze

Small school — Honors: Sevy, gold; Loucks, silver; and Ben Edwards, bronze; Scholastic: Audrie Miller, bronze; and Varsity: Hailey Andrus, bronze

Literature

Regional Varsity— Tessa Germann, silver

School school — Honors: Sevy, gold; Edwards, silver; and Christiansen, bronze; Scholastic: Bowers, gold; Miller, silver; Llee Loucks, bronze; Varsity: Germann, gold; and Madrid, silver

Math

Regional Varsity — Gluch, bronze

Small school — Honors: Sevy, silver; and Green, bronze; Scholastic: Bowers, gold; and Lexi Loucks, silver; Varsity: Gluch, silver

Music

Regional Varsity — Germann, gold; Gluch, silver

Small school — Honors: Sevy, gold; and Emily Thoene, bronze; Scholastic: Lexi Loucks, bronze; Varsity: Germann, gold;

and Gluch, silver

Science

Small school — Honors: Sevy, gold; Edwards, silver; and Whitted, bronze; Scholastic: Bowers, silver

Social science

Regional Varsity — Andrus, silver

Small-school winners — Honors: Whitted, gold; Sevy and Edwards, tied for bronze; Scholastic: Bowers, silver; Varsity: Andrus, gold

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Courthouse report

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

Dec. 10

Rebecca Ann Armfield, Caldwell — Felony controlled substance possession 2x (plea deal): 3 to 7 years in state prison (149 days served), \$921 in court costs

Melanie Renee Duncan-Brown, Nampa — Felony controlled substance possession (plea deal): 2 to 4 years in state prison (suspended), 3 years felony probation, \$500 in fines, \$635.50 in court costs. **Dismissed by prosecuting attorney:** Felony controlled substance possession

Farhad Hamsada, Sacramento, Calif. — Misdemeanor commercial freight regulations, false logbook: \$43.50 in fines, \$160.50 in court costs

Andrey F. Khrestsov, Coeur d'Alene — Misdemeanor motor carrier violation fail to stop at checking station or submit to inspection, grading or weighting; misdemeanor commercial, noncommercial and farm vehicle annual registration: \$418.50 in fines, \$160.50 in court costs

Ahmed Deeq Yusuf, Seattle — Misdemeanor commercial freight regulations, false logbook (serious): \$43.50 in fines, \$160.50 in court costs

Dec. 9

Rickey Beardel Alexander, Merced, Calif. — Misdemeanor commercial freight regulations, no logbook (serious violation): \$263.50 in fines, \$160.50 in court costs. **Dismissed by court:** Misdemeanor failure to appear

✓ Christmas: Candlelight services abound this week

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service at 7 p.m., at 320 N. 6th St. W.

Homedale Christian Church, 110 W. Montana, plans a Service of Remembrance at 11 a.m., on Sunday. Community members are welcome to attend and light candles to remember loved ones.

Members of the congregation will also light candles to remember longtime pastor Maurice Jones, who died on May 21.

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A few things to consider to achieve calving season success

For many beef cattle producers, “spring” calving season will be here very soon. I am not sure how spring calving came to include January and February but will save that discussion for another day. Today’s discussion will focus on calving basics and should serve as a reminder of how to have more live calves come weaning time.



Scott Jensen

Sire selection

Perhaps the most important factor related to a successful calving season actually takes place prior to breeding season. This factor is sire selection. Research has repeatedly shown that calf birth weight is strongly correlated to incidence of dystocia (calving difficulty).

Selection for low-birth-weight sires using both EPDs and the sire’s actual birth weight can significantly reduce losses related to dystocia. I have heard the argument many times that a cow needs

to have a big calf so there are more pounds of calf at weaning time; however, it is important to remember that dead calves have a distressingly low weaning weight!

Feeding time

Feeding time has been shown to play a role in the time of day that most calvings will occur. A study involving feeding and calving records of cow-calf herds in Iowa shows that 85 percent of cows fed in the evening (5 p.m., to 10 p.m.) calved during the day (6 a.m., to 6 p.m.). This can be particularly helpful for producers who regularly check calving cows. Cows that require calving assistance will most likely be noticed and assisted more quickly than those calving at night. An additional advantage would be calving during the warmer daytime temperatures.

Calving assistance

Many beef producers fret over the amount of time they should allow their cows and heifers to be in labor before providing assistance. Many rules of thumb are based on the assumption that the delivery stage lasts from two to

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six hours. Work conducted in Montana and Oklahoma contradicts many of those traditional rules of thumb. This newer research suggests that if a heifer is not making significant progress one hour after the water bag or feet have appeared then assistance should be provided. In mature cows, this time frame would be approximately 30 minutes.

Numerous studies have shown that cows and heifers experiencing calving difficulties are delayed in rebreeding. A Montana study examined the effects of assisting cows at the first sign of calving problems versus letting cows struggle before assisting. Results show that cows and heifers that were assisted early bred back quicker than those that experienced prolonged labor. In addition, cows and heifers that experienced prolonged labor had 14 percent lower pregnancy rates compared to cows and heifers that were assisted early.

The normal presentation for a calf is with the two front legs coming first with the head (nose first) coming with them.

Anything other than this, and it is time to intervene immediately! With experience and practice, most abnormal presentations can be rectified by the producer. Do not attempt to pull the calf without first correcting the presentation of the calf. If necessary, seek veterinary assistance. Some keys to success when you do render assistance are:

- Patience! Allow time for the cow to fully dilate. Work with her not against her.
- Use lube freely. Many times, extra lubrication is all that is needed to get a calf to slide out.
- Pull when the cow is pushing or contracting. Again, work with her.
- Do not use excessive force. No tractors or four-wheelers! If using a calf-jack, be careful to not apply excessive force.
- Slow and steady wins the race. Steady traction is easier on the cow and calf than irregular pulls.

Neonatal calf scours

One of the common causes of death in newborn calves is scours. Many operations use the same pastures or corrals year after year for calving and

throughout the calving period. This allows for a buildup of scours-causing organisms that can reach almost epidemic proportions at times.

If this is a concern or problem for your operation, I encourage you to learn about and consider how you might apply the “Sandhills Calving System” on your operation. When scours occur, immediate treatment including plenty of fluids is vital to calf survival. Work with your herd veterinarian to develop appropriate treatment protocols.

Conclusion

Calving is an exciting time of year. We wish you a very successful calving season. As you pay close attention to these four calving basics, you should find increased success in this vital process. Good luck!

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Calendar

Today

Ladies coffee group

9 a.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

Story Time

10:30 a.m., Lizard Butte Library, 111 3rd Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 896-4690

Thursday

Fit and Fall Proof exercise class

10 a.m., to 11 a.m., free, old Marsing High School gymnasium, 800 Main St., Marsing. (208) 296-0847

Fit and Fall exercise

10:30 a.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

Food bank drop off

1 p.m., to 3 p.m., (weather permitting; holidays could change date), Jordan Valley Lions Hall, 902 Bassett St. (U.S. Hwy. 95), Jordan Valley. (541) 889-9206 or (541) 586-2562

Teens & Tweens

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

Yoga class

4 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St., Homedale

Alcoholics Anonymous

7 p.m., open to alcoholics, their families and those contemplating recovery, Homedale Friends Community Church, 17434 Hwy. 95, Wilder.

Friday

Christmas candlelight service

5 p.m., Mountain View Church of the Nazarene, 26515 Ustick Road, Wilder. (208) 337-3151

Christmas Eve candlelight service

7 p.m., First Presbyterian Church of Homedale, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-5419

Saturday

Free lunch

11:30 a.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-5419

Sunday

Service of Remembrance

11 a.m., Homedale Christian Church, 110 W. Montana Ave., Homedale

Monday

Board of County Commissioners meeting

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

Opal Nash Story Time

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ION Heritage Museum board meeting

6 p.m., Jordan Valley Elementary School library, 604 Oregon Ave., Jordan Valley. (541) 586-2100

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Monday, Jan. 3

Opal Nash Story Time

10:15 a.m., Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library, 121 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228

Grand View Mutual Canal Co. meeting

7 p.m., Grand View Irrigation District Office, 645 Idaho Ave., Grand View.

Tuesday, Jan. 4

Fit and Fall Proof exercise class

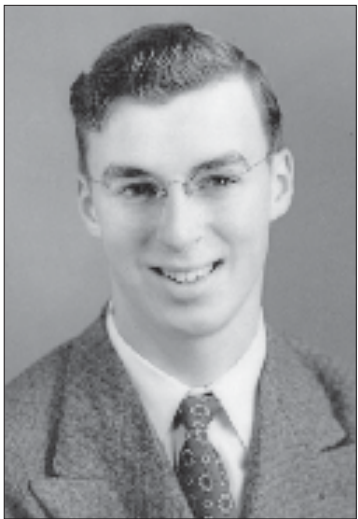
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Obituaries

Maurice Henry Jones

Maurice Henry Jones, pastor of the Homedale Christian Church, was born on January 12, 1931 to the Reverend Lester Irwin Jones and pianist Nellie Wilhelmina (Lorentzen) Jones in Nampa, Idaho. He died on May 19, 2021, less than a year after the passing of his wife, Shirley Joan (Cain) Jones. He was also preceded in death by parents and his eldest brother, Lester Harold Jones. He leaves behind his sister Marjory Alice (Jones) Nettles and brother Donald Clifford Jones, his three daughters, Elizabeth Anne Jones married to Edgar Thomas Jenkins, Shannon Marie Jones, and Kathryn Leslie (Jones) Norton, married to Gregory Paul Norton, and his two adored grandchildren, both children of Kathryn, Darin Cain McIntyre married to Natalie Lee Fisher, and Chelsea Rae Cloyd.

Maurice was truly a renaissance man. He was a lifelong scholar with a special interest in both theology and history. He was an author of poetry, Christmas stories, and two full-length novels — “Snake River Water Wheel” and “Harken’s Kids.” He wrote music, especially hymns. He had a magnificent bass singing voice



with a range of 4 octaves. He sang and toured in school quartets in high school, college, and graduate school. He was encouraged in his youth to sing professionally, but he felt his calling in the church was more important. He was born missing fingers on his left hand, but that never held him back in any endeavor. He was an accomplished artist working in watercolor, oils, acrylics, and colored pencils. He was skilled at making wood/linoleum block prints, and in calligraphy. He learned carpentry from his father and built furniture in addition to carving bas-relief art. He built a magnificent Victorian 5 ft tall dollhouse from scratch for



his much-delighted daughters. Maurice was almost 6’ 7” tall and he could never find hats large enough, so he taught himself to sew and made his own. He was willing to try any craft or skill.

Maurice loved to travel. Every time he went out his front door, he approached it as adventure. He was just as comfortable in Paris street cafés and museums as he was in the Idaho wilderness. He was a consummate woodsman. When he was younger, he took church youth groups on long backpacking trips. One of his favorite places to camp was Trinity Lakes. He camped there with his family as a child and continued to take his own

children there. He loved hunting and fishing, and with one hand tied his own flies for fly fishing.

Maurice will probably be best remembered for his humor, which he used to express joy, lighten tense situations, and even to express compassion. He had a lightness of heart and a joy in living that never failed him even in times of trouble and ill health.

Maurice grew up in the Nampa Disciples of Christ, First Christian Church where his father was minister, and it was there he met his wife, Shirley. Maurice graduated from Nampa High School in 1949, and he and Shirley both attended Northwest Christian College in Eugene, Oregon. They married while still attending classes on September 16, 1952. Maurice earned his Bachelor of Theology Degree from NCC in 1954.

His first full-time ministry began right after graduation in Orting, Washington. In 1957 he took up his next ministerial position in Chelan, Washington. In 1963, Maurice received a scholarship to attend graduate school at Texas Christian University’s Brite Divinity School. While attend-

ing classes, he was the pastor of Christian churches in Wau-rika, Oklahoma and Archer City, Texas. After earning his post-graduate degree in theology, he became minister of the Christian Church in Santa Paula, California in 1967. In 1969 he took a break from the ministry, moved back to Nampa and earned a teaching certificate from Boise State University. He taught at the Caldwell Migrant Center Head Start in the 1970s. He also resumed preaching part-time at the Christian Church in Bliss, Idaho. In the 1980s he became pastor of the Christian Church in Jerome, Idaho, followed by positions at the Caldwell Treasure Valley Christian Church, and finally the Homedale Christian Church where he was pastor for almost 20 years up to the time of his death.

On Sunday, December 26th at 11:00 a.m., the Homedale Christian Church will have their annual candlelit Service of Remembrance. Maurice’s family will be remembering him at that service, and all are invited to attend to remember Maurice, but also to light a candle to remember their own departed loved ones in this holiday season.

Floyd Howard Canoy “Howie”



Howard, 62, passed away December 3, 2021 at his residence in Owyhee County.

Howard was born October 2, 1959, to Floyd and Thelma Canoy in Boise, ID.

Once Howard was born the family grew strong with many siblings: Shirley, Rodney, Denise, Dave, and Linda. Howard met the love of his life Julie Kae Robbins at the young age of 13. They were married November 5, 1977. The family grew from there. Jacob born

in 1978, followed by Mandee 1981, Kelly 1983, and Sherri in 1985. The older he got the more his family grew having grandchildren aging from 24-5 years of age. Weston, Gabriella, Tiger, Syrus, Kalli, Tommee, Kynden, Syvan, Colten, Camdyn, and Ameila. Howard was also blessed to have his great-grandson Hendrix.

Most of Howard’s career he was away from home driving fuel tank trucks across the country. Appreciating all the excite-

ment driving explosive materials he decided to settle down a bit. Howard became a bus driver for Marsing School District and a mentor for many students. Even receiving an award from the school district for motivating and empowering the students he worked with daily.

Howard enjoyed many activities including camping, fishing, and hunting. But most of all he enjoyed doing these activities with his children throughout his life. Many

memories we had with Howard were his enthusiasm for Harley bikes as well as his love for hotrods. Howard will be missed by all.

Howard’s memorial will be held at the Melba Senior Center on February 6th, 2022 @ 1pm.

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Death notice

COLETTE TERESA WILKENS, 54, of Grand View, died on Monday, Dec. 6, 2021 at her home. Cremation: Rost Funeral Home, McMurtrey Chapel, Mountain Home.

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Young Jordan Valley students delve into “Fruitcake Files”



Jordan Valley Elementary students Cadee and Colby Carson took the stage as their grandparents, Charlene and Walt Carson.

A pair of Jordan Valley High School freshmen helped write the script for the town’s elementary school Christmas play.

Ninth-graders Bode Johnsrud and Claire Collins joined forces with Kim Johnsrud to write “The Fruitcake Files,” which was presented to the community last week.

The premise of the story is the old, dreaded reception of the Christmas fruitcake:

“Everyone can agree, Christmas is a time of giving and receiving, but sometimes, in some cases, losing. There’s one gift not all of us especially like getting. And that gift is the infamous, fruitcake. This is a story, with great losses and triumphs, with great sadness and joyousness, of one special fruitcake.

“This fruitcake finds itself

getting passed from hand to hand, from party to party, and from one disappointed gift receiver to another.”

Play participants included:

First-graders — Sam Anderson, Sammy Hawker, Bailey Smith, and Raimey Starbuck

Second-graders — Cadee Carson, Reese Carson, Buster Dufurrena, Austynn Johnsrud, and Saidey Starbuck

Third-graders — McCrae Hawker, Tristan Martin, Laynee Matteri, and Paisley Starbuck

Fourth-graders — Colby Carson, Quincy Dufurrena, and Cy Smith

Fifth-graders — Elisha Aguila, Parker Johnsrud, Deni Maestresjuan, Ryann Skinner, and Colby Starbuck

Sixth-graders — Miriam Cheney, and Tate Hawker



The Jordan Valley High School Drama class brought cowboy Santa and Mrs. Claus to the elementary school’s Christmas program last week. Grady Johnsrud filled the role of Mrs. Claus. Submitted photos

Arock students produce Christmas play for community

The Arock community gathered earlier this month to watch local elementary schoolchildren perform in the “Santa Interviews.”

Each of the 15 boys and girls had a spotlight moment on Dec. 9 at W. W. Jones Elementary School, including:

Kindergarteners — Eliel Mendoza

First-grader — Klay Lequerica

Second-graders — Orson Berrett, Zada Eiguren and Jocelyn McConnell

Fourth-graders — Allison Andre, Clara Berrett, and Raymond McElhannon

Fifth-graders — Jadin Lane, Itaii Mendoza, and Maddox Young

Sixth-graders — Layne Berrett, Sam Dowell, and Thales Eiguren

Seventh-grader — Ella McConnell

The play began with Santa, with assistance from two of his favorite elves, making his way through interviews for a cookie supervisor for the



North Pole.

First, Prancer wanted the position just because she was

tired of pulling the sleigh.

Then, Frosty the Snowman melted inside by the cookie



Above, from left: Allison Andre, Jocelyn McConnell, Raymond McElhannon, and Clara Berrett.

Left, from left: Klay Lequerica, Eliel Mendoza, Orson Berrett, Zada Eiguren, and Allison Andre. Submitted photos

oven before he was even interviewed.

At that point, Santa took a break from interviews and decided to listen to “Dear Santa” letters written by students.

After listening to the letters, Smeagol from The Lord of the Rings tried to apply and even

Ebenezer Scrooge applied for the position.

With great consideration, Santa decided the best candidate for the cookie supervisor position was one of his favorite elves.

The play concluded with a letter to Santa from the Arock kids.

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Pleasant Valley students twist old Christmas tale

The Pleasant Valley Elementary students of teacher Alicia Bruce and teacher’s aide Abbi Gibbens put on their Christmas play “Randy the Redhorned Rainmoose” on Thursday. The cast included Pace Bruce as Randy, Hayden Greenfield as Santa, Houston Bruce as Fred, Reese Greenfield as Weather/Tissue Elf, Ezra Greenfield as Hustle, Ruby Greenfield as Bustle, and Jaxon Bruce as Rudolph. Submitted photo



Carol McMichael (left) has been training incoming youth program coordinator Emily Lincoln on the finer parts of the job.



✓ Program: McMichael retires next week

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“This activity promotes team-building and helps them get to know each other more,” Lincoln said.
This week’s Teens & Tweens, the final one coordinated by Carol McMichael, will be a game night. On Thursday, the youth will play “Throw the Burrito,” “Apples to Apples,” and “Poetry for Neanderthals.”
McMichael, who has been training Lincoln as her successor, will retire at the end of the year.

Teens and Tweens meet at 5 p.m., on each Thursday inside the Homedale Community Center, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., which is adjacent to the Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library.
Call (208) 337-4228 for more information on programs.
Library hours are noon to 6 p.m., Monday through Wednesday, from noon to 7

p.m., on Thursday, from 10 a.m., to 5 p.m., on Friday, and from 10 a.m., to 1 p.m., on Saturday. The library is closed on Sunday.
Story Time pajama day
Parents and children are invited to wear their pajamas to the final Opal Nash Story Time of the year at 10:15 a.m., on Monday.
For her final Story Time, Miss Carol will read “The Napping House” and “One Snowy Day.”

Fittingly, the activities will include a One Snowy Day craft featuring shaving cream and a Napping House stacking exercise.
Yoga class returning
Yoga instructor Shawna Taylor will begin a regular free class on Wednesday, Jan. 5.
The class, which is open to all ages, will be geared toward beginners.
The class will take place at 10 a.m., every other Wednesday inside the library.

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Dec. 29: Sausage and biscuit, mashed potatoes with gravy, broccoli
Dec. 30: Baked fish, country trio vegetables

Sandbar Community Room, Marsing
Noon to 12:30 p.m., inside Marsing City Hall
Milk available each day
Suggested donation: \$4 (60 and older), \$6 (59 and younger)
Dec. 22: Pork roast with gravy, mashed potatoes, Capri vegetables, applesauce, wheat roll
Dec. 24: No meals served – Christmas holiday
Dec. 27: Chicken bacon ranch casserole, spring blend vegetables, pears, wheat roll
Dec. 29: Vegetable lasagna, Capri vegetables, peaches, green salad
Dec. 31: Polish sausage with sauerkraut, roasted potatoes, sunshine carrots, bun

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Loucks preserves Huskies' win

Holding off its opponent's stretch-drive charge, Marsing High School racked up a non-conference girls' basketball victory Friday.

The Huskies held on for a 37-35 triumph after Cascade's home-court flurry fell short.

Marsing (3-6 overall) owned a 28-23 advantage heading into the final eight minutes, but the Ramblers lived up to their nickname and piled up 12 points from three of the four girls who got into the scoring column.

The Huskies held Cascade at bay from the free-throw line in the final period. Lexi Loucks went 4-for-7 to close out her eight-point performance.

Llee Loucks got a crucial bucket in the final stanza and scored eight points.

Anna Gluch helped Marsing to its five-point lead after three quarters when she converted a three-point play to cap her five-point afternoon.

Mila Astorquia hit a first-quarter three-pointer en route to five points.

Thursday: The Ambrose School 42, Marsing 26 — The host Huskies pulled to within five points in the second quarter of a 2A Western Idaho Conference home game but couldn't make up for the early deficit.

The Archers from Meridian (6-3, 2-3 at week's end) used a trapping pressure defense to force eight turnovers in the first quarter and forge a



Marsing junior Emily Vanosdall (11) flies in for a layup against The Ambrose School on Thursday.

10-point lead, 17-7, within the first few seconds of the second period.

Astorquia dropped a first-quarter three-point goal and

led the Huskies with nine points. Emily Vanosdall hit a trey in the second quarter on

— See *Huskies*, page 11A

HMS defense delivers girls' basketball title

Homedale Middle School ran the gauntlet last week to win the eighth-grade girls' basketball championship at the 3A Snake River Valley conference tournament on the Trojans' home floor.

Last Wednesday: No. 1 Homedale 23, No. 3 Weiser 18 — HMS coach Benji Sorenson said he anticipated a "slugfest" as the two teams met up for the fifth time in two seasons.

"We know when we play them it will be a physical and hard-fought game," he said.

Homedale went on a 6-1 run to end the game. Stella Heck tied the game, 17-17, with a free throw with 2½ minutes left then drove into the Weiser defense and kicked the ball to Belen

Asumendi for a three-point goal to decide the issue with 1 minute, 55 seconds left.

"In a game where points are at a premium, that three felt good," Sorenson said.

Asumendi scored the game's first seven points in the first quarter and caught fire again in the fourth period to finish with a team-high 16 points.

Asumendi's free throws at the start of the final quarter narrowed a three-point Weiser lead. She banked in a long jump shot for a 16-16 tie.

Weiser ended the first half on a 12-0 run as Homedale didn't score for nearly 14 minutes.

The scoring slowed when

— See *HMS*, page 12A

Second-ranked Melba rolls past 2A WIC foes

Hallie Arnold scored 20 points, and Kendall Clark notched a double-double as Melba High School ended the week with another easy girls' basketball victory.

The Mustangs knocked off The Ambrose School, 58-27, on Saturday during a 2A Western Idaho Conference game played in Melba.

Clark recorded 12 points and 12 rebounds, while she and Arnold both came up with three steals.

Keylee Wilson added eight points and seven rebounds for Melba (11-1 overall, 4-1 in conference).

Faith Endebrock led the Aviators with seven points.

Coach Dave Lenz's squad, ranked No. 2 in the latest IdahoSports.com coaches' poll, has won six consecutive games. The squad is off for the holidays until visiting Marsing on Jan. 6.

Dec. 13: Melba 92, Compass Charter 10 — Laura Forsgren posted nine points and 10 rebounds in a conference victory against the visiting Aviators.

Erika Hunter led all players with 14 points while grabbing eight boards. Cali Sjostedt notched nine points.

Homedale eighth-grader takes second at State meet

Eighth-grader Sebastian Larzelier was a runner-up in the massive Idaho middle school state championships Saturday.

The season-ending wrestling tournament attracted 489 wrestlers from Idaho and Oregon and was held at the Idaho Center in Nampa.

Coach Ryan Nash's squad was the highest-placing 3A Snake River Valley conference team at the 30-team tournament, taking 13th.

"This is a true state tournament and one of the toughest folkstyle tournaments in the state," Nash said.

Larzelier lost the 126-pound championship match in a bracket that featured 28 athletes. It was his only loss in three matches.

Sixth-grader Mateo Black (5-1) finished third at 85 pounds. There were 35 wrestlers in his division.

Three other HMS wrestlers placed fifth in their respective divisions — eighth-graders Trell McFarlane (4-2 in the 26-person 80-pound bracket) and Trey McFarlane (6-2 in the 36-wrestler 105-pound bracket), and sixth-grader

Porter Swan (6-2 in 35-man 85-pound bracket).

Trey tied for the tournament lead with the most pins in the least of amount of time. He won all six of his matches by pinfall and needed just 14 minutes, 33 seconds to achieve the feat.

Swan was also tied for the most technical falls in the least amount of time, taking down two opponents in 6:21.

Sixth-grader Micah Higley fell one victory short of a medal, going 3-2 at 70 pounds.

Sixth-graders Tallyn Gray (70) and Dally Allen (110) also saw action for the Trojans.



From left: Assistant coach Wade Black, Trell McFarlane, Trey McFarlane, Mateo Black, Micah Higley, Sebastian Larzelier, Porter Swan, and coach Ryan Nash. Submitted photo

Sports

Rimrock girls lose back-to-back games

Rimrock High School endured a pair of tough girls' basketball losses last week.

Notus eked out a 49-46 home-court victory Thursday to get an early upper hand in the 1A Western Idaho Conference.

On Friday, Rimrock suffered a 56-43 non-conference setback to Owyhee, Nev., in Bruneau.

No statistics were provided.

Dec. 13: Rimrock 61, Gem State Academy 10 — The Raiders (6-5 overall, 2-1 in conference at week's end) cruised to their second conference victory after posting a 23-0 whitewash in the first quarter in Bruneau.

The Jaguars from Caldwell managed just one field goal in the game's first 24 minutes and doubled their score with five points in the fourth quarter.

Fabiola Gomez scored 15 points in the first three quarters for Rimrock. The senior hit a three-point goal to wrap up her scoring and didn't play in the fourth quarter.

Rimrock used defense to spark the offense, picking up 21 steals in the first 16 minutes and 30 in the game.

Gomez had eight steals and seven assists, while junior Maklay Moore came away with seven steals and seven points.

Sophomore Ashton Moore scored nine points to go with eight rebounds, while senior Treau Smith collected eight rebounds, five steals and three assists.

Dallyn Hipwell, another junior, chipped in six points.

✓ Huskies: Can't catch up

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her way to seven points.

Six different Ambrose players scored in the first quarter, including junior Hannah Maiocca, who knocked down the first of her two three-point goals, and sophomore Cate Perrigo who notched four points for all her scoring in the contest.

The Huskies stayed within seven points across the second and third quarters

Huskies start tough 2A WIC road

Down by two points, New Plymouth connected on three three-pointers in the final three minutes to beat Marsing High School, 45-38, on Dec. 14.

The barrage overshadowed the host Huskies' performance in their 2A Western Idaho Conference boys' basketball opener.

"The team executed the plan extremely well, and we had opportunities in the last 90 seconds to get it within one possession, but just came up short against a much larger team," Marsing coach Tim Little said.

New Plymouth went 7-for-10 on three-pointers during a crisp shooting night.

The Pilgrims' trey-fueled 11-2 spurt over the final three minutes belied Marsing's continued improvement.

"Turnovers were a season low, and the guys made sure to control the tempo, which helped us stay in the game until the end," Little said.

Marsing (0-5 overall, 0-2 in 2A WIC) erased an early deficit to start the fourth quarter with a 34-33 advantage.

Noel Quebrado converted four of five free throws and led the Huskies with 11 points.

Alejandro Barrera had two three-pointers and 10 points.

Mikey Acosta collected four of his team-high five rebounds on defense.

New Plymouth (4-2, 1-1) received a game-high 12 points from 6-foot, 3-inch sophomore forward Landon Christensen. Casey Arritola, a 6-3 senior point guard, added 10 points.

Friday: Cole Valley Christian 56, Marsing 19 — The Huskies' rough conference start continued in Meridian.

Cole Valley (4-1, 2-0) ended the week as the fourth-ranked Class 2A team in the state according to MaxPreps. Five 2A WIC squads are in the top 10, including New Plymouth.

"Our league is extremely difficult this year," Little said. "Currently, we have three teams in our league (No. 1 The Ambrose School, No. 3 Melba, and No. 5 Cole Valley) that are ranked in the top 5 in the state."

Three Chargers — sophomores Ben Beglinger (12 points) and Eli Kingery and senior Lakota Steele (10 each) — reached double figures.

The Chargers seized control with a 23-6 second-quarter run.

"There is no way to come back on a team as talented as Cole Valley when we try to play their style of basketball and give up 23 in a quarter," the veteran coach said.

Little said his players did a better job of controlling tempo is the second half, holding Cole Valley to 20 points.

Senior Dominic Enrico connected on five of eight free throws and a three-pointer to lead Marsing with eight points. Quebrado hit a trey and went 3-for-4 at the line for six points.

The Huskies were 4-for-18 from the floor (22.2 percent) and managed just five rebounds. Only one board came on Marsing's end of the floor.

HHS boys rally for two tournament wins

Homedale High School peeked above .500 in the boys' basketball season with back-to-back wins to close out the Owyhee Holiday Invitational.

The Trojans (5-3 overall at week's end) went 1-2 against Class 2A squads during the three-day tournament at Meridian's newest high school.

After losing Thursday, 66-53, to The Ambrose School, coach Cam Long's squad edged Aberdeen, 65-63, on Friday and finished the tournament with a 42-27 triumph against Malad on Saturday.

No statistics were provided prior to deadline.

The Archers of the 2A Western Idaho Conference ran their season-opening streak to eight and won the tournament championship Saturday.

MARSING HUSKIES

Athletes of the Week



Girls' basketball
Anna Gluch, jr., P
5 points vs. Cascade



Boys' basketball
Dominic Enrico, sr., G
8 points vs. Cole Valley Christian



Wrestling
Jonathan Leon, so.
Second year in program

This week's Sports Schedule

Boys' basketball
Varsity
Wednesday, Dec. 22 at Homedale, 3 p.m.
Truckstop.com Tournament
(The College of Idaho, Caldwell)
Tuesday, Dec. 28 vs. Victory Charter, 10 a.m.
Wednesday, Dec. 29 opponent and time TBA
Thursday, Dec. 30 opponent and time TBA
Junior varsity A
Wednesday, Dec. 22 at Homedale, 1:30 p.m.
Junior varsity B
Wednesday, Dec. 22 at Homedale, noon

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

Wrestling
Saturday, Jan. 1 at Melba Tournament, 9 a.m.

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Sports

✓ HMS: Defense, big scoring runs help out

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Homedale switched into a full-court press in the second half. Weiser managed just one field goal and six points after half-time.

Kierstley Roseborough led the Trojans with nine rebounds, and Stephanie Quezada pulled down eight.

“The second half and the fourth quarter in particular of the championship game was a perfect reflection of these girls’ resilience and grit,” Sorenson said.

Dec. 13: HMS 55, Fruitland 45 — The Trojans kept the Grizzlies at bay with a season-high 46 percent field-goal shooting success rate.

Roseborough connected on 11 of 16 shots and scored a career-high 26 points.

Asumendi matched her season high with 11 steals.

Both teams employed full-court pressure throughout most of the game.

“Our wings did a great job of driving the basketball to the hoop in our dribble-drive offense, and drawing fouls, and we got into the bonus early,”



Kneeling, from left: Mia Badiola, Stella Heck, Belen Asumendi, Breydyn Ford, and Mila Binford. **Standing, from left:** Coach Benji Sorenson, Taylor Phelps, Stephanie Quezada, Hailey Jakovac, Karlie Kildow, Bailey Hymas-Robinson, Kierstley Roseborough, Kynna Soland-Pfeil, Tiana Sorenson, and coach Mike Frank. Submitted photo

Sorenson said.

Heck knocked down both ends of a one-and-one opportunity at the foul line to give HMS a 10-8 lead at the end of the first quarter.

Karlie Kildow’s 17-foot jump shot gave Homedale one of its largest leads of the game, 27-15.

After a 6-0 Fruitland run, Heck ended a fast break with a pass to Tiana Sorenson for a pull-up jumper and a 29-21

lead with 24 seconds before intermission.

Sorenson scored seven points.

Fruitland’s Brooklyn Hardy highlighted her game-high 28 points with a three-pointer that closed the gap to five points 19 seconds into the fourth quarter.

After Sorenson scored again, Roseborough erupted for 10 straight points and gave Homedale a 55-38 lead with four minutes to go.

Trojans on win streak

Homedale High School opened the 3A Snake River Valley conference girls’ basketball season Thursday with a 52-37 loss at Parma.

First-year coach Monica White’s squad (4-6 overall at week’s end) beat non-conference host Vale, Ore., 50-38, on Saturday for its second consecutive win.

No statistics for either game were provided.

Dec. 13: Homedale 53, Ontario, Ore., 17 — The Trojans scored the same number of points in the first quarter as their non-conference visitors did in the entire game.

The Tigers trailed, 17-1, after

eight minutes and were in a 42-9 hole after three quarters.

Sydney Davis knocked down one of HHS’ seven three-point goals and scored eight of her 10 points in the first quarter.

Teammate Amaia Aberasturi drained four treys (three in the first half) and led all scorers with 14 points.

Jacy Parker scored eight of 10 points in the first half.

Arlett Quezada and Cheyanne Kelly converted fourth-quarter three-pointers. Quezada finished with five points.

Ontario players were 1-for-4 from the foul line in the first eight minutes and 2-for-4 from the stripe in the third quarter.

No. 2 Melba boys rolling

Melba High School, No.2 among the state’s Class 2A boys’ basketball teams, opened the 2A Western Idaho Conference season with teamwork.

Joe Reiber scored 19 points on Dec. 14 as Melba knocked off visiting No. 9 Nampa Christian, 63-54.

Melba (6-1 overall, 2-0 in

conference at week’s end) received a double-double of 10 points and 16 rebounds from Cache Beus against the Trojans (4-2, 1-1).

Friday: Melba 80, Vision Charter 25 — Reiber scored 18, Braden Volkers added 16, and Beus had 11 in a 2A WIC win in Caldwell.

Homedale Trojans

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



Girls’ basketball
Sydney Davis, jr., P/W
10 points vs. Ontario, Ore.



Boys’ basketball
Sigmund Goode, sr., G
Second-year varsity player



Wrestling
Elizabeth Hergesheimer, sr., 120
Third year in the program

This week’s Sports Schedule

Girls’ basketball
Varsity
Tuesday, Jan. 4 at Weiser, 7:30 p.m.
Junior varsity
Tuesday, Jan. 4 at Weiser, 6 p.m.
Frosh soph
Tuesday, Jan. 4 at Weiser, 4:30 p.m.

Boys’ basketball
Varsity
Wednesday, Dec. 22, home vs. Marsing, 3 p.m.
Junior varsity
Wednesday, Dec. 22, home vs. Marsing, 1:30 p.m.
Frosh soph
Wednesday, Dec. 22, home vs. Marsing, noon

Wrestling
Coed
Wednesday, Jan. 5 at Weiser, 5:30 p.m.



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Looking back...

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25 years ago

December 25, 1996



Making Christmas merry for needy families
Marsing Middle School students are doing their part to help make Christmas merry for needy Marsing families by compiling food baskets and making ornaments to decorate four donated Christmas trees. Among the community-minded students are, from left, front row, Logan Rice, Lucy Salazar, Teresa Sevy, Amie Vanek, Cody Stahle, Alvaro Salinas; back row, William Basel, Jason Keister, William Caldwell, Leo Garcia, Maribel Alvarez, and Amanda Clark.

Storm dumps 8 inches of snow, cancels events
A fierce snow storm last week began in the early morning hours of Friday, December 20, lasted all day and all night before moderating some Saturday, dumping some eight inches of snow in many lower level locations west of the Snake River in Owyhee County and east in Canyon and Ada counties.

The storm snarled traffic, caused many minor accidents, and canceled participation of many schools in a number of athletic events. Much of the time the storm was accompanied by a heavy fog which blanketed much of northern Owyhee County and Canyon County Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. The fog was particularly bad in western Canyon County east of the Snake River where visibility could be measured in feet. Visibility along many of the county roads including Homedale Road was so limited that much of the time the edges of roads vanished into whiteness. The Marsing and Homedale areas were periodically spared the fog which lifted Sunday. Morning in Boise dawned bright and sunny with the blanket of fog closing down just west of Meridian and extending over Canyon County to just east of the Snake River.

Homedale could have natural gas by fall 1997
Homedale may have natural gas service by late summer or early fall of 1997, said Jim Clark, western region marketing manager of Intermountain Gas Company of Boise. The company has been interested in bringing natural gas to Homedale for several months.

The company met with the mayor, the school superintendent and members of the city council and the Chamber of Commerce in September. The company said if there were a sufficient number of potential customers it would be economically feasible to extend a line across the Snake River. At a recent city council meeting, Mayor Paul Fink said there are more than 100 people in Homedale interested in natural gas, enough for the company to seriously consider bringing gas to the community. The company will apply to the Idaho Public Utilities Commission for a “price-adder,” in order to make the move economically feasible, Clark said.

50 years ago

December 22, 1971



AUXILIARY POLICEMEN are pictured with Homedale Chief of Police Larry Ryel, standing left, and Officer Russ Cornwell, standing, right. Seated, from left, are Don Turner, Dave Elkins, Ralph Knight, and Eddy Davis; standing, Max Orr, Bryce Peterson, Rev. Nels Nelson, Bill Blackman and Deputy Sheriff Dean Gray. Not shown is Phil Alger. Photo by Bette Uda

Historical society hears of early Christmases
The Dec. 17 bi-monthly meeting of the Owyhee County Historical Society at Murphy introduced members and guests to a preview of Edison material recently received from Brooks Foundation, New Jersey, which is preserving the early work of Thomas A. Edison in one museum in every state. Objects from the home — clothing, books, bulbs, talking machines and educational material — are among the items being readied for permanent display, and permission is given whereby educational material may be used in schools.

Mrs. Julie Hyslop, museum director, presented the program, which depicted Christmases through the years 1863 through 1868, and early settlement of Booneville, Ruby City and Silver City, and early mining. In 1864, snow proved a real problem — there were 100 foot drifts in Booneville at Christmastime. Ruby City had a newspaper, the first daily published in Idaho. Indians were a problem, attacks occurring at Reynolds Creek, Sinker Creek and Jordan Valley. At what is now Walters Ferry, the boat was cut loose and allowed to drift. Newspaper research, in which names are recorded through the years, proves a fascinating study, Mrs. Hyslop commented. In the winter of 1865, it took 28 seconds to sled down the hill between Silver City and Ruby City. Snowslides occurred, completely covering some cabins, which were dug out, the occupants unharmed. Controversy still prevailed over location of the county seat. Silver City served by Wells-Fargo, and the route over the mountains to Flint, gradually outgrew the smaller town, although the post office continued to operate in Ruby City.

School board, architects study new buildings
Discussion of the two new school buildings was had with the architects Thompson and Kolbo at the regular monthly meeting of the Homedale school board Monday, Dec. 13. The board also called for bids on the \$435,000 of bonds voted at a recent bond election.

Final plans for the new school buildings were approved and the board tentatively decided to call for bids on construction just as soon as bonds are sold, with bid opening in early March so that construction can begin in time to have the buildings completed by Aug. 15 for next year’s school term. The board also authorized removal of the tennis courts to prepare the area for the new library and classroom building.

155 years ago

December 22, 1866

CHRISTMAS.—By all Christian nations the 25th of December is observed as a holiday more sacred than any other in the calendar because it is recognized as the anniversary of the birth of the Savior of mankind from the thralldom of sin and the punishment of its commission, which all our race inherited from their father Adam. Eighteen hundred and sixty-six years ago on the 25th of December, a child was born in the little town of Bethlehem, in the land of Jordan, and so great an event was it that the Star of Bethlehem stepped forth in its bright splendor in the horizon to guide the philosophers to the child, that they might fall down and worship him. Angels were attracted from their bright abodes in Heaven to announce the glad tidings to the shepherds on the plains, and to celebrate the event with choruses of heavenly song. This is the Christian view and these the reasons why Christian nations celebrate the 25th of December as a holiday above the ordinary festivities that depend either upon important events in Scriptural history or the edicts of secular or ecclesiastical rulers.

But there are other reasons why those even who deny the divinity of Christ may consistently observe the day. All history that alludes to the person of Jesus Christ concurs in placing him higher in the scale of humanity than an ordinary man. Even Jewish historians tell us that there was a benignity and holiness in his Mein and a wisdom in his conversation that no man possessed except himself. Publius Lalulas, President of the Senate of Rome, found an ancient manuscript giving the following descriptions: “There lives at this time in Judea a man of singular character, whose name is Jesus Christ. The barbarians esteem him a prophet, but his followers adore him as the immaculate offspring of God. He is endowed with such unparalleled virtue as to call back the dead from their graves and to heal the sick with a word or a touch. His person is tall and elegantly shaped. His hair flows in beauteous shades, falling in graceful curls below his ears, agreeably touching his shoulders and parting on the crown of his head. His forehead is smooth and large; no spot upon his face save a lovely red in either cheek. His nose and mouth are formed with exquisite regularity. His beard is thick and suitable to the hair of his head, reaching a little below the chin and parting in the middle. His eyes are bright, clear and serene. He frequently weeps, and so persuasive are his tears that the whole multitude cannot withhold their tears from joining in sympathy with him. Whatever this phenomenon may turn to be in the land he seems to be in such excellent piety and divine perfection, every way surpassing the children of men.”

BURGLARY.—Tuesday night, of this week, the store of Schoenfeld & Bro., in this city, was entered by a burglar who picked a six-shooter — dragons pattern. The thief affected an entrance by removing a part of a pane of glass in the door next to the lock, and the key having been left in the key-hole the door was readily unlocked. The fellow cut the wood away around the lock on the money drawer so that it was fully open, but it is supposed that he became frightened at something at this stage of the adventure, and left hastily, as there was some money in the drawer which was not taken. The fellow is doubtless an adept in the business, and it would be generally safer not to leave keys in the key-hole, particularly in glass front doors. Jerry says he is well satisfied with the fellow’s exploits but don’t wish a repetition.

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Jesus personifies truth, He said,

“I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”

— John 14:6

Jesus Christ lived only thirty-three years, yet He transformed civilization. After two thousand years countless millions worship Him. Where did He come from?

“The Lord Himself will give you a sign: The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel (which means God with us.)”

— Isaiah 7:14

When He was born of the Virgin Mary in a stable in Bethlehem, that was not his origin, that was His incarnation — His coming in the flesh. The Bible teaches that He is God in human flesh, God Incarnate. Jesus — the eternal Son of God — never had a beginning; He will never have an end. He

always was and always will be. The night Jesus was born, shepherds joined the carpenter-husband to witness the miracle and praise God for what He was doing. The most significant drama of the centuries was unfolding — the drama of salvation that would ultimately take this child to the cross.

“And without controversy, great is the mystery of Godliness; God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.”

— 1st Timothy 3:16

Jesus was wonderful in His life. He mingled with sinners, yet His enemies could find not one single flaw in His character. His miracles and His teaching both testified to His divine authority. Jesus Christ was also wonderful in His death. He died for others just as He lived for others, to make our salvation possible. And His death led to the wonderful, glorious Resurrection, opening for us the door to Heaven and eternal life. And finally, Jesus Christ is coming: Someday He will return to establish His kingdom of peace and blessing.

May your faith and hope be in Jesus Christ — today and always.

— Jack Muldoon is a long-time Marsing resident who has been instrumental in the non-denominational prayer breakfast staged at the Nazarene church as well as the annual Marsing High School all-alumni picnic in August.

Religious Expression

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Christmas reflections

FRONTIER CHRISTMAS

*From the Owyhee Chronicle,
Dec. 25, 1958*

Christmas on the frontier, as new bands of pioneers pushed ever westward to carve an empire out of virgin plains and wilderness, was in marked contrast to the present holiday.

There was more meaning then in the words of The Book concerning shepherds in a certain country watching their flocks by night. The solitudes, the closeness of the stars, the virginity of the new world and its humble people made one feel that time had stood still. Christmas in those days somehow seemed much closer to that first Christmas.

Those bleak plains could be the ones the wise men crossed, this the night, and yon sleeping village Bethlehem. The faith of the trail breakers was that of the wise men.

On Christmas Eve the pioneer folks would gather in a crude little church or school-house where children recited their pieces and sang songs about the birth of Christ child. Santa would hand out mosquito-bar sacks of candy, a golden orange, or an apple to each

one, and childhood rapture would make that meager offering truly a gift of gold and frankincense. Home-made sleds and sleighs skimmed over the snowy countryside with sleigh bells jingling accompaniment to the caroling of “Jingle Bells, Jingle Bells.”

Except in the forest regions, few children enjoyed the sight of a Christmas tree. But always they hung up their stockings, an old custom of their forefathers.

It was a lucky boy who awoke Christmas morning to find a new jack-knife in his stocking; a lucky girl who received a string of beads or a calico doll from Santa Claus. But that doll, made from spare strips of bright cloth, probably was more treasured than any modern doll that can say “Mama,” go to sleep, and perhaps require a diaper.

Children who received a slat pencil or a shell-box, a little affair covered with shells and containing a small mirror, were the special favorites of Santa.

For goodies, no Christmas was complete without its pans of popcorn and ropes of molasses taffy. In rare cases there

might be a bag of candy. In the isolated cabins it wasn’t so easy to gather with one’s neighbors to celebrate. There were wolves in the timber and being caught in a sudden storm on the pioneer trails spelled death.

Christmas in some places meant a bobsled ride or perhaps a square dance, often followed by a turkey dinner costing 25 cents.

Gifts, if any, generally were in the form of utilitarian mittens, mufflers, or home-made boots. For the women there might be a piece of intricate handiwork to which some enterprising friend had devoted her spare time for months.

Throughout the holiday season a candle burned in the attic window, guiding late-faring travelers to shelter – the star of Bethlehem on the frontier.

But withal these hardy folks had as much fun as their great-grandsons and daughters who again this year will celebrate by exchanging elaborate gifts, dancing to name bands, feasting with no worries that tomorrow there may be nothing in the electric refrigerator.

A Christmas meditation: God with us

*by Clare Willcuts
For the Owyhee Chronicle, Christmas, 1952*

Why does the world stand still today? Why such commotion over the birth of a Jewish peasant? For nineteen hundred years the birth of the Savior in Bethlehem has been the world’s number one story. It has been the theme of innumerable songs and stories, the inspiration of countless works of art. It has been told and retold until today it is known the world over as the “old, old story” the sweetest story ever told”. It has become the center of the most widely observed and most joyfully celebrated festival in every land and among nearly all people.

It has been observed that the birth of Jesus has become the great center of interest. The educational world is represented in the wise men; the peasants are represented in the shepherds; royalty is represented in Herod; nature is represented in her gifts, “gold, frankincense and myrrh”; the heavens are represented in the star which led the way; the Heavenly Hosts are represented in their presence and praise; the lower creation is represented in the cattle around the manger; poverty is represented in the place in which He was born.

In Matthew’s recording of the birth of Christ he makes reference to the prediction of the prophet Isaiah.”Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and she shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us,” (Matt. 1:23). Emblazoned against the dark background of man’s wickedness, sin and selfishness, the words, “Immanuel – God with us”, are almost blinding, they appear startlingly misplaced. However, we will accept them and attempt to learn the reason.

In this story man has found the utmost in God’s love. God is giving His only begotten Son that man may be Redeemed. He stoops to lift man from the depths of sin and death to life at its highest and best in fellowship with the living God. In the Child of Bethlehem, God unites Himself with man. It was God’s utmost for man’s highest. That is what makes it the story of the ages.

When the Wise men found Him they worshipped Him. The Birth of Jesus does not call for celebration so much, but for Worship.



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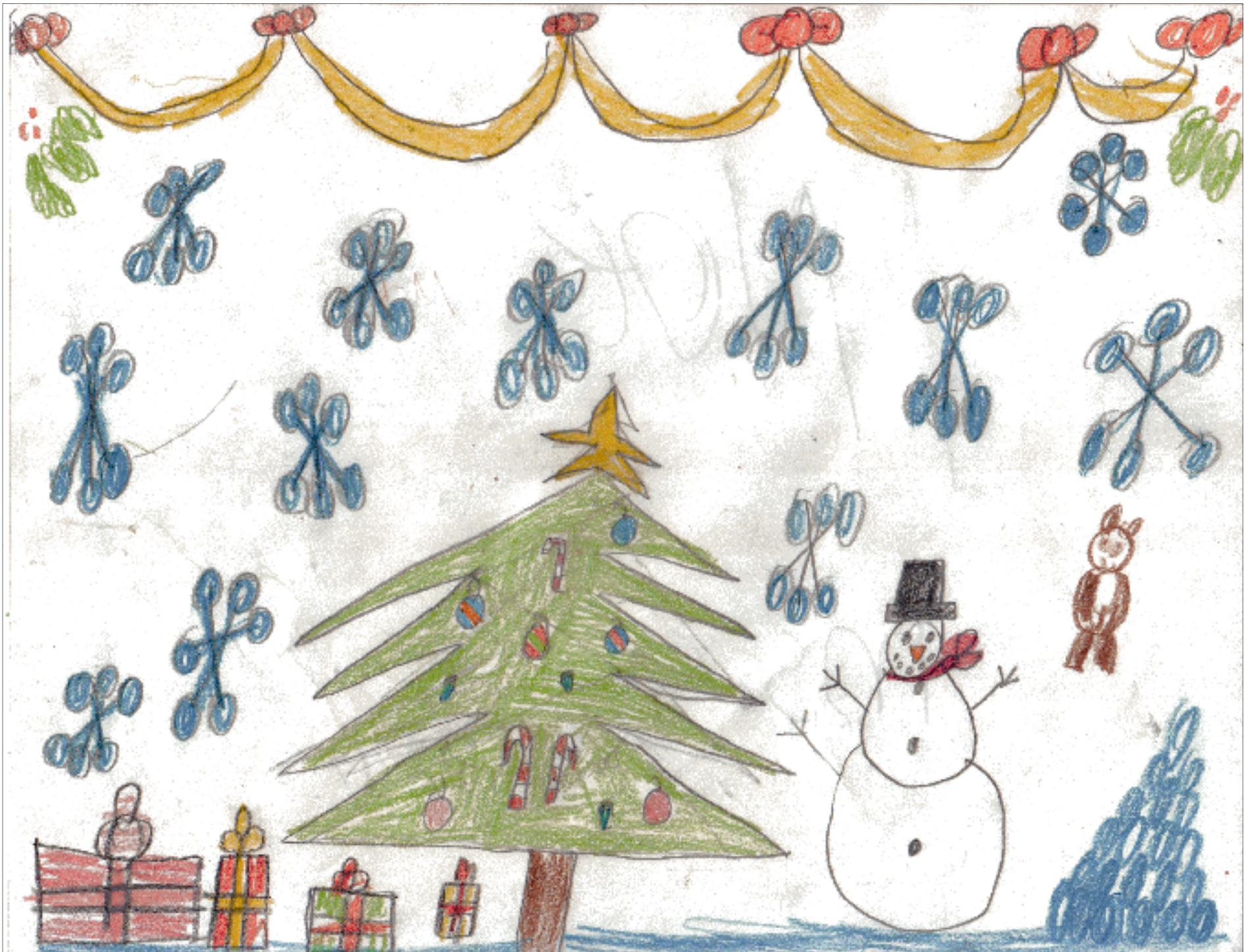
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Robyn Chandler’s second-graders

Crismes is the best holday. I rily like crismes because it is about Santa. and it is fun opuning presents.

Avaliah P.

On Cristmas I have a nice family and my brothers go to the christmas tree and we count to three and open our presents then we fake pictures. I think of santa and the reindeer what their going to do next year on christmas and I have christmas lights and then santa comes and he drinks milk and eats cookeis.

Asher P.

Chistmas is about faimly and friends and that is the thing I love. Chistmas is my favorite because I get to play with my sisters and brothers and it makes me happy. And Chistmas means faimly and friends to get to be with each other to me.

Kolbi W.

Whit christsmas means to me

I eat pie and hot cocoa and ham and milk apple and eggnog and home made and blueberry mufe and cherry cookies.

Sofia N-H.

Christmas meas is time for my family to go owtside to play snow fite and make a snow angel and i eat Cookes my family eat hot cocoa and eat pumpkin pie! and snta eat cookies and milk and my family eat ham and the decorations for the chrismas tree and chrismas lights.

Aiden H.

To me Christmas means to be nice and thankful. Christmas means to love your family and friends. Christmas means to be good and joyful.

Parker W.

Christmasmis mens to he ic we got hr urawhbto hof fun. Oluoy wen hak pvsents. And I like to bekrat the krismis chre

Anthony B.

Crismas is a great day for everyone and always good and I should always be happy



Eli P., Robyn Chandler’s class, Homedale Elementary

and doing my best

Brogan L.

Christmas means to me

Christmas means to me is my famlie and firend and I love evrthing abwt it! It macks me happy. we tak Pichrs with my femly. We make cookies and it is fun. We set out caris and melk. We have fun. We open presins.

Riley H.

Christmas it mes tio me open peses wes me and fune and jolly and thn mea amo me and jolly and thn me ane os fale.

Jaime A.

What i like about christmas is haveing my family with me. Siting around the fier with hot coco. Around the tree with lots and lots of ligh. All around the tree ther is presins evre wher. My family makes me feel jolly, joyful, happy. I have milk and cookies with shougger. Being in my pjs it is fun to do that stuff and the other thing i love is dinner because ther is ham.

Alysiah M.

Christmas means to me

I wake up and go down stairs and see presents under the tree then i go tell my Parents lets go open the presents.

Eli P.

Christmas means to me is Christmas joy and family and my love. Christmas food is turky and ham. Christmas is fun because we got to play a christmas game. We sit and sing a christmas song and family time.

Daniella M.

family jesus hopping snowman hot coca reinder church presents Santa Kcs

Eliot P.

chrismas means family time we owes play games for chrismas dinner we have pumpkin pie, hard candy rolls and mashed potatoes. chrismas is my favorite holiday because my family we get together to open presents and take picshrs

Lovina P.

Chrismas makes me feel glad that i have a family and that me and my cosin get to make cooikei. and we get to take photoes. and me and my

cosin Alex we open present.

Mialeen M.

On christmas dinr we make ham and rolls. On christmas eev we alpen one gift. On christmas eev my grandma comes. On christmas we play in the snow. On christmas my family eat dinr together. and we eat candy cane. On chritmas we eat pumpkin pie. On christmas we make snowbols.

Waylon O.

Christmas means to me because my mom makes hot coco with marshmallows. Christmas maters to me because my family shars egg nog. On Christmas my family and i put decortians. I love seeing my Trojon friends! I love to be with my family !!!!!!!!

McKee E.

Christmas means to me is going to my gramase house to open presins. And are casins hous too. And eat diner with my family. And then we eat candy together. And then

we get in are pgimas. Then we go whach a moive with my family. But a christmas moives.

Avery T.

Christmas means you open presinse! you see your family. you whach christmas moves. you hong out. you take pichrs whith your family! you set koces and malke for santa and his randirs. you cutor christmas pichrs. you jrenc hot Koco. make snomen.

Matti C.

Chrstmas means to me is my grandpa and me set up the decortians and my mom and grandma make the food and then me and my mom rapp the presents and then everyone comes to the dinner tabel.

Jeremiah E.

Christmas means to me.

brings me joy is go out with my family. bring me joy is sudute siad merry chrismis to my family. and that brings me joy is helping my family and helping my frends.

Biannecka S.

With Warm Wishes at Christmastime

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many good graces as we reflect the true
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Laura Eubanks’ second-graders

Once upon a time their was a little gril her name was Roslynn. Every Chrismas Shed creat gifts with her famly. She would also wath tv & drink hot chocolet after dinnr.

Roslynn B.

Christmas bring joy and pressent. we go to people’s homes and eat trukey, and chicken also people come to our home and open pressent also Jeeses birth Day also my friend.

Dominic C.

Christmas means to me time to have time to git to spind time with famley. And seldrat win Santa comes. lights at cristmas givinge gifts at crismis. Go snow sleding that is my crismis.

Keyleigh H.

Christmas brings me joy because it is fun to celebrate. I Opening the Presents frommy mom brings me joy. time to visit friends. christmas brings me joy.

Rhett B.

Christmas is fun santa brings games It is baby Jesus birthday we put gifts under the tree. The tree has lights Hopefully it snows.

Cristian M.

Christmas means a lo to me because you get to Spind time with family. thinking of christmas brings me joy. makeing cookies with my mom brings me joy. Makeing presents brings me joy Thats my Christmas.

Aliviah Y.

What chistmas to me is Spind time with my famle not just get gift Thay is my christmas.

Payten H.

We decrate the crismis tree and we lisin to chrismis moosic and woch crismis movis and we wocht home swyt home alone and we have popcorn.

Conner T.

My famly means a lot to me and the giv me toy. And somthing els that brings me joy is opening prasints i love



Allison W., Jamie Hood’s class, Homedale Elementary

that. And my Dad brings me joy. And my mom brings me joy. And my friends bring me joy. And my teachr brings me joy. I love her so so much.

EllaMae B.

Christmas mean to have fam me cus of the elfs and the presints and the pajamas. but the family always has pajamus. my fraverit is the elfs on the shelves my family opens gifts together.

Rylund B.

What does Christmas mean to me?

It brings joy because I see pepole open gifts. I Love December get to make a snowman. I Love Christmas!

Shea M.

Christmas meen’s to Spend time whith your fallmy. and gods brthday. Making presents for my famly. Getting presents makes me happy. We go dowe th Steep hill that is fun. We play white elafent that’s my chrismis.

Cy B.

Christmas means that we are cind. We always go to a cabein evre yer. This yer we are going to Nexco I love

cokunus. Thay are dlishish. We are doing secret santa. I have Brody he is my bruthr. I got him a gloe in the dork bacit boll for Christmas I had to wat to get the gift see you next yer!

Katie J.

Christmas brings me joy puting up my Christmas tree, helping friends and family. Thinging about Christmas is fun! We make Christmas cookies too. Thinking about Christmas brings me joy. The heart is growing and growing when it’s Christmas time makes you have joy, loveing and giving is the very best part.

Madilyn B.

Christmas means a lot to me because my family comes to my house and we decorate cookies that I and my sister make. I love to go caraling at the school. Jesuses birthday and family time means the most to me. I love to make gifts for my family. I don’t by presents! I love the holiday seson it’s so fun!

Matea K.

Christmas means joy to me because I get to be with my family and we get to share presents with each other. We get to celebrate Jesus with each other. We go to our cabin and there is always snow piles so we sled down them. I always get snow in my boots. Me and my brother help decorate

the tree. I look fourword to christmas evevy day.

Jaycie N.

Christmas means famliy time and games. Spinding time with cusins and christmas presints. Snowmobiling and dirivinge aerownd looking at christmas lites and lisining to the music.

Bensyn G.

Christmas means that you get a prise to get a present and we visent peopole so we get to eat some food.

Macario L.

Wut christmas mean to me is ben with my family. I got to open pressen with my family. christmas is the mast spesh day because we go to see the lite. Aa a family we poot the lite to the tree.

Arianna V.

At christmas we drive in to see lighs. I My family gets together we eat tamales we open presents and play games Christmas is fun

Misael N.

Christmas means that I get to see my family. I have joy opening presents. I like deckorrating the tree. I get to put stufing.

Blake E.

We like Christmas. We have fast food for deanr. We oepn Gifts. I like Christmas.

Jaxen H.

I spend time with famly and go to my grandmas Hous after we open presints at my our hous we go to git a tree and have hot choklet and woch a christmas show. I Love going sleting at my cabey brings me Joew and my mom and dad and sister. I Love pooting the Lites on the tree and decrateing the tree Home me and brother open presents at Home that is my chrsmrs.

Oakley M.

Christmas means to me. Me and brother slep in my tree house. every christmas we triye to catch santa but we cant catch santa becace has to fast. And we do seket Santa too. We don’t use a star we Just use a hat. We run are sleds don the hill every chismas. I like putting up the christmas tree. I like geting a tree.

Whit S.

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A Happy crismis
Spending time with mi famole and maing gerowe with mi mom I love going wiht mi cosin and I love sleding with mi fomole and opning presits.
Aubrey A.

What Does Christmas mean to me?
I love Christmas because I get to make cookies, my mom fims me, my mom buy advent calendars I love to open gifts.
Kymbra F.

What does Christmas mean to me
Christmas means to me is love and spend time with famely and presents and board games and new things and cookies and gift cards and new books and opening presents. I love help people Spending time with famly.
Samuel G.

My family likes christmas! Sumthing my cusin wunt to do is cum to christmas. that we can spin time to gethr. Way I like cheismis becuse my brthday is close to chrismis. I like to spin time with my family and cusins. I like going to chrch on chrismis.
Lyric G.

my mom makes Cookies. and ham.
I play hot wells.
I like crismis time becuz prezints.
Brogan G.

I Love Christmas
I wot a BrBe girl and maik up and new books and toys and haing with my family and friends and christmas. I Love You Santa.
Madison G.

I git to sleep in the gist Big Rom. I git to eat cooke’s and milk. my elyf cums.
I gite to Spind time with my faimle and frin’s.
I gite to see my cusins.
I like gif’s. ilfy’s are cloe.
Jaxson H.

I like cookies. I like snow. Christmas is special because I get to open presents. I like chocolate s’mores.
Vance H.

What Christmas means.
Christmas is my favorite holiday. Christmas means that I get to have a party at my auntie and uncles house. I love going to my grandmas

house. I love to have advent calander. December is my favorite month.
Lily K.

Wiy is carisis I like to get Pret and toy for My SiSr and My brother ere Day. My family Srolet Carisis is so Proit to me. we Love Carisis Love carisis.
Alysa M.

What crinmas means to me.?
I like crismas te caus it is Gods brithday. I also like crismas be caus I can See famely. I like to make cookeis. I see my faimey.
Ethan M.

What Christmas means
I get tickled by My cousns. being happy to be With My family. My family likes to open the presens. are family urex hot choklet for Christmas. get a toy it is fun to Play With.
Anthony M.

What is Chrismis abat
I like Chrismis because i get to Spend time With my family. have I have fun playing fortnite. I am with my frinds. I love presits. I Love to Spend time with my cousins.
Raylan M.

What Chrismas means to me
I Love Chrismas! I get a lot of toys and cars for chrismas and I like to have fun with my family and I like to have fun and I like cookies a lot and I like to Play with my brother and I like My friends a lot and I like to have gifs fro chrismas and I like to have family and I like to see chrismas lights a lot Merry Chrismis. The end.
Stetson M.

A good Christmas
I love gifts because they make me happy. I love cookies because the’er delishes. I love
Julian N.

At my family we play board games, and we open presents. We play with our family.
[As transcribed by teacher.]
Liam N.

What does Christmas mean to me.
I get to go with my bruthr friend. I like to go with my bruthr frensd. I get to go at the park and I get to play whth my fone. I get to culr with my

mom and my bruthr. I get to see a moove. I get to play with my lidr bruthr so much. I get o lod of toy’s.
Antony M.

What does Christmas mean to me
I love Christmas! I love gifts. I love cookies. I love advent calendars. I love family. I love books. I love seeing Santa I love seeing friends. I love bord games.
Lettie D.

What Christmas means to me
I love Christmas. I go to Cailforny. And I get hot choclit. And I biluld a snow man. And I like to help my family.
Gabriel R.

What Dose X-mast mean to me
I Love cristmast because I get to meet Knew family. I love opening gifts. I like to hang out with family. I love x-mast and family.
Zailynn S.

I Love Christmas!
I Love Christmas. It is a good time. I Love my family and friends. I go on vacation with my Mom and Dad and my Sistar. I help people. I git gifts.
Nova S.

I go to My ungle House and go back to my House to open Pezet I do that My ungle House to I get to Play With my fanily. I Love crissmiss. We eat food.
Matthew V.

I love Chrismas. We like to Play bord games. We lik to go to utah. We also like to go to my grandma’s hous. i go to church.
Peyton W.

I Love Chrismi
wat I Love about chrismis is? haveing present. and going to see santa. haveing a chrismi parte. making cookies for santa and drinking hot coco and in a fase blanket.
Allison W.

Cirstmas means to me
about seeing my ferriend Emma and my borthor Joe he is nice. also Snow angles. I also get to See my whole fam. also hot coco. marry Cirstmas to all!
Addy Y.

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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**This is What
Christmas means to me ...**
Being thankful and celebrat-
ing the Birth of Jesus. Help-
ing others celebrate Christmas.
Leaving milke and cookies
for santa.
Kyleigh C.

**The is what
Christmas means to me ...**
Spending time whith family
and friends.
Being thankful and celebrat-
ing the birth of Jesus.
Leaving milk and cookies
for Santa.
Rosalee G.

**This is what
Christmas means to me ...**
New Christmas pajamas.
People being generous.
Watching Christmas movies.
Logan O.

**This is what Christmas
means to me ...**
Watching Christmas mov-
ies.
Making and eating Christ-
mas cookies.
Decorating a tree and
home.
Manuel Q.

**This is what
Christmas means to me**
happy times, making cook-
ies for santa, decorting our
Christmas tree.
Lukas H.

**This is what
Christmas maes to me ...**
Spending time with family
and friend. Being thankful and

celebrating the birth Jesus.
Giving and getting presents.
Driz R. B.
**This is what
Christmas means to me.**
Building gingerbread hous-
es.
New Christmas Pajamas.
People being generous.
Aaron P.

**This is what
Christmas means to me ...**
Decorating a tree and
home.
New Christmas pajamas
Giving and getting pres-
ents.
Dustin B.

**This is What
Christmas means to me ...**
Leaving Milk and cookies
for Santa. Listening to Christ-
mas music. New Christmas
pajamas.
Brindelynne P.

**This is What
Christmas means to me ...**
Wotching Christmas mov-
ies.
Leaving milk and cookies
for Santa.
New Christmas Pajamas.
Angel Z. Z.

**This is what
Christmas means to me ...**
Giving and getting presents
Being thankful and celebrat-
ing the birth of Jesus
Leaving milk and cookies
for Santa.
Ruby I.

**This is what
Chrismis means to me ...**
Being thankful and celebrat-
ing the birth of Jesus.
Spending time with family
friends.
leaving milck and cookies
for Santa.
Conan A.

**This is What
Christmas to me ...**
People being generous.
Spending time with family
and friends. Giving and get-
ting presents.
Jack R.

**This is what
Christmas means to me ...**
Being thankful and celebrat-
ing the birth of Jesus.
Giving and getting pres-
ents.
Leaving milk and cookies
for Santa.
Asher G.

**This is What
Christmas means to me ...**
Spending time with family
and friends.
Being thankful and celebrat-
ing the birth of Jesus.
Giving and getting pres-
ents.
Abraham K.

**This is Christmas
means to me ...**
Spending time with family
and friends. Being thankful
and celebrating the birth of
Jesus. Decorating a tree and
home.
Caroline E.

**This is What
Christmas means to me ...**
Helping others Celebrate
Christmas, Spending time
with family and friends.
Being thankful and celebrat-
ing the birth of Jesus.
Artemio D.

**This is what
Christmas means to me ...**
Decorating a tree and home.
Spinding time with family
and friends
being thankful and celebrat-
ing birth of Jesus.
Luis S.

**This is what
Christmas means to me ...**
Spending time with family
and friends.
Going to the litght show and
parade.
Decorating a tree and home.
Abigail S.

**This is what
Christmas means to me ..**
Spending time with family
and friends.
Being thankful and celebrat-
ing the birth fo Jesus.
Watching Christmas mov-
ies.
Ashley M.

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

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Wendy Swenson’s second-graders

This is What Christmas means to me.
Being thankful and celebrating the birthday of Jesus.
Decorating the Christmas tree and putting up lights.
Spending time with family and friends.
Love, Taylor P.

This is Whot Christmas means to me.
New Christmas Pajamas, Being thankful and celebrating the birthday of Jesus. Making and eating cookies.
Love, Lincoln L.

This is What Chirstmas means to me
Making and eating cookies. Haveing a joyful time. Watch- ing A Chirstmas movies. Mer- ry Christmas.
Paisley P.

This is What Chrstmas means to me.
Spending time with my fam- ily. Watching the Christmas lights. geting new pajmas. Ho Ho Ho
Cylus W.

This is what Christmas Means to Me.
Getting New Christmas Pa- jamas.
Making and eating cookes
Being thankful.
Celebrating the birthday of Jesus.
Love, Memphis L.



Paisley P., Wendy Swenson’s class, Marsing Elementary

This is What Christmas means to me
Leaving milk and cook-

ies for Santa. Spending time with family and friends. be- ing thankful and celebrating

the birthday of Jesus. Merry Christmas.
Oliver L.

This is what Christmas means to me
Spending time with family and friends.
Giving and getting Presnts.
Hew Christmas Pajamas.
Ho Ho Ho
Noe M-B.

This is What Christmas Means to me
Chrismas means to me new Christmas pajamas. Having a joyful time. Giving and Get- ing presents. Ho Ho Ho
Jax M.

This is what Christmas means to me.
Being thankful and celbrating

the birthday of Jesus. Giving and getting presents. Leaveing milk and cookies for Santa.
James E.

This is What Chistmas means to me.
Spending time with fam- ily and friends. making and eating cookies. Going to the light show and parade. Merry Christmas.
Ariana P.

This is what Christmas means to me.
New Christmas Pajamas. Making and Eating cookies. Spending tiem with family and friends.
Love, Sunni F.

This is what christmas means to me.
Being thankful and celebrat- ing the birth of Jesus. Having a joyful time. Spending time with family and friends. Mer- ry Christmas
Callen R.

This is what Christmas means to me.
New Christmas Pajamas. Being thankful and cele- brating the birthday of Jesus. Making and eating cookies.
Ella L.

What Chistmas means to me
Watching a movie.
Making and eating cookies.
Spending time with my family and friends.
Merry Christmas.
Julieta V.

This is What Christmas means to me.
Making cookies.
New Christmas pajamas. getting presents.
Merry Christmas,
Victoria S.

This is What Christmas meens to me.
Spending time with family and frinds. going to the light show and parade. Watching Chrimas movies. Ho Ho Ho
Layne G.

This is whot Christ Means to me
Making and eating cookies. Giving and getting presents. Being thankful and celebrat- ing the birthday of Jesus.
Love, Ariana R.

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Mary Westrand's second-graders

This is what Christmas means to me
Making gingerbread houses with my family, happy times, & having fun with my dog, family.
Daniel M.

This is what Christmas means to me
happy times making, gingerbread house with my family, decorating our Christmas tree.
Quinn E.

This is what Christmas
making gingerbread houses with my family, having fun with my family, making cookies for Santa.
Kaitlyn M.

This is what Christmas means to me
happy times, making cookies for santa, decorating our Christmas tree.
Lukas H.

This is What Christmas Means to Me
making cookies for Santa, decorating our tree, making gingerbread houses with my family.
Jaxon S.

This is what Christmas means to me,
making gingerbread mans with my family, happy times, having fun with my family.
Maycie F.

This is What Cristmas means to me
1 Shopping With friends, 2 having fun with my dog, 3



Quinn E., Mary Westrand's class, Marsing Elementary
making cookies for Santa.
Maddix B. times. Seeing my Elf, sharing with my family, making cookies.

This is what Christmas my ans to me
happy tims sharing with my Friends having fun with my dog and my famle.
William R.

This is What Christmas means to me
happy times, Sharing with my friends, reading a Chistmas Story with my family.
Esma C.

This is what Chrismas means to me
bilding a snowman, happy

This is What Christmas means to me
making gingerbread houses with Family, Sharing with my Friends making cookies for Santa.
Nancy C.

This is what Christmas means to me
Seeing me Elf on me Shelf, and spending time whith my family and decorating our Christmas tree.
Adan M.



Kyleigh C., Dorothy Hutchings' class, Marsing Elementary



Jaxon S., Mary Westrand's class, Marsing Elementary

This is What Christmas Means to Me
Happy times, Spending time with My Family, decorating our Christmas Tree!
Zyreun Z.

This is What Christmas mean to me
decorating our Christmas tree, making cookies for Santa, spending time with my family.
Hazel S.
See Mary Westrand, Page 11B

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Rachael Fouts’ class

What Christmas means to me....
Christmas makes me think about Jesus and opening presents and playing with my brother in the snow. It makes me feel happy. Christ means family to me. Also Christmas means fun to me. It also reminds me of all my old memories and it reminds me how much I love my teacher and it makes me joyful and it reminds me how much my teacher teaches me of Christmas.

Case 2nd grade

What Christmas means to me....
Is to celebrate Jesus’s birthday and remember who he is. I love to open presents with my family and see the smile on their faces. It makes me feel joyful. I love signing to good girls and boys while out caroling and teaching with my teacher.

Hattie Anne 3rd grade

What Christmas means to me....
I like Christmas because I get together with my family. We have fun with our friends and cousins. We open presents with our family and celebrate Jess’s birthday. It make me feel good and happy.

Clancy 2nd grade

What Christmas means to me....
Christmas makes me think about Jesus. I like my Grandma’s cookies. I like my sister’s brownies.

Waylon 3rd grade

What Christmas means to me....
I like Christmas because I get to spend time with my family and friends. When we open presents and eat breakfast. Then we make snow walls and have snow ball fight. We make igloos and sleep in them. Before we go to sleep,

we eat steak for diner. Then we watch a movie and eat ice cream and we get are sleeping bags, pillows and blankets in the igloos and sleep in them. Merry Christmas!

Lilly Ann 2nd grade

What Christmas means to me....
It means to me is wrapping presents for mom, sis, and brother for Christmas and when we are asleep and Santa Claus comes and puts our presents under the Christmas tree and on the morning we get to open presents in the living room to open are the spirit of Christmas.

Jaylee 3rd grade

What Christmas means to me....
It means Jesus because he was born on the 25th an Christmas and I like opening presents. It’s giving presents to family and having the Christmas Spirit.

Hollis 3rd grade

What Christmas means to me...
It is Jesus’ birthday and it makes me happy. Jesus makes me happy even when I am sad. Lastly it means to be good and that makes me feel good.

Gus 2nd grade

What Christmas means to me...
I get to spend time with my family and friends. It is not about getting, it is about giving. I like to give, it makes me feel good. I like to do winter activities, like snowball fights and build a snowball castle with my brother.

Making cookies with my mom is my favorite Christmas activity.

Ryker 2nd grade

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Three Creek

Shannon Ault’s class

What Christmas Means to Me
Mary and Joseph had baby Jesus. He was alive on Christmas. On Christmas we give presents to children. It is special to spend time with family. I like toy Legos for Christmas.

Ava T., Kindergarten

What Christmas Means To Me
Christmas is special to me because I get to spend Christmas with my family. We give presents to people. I love singing Christmas songs. We eat Christmas food. It is Jesus’ Birthday on Christmas. We get presents under the Christmas tree. We build a snowman and go sledding down the hill. We build a fireplace every Christmas. Im thankful for Jesus and Christmas.

Lilly Anne B., 2nd Grade

What Christmas Means To Me
Christmas is special because it’s Jesus’ birthday. I love to open presents. We all go sledding in the snow before Christmas dinner. I wish I could take my friends sledding behind my horse. I love Christmas!

Cheyenne H., 2nd Grade

What Christmas Means To Me
Christmas is Jesus’ Birthday. Jesus was born on Christmas and he died on the cross so we can all go to Heaven. I like getting and giving presents. Christmas is a time for singing and happiness.

Elie W., Kindergarten

Jordan Valley Elementary

Crissy Terry’s class

Christmas is special because we give presents and share our presetns. our family gets to watch us open presents and we maybe give them to our parents. Then our parent won’t be left out. Every one will be happy on Christmas day.

Saidey S. 2nd grade

Christmas means sharing my toys with my family and they share toys with me.

Raimey S. 1st grade

Christmas means being with my family on Christmas eve and opening prezints with them and my cousins. Going out side and sledding with all of my family is fun. We sled and sled and soon we go in and play.

Buster D. 2nd grade

Putting the lights on the tree is the best part of Christmas. Christmas means gettine and sharing gifts too.

Austynn J. 2nd grade

I put the Christmas lights up on the tree. Spending time with my friends.

Sammy H. 1st grade

I want a Christmas tree and it Smells good. It time to delorate It.

Samuel A. 1st grade

I like to Play with my friends on Christmas Eve. It would be a good night.

Bailey S. 1st grade

Rockville

Sharon Green’s class

What does Christmas Mean to Me?
We get together with family for a pot luck. I wake my mom and dad up on Christmas to open presents.

Kelton M.

What Does Christmas Mean to Me?
We open presents on Christmas morning. I like to open presents on Christmas morning. I like to spend lots of time with my family and it makes me feel happy.

William B.

What Does Christmas Mean to Me?
Christmas means to much to me because it’s a time to hang out with family. It’s also a time to go sledding or have a snowball fight.

Carlee

What Does Christmas Mean to Me?
What does Christmas mean to me. Family gets together. We drink hot chocolate. We go sledding. Kelton and Mesa and Blaze and Stetson and Carlee and Chris. Papa is funny because he wears an elf hat that sings Grandma got run over by a reindeer.

Ace



Addy Y., Jamie Hood's class, Homedale Elementary

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Mary Westrand

From Page 9B
This is What Christmas Means to Me
reading a Christmas story with my family, seeing my Elf on the Shelf, happy times.
Taylee S.

This is what Christmas means to me,
making gingerbread houses with my family, happy times, hiving fun with my dog.
Brady W.

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Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM



On the edge of common sense Faith in Christmas

It's Christmas time, when we celebrate the birth of Christ. In the U.S., surveys show that more than 80 percent of us believe in God. That's more people than have lawyers, drive foreign cars, believe DNA is absolute proof of a criminal act, own a home, have been divorced, or watch Oprah!

How can such a high percentage of a highly educated, well-read, technologically and scientifically knowledgeable people believe in an omnipotent being? Where inside of us is the biological process that allows faith to exist? Not just to exist but to flourish. How do you define the words soul, love, compassion, conscience, guilt or sorrow without going outside the parameters of scientific definition?

To choose to believe only what is scientifically provable is to assume, I guess, that all human behavior can be traced to the basic instincts of territoriality, reproduction of species, and survival. That a conscience is a highly refined sophisticated mechanism that somehow helps keep peace in the herd, ensures that each member gets her share of the kill, and that each dog in the pack gets a place in the pecking order.

If Earth is truly just a long series of accidental chemical bondings and adaptation to the environment, and God has no hand in it, then those animal rights folks who say a rat is a dog is a baby are right. Human existence on Earth would have no significance, no more than dinosaurs, rocks, oxygen, stars, wars, or renal dialysis. As Bertrand Russell, an atheist, once said, "Unless one assumes a God, any discussion of life's purpose is meaningless."

One of the dilemmas that deep thinkers have is the need to explain the biological, physical, neural or meteorological mechanisms that allow something to happen. Miracles are hard for them to swallow. There must be some earthly explanation that the Dead Sea parted, Lazarus rose from the dead, and Jesus turned water to wine.

It is necessary for them to write off Jesus feeding the multitude. To conclude the Bible is more fiction than fact. That Christmas is just a benign commercial day off.

But for the vast majority of Americans, Christmas is the recognition of something bigger than ourselves. It also strengthens our beliefs and reminds us that Jesus was born to change the world and that He has. Our entire concept of God exists by faith. It's not complicated. When I'm asked if I believe Christ was born of a virgin, I say, of course! If I can believe in something so all-mighty, all-powerful and unbelievable as God, I can surely believe Jesus was His son.

Merry Christmas, and God bless you.

— 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.

From Washington Supply is down, prices are up, and Idahoans are worried at Christmas

The holidays have arrived: A time for faith, family, and friendship. But this year, new worries weigh on the season. Small businesses and families across Idaho are confronted with broken supply chains and rising prices on everything from gas to groceries.

Idaho is among the states hit hardest by the domestic supply chain disruption with more than half of Gem State small businesses reporting that delays are impacting them directly. In an effort to prevent a repeat of the empty store shelves we saw in March 2020, small businesses spent much of last year proactively planning their inventories for the busy holiday shopping season when many make the majority of their annual sales. Some grocers bought turkeys as far back as February, other retailers stocked up on toys all summer. Even so, many still find themselves falling short of supply goals as demand for products grows.

Backlogs at ports and a truck driver shortage have added as many as 12 weeks to delivery times. And while larger retailers are also experiencing supply chain disruptions, they have bigger budgets and greater bidding power to get their products to customers than Idaho's mom-and-pop shops do. Shipping costs have more than doubled, and razor-thin margins are forcing many local retailers to raise their prices, even at the risk of losing their customers.

The steep increase in prices is not tied to supply chain issues alone. Democrats' out-of-control spending has sent inflation soaring by more than 6 percent from one year ago, causing the cost of household items to surge while the price at the pump has jumped by 60 percent. For Idaho families — especially those with a low household income —

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this is a dangerous trend, and many are beginning to worry how they will make ends meet.

"The prices that are increasing just for a basic living are affecting families and really causing them to stretch budgets and unfortunately in some places make really hard choices," Idaho Foodbank chief development officer Morgan Wilson recently told Boise-based KTVB.

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The IRS needs reform, not more power

The reckless tax-and-spend legislation under consideration in the Senate is riddled with bad policy — from job-killing tax hikes to overspending that will continue to fuel inflation. Among the most frustrating of the irresponsible spending is a proposal to increase funding for the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) by \$80 billion, pitched as a provision that will help generate revenue through increased audits and improved tax compliance. This is concerning for many reasons, especially when considering the tax return backlogs, IRS call center wait times and other unacceptable problems Idahoans and other taxpayers have faced.

Supersized IRS funding is marketed as necessary to close the "tax gap," or the difference between taxes the government feels it is owed versus what is collected. The proposed \$80 billion of new IRS funds would mean more audits, investigations and tax enforcement, heavily prioritizing enforcement over taxpayer services. More than half of the funding would go to enforcement, while less than 2.5 percent of the \$80 billion is devoted to taxpayer services such as taxpayer advocacy, pre-filing assistance and education, and filing and account services. Idahoans deserve improved customer support at the IRS, not increased burden.

With such a heavy emphasis on increased enforcement, it is hard to claim audits on average Americans will not increase. An analysis by the nonpartisan Joint Committee on Taxation (JCT) recently shed light on the taxpayers who contribute to government calculations of its tax gap that increased

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enforcement aims to close. JCT data suggest that more than 90 percent of the tax gap is associated with taxpayers with incomes below \$200,000 per year, not millionaires, billionaires or the so-called rich. This means small business owners, cash-heavy businesses, and those who cannot afford legal teams and accountants would be easy targets for new IRS agents.

The Biden Administration makes grand claims about how much revenue it anticipates from its new army of auditors. Yet, those speculations do not count in budget accounting. To assume increased

— See *Reform*, Page 13B

Commentary

Financial management

Get snoopy about why financial help to married son evaporates

Dear Dave,
My wife and I are trying to help our son and daughter-in-law. They are both 29 years old, and they have been married for three years. They have good jobs, but the problem is they ask for money on a regular basis.
Helping them out hasn't been a strain because we're in good shape financially, but we have started encouraging them to live on a monthly budget. They always say they will try, but it never seems to happen. At this point, it feels like we may be enabling them instead of helping.
How can we make sure we

are doing the best thing?
— C.M.

Dear C.M.,
The first thing you and your wife need to do is sit down and have a loving, but serious, talk with these kids. If they've asked for money before, and this is something that has turned into a habit, you have every right to know more about their spending and other circumstances.
Don't be surprised if they act defensive, or maybe even get angry. People are often embarrassed to admit to, or talk about, their mistakes. They may even tell you these



things are none of your business. If they do, that's fine. But they should understand

you two won't be opening your checkbook again if they don't open up about their financial behavior.
This isn't about Mom and Dad being controlling or snooping around. It's about you and your wife making sure you're not enabling what you consider to be bad behavior going forward.
It always hurts parents to see their kids go through things like this. But if they're acting irresponsibly with money, they need to suffer the consequences of their actions. Who knows?
That, along with your love and guidance, might help put them on the right track to win with money!
— Dave

— Dave Ramsey is a seven-time No. 1 national best-selling author, personal finance expert, and host of The Ramsey Show, heard by more than 18 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.

✓ Prices: Democrats must take responsibility for their impact on economy

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It's little wonder that Idahoans are concerned, especially when you consider that the supply chain crunch paired with the sharp rise in inflation has many experts anticipating that 2021 will be the most expensive holiday season in the past 30 years.
The Biden administration has tried to downplay rising inflation, dismissing concerns as overblown or exaggerated. But the evidence speaks otherwise. In the year that Democrats have been in charge of the House, the Senate, and the White House, they have reduced U.S. energy production, disincentivized people from rejoining the workforce, and deficit-spent trillions of dollars. These actions have consequences, and the consequences are hitting Idaho's small businesses and families in real time.
Yet instead of focusing on ways to limit the damage, Democrats are intent on jamming the president's nearly \$2 trillion social spending package through Congress. For Idahoans who are raising families and struggling to pay their bills, the so-called "Build Back Better" bill will only make current economic challenges significantly worse.
There is still time to correct course, but not much. The best gift the Biden administration could give the American people is to accept responsibility for its policies that are harming small businesses and families, then get to work on making things right.
— Republican Jim Risch is in his third six-year term as Idaho's junior U.S. senator. Prior to his time in the Senate, he served as Idaho's governor and lieutenant governor and was a state legislator.

✓ Reform: Lawmakers must safeguard against IRS enforcement abuses

From Page 12B
funding spurs agencies to do more of what they should already be doing would only invite more big government. So, for good reason, the IRS funding proposal shows up as a cost to taxpayers of \$80 billion.
The IRS has repeatedly proven it cannot spend responsibly or complete the most basic of tasks — including protecting Americans' confidential taxpayer return information. Six months ago, the progressive group ProPublica announced it had the tax returns of thousands of taxpayers stretching back 15 years. This sensitive taxpayer data was either obtained through an unauthorized leak by an IRS employee or a data breach. Either way, the IRS failed to safeguard taxpayer information. The IRS has also previously been caught in politically motivated discrimination against organizations and taxpayers. The agency needs reform, not more money and more power.
As the top Republican on the Senate Finance Committee, I introduced legislation with House Ways and Means Ranking Member Kevin Brady (R-Texas) to make any proposed increase in IRS funding contingent on important reforms and protections for taxpayers. Without changes and guardrails to protect against enforcement abuses, Congress should not consider giving the IRS one penny of additional funding, much less a whopping \$80 billion.
Under the Democrats' tax-and-spend bill, small businesses and middle-class Americans will feel the pain of business tax hikes in the form of lower wages, and reduced retirement and pension values. We will be less competitive against countries like China, thanks to billions of dollars in international taxes that would disproportionately hit U.S.-based businesses. And now, all Americans — especially those making less than \$400,000 — will be subjected to a massive new army of IRS auditors.
— 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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Public notices

ORDINANCE NO. 431
AN ORDINANCE
AMENDING THE
AMENDED OFFICIAL
ZONING ORDINANCE
MAP OF THE CITY OF
HOMEDALE, IDAHO BY
REZONING CERTAIN
PROPERTIES NOW
ZONED AS INDUSTRIAL
TO RESIDENTIAL AND
REZONING ONE PROPERTY
FROM COMMERCIAL TO
RESIDENTIAL, PROVIDING
FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE
AND SEVERABILITY.

WHEREAS, there are properties located within the City limits of the City of Homedale, Owyhee County, Idaho, that are zoned Industrial and Commercial; and

WHEREAS, some of these properties are existing residences for which the proper zoning is Residential; and

WHEREAS, there is one bare lot that the owner has requested be rezoned to Residential.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HOMEDALE, COUNTY OF OWYHEE, STATE OF IDAHO:

Section 1: That the Official Amended Zoning Map is amended by changing the following addressed properties to the zoning designated in the column entitled "New Zoning,"

ADDRESS NEW ZONING

117 W Wyoming Ave
Residential

125 W Wyoming Ave
Residential

100 N 4th St. East
Residential

232 E. Colorado Ave.
Residential

Section 2: That this Ordinance shall be in full force and effective from and after is passage, approval, and publication, according to law.

Section 3: That should the Court having jurisdiction declare any part of this Ordinance invalid, unauthorized or unconstitutional or in conflict with any other part of this Ordinance, then such unconstitutional, unauthorized or invalid part shall be stricken from this Ordinance, and shall not affect any other part whatsoever of this Ordinance. The Mayor and City Council of the City of Homedale, Idaho, declare that it would have passed this Ordinance, and each part hereof, irrespective of parts declared invalid, unauthorized or unconstitutional.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HOMEDALE, IDAHO, THIS 8th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2021

APPROVED BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF HOMEDALE, THIS 9th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2021
12/22/2021

NOTICE

The annual meeting of the Bruneau Buckaroo Ditch Company will be held at the Bruneau Emergency Center on Monday,

January 3, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.
Chris Alzola
Secretary
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12/22/2021

NOTICE OF HEARING
IN THE DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT FOR THE STATE
OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR
THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE
IN RE: TIFFANY ALISON
TUTTLE

CASE NO. CV 37-21-431

A Petition to change the name of Tiffany Alison Tuttle now residing in the City of Murphy, State of Idaho, has been filed in the District Court in Owyhee County, Idaho. The name will change to Tiffany Alison Nettleton.

The reason for the change in name is: I want to change my name back to my maiden name.

A hearing on the petition is scheduled for 10:45 o'clock a.m. on Jan. 24, 2022 at the Owyhee County Courthouse. Objections may be filed by any person who can show the court a good reason against the name change.

Date: December 16, 2021
s:/Lena Johnson, Deputy Clerk
Angela Barkell, Clerk of the District Court
12/22,29/2021; 01/05,12/2022

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
IN THE DISTRICT
COURT OF THE FOURTH
JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF
THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN
AND FOR THE COUNTY OF
ELMORE

CASE NO. CV20-21-00545

IN THE MATTER OF THE
ESTATE OF STEVEN M.
COLLETT, also known as
STEVEN MAX COLLETT,
STEVE M. COLLETT,
STEVE MAX COLLETT and
STEVE COLLETT, deceased

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of the above-named decedent. All persons having claims against the decedent or the estate are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or said claims will be forever barred.

Claims must be presented to the undersigned at the address indicated, and filed with the Clerk of the Court, Elmore County Courthouse, 150 South 4th East, Mountain Home, Idaho 83647, telephone number, (208) 587-2130.

DATED this 16th day of June, 2021.
/s/Maggie K. Collett
340 E. 2nd N.
Mountain Home, Idaho 83647
(208) 587-4412
12/22,29/2021;01/05/2022

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
IN THE DISTRICT COURT
OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT OF THE
STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND
FOR THE COUNTY OF
OWYHEE

CASE NO. CV37-21-00134

IN THE MATTER OF THE
ESTATE OF DON LEE

MAVEY, Deceased

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of the above-named decedent. All persons having claims against the decedent or the estate are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or said claims will be forever barred.

Claims must be presented to the undersigned in care of

the Estate of Don Lee Mavey, P.O. Box 385, Homedale, Idaho 83628, and filed with the Clerk of the Court.

DATED this 16th day of December, 2021.

/s/: Russell G. Metcalf
Attorney for the Estate of Don Lee Mavey
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IN THE DISTRICT COURT
OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL
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OF THE STATE OF IDAHO,
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY
OF ADA

MAGISTRATE DIVISION
Case No. CV01-21-13421

ADA COUNTY
PROSECUTING ATTORNEY,
Plaintiff,

vs.
ONE THOUSAND NINE
HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS
(\$1,950) US CURRENCY;
A P P R O X I M A T E L Y
TWO HUNDRED (200)
PILLS OF FENTANYL;
APPROXIMATELY THIRTY-
NINE HUNDREDTHS
(.39) GRAMS OF
METHAMPHETAMINE; ONE
(1) BLACK POUCH; TWO (2)
PIECES OF TIN FOIL; ONE (1)
PLASTIC BAGGY, Defendants.

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DATE: Dec. 13, 2021
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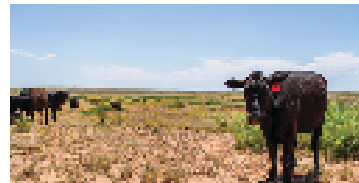
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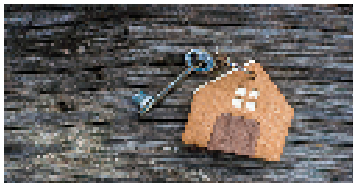


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