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“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.”

— *Luke 2:11-14*



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Banner from Dec. 21, 1972 Owyhee Chronicle

Christmas morning, Silver City

by Chad Hyslop,
from the Dec. 27, 1995
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A thin blanket of snow, a starry sky, the searing cold, seventy empty houses leaning quietly in an unlighted valley between towering mountains. The wind roars among the peaks above, but not a sound can be heard in the darkened hallways, empty bedrooms, and quiet kitchens in the town below.

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

Until the staid old magneto telephone mounted on the kitchen wall hums, then peals out a single claxon call. All over town the bells ring out, and then fall quiet once more. Listening, the buildings wait. And then again, the bells peal through the 70 empty houses, ringing a happy tune, a tune of “Jingle Bells.” Slowly, hesitantly, in a single key, the tune rings out of the old antique phones, thundering through the kitchens, hallways, bedrooms, a call of Christmas-time! A call that has not been heard for sixty years.



The article’s author, Chad Hyslop, took this photo of the Our Lady of Tears Catholic Church on a Silver City hilltop at 6 a.m., on Nov. 22 of this year.

Essay’s inspiration

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

Chad Hyslop

And then, as the last halting note is run, the echoes fall one more time on the wood floors, the kitchen sink, the cold stoves, and then drift away. And the lonely town slumbers again, and waits for yet another cold, quiet winter morning.

— Former *Avalanche* reporter Chad Hyslop principal consult for Hyslop Consulting and chief operating officer at RAD PROS, a Colorado-based environmental services company.

The Christmas Door

All the year long the moon giveth light,
And makes a sliver day of night;
But once a year
She seems more near—
Shows every night her steadfast face,
And fills the sky with tranquil grace.
Tis hard to tell when day is done,
For day and night flow into one,

So Heaven shines downward all the while,
And lights us with its constant smile;
But once a year
It draws more near;
Wide open stands the shining door,
With gleams of light unseen before;
And all across flash glimpses fleet
Of upper joys and radiant feet.

‘Tis ever so since love broke through,
And down the widening spaces flew;
That blest year
Our lord came new;
For Him swung back the starry bound;
And Heaven swept outward at his birth;
And naught was narrow but the earth;

Now evermore he stands and waits
Some lifting of them lower gates;
But once a year
He waits more near;
Shall the blest door he throws so wide,
And only we the entrance hide;
Unbar all hears, make room within,
And let the holy Christmas in!

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Sunday service — 11 a.m.
Sunday evening service — 7 p.m.
Wednesday prayer meeting
— 7:30 p.m.



Pastor
Ron Franklin

Christmas message

Make this the Christmas you accept Jesus Christ

by Ron Franklin

About 4 B.C. when the fullness of time had come, the Roman emperor Caesar had issued an edict that every man was to return to his hometown where he would be enrolled and pay his taxes.

It was in response to this order that the little couple Mary and Joseph had made their way from the city of Nazareth in northern Israel to the town of Bethlehem south of Jerusalem. The town was crowded with people who were there for the taxing, and the little family — unable to find a room to stay in — had taken shelter in a stable.

Then, on a night when most of the countryside was sleeping, the stillness was broken only by the sounds of a young mother bringing a life into the world. And on that first Christmas night a little more than 2,000 years ago from a stone grotto in Bethlehem, the Sun of Righteousness crested the horizon of this sin-darkened world, and mankind stared with wonder into the purple dawn of a bright new day.

This was the promised Messiah, the infant Christ. Within a short time, Herod the King of Judea tried to snuff out His life but failed. The infant became

a child and the child a young man.

At around 30 years old, He began His public ministry teaching and preaching. Popular He became at first, but within three short years the crowds turned on Him, and He was nailed to a bloody cross. He died, was laid in a tomb and the third day rose again. He has ascended into Heaven where He is sitting at the right hand of the Father, but He’s coming again, are you ready?

His salvation is available to all mankind. 27½ years ago, I found myself cast on the ash heap of life, shattered by my own sins. But on June the 19th, 1995 a little after 9 in the evening, I knelt at an old-fashioned camp meeting and poured out my broken heart to Jesus Christ.

He forgave my sins, made me a new creature, came into my heart, broke the chains, set me free, and he has been keeping me free ever since.

Do you know my Jesus? If you don’t, make this the Christmas when you bow before Him, pour out your broken heart to Him and He will set you free.

Merry Christmas.

— Ron Franklin is the pastor of Bible Missionary Church in Homedale.

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CHRISTMAS LIGHTS, SNOW SIGHTS



Bette Uda City Park lights up

Snow wasn't the only thing glistening during the early-evening snowfall last Wednesday. Even with the city's Christmas tree out of commission until Thursday because of a lighting issue, the decorations at Bette Uda City Park in Homedale shone brightly for all to see.



If that new puppy gets out, HPD kennels will serve

Businesses, citizens lower taxpayers' costs

When the Homedale Police Department had to find a new place to house stray dogs, the community sprang into action. Paul Russell was among the people who led the charge, coordinating donations from businesses in town and elsewhere to supply the city's

new dog kennels. "Without Paul, we wouldn't have what we have," Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller said. "He just kind of took on the idea and ran with it, and continued to run with it." The HPD animal control division secured a location for kennels in a closed downtown business after the City of Wilder closed its animal shelter to neighboring agencies, including Homedale

— See *Kennels*, page 8A

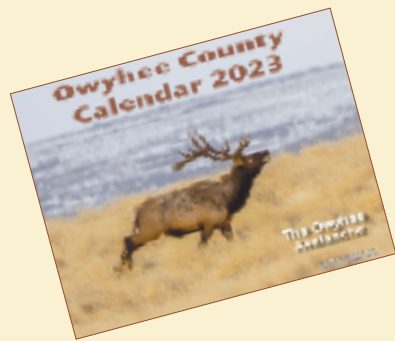
Truckers' treaters hit road Christmas morn

Homedale woman will leave at 6:30 and work all day

A Homedale woman's inaugural campaign to bring Christmas cheer to truckers away from home is in its final stretch. Teresa Nott said she hit her fundraising goal of \$1,000 last week, and she's also racking up other types of support for her Cookies & Gifts for Santa's Helpers. "I'm getting super excited," Nott said. "Ciera (Tucker) from Murray's Treats has offered not only treats, but her time on Christmas Day to join me in my journey." Shane Murray, Ciera's uncle, and his wife Kelly will also be along for the ride up and down the Interstate 84 corridor to document the day. Nott plans to leave Homedale

at about 6:30 a.m., on Sunday and visit truck stops and diners to provide treats for truckers on Christmas Day. She'll use the cash to buy meals for the men and women on the road, too. "I will be able to hopefully buy at least 60-plus meals, averaging \$15 each throughout the day, and will stay out into the evening, if needed, to do so until it's gone," Nott said. Caldwell's Kenworth dealership is providing support, and Albertsons in Homedale will provide milk and chocolate milk for the cookies. "I feel very fortunate to be supported by such wonderful people," Nott said. A donation box is still set up at the Last Chance Saloon on West Idaho Avenue in Homedale, and Cleveland-based factoring company

— See *Truckers*, page 4A



Owyhee Avalanche's 2023 calendar out to subscribers, sold in our office

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✓ Truckers: Ice cream shop owner, family pitches in

Transcap has shipped water bottles to hand out.

The owner of Dusty Trucks Dispatching LLC, Nott is still accepting cookies and treats and cash in an attempt to perpetuate the outreach for years to come.

“Cookies are already coming in, and I’m placing them in the freezer until the 24th,” she said.

Although she has reached her fundraising goal, Nott is accepting contributions until noon Thursday. Cash and

check donations are being accepted. Cash donations can be sent to Nott via Venmo by sending to @Teresa-Nott or Zelle by using her name “Teresa Nott” with her phone number, (707) 365-8418.

Cookies and cash donations from people outside the Homedale area can be dropped off at Mustard Seed Financial in Meridian.

Call Nott at (707) 365-8418 for more information.

— JPB



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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						
12/13	1.8	13	3.1	28	23	26
12/14	1.8	12	3.1	26	20	23
12/15	1.8	12	3.1	26	13	21
12/16	1.8	10	3.1	20	8	13
12/17	1.8	10	3.1	14	0	7
12/18	1.8	10	3.1	13	-6	3
12/19	1.8	10	3.1	n/a	n/a	n/a
Reynolds Creek						
12/13	7.7	39	5.8	24	19	22
12/14	7.9	36	5.8	26	20	22
12/15	8.0	34	5.9	21	13	17
12/16	8.0	33	5.9	20	5	12
12/17	8.0	31	5.9	31	4	10
12/18	8.0	30	5.9	29	9	22
12/19	8.2	30	6.0	n/a	n/a	n/a
South Mountain						
12/13	6.7	33	9.4	24	20	22
12/14	6.7	31	9.4	28	19	22
12/15	6.7	31	9.5	29	13	19
12/16	6.7	30	9.5	34	12	22
12/17	6.7	29	9.5	39	21	27
12/18	6.7	28	9.5	36	23	27
12/19	6.7	28	9.5	n/a	n/a	n/a

Water report

The Bureau of Reclamation website showed that the Owyhee Reservoir was 12 percent full and that water was flowing in the Owyhee River above the reservoir at Rome, Ore., at a rate of 127 cubic feet per second. Water is flowing out at Nyssa, Ore., at a rate of 23 cubic feet per second. The reservoir held 84,822 acre-feet of water on Monday.

— Information compiled from the National Weather Service, Bureau of Reclamation, Natural Resources Conservation Service and Helena Chemical in Homedale

More SNOTEL

Fawn Creek, Nev.

As of Monday

Snow equiv.	Snow depth	YTD precip.
7.6	33	86

2023 Oreana Mass schedule

The 2023 Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic Chapel Mass schedule has been announced.

Mass will be held at 10 a.m., on the second Saturday of each month at the chapel on Oreana

Loop Road:

- Jan. 14
- Feb. 11
- March 11
- April 15
- May 13
- June 10

- July 8
 - Aug. 12
 - Sept. 9
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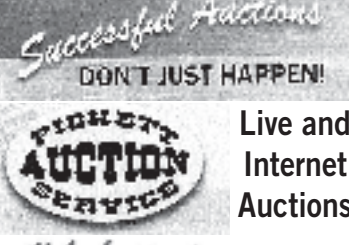
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Winter perfect time for small-scale farmers, food producers to get education

When the weather drives more of our activities indoors, we might find ourselves thinking back on the past growing season and planning for the next. Winter provides an excellent time for this reflection and is often when University of Idaho Extension and our partners focus on educational opportunities for our audiences. This year, many of these opportunities are returning to in-person conferences and events, while plenty of offerings still exist for learning at home, on your own time. There is something for everyone!

For those with a small-scale food or beverage business, or those who are interested, we have two excellent opportunities to share.

First, anyone thinking about food entrepreneurship is encouraged to sign up for the self-paced, online course through University of Idaho TechHelp: Introduction to Food Manufacturing for Entrepreneurs. This course is perfect for Farmers Market vendors, cottage foods entrepreneurs, small food manufacturing business owners or anyone interested in packaging a food product for resale.

This course is also a prerequisite for anyone who would like to have access to the University of Idaho Food Technology Center’s commercial kitchen and associated services. Learn more about the Center and register at <https://www.uidaho.edu/cals/food-technology-center/classes>.

The second opportunity is the FARE Idaho Field to Fork Festival on Thursday, Jan. 19 in downtown Boise. FARE Idaho is a nonprofit organization founded in 2020 to support Idaho’s independent restaurants, family farms, food and beverage businesses.

This event is a one-of-a-kind interactive trade fair to celebrate and showcase products from Idaho farmers, ranchers, food producers, brewers, vintners and distillers, and connect them with independent restaurants, retailers, and industry partners.

It will be held at JUMP - Jack’s Urban Meeting Place. This is a unique opportunity for participants to feature and showcase their products and network with other FARE Idaho members in order to meet others and grow relationships across our state.

Learn more about FARE and reg-



Ariel Agenbroad

ister for the festival at <https://www.fareidaho.org/field-to-fork>.

I am very excited to announce that the wonderful Harvest and Hearth Conference, organized by the Ada Soil and Water Conservation District, will return next year in-person and will be held Friday, Feb. 10 at Peaceful Belly Farm, located between Caldwell and Marsing. Harvest and Hearth brings together local producers for a full day of agricultural education and connection. This conservation-focused conference includes presentations on livestock, crop production, farmstead management and business to help farmers and ranchers improve their operation and their bottom line.

The conference features a keynote presentation by Nicole Masters, author of “For the Love of Soil: Strategies to Regenerate Our Food Production Systems.”

Extend your experience with additional hands-on tours and workshops on Saturday, Feb. 11.

Find more information and register at <https://www.adaswcd.org/harvest-and-hearth>.

Your small farm is always growing and changing, and your University of Idaho Extension Cultivating Success™ team wants to help you succeed along the way. We’re still in the process of planning our 2023 course selections, but for those looking for instant access education on many topics specific to small-scale operations, we have a large library of free, on-demand, one-hour webinars available. Browse topics related to farm planning, financial fitness, soils, water and pests, livestock, food safety, marketing and more.

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In addition to the opportunities listed above, University of Idaho Extension is busy planning the next round of popular winter courses like Living on the Land, Master Gardener, Cultivating Success and Harvest Heroes, and we’ll post these schedules as soon as they are available on our Extension calendar: <https://www.uidaho.edu/extension/news/calendar>.

— Ariel Agenbroad serves south-west Idaho as an Area Extension Educator in Community Food Systems, and Small Farms for University of Idaho Extension. Her areas of specialization include home and market vegetable production, direct marketing of small farm products, organics and gardening with youth. She can be reached at ariel@uidaho.edu.

Calendar

Today

Ladies coffee group

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

Food distribution

9 a.m. to 1 p.m., for Marsing residents only. The HUB food pantry, 205 8th Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 649-5411

Story Time

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

Community/alumni all-star basketball fundraiser

4 p.m., free, Adrian High School, inside the new gym, 301 Owyhee St., Adrian. (208) 722-4052 or email 23jmartin@adriansd.org for information or to enter.

Rimrock Music Program

7 p.m., Rimrock High School, 39678 ID-78, Bruneau.

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 and Tweens

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

Alcoholics Anonymous

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

Friday

Alcoholics Anonymous

7 p.m., Sandbar Community Room, City Hall, 18 Sandbar Ave., Marsing. (208) 860-9674

Saturday

Free lunch

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

Tuesday

Board of County

Commissioners meeting

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

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

Region III assistance assessments

Noon to 3 p.m., appointments necessary,

Lizard Butte Library, 111 3rd Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 495-5688

Alcoholics Anonymous

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

Wednesday

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, Dec. 29

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

Teens and Tweens

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

ION Heritage Museum board meeting

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

Alcoholics Anonymous

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

Friday, Dec. 30

Alcoholics Anonymous

7 p.m., Sandbar Community Room, City Hall, 18 Sandbar Ave., Marsing. (208) 860-9674

Saturday, Dec. 31

Free lunch

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

Tuesday, Jan. 3

Board of County

Commissioners meeting

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

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

Homedale Chamber of Commerce meeting

Noon, The Bowling Alley, 18 N. 1st St. W., Homedale.

Region III assistance assessments

Noon to 3 p.m., appointments necessary, Lizard Butte Library, 111 3rd Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 495-5688

Alcoholics Anonymous

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

Senior menus

Homedale Senior Center

Salad bar: **Not Available due to the Coronavirus*
Curbside pickup only between noon and 1 p.m.
Phone ahead (208) 337-3020 to order
Dessert is included in curbside lunch
Milk available each day
Roll/bread available each day
Dec. 21: Biscuit with sausage gravy, Malibu blend vegetables, hash brown patty
Dec. 22: Christmas ham, sweet potatoes, green bean casserole
Dec. 27: Roast beef, mashed potatoes and gravy, carrots
Dec. 28: Chicken Alfredo, broccoli
Dec. 29: Baked fish, scalloped potatoes, green beans

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. 21: Sherry mushroom chicken over brown rice, peas, green salad, Baci roll, peaches
Dec. 23: Closed - Christmas Holiday
Dec. 26: Closed - Christmas Holiday

Dec. 28: Cheesy cod over rice pilaf, baby carrots, coleslaw, 9-grain bread
Dec. 30: Roast beef with gravy, mashed potatoes, spring blend vegetables, whole wheat roll

Rimrock Senior Center

All meals are served with milk & fruit juice
Curbside pickup from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. or delivery only.
Call (208) 834-2922 as early as possible to place order
Dec. 22: SERVED AT NOON - Turkey, ham, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, stuffing, salad, rolls, pudding
Dec. 27: Oriental chicken, steamed broccoli, fried rice, ramen noodles, cottage cheese, pineapple/mandarin oranges, fortune cookie
Dec. 29: Lasagna, green salad, green beans, garlic bread, yogurt, fruit, dessert

Melba Valley Senior Center

Meals served at noon (Salad bar at 11:30 a.m.)
Phone ahead (208) 495-2168 same day for complete menu
Payment by donation. All ages welcome
Dec. 22: Tuna casserole
Dec. 27: Shepherds pie
Dec. 29: Tuna casserole

School menus

Marsing

Each meal includes choice of milk, fruit juice, fresh fruit & vegetables
Elementary School each day: Breakfast: Cereal option
Middle/High School each day: PB&J sandwich option
Cold Grab-n-go line: Wrap, sub sandwich, salad
Hot Grab-n-go line (varies): Cheeseburger, chicken dish (reg./spicy sandwich; nuggets; bites), Pizza (varies), chicken rice bowl, potatoes (varies), bread (varies)
Dec. 21: Breakfast: Tornado (egg, sausage, cheese), apple Lunch: Ham or turkey and cheese sandwich, Sun Chips, baby carrot sticks

with ranch, cauliflower
Dec. 22-29: No School – Christmas Break
Bruneau/Grand View
All meals: Milk and fruit offered daily
Jr.-Sr. high school: Pizza offered daily
Dec. 21: Breakfast: Cook’s choice Lunch: Beef and bean burrito, tossed romaine salad, broccoli
Dec. 22: Breakfast: Cook’s choice Lunch: Ham and cheese on a bun, potato wedges, celery sticks
Dec. 26-29: No School – Christmas Break
Homedale, all three schools
Dec. 21-29: No School – Christmas Break

Death notices

HORTENCIA MONTALALVO GONZALEZ, 80, Marsing, died Monday, Dec. 12, 2022. A viewing will be held from 4 p.m., to 7 p.m., and will include a Rosary recital on Monday, Dec. 19, 2022 at Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Caldwell. Mass will be held at 10 a.m., on Tuesday, Dec. 20, 2022 at Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church, Caldwell. Burial will take place at Marsing-Homedale Cemetery.

LESLIE LYNN JAYO, 79, a Caldwell resident who grew up in Murphy, died Thursday, Dec. 8, 2022. Arrangements: Nampa Funeral Home, Yraguen Chapel, 415 12th Ave. S., Nampa. (208) 442-8171

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From page 3A

✓ Kennels: Retired trucker’s contributions invaluable, chief of police says

and Marsing.

So Russell, a long-haul truck driver with 42 years on the road who was sidelined by a near-fatal bout with COVID-19, decided to get involved.

“I chose to support the dogs because of the roaming dogs around town,” he said.

Homedale’s animal shelter houses dogs picked up by animal control officer Liset Llamas when there are reports of strays around town. If the dog is licensed through City Hall, the owner is contacted. If not, the animal is housed at the kennel for a specific amount of time as required by law before being transferred to a Boise no-kill shelter for adoption.

During impoundment in town, the dogs are housed in the HPD shelter, which is dotted with supplies and equipment coordinated by Russell and other community members. Llamas is one of the HPD officers who helps keep the kennels tidy.

Russell helped furnish a 530-gallon water tank and five elevated animal beds, so the dogs aren’t on cold cement. The water tank was purchased with proceeds from a September raffle.

“The man has been a savior for many animals in this town,” Eidemiller said. “I can’t quantify the amount of work he has done.”

He also has supplied gravity-fed water bottles and stainless steel food bowls as well as containers to store food and about six dozen blankets and moving pads for comfort and warmth.

“I’ve also contacted Zamzows Corp., who was proud to donate a pallet of food,” he said.

Curtis Batho, owner of The Fence Store on West



Liset Llamas



Left: The large water tank used to keep dogs hydrated at the Homedale Police Department’s dog kennels. Right: Dog kennels benefactor Paul Russell (with his wife Gayle) is a driving force behind keeping the kennels going. Submitted photo



Homedale Police Officer Clayton Cart places a blanket over one of the raised dog cots obtained to keep the animals off the kennel’s cement floors.

Idaho Avenue, “blessed us” with the dog kennels, Russell said.

Eidemiller also thanked The Fence Store, saying that Batho supplied the material and the crew and labor to erect the kennels. He pointed out the amount of commu-

nity service work, including collecting shoes for needy children, Curtis and Destiny Batho have done, an observation that was especially poignant in the wake of the devastating fire at the business on Nov. 17.

A raffle was conducted earlier this year, raising \$2,100 to help with the HPD kennel operation. The Fence Store donated several prizes, and the beef raffle prize was donated by Del Phifer of Phifer Construction, Russell said. Albertsons also donated a barbecue grill to the raffle.

Other sponsors of the September raffle included Wild

City of Marsing developing kennels in familiar location

The City of Marsing is also in the process of refurbishing existing dog kennels.

Marsing code enforcement also relied on the City of Wilder kennels, but the city council earlier this year authorized about \$5,000 to get the existing Marsing kennels near the wastewater treatment plant back in working order.

Electrical work has been performed by contractor Barry Kendall, who lives in town, and more work has been carried out.

Lotus, Rockslide Landscape Materials, The Dog Spa, Wishy Washy Laundromat, The Bowling Alley, and Homedale Drug.

Russell also secured metal roofing material to provide more protection against the elements.

The city’s kennel budget was \$4,750 in Fiscal Year 2022, and has been increased by \$750 for FY 23.

Each dog owner in town must purchase licenses for their animals or face fines. The licenses can help Llamas — or any police officer — track down an owner if their pet gets loose. City Hall keeps licensed owners’ names, addresses and phone numbers on file.

Tags cost \$10 per year for altered dogs and \$15 for non-altered dogs. The city sold 400 dog tags in 2022. Through Friday, 48 tags for 2023 had been sold. Tags purchased this year for next year are valid as soon as they are bought, giving owners who may be new in town or who may not have tagged their pets this year an extra

month of coverage.

In August, Russell took to social media to thank all the raffle donors as well as Mikey Lopez, Jennifer Walliser, Stephanie Schaetz and everyone who bought raffle tickets.

“I’m still going to stay involved with the city,” Russell said. “And if and when they decide to go further into getting a permanent place, I want to help with that.”

“I volunteer to help out because it makes me happy.”

Russell also helped The Fence Store with its annual Shoes for Kids drive and the recent Spook House.

“I love this place, and the people here are top-notch,” Russell said. “I’ve always lived in Boise and thought I was happy there. And then I moved here and wish I’d moved here long ago.”

The community is giving back to Russell as well. His wife, Gayle, recently passed away, and Destiny Batho of The Fence Store started a GoFundMe page to help pay final expenses.

— JPB

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SILVER CITY, OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1916.

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Merry Christmas

SEATTLE CAPITALISTS TO TAKE FAMOUS TRADE DOLLAR MINE AND DEVELOP LOWER ORE BODIES

After months of negotiations by H. C. Benson in the interest of Seattle capitalists, it has just been learned that the Pittsburg owners of the famous Trade Dollar mine have closed a deal whereby this noted property will be developed at depth by an amply financed, active company.

Mr. Benson is now in Seattle where an operating company is being organized and arrangements being made for developing the property. No word has been given out by the interested parties as to when work will begin, nor its nature when started, but it is understood that the new company will confine its energy to developing new ore bodies below the Dewey tunnel level.

While we are unable to give definite particulars regarding the transfer of this vast property, that has produced millions for its former owners, we consider the mere announcement of its going into the hands of a company that will develop the lower ore bodies of Florida mountain, one of the best Christmas gifts this community has received for a number of years. Just as soon as it is possible we will announce when work will start and give our readers further details of this important deal that means so much for the advancement of deep mining in this district.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL NEWS OF THE COUNTY SEAT

Comings and Goings of Owyhee County People—News of Interest About Local Matters.

Dance next Monday night
Go to school at two this afternoon.

About eighteen inches of snow has fallen during the past three days.

Attend the Christmas exercises at the school house this afternoon.

Chauncey McIntyre was in town Monday from Cow Creek attending to business matters.

There will be a dance given in the lower Main hall Christmas night. Everybody attend.

Pay your taxes on or before the first day of January if you do not wish them to become delinquent.

Miss Della Schuyler returned from Cow Creek Sunday evening where she closed a successful three months term of school.

Mrs. J. A. Nelson and children returned from Boise Monday. They were met at Murphy by the head of the Nelson home, who now wears a broad smile at being dismissed as head cook.

H. B. Swain, a mining man of

THE STAR

Douglas Mallock

UPON the East appears
A shining star,
Pinned like a jewel to the
purple night,
One glowing star that lights
a waiting world,
One gleaming star, a beacon
and a lamp.

FIVE points it has, five
points like lesser
stars.
One looks to Heaven, and
its name is Faith.
Two follow the horizon: one
is Love
The other world-encircling
Brotherhood.
Another, Kindness, burning
on unchanged,
And Charity, the fifth, are
set toward Earth
To bring it nearer Heaven.

OUT from them all, from
every shining point,
Pour forth such rays!—a
glory radiant
That seeks and finds the
heaven's highest dome.
That seeks and finds the
deepest vale of Earth.
The hearts of princes melts,
the beggars' warms.

BEHOLD the Star," they
cry, "of Bethlehem!"
The Star of Faith and Love,
of Brotherhood,
Of Charity and Kindness!
And behold
Around, about, its fair, efful-
gent rays—
The Christmas Spirit—light-
ing all the World!
Now "Peace on Earth," they
cry, "Good Will to Men!"

CENTRAL WESTERN THEATRE LITTON

FIFTEEN MILLION DOLLAR COMPANY ORGANIZED TO DEVELOP ROWLAND PROPERTIES AT DEMMING

According to reports from the Boise and Nampa papers the Demming group of mines, and the Talmadge group lately acquired by Melvin T. Rowland, have just been taken over by a number of prominent capitalists of southern, middle-western and western states, including Messrs. M. T. and E. W. Rowland of Nampa. The newly formed company have filed articles of incorporation and will be known as the Demming Mines Company, with Nampa as its principal place of business and its capital stock \$15,000,000.

The following are named as directors of the new company: M. T. Rowland, Nampa; W. L. Kellogg, Parsons, Kan.; E. A. Gilbert, Oakland, Cal.; V. S. Durbin, St. Louis, Mo.; E. W. Rowland, Nampa; S. P. Aquist, Sedalia, Mo.; George Waggoner, Boise.

The new members of the company have been visiting the mines in company with M. T. Rowland nearly all week and it is understood that active operations for the development of their holdings will start immediately.

RICH GULCH FORCE NOW DRIVING ON CROSS CUT

A. S. Randall and Thos. Reid of Chicago, two prominent stockholders of the Rich Gulch Mining Co., spent several days last week at the property of the company on the west side of Florida mountain. The deal work has been completed, including planning the track, and the present force has driven the main crosscut 90 feet since starting active operations a short time ago. Manager A. F. Stevens has been unable to give his personal attention to the work on account of illness and Mr. Randall has been appointed secretary-treasurer during the time Mr. Stevens is confined by sickness. The latest word from Portland is to the effect that Mr. Stevens is greatly improved as the result of a recent operation in which his lungs were relieved of a large quantity of dark fluid.

SETTLE WITH COUNTY BEFORE NEW YEARS

As the first Monday in January falls on the first day of the year, Tax Collector Gaterell will close tax collections this year on New Years day. County there are a few days in January before the first Monday which gives the taxpayers a short breathing spell after the holidays in which to pay at least his first installment. This year, however, the first half will have to be paid on or before the first day of the year in order not to become delinquent.

Stopped Children's Croup Cough.
"Lena makes up two of my children began choking and coughing, and I saw they were having an attack of croup," writes Ella Mayberry, Eckert, Cal. "I got a bottle of Baby's Remedy and the cough and croup were gone before bedtime. Next morning their cough and all signs of croup was gone."
—Arthur A. Gaterell.

Home For The Holidays.
Via the Oregon Short Line. Tickets on sale December 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, and 31 and January 1. Liberal limits. Ask agents for further details.

A Good Position.
Can be had in any business, government or in the field of railway or commercial telegraphy. Since the passage of the eight hour law by Congress, there created a demand for tele-

length of time and left directions for the care of the patient. Dr. Camels of this city was appointed upon last week in Boise for while was supposed to be

Copy of an early 20th-century edition of The Owyhee Avalanche discovered in a California antique shop by former Avalanche reporter Cheryl Beeson and now on display in The Owyhee Avalanche office lobby

Sweet times at Jackson library Teens & Tweens

Story Time takes next week off

A week after learning how to make decorative Santas, Teens and Tweens at the Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library will apply their artistic talents in another realm.

At 5 p.m., on Thursday, boys and girls ages 10-17 are invited to attend the group's Christmas cookie decorating party.

Participants will decorate gingerbread and sugar cookies

Teens and Tweens programs have been held inside the Homedale Community Center, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., next door to the library.

Last week, Homedale artist Julie Cloud helped Teens and

Tweens create Santas using full-size paintbrushes.

The library will be closed Saturday for Christmas Eve, and while the Homedale district library at 121 W. Owyhee Ave., will be open Monday (which is the federal holiday for Christmas) there will be no Opal Nash Story Time for preschoolers.

Looking ahead to the final week of the 2022, the Teens and Tweens will hold a Game Night on Thursday, Dec. 29, and the library will be open on New Year's Eve.

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.

Find out
What's happening
Read Calendar each week
in the Avalanche

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The Idaho Public Utilities Commission designated CenturyLink as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier within its service area for universal service purposes. CenturyLink's basic local service rates for residential voice lines are \$21.75-\$24.10 per month and business services are \$39.77 per month. Specific rates will be provided upon request.

CenturyLink participates in the Lifeline program, which makes residential telephone or qualifying broadband service more affordable to eligible low-income individuals and families. Eligible customers may qualify for Lifeline discounts of \$5.25/month for voice or bundled voice service or \$9.25/month for qualifying broadband or broadband bundles. Residents who live on federally recognized Tribal Lands may qualify for additional Tribal benefits if they participate in certain additional federal eligibility programs. The Lifeline discount is available for only one telephone or qualifying broadband service per household, which can be either a wireline or wireless service. Broadband speeds must be at least 25 Mbps download and 3 Mbps upload to qualify.

CenturyLink also participates in the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP), which provides eligible households with a discount on broadband service. The ACP provides a discount of up to \$30 per month toward broadband service for eligible households and up to \$75 per month for households on qualifying Tribal lands.

For both programs, a household is defined as any individual or group of individuals who live together at the same address and share income and expenses. Services are not transferable, and only eligible consumers may enroll in these programs. Consumers who willfully make false statements to obtain these discounts can be punished by fine or imprisonment and can be barred from these programs.

If you live in a CenturyLink service area, visit <https://www.centurylink.com/aboutus/community/community-development/lifeline.html> for additional information about applying for these programs or call 1-800-201-4099 with questions.



Some schoolchildren embark on longer Christmas break

Monday holidays push BOCC meeting to Tuesday for 2 weeks

Students in half of the major school districts that serve Owyhee County have begun their Christmas break.

Homedale students were released from class early Tuesday, and students in the Jordan Valley and Adrian districts began their holiday vacation on Thursday.

Christmas break for Bruneau-Grand View and Melba students begins Friday.

Homedale, Marsing and Jordan Valley students' to back to school on Tuesday, Jan. 3.

Students return to class on Jan. 9 in the Bruneau-Grand View district as well as Adrian and Melba.

The Christmas and New Year's holidays also affect government offices, of course.

With Monday and Jan. 2 serving as the days of observance for the Christmas and New Year's Day holidays, the Board of Owyhee County Commissioners are scheduled to meet on each of the next Tuesdays.

The commissioners open their meetings with a 9 a.m., ministerial meeting followed by the business meeting. Meetings take place inside Courtroom 2 at the Owyhee County Courthouse in Murphy.

All county government offices will be closed the next two Mondays, including Division of Motor Vehicles branches in Marsing, Murphy and Grand View.

Treasurer Annette Dygert announced during Monday's Board of County Commissioners meeting that her office will also be closed Tuesday in a trade for working the Juneteenth holiday.

First-responders — law enforcement, emergency medical and fire — will be on duty despite the holidays, and the county sheriff's dispatchers will answer non-emergency and 911 calls.

City Halls in Homedale, Marsing and Grand View will be closed the next two Mondays.

Adrian City Hall will be open from 10 a.m., to 1 p.m., on Tuesday and Wednesday for the next two weeks. It's typically open on Mondays, too.

Jordan Valley City Hall is only open from 8 a.m., to 5 p.m., on Tuesday and Thursday each week.

U.S. Post Offices in Marsing, Homedale, Grand View, Murphy, and Bruneau will be closed the next two Mondays.

Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library in Homedale will be closed Friday and Saturday for the Christmas holiday. It will be open on Monday, but there will be no Opal Nash Story Time for preschoolers.

The library will be open on New Year's Eve, and could be open on Monday, Jan. 2. Library staff hadn't confirmed the New Year's hours by press time.

The Lizard Butte Library in Marsing will be closed each of

the next two Mondays.

The Eastern Owyhee County Library in Grand View will close from Dec. 21 through Jan. 2 for the Christmas break.

Bruneau Valley Library is always closed on Mondays.

The Homedale Senior Center is always closed on Mondays, too. The center will serve Christmas ham and holiday fixings for Thursday's congregational lunch.

The Rimrock Senior Center also is always closed on Mondays. A Christmas dinner of turkey and ham with all the fixings will be served at noon on Thursday.

The congregational meal in The Sandbar Community Room inside Marsing City Hall won't be served on Friday or Monday because of the holiday.

The Melba Valley Senior Center's last meal before closing for Christmas is tuna casserole on Thursday.

US Bank in Homedale is closed the next two Mondays.

Albertsons will be closed on Christmas Day. The Homedale store will close at 9 p.m., on New Year's Eve and 8 p.m., on New Year's Day. The store will be open each of next two Mondays.

The Sav-On Pharmacy inside Albertsons is closed on Christmas Day and New Year's Day. It will be open until 5 p.m., on New Year's Eve and is closed — as usual — each of the next two Sundays.

Homedale Drug will close at 2 p.m., on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve and remain closed for the holiday observances each of the next two Mondays. The store is always closed on Sundays. The same hours and closures apply to Homedale Drug's state liquor store.

M&W Market in Marsing and the liquor store inside will be open from 6 a.m., to 6 p.m., on Christmas Eve and closed on Christmas Day. The store will reopen for regular hours on Monday.

The New Year's schedule for the market and liquor store is closing at 9 p.m., on New Year's Eve, open from 8 a.m., to 6 p.m., on New Year's Day and open regular hours on Monday, Jan. 2.

The Owyhee Avalanche office will be closed each of the next two Mondays for the holidays. All deadlines remain the same except for classified advertising. Classifieds will be accepted until 5 p.m., on each of the next two Fridays.

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Oregon-Idaho Utilities announces the availability of Lifeline telephone and broadband service for qualifying low income Oregon customers. Lifeline is a GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM that is non-transferable. This program is limited to one discount per household, consisting of either wireline, wireless, or broadband service. Oregonians who receive one of the qualifying benefits may receive up to a \$16.50 reduction in their monthly bill for local residential telephone service or up to a \$19.25 reduction in their monthly bill for a qualifying broadband service. Proof of eligibility may be necessary for enrollment.

The eligibility criteria for Oregon Lifeline includes the following:

- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program; Food Stamps (SNAP)
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Medicaid
- Federal Public Housing Assistance (Section 8)
- Veterans and Survivors Pension Benefit

You may also qualify if your total income is at or below 135% of federal poverty guidelines.

Please contact the Oregon Public Utility Commission at 1-800-848-4442 to request an application or visit www.rspf.org to apply online.

HHS, Melba football players earn All-Idaho accolades

Several Homedale High School football players landed on the Class 3A All-State football team. The state’s coaches voted for the best players in Idaho in polling initiated by The Idaho Statesman.

Five athletes, including four seniors, represent the Trojans on the All-Idaho first team, including two-way selections Mason Strong at wide receiver and defensive back, and lineman Omar Rios.

Junior Brodie White is a two-way All-Stater with a first-team selection as an offensive lineman and a second-team nomination on the defensive line. Other HHS first-teamers include quarterback Jaxon Dines, and linebacker D’Orr Packer.

Homedale’s second-teamers include two more seniors — running back Trenton Fisher and defensive back

— See *Football*, page 15A



Michael Rose manhandles Middleton’s Dallyn Grimes in a 285-pound match deep in the consolation tournament at the Wiley Dobbs Invitational at Twin Falls High School. The Homedale High School junior pinned Grimes then rallied to take fifth place.

Beginners, vets dot Homedale roster

Young coaches, young wrestlers look to make impact

The early part of any high school wrestling season seems to present a natural holding pattern. Athletes new to the program or those trying to pick up the leadership role left by graduates jockey to get a feel for their potential. This year, Homedale seventh-year coach Jake Levinski is in a holding pattern with one of his returning state meet qualifiers. Brodie White, a 220-pound senior, is rehabilitating a knee injury suffered in the 3A Milk Bowl state championship football game a month ago. That leaves junior Michael Rose as one of the

leaders early in the season after the graduation of state runner-up Willy Haun (195) and fellow state qualifier Rhyalee Nix. But Levinski has several younger wrestlers back in the fold who could provide leadership elements. “Every person who returns is important,” he said. “That person brings back experience and wisdom. Both are important in building a team.” There are others who have returned to the team, but they will make an impact from the corner of the mat not the center. Former HHS wrestlers Luis Garza and Savannah Turner are in their first seasons as assistant coaches. Turner, who is back home with a break in her collegiate

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Trojans find their range at Pro Image

Cole Valley cools off HHS boys in title game

Jaxon Dines exploded with 30 points in one game, and the Homedale High School boys forged their first winning streak of the season during the Pro Image Sports Holiday Classic small-middle varsity basketball tournament. The Trojans (3-5) lost the championship game, 51-38, to Class 2A Cole Valley Christian on Saturday at Owyhee High School in

— See *Trojans*, page 14A

Wolfe champion Mustangs camp out at medal stand

Melba High School wrestlers cashed in on four of five championship chances, giving the Mustangs the title at the Juston Wolfe Invitational. Owyhee County resident McKoy Richardson captured one of Melba’s individual championship Saturday in Glens Ferry. He pinned fellow 2A Western Idaho Conference wrestler Derek Riggs from Nampa Christian one minute into their 152-pound title bout. Other Melba championships included:

- **145 pounds** — Grant Svedin pinned Tucker Maestes of White Pine (Ely, Nev.), 1 minute, 29 seconds
- **195** — Evan Michaelson (Melba) pinned Jonathan Leon of Marsing, :52
- **220** — Brenton Overall (Melba) pinned Will Carter of Challis, 3:00

Melba’s 170-pounder, Brendan Svetich, fell to a conference rival, Gabriel Cox, in the championship final, Cox prevailed by pinfall at 1:18. The two-day tournament provided plenty of early-season action for wrestlers, many of whom had to battle through a round robin format to qualify for the championship bracket. The Mustangs brought home several medals, and the top 10 wrestlers in each weight class received placements after the championship rounds. Melba’s bronze medalists included:

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Sports

Gutsy HHS girls open with perfect week in conference

Kimberly surges
past Trojans
on Saturday

Everything clicked as the girls' basketball conference season rolled around. Homedale High School swept its first two 3A Snake River Valley conference outings last week. "It was a good start to the week with two wins to open conference play," first-year coach Benji Sorenson said. "We dominated on the boards in both games, and it was nice to see as it has been an emphasis for us in practice." The Trojans (5-6 overall, 2-0 in conference) showed off grit in a 44-41 win over visiting McCall-Donnelly on Dec. 13 and finished the week with stout defense in a 47-12 demolition of Payette inside the Pirates' gymnasium. **Saturday: Kimberly 48, Homedale 22** — The Trojans'

slim first-quarter lead against their non-conference visitors dissipated. "We struggled on both ends of the floor," Sorenson said. The Class 3A Bulldogs (10-3) from the Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference outscored Homedale, 14-2, in the second quarter to erase a two-point deficit and set up their third consecutive victory. Kierstley Roseborough was the only HHS player to score in the second quarter. She hit a field goal. Zayne Hall connected on a three-point goal and one of four free-throw attempts in the first quarter, but managed only a pair of foul shots the rest of the way. She led Homedale with six points. Jacy Parker amassed five points, but didn't score after the first quarter. Sydney Davis and Roseborough scored four points apiece. Kimberly built momentum at the charity stripe. Leading

scorer Kelsy Stanger scored 11 of her 15 points from the free-throw line, knocking down 10 consecutive chances. The Bulldogs drained 12 of 14 opportunities at the foul line (including Stanger's 11-for-13 and Macy Dille's three-point play in the fourth quarter). Homedale connected on six of 19 free throws. Kimberly outscored Homedale, 16-3, in the fourth quarter. **Thursday: Homedale 47, Payette 12** — The Trojans smothered the Pirates, allowing just five field goals and scoring 25 points off turnovers. Homedale started the game on a 12-2 run through the first period and outscored Payette, 9-0, over the final eight minutes. Homedale also picked up 16 points in the transition game and scored more than half of its points in the paint. The Trojans scored 14 second-chance points on 24 offensive rebounds and held

a 26-6 edge on Payette's backboard. Sierra Telford collected all six of her rebounds off Payette's glass. All but one of Kierstley Roseborough's eight rebounds were harvested off Homedale's backboard. Finally, 22 steals contributed to 32 Payette (2-5, 0-1) turnovers. Arlett Quezada, Carlie Moore and Sydney Davis posted four steals each. Davis also led the team with nine rebounds and chipped in eight points. Senior Jacy Parker led the team in scoring again, putting in 17 points in just 18 minutes on the floor. Telford and Kierstley Roseborough scored six points each. **Dec. 13: Homedale 44, McCall-Donnelly 41** — The Trojans emphasized defense early then rallied from a third-quarter deficit for a comeback victory in the conference opener for both teams. Parker canned a three-point

goal to start the Trojans' comeback with the visiting Vandals (3-5, 0-2) leading, 23-19, in the second half. The senior's fast-break basket put Homedale out front, 33-31, then Davis blocked a shot to preserve the advantage. Davis was a force on defense, grabbing half of her eight rebounds on the opponents' end, deflecting three passes and swiping four steals. Playing all but one minute in the game, Parker connected on a three-pointer to start Homedale's scoring, and she led the Trojans with 22 points. Homedale scored on half of their 34 shot attempts inside the three-point line, and dominated on the defensive glass by a 27-7 rebounding edge as Zayne Hall got five of her six boards on McCall's side of the court. Parker and Kierstley Roseborough split their six rebounds each evenly on both ends of the floor.

Homedale Trojans

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



Boys' basketball
Jaxon Dines, sr., G
30 points in Pro Image semi-final vs. Ambrose



Girls' basketball
Sloan McFarlane, so., G
Averaged 3.5 pts., 4.5 reb., 2 steals in 3A SRV wins



Wrestling
Mariah Kiser, fr., 152
4th place in Dobbs Invite

This week's Sports Schedule

Girls' basketball
Varsity
Thursday, Jan. 5 at Fruitland, 7:30 p.m.
Junior varsity
Thursday, Jan. 5 at Fruitland, 6 p.m.
Frosh-soph
Thursday, Jan. 5 at Fruitland, 4:30 p.m.

Wrestling
Boys
Friday, Jan. 6 at Rollie Lane Invitational, Ford Idaho Center, Nampa, 9 a.m.
Saturday, Jan. 7 at Rollie Lane Invitational, Ford Idaho Center, Nampa, 9 a.m.

Girls
Saturday, Jan. 7 at Middleton Invitational, 9 a.m.

Boys' basketball
Varsity
Friday, Dec. 30, home vs. Kimberly, 4 p.m.
Junior varsity
Friday, Dec. 30, home vs. Kimberly, 2:30 p.m.
Frosh-soph
Friday, Dec. 30, home vs. Kimberly, 1 p.m.

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Sports

Marsing boys start 2A WIC season in search of answers

The absence of Juan Diego Ponce seems to have made an immediate impact on Marsing High School's offense.

"With our leading scorer out until the second week in January, we will have to find ways to scrap and compete to give us a chance," Huskies boys' basketball coach Tim Little said.

The first week of the 2A Western Idaho Conference season ended against one of the conference's most lethal offensive squads.

Unbeaten New Plymouth used a stifling defense to fuel a 57-25 victory in Marsing on Friday.

"New Plymouth, like most of our league, has a very solid squad with size and players that can shoot the ball well," Little said.

Junior guard Colton Frates posted a game-high 19 points for the Pilgrims, and 6-foot, 5-inch junior center Heath Jarboe poured in 17 points.

"Defensively, we struggled to contain penetration and handle their big post player down low," Little said.

New Plymouth (6-0 overall, 2-0 in conference) forged a big first-half lead behind key three-point shots, too. The Pilgrims hit four treys in the

game's first 9½ minutes to fuel a 15-1 spurt and build an 18-3 advantage.

Eli Ankeny came up with a tough offensive putback to get Marsing on the board, 3-2, but only a free throw from fellow junior Nacho Margarito over the final 6 minutes, 18 seconds in the first quarter.

"Although we only had 11 turnovers, their pressure led to some panic and quick shots, Little said.

Margarito scored seven points.

Marsing (3-4, 0-2) made nine of 33 field-goal attempts.

Another Marsing junior, Braden Ankeny, grabbed a team-high eight rebounds and scored six points. His biggest rebound of the night snapped a 7½-minute scoreless streak in the first half when he crashed the board for an offensive putback after Margarito missed a shot in the second quarter.

Jace Chadez hit a three-pointer for part of his five points, and Clayton Shofner's only points came on a trey.

Dec. 13: Nampa Christian 51, Marsing 27 — First-half play that Little characterized as "uninspired" put the Huskies in a hole from which they couldn't emerge in their conference opener.

The host Trojans built a 23-point halftime lead.

"We played a little uninspired during the first half, and we could not overcome the deficit of being down 23 at halftime — even though we played them even during second half," Little said.

Marsing's shooters struggled, knocking down on 13 of 55 field-goal attempts.

"(That) unfortunately is not enough to hang with a solid team that can score and that is currently undefeated on the season," Little said. "NC showed a grit and desire to win each possession."

The coach said the Trojans capitalized on offensive rebounds, converting most of their 11 second-chance opportunities in the first half.

Chadez grabbed seven defensive rebounds and 10 total, but was 2-for-14 from the field for five points. He also collected three steals.

Dusty Engle led the Huskies with eight points, three assists and three steals.

Eight of Braden Ankeny's rebounds came on Nampa Christian's end of the floor, and he scored six points and notched two steals.

Teagan Kinney collected five rebounds and two steals.



Marsing junior swingman Dusty Engle eyes a jumper in the lane against New Plymouth's Heath Schescke.

MARSING HUSKIES

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

This week's schedule



Boys' basketball
Braden Ankeny, jr., C
Averaged 6 points, 8 re-
bounds in 2A WIC games



Girls' basketball
Llee Loucks, sr., P
2nd year as varsity
starter



Wrestling
Trinity Stimmel, jr., 185
Juston Wolfe Invitational
champion

Girls' basketball
Varsity
Thursday, Jan. 5, home vs. North Star Charter, 7:30 p.m.
Junior varsity
Thursday, Jan. 5, home vs. North Star Charter, 6 p.m.

Boys' basketball
Varsity
Thursday, Dec. 22 at Payette, 7:30 p.m.
Junior varsity A
Thursday, Dec. 22 at Payette, 6 p.m.
Junior varsity B
Thursday, Dec. 22 at Payette, 4:30 p.m.

Wrestling
Coed
Wednesday, Jan. 4, home for 2A Western Idaho Conference tri-meet
vs. Nampa Christian and New Plymouth, old gym

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Sports

✓ Homedale: First-year coaches mingle with seasoned leaders to mentor

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career at Hastings, Neb., will be heavily involved with the girls' program, Levinski said.

Other assistants include stalwart Joe Egusquiza and former Boise State standout Luke Crockett. Josh White, the father of Brodie and former Trojan Willie, will have a smaller assistant role this season, too.

"It is great to have so many great assistants and the diverse knowledge that they bring to the team," Levinski said.

Rose is 2-for-2 in collecting tournament medals after his fifth-place finish Saturday in the Wiley Dobbs Invitational at Twin Falls High School.

Competing in a two-day tournament for the second time in as many weeks, Rose pinned Ridgevue's Demond Portis is 3 minutes, 48 seconds in Saturday's fifth-place at 285 pounds.

Rose rallied with four consolation-bracket pins before getting knocked into the fifth-place match with a narrow 7-4 loss to Mountain View's Aiden McGinnis.

The Trojans will follow up

the Dobbs Invitational with an appearance in the prestigious Rollie Lane Invitational at the Idaho Center in Nampa early next month.

"These tournaments are some of the more difficult tournaments on our schedule," Levinski said. "Going to these difficult tournaments where competition is fierce is important to build experience and make well-rounded wrestlers."

Some of the Trojans' young wrestlers seem to be well on their way to the well-rounded goal.

Mariah Kiser shined at 152 pounds in the girls' tournament to post the highest finish of any HHS wrestler last weekend at Twin Falls High.

The freshman finished fourth after Pocatello's Abby Garritson pinned her halfway through the opening period of their third-place bout.

Garritson also knocked Kiser into the consolation bracket with a pin at 3:08 in the quarterfinals.

Kiser needed just 57 seconds to win her opening bout, pinning Twin Falls' Emily Wright.

She pinned Canyon Ridge's Alina Rai (51 seconds), Nampa's Vanessa Ebert (3:51), and Autumn Vanderpool of Mountain Home (1:47 in the consolation semifinal) to get to the bronze-medal match.

Freshman boy Trell McFarlane finished sixth at 106 after Twin Falls' Gauge Crapo pulled out a pin in 2:51 in the fifth-place match.

McFarlane preserved his medal chances, squeaking by Canyon Ridge's Diosh Uraun, 3-2, to reach the consolation semifinals. Earlier, McFarlane staved off elimination with a pin of Mountain View's Noah Plank at 2:16 of their consolation-bracket bout.

McFarlane has some youth-level experience, but there are other athletes bolstering the ranks who are giving wrestling a shot for the first time.

"We have quite a few new wrestlers," Levinski said. "These individuals have never wrestled before this year. They are eager and ambitious."

"This is one of the biggest freshman classes that has come through the program in a while."

McFarlane's brother, Trey, wrestles at 126 as a freshman. He picked up three consolation-bracket victories in Twin Falls, including a 10-0 major decision against Gooding's Wiley Jackson, a pin against Payette's Brayden Pirrie (2:14) and an 8-4 victory over Elko, Nev.'s Demetrius Ruiz.

A 9-6 loss to Brennan Gordon of Twin Falls kept Trey out of the medal round.

Nate Mitchell, a sophomore wrestling through a cooperative with Notus, brings experience, too.

"Nate Mitchell is a great addition to our little squad," Levinski said.

The squad may be "little," there is enough spread through the weight classes to make the 3A Snake River Valley conference season interesting.

"We have almost a full lineup this year. It is exciting to see that," Levinski said. "Having a full lineup is a major key to winning duals."

"A full lineup alone would be a major win for our program."

Contributed to the full lineup is the return of two girls' wres-

tlers, including Myra Jean Koon, who competed at 185 pounds in the Dobbs girls' tourney during the weekend. LaRae Stewart, a senior, joins her brother (2022 state qualifier Wyatt Stewart at 106) on the roster, too.

Kinley Balkovetz (120) is another boys' state tournament qualifier back in the fold.

"I look at all our returns and see the potential in them to set up and become a leader; even if it is only by example of letting their actions speak," Levinski said.

The veteran coach is settled in for another season of success and growth.

"I believe who you become as a person along the way is more important than where you end up," Levinski said.

"When a person can go through the challenges of a wrestling season and become victorious — I am not talking about only wins and losses — that person will learn how to deal with everyday adversity as a person and become victorious there as well."

— JPB

✓ Trojans: Dines scores 30 in rare 80-point performance vs. Ambrose

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Meridian.

Saturday: Cole Valley Christian 51, Homedale 38 — In a matchup of two teams who love the long ball, the Trojans were held under 40 points for the second time this season, and the Chargers' big halftime lead held up.

Cole Valley (6-1) led, 25-13, at the break after junior

forward Ben Beglinger hit a pair of three-point goals and junior guard Hunter Graham added another.

Meanwhile, the Trojans struggled with their shots in the first half.

Over the opening quarter, Dines was the only player to score, going 3-for-4 from the floor with a three-pointer. The rest of the team missed

on five shots in the first eight minutes.

Homedale converted just five of 16 field-goal attempts before the intermission.

Dines drained two more three-pointers in the second half to lead all scorers with 19 points. Trenton Fisher was 3-for-6 from the foul line (including converting three of his final four chances) for part

of his seven points.

Junior Eli Kingery was 5-for-6 from the foul line and paced Cole Valley with 15 points. Beglinger connected on two of the Chargers' six three-pointers for the bulk of his 10 points.

Friday: Homedale 83, The Ambrose School 61 — Dines poured in 30 points against the 2021-22 2A District III runners-up as the Trojans topped 80 points for the first time in the Cam Long coaching era.

Sophomore Luke Henry scored seven points in the second quarter as Homedale broke open a 19-4 game with a 28-point outburst.

Thursday: Homedale 63, Aberdeen 53 — Strong scored 15 points on three-point shots, and the Trojans snapped a two-game skid with otherwise balanced scoring.

Strong scored 12 points after halftime to help Homedale climb out of a 28-26 halftime deficit against the Class 2A Tigers.

Dines was one of four HHS players to reach double figures as a Trojans team scored more than 80 points for the first time since an 83-66 victory against North Star Charter on Dec. 9, 2014 in Homedale.

The victory against the Archers (2-4) also marked Homedale's first winning streak of the season. The Trojans opened the tournament with a win over Class 2A Aberdeen.

Mason Strong hit a pair of free throws in the third quarter as the Trojans finally started making visits to the foul line. The senior scored 11 points.

Breken Frank made his biggest contribution of the season, scoring 10 points to match senior Sigmund Goode's output.

Homedale used a 22-5 run to open the second half to open a 15-point lead (48-33) heading into the fourth quarter.

Strong had 10 points in the third quarter, and Fisher scored five of his nine points in the fourth quarter.

Homedale was able to ice the game from the foul line, putting in nine of 14 chances down the stretch.

Good racked up three treys as part of his eight points, and Henry had a pair of long-range shots on the way to eight points.

Dines canned a three-pointer during a wild first quarter when the teams combined for 35 points and Homedale held a 21-14 advantage.



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Sports

Melba basketball

Boys deliver double digits

Melba High School maintained its piece of the 2A Western Idaho Conference boys’ basketball lead while stretching its winning streak. The Mustangs (6-0 overall, 2-0 in conference) ended the week tied for the top with New Plymouth.

Friday: Melba 74, Nampa Christian 44 — The reigning 2A state champions buried the Trojans on the road. It was Nampa Christian’s first loss of the season.

Braden Volkers ended a strong offensive week, leading all players with 22 points to highlight three Mustangs in double figures.

Volkers averaged 20.5 points in a pair of victories.

Cutter Beus posted a double-

double with 21 points and 10 rebounds.

Tucker Lowber had 13 points and four rebounds.

The Trojans (5-1, 1-1) received nine points from Landon Mills.

Dec. 13: Melba 64, Cole Valley Christian 52 — Volkers fired in 19 points as the host Mustangs won a conference opener.

Volkers added four rebounds and four assists.

Cache Beus cleaned the backboards to the tune of 13 rebounds while scoring nine points.

Lowber contributed 12 points and five rebounds.

The Chargers received 13 points from Max Myers and 12 points from Eli Kingery.

Girls pile up points, wins

Big individual scoring nights pushed Melba High School to to 11 consecutive girls’ basketball victories.

Hallie Arnold erupted with 28 points Saturday as the Mustangs blasted Nyssa, Ore., 74-30.

Gracie Johnson led Nyssa with nine points.

Thursday: Melba 52, New Plymouth 14 — Kendall Clark poured in 25 points as the Mustangs kept up their momentum in the 2A Western Idaho Conference.

Owyhee County’s Brooklyn Dayley added 10 points for the Mustangs (4-0 in conference), who won another game inside Potter Gymnasium. Melba has won 10 consecutive home games.

Dayley dished four assists and led the team with six steals.

✓ Mustangs: Many placers

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- **160** — Joel Helm pinned his teammate, Rooster Overall, 2:33
- **182** — Trevor Rhoades pinned Hunter Shobe of Valley, :37
- **285** — Connor Alder won by default when Nampa Christian’s Peyton Riggs retired with an injury with 18 seconds left in the second period.

Two Mustangs wrestled for fifth place:

- **113** — Raivio Manzer pinned Jace Mink (Tri Valley), :45
- **152** — John Hunter collected a fourth-place medal after JC Henry of Tri Valley got a 19-second pin

Another Melba wrestler with Owyhee County ties, Dylan Fahey, finished seventh at 152 pounds with a 51-second pin of Fruitland’s Op Wilson. Fahey’s mother, Rachelle, works in the courthouse in Murphy.

Razi Manzer lost his seventh-place match in the 120 division as another 2A WIC wrestler, Nampa Christian’s Riley Workman, picked up a pinfall at 1:39.

Two Melba wrestlers came away with ninth-place showings:

- **120** — Tyler Forsgren pinned Valley’s Daniel Lopez, 4:34
- **160** — Luke Clark pinned Nampa Christian’s Jerycho Sarsona, 1:13

Marsing coaches steadily build wrestling program foundation

Young Huskies claim Wolfe medals

Unique from almost every other scholastic sport, building a solid wrestling program takes years.

Juan Garcia is in his third season in the workshop, his Marsing High School assistant coach Jake Ryska is on Year 4.

“Our team is quite inexperienced again this year,” Garcia said. “We’re living the consequences of a spotty youth program from years ago. But things are looking better each year for Marsing wrestling.”

Garcia credits Ryska’s five seasons of work with the middle school program as a key factor in the potential resurgence.

The fortitude of student-athletes to stick with the sport is also crucial.

“The high school kids are returning year after year; we don’t have ‘drop out rates’ in our program, and the middle school is starting to fill up with the youth kids again,” Garcia said.

“Soon, the high school will have several athletes that have experience wrestling and propel the program forward.”

Based on the results from Saturday’s Juston Wolfe Invitational, the emergence of girls’ wrestling into the mainstream of Idaho high school athletics has already ignited the forward progress.

All three girls on the Marsing roster earned medals in Glenns Ferry.

- Junior Trinity Stimmel won the 185-pound division title Saturday, pinning White Pine’s Grayce Sommervold in 1 minute, 7 seconds. White Pine is an Ely, Nev., school.

The championship bout was Stimmel’s only mat time Saturday.

- Sophomore Erika Frazier, who is a returning athlete, took third at 107 pounds, putting Jayda Keffer on the mat in 31

seconds.

“I’m really excited to see where the season takes Erika Frazier,” Garcia said. “She was a first-year wrestler last year and found some good success.”

“With girls’ wrestling starting to take off, it’ll be fun to see her continue to develop her craft.”

Frazier rallied from losing her quarterfinal by injury default. She had to retire 22 seconds before the final buzzer against White Pine’s Nafanua Vinson.

Frazier reached the third-place bout after pinning Raft River’s Ellissa Felthausen in 45 seconds.

- Another sophomore, Veronica Martinez, finished fifth at 120 pounds.

The only Marsing girl to compete in the season-opening Ardis Elizabeth Nash Memorial at Homedale, Martinez was awarded a medal when White Pine’s Jade DeLeon withdrew with an injury just nine seconds into the fifth-place match.

“We’re excited to see girls’ wrestling statewide. I’m seeing more and more girls’ tournaments being added, and we’re happy about that,” Garcia said.

“The outlook for girls in the sport is very optimistic, and that includes here at Marsing.”

Saturday’s tournament revealed that Marsing has some potential in the boys’ ranks, too, even if the 2A Western Idaho Conference dual meet season could see spotty results.

Garcia said the roster has a couple wrestlers doubling up in weight classes, but the tournament season is off to a strong start.

Junior Jonathan Leon reached the 195-pound championship match Saturday, but wound up runner-up after Melba’s Evan Michaelson got a pinfall in 52 seconds.

Leon only had one bout in the round robin portion of the tournament, and he pinned White Pine’s Marshall Miller

in 62 seconds.

Leon moved into the title match with a pinfall against another White Pine wrestler (Bryant O’Flahery) at the 5:20 mark.

Freshman Ryan Baxter (220) finished fourth after White Pine’s Jordan Stroud pinned him at 1:23 of the bronze medal bout.

Senior leadership is thin for the Huskies with two upperclassmen trying to pick up the mantle from Trayton Jacobi. Jacobi finished third in the District III tournament last season and was a top-eight finisher in the state meet.

“He was our more experienced wrestler,” Garcia said. “We’ll miss his experience in practices.”

One of the two seniors in the mat room – Braeden Davis at 138 pounds – is a first-year wrestler. Jantzen Davis (152) is the other 12th-grader.

Braeden didn’t compete Saturday.

“He is athletic, eager, and smart. I’ve got a really good feeling about him,” Garcia said. “We wish we would have been able to coax him over before his senior year.”

Jantzen finished 11th after a forfeit against Kaden Beason of Challis.

Another 195-pounder, freshman Tristan Izzard, picked up a ninth-place win by pinning New Plymouth’s Adam Quezada in 54 seconds.

Izzard’s collected the top-10 finish by winning back-to-back matches. His first win in the tournament came with a pin of another Pilgrim (Maxx Vian) at 2:09 of a consolation-bracket bout.

Another ninth-grader that Garcia sees as a key newcomer – Tyson Holloway – finished eighth at 145 pounds.

Holloway lost the seventh-place match by pin against Valley’s Domonick Young.

“He is much like Braeden,” Garcia said. “I’m excited to have him on the mat and see him gain experience.”

— JPB

✓ Football: Trojans receiver, linebacker attain return visits to top ranks

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Sigmund Goode.

Packer and Strong are no strangers to the All-State roster.

Strong was voted All-State for the third consecutive

season. He was a second-teamer as a sophomore and a junior.

Likewise, Packer is a repeat pick, having shown up on the second team as a linebacker after the 2021 season.

Class 2A

Two members of Melba’s state playoff team also were named to the All-Idaho first team.

Senior offensive lineman Cody Dickard earned a spot

in his final season with the Mustangs. But Dickard won’t be leaving the consciousness of Treasure Valley football fans anytime soon because he is set to play in college at Montana Tech.

Wide receiver Noah West-Barranco earned a first-team nomination after a junior season in which he established school records with 1,001 receiving yards and 10 receiving touchdowns.



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Luke 2: The Christmas Story

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.

50 years ago Christmas in a divided nation

From the Dec. 21, 1972 Owyhee Chronicle

Five years ago (Dec. 21, '67) The Chronicle published an editorial entitled "Our Christmas Wish".

In that editorial we assessed the U.S. role in Vietnam, and made some assumptions as to what might happen in subsequent years.

No one can foresee the future. Events have a way of taking a surprising and unpredictable turn, just as the unusually severe and unexpected weather we have been experiencing.

Yes, five years after the editorial was written, our views remain substantially the same. As we said then, "the peace we achieve in Vietnam must be honorable, and it must have the foundation to endure. It must not be the half-achieved compromise which can only lead to another conflict."

At Christmastime, 1972, as a cease-fire draws hopefully near, this is again our Christmas wish.

the peace offensives, the misguided efforts of protestors and demonstrators in this country, coupled with racist and rightist unrest, will not deter the U.S. in preventing Communist takeover in South Vietnam.

Although our original involvement at Saigon was publicized under the guise of permitting the people a chance for self-determination and freedom of choice in government as the Viet Cong sought to seize control by force, it became more and more apparent that it wasn't the Viet Cong, but the North Vietnamese which we must be concerned with, and a Communist push to take over all of Southeast Asia which faced us.

Having proved to the Communists that they can't win by force, it is now doubly important that the U.S. doesn't lose the peace. For it would indeed be tragic, after all the lives and property have been sacrificed, if we allowed the Communists to attain by negotiation what they failed to obtain by force.

Our Christmas Wish

Along with the usual wishes for good will, good health and prosperity, which are standard greetings at Christmastime, there is a more than usual need this year for the wish that the U.S. take the right course in 1968 and its conduct of the Vietnam War and the uneasy peace which will follow.

There seems little doubt that the North Vietnamese and Viet Cong must capitulate sooner or later unless China or Russia chooses to enter the fray directly. The recently bloody battles leave little doubt that even in hand-to-hand conflict the superiority of American equipment, men and organization will prevail, although at a terrible cost.

The continued aerial attacks on North Vietnam and its supply and transportation facilities are taking their toll. Despite the Ho vow to resist there can be no doubt that organized ability to fight back will decrease.

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The meaning of Christmas



Henley G., Toby Johnson's class, Homedale Elementary

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Marina Brookshire’s class

Christmas means to me about having time with my family. Chistmas means to me about having Presnts.

Antony M.

Christmas means to me spending time with familey and opening presints and spending thime with my pets and friends and it brings me Joy.

EllaMae B.

What christmas means to me is to open Presents. And to have fun to open Presents, And celabrate.

Stetson M.

Familey time.
And opening Pretsnats.
Christmas joy.

Jackson M.

Chrismes is the most nice year because I can spend tim with famly. I can get persens too.

Georgia S.

Jeseas was born on Dec. 25.
Santa come is Dec. 25.

Dominic C.

On Chirsmas eve me and my family open each others gifts and it is fun and it is something that we have been doing for a while. On Chirsmas day we wake up and look for our elf then we go open gifts then we go with our father and we open gifts there to then we spend some time together after that we hom.

Kymbra F.

Christmas brings Joy to me becase it is the day that our Saviour was born.

Oakley M.

What I like about Chrismus is when my family comes to my house. And when they bring me presents.

Reyna G.

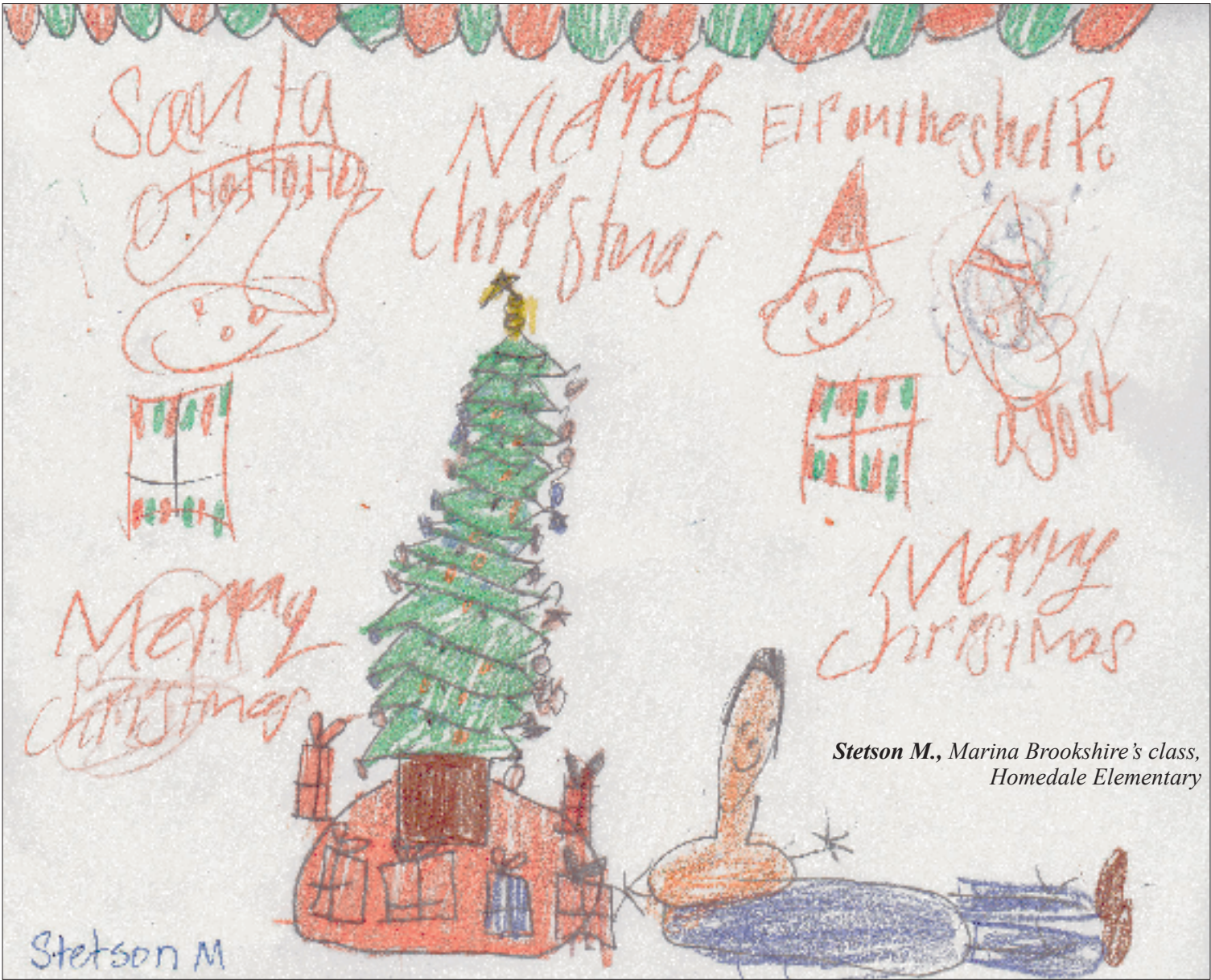
I like preusints. the are fun for oponig

Blake E.

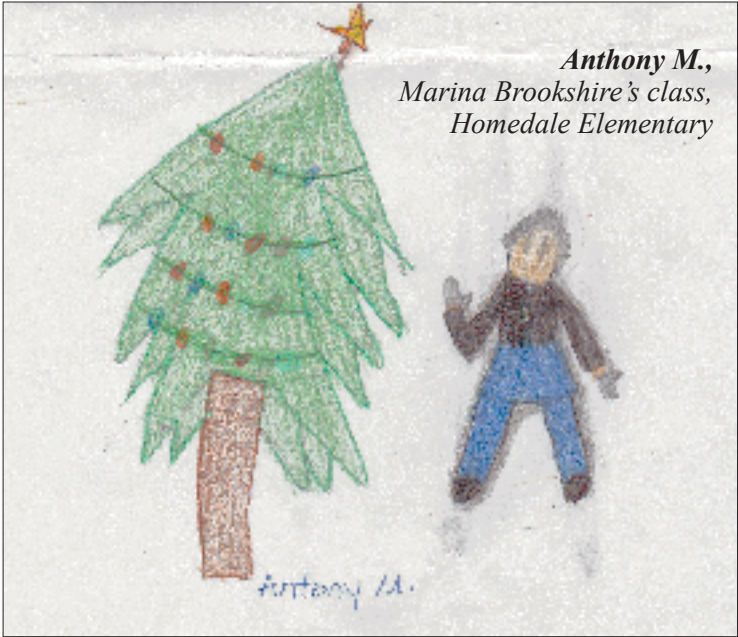
What Christmas means to me is grace because Christmas is all about Christ’s birthday not about the presents or the toy’s and i love Christ and he loves me.

Asher P.

There are many things I’m thanful for.



Stetson M., Marina Brookshire’s class, Homedale Elementary



Anthony M., Marina Brookshire’s class, Homedale Elementary

Christmas means to me about the joy of opening presents. And I get to spend time with my family.

Avery T.

My favrite thing to do At Christmas is to make ginger Bread house’s and making ginger Bread man. and also decrading the tree.

Jaxson H.

Chistmas means to have fun with frends and to giving, Joy.

Chistmas Means to have Joy and being Good for Santa.

Brogan G.

I love Christmas so much. What I really care about is my family and friends. My brother’s name is Guillermo and my sister’s names are Bella and Brooklynn. Math is my friend.

Bianncka S.

I like Christmas because my family loves me and they are the best family ever. My favorite day is Christmas. I love when Santa comes before Chistmas.

Nova S.

I am thankful for my family and chrises.

Payten H.

With Warm Wishes at Christmastime

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Tina DuBose’s class

Christmas means to me being with my family and present.

Korbin L.

Some things that Christmas means to me is I get to drink hot chocolate and spread joy through the family. One more thing Christmas means to me is to spend time with family and open presents.

Lily K.

What Christmas means to me

is I get to see Family and Friends.

And my 2nd thing is I get presents. And I get to sleep in.

Keyleigh H.

What Christmas means to me
making cookies and listening to Christmas songs a making Christmas ornaments and opening Presents

Aubrey A.

Christmas means to me to hang out with my family. Second to give to others.

Easton B.

What Christmas means to me is opening presents. I also

love to open stocking gifts.

McKee E.

What is Christmas to you?

Christmas to me is family, friends, and Jesus's birthday. I also like that I get to see how I don't really see. That is what Christmas means to me.

Lyric G.

I love Christmas because it is fun to spend time with family and friends opening presents.

Madison G.

What Christmas means to me is spending time with family. My family is so joyful.

Olive H.

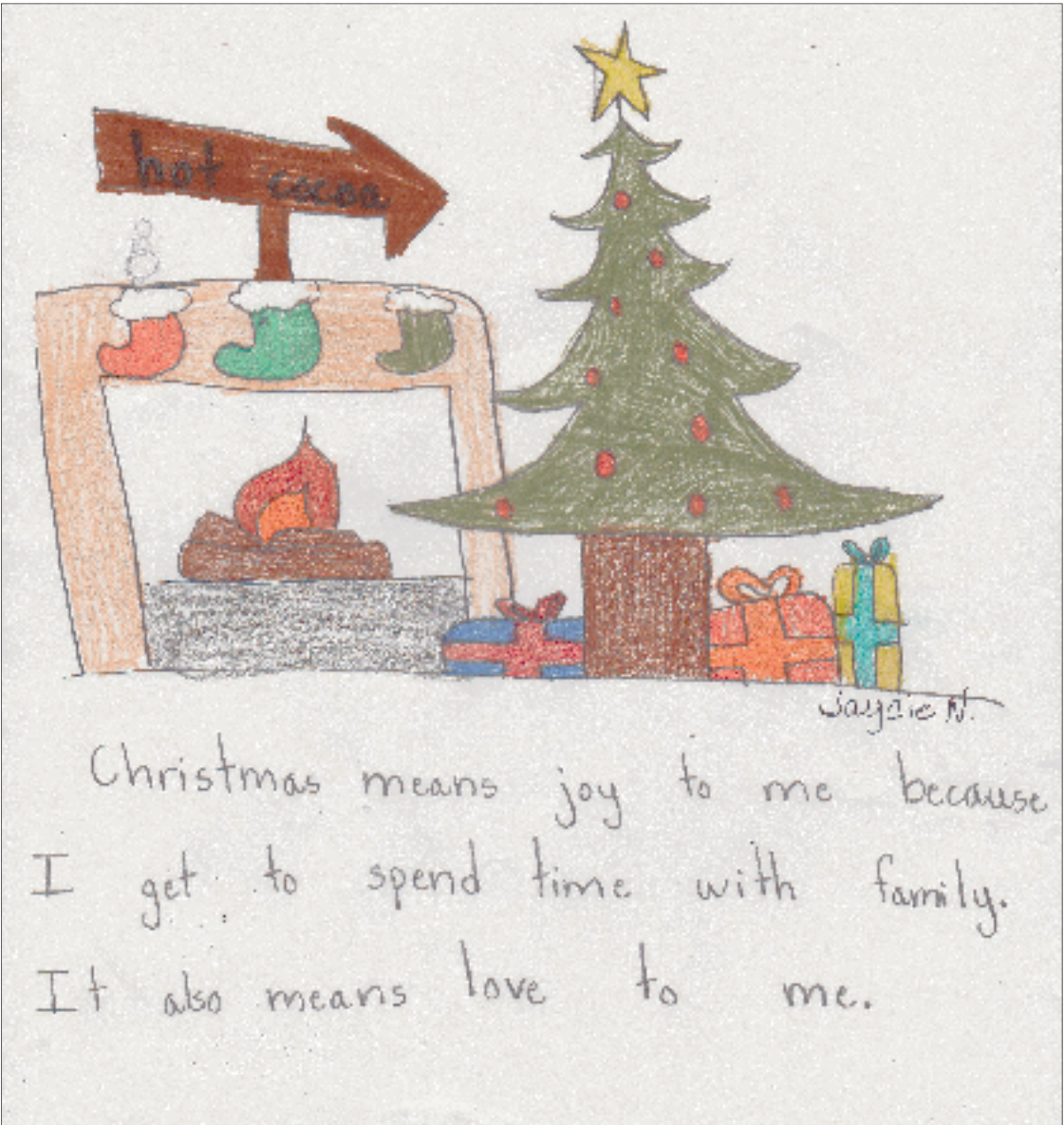
Christmas means joy to me because I get to spend time with family. It also means love to me.

Jaycie N.

Christmas means to me opening presents. I like to open presents because I like to see the toys.

John S.

I am thankful several things. First, I'm thankful for my



Jaycie N., Tina DuBose's class, Homedale Elementary

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family My family is supportive and kind. They spend time with me and we have so much fun.

Next, I'm appreciative of my pets. We enjoy doing things together, like taking walks.

What does Christmas mean to me?

Christmas means opening

presents with my family. My mom makes special cake.

Aurora L.

I like Christmas because I like to decorate the Christmas tree. I also like to put the star on top.

Cristian M.

Christmas means spending time with my family.

I love spending time with my family because there's so much love and joy.

Myra M.

Christmas means to me is I drink hot cocoa with my family. Hot cocoa makes me warm inside when I drink it.

Julian N.

Christmas Eve and Christmas

I am thankful for a lot of great things. First, I am thankful for America. I am thankful for Christmas. Christmas Eve means to me is Christmas cheer. Christmas is Jesus's birthday. Me and my family make hot cocoa and Christmas cookies. Me and my family watch some Christmas movies.

Camryn P.

What I like about Christmas

I like Christmas is fun and joyful.

Robert S.

I like Christmas because there's joy and snow. And presents, trees, and Santa.

Parker W.

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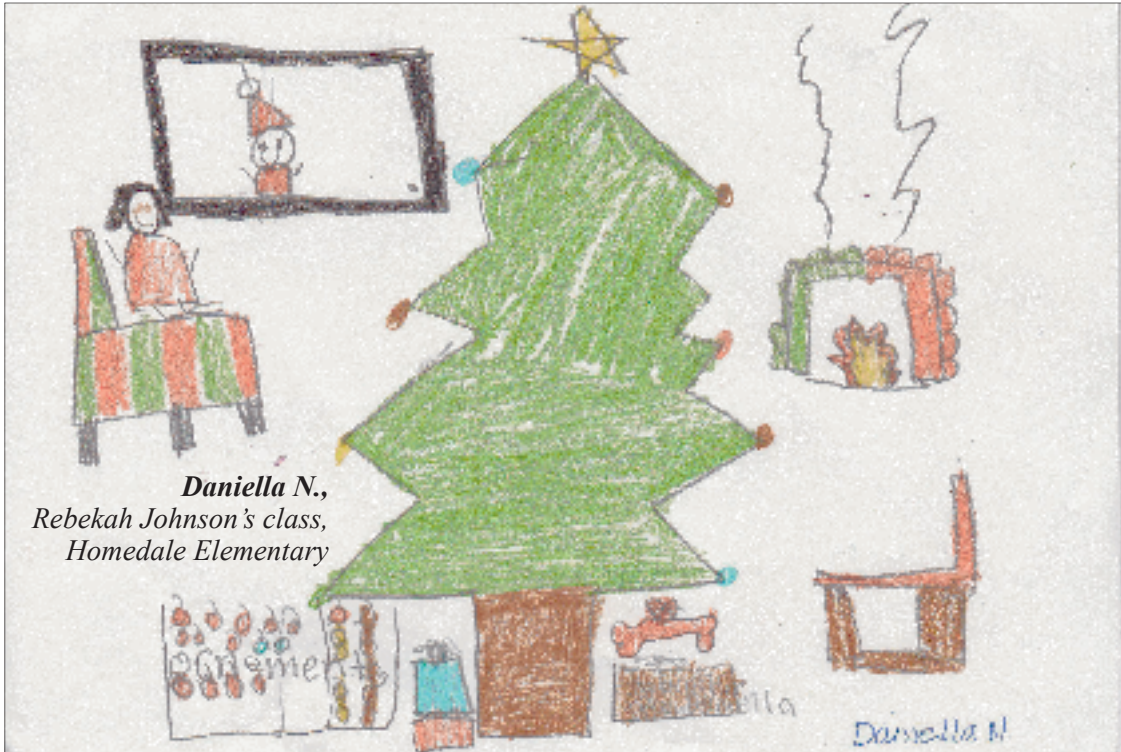
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Daniella N.,
Rebekah Johnson's class,
Homedale Elementary

What my does for Christmas is we put on the same Pj even my puppy. Every Christmas we go to my family's house.

Mileen M.

What Christmas mean to me
I go to the Store and get presents. And spent time with my family and set up a Christmas tree. And to get presents.

Daniella N.

We open presents on Christmas Eve. Christmas about God's birthday. I enjy spending time with my family.

Matti C.

Chistmas means time with family and friend. It also means it is it is time for Chistmas moives and music. Chistmas means Hot Cocoa too.

Madilyn B.

What Christmas means to me?
I enjoy opening presents with my family and friends.

Kayla C.

Christmas is important to me because I like to make treats with family and I like to unwrap present.

Harley C.

What Chistmas means to me.
Chistmas means to me because we spend with family. I like Chistmas because we open presints.

Samuel G.

1. Why I love Chistmus mean to me is spending time with my family

2. Another way I love Christmas is opening presents.

Thomas G.

Christmas is about sharing family and how much you love that is what Christmas means to me. Chrismas is about family and how much you care. that is what Christmas means to me.

Gabriel R.

What does Christmas mean to me?
It means that Santa Claus lands on my roof. My family plays like hidind ornaments

Jaime R.

Opening prientis and spening time with my family. and selbrateing Jesus birthday. It's very spical to me.

Peyton G.

Christmas means my family and me will decorate the Christmas tree!

Aiden H.

Hi I'm Katie J I'm in 3C love love love Christmis. It's the best becuse I git to see my Brother and Sister for two weaks and Selibrayt my Granpos birthday and I git to see both my granparints and cusins! Also make Jingr brad house's And sekenit Sandas. I can't what for Christmis!

Katie J.

What does Christ Mean to me?
Having My famliy and it is god's birthday. On Christmas and we put on Christmas songs.

Sofia N.

On Christmas i spend time with my family and friends and have a fire

Waylon O.

Christmas is special to me because I can spend time with my family. I love Christmas because I can open presents with my family.

Krew R.

Hi! My name is Kimberly. I love Christmas because, I can spend time with my family, open my presents and know what kind of toy I get! I can decorate my tree with My family and I can spend time with my family.

Kimberly S.

To me Christmas means to see family. To me Chistmas means to hang out with my elf.

Zailynn S.

Christmas meens to spend time with family. And having fun. And to be kind with what you got.

Conner T.

Christ means a lot to me because I get to spend time with my family. Christmas also means a lot to me because I get to Play Games with my family.

Aliviah Y.

Cristmas means spending time with my family. It also means giving to other People.

Peyton W.

Christmas brings me love. What brings me love is family, playing in the snow, huging. I love Christmas.

Greyson W.

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

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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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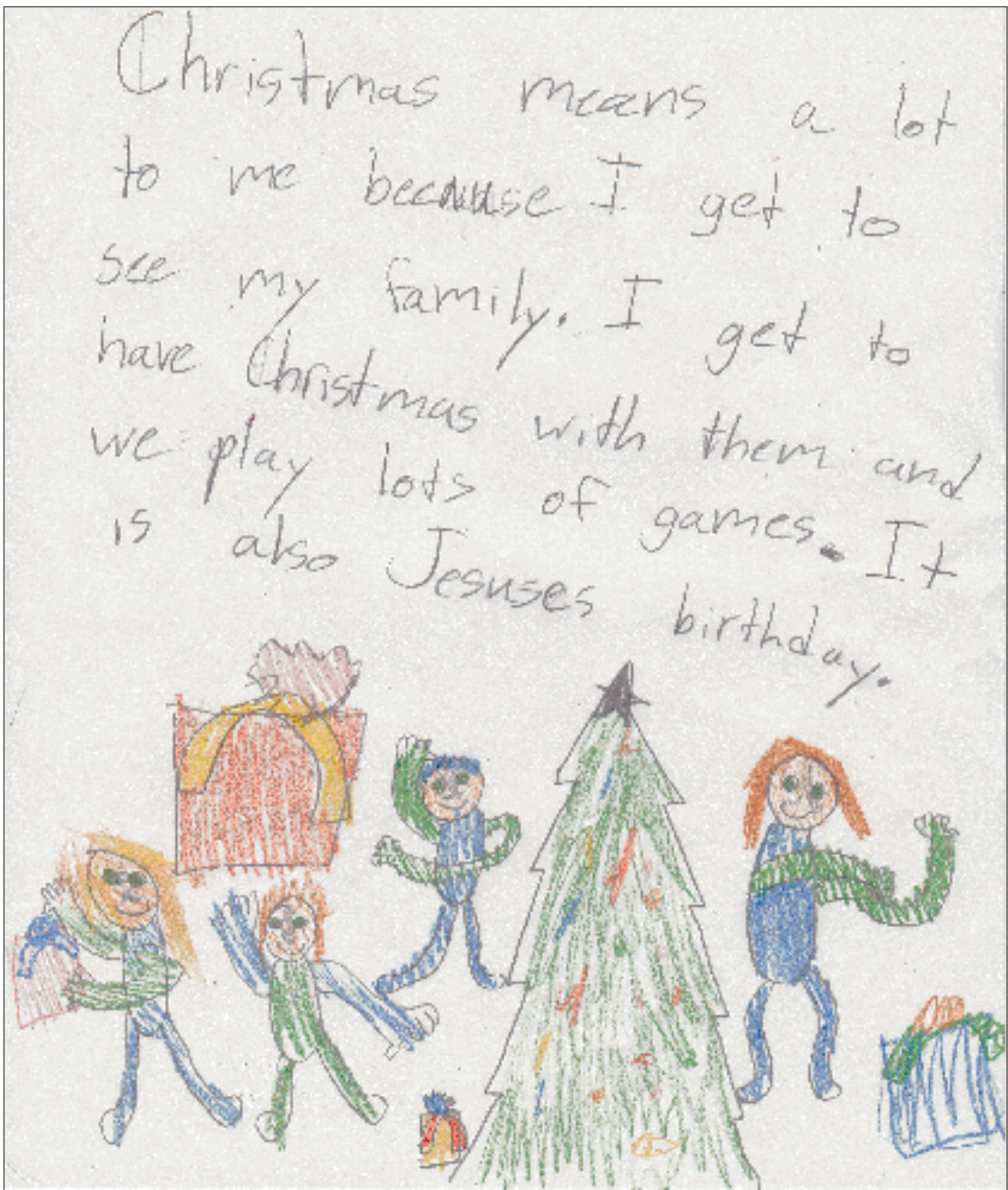
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Toby Johnson's class



Matea K., Toby Johnson's class, Homedale Elementary

Christmas means a lot to me because...
I get to have Christmas joy of opening presents and I get to spend time with my family.
Henley G.

Christmas is important to me because we open Presents.
I set out cookies and milk for Santa Claus at night
McKenzie H.

Christmas means a lot to me because
I get to see my family. I get to have Christmas with them and we play lots of games. It is also Jesuses birthday.
Jeremiah E.

Christmas is a special day. you can see Santa. He will give you presents. Christmas is for every body. It is fantastic to meet Santa. I spent time with my family.
Macario L.

I am going to talk about what I am thankful for. I am thankful for reptiles. I like Torteses, Lizards, Snakes and crocadiles. There is all different kinds of Torteses and Tertles like painted Tertles. There is all different kindes of Lizards like Camilyons and Iquonas. There is all diferent kinds of Snakes like hog nose and Pythons.
Matea K.

Christmas is important because I like to sit aroud the tree. Christmas is important because I love family time and present under the tree.
Aly M.

Christmas means spending time with family to me. I also like to make cookies.
Shea M.

Christmas means to me
Spending time with my family and Opening presents with my family.
Jeremiah E.

Chrismas is family time to me. Chrismas is god's birthday to me.
Ethan M.

What does Christmas means to me?
time to spend with my family, decorating with My family.
Anthony M.

Christmas means to get my elf and to find him hiding in the morning. And for Santa to come and open presents.
Bensyn G.

Christmas mean to being with family. Christmas mean to open presents. Christmas mean to decorate the Christmas tree.
Ace G.

I like Christmas because of the present.
I like Christmas because of my family.
Lettie P.

Christmas means to me
Celebrating with my family. I also lik opening presents on Christmas day
Raylan M.

Christmas is opening presents and drinking hot chocolate.
Eliot P.

Christmas means you spend time with your family
Ian E.

I love Chirstmas because is nice and I get to hang out with my family. Chirstmas makes me feel special.
Sasha S.

Christmas means you spend time with your family
Ian E.

On Chistmas it is special to me because i can play with my and be with my family.
Matthew V.

Christmas Eve is important to me because I get to have fun with my cousins. We also open gifts on Christmas day.
Riley H.

I think Christmas is about family. Christas is giving time.
Addison Y.

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Janet Anderson’s class

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Angel Z.

What Christmas means to me

it means to me by spending time with my family. They mean so much to me. My mom love’s whochting me opening my gifts. Christmas

Rosalee G.

What Christmas Mean to me

One thing Christmas mean to me is to be whith my family. Another thing Christmas mean to me is to get present. Last thing Christmas Mean to me is to put the Chrstman tree.

Ariana P.

What Christmas means to me

My friends because we play every day. My family because they and present. Presents because we wish the presents for a long time. and I believe in Christmas.

Julieta V.

What Christmas Means To Me

Christmas means to me Spending time with my family and frands because some of my family lives away and I don’t get to see them much. Christmas means to me making my family feel good and making them have a special because they normaly make me feel special so I want to make them feel special. Christmas means to me giving gifts out to people who don’t get gifts.

Annabella S.

What Christmas means to me

Christmas is awsome beacuse it reminds me of my family, and friends. My pupy gets to meet new people and my big dogs get new toys.

Maycie F.

What Christmas Means to me

U Lote of kids like preets and supies.

Manuel A.

What Christmas Means to me

Christmas is a time to spend time with family. You could see family you havnt seen in years. Christmas is a time to

celebrate Jesus’s birth. Jesus’s birth was on Christmas so I think it’s a time to celebrate Jesus’s birth. I think Christmas is mostly about is making people feel special.

Layne G.

What Christmas Means to Me

One thing that Christmas Means to Me is to mak a Christmas tree in my house. Anothr thing why Christmas Means to Me is you can celibrat with family and frends. Anothr resson Christmas Means to me is you can get out of Bed and you can open your Christmas presents.

Mayte J.

What Christmas means to me!

I Like the Pine on The Christmas tree’s and What I Love Christmas is the Stop Lights on The Tree’s and haveing with Stop me. and happe is to and I Believe in Santa to.

Bryndelynn P.

What Christmas means to me

is Gifts caus i like what i get. toys and video games

Eli M.

Whut Christmas Means to Me

Spending time with my Faimley and frendes. I Like wrapping Presenst for my family and frendes. I alsow Like decrating the tree. I like Playing in the snow with my Sister. It is alsow is about Jesus and the Pepole you love.

Sunni F.

What Christmas mean to me

What Christmas means to me Is waer pj’s and cocoa and stockings decorations family and friends and builting snowman. And snowballs not at school at home and elves and santa clase.

I LOVE CHRISTMAS!!!!

Kaylee M.

What Christmas means to me

is Family Friends Fun I like to decorat my house. and my brother birthday in Christmas. and we get to eat dinner dessert. and snow is fun even bulding a snow man

Luis S.



Sunni F., Janet Anderson’s class, Marsing Elementary

What Christmas means to me.

What Christmas means to me. I donet rieleay care about presents. I riley care about family and friends. and uvcors the Christmas tree and the decorations and the ornaments. And mosetufal the fmyly and friends dinner the end. mereay christmas.

Ella L.

What Christmas mean to me.

Christmas mean to me because I like snow. I can celebrate Christmas. I can get present. I like cocoa.

Driz R.

What Christmas means to me

Christmas means to me that you celebrate with your family and kind it does it mean kindless it means to be kind. You can get presents but the more fun thing to me is that setting the Christmas

and the light, ornaments. then Santa comes inside the chimney and you get present

inside the present is toys. oh and you need stocking.

Kaitlyn M.



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Marsing Elementary

McKenzi Baggett's class

What Christmas means to me.

One thing that Christmas means to me is celebrating our lord and Savior's birthday because if our lord and Savior did not exist none of us would exist.

Another thing that Christmas means to me is spending time with friends and family because some people don't get to see their family often.

The last thing that Christmas means to me is making people feel special because some people don't feel special all the time.

Jack R.

what Chrismas means to me.

I get to Spet time with friends and family and i get to sit by the chimmy and family is important and i get pressets fro Santa and i can eat hot coco.

Adrian L.

What Christmas means to me

To me Christmas isn't about presents to me it is about giving to people and spending time with family and friends and doing things for other people it's not about myself and this is What Christmas means to me.

Callen R.

What Christmas Means To Me

What Christmas means to me, Christmas is a time to spend with family and to give



Taylee S., McKenzie Baggett's class, Marsing Elementary

and get gifts and to celebrate Christmas.

Why these things mean a lot to me. Why spend time with family means a lot to me on Christmas because I like to spend time with family. Why give and get gifts because it

makes me happy and it makes other people speshel to. Why celebrate Christmas, because it makes me and my family happy.

Abigail S.

What Christmas

means to me

It means love joy family comes ferset kids opins presents cusons come play games it snows snow ball fitgh People at store billd snow man write letter to Santa and thats What Chrismos mene to me.

Daniel M.S.

what Chismas means to me

I like to put the ordumints on the tree with my family. And celabrate Jeues brithday. And i like presents.

Oliver L.

What Christmas means to me

family and friends Wrapping presents and cocoa. and bilding With my uncle.

Brady W.

What Chrmas mens to me

Chrismas is important to me, a snowflake through my soul, famly and frends hang out.

Asher G.

What Christmas Means to Me

Christmas Means to Me Joy and it's also fun to Me. I like Christmas It is the Best Time of

the Year. Because It is Jesusis bithay, I Love Christmas Becas the decrations Make Me so exsited For Christmas. I Love Presents and to give them to cusesns and frends.

Memphis L.

What Christmas Means to Me

I like Christmas Because my famelle Gets to gether in the wintre.

Aaron P.

What Christmas Means to Me.

At Christmas I git Present and I play in my snow Chrstmas is the Best Holiday and me and my mom and my Dad and my sister and my Brother and my other Bother and I Love Chistmas

Zyreauh Z.

What Christmos Mens to Me

Christmos is the Best time of the yere when my family Get's to together and seubrats Christmos and my family Talks and we eat and eat bst it and aftr that we Play Gams and talk sum more and then People Strt Paken up ther stuff a levs and next yere we do it agen.

Taylee S.

What Christmas means to me

Christma is about Spending time with my family. Geting presents is fun but I believe familys are Spechle. I like to burckind hot cocoa but I love Spendin time with my family.

Hazel S.

What Christmas mean to me

family to visit and have fun to and play in sonw you can mack sonwmem.

Lincoln L.

What Christmas mean's to me.

I like to decorat our roof, we got a tree but this year we got a real tree but it allready deid so we have to get a fake one again like evry year but i like to give present's and get presents. i like to build and pant with wood.

Constance W.

What Chirstmas means to me

What Chirsmas means to me is family time because it is good bonding time. Chirsmas

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What Christmas Means to Me
What Christmas means to me is spending time with family because they make me happy. Christmas also means to me is celebrate Jesus Birth Day because he is important. the last reason for What Christmas Means to me is giving and getting presents something make me feel special and that's What Christmas Means to me

Jax M.

What Christmas means to me
What Christmas means to me is celebrate our Lord and Savior Because it is Jesus Birth Day. Another reason why is to open my gifts because

Brooklyn P.

What Christmas means to me is
I like to play in the snow with my mom and dad. I also like opening presents. and I like to put up Christmas lights on the Christmas tree. last thing is that I like to build a snowman and to build an igloo.

Conan A.

What Christmas means to me
I think family and presents and friends and the stockings and building snowmans and eating supper and kissing under the mistletoe and drinking hot cocoa and Elves and believing in Santa and loving everyone.

Jaxon S.

What Christmas means to me
Christmas means to me is making snow mans with my mom, Dad, and my sister. I like to go ice skating with my friend. I like to wait for Santa in my room. I like to open and to give gifts. I like to make treats for Santa.

Rylee C.

Merry Christmas everyone
I love Christmas because we all get presents and build snowman's and the kind of a little of the best is all the Christmas gifts When we open them we are happy and want to unwrap all of the presents and then we spent time together, and drink hot cocoa with marshmallows then we can go back outside and play with all of the snow and build the body first with the head then with the belly then finally the head then put the nose then put some rocks

for the buttons and the smile then put a black hat in top of the snow man and put a black scarf around it's neck and put two sticks for the hands then you are all done with snow man and last you can just do whatever you want to do and just hang out with your friends.
And then you could go back outside to finish your snow man and you can add more details to your snow man or just enjoy your stuff and stay cozy.

Nancy C.

What Christmas Means to Me
What Christmas means to me is Spending time with my family and also Playing in the Snow with my Brothers and sisters and also to celebrate our Savior.
This is Why those three things are what Christmas means to me. one I like to have a family feast two I like to make Snowmen three is on Christmas eve is our Saviors birthday.

Kyleigh C.

What Christmas means to me
Working my friends and my Family open the presents and give out presents and spending with my family it is fun to me. I love putting up Christmas decorations that what Christmas means to me. And

Caroline E.

What Christmas mean to me
In my opinion Christmas is the Best time of the year and Christmas dinner is the best meal in the year

Dustin B.

What Christmas means to me
Christmas means to me because it's a time to spend time with family, around the Christmas tree. Christmas means to me because we sing Christmas carols together as a family. Christmas means to me because I can play with the snow in a freezing cold day.

Jesus R.

What Christmas Means to me
once at Dinner my grandpa Made chicken Steak Corn I loved it and for Dessert I

See Barenberg, Page 14B



Rylee C., John Barenberg's class, Marsing Elementary

SEASON'S GREETINGS

Wishing you all the best this Holiday Season

Owyhee Auto Supply
Homedale 337-4668
Marsing 896-4815

Grand View Elementary

Abby Rice's class

Christmas Christmas is very important to me because i get to spend time with my family and it makes me feel happy that people get me stuff. Robert B.	Christmas on christmas the Last is about Christmas and the world. Kylee B.	Christmas Love the tree and the Stokens and the show and the presnits and Stantu and the randear and the Hot coco. Kassi C.	What Christmas means to me i Like Christmas because i get to spend time with Family and make Lots of memoris And get to open gifts Arianna A.	Christmas toys from my mom and dad. For Christmas, I really want a DS Walter H.
What Christmas Means to Me Christmas Means Spending time with my family and freinds, waking up with Presents under My tree, and giving people gifts. thats What Christmas Means to me. Lane T.	Christmas Christmas is the Best. The presents I love Christmas. Love Christmas. It is the Best! Happy Christmas! Cristina R.	Christmas I Love Christmas because i meet my whole family Also i meet My friends also teachers cousins pets the most i care about is that everyone is OK an not hurt i also care about Jesus and God. Alondra R.	What christmas Means to Me Christmas Means everything to me because you get to see your familys and cousins. And Its Jesuses Birthday and you get new clothes. Rylan T.	What Christmas to me I like to Speend time with my Famly and my dogs and cats and my friends and my birthday. Acelynn B.
Christmas What Christmas means to me about a lot of thing. My frist thing is my family and frends, then Jesus was boren Haidee L.	Christmas What I think of Chritmas is evrything. because my famley and it was wene Jesus was born. Love and kinknes is in the air on Chritmas eve. Haidee L.	Christmas it means to me that is were its Jesus's birthday and you get to open present's and you can get cozy and warm. Sonnie F.	Christmas Christmas is one of the best holidays for me. Because I spend time with family and friends. I get presents and Jonny A.	What Christmas Means to Me Christmas is about the birth of Jesus. Christmas is also about family. Macie S.
	What Christmas means to Me... I Love Christmas so mutch I			

Marsing Elementary

McKenzi Baggett's class

<i>From Page 8B</i> is a day that some people believe is Jesus's birthday because I believe in him. Chirstmas is giving because it brings people joy. Chirstmas is a time to stay inside and my family goes to Chirstmas Ruby I.	What Christmas Means to me party but we go to have fun with family. For me what Christmas Means to me to decorate the Noe M.	What Christmas means to me christmae tree. for me What Christmas Means to me to deg wis me family. Lukas H.	What Christmas Mean to Me. the ones you love. Christmas is about spending time will Your family and it's about givinge stuf to Your elders and its about maceing an igloo adn last but not about gods Berth. Lukas H.	What Christmas means to me WhatChristmas Mean to me. To Sleubrate Jesus birthday and have a fun Christmas. Ashley M.
			What Christmas means to me Christmas means to me a time to Spend with family and Friends because you can make new memorys and play games and most of all have fun. Anouther thing Christmas means to me is to take time to get the perfect gift and then give it♥ Also Christmas means to me is to celebrate Jesus's birth. Merry Christmas!!! Taylor P.	

A WORLD OF THANKS TO OUR VALUED CUSTOMERS THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

May God Bless You.

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Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

25 years ago

December 24, 1997



Yule lunch...

Homedale City Employees and their families celebrated the holiday season with a Christmas lunch that was held at the Homedale Senior Citizens Center on December 11.

Ihli Title and Escrow merges with Alliance

Ihli Title and Escrow in Murphy has merged with Alliance Title and Escrow, a statewide company with more than 20 offices in Idaho. The merger went into effect Nov. 1.

Nick and Delores Ihli, who have operated Ihli Title since 1986, have announced their retirement, and are looking forward to a well-deserved life of leisure after having also served for many years as elected officials in Owyhee County.

Nick served as Owyhee County clerk from 1956 to 1971. Delores began working part-time in the treasurer’s office in 1960, and by 1965 was working there full-time. She later served as county treasurer from 1972 to 1979.

Nick was born in Caldwell and Delores was born in Jordan Valley, and they have lived in Owyhee County nearly all their lives. They have a home in Silver City, where they plan to spend their summers.

Demshar named Conservationist of the Year

John Demshar of Homedale was recently awarded the Conservationist of the Year award from the Owyhee Soil Conservation District. John received the award for reducing both wind- and irrigation-induced soil erosion by incorporating conservation tillage and PAM (polyacrylamides) use into his operation over the last few years. He was picked as Conservationist of the Year by the supervisors of the Owyhee Soil Conservation District.

John farms 560 acres of row crop ground in Homedale at the corner of Market and Johnstone roads. The primary crop is alfalfa seed in rotation with onions, beans, and small grains. Demshar Farms has been a family-run farm for over three generations, his family came to the area in 1914, and John is the fourth generation on the farm.

Trojan girls grab three wins in one busy week

In a busy, three-game week, the lady Trojans were able to grab three wins. The first was a huge 67-38 victory over Fruitland in non-conference action on December 16.

Leading the scoring for Homedale was Tess Zatica, who had 21 points.

Homedale grabbed its second win of the week by defeating Vale, 47-39, last Thursday.

Jamie Anderson led the Trojans with 14 points.

Homedale’s third win of the week came when they defeated Marsing 54-24 in the December 19 conference game.

The Lady Trojans are now 8-1 overall.

50 years ago

December 21, 1972



HOMEDALE HIGH’S girls volleyball team reigns as both Southwest Idaho League and district tournament champions. First row, from left, Sharon Frost, coach, Patti Tuttle, Patsy Kora, LiNae Johnstone; second row, Julie Townsend, Cheryl Lootens, Helen Lineberger, Becky Wells, Judy Watson, LoRetta Johnstone, Darlene Young, Debbie Frye, Mackie Tolmie. Photo by Bette Uda

Kavemen take second win from Trojan quintet

The Kuna Kavemen did it again to the Homedale Trojans Friday night as they took their second game from the Trojans, 55-45, this time in Homedale’s new gym.

Beus of Kuna led the scoring with 21 points, and Rick DeGroat got 13 for Homedale.

Contemplating his 3-4 season record, Coach Garry Matlock of Homedale was slightly less enthusiastic.

“We had 17 turnovers the first half, which killed us. We only had seven the second half, but the damage had already been done,” lamented Matlock.

Succor Crik Sam Sez:

“ ’Member back in ’92 when a ice jam in Succor Crik backed the water up 10 miles. Flooded out every gopher on the crik.”

School board increases prices for hot lunches

A small increase in the price of hot lunches was approved at the regular school board meeting last week because the first three months of operation showed a deficit of \$1,800. The deficit was primarily caused by the lack of meat available through the federal hot lunch commodities program, necessitating local purchase.

In order to provide a type A lunch, meat or protein is required to be served with all meals. The board felt it necessary to increase the price of lunches to grades 1-6 to 35 cents; 7-12, 40 cents; adults, 45 cents, effective Jan. 2. It is felt that this increase will allow the district to continue to make available the hot lunch program to the students of the district.

Frigid weather thins ranks for lodge meeting

Regular stated meeting of Silver Star Chapter No. 83, OES, was held recently at the Masonic Temple.

Eight officers were absent at roll call due to the extreme cold weather.

Holiday greetings were received from officers of the Grand Chapter of Idaho and also from Evelyn Koehler, Grand Representative of Idaho in Washington. Invitation was received to attend official visit of Worthy Grand Matron to Beulah Chapter No. 75, Wilder, on Dec. 28.

Pearl McElroy, cancer fund chairman, has candles and tie-tacs for sale with money received to go to the cancer fund.

155 years ago

December 21, 1867

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—o—
CHRISTMAS 1867.
ORDERS PROMPTLY FILLED

SALE OF RISING STAR MINE.—We learn from good authority that the Rising Star Mine, in Flint, has been sold to Wm. M. Lent, Gen. Hearst and others of San Francisco. They have also purchased Gen’l McQueen’s lease; so that now they own the entire mine — discovery claims and extensions — for which they paid \$20 per foot, cash down. We are informed that the purchasers have incorporated under the name of the “Rising Star Silver Mining Co.” The parties having charge of the mine have suspended work thereon until the arrival of the agent, which is expected from San Francisco in almost a week, when, in all probability, operations will be vigorously resumed. We understand it is the intention of the Company to erect a large mill as soon as possible, which together with the expense of putting the mine in proper shape for working, will cost a large amount of money, but which will soon be repaid after they begin to make silver bricks. It affords us pleasure to hear of such news as Messrs. Lent and Hearst becoming interested in our mine — well-known, substantial men; men of capital; and, what is better still, men of extensive mining experience.

We congratulate the parties on becoming the possessors of such a magnificent mine as the Rising Star at such reasonable figures. The time is not far distant when it will bring \$500 per foot quicker than it sells for \$30 today.

FOSSIL REMAINS.—There is an extensive and interesting field for geological research on and in the vicinity of Sinker Creek, commencing at its junction with Snake River and extending several miles up the creek. Mr. J. C. Holgate, of this place, who is quite a practical geologist, has recently made some interesting discoveries in that section, showing abundant evidence of its having been densely populated by animals that existed during the Cretaceous period of the Reptilian age. Among other things of interest that were shown us by Mr. H. were abundance of bones, that from their size and appearance, unmistakably have belonged to the *Macotan giganteus* long before man’s appearance on the earth. It is thought the entire skeleton in which their bones belonged can be exhumed. In the collection we observed, the head of a reptile, well preserved, and almost entire, somewhat resembling that of an alligator of the present day. It had fearful looking teeth and its jaws were firmly set, as if sealed by some great and sudden convulsion of nature. Marine shells and petrified wood also abound. Facts like these, if investigated by Agassiz, would form valuable contributions to science. As it is, they exhibit one among the many interesting features of Owyhee County.

Commentary

Jon P. Brown,
managing editor



Eyes on
Owyhee

It’s always sunny

This profession generally encourages cynicism and a mild lack of optimism in mankind, but at the end of each year, even the most crotchety journalist can look forward to rays of hope.

The generosity of this community never ceases to amaze me.

But Owyheean stepping up for their neighbors really should come as no surprise.

The concept is ingrained in the work ethic that ranchers brought to the untamed range tttttttttttttnearly two centuries ago.

It made its way from Rock Springs, Wyo., when Slovenians migrated to what they thought was greener pastures only to find 1914 Homedale a sagebrush nightmare and a grifter’s dream.

But those people forged ahead by employing the concept of family. There were eight different families, but they worked as one to rebound from fraud and greed to plant the seeds of what would become today’s Homedale.

Basque shepherders brought the same tight-knit philosophy from their home country when they arrived in Jordan Valley and surrounding areas.

The concept of helping out fellow man was prominently on display within the walls of the Elorriaga Boarding House in Jordan Valley that welcomed those would-be shepherders and ranch hands as they arrived after stepping off the train — usually in Caldwell — and trekking to the border town.

The descendants of those families are still in the communities and the sense of togetherness and helping each other persists.

For example, the Uranga family continues to spearhead the Homedale Community Wish Tree each year.

The Hands Around Homedale food drive continues each year at Christmastime thanks to the efforts of schoolchildren on all three campuses as well as donations from community members and area agricultural producers, such as Allendale Produce, Tamura Farms and many others.

The food and the gifts were distributed last week.

Marsing has its Giving Tree and food drive, too, which is a fantastic warm-up for the annual Marsing Disaster Auction effort.

The Giving Tree organizational phase will be held today at The HUB.

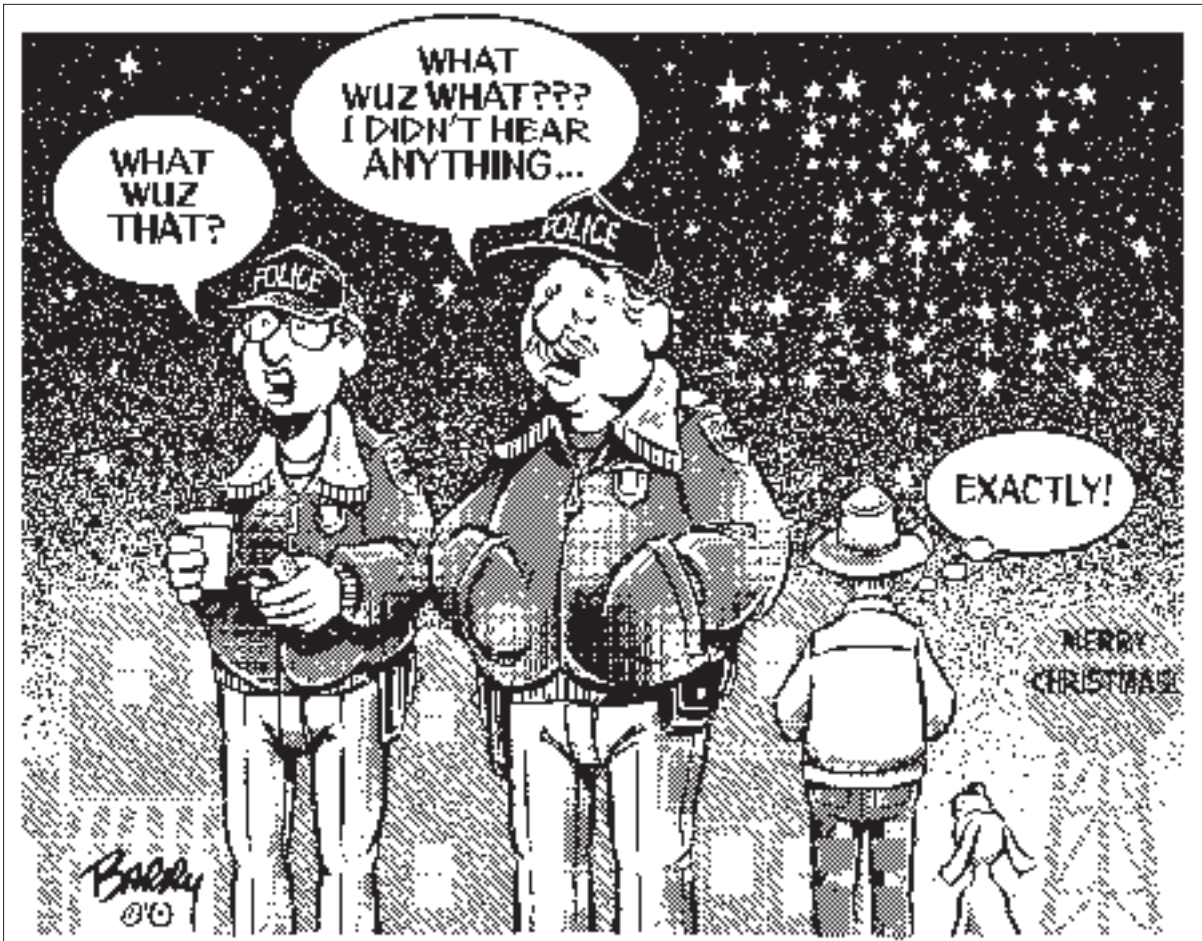
The MDA committee members are gearing up for the February sale, and raffle tickets soon will be available from committee members and Marsing Elementary’s third-, fourth- and fifth-graders.

The Grand View-Bruneau-Oreana area has its own corps of helpers with the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints food drive and the Giving Tree set up in the Grand View Post Office.

For the most part, people who have been in the two communities for ages staff these long-standing projects.

There are newer arrivals to Homedale and Marsing who, of course, help perpetuate the benevolence. After all, informal polls (i.e., Facebook comments) reflect that the sense of community is exactly why folks come to these communities.

JP Doodles



Montana-based syndicated editorial cartoonist Barry McWilliams passed away in August 2021. The McWilliams Estate has given The Owyhee Avalanche permission to publish his cartoon. McWilliams’ cartoons appeared in more than 1,500 newspapers, and he visited hundreds of elementary schools teaching children to draw.

Mountain States Policy Center
Rising fuel costs strap agricultural
producers, threaten food availability

Harvest and fall groundwork are concluding for western farmers, and tractors and equipment are finally resting for the season – a much needed relief to farm fuel budgets. Escalating fuel prices are an unavoidable reality in the fuel-intensive process of farming and ranching. No work-around exists for producing the nation’s food supply without fuel — specifically diesel.

A farmer who cancels trips, car-pools with a neighbor, or switches to prototype electric tractors is a farmer who can’t grow a crop and leaves productive ground idle. Diesel engines plant the seeds, harvest the crops, and ship the affordable products to the world. The continued escalation of the price of diesel endangers food’s affordability and availability.

Diesel prices skyrocketed \$1.50 per gallon from 2021 to 2022, averaging \$5.32 per gallon. All year, farmers have dealt with the escalated cost. It peaked at \$5.81 in June, and relief is unseen. Forecasts predict diesel will be in short supply next year and average \$4.29 per gallon.

Our small, beginning family farm in Eastern Oregon dealt with high diesel prices all season. A typical farmer has several fuel tanks to refill throughout the year. In 2021, our 700-gallon fuel tank cost \$1,200 to refill. Our last refill, in October, cost \$3,600 for off-road diesel. Most family farmers, including us, use much more than 700 gallons per year.

Our farm is one of thousands of western state farms seeking relief from high diesel prices — high prices which cut into margins and escalate

Madilynne Clark
Mountain States Policy Center policy analyst

About Mountain States Policy Center

Founded in 2022, Mountain States Policy Center is based in Boise and Coeur d’Alene, and is an independent think tank that believes in providing research and recommendations to lawmakers, the media and the public, based on facts — not emotion. Harnessing the power of publications, conferences and video events, MSPC brings forward free market solutions to our region’s biggest challenges and will be a watchdog to improve government transparency and effectiveness. Our mission is to empower those in the Mountain States to succeed through non-partisan, quality research that promotes free enterprise, individual liberty and limited government.

Homedale resident Oscar Evans is on the board of directors.

Learn more at mountainstatespolicy.org.



already-inflated food prices. The concern over fuel prices is intensified when the western region’s fuel-intensive specialty crops and large farmable areas are considered.

At Mountain States Policy Center, we decided to

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Commentary

Financial management

Home ownership a great investment, but timing is everything

Dear Dave,
Is it even worth it to buy a house these days? I’ve always been told buying a house is the adult thing to do and that it’s a great investment, but I can’t find anything decent and livable in my area for less than \$350,000. My wife and I are debt-free, and we’re expecting our first baby in January. I was hoping to get your advice.

— **Craig**

they? Believe me, I get it.
The truth is you may not be ready to buy a house today. And that’s OK. Having a new baby on the horizon doesn’t mean you have to run out and buy a home. That little boy or girl isn’t going to know the difference between a house and an apartment for a long time. Right now, giving your child a safe, loving environment is the most important thing.



DAVE Says
by Dave Ramsey • www.davesays.org

Dear Craig,
I can understand how things might feel a little hopeless in your current situation. You’re probably feeling the weight of the responsibility a new life brings to the picture. Things are getting real really fast, aren’t they? Believe me, I get it. So, what if you don’t buy a home for another two or three years? Home buying should always be done with patience

and wisdom.
There are two or three things that make buying a home a great long-term investment versus renting your whole life:
Rents go up every year. If you lock in a good, fixed-rate mortgage, that house payment will stay the same.
The value of your home will increase. When you rent, you don’t own your residence, and you won’t benefit from the value of it going up.
Our study of 10,000 millionaires showed that most say two things were integral parts of their ability to build wealth: Good retirement investments and a paid-off home.
A house is a great wealth-building tool, and it can also stabilize the biggest line item in your budget — housing.
God bless you guys, Craig!
— **Dave**
— *Dave Ramsey is an eight-time national bestselling 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.*

✓ Sunny: You can always count on Owyheean helping out neighbors

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And some of those new arrivals are — gasp! — from California.
Teresa Nott has been in Homedale for about four years after moving north, but she has brought everything that is good about her former state.
Namely, she has jumped in with both feet on an effort to spread cheer to over-the-road truck drivers who will be missing their family Christmases this weekend.

And, yes, some longtime Homedale residents from a family long involved in the community have volunteered to help Teresa on her mission of cookies, treats, meals and fellowship for those men and women who will be spending Christmas at truckstop diners instead of their own dining room tables.
Ciera Tucker, who runs Murray’s Treats on East Idaho Avenue, and her uncle and aunt — Shane and Kelly Murray — will be traveling up and down Interstate 84 all day Sunday to help complete Nott’s mission.
Even to a grumpy newsman, it is gratifying and heart-warming to see the many community members jump in to unselfishly help their neighbors — even giving up Christmas with their own families — to fulfill the objective.
Makes you realize that there is always a sunrise even when events and actions seem to darken the sky.
Merry Christmas.

✓ Fuel: Policy makers must consider impact on West’s farmers, ranchers

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look into the costs and the regional dynamics of farm fuel usage in Idaho, Montana, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming. This study emphasizes the importance of diesel to the nation’s supply of apples, potatoes, wheat, hay, and many other top crops.
Using each state’s five most valuable crops and the associated fuel requirements for each commodity, we found that total acreage is not the only factor driving fuel demand, with crop choice being a major influencer of fuel usage.
For example, Washington — despite being one of the smaller farming regions by acreage — has many

specialty crops which are the highest consumers of fuel. Apples, hops, and potatoes drive the state’s fuel demand. Montana follows in second because it is the largest farmable area, with the state’s main focus on grain production. Idaho’s mix of specialty and traditional commodities ranks third. Utah and Wyoming are comparably low in total fuel usage.
Policies impacting fuel availability and price must consider the vulnerability of the western states’ agriculture industry. Elevated fuel prices and constrained supplies encourage farmers to switch to less fuel-intensive crops and to stop farming less productive ground, thus threatening food security and hurting farming communities.
Relying on currently impossible green solutions to remedy the fuel crisis is careless, and continuing to ignore the pain of escalating diesel prices is not an option. Farmers and ranchers need the domestic supply of oil to be protected and domestic production to be encouraged. This is the only option that puts our food supply and western state farmers and families first.
— *Madilynne Clark is a policy analyst with the free market Mountain States Policy Center, focusing on agriculture and natural resource issues. Online at mountainstatespolicy.org.*

Letters to the editor

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

Contacting elected officials

Gov. Brad Little Office of the Governor P.O. Box 83720, Boise, ID 83720 Phone — (208) 334-2100 E-mail — governor@gov.idaho.gov Website — https://gov.idaho.gov/	Marsing City Hall 18 Sandbar Ave., (208) 896-4122 Mayor — Vacant City council — Chris Even (president), Marie Herman, Brandy Johnson, and Elizabeth Wahl Meetings — 7 p.m., on second Wednesday
Municipalities Homedale City Hall 31 W. Wyoming Ave., (208) 337-4641 Mayor — Gheen Christoffersen Council — Mike Aebischer (president), Steve Atkins, Kimberly Murray, and Aaron Tines Meetings — 6 p.m., on second Wednesday	Grand View City Hall 425 Boise Ave., (208) 834-2700 Open noon to 4:30 p.m., Mon.-Thurs. Mayor — Jon Pennington (interim) City council — Terry Nielson (president), Andrea Owens, Tom Payne, and Mike Smith Meetings — 6 p.m., on second Wednesday

Public notices

OWYHEE COUNTY 2023 WILSON CREEK AREA RABS & PAVING PROJECT ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Separate sealed BIDS for the Owyhee County 2023 WILSON CREEK AREA RABS & PAVING PROJECT will be received by Paragon Consulting, Inc., at their office located at 157 W. 4th Street, Kuna, Idaho 83634 until **2:00 p.m. local time on JANUARY 11TH, 2023**, and then publicly opened and read aloud.

This Bid consists of two adjacent projects identified as 1) **BASE BID - Wilson Creek Road Rehabilitation Project**, and 2) **BID ALTERNATE - Wilson Cemetery Road Project**. Both projects are anticipated to be completed in summer of 2023.

BASE BID: Wilson Creek Road Rehabilitation Project: This work consists of constructing approximately 2.6 miles of a 3.0-inch thickness of asphalt paving, with a typical pavement width of 22-feet plus 2-foot gravel shoulders and the following:

- 2.6 miles of RABS processing with accompanied roadway grading
- Approximately 5,600 tons of plant mix pavement
- ± 350 feet of full roadway section construction (150' @ westerly termini; 200' @ easterly termini)

BID ALTERNATE: Wilson Cemetery Road Project: This work consists of paving approximately 730-feet of a 3.0-inch thickness of asphalt paving, with a typical pavement width of 24-feet plus 2-foot gravel shoulders and the following:

- 730-feet of tight blading/ finished grading and compaction of roadway base, placed by Owyhee County, prior to paving.
- Approximately 360 tons of plant mix pavement

The Contractor shall achieve substantial completion of the **BASE BID** within **60** calendar days of the BASE BID Notice To Proceed and shall achieve substantial completion of the **BID ALTERNATE** within **7** calendar days of the BID ALTERNATE Notice To Proceed.

It is the intent of these Contract Documents and Drawings to describe the work required to complete this project in sufficient detail to secure comparable bids. All parts or work not specifically mentioned which are necessary in order to provide a complete project shall be included in the bid and shall conform to all Local, State and Federal requirements.

A non-mandatory pre-bid conference will be held at the Owyhee County Road & Bridge Shop located at 17129 County Shop Rd, Murphy, ID 83650 on **DECEMBER 22, 2022** at 10:00 A.M. local time.

There are no Federal funds utilized in this project.

The Project Documents and

Drawings may be examined at the following locations:

- 1) Owyhee County – 20381 State Hwy. 78, Murphy, ID 83650
- 2) P A R A G O N CONSULTING, INC. – 157 W. 4th Street, Kuna, ID 83634 (Issuing Office)

Emailed pdf's will be available without charge by request. Interested bidders may email their request to Paragon Consulting, Inc. at cguthrie@paragonfbk.com.

In determining the lowest responsive bid, the OWNER will consider all acceptable bids on a basis consistent with the bid package. The OWNER will also consider whether the bidder is a responsible bidder.

Before a contract will be awarded for work contemplated herein, the OWNER will conduct such investigation as is necessary to determine the performance record and ability of the apparent low bidder to perform the size and type of work specified under this Contract. Upon request, the bidder shall submit such information as deemed necessary by the OWNER to evaluate the bidder's qualifications.

All bids must be signed and accompanied by evidence of authority to sign.

Bids must be accompanied by Bid Security in the form of a bid bond, certified check, cashier's check, or cash in the amount of 5% of the amount of the bid proposal. Said bid security shall be forfeited to Owyhee County as liquidated damages should the successful bidder fail to enter into contract in accordance with their proposal as specified in the Instructions to Bidders.

Owyhee County reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, waive any nonmaterial irregularities in the bids received, and to accept the proposal deemed most advantageous to the best interest of the County.

12/14,21/2022

NOTICE

The annual meeting of the Bruneau Buckaroo Ditch Company will be held at the Bruneau Emergency Center on Monday, January 2, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Chris Alzola
Secretary
208-587-2789
12/21/2022

SUMMONS IN THE DISTRICT COURT FOR THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT FOR THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF CANYON

Case No. CV14-22-05361

To: Serafin Seratti

You have been sued by Rosa I. Garcia Cervantes, the Petitioner, in the District Court in and for Canyon County, Idaho, Case No. CV14-22-05361

The nature of the claim against

you if for Child Custody.

Any time after 21 days following the last publication of this Summons, the court may enter a judgment against you without further notice, unless prior to that time you have filed a written response in the proper form, including the case number, and paid any required filing fee to the Clerk of the Court at 1115 Albany St., Caldwell, ID 83605; phone no.: (208) 454-7572 and served a copy of your response on the other party, whose mailing address and telephone number are: 411 E. Chicago St., Caldwell, ID 83605, (208) 412-7569.

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

Date: 11/4/2022, 4:20:13 PM
/s/: Sharon Carter, Deputy Clerk

Canyon County District Court
12/14,21,28/2022;01/04/2023

NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGE OF WATER RIGHT TRANSFER NO. 85598

HEART K TRUST, C/O GILBERT GENE KING, 19100 LING LN, OREANA, ID 83650-5084 has filed Application No. 85598 for changes to the following water rights within Owyhee County(s): Right No(s). 57-2246, 57-2253, 57-7266; to see a full description of these rights and the proposed transfer, please see <https://research.idwr.idaho.gov/apps/waterrights/querynewtransfers>. The purpose of the transfer is to change a portion of the above rights as follows:

to add a point of diversion and change the place of use to an updated permissible place of use for the rights involved. The new point of diversion is located in NENE Section 34, Township 04S, Range 01E. The new point of diversion and the updated place of use are approximately twelve miles northwest of Grand View, just south of the intersection of Murphy Grand View Road and Wees Road.

For additional information concerning the property location, contact Western Region office at (208)334-2190. Protests may be submitted based on the criteria of Idaho Code Sec. 42-222. Any protest against the proposed change must be filed with the Department of Water Resources, Western Region, 2735 W AIRPORT WAY, BOISE ID 83705-5082 together with a protest fee of \$25.00 for each application on or before 1/9/2023. The protestant must also send a copy of the protest to the applicant.

GARY SPACKMAN, Director
12/21,28/2022

Marsing

John Barenberg's class

From Page 9B

hld ice cream with caramel, chocklite, Strawberr ice cream it was delishes.

Madix A.

What Winter means to me

The winter is very cold. and the Days are very short.

In Winter there are lots of snow. We can play in the Snow it is fun.

I like winter but I do not like the cold. In winter the animals come out such as brids and Deers and foxs and wolfs.

I love snow. I like winter becuase it is fun.

I like hot chocolate.

happy Winter

Elizabeth G.

What Christas mean to me

One thing I love about Christas makeing presents for famly and friends.

Two thing I love about Christas is making my Christas tree.

Therd thing I Love about Christas is opening my presents with my sister and brother.

Ariana R.

What Chrismas Means to me

Chrismas means to me is its Jesuses birthday and giving gifts to people I don't even no makes me so so so so happy! because if Jesus wasn't here the world would not be a good world but since Jesus is hear we can live a great life. Chrismas means to me is to spend time with family and friends because it is the only month that we can spend so much time to gather around the house and say merry Chrismas.

Abraham K.

What Christmas means to me?

To me Christmas means celbratiag Jesus buthday. I get to spend time with family. We buy gifts and we give them to other kids. I go outside with my family To play in the snow during Chritmas break. I love Christmas.

Brandyn D.

What Christmas mean to me

Christmas is a grate holaday I Love christmas Becase we all get gefis and i Love to see smile and we get to eat good food. I Love Christmas cas we ge to decrate my hous and

my gramas hous and we get to dress my gla ma bo in a dog Santu and we get to decrat the ...the ... Back Yard it i relley hard OK that is wat Christmas mean to me OK bye bye♥

Victoria S.

What Christmas Mean to me

it mens opntag presis and siting by the Christmas tree and it is fun bcuse you gite gifs.

William R.

What Christmas Means to me

Celebrate your lord And Savior. I think because he died for ore sins.

Spend time with friends And family because thay take care of me.

I think giving thing is nice because it's Respect.

Logan C.

What Christmas means to me

Christmas means to me Sping time with famliy and friends coues it is that time of year that you see all of uor famliy and all of friends and with your love ones.

Adan M.

What Christmas mans to me

Chrismas is Jesus brthday and he get's three gifts. To me that means giving gifts. It means I get to Spend time with fmily. we buy gifts and them to othes kids. in christmas break we like to go outside and pleuy in the snow. we get to make cookies, gnger bread houses, play games.

Quinn E.

What Christmas mean's to me

To selabrate Jesus when he was born with my family to be with your family and Play with family.

Jace C.

What Chrismas means to me

Chrismas is a time to spend with family and frend's to get to no my family. To help my grama make Diner, i Love to help my family. I Love my dag she cutis with me she tak's my brother's food it maks me gigle. I Love my blake golden puppy she is cute

Dahl C.

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