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“And the angel answered her,
“The Holy Spirit will come upon you,
and the power of the Most High will
overshadow you; therefore the child
to be born will be called holy,
the Son of God.”

Luke 1:35



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The reason for the season



Luke’s Christmas Story

Luke 2:1-20
King James Version

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Christmas message

Peace on Earth

Christmas announces the coming of ultimate world peace, to be ushered in by The Great Prince of Peace! On the night of Christ’s birth the angelic host sang of it:

“Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace among men with whom He is pleased.”
— **Luke 2:14**

Centuries earlier, Isaiah the prophet had foretold this coming reign of peace:

“For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us; And the government will rest on His shoulders; And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace.
“There will be no end to the increase of His government or of peace, On the throne of David and over his kingdom, To establish it and to uphold it with justice and righteousness From then on and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will accomplish this.”
— **Isaiah 9:6-7**

Going back further yet, in the beginning, in Eden, Adam and Eve enjoyed a world at peace. Everything was in order because humans were in order. They were under God. They were God-centered. They had no doubt or question of God’s goodness or of the rightness of living under His authority. They loved God and loved one another. The Lord God was The One Law Giver. He was The One Standard for morality. God was the focus of everything. There was agreement everywhere, between God and man, between husband and wife, and the whole creation. There was peace on earth.

This wonderful peace lasted until Eve then Adam succumbed to the devil. Satan’s own evil ambitions

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Pastor Nate Good

About the pastor

Nate Good grew up in Kuna and Melba, living and working on the family farm. A 1977 Melba High School graduate, he moved to Grand View in 1977. He attend Hesston (Kan.) College in 1978-79 and returned to Multnomah School of the Bible in Portland, Ore., from 1994 to 1998. He was ordained by the Evangelical Free Church of America in 2001 and began pastoring at the Valley Christian Fellowship in Grand View in 1992.

against God became man’s. To “know” good and evil, that is, to command morality, to be their own law-givers, to decide on their own what was right and what was wrong. Like Satan, they tried to usurp The Creator’s prerogative as ruler over them. They became rivals to God. They raised themselves up as the standard, the focal point of being, to live for self instead of God, resisting God, raising up self-will like an idol in their hearts in place of God. They no longer desired the intimacy of God’s presence. They hid from Him in their guilty, erring way. The perfect heart unity and peace of the world was shattered.

In rejecting God’s authority, the human race has invited all hatred, war, disaster, bloodshed, tragedy and atrocities. Only when the authority structure returns to the original, with God as the focus of all, will the violence end and absolute peace return to Earth.

But for now, can we know

peace? YES! By coming to Christ, believing in Him in a way that consumes and transforms. This living faith leaves the selfish, God-resisting way (the root of all conflict), trusts Christ for forgiveness, and loves Christ, seeking His kingdom first. The peace is an inner peace, (the most important kind) between man and God (Romans 5:1). It is experienced by those who are in Christ and over whom He rules as King.

It is clear to see that the more this proper order is established on an individual level the more the world can experience an outward peace. Peace with God brings peace with one another. May each of us bow our own will to the Lordship of Christ, that His peace may rule in our hearts (Colossians 3:15) and in turn cause peace on Earth.

— *Nate Good has been pastor at the Valley Christian Fellowship, Evangelical Free Church of America, in Grand View since 1992.*

The story of stockings

From the Dec. 24, 1970 Owyhee Chronicle

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

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

It seems that in the town where the “first” Saint Nicholas lived, there was a merchant who had three daughters who were not married. In

those days, the 4th century, a maiden had to have a dowry before she could marry. And the merchant was bankrupt.

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

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

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Above: Homedale High School senior Grant Waltman (right) gifted a trombone to middle school musician Lucas Babineaux to “play” it forward Friday at Bette Uda City Park. **Below:** Grant and project mentor, HHS music teacher John Zieske. Submitted photos

Homedale High musician’s senior project plays it forward

Fundraiser to cover instrument repairs, cost of shipping

Young musician Grant Waltman wants to “play it forward.”

The 17-year-old Homedale High School student has launched his senior project to assist other young musicians as he has been helped.

A tuba player for the HHS marching band and concert band, Grant plans a fundraiser to pay for repairs to donated instruments and cover shipping costs to provide youths with their own instruments.

— See **Project**, page 6A



Homedale housing proposals attract opposition

Council tables applications until January meeting

Faced with a packed meeting room and myriad concerns, the Homedale City Council pushed pause on most of the issues raised in four public hearings last Wednesday.

Citizens voiced concerns about parking, traffic, infrastructure, property values

and losing more farm ground during the series of residential development hearings that helped fuel a three-hour meeting inside the magistrate courtroom at City Hall.

There were about 30 people in the council chambers. Not all of them spoke, though.

In the end, council members acted on only one of the questions before them, rezoning 312 E. Owyhee Ave., from

— See **Housing**, page 11A

Marsing’s Bruneau Hwy. work gets grant

The City of Marsing will receive \$2 million to rehabilitate Old Bruneau Highway.

The plan to reconstruct the roadway within the city limits was among 48 transportation projects to which the Idaho Transportation Department awarded Strategic Initiatives Program grants.

The final decisions were made last Wednesday and announced in a press release detailing \$100 million in funding.

The Strategic Initiatives Program was created when Gov. Brad Little signed House Bill 132 into law earlier this year.

“We championed historic transportation investments in recent years without raising taxes or fees, and it is making a difference,” Little said in a press release. “We can keep

Idahoans safe on the road, save them time, and facilitate commerce with transportation investments.”

The Marsing application was one of 127 that ITD received. A total of \$293 million in proposed projects were submitted.

The Old Bruneau Highway pavement rehabilitation, which will reconstruct the roadway on both sides of Main Street, was one of 10 projects funded within ITD District 3.

It was also one of 37 small urban/rural projects that received part of the \$50 million earmarked for those types of proposals.

In recent years, the state has funded transportation safety and deferred maintenance

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Still time to brighten truckers’ Christmas

The hammer is down in the final days before Teresa Nott’s second annual Christmas with Truckers blitz of goodwill at area truck stops.

The Homedale resident and owner of Dusty Trucks Dispatching LLC is hard at work coming up with cookies and cash to make sure that truck drivers on the road at Christ-

mas have a hot meal and some goodies to enjoy as they spend the holiday away from home and family.

This year, Nott has had help from a Homedale High School senior, and she said a mother and two of her daughters and a father and son will hit the

— See **Christmas**, page 6A

Families can pick up Giving Tree presents, food boxes Thursday at the Marsing HUB

The Marsing Giving Tree and food drive has wrapped up, and preparations have begun to distribute to families.

The food drive was held at all three schools, and the items were transferred to the HUB. The City of Marsing also contributed food items.

On Monday, the Husky Helpers — a group of elementary school students — sorted

canned goods.

On Tuesday, the HUB staff and volunteers completed the boxes and began organizing the Giving Tree pickup.

Staff and community volunteers will wrap the community-donated presents from 1:30 p.m., to 3 p.m., on Thursday at the HUB.

Parents can pick up Giving Tree gifts and food boxes be-

tween 4 p.m., and 6 p.m., on Thursday at the HUB.

A recent article in The Owyhee Avalanche incorrectly reported that the Giving Tree sorting and pickup took place at the school district cafeteria. Coordinator Becky Barkell also said confidentiality laws preclude students such as the boys’ basketball players from helping on distribution day.



Domination Fitness opens in Homedale

The long-awaited opening of Domination Fitness Center in Homedale has arrived. The 24-hour gym at 7 N. 4th St. E., Ste. 202 in the Shady Lane RV Park retail space is owned by Jana Rose. She said the gym, which is part of a local chain, has no junk fees, no cancellation fees and no contracts. The monthly membership fee is \$29.99 for a single or \$69.99 for a family. For more information, call the gym at (208) 504-5301 or visit www.dominationfitnesshomedale.com.



The Owyhee County Farm Bureau Insurance staff stands outside the new location at 425 Main St., in Marsing. **From left:** Wayne Hungate, Kellie Trout, Chad Hungate, Laura Johnson, and Dave Cereghino. Out front is Murphy.

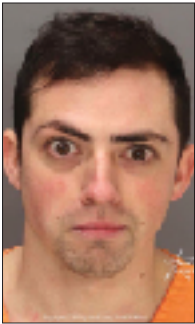
Farm Bureau Insurance moves to Marsing after decades in Homedale

After 29 years in Homedale, the Owyhee County Farm Bureau Insurance Office has moved to Marsing. The office is now located at 425 Main St., in Marsing. That’s the old City Hall building owned by Lamon Loucks. “We needed and wanted to stay in Owyhee County,” Hungate said. “The best lease we could find was with Lamon Loucks in Marsing.” Wayne Hungate headquartered in Homedale since coming to town and leasing office space from Peggy Jackson in 1994. After 11 years, the operation moved to 15 W. Wyoming where office space was leased from Mike Parker for 18 years.

“Mike Parker is only our second landlord, but with his business growing so much, he needed the extra room,” Hungate said. “He’s been wonderful to work with.” Dave Cereghino and new agent Chad Hungate, Wayne’s son and a 2016 Homedale High School graduate, as well as Laura Johnson and Kellie Trout all have office space at the Marsing location. Hungate and his crew specialize in farm and ranch insurance while also offering insurance services for business, home, life and automobile. The office can be reached at the same number (208) 337-4041.

Marsing man accused in Boise murder plot

A Marsing man was one of two people arrested in Boise on Monday morning for allegedly conspiring to commit murder. Andrew Thomas Larson, 34, and Eagle resident Rachel Young, 24, were booked into Ada County Jail on felony criminal conspiracy charges. No bail is listed for Larson on the Ada County Jail website.



Andrew Larson

According to a press release, an investigation revealed Larson and Young had conspired to drive to Boise on Sunday night intent on killing the victim. All parties involved were known to each other, police said.

Boise Police began their investigation after responding to the 1600 block of West Rossi Street at 2:15 a.m., on Monday regarding a couple outside the reporting party’s residence. Police learned that there had been previous threats toward an adult male inside the house and that the man and woman outside were possibly armed. Officers located a vehicle leaving the residence and performed a traffic stop. Larson and Young were inside the car, according to police. Multiple firearms were located in the vehicle.

Homedale man dies in crash

A Homedale man died in a single-vehicle crash earlier this month in Boise. The Ada County Coroner said 23-year-old Colby Earley died of multiple blunt force injuries in a Dec. 8 accident on Lake Forest Drive. Citing the Boise Police Department, KTVB Channel 7 reported Earley was driving fast on eastbound Lake Forest

Drive in southeast Boise when the car left the roadway. According to police, the vehicle likely drove over a berm, hit a tree and struck a fence near South Impatiens Place. Emergency crews responded to the scene around 1:25 a.m., on Dec. 8. Earley was pronounced dead at the scene after life-saving measures were unsuccessful.

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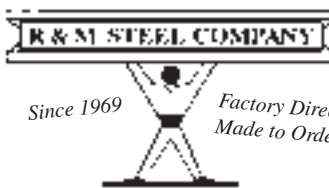
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✓ Project: Handcrafted signs sold as fundraiser to reach Waltman’s goals

Grant benefitted from the work of a group called Hungry For Music when he received a C tuba after his music teacher, John Zieske, sponsored his application. Zieske is Grant’s senior project mentor, too.

On Friday, Grant “played it forward” when he presented middle school musician Lucas Babineaux with a trombone the senior donated himself at Bette Uda City Park.

Lucas is the second Homedale music student Grant has helped this year, his mother Shilo said.

And, next month, Grant will stage a couple of fundraisers to spread the gift of music more.

The first fundraiser will take place at 6 p.m., on Friday, Jan. 19 at the Owyhee County Community Center at the fairgrounds (432 W. Nevada Ave.). He will also present a similar event at 2 p.m., on Saturday, Jan. 20 inside the HHS cafeteria, 203 E. Idaho Ave.

He’ll sell custom signs for \$25 each. There is limited seating at both events, so call Grant at (208) 941-4038 to reserve a spot and prepay for a sign.

Money raised will help with the repair and maintenance of donated instruments as well as cover shipping costs when instruments are awarded to applicants.

“We are finding that many of the donations need a little work or a part here and there, and that is where the financial part of the fundraising is coming from as well as giving us the ability to ship if needed,” Shilo said.

The son of Mike and Shilo Waltman knows something about the Hungry For Music mission.

He began saving money for a tuba after University of Idaho professor Mark Thiele advised he acquire his own instrument for college. Grant plans to attend U of I as a music major and possibly study music education, his mother said.

The cost of the tuba Grant needed was going to be \$5,000 to \$8,000 or more.

“I was rallying him to get started on a dollar at a time and see where he ends up,” Shilo said,

That’s when Grant started making custom craft signs and selling them at the Top Hat Market last summer.

After he earned about \$1,000, fellow musician and friend Amy Trail mentioned Hungry For Music, a non-profit that provides instruments.

Although the group typically provides instruments for younger musicians, Zieske sponsored Grant’s application.

“Mr. Zieske and he did a lot of communicating with them,” Shilo said. “We are forever grateful to him not only for the nomination and all he did but for ingraining the passion for music in Grant and fostering that.”

Zieske wrote a letter of recommendation for Grant’s application:

“I have taught Grant since he was in fifth grade, and it has been a pleasure to see him grow into an exceptional musician and performer during that time,” Zieske wrote. “Through the past eight years, he has always been an excellent student and one of the best musicians in the district.”

Zieske pointed out that Waltman was selected for the District III honor choir and he has been extremely active in the HHS drama club, too.

“Grant is a great performer and would be an excellent fit for your award,” Zieske concluded in his letter.

Hungry For Music gifted Grant his tuba, asking only that he pay for shipping and an instrument case, which came out to cost the exact amount he had raised.

“They were moved by Grant’s ambition and drive and how hard he worked,” Shilo said.

The idea to “play it forward” is a simple one.

“He wants other local musicians having to pay a monthly rental fee or using school equipment to have that feeling and pride of owning their own instrument,” Shilo said.

The Waltmans moved to Homedale in 2014, and Grant has been in the Homedale school music program since middle school. He played saxophone and trombone before “finding his love for the tuba last year,” his mother said.

He also takes lessons from local piano teacher Janine Schroeder.

— JPB

✓ Christmas: Plenty of places to drop off cookies, cash

road on Monday with Nott as she visits truckers on their turf between Ontario, Ore., and Mountain Home along the Interstate 84 corridor.

Last year, Nott made deliveries despite treacherous road conditions. She distributed 65 dozen cookies, milk and provided gift cards for hot meals as well as bought hot meals herself out of cash donations that were received.

This year, she hopes to brighten the day for even more truckers.

“How far we get depends on the weather,” she said.

Christmas with Truckers is now a non-profit, and cash donations can be made in that name at any Zions Bank branch, including in Wilder.

The cash donations help Nott purchase gift cards or warm meals for the truckers. Donations of cookies are in great need, and business swag is also accepted.

Nott has 30 dozen cookies ready to go, but she’s looking for more cookies and more cash to further the cause. Contact her at (707) 365-8418 or christmaswithtruckers@gmail.com for more information.

Drop off cash and cookies at Mustard Seed Financial in Meridian and Bluebird Confections in Caldwell.

Nott said benefit bakers needn’t wait to contribute cookies. Whatever is received in the days ahead will be put in the freezer until the big day of deliveries arrives.

Cash donation jars are located in Homedale at:

- Tango Saloon
- Fisher’s
- The Last Chance Saloon
- Rod Fivecoat Auctions
- NAPA Owyhee Auto Supply
- Tolmie’s Ace Hardware
- Idaho Pizza Co.
- The Bowling Alley

There is also a donation jar at OC Coffee in Marsing.

— JPB

✓ Grant: City receives more money for another key project

gaps at ongoing levels based on external studies. Significant gains also were made in funding airports, rail, bridges, and pedestrian infrastructure.

Marsing also received a Child Pedestrian Safety grant to enhance a crosswalk near the southern edge of the Marsing School District complex and build a sidewalk from the Marsing Labor Camp to connect the crosswalk that will allow students to safely traverse 8th Avenue West.

“As I’ve said before, investments in infrastructure is property tax relief,” Little said. “We’re taking the financial burden off local governments that would have raised taxes or fees on residents.

“All these initiatives serve to lower Idahoans property taxes and improve quality of life.”

Earlier this year, Marsing completed reconstruction on 1st Avenue West in front of City Park, too.

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Birthday

Open house set for former Marsing resident's 90TH

The family of former Marsing resident Kenny Wilkins will host an open house for his 90th birthday.

Friends are invited to stop by between Dec. 28 and Dec. 30 and visit Kenny and his wife Elainor at their home in Nampa. The family will provide light refreshments from 10 a.m., to 3 p.m., each day so folks can come by for a chat.

Kenny was born on Dec. 28, 1933, in Marsing to Jessie and David Wilkins. He attended school there until he enlisted in the Army in 1953.

He has been married to Elainor (Saxton) Wilkins for 65 years. They live in Nampa, residing in the same house they bought shortly after they married in 1956.

Kenny worked in the trucking industry as an owner operator for many years. He hauled everything from milk and potatoes to cows.

He likes to stay connected to the Marsing community by attending class reunions.

He enjoyed steelhead fishing and caretaking at Shepp Ranch



Kenny and Elainor Wilkins
on the Salmon River after his retirement.

He continues to grow and eat fresh veggies from his backyard garden.

He loves to reminisce and enjoys visitors he can recall stories with, so come say hi. Contact the oldest daughter at (208) 290-6512 for more information.

The couple's children are Randy (Margie) Wilkins of Nampa; Debbie (Marty Burrows) Wilkins of Cloverdale, Ore.; Cindy Wilkins of Caldwell; David (Rhonda Albrich) Wilkins of Nampa; and Pam (Stan Sovern) Wilkins of La Grande, Ore. They have five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Idaho State honor graduate

has family ties to Homedale

A woman with extensive connections to Homedale has graduated with honors from Idaho State University.

Delaney Fay Hyer, a Vallivue High School graduate, earned a Bachelor's degree in environmental science from the public university in Pocatello. She graduated summa cum laude.

The graduate is the daughter



Delaney Fay Hyer

ter of Homedale High School graduates Jacob and Kacey Hyer.

She is the great-granddaughter of the late Wendell Hyer and paternal granddaughter of George Hyer and maternal granddaughter of Homedale City Clerk and Treasurer Alice Pegram.

Her aunt is Nikki Christiansen, who works at Homedale High School.

Homedale library gets money to operate 'til tax payday

Property tax payments should start rolling into the Owyhee County treasury, but the Homedale Library District is still a month or so away from its first revenue.

So, the \$10,000 grant recently received from the Idaho Community Foundation will come in handy.

Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library director Sharla Jensen said the grant will help the district "meet the expenses of running the library until we receive the tax funding in January."

The John Henry Eldred Jr. Foundation also awarded a \$3,000 grant from the Dorothy Louise Kyler Fund so the library can buy children's reading material.

Donations from RST Inc., the trucking company owned by former library trustee Mil Shanley and her husband Rick, and the Friends of the Homedale Library were leveraged with an Idaho Commission for Libraries facilities grant to purchase a 12-foot-by-16-foot storage shed.

The library's quilt raffle fundraiser continues, too.

Tickets are \$1 each, and there are two home-made quilts available — a Mickey Mouse quilt and a rose quilt.

The winning tickets will be drawn Friday.

An Idaho Department of Labor representative will be at the library, 121 W. Owyhee Ave., from noon to 4 p.m., today and next Wednesday for ongoing assistance with job searches, résumé creation,



Time is running out to buy tickets for a chance to win one of these quilts on display at the Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library. Submitted photo

filing unemployment, applying for job training and more.

On Thursday, the Teens and Tweens group will gather for a Christmas party at 5 p.m. Boys and girls ages 10-17 will take a no-bake cooking class inside the Homedale Community Center, 125 W. Owyhee Ave.

The youth will make cool whip pumpkin dip and create Christmas cards.

The library is closed Monday and Tuesday for the Christmas holiday. The Opal Nash Story Time for preschoolers and the After School Program for middle school and elementary

school students won't be held next week.

Teen Book Club participants can read either "The Selection" by Kiera Cass or "Ranger's Apprentice: The Ruins of Gorlan" by John Flanagan for the December novels.

Copies of the books are available at the library. Call ahead at (208) 337-4228 to check availability.

The book club will meet at 5 p.m., on Friday, Jan. 19 to discuss the books during a meeting and pizza party. The library is providing the pizza and refreshments.

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Christmas chemistry: Foaming frosty snowmen

Looking for a fun, educational activity for your children on a cold winter day? This fun STEM activity allows you to make snowmen without any snow, using common household supplies!

To conduct the experiment, you will need baking soda, water, vinegar, liquid dish soap, two bowls, measuring cups and spoons, sticky notes or a note pad, pen or pencil, and decorations for your snowmen, such as beads, buttons, or googly eyes (optional).

Follow these steps to build your snowmen:

Step 1: Measure one cup of baking soda into each bowl.

Step 2: Add three tablespoons of water to each bowl.

Step 3: Pour one teaspoon of dish soap into one of the bowls. Use a sticky note to label that this bowl contains the soap.

Step 4: Mix to create a dough in each of the bowls. If they do not hold together, add a few drops of water. Be careful not to add too much, or you'll make it runny!

Step 5: Form your doughs into snowmen and decorate them! Be sure to keep the snowmen in their respective bowls!

Step 6: After admiring your snowmen, pour a cup of vinegar over the snowman made

without soap. What happens?

Step 7: Do the same to the soap snowman. What happened this time?

Ask your children some reflective questions, such as "Why do you think the snowmen reacted differently?" and "What do you think would happen if we changed how much vinegar we poured over them?"

Explain to your children that combining vinegar, which is an acid, and baking soda, which is a base, causes a chemical reaction that releases carbon dioxide, a gas, and creates carbon bubbling. Explain that soap, which is a surfactant, lowers the surface tension of liquid, so the bubbles on the soapy snowman do not pop as fast, creating the foamy reaction rather than the bubbling!

Activity adapted from: <https://4-h.org/clover/activities/foaming-frosty-snowmen/>

For more fun curriculum and activities like this, visit CLOVER, <https://4-h.org/clover/about/>. CLOVER offers free interactive, exciting activities for ages 5-18, created and compiled by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and Cooperative Extension.

— Madi Anderson is the 4-H program coordinator at the University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Office. Contact her for more information on 4-H at (208) 896-4104 or madisona@uidaho.edu



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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.

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

Bingo

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

Labor Dept. bilingual employment services

Noon to 4 p.m., Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library, 121 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 364-7781 or canyoncountymail@labor.idaho.gov for appointment or information.

Story Time

10:30 a.m., to 11:30 a.m., Lizard Butte Public Library, 111 S. 3rd St. W., Marsing. (208) 896-4690

CWI Computer Basics Course

4 p.m., to 6 p.m., registration necessary. Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library, 121 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. Information/registration: (208) 337-4228

Thursday

Fit and Fall class

10 a.m., free, Melba Valley Senior Center, 115 Base Line Rd, Melba. (208) 495-2168

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., to 6 p.m., 'Christmas Party', Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library, 121 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale.

Community movie night

7 p.m., free, Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Post 128 Community Center, 126 W. 2nd St. N., Marsing.

Friday

Food bank distribution

8 a.m., to 10 a.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St., Homedale. (208) 473-9331

Food bank distribution

9 a.m., to 10 p.m., Knight Community Church, 630 Idaho St., Grand View.

Alcoholics Anonymous

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

Tuesday

Board of County Commissioners meeting

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

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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., Homedale Friends Community Church, 17434 U.S. Hwy. 95, Wilder.

Wednesday

Massage

8 a.m., to 1 p.m., \$15 for 15 minutes, appointments necessary. Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. Appointments: Jo (208) 337-3020

Ladies coffee group

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Basketball Camp

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Prime Time Swingers perform

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

ION Heritage Museum board meeting

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

Friday, Dec. 29

Owyhee County 160th birthday celebration

Noon, Owyhee County Historical Museum, 17085 Basey St., Murphy. (208) 495-2319.

Alcoholics Anonymous

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

Opaline Irrigation District meeting

7 p.m., 7300 Opaline Rd., Melba.

Sunday, Dec. 31

Marsing Gun Club

11 a.m., Marsing Gun Club, 7598 Trap Shoot Rd. (off Hwy 95), Marsing.

Area schools break for holiday

Government offices close Monday; remainder of schools end Thursday

School districts serving Owyhee County children either have started Christmas break or will do so this week.

Homedale students will attend class until 1:30 p.m., on Thursday then begin their holiday break. They'll return to class on Monday, Jan. 8.

Likewise, Marsing students will have an early release Thursday and will be out of school until Wednesday, Jan. 3. The HUB food pantry will be closed next Wednesday, too.

Thursday is the last day in the Bruneau-Grand View School District. Students will return to school on Jan. 8.

Jordan Valley School District began its holiday break on Friday, and children won't return to class until Tuesday, Jan. 2.

School ends Thursday in the Adrian district, and students will return on Jan. 8.

In Melba, classes end on Thursday and resume Jan. 8.

All government offices — county and city — are closed on Christmas Day and New Year's Day. The Board of County Commissioners

meeting will move to Tuesday both Dec. 26 and Jan. 2.

County Treasurer Annette Dygert said during Monday's BOCC meeting that her office will be closed Tuesday, too. Her staff traded the Juneteenth holiday for Dec. 26.

Republic Services garbage pickup will be delayed one day each of the next two weeks. Homedale trash will be picked next Wednesday and Jan. 3, and Marsing's will be collected on Dec. 30 and Jan. 6.

The Gypsy Jackson Memorial Library in Homedale and the Eastern Owyhee County Library in Grand View are closed Monday and Tuesday.

The Lizard Butte Library in

Marsing is closed Monday for the holiday, and the Bruneau Valley Library is always closed on Mondays.

The Homedale Senior Center and Rimrock Senior Center in Grand View are always closed on Mondays. The congregate meal at the Sandbar Community Room in Marsing City Hall won't be served the next two Mondays.

Albertsons and the Sav-On Pharmacy inside are closed Monday as is Homedale Drug and its state liquor store.

M&W Market and its liquor store will be open from 6 a.m., to 6 p.m., on Christmas Eve and closed on Christmas.

Matteson's in Homedale is closed on Christmas, too.

All U.S. Post Offices are closed on Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

Death notice

JUDY BROWN LISONBEE, 79, of Homedale, died Saturday, Dec. 9, 2023. Visitation and a funeral service were held on Saturday, Dec. 16, 2023 at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 708 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. A graveside service was held on Saturday, Dec. 16, 2023 at Marsing-Homedale Cemetery. Arrangements: Alsip and Persons Funeral Chapel, 404 10th Ave. S., Nampa.

School menus

Homedale Elementary

Choice of milk and juice
PB&J sandwich, and Vegetable and Fruit choices will be offered daily

Dec. 20: **Breakfast:** Buttermilk pancakes, syrup cup, Yami yogurt, sliced peaches **Lunch:** Glazed ham slice, loaded mashed potatoes, seasoned green beans, frosted sugar cookie

Dec. 21: **Breakfast:** Maple bar, Yami yogurt, mixed fruit

Dec. 25-31: No school — Christmas break

Homedale Middle

Choice of milk and juice, yogurt or string cheese
Cereal option and PB&J and string cheese offered daily
Vegetable and Fruit choices will be offered daily

Dec. 20: **Breakfast:** Scrambled eggs, blueberry muffin, diced pears **Lunch:** Glazed ham slice, loaded mashed potatoes, seasoned green beans, frosted sugar cookie

Dec. 21: **Breakfast:** Frudel, Yami yogurt, grapes

Dec. 25-31: No school — Christmas break

Homedale High

Choice of milk and juice, yogurt, string cheese or hard-boiled egg
Vegetable and Fruit choices will be offered daily
Cereal option, grab 'n' go items each day

Dec. 20: **Breakfast:** Scrambled eggs, whole grain toast, fruit smoothie **Lunch:** Glazed ham slice, loaded mashed potatoes, seasoned green beans, whole grain roll, frosted sugar cookies

Dec. 21: **Breakfast:** Breakfast burrito, Yami yogurt, iced coffee

Dec. 25-31: No school — Christmas break

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. 20: **Breakfast:** French toast bites, Yami yogurt, orange wedges **Lunch:** Glazed ham slice, holiday potatoes, green beans, frosted sugar cookie

Dec. 21: **Breakfast:** Scrambled eggs, toast, mixed fruit **Lunch:** Mozzarella breadstick, mixed vegetables, chocolate chunk cookie **Cold Grab-n-go:** Turkey and cheese sandwich, Sun chips

Dec. 25-31: No school — Christmas break

Bruneau/Grand View

All meals: Milk and fruit offered daily
Jr.-Sr. high school: Pizza offered daily

Dec. 20: **Breakfast:** Cook's choice **Lunch:** Beef and bean burrito, tossed romaine salad, broccoli

Dec. 21: **Breakfast:** Cook's choice **Lunch:** Ham and cheese on a bun, potato wedges, celery sticks

Dec 25-31: No school — Christmas break

Senior menus

Homedale Senior Center

Served at noon
Milk and roll/bread available each day

Dec. 20: Chicken patty, roasted potatoes, Brussels sprouts

Dec. 21: Christmas Dinner: Baked ham, scalloped potatoes, green bean casserole

Dec. 26-27: Closed Christmas

Dec. 28: Sweet and sour pork, rice, Asian blend vegetables

Sandbar Community Room, Marsing

Noon to 12:30 p.m., inside Marsing City Hall
Milk available each day
Suggested donation: \$5 (60 and older), \$8 (59 and younger) \$8 (take-out meal, any age)

Dec. 20: Spaghetti with meat sauce, green beans, spinach salad, French bread, peaches

Dec. 21: Christmas meal: Baked ham with Cumberland sauce, scalloped potatoes, dill carrots, citrus salad, dinner roll, holiday dessert

Dec. 22: Christmas meal: Baked ham with Cumberland sauce, scalloped potatoes, dill carrots, citrus salad, dinner roll, holiday dessert

Dec. 25: Closed — Christmas

Dec. 27: Fish Almondine over rice, peas, spring blend vegetables, 9-grain bread, fresh fruit

Dec. 29: Roast beef with brown gravy, mashed potatoes, sunshine carrots, green salad, Baci roll

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Iglesia Misionera Biblica Homedale Pastor Fernando Gomez 132 W Owyhee • (208) 337-5975 Servicios: Vier - 7 p.m. - Oracion Mier - 7 p.m. Pr edicacion Dom - 10 a.m. Esc. Dom y 6:30 p.m. "Una Iglesia Diferente."	Golden Gate Baptist Church Wilder Pastor Robert Potter, Jr., CLP Corner of Second and "B" Streets Church time is 11 a.m. on Sunday Call (208) 880-4308 for information	Crossroads Assembly of God Wilder Pastor Michael McCormick Hwy 19 & 95, (208) 890-3046 Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 a.m Sunday Evening Worship 6 p.m. Wed. Bible Study 7 p.m.
Assembly of God Church Homedale 15 West Montana, (208) 412-2946 Senior Pastor: Ivar Moore Sunday services, 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. 11 a.m. has nursery, children's program Wednesday and Kidz services, 7 p.m. www.homedaleagchurch.com	Friends Community Church Wilder - Homedale 17434 Hwy 95, (208) 337-3464 Pastor: Scott Morin Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship Services: 10:45 a.m. Sundays Christian Life Club (K-4th) 4 p.m., Wednesdays during school at Homedale First Presbyterian www.homedalefriends.org	Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church Caldwell 1122 W. Linden St. (208) 459-3653 Mass: Saturday 5:00 p.m. Sunday 9:30 a.m. Spanish Mass: Saturday 7:00 p.m. Spanish Mass: Sunday Noon
Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church Homedale 621 W. Idaho Ave. Homedale, (208) 337-4248 Pastor Sean Rippey Sunday Services 10 a.m. Adult and Children Sunday School 9-9:45 a.m. Visitors Always Welcome! Call Church for Prayer requests	Homedale Baptist Church 212 S. 1 st W., (208) 960-4496 https://homedalebc.org Sunday Fellowship 11 a.m.-Noon Second Sunday soup/meal Noon Fourth Sunday Communion Celebration and shared meal Noon Pastor: Paul Chismar	Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Homedale 708 West Idaho Ave Sunday 1st Ward, 11:30 a.m. Bishop David Hann Sunday 2nd Ward, 9 a.m. Bishop Chris Varuska
Chapel of Hope Hope House, Marsing Look for the Blue Church South Bruneau Hwy at the Hope House Welcoming Families, especially those with special needs children. Keith Croft, Pastor (208) 896-5366 (208) 896-4673 Sunday Services at 10 a.m.	Wilder Church of God Wilder 205 A St. E, (208) 649-7698 Pastor Ray Gerthung Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Sunday Service 11 a.m. Sunday Eve. 6 p.m. Wed. Eve. 7 p.m.	Mountain View Church of the Nazarene Wilder-Homedale 26515 Ustick Road (208) 337-3151 Pastor Ryan Schwin www.mvcnaz.org Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Adult & Youth Bible Class: Wed. 7 p.m.
MARSING APOSTOLIC ASSEMBLY Asamblea Apostolica de Marsing 107 W. Main • Marsing, Idaho Pastor Jose Gutierrez (208) 880-6172 Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday Service 1 p.m. Wednesday Service 7 p.m. Bilingual Services/Español	Iglesia Evangelica Wilder 317 3 rd St., Pastor Ramiro Reyes 10 am Sunday School 11 a.m. Service (208) 482-7484 Bilingual	St. David's Episcopal Church 1800 Arlington Ave. Caldwell, ID 83605 (208) 459-9261 stdavids@stdavidscaldwell.org www.stdavid.episcopaldaho.org
 Christian Church Homedale 110 W. Montana (208) 319-4650 Don Vander Boegh (208) 867-5418 Sunday Morning Worship 11 a.m. Church school 9:45 a.m.	Bible Missionary Church Homedale 501 W. Idaho, (208) 337-3873 Pastor Ron Franklin Sunday School 10 a.m. Worship 11 a.m. Sunday Evening 7 p.m Wednesday Evening 7:30 .p.m.	Assembly of God Church Marsing 139 Kerry St., (208) 599-2374 Pastor Sergio Aristizabal Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Sunday Worship 11 a.m. Wednesday Prayer Service 6:30 p.m. Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.
Lizard Butte Baptist Church Marsing Pastor Daniel Swaim 116 4 th Ave. W., (208) 603-3063 Sunday worship: Morning: 11a.m-Noon • Evening: 6-7 p.m. Sunday School 9:45 a.m-10:45 a.m. Wednesday evening 7.p.m-8 p.m.	Nazarene Church Marsing Pastor Jody Hampton (208) 649-5256 12 2 nd Avenue West www.marsingnaz.org Worship Services - Sunday 11 a.m. Sunday School - 10 a.m. Sunday Evening 6 p.m.	Trinity Holiness Church Homedale Pastor Samuel Page (208) 337-5021 Sunday School 10 a.m. at 112 N. 4 th St. Sunday Evening 5:30 p.m.* Thursday Evening 7:30 p.m.* *Sunday and Thursday evening services held at First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6 th St. W.
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First Presbyterian Church Homedale 320 N. 6 th W. Sunday Morning Worship 11 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Christian Life Club (K-4th) 4 p.m., Wednesdays during school (Friends church sponsor) Rev. Heidi Smith-Takatori (208) 303-7414	Vision Community Church Marsing 221 West Main St., Marsing, Idaho (208) 779-7926 Pastor Benje Graves Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Sunday Service 10:30 a.m. Adult, Kids & Youth Meetings Wed. 7 p.m. (Potluck dinner Wednesday at 6:15 before service)	Garnet Seventh-Day Adventist Church 16613 Garnet Rd., Wilder (208) 649-5280 Email: garnetSDA@icloud.com Sabbath School 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:45 a.m. Wednesday Bible Study 7:00-8 p.m.
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Religious Expression

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem

The state of Israel was founded on May 14, 1948. Astoundingly, in 700 BC, this remarkable day was described by the prophet Isaiah in the following words:



An attack on God’s Chosen People is always an attack on God Himself:

“For thus says the LORD of hosts: ‘He sent Me after glory, to the nations which plunder you; for he who touches you touches the apple of His eye.’ ”
— **Zechariah 2:8**

God always works through mercy, grace, loyalty and reconciliation. God always keeps his Word. God always keeps His promises ... and He will until the end of the age. This applies to Israel, but it also applies to you, and everyone who trusts in God. The Lord’s grace is new every day, and His faithfulness is great.

“Who has heard such a thing? Who has seen such things? Shall the earth be made to give birth in one day? Or shall a nation be born at once? For as soon as Zion was in labor, She gave birth to her children.”
— **Isaiah 66:8**

The Nation of Israel was born in the middle of belligerent adversity. Within days after becoming a nation, total war was declared on Israel by the surrounding enemy nations of Jordan, Syria, Iraq, Lebanon, Egypt, and contingents from Saudi Arabia and Yemen. The nations around Israel tried to obliterate Israel three times. In 1948/1949, the so-called Israeli War of Independence took place, in 1967, the Six-Day War was fought, and in 1973, the Yom Kippur War occurred. Recently, on Oct. 7, savage Hamas terrorists slaughtered 1,400 Israelis — women and children included — and took 200 hostages. The prophetic Psalm 83 describes the objectives of Israel’s enemies. The people of Israel are pleading with God to save them from being annihilated by their enemies.

“Do not keep silent, O God! Do not hold Your peace, and do not be still, O God! For behold, Your enemies make a tumult; and those who hate You have lifted up their heads. They have taken crafty counsel against Your people, and consulted together against Your sheltered ones. They have said, “Come, and let us cut them off from being a nation, that the name of Israel may be remembered no more.”

— **Psalm 83:1-4**

“Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life.”

— **Galatians 6:7-8**

Christmas is a wonderful time to pray for the peace of Jerusalem. For Christians, Christmas is a time to celebrate Jesus Christ, our savior, and to pray for others to come to a saving knowledge of Jesus. Jesus is the only One who can save your soul and give you real hope.

Do you want to follow Jesus? What do you need to do? First, confess your sin and turn away from it. Second, receive Jesus as your Lord and Savior, putting your faith in Him alone to save you. You can do that right now. He promises to live in you and transform your life.

You can have a new life, a new beginning, if you will surrender to Christ.

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

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From page 3A

✓ Housing: Permits, annexation held over until council’s first ’24 meeting

commercial to residential.

The rezone was overdue, the elected officials surmised, because two other newer homes have been built on the block in recent years.

There was no action on actually allowing development at 312 E. Owyhee Ave., which sits next door to The Rock of Homedale and across from Homedale High School’s baseball field. Developer Burke Deal of Ideal Custom Homes sought a special use permit to build “several townhomes” on the site, according to the meeting agenda.

Likewise, the council tabled a decision on three other applications that were brought forward in the hearings.

All four applications will be revisited during the council’s Jan. 10 regular meeting.

Citing issues on proposed lot splits that would create parcels out of compliance with city code, the council asked Deal to come back with different plans for proposed single-family homes at 432 W. Oregon Ave., and another proposal to build seven townhomes in the 500 block of West California Avenue.

The West Oregon development would entail refurbishing an existing home and building a second.

Deal may have to resubmit his application for the West California Avenue development, City Clerk and Treasurer Alice Pegram said.

Although the hearing was correctly advertised in a legal notice as dealing with 501 and 507 West California Avenue, Pegram said Deal’s paperwork — including that received by the title company — addressed the issue as 507 W. California Ave., and 415 N. 5th St. W., and that’s how the issue was advertised on the meeting agenda and reported in the Dec. 13 edition of The Owyhee Avalanche.

The house at 415 N. 5th St. W., is owned by another Homedale resident and isn’t part of the proposal.

Todd Ostrom, who is in a development partnership with Homedale-area resident Chad Packer, sought annexation into the city for a 25-acre parcel on the southeast corner of Pioneer Road and U.S. Highway 95.

Although Councilman Mike Aebischer figured that the development would be approved by Owyhee County even if Homedale denied the request, the council tabled the



Special use and lot split applicant Burke Deal (second from left) listens to resident Paul Russell’s question as Deal’s daughter Katie and a roomful of citizens look on.

application in order to work with Ostrom on an annexation agreement.

The agreement would ensure some sideboards on the development, officials said.

Ostrom’s company, POW WOW LLC, wants to build a 10-acre commercial development, which would include storage units, and 15 acres of residential development.

Ostrom and Packer have built homes near the Owyhee County Fairgrounds. Packer also built two homes in the 300 block of East Owyhee Avenue west of the HHS baseball complex.

POW WOW’s proposal for the corner of U.S. 95 and Pioneer Road brought Homedale-area residents Jack Ulrich and Tim Quintana to the meeting.

“I’m not really tickled about it because, as you know, we have a lot of traffic on Pioneer, and you’re not going to get an access to U.S. 95,” Ulrich said, using some colorful language to describe the impending situation if the development is allowed.

“I’m sad to see the farm ground go away because one day, buddy, you’re going to want to eat.”

Ulrich said area residents already have tried unsuccessfully to get the Idaho Transportation Department to build a turn lane at the intersection because of heavy truck traffic.

Ostrom said the storage unit development would be on the 10 acres fronting the highway and would lower the volume of traffic.

Andrew Kimmel, the city engineer from Great West Engineering, pointed out that the developers would have to commission a traffic impact study and work with ITD on their plan.

Quintana lives on ground adjacent to the proposed development site.

“I didn’t move here to be next to a subdivision,” he said. “I don’t want to be annexed. I don’t need city services. I have two wells and a septic system.

“It will destroy my property value. I am utterly against it, and I will fight it.”

During deliberations on the annexation question, Aebischer pointed out that if the council didn’t bring the property into the city limits, the county commissioners surely would approve the development within Homedale’s area of impact. The area is zoned mixed use, which allows residential development.

Aebischer figures the city should annex the area to at least benefit from the property tax revenue.

Hap Duryee, who lives on East Colorado Avenue near a four-plex that the council approved earlier, urged the council to think about smart growth and to keep in mind pedestrian safety on the California Avenue proposal, which is near Homedale Elementary School.

“I know we’re going to grow, but I think we have to do it in an efficient manner,” Duryee said.

Ostrom said the idea to build in Homedale is to give young people like his son a chance at homeownership. He talked about creating “a product” that they can afford.

“We’re trying to put starter homes in there for less than \$300,000,” Ostrom said.

“Our interest here is to make the very best build for this community. Marsing is exploding, but I think Homedale is a better community.”

Quintana was unmoved by Ostrom’s objective.

“The fact that it’s going to be affordable housing doesn’t make me feel one bit better,”

he said.

Deal said his objective is improving the neighborhood where he plans to build in addition to creating affordable housing.

“As a builder, it’s difficult to build something for less than 300,000 bucks for sale,” he said.

Using data compiled by his wife Kathy, who is a realtor, Deal found four existing homes on the Homedale market that are priced at more than \$300,000. Two of the homes were built in 1949 and 1930, and the other — priced at \$340,000 — is two years old.

The East Owyhee Avenue property is blighted, he said.

“What we’re doing is going to be an improvement,” Deal said.

Ostrom said the same thing about the property near the fairgrounds where his group built homes.

“It was gross,” he said of the property. “You needed a tetanus shot.”

But the real issue is growth and the demand for housing in Homedale.

“I think the whole community is going to have to decide how to deal with it,” Deal said. “I’ve heard over and over again there’s nothing to live in.”

Deal has already developed at least three other townhome projects in Homedale.

He wanted to build up to seven townhomes on the West California lots, but the council

asked him to come back with a plan that would include as many as five.

“I believe politically and ethically that homeownership is a big deal,” Deal said. “It’s a step out of poverty.”

Council members and citizens alike were concerned about sufficient off-street parking for the proposed townhomes.

Each townhome on California Avenue would have four off-street spaces, Deal said, including a two-car garage and a driveway.

Several people in attendance wanted sidewalks with the new developments on East Owyhee, West Oregon and West California. But Ulrich, a retired city public works employee, pointed out that the ordinance requiring sidewalks with new development was repealed during a previous mayoral administration. Mayor Gheen Christoffersen said that was because with patchwork developments there would be patchwork sidewalks and nothing contiguous.

— JPB

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HYS’ motivational mentor to be honored at bowl game

Organization honoring positivity in sports recognizes another Homedale coach

For the third year in a row, a Homedale Youth Sports coach will be recognized at Boise’s college bowl game. Idaho Youth Sports Commission officials will hand a GameChanger Award to Corby Garrett during halftime of the Famous Idaho Potato Bowl on Saturday. The game featuring Utah State from the Mountain West Conference and Georgia State from the Sun Belt kicks off at 3:30 p.m., and takes place at Albertsons Stadium. It will be televised at 3:30 p.m. This is the 27th annual college bowl game in Boise. The contest began as the Humanitarian Bowl in 1997. Garrett will receive a plaque and a \$500 check to invest into the HYS sports programs, according to the IYSC website. A lifelong Homedale resident, 45-year-old Garrett has coached HYS teams, such as Optimist football, for the past decade. He and his wife of 20 years, Nicole, have three sons. Garrett is the third HYS coach in the past three years to receive IYSC recognition during the bowl game. Kenny Thomas earned a GameChanger Award last year, and Darren Uranga was honored with a Positive Impact Coaching Award in 2021. The GameChanger criteria seeks out

— See *Mentor*, page 15A

Strong crop of youngsters has HHS wrestling moving forward

Unbeaten frosh captures second tourney title

Despite some transition, the Homedale High School wrestling team is steaming forward into another season. One of the hottest athletes for the Trojans thus far is Trevor Paynter, a freshman 106-pounder who transferred from Caldwell and has set the wrestling community on its ear with a 12-0 start and two championships. “We have quite a few new wrestlers,” seventh-year Trojans coach Jake Levinski said. “This year, we have another big freshman class, and we have a handful of transfer students with a lot of experience.” Nine ninth-graders join eight sophomores, three juniors and seniors Brodie White (220 pounds) and Andrew Marston (160). Paynter stormed through another bracket Friday and Saturday at the Wiley Dobbs Invitational in Twin Falls. He stretched his career-starting win streak to 12 matches, and grabbed the tournament championship at Canyon Ridge High School with a 17-1 technical fall at the five-minute mark of the title bout against Twin Falls sophomore Ash Reeves. Paynter started his tournament in the quarterfinals and pinned Talan Edwards of Kuna (4 minutes, 44 seconds) and Owyhee’s Ryker Andreason (53 seconds) to reach the championship round. The freshman has 10 pins in his 12 matches this season. Other transfers include 126-pounders Wylee Bidiman and Lane Zehr, both sophomores, and Cooper Valle, all from Caldwell, as well as sophomore Grady Walgamott (220) from Parma. A sophomore, Bidiman (11-5) placed fifth in Twin Falls by pinning Pocatello freshman Braydon Price in 2:08. He wrestled back with a technical fall and a pin in the consolation bracket after losing his quarterfinal match. The new wrestlers, including hometown freshmen rising up from the middle school ranks, will help fill out the Trojans’ new training room as other veteran wrestlers decided not to come out for the team this season. Those missing include 3A state meet qualifiers Michael Rose (195) and Kinley Balkovetz (120), Shawn Lee (138/145) and Noah Bowen



The referee raises Trevor Paynter’s arm after the Homedale High School freshman pinned Kuna’s Talan Edwards in the quarterfinals in Twin Falls. Photo by Joshua Gray / GrayHawk Photography

— See *Wrestling*, page 15A

Scoring record sends Melba girls to victory

Brooklyn Dayley set the Melba High School single-game scoring record Saturday night. The Owyhee County resident poured in 37 points as the Mustangs beat host Nyssa, Ore., 73-60, in non-conference girls’ basketball. Dayley also dished four assists and came away with five steals. Melba (7-4 overall at week’s end) won its third consecutive game as Tariah Carter chipped in 18 points, seven rebounds and three steals. Darby Lowber added seven points and five rebounds. Nyssa (2-3) received 15 points from Brynlee Hartley. **Thursday: Melba 52, Nampa Christian 27** — Dayley scored 21 points and set up baskets with seven assists in a 2A Western Idaho Conference home victory. Dayley also came up with four steals. Ellie Johnson added 15 points for the Mustangs (3-1 in conference). She also had three assists and five steals. Senior Jordan Blenker led Nampa Christian (1-9, 1-3) with 10 points.

Local athletes named to All-State teams

Football: Several first-teamers

Several local athletes have been voted onto the All-State teams by Idaho’s high school football coaches. While the coaches do the voting, the results appear first in the Idaho Statesman. Homedale High School’s 3A state semifinal team features five first-teamers: • Dillon Fine, sr., QB • Brodie White, sr., OL • Emario Cuellar, sr., OL • Brock Walker, jr., LB • Luke Henry, jr., DB HHS second-teamers are: • Andrew Marston, sr., RB • Rafael Cuenca, jr., WR Four football players with local ties also landed on the Class 2A squad: • Noah West, Melba, sr., first-team WR • Evan Michaelson, Melba, sr., first-team LB

Volleyball: Rimrock junior earns nod

Curtis Johnson’s peers have named him Class 2A All-State volleyball coach of the year after he led Melba High School to a second consecutive 2A state championship. Mustangs junior outside hitter Tariah Carter was voted All-State player of the year in results recently published in the Idaho Statesman. Four other Melba athletes landed on the All-State team, including first-teamers Ellie Johnson, a sophomore setter; Joelle Kelly, a freshman outside hitter; and Ella Stosich, a senior libero/defensive specialist; and honorable mention middle hitter Jessica Tackett, who is a senior. Rimrock junior outside hitter Molly Mulberry was chosen Class 1A, Div. I honorable mention.

— See *Football*, page 13A

Sports

Homedale girls open conference slate 0-2

Olivia Asumendi put together a balanced game on the road Thursday, but Homedale High School lost for the second time in as many 3A Snake River Valley conference outings.

Fruitland pulled off a 58-35 victory on its home floor while the Trojans' senior scored eight points, swiped six steals and grabbed five rebounds.

Four of Asumendi's rebounds came on the HHS glass.

The Grizzlies started fast, pulling out to an 11-1 lead in the first quarter to send Homedale to its fourth consecutive defeat.

Tiana Sorenson led the Trojans (4-7 overall, 0-2 in conference at week's end) with 14 points. She went 4-for-9 from three-point range.

Kierstley Roseborough

scored nine points while leading HHS with 3-for-6 foul shooting.

The Trojans committed 28 turnovers.

Dec. 12: Parma 60, Homedale 33 — Sorenson and Asumendi led the way again, but the Panthers pulled out a road victory in the Trojans' conference opener.

Sorenson put in 10 points, and Asumendi notched nine.

Sophomore Stella Heck scored seven points. She hit a three-pointer, and Sorenson added a pair of treys.

Arlett Quezada also connected on a three-pointer.

Asumendi came away with five rebounds, and Heck and Sorenson had three boards each as did the Quezada girls — Stephanie and Arlett.



Kierstley Roseborough battles to control the ball during Homedale's loss to Parma. Photo by Joshua Gray / GrayHawk Photography

Tournament play prolongs HHS' slide

Homedale High School's boys' basketball losing streak reached five games Saturday night.

The Trojans fell to Kamiah, 39-28, in the seventh-place game at the Pro Image Holiday Classic in Meridian.

The loss was the closest of the three games Homedale (1-6) played in a three-day stay at Rocky Mountain High School.

Homedale couldn't erase an early deficit in a 67-37 loss to The Ambrose School on Friday. After the Archers built

a 30-14 halftime, the Trojans clawed back to get within eight points, 41-33, heading into the fourth quarter.

Ambrose closed out the win with a 16-4 run through the final quarter.

Homedale started the tournament on Thursday with a 71-45 defeat at the hands of Royal out of central Washington.

No statistics were provided.

Homedale closes out the year and tries to get back to winning ways at 7:30 tonight when Class 4A Caldwell visits.

The next level

Scott Matlock, No. 99

Los Angeles Chargers defensive tackle

Sunday: With a strong contingent of Homedale fans looking on at Allegiant Stadium, the Homedale High School graduate played a season-high 29 defensive snaps in the Chargers' 63-21 loss to the host Las Vegas Raiders on Thursday Night Football. Matlock had three assisted tackles. He was on the field for 11 special teams plays, too.

Season: Matlock has eight tackles, including two solo tackles. According to pro-football-reference.com, Matlock has played on 160 defensive snaps and 61 special teams plays.

Next game: The Chargers (5-9) play host to the Buffalo Bills at SoFi Stadium. Kickoff is 6 p.m., MST on Saturday. TV: Peacock streaming service

✓ Football: NC center from Marsing picked

From Page 12A

- Luke Steinmeyer, Marsing, jr., second-team LB
 - Colby Ferdinand, Nampa Christian, jr., second-team OL
- A Marsing resident, Ferdinand played center

for the Trojans. He was also a second-team All-2A Western Idaho Conference selection and part of Nampa Christian's academic state championship team.

Rimrock junior punter Ronaldo Gomez is part of the 1A, Div. I All-State team.

Homedale Trojans

Athletes of the Week

Girls' basketball
Stella Heck, so., G
Average 3.5 points, 3 rebounds in 2 games

Boys' basketball
Keaton Sorenson, jr., F
One of team's leading scorers thus far

Wrestling
Trevor Paynter, fr., 106
Runs record to 12-0 with 2nd tourney title

THIS WEEK'S SPORTS

Girls' basketball
Varsity
Thursday, Jan. 4, home vs. Weiser, 7:30 p.m.
Junior varsity
Thursday, Jan. 4, home vs. Weiser, 6 p.m.
Frosh
Thursday, Jan. 4, home vs. Weiser, 4:30 p.m.

Boys' basketball
Varsity
Wednesday, Dec. 20, home vs. Caldwell, 7:30 p.m.
Junior varsity
Wednesday, Dec. 20, home vs. Caldwell, 6 p.m.
Frosh soph
Wednesday, Dec. 20, home vs. Caldwell, 4:30 p.m.

Wrestling
Coed
Friday-Saturday, Jan. 5-6 at Rollee Lane Invitational, Ford Idaho Center, Nampa, 9 a.m.
Junior varsity
Saturday, Jan. 6 at Middleton tournament, 9 a.m.

Cheer
Saturday, Dec. 16 at Kuna competition

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Sports

All-around effort sends Marsing to first 2A WIC win

Boys put up a fight vs. No. 1 Ambrose

by John Bruyninckx
For The Owyhee Avalanche

Marsing High School picked up its first boys' basketball conference victory Friday in a full team performance.

Juan Diego Ponce's 12 points helped Marsing beat visiting North Star Charter, 50-22, in a 2A Western Idaho Conference contest.

Dusty Engle added 10 points.

"All players contributed, and defensively we held them to eight points in the first half," Marsing coach Tim Little said.

Marsing (4-2 overall, 1-1 in conference) enjoyed a rare home game — the first in five starts — and Little looked ahead to a crucial Tuesday road game,

which was played after press time.

"We are looking forward to Tuesday at Melba," he said. "A true league test on the road against a top-tier opponent in our extremely competitive league."

Blake Hansen scored 19 points for North Star.

Last Wednesday: Marsing 57, Liberty Charter 49 — Overcoming turnovers and a lack of rhythm and continuity by hitting key shots, the Huskies collected a non-conference win against the Class 1A, Div. I Patriots in Nampa.

It was Marsing's fourth consecutive road game.

"Our shooting from beyond the arc helped make up for a lot of errors," Little said. "All these road games back-to-back challenged us physically and mentally."

Teagan Kinney, one of Marsing's

most consistent performers and leading scorers, got into foul trouble early.

Dresden Wood, however, came in and neutralized Liberty Charter's big post and kept him off the glass.

Jace Chadez was a key contributor, hitting all three of his three-point shots. His sharpshooting helped the Huskies extend their lead to 13 points by the end of the third quarter.

Engle contributed seven points while bringing some much-needed energy off the bench.

"When all is said and done, Liberty is never out of a game," Little said. "They're well coached and they competed to keep it close, getting to within six points with about two minutes left in the game."

The win came 24 hours after a tough 2A WIC loss to The Ambrose School.

"After the night before at Ambro-

se," Little said, "it was good to see the players respond with intensity and desire to get the road win. Last night was a needed win for us as a collective group."

Dec. 12: The Ambrose School 51, Marsing 41 — The Huskies knew they were up against a tough team, as The Ambrose School was the No. 1-ranked Class 2A team in the state after three weeks. Marsing, however, gave the Archers a battle.

"Despite giving up too many second-chance points and extra possessions, I feel we set a bar of intensity and effort that we had not had this year," Little said. "Now the challenge is to bring that each night, no matter who we play."

Seniors Eli Sugarman and Tyson Hughes each scored 18 points for Ambrose, while Kinney scored 15 and Chadez put in 11 for Marsing.

Cole Valley Christian girls stifle Huskies shooters

Sharp foul shooting accounted for the bulk of Marsing's scoring against one of the best high school girls' basketball teams in the state.

Fourth-quarter baskets from Ashlyn Porter and Adyson Chadez were the only field goals the Huskies managed in a 69-14 loss to 2A Western Idaho Conference front-runner Cole Valley Christian on Thursday in Meridian.

Chadez was perfect on four foul shots and led Marsing (4-7 overall, 1-4 in conference) with seven points. Five of her seven points — including a three-pointer — came in Marsing's eight-point fourth quarter.

Porter was 3-for-4 from the free-throw line and finished with five points.

The Huskies went 9-for-12 from the charity stripe, including 6-for-8 in the second

quarter for the team's first points of the game. Kaitlyn Showalter and Lily Thoene had the other free throws.

The Chargers (9-3, 4-0) shut out Marsing to start the second half, too.

Tessa Orcutt led all scorers with 20 points. She scored half of her team's points in a 28-point first quarter.

Dec. 14: New Plymouth 52, Marsing 30 — The Huskies

couldn't catch up with their conference foes after the Pilgrims grabbed an early lead on the road.

New Plymouth (5-6, 2-2) built a 20-point lead, 43-23, after three quarters behind balanced scoring. Every player who got into the game scored for the Pilgrims, led by Xavier Lake, who hit two of the team's seven three-pointers as part of her 12 points.

Brooklyn Roadenbaugh scored five of her team-high nine points in the fourth quarter for Marsing. She went 3-for-4 from the foul line.

Raylynn Vanosdall missed only once on six chances from the free-throw line to score most of her seven points.

Chadez hit a three-pointer during Marsing's resurgent 12-point second quarter and finished with eight points.

MARSING HUSKIES

Athletes of the Week



Girls' basketball
Ashlyn Porter, jr., G
5 points (3-4 free throws) vs.
Cole Valley



Boys' basketball
Nacho Margarito, sr., F
Averaged 6.5 points, 3.5 rebounds
in 2 wins



Wrestling
Jarrek Crandall, sr., 285
All 5 wins this season by pinfall

This week's schedule

Girls' basketball
Varsity
Thursday, Jan. 4, home vs. Compass
Charter, 7:30 p.m.
Junior varsity
Thursday, Jan. 4, home vs. Compass
Charter, 6 p.m.

Wrestling
Coed
Friday, Dec. 29 at Justin Wolfe
Invitational, Glens Ferry H.S., 10
a.m.

Boys' basketball
Varsity
Thursday, Dec. 21, home vs. Payette,
7:30 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 22 vs. Adrian, Small
School Showcase, Treasure Valley
CC, Ontario, Ore., 4 p.m.
Junior varsity A
Thursday, Dec. 21, home vs. Payette,
6 p.m.
Junior varsity B
Thursday, Dec. 21, home vs. Payette,
4:30 p.m.





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Sports



HMS seventh-graders bring home 3A SRV trophy

The Homedale Middle School girls' basketball team beat Fruitland, 37-15, on Thursday to win the 3A Snake River Valley conference tournament championship at home. **From left:** Coach Amber Campos, Adessa Stone, Olympia Carson, Alivia Campos, Isabelle Roseborough, Charlotte Marston, Gassaya Escalante, Cristal Ruiz, Joselin Juarez, Selena Badiola, Miah Hibbs, Gracie Jakovac, and coach Kayla Isham. Photo by Joshua Gray / GrayHawk Photography. **Next week:** More on the Trojans' victory and other middle school successes.

Beus' barrage pushes Mustangs to victory

Melba boys take third place in Meridian

Cutter Beus' monster game led Melba High School to its first boys' basketball win in conference play.

The 6-foot, 8-inch senior guard/forward poured in 32 points in the Mustangs' 78-60 triumph over Compass Charter in a 2A Western Idaho Conference road game on Dec. 12.

Beus also collected 21 rebounds and led three Melba (4-3 overall, 1-1 in conference at week's end) scorers in double figures.

Guard Rylan Frank scored 16 points with four steals, and forward Carsten Volkers added 14 points with four boards. Both are juniors.

Compass Charter's Kellen Wallbuck scored 24 points, and teammate Mason Bennett added 11 points.

Saturday: Melba 57, Royal (Wash.) 52 — Beus returned to form as Melba finished third in the Pro Image Holiday Classic.

The Mustangs' captain scored 33 points and ripped down 18 rebounds inside the Rocky Mountain High School gymnasium in Meridian.

Melba also received 15 points for Sylvan Spence, who grabbed seven rebounds. Volkers added nine points and nine rebounds.

Beus came up with four steals to help the defense.

The Knights from central Washington received 15 points from Caden Already and 10 points from Bennett Brown.

Friday: Baker, Ore., 63, Melba 44 — Beus still got 11 rebounds, but the Bulldogs held him to single digits in the tournament semifinal.

Beus had seven points and 11 rebounds, while teammates Frank (18 points) and Volkers (14) reached double figures.

Baker (10-0 after winning the tournament championship Saturday) stormed to victory behind 18 points from 6-3 sophomore Rasean Jones and 14 points from 6-0 junior Jaxon Logsdon.

Thursday: Melba 53, Kamiah 44 — Beus blocked three shots and Volkers got four steals as the Mustangs used defense to win their opener in the Pro Image tournament.

Beus also notched 11 points and 10 rebounds.

Volkers scored nine points and dished five assists.

David Kludt dropped in 17 points for the Kubs, and teammate Jaydon Crowe added 13.

✓Mentor: Community delivers big kudos

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a coach who:

- Strives to win on the scoreboard, and teaches and models essential lessons for life
- Develops connections that inspire great effort from his/her players
- Consistently models character and sportsmanship

Letters of nomination submitted by members of the local community praised Garrett's contributions to youth sports.

Garrett's involvement with HYS has increased over the past seven years. He is a member of the organization's board of directors.

He coaches football, basketball and baseball, and at some points in his career he has led two football teams at once.

He's also known to pitch in whenever local fields need maintenance, and his company — Aqua Irrigation — has donated time and equipment to fix and construct youth sports facilities.



Corby Garrett coaches up his Optimist football players during practice. Submitted photo

Garrett is credited with inspiring youth to take up and stick with sports by providing a positive first experience for the young athletes.

He mentors the athletes to strive for teamwork.

One letter-writer called Garrett "an exceptional asset" to the community and its youth programs.

Another said Garrett is "one of the most selfless coaches I have had the pleasure of

having coach my son."

Garrett's coaching style focuses on development of a child's athletic skills from a foundational aspect rather than pushing a child to an aspirational point in the distance. He can meld a group with diverse skill levels to achieve success.

And Garrett's bottom line is building better young people who just happen to be improving athletes.

✓Wrestling: Veterans get wins in Twin

From Page 12A
(182). Bowen has joined the HHS cheer squad.

Two other state qualifiers — 195-pound state runner-up Willy Haun and Rhylee Nix (170) — graduated.

Returning state qualifiers include Marston, White and Wyatt Stewart (106).

"Every person who returns is important," Levinski said. "That person brings back experience and wisdom. Both are important in building a team."

Returning sophomore Trey McFarlane (10-4) finished fifth at 132 pounds Saturday after a 7-4 decision over Highland's Cuyler Johnson in the medal round. McFarlane posted four pins on the weekend.

His twin brother Trell has

been sidelined by an injury, but Levinski says the sophomore could return later this season if the healing process goes according to plan.

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

The Trojans finished 13th in the team standings at the Dobbs Invitational.

Other wrestlers picking up victories during the weekend included:

- Nathan Marston (145) pinning Kuna's Preston McCoy at 59 seconds of their second-round consolation bout.

- Zehr pinned Kimberly's Talan Volkel at the 2:49 mark

of their second-round championship-bracket bout. He beat Gage Crapo of Twin Falls, 12-7, late in the consolation bracket.

- White pinned Kimberly's Ayden Widman in 69 seconds to reach the quarterfinals at 220, but bowed out of the tournament in the consolation bracket because of a medical forfeit.

Next up for the Trojans is the Rollie Lane Invitational at the Ford Idaho Center in Nampa next month.

"Going to these difficult tournaments where competition is fierce is important to build experience and make well-rounded wrestlers," Levinski said.

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Christmas in prose

A Christmas meditation – God with us

by Clare Willcuts
For the Owyhee Chronicle
Christmas, 1952

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

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

the manger; poverty is represented in the place in which He was born.

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

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

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

The Christmas Door

All the year long the moon giveth light,
And makes a silver 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!

The amazing grace of Christmas morn

by Wesley Pruden
The Washington Times
From Dec. 24, 1999

The malls and the Main Streets will soon fall silent. The ringing cash registers, the happy cries of children, the hearty greetings of a thousand fraudulent Santas will soon be but ghostly echoes across shuttered shops and silent streets.

But the Christ born in a manger 2,000 years ago lives, changing the hearts of sinners and transforming the lives of the wicked. This is the authentic story of Christmas, and nothing illustrates the redeeming power of the message of Christmas with greater clarity than the story of an English slaver named John Newton.

Newton was born 300 years ago into a seafaring family in England. His mother was a godly woman. Faith gave her life meaning. She died when he was 7, and he recalled as the sweetest remembrance of childhood the soft and tender voice of his mother at prayer.

His father soon married again, and John left school four years later to go to sea with him. He quickly adopted the vulgar life of common seamen, though the memory of his mother’s faith remained. “I saw the necessity of religion as a means of escaping hell,” he would recall many years later, “but I loved sin.”

On shore leave, he was seized by a press

gang and taken aboard HMS Harwich. Life grew coarser. He ran away, was captured and taken back to the Harwich and put in chains, stripped before the mast, and flogged. “The Lord had by all appearances given me up to judicial hardness,” he recalled. “I was capable of anything. I had not the least fear of God, nor the least sensibility of conscience. I was firmly persuaded that after death, I should merely cease to be.”

The captain of the Harwich traded him to the skipper of a slaving ship, bound for West Africa to take aboard a human cargo. “At this period of my life,” he later reflected, “I was big with mischief and, like one afflicted with a pestilence, was capable of spreading a taint wherever I went.” John’s new captain took a liking to him, however, and took him to his plantation on an island off the African coast, where he had taken as his wife a beautiful but cruel African princess. She grew jealous of her husband’s friendship with John, and was pleased when it was time for them to sail once more. But John fell ill, and the captain left John in his wife’s care.

The ship was hardly over the horizon when she ordered him from her house and threw him into a pig sty, and gave him a board for a bed and a log for a pillow. He was left alone, in delirium, to die. Miraculously, he did not die. She kept him in chains, in a cage like

an animal, and fed him swill from her table. Word spread through the district that a black woman was keeping a white slave, and many came to watch her taunt him. They threw limes and stones at him, mocking his misery. He would have starved if the slaves, waiting for a ship to take them to the Americas, had not shared their meager scraps of food.

Five years passed, and the captain returned. When John told him how he had been treated, he branded John a thief and a liar. When they sailed again, John was treated ever more harshly. He was given only the entrails of animals butchered for the crew’s mess. “The voyage quite broke my constitution,” he would recall, “and the effects would always remain with me as a needful memento of the service of wages and sin.”

Like Job, he became a magnet for adversity. His ship wrecked in a storm, and he despaired that God had mercy left for him after his life of hostile indifference to the Gospel. “During the time I was engaged in the slave trade,” he would write, “I never had the least scruple to its lawfulness.” Yet the wanton sinner, the arrogant blasphemer, the mocker of the faith of others, was finally driven to his knees: “My prayer was like the cry of ravens, which yet the Lord does not disdain to hear.”

Rescued, he made his way back

to England, to reflect on the mercies God had shown him in his awful life. He fell under the influence of George Whitefield and John Wesley, and was born again into the new life in Christ. He began to preach the Gospel, which at last he understood.

Two days short of Christmas 1807, he died, at the age of 82, and left a dazzling testimony to the amazing miracle of the Christmas story. “I commit my soul to my gracious God and Savior, who mercifully spared and preserved me, when I was an apostate, a blasphemer and an infidel, and delivered me from that state on the coast of Africa into which my obstinate wickedness had plunged me.” This is his testimony, which, set to music, has become the favorite hymn of Christendom.

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me;
I once was lost, but now am found
Was blind, but now I see.
’Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
and grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear,
the hour I first believed.
Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come.
’Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far
and grace will lead me home.

What Christmas means to me

The reason for the season
through children's eyes

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Elizabeth Albor Hurtado's class,
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The meaning of Christmas



Ainara, Korrin Falk's class,
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Elizabeth Albor Hurtado's class

Christmas

Christmas is Jesus' Birthday. You get presents. You are naughty or nice. You celebrate Christmas.

Jaylene H.

Christmas

Christmas is about family, friends and presents. Santa is important but family is more important.

Jack T.

Christmas

Jesus' birthday is always a great day! I like Christmas because there are presents and family. I wish that Christmas never ends because my family celebrates it.

Alexander B.

Christmas

Jesus' birth! We celebrate Jesus' birth. We invite people to christmas.

Daniel M.

Christmas

It is getting together as a family and appreciating what Jesus gave us. I appreciate my family, cousins and Jesus. Christmas is getting presents and having fun!

Aveline G.

Christmas

Christmas means to me opening presents with my family. Also during Christmas I love going out to dinner!

Isaac B.

About christmas

Christmas means giving presents and celebrating God's birth. Christmas means to eat a lot of food and hang out with your family.

Elijah P.

Christmas

Be with your family and open presents. Decorate the christmas tree and grab a star and put it at the very top. Grab cookies and milk for santa.

William M.

Christmas

Christmas means to celebrate Jesus' birth. When you wake up you get presents under the Christmas tree. But before you should get santa cookies and get the reindeer carrots.

India S.

Christmas

It could mean that you're celebrating Jesus's birthday. You get presents and some

candy. It's so so much fun. You can cut down a tree as well.

Tripp R.

Christmas

Jesus' birthday is the best! We get to open gifts with our family and friends. Christmas is great!

Mario A.

Christmas

Christmas means that you and your family spend time together and get presents. Celebrating Jesus's birthday and decorating the Christmas tree is the best. Build a snowman and make a snow angel in the snow. Drink hot chocolate in the cold. Christmas is great!

Tiffany J.

What does Christmas mean to me?

Christmas means opening presents.

Katrina T.

Christmas

Christmas is a day when your family gets together. It is Jesus' birthday. Christmas is when you get gifts from Santa.

Drexel M.

Christmas

Christmas means celebrating Jesus' birthday and we get presents. Santa comes from the North Pole. We wake up and look for the presents. We go to the tree.

Paisley M.

What does Christmas mean to me?

We get presents from Santa. We make cookies for him just in case he is hungry. At all times he goes down the chimney.

Jocelyn H.

Christmas

Christmas means to have a Christmas tree with lots of ornaments.

You spend Christmas with your family. Enjoy your gift and Merry Christmas!

Joel A.

Christmas

I love christmas because I get presents.

I bake cookies for Santa and don't forget the milk. Christmas is all about hanging stockings.

Melinda S.

Christmas

What Christmas means to me is spending time with my family and friends. I like opening presents but my favorite thing is all the food and playing in the snow. I really like putting up the Christmas tree. I love Christmas.

Nova A.

Christmas

What does Christmas mean to you? I hang out with my family. We celebrate Jesus' birth. We don't forget the milk and cookies for Santa, also the carrots for the reindeer!

Allie L.

Christmas

At Christmas we get presents. It is Jesus' birthday. We have a lot of time to spend with family. You might nice or mean, but always tell the truth and don't blame others, or you might get on the naughty list.

Arleth P.

My Christmas

I am going to go with my Mom's grandpa for my Christmas and for God's birth. I am going to open presents. I hope everybody has a great christmas.

Jax G.

Christmas!

What I love about Christmas is the family and friends you get to be with. What you give to Santa is some cookies and milk. If you are good then you get presents and if you are bad then you don't get presents.

Owyhee W.

Christmas

Christmas means to me giving and getting presents. I like to spend time with my family, also crafting with my mom and dad.

James E.

Christmas

Christmas is when you celebrate Jesus' birthday. It is a petty good day. On Christmas, at least for me. The best part is when you get to hang out with your family and play fun games. My favorite part is when I have fun!

Charleigh M.

What does Christmas mean to me?

Christmas means that it is a chill time and Jesus' birthday. Jesus wants you to BE HAPPY! That is all he wants.

Moises G.



Elijah P., Elizabeth Albor Hurtado's class, Homedale Elementary

Blessings
at christmastime

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Korrin Falk’s class

By: Ariana
I believe the true meaning of Christmas is spending time with family. This is belief because that’s how we do it. On Christmas we have hot chocolate. We also watch Christmas movies together.

By: Gia
I believe the true meaning of Christmas is about spending time with my mom. We like to open presents together. I also like to go ice skating.

By: Alexa
I believe the true meaning of Christmas is Santa. This is my belief because Santa gives us toys we can play with in the morning. We also go look at Christmas lights and eat dinner together.

By: Tylee
I believe the true meaning of Christmas is about spending time with your family. I like to help cook and bake cookies for Santa with cookie cutters. We leave some cookies and milk for Santa. I like to open presents with my cousins. Sometimes, I share



Alexa, Korrin Falk’s class, Homedale Elementary

my presents with my mom. I like to try on shoes when I get them for Christmas.

By: Ecko
I believe the true meaning of Christmas is that it is Jesus’s birthday. On Christmas we

go ice skating and spend time together. We unwrap presents and get to play with new toys.

By: Hazel
I believe the true meaning of Christmas is about seeing family. I also believe it is about Jesus’s birthday. I also think of snow, ice skating, and Elf on the Shelf.

By: Ainara
I believe the true meaning of Christmas is spending time with your family. When I am with my family we open presents and drink hot

chocolate milk.
By: Mateo
I believe the true meaning of Christmas is Jesus’ birthday. I believe this because he is our savior. For example, he was baby Jesus and now he is the king of heaven.

By: Grant
I believe the true meaning of Christmas is Santa because he delivers one present. He is magic. It is his birthday today on Christmas. I like the Christmas tree because it is cool. It doesn’t matter if you get presents, it matters for the

people. We hang stockings with hangers. We set up the Christmas tree and hang ornaments.

By: Lane
I believe the true meaning of Christmas is the presents. This is my belief because we get to play with new toys. Additionally, we bake cookies for Santa. Most importantly we spend time together on Christmas morning.

By: Remington
I love Christmas because Santa gives us presents and we eat cookies. We go for a drive and look at Christmas lights. We also celebrate Christmas by decorating our house.

By: Rocky
I believe the true meaning of Christmas is Jesus’s birthday. I believe this because it is his birthday. I also believe that Christmas is about spending time with my family and eating dinner. Something we eat at Christmas dinner is orange chicken.

By: Myles
I believe the true meaning of Christmas is spending time with family and friends. We like to play games and see Christmas lights. We also give presents to friends and family.

By: Amos
I believe the true meaning of Christmas is Jesus’ birthday.

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Shanna Higley’s class

Christmas means spending time with my family. I love eating cinnamon rolls. I love seeing what my family gets. I love the nice presents. I love the traditions that I do. That is what Christmas means to me.

Brinley B.

Christmas means spending time with Family. Everything is wonderful. Opening all the presents is fun. That’s what Christmas means to me.

Spencer S.

Christmas means to be with your Family, celebrating God’s birthday.

Eating yummy food is amazing. That is what Christmas means to me.

Valentina A.

What is Christmas?

TomeChristmas means baby Jesus’ birthday. My favorite part is when my family comes together and presents. Some people celebrate by candles. That is what Christmas means to me.

Kimber P.

Christmas means to me... spending time with my family. Eating with my family. That is what Christmas means to me.

Sienna N.

Christmas means to me there are toys. I love being with mom, dad, sister and brother on Christmas.

Alex F.

Christmas means to me, celebrating christmas with family.

Omar C.

What does Christmas mean to you?

Christmas means spending time with family. I like giving and wrapping gives seeing happy faces. I like playing in the snow too.

That is what Christmas means to me.

Emory K.

What does Christmas mean to you?

Christmas means to open presents. Spending time with my family. It is very fun.

Cole M.

What does Christmas mean to you?

Spending time with family. Opening presents, eating food, and singing. Seeing smiles from the presents we get from Santa.

Taytem A.

Christmas means spending time with family. I love seeing smiles on everyone’s faces. that is what Chrstmas means to me.

Carter G.

Christmas means spending time with family. christmas is when Jesus birthday. I love the joy in the sky. That is what Christmas means to me.

Ximena C.

Christmas means to me. I Love Christmas. I Like to open presents. It is so fun. That is What Christmas means to me.

Courtney W.

Christmas means giving presents to others. I love hearing laughter. I love joy in the air. that is what Christmas means to me.

Parker P.

What does Christmas mean to you?

Christma mean to have fun with your family And to eat together. The most important part about It is spending time with your family. This is what Christmas is about.

Kash M.

I Like to see my little sister

open her presents. I like to see my brother open his presents. That is what Christmas means to me.

Colton W.

What does christmas mean to you?

Christmas is a time with your family. I like Christmas because it brings Joy to Santa brings presents to kids. That is what Christmas means to me.

Brinley L.

Christmas means spending time with my family. My family celebrates by opening presents. I love the joy. I love Christmas. That is what Christmas means to me.

Ace Y.

What does Christmas mean to you?

Christmas means spending time with family and friends. Celebrating baby Jesu’s birthday And giving the Homeless people presents.

Elsie B.

What does Christmas means to you

Christmas means spending time with my family. Opening presents and before we eat food we pray. We sing before we open the presents. We celebrate Jesus birthday. That is what Christmas means to me.

Aimee W.

What Christmas means to me is spending time with my family. Giving presents to people. I love the joy in the air.

Haddon G.

What does Christmas mean to you?

Christmas means to celebrate baby Jesus’s birthday. Praying with family. I love to see joy and laughter on peoples faces.

Harlow L.



Delilah L.,
Evonne McGuire’s class,
Homedale Elementary

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

*Time for
Celebration!*

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

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

Luke 2:8-14



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Evonne McGuire’s class

Christmas is my favorite time of year. I want a Squishmellow for Christmas. I make Cookies for santa. I love putting my Christmas tree up every single year. Christmas is so so fun. On Christmas eve I get to see my cousins every year.
Charlotte M.

Christmas is the best.
We spend time with my family and friends. My birthday on December
Damian C.

What Chrismas mean’s to me it the end of the month’s Holiday it’s so cozy and cold
Krystal J.

What does christmas mean to me.
a holiday that you will get Presents, joy, and time with your famly.
Kody B.

What Christmas means to me...
I like Christmas because Christmas is my faroit time of year. I Love spending time with My famliy. and helping My mom with dinner. I enjoy helping my dad caues he’s sick
Brooklyn C.

I Love christmas Because I get to eat cookie’s I make cookie’s with my mom and brother i get to Spend time with my family And I also Like Present’s. the cookie’s



Rio H., Evonne McGuire’s class, Homedale Elementary
I make are Santa Clause, elf, reindeer and christmas trees that’s my favorote part about christmas making cookie’s I also Lik ice skating
Paislee H.

I Love Christmas because...
I Love to get toy’s I love mom and dad. I LOVE my family
Ryder M.

Spending time with my family. Opening presents at my grandma’s house. Eating food with my family. Going to Church on Sunday. Celebrating Christmas with my family. Running around and playing with our Christmas pres-

ents. Hanging out with friends and family. Getting Christmas break to see our family. God and Jesus are our savior.
Nolan A.

I rally, really, want a gold chain. for Christmas. You get gifts. You get to Spend time with your family.
Gabriel R.

Chistmas means to me is famliy time and Chistmas time and Joy time and loveing time it means erveything to me and I love School.
Adrian E.
Christmas is the most

wonderful time of the year. Because my family gets a tree. My family L♥VES this holiday. I L♥VE Santa Claus so much. I also L♥VE Mrs. Claus too. We are going to have a chistmas fancy dinner at my grandma's house. My grandma's house is big. I play with my grandma's CUTE scottey's in her yard. The end!
Kya H.

An what Chrismas means to me?
It means a ton to me you get What you want on your wishlist! If your naughty you will not get it. how sad Right?
Sky O.

What Christmas means to me is spending time with my family. Christmas means to me playhing games with my family and having fun. Chritmas means to me opening presents with my family.
Sydney M.

Santa give us presents under the christmas tree. Santa eats my cookies each year. Santa has ieght reighndeer.
Zyron C.

Christmas is my favorite time of year what I will wawnt is a squishmellow
We have fun.
Delilah L.

What christmas means to me the day Jesus was born. Family and friends, and getting Presents.
Sid L.

Christmas means to me spending time with my family and Santa Clause bringing presents.

My whole whole family goes and spends time at my grand perents house all together. I Love christmas!
Love Rio H.♥

What Christmas means to me,
it means Spending tim with my family and to going to Church and to go to eat at a speeial place.
Ryelah H.

Want Christmas means to me
giving and getting presentse. Coning together as a failly. My elves naned dickens and Peppermint.
Beau S.

What Christmas means to me
Christmas is a big holiday. in Christmas We celebrate a party with my family and cousins. Christmas is a fun holiday. Christmas is a special day.
Francisco R.

What Christmas means to me...
Me and My famly go to New Meadows for christmas. I Love christmas so much. I get presents. I got a squishamellow last year.
Briella S.

Chrstmas means to me seeing Santa, spending time with family.
JR C.

What Christmas means to me,
I love baking cookies for Santa Clause. I love puting christmas lites. And being with my family.
Malachi M.

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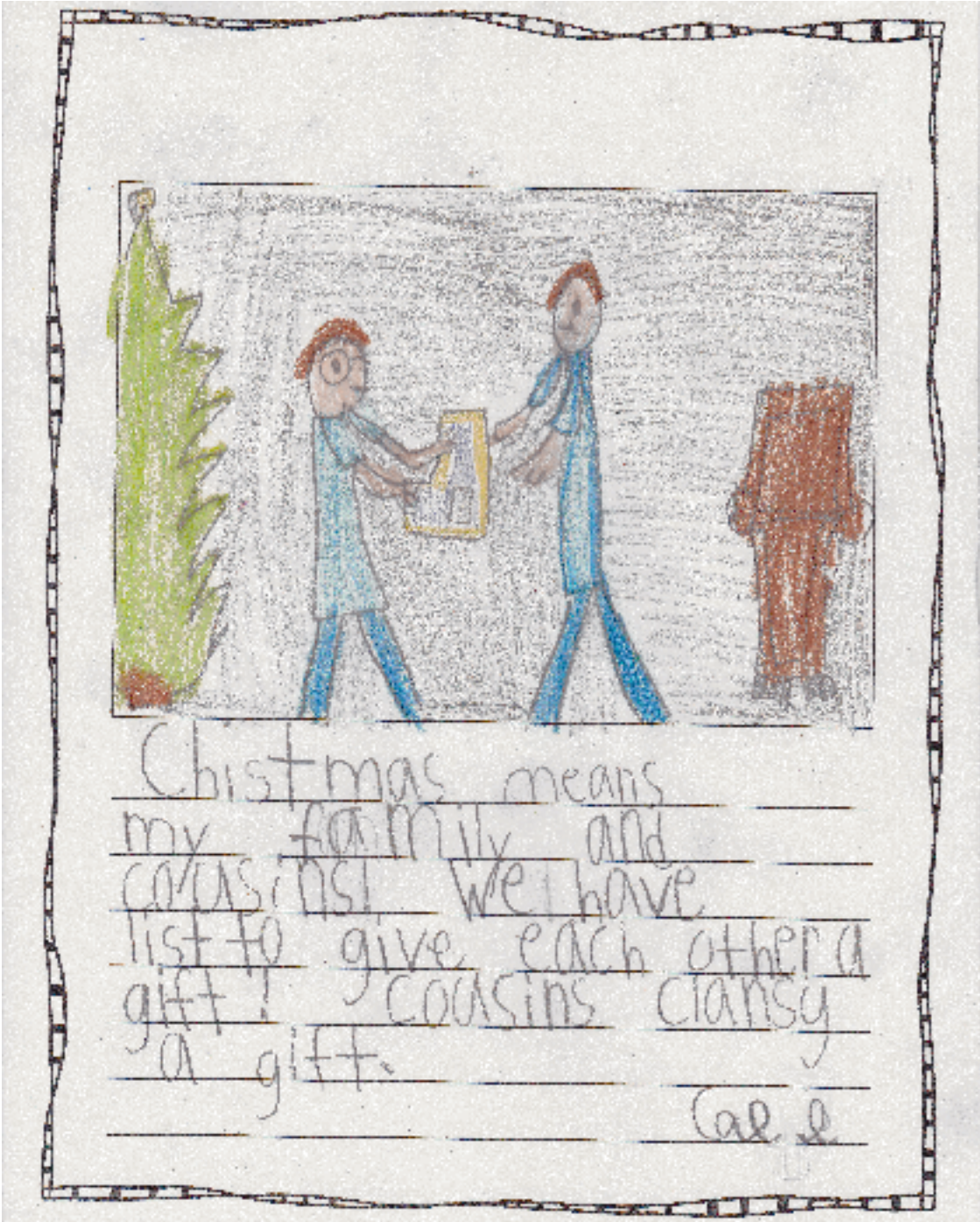
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Merry Christmas

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Aleasa Herman's class



Cal I., Aleasa Herman's class, Marsing Elementary

Christmas means my happy family.

David C.

Christmas means Jesus's birth day.

I drink hot cocoa with my family.

Ricardo M.

Christmas Means Jesus's birthday. Jesus protects us. I give my clothes to people who need them.

Ximena J.

Christmas means my family and the food my dad makes and Jesus's birthday. My family gathers around and eats brisket and prime rib. We go to the Christmas parade with hot cocoa.

Kerra M.

Christmas means family and giving. We make cookies. We make chocolate milk. We play games.

Nova R.

Christmas means sharing Christmas cookies. I make Chocolate Chip Cookies. Jesus's birthday means being

Christmas means family. We have dinner. We open gifts. We play games.

Ryckar R.

Christmas means Jesus's birthday. Jesus's birthday is important. We stand outside and pray to Jesus that we love him.

Charlotte M.

Christmas means to make cookies with my mom. My favorite cookies are elf Shaped cookies. Then we watch TV.

Wyatt D.

Christmas means my family. I spend time with my family. We have dinner.

Seleni M.

Christmas means my family and cousins! We have list to give each other a gift! cousins clansy a gift.

Cal I.

Christmas means family.

Having fun with my family. We watch a movie.

Jackson C.

Christmas means Sharing and happiness. My family made cookies and cupcakes.

Angel G.

Christmas means Jesus's birthday and sharing Christmas cookies. I am with my family to go get hot chocolate.

Sofiya H.

Christmas means jesus's birthday and family and friends. We Play in the snow. We decorale our house.

Kaydence A.

Christmas means to me my family and Jesus' birthday. We open presents and wait for my dad to get off of work. When my dad get back from work we open presents.

Adalynn A.

Christmas means singing songs. Is ing songs with my big br

Koltyn B.



Paislee H., Evonne McGuire's class, Homedale Elementary

Bruneau Elementary

Jessica Jones' class

Christmas Means to me. So I can Remember Jesus birth Day And haveing friendship.

Crickett B.

Christmas Means to me to make everyone happy.

Elu L.

Christmas means to me the day Jesuses birthday was and I also think of the loved ones that died.

Sam G.

What Christmas means to me is: It means family, giving, getting, Jesus Chriat and presents. I get loved and I love. Christmas is my favorite Holiday, it is now and forever more. Merry Christmas!

Blaine B.

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

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Marsing Elementary

Dorothy Hutchings' class

Christmas means to me decorating with my parents. It means baking with my parents, and spending time with my family. It means loving Jesus. It means getting presents, hearing Christmas music, and having good food.

Kaiya G.

I love to decorate the Christnas tree, and to put the stockings up. This is What Christhas means to me.

Henry B.

I love Spending time with my family.

I love drinking hot choclote.

I like watching Christmas movies.

I like opening presents.

I like making Christmas pictures.

I love celebrating Jesus's birthday.

I love playing in the snow with my siblings.

I love making ginger bread houses.

Izabelle L.

Spending time. finding a tree.

Having fun and baking cookies.

Also drinking hot chocolate.

That is what Christmas means tome.

Josemaria M.

What Chrismus means to me is fun and Celebrating Jesus. Good food and family and freinds. This is what

Christmas means to me.
Rocky E.

What Christmas means to me is celebrating Jesus. It is time with family decorating, sledding, and finding a Christmas tree. Christmas means the Joy of Santa Claus bring Presents.

Nayelee G.

What Christmas means to me is that I love the Christmas music. I love the presents and food. I love the joy, laughter, friendship, and the happiness. I love the decorations, the baking, the Christmas movies, and the joy of making others happy. That is what Christmas means to me.

Elizabeth D.

What Christams means to me is celebrating Jesus. It means Santa, family, friends, and Jesus. It is baking cake, decorating, and good food. Also presents, playing in the snow, snowball fights, music, hot cocoa, finding a tree, and sledding.

William M.

I like to decorate. We open our presents all together I like to have fun in the snow. That is what Christmas means to me.

Daysen R.

Giving people presents. Watching Christmas movies and sharing hot cocoa with others. Having a snowball fight, and sharing joy.



Izabelle L., Dorothy Hutchings' class, Marsing Elementary

Listening to Christmas songs. This is what Christmas means to me.

Juan D.

What Christmas means to me is having fun with family and friends. Decorating with my family. Drinking hot cocoa with my family. I am thankful for Jesus. Baking with my family and friends. sledding with my family and friends. Celebrating Jesus's birthday. Opening presents with my family. Playing in the snow with my family.

Siena K.

Drinking hot chocolate with

my family is What Christmas means to me.

Rosario C.

To me Christmas means spending time with my family and friends. Christmas is giving and the love of Jesus. It is presents, fun, playing in the snow, and making others happy.

Yarrellie A.

Having cocoa with my family and grandma. Having a snowball fight with my brother and sister. This is what Christmas means to me.

Janyce G.

What Christmas means to me is to give love and having fun. It is sleeping in, and drinking hot cocoa. That is what Christmas means to me.

Adrian M.

I love giving presents to my parents because it makes me happy. I love the food because it makes me thankful. What

Christmas means to me is the family because it makes me very happy.

Silas B.

What Christmas means to me is celebrating Jesus. What Christmas means to me is spending time with family and friends. What Christmas means to me is drinking hot cocoa. What Christmas means to me is making others happy. What Christmas means to me is giving presents. What Christmas means to me is helping others.

James C.

I love Christmas I love Jesus. I spend time with my family and friends. I love Joy and presents. I'm thankful for Christmas and fun. I'm thankful for Jesus and people. I love giving people presents, and I love the Earth. I love the people who celebrate Jesus.

This is what Christmas means to me.

Brionna D.



Juan L., Wendy Swenson's class, Marsing Elementary

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Wendy Swenson's class

Christmas means to me celebrating Jesus brthday. Christmas means joy.

Ruby D.

chocolate with my family, celebrating the of Jesus and ice skating.

Love, Wren S.

Christmas means to me being with my family opening presents, celebrating Jesus birthday.

Lieseke V.

Christmas means to me ice skating because I spend time with my Dad. Christams is making snow angels with my Famly and time with friends Jackson C Jackson A.

Sincerely Tallon K.

Christmas means to me celebrating the birth of Jesus. Spending time with family and friends.

Beckman Q.

Christmas means to me celebrate Jesus, hanging out with friends and family having fun.

Love, Abril G.

Christmas means to me. making Christmas cokies, giving presents, spending time with my brothers.

Ashton M.

Christmas means to me being with my family. Every year we open Presents. Because it's Awsomly fun and cellabrating the birth of Jesus.

Love, Berkeley O.

Christmas means to me celebrating the birth of Jesus. Being with my family and Happy birthday Jesus.

Juan S.

Christmas means to me loving my teacher. My parents, God, my baby sitter. and my family. and my friends.

Love, Ashley S.

Christmas means to me celebrating the birth of Jesus. Being with my brother Alex.

Love, Riley F.

Christmas means to me celebrating the birth of Jesus. Being with my brother Alex.

Sincely, Zachary P.

Christmas means to me being with my family and time with friends. Playing in the snow too.

Love, Ryan W.

Christmas means to me Laughter and Warming your heart.

By Tayla F.



Ryan W., Wendy Swenson's class, Marsing Elementary



Ashley S., Wendy Swenson's class, Marsing Elementary

SEASON'S GREETINGS

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Jordan Valley Elementary

Crissy Terry’s students

Christmious mean gi pts to other kids.

Miles A.

Cooking.

Ramon Y.

Christmas means Santa

Dayce M.

Christmas means prents

Maddie W.

Christmas means getting presents!

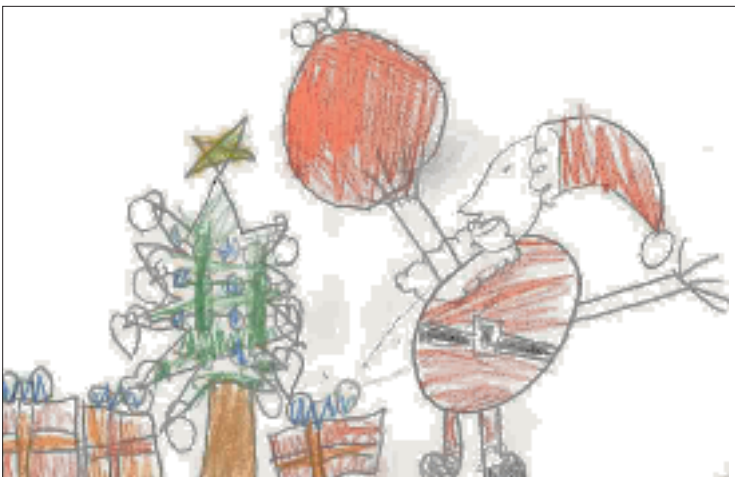
Abby M.

What I love about Christmas is that it’s Jesus’ birthday. I love my mom and dad. But my favorite thing about Christmas is presents.

Skyler T.



Dayce, Crissy Terry's class, Jordan Valley Elementary



Kinzlee, Crissy Terry's class, Jordan Valley Elementary

Christmas means santa delivers presents. It is Jesus’ birthday

Kinzlee W.

I love Christmas because I love giving people presents. I love people.

Charlotte M.

Chrismaas means being with my family. We get to

open presents.

Jaxon C.

Christmas means to be kind to each other. We give presents to each other.

Norah W.

Christmas means it is Jesus’ birthday. I give presents to my mother and brother. I dip my sugar cookies in hot chocolate.

Presley Y.

Homedale Elementary

Korrin Falk’s class

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I believe this because I go to church and we learned about when Jesus goes back to heaven. At Christmas I also like to drink hot cocoa with my family.

By: Lauren

I believe the true meaning of Christmas is spending time with family and friends. This is my belief because I think it is wonderful to spend time

together. On Christmas Eve we go see the lights and drink hot chocolate. That night we have a big dinner together. In the morning we eat breakfast and open presents.

By: Shaylah

I believe the true meaning of Christmas is being with your family and Jesus’s birthday. I believe this because we learned this in church. We do a lot of writing with it at

church. When I spend time with my family at Christmas we play games.

By: Wynn

I believe the true meaning of Christmas is giving because the holiday spirit is giving. It is fun and others enjoy it too. It is joyful when Santa comes when everyone is asleep. Santa brings presents to everyone!

By: Kaedance

I believe the true meaning of Christmas is spending time with family. One example is when we get presents, because it is fun to open presents with family. I did an activity with my family and we played Twister. It was fun! I also

enjoy going to my grandma’s house and making cookies.

By: Max

I believe the true meaning of Christmas is my family spending time together. I enjoy exchanging presents, the snowman, and making snow angels. I also like to make and eat Christmas cookies with sprinkles. I have milk too. Finally, I like the Christmas trees and Elf on the Shelf.

By: Aurora

I believe the true meaning of Christmas is spending time together with family. When I spend Christmas with my family we open presents and ride horses. On Christmas, we

get to look at Christmas lights. Finally, I get to go to the nail salon to get my nails done.

By: Lavena

I believe the true meaning of Christmas is Jesus’s birthday. This is my belief because I go to church. We also have a family tradition of going to see Christmas lights. When we are done seeing the Christmas lights we go see the dragon that is covered in Christmas lights.

By: Aniyah

I believe the true meaning of Christmas is that it is Jesus’s birthday. I like to spend Christmas playing with my brothers. They are the best brothers ever. We play in the snow together.

By: Hailey

I believe the true meaning of Christmas is seeing Santa. I like to open presents and play with new toys. I also like to go see Christmas Lights. I also like to go see Santa’s house and Santa fishing when we go see the lights.

By: Addie

I believe the true meaning of Christmas is spending time with family. We go to the bowling alley. We also cook together and eat yummy food. Finally, my dad will go on the roof and put up Christmas lights.

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Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

25 years ago

December 23, 1998



Heads up...

Trojan Darren Uranga throws a fly shot for two points against the Middleton Vikings.

Trojans defeat Vale, Middleton

The Homedale Trojans boys' basketball team defeated Vale Ore. 67-57 and the Middleton Vikings 51-42 in non-conference games last week.

The Trojans traveled to Vale last Friday where Darren Uranga topped the score again making 25 points for the Trojans, followed by Dusty Bauer making 22.

On Saturday the Trojans met Middleton in the Homedale gym. Uranga again topped the scoring with 25 points. Brown led the Trojans with eight rebounds and Uranga made six.



Semi fails to make turn; damages 3 JV businesses

Jordan Valley residents awakened Thursday morning to find that part of their town had been destroyed when a semi truck and trailer crashed through three businesses.

The trucker was cited for driving under the influence of alcohol and reckless driving after the semi truck he was driving crashed into Telleria's Market, Telleria's Video Store, and stopped in Madriaga's gas station. The accident happened at 6:50 a.m. last Thursday morning.

The driver and his passenger were heading south on US 95 and did not slow for the corner. Scott Skinner from the Oregon State Police Department reconstructed the scene and determined the semi was traveling at approximately 60 miles per hour before the crash. The posted speed limit at the corner is 25.

"I heard it going through Telleria's and ran to the back," John Madriaga said.

"I was standing right up front just before it came through."

50 years ago

December 20, 1973

BOB RATHBONE OF MARSING was named outstanding 4-H youth of Owyhee County and was recipient of the First Security Bank of Idaho wrist-watch award for 1973. He is shown with Dick Baltzor of the Nampa branch who made the presentation. Young Rathbone is the son of Mr. and Mrs. P.T. Rathbone of Marsing. The award was made at the annual 4-H recognition banquet held at the Melba High School gymnasium.



Grand View

GRAND VIEW — Grand View will vote Jan. 2 on liquor-by-the-drink.

The city council called the election after receiving a petition with 40 signatures requesting the vote.

Mayor Ben Johnson said the vote in an election two years ago on the same issue turned down liquor-by-the-drink by a 3 to 1 vote. Johnson said those who did not vote in the recent election should register with City Clerk Donna Carothers. The balloting will be from noon until 8 p.m. at the city hall.



NEW OFFICERS of the Snake River Livestock 4-H club for the coming year are, front row, from left, Karen Taggart, president; John Farley, vice president and Mara'd Arima, secretary-treasurer; standing, Clyde Bevans, adult 4-H leader, Janet Cegnar, reporter, and Eddie Davis, adult 4-H leader. Photo by Bette Uda.

Two re-elected to irrigation district board

Edwin Stansell and Frank Tanikuni have been re-elected to the Gem Irrigation District board, returns of the election held Tuesday, Dec. 11, show.

Each received 31 votes — 10 in precinct No. 1 at the Wo He Lo clubhouse, Marsing; 16 in precinct 2 at the Homedale South Board of Control office, and 5 in precinct 3, at the Homedale Legion hall.

Stansell represents division 4 and Tanikuni, division 5.

153 years ago

December 17, 1870

WHEN John Saxton, editor of the Canton *Repository*, the oldest paper in Ohio, heard of the battle of Sedan, and the surrender of the Emperor, he wrote and published the account of the event in a column parallel with a reprint of the account he wrote and published in the same paper of the surrender of Napoleon I., at Waterloo, in 1815. He is the only editor, probably, in the world, who has written of the exit of both Napoleons in the same paper.

Mining news.

Since our last report, Golden Chariot stock has been in good favor. In the San Francisco Stock and Exchange Board last Saturday, it opened at \$76½, and steadily advanced to \$91½, closing at \$91. The total receipts for November were, \$76,187.71. If a \$5 dividend should be declared this month, as is thought likely, Chariot stock will, in all probability, rapidly advance to \$150.

Superintendent Pheby is keeping the Webfoot mill constantly running on Mahogany ore, and has had 50 tons worked at the Cosmos, which yielded a fraction over \$51 per ton. This, too, may be considered average ore, as it was taken from various places in the first, second and third levels and the bottom of the shaft.

The Belle Peck shaft is down 45 feet, showing the ledge to be of an average width of ten inches, containing rich black sulphurets of silver in considerable quantities besides gold.

The new Chariot hoisting works are being rapidly put up, and the old machinery will soon be removed to the Peck & Porter, where the buildings are ready to receive it.

Good looking ore is being taken from the Oro Fino, and operations continue on the Illinois Central, Skookum and Chipmunk.

Ida Elmore stock was selling last Saturday, in San Francisco, at \$12½ per share.

GONE EAST.—Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Wilson started East yesterday morning. They will first visit Mr. Wilson's old home in Missouri, from which he has been absent 17 years. They will then proceed to Mrs. Wilson's native State, Maryland, after which they intend to spend the remainder of the winter in Washington, and return to Owyhee next spring. A multitude of friends regret their absence, but wish them a pleasant journey and safe return.

Local Hints and Happenings.

W. E. Phillips has gone to San Francisco.

Freighting is lively on the Winnemucca route.

Wives should be confined at home, but not too often nor too long.

Capt. Jos. Myrick left for Portland on Thursday last.

A short lesson in chemistry may be learned by sticking your finger in the fire.

Making few promises, live up to your engagements and keep your own secrets.

Humming birds have disappeared from this vicinity — a sure sign of cold weather.

Beware of judging hastily; it is better to suspend an opinion than to retract an assertion.

J. Huelat has opened a livery stable at Brinkerhoff & Roger's old stand on Jordan street.

J. B. Bailey and family, who left here several weeks ago, are now located at Helena, Montana.

Commentary

Jon P. Brown,
managing editor



Eyes on
Owyhee

Prudent planning

It may not have been a Christmas miracle, and not everyone got what they wished for, but last week’s Homedale City Council meeting would have made fans of participatory government warm all over.

Two developers brought proposals to build homes in and around Homedale.

Instead of seeing dollar signs and rushing into a decision for the sake of tax base, city council members opted to hold off judgment on most of the decisions before them.

In fact, the only thing the council did — rezoning a stretch of East Owyhee Avenue as residential — should have been done ages ago.

It’s unclear if the flood of backlash during last week’s four public hearings had anything to do with the city leaders pumping the brakes on the issues.

But both inside the meeting and outside City Hall, councilmen admitted they made a mistake when earlier this year they voted to allow a four-plex development near the corner of East Colorado Avenue and Industrial Road.

Traffic problems created by insufficient parking was cited as the evidence that passing the special use permit for the east-side multi-family housing near the old sugar beet dump was a bad idea.

The council members were keen not to make that mistake again while also acknowledging the need for “affordable” housing in Homedale.

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Letter
to the editor
Telecommuting limits will
hurt morale, state budget

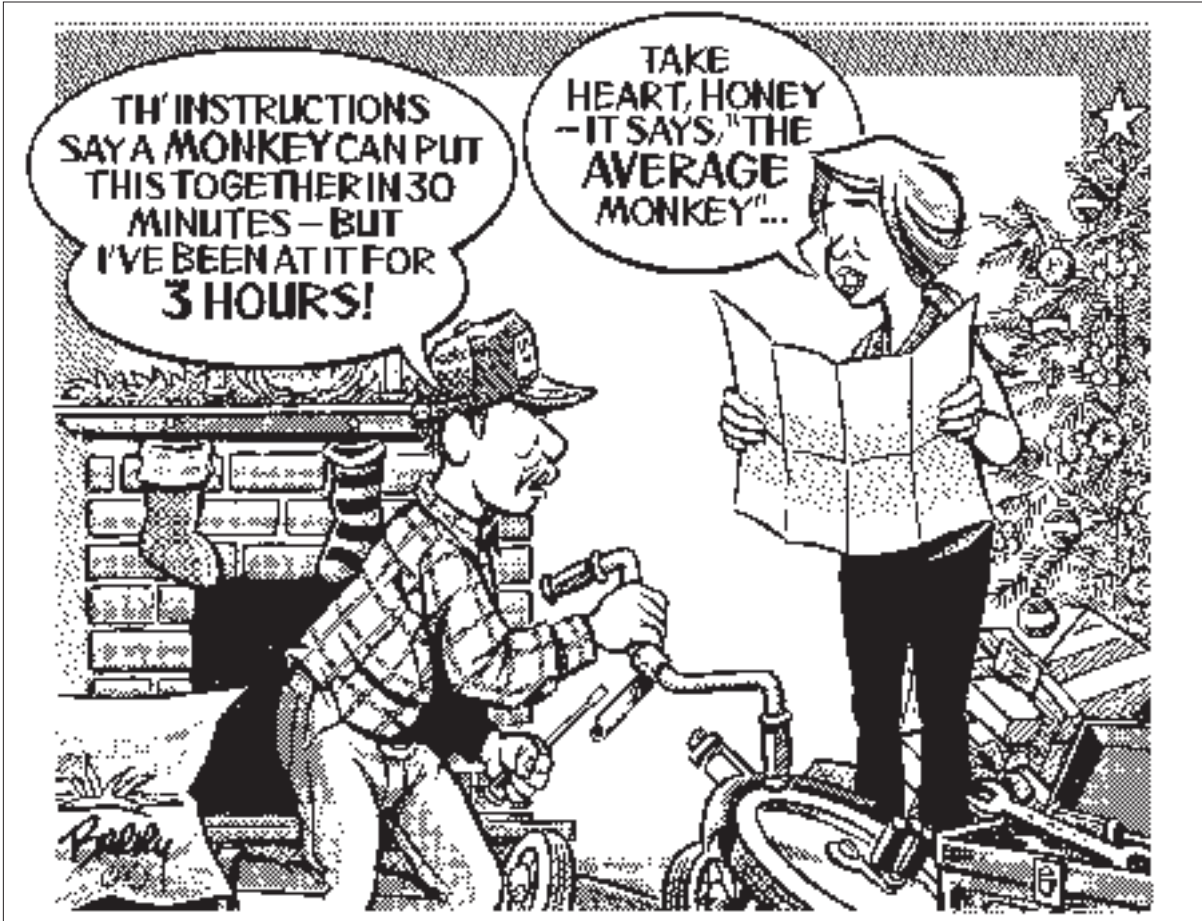
I am writing regarding SB1191, 2023 Idaho state-proposed legislation, with likely new proposal in early 2024. Please contact the State Affairs Committee (sstaf@senate.idaho.gov or 208-332-1326) now, urging them to vote no, specifically related to limiting only 15 percent of its employees to telecommuting.

This is an abysmal proposition, considering the mountain of evidence that demonstrates significant savings through telecommuting policies. The Council of State Governments illustrates that an average employer can save \$6,500 for one employee who telecommutes once-per-week, to \$11,000 for a half-time telecommute employee. Washington state reported saving \$300,000 to \$500,000 annually resulting from their shift to telework. The State of Tennessee implemented telecommuting in 2016 and has seen a \$6.5 million reduction in real estate costs and at least \$40 million future savings. This doesn’t even consider the 37 percent sick leave reduction experienced. Idaho’s state legislature should consider cost-saving options, not adding costs to our state budget by reducing the ability to telecommute.

Idaho’s state workers are paid 31 percent less than private sector and 14 percent behind their government

— See *Letter*, Page 13B

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.

From Washington
Bean soup: A Senate restaurant
tradition with Idaho connections

For more than 100 years, bean soup has been on the menu in the U.S. Senate. The soup is a Senate tradition with Idaho historical connections. Senate historians write, “There are competing stories about the origin of the mandate that bean soup be served daily. According to one story, the Senate’s bean soup tradition began early in the 20th century at the request of Senator Fred Dubois of Idaho, who as chair of the committee overseeing the Senate Restaurant, passed a resolution in the committee requiring that bean soup be on the menu daily. Another story attributes the request to Senator Knute Nelson of Minnesota, who expressed his fondness for the soup in 1903 and insisted that it be on the menu each day.”

I, of course, am happy to believe the first story crediting Idaho with this Senate tradition. I am deeply proud of Idaho, where sensibility walks hand-in-hand with resourcefulness. Therefore, it makes great sense that the hearty and tasty Senate bean soup would have Idaho roots. And the fact that it has remained on the menu for all these years as tastes and diets change reinforces the notion that the bean soup simply has to have some Idaho fortitude in its foundation.

There are variations on the recipe, and the recipe served in the Senate today is as follows:

- The Famous Senate Restaurant Bean Soup Recipe
- 2 pounds dried navy beans
 - 4 quarts hot water
 - 1½ pounds smoked ham hocks
 - 1 onion, chopped
 - 2 tablespoons butter

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- salt and pepper to taste
- Wash the navy beans and run hot water through them until they are slightly whitened. Place beans into pot with hot water. Add ham hocks and simmer approximately three hours in a covered pot, stirring

— See *Soup*, Page 13B

Commentary

Financial management

True fulfillment is in giving, not accumulating “Stuff”

Most families have money problems at some point. And when I was a little kid, our family went through tough financial times just like everyone else. A job layoff can take your breath away. An illness can leave you completely broke. Little kids in the house may not know exactly what’s going on, but there’s stress in the air. They’re told, “Times are tough, so we can’t go on vacation this year,” or “We have to move,” or “Christmas is going to be slim.”

My parents were in the real estate business and were building homes. Then, the economy went sideways and left them in a mess. Outside forces brought trouble to our house. We never went without food, shelter, or anything else, but the air

changed in our home. I always thought money would solve the problem, so I vowed that one day I would become a millionaire. I doubt I even knew what that meant, but in my head, I thought it meant money would never be a problem.

Believe it or not, I’m a spender by nature. I’ve always enjoyed spending money. Of course, when I was young and immature, that idea of spending for fun led me into the trap of thinking if I got enough Stuff, I would be happy. I would’ve never admitted it out loud, but there was also the stupid idea deep down that if I got enough Stuff, I would be happy and safe, or if I got the right Stuff, people would be impressed.

With that driving force, I went about the business of



earning piles of money so I could spend piles of money. But a funny thing happened. The Stuff became ... unsatisfying. There was never completion or peace after a purchase, only the need to buy more.

Stuff just doesn’t do it.

By the time I was 26, I was a millionaire making \$250,000 a year. Not long after that, because of some really dumb business decisions, I went broke and lost everything. That was 30 years ago.

During this time, I also met God, who did bring me peace and completion. I finally realized I was pouring Stuff down a spiritual hole, and Stuff is not designed to fill that hole. No matter how many cars I bought, or fancy dinners I ate, or cool places I traveled to, there was always something still missing.

During the following decades, we slowly began rebuilding wealth ... this time while always giving. In the process, we discovered there’s

much more joy in giving than in Stuff. If you haven’t experienced the joy of giving, there’s no better time to start than during the holiday season. Who knows? It might just be the encouragement you need to become a giver all year long.

Merry Christmas, everyone!

— Dave Ramsey is an eight-time national bestselling author, personal finance expert and host of The Ramsey Show. He has appeared on Good Morning America, CBS This Morning, Today, Fox News, CNN, Fox Business and many more. Since 1992, Dave has helped people take control of their money, build wealth and enhance their lives. He also serves as CEO for Ramsey Solutions.

✓ Planning: Council walks fine line between growth and citizens’ groans

From Page 12B

Of course, “affordable” is a relative term.

Both Burke Deal and Todd Ostrom think \$300,000 homes are affordable. But interest rates can make even those starter homes or townhomes unattainable for most young families. Councilman Steve Atkins said as much after the meeting.

Ostrom said his goal is to make a place where his children can afford to live in Homedale. He said that was the goal of his partner, Chad Packer, too. The pair has already built “affordable” housing near the fairgrounds. When Ostrom went before the council earlier this year trying to cut a discount deal for city-owned land near the fairgrounds development, he said he and Packer were trying to build “affordable” homes that would sell for about \$315,000.

Last Wednesday, Ostrom said those houses wound up selling for \$260,000 or \$270,000.

Now Ostrom and Packer want to build more homes on 15 acres of land at the southeast corner of Pioneer Road and U.S. Highway 95. The plan is to

“buffer” the residential development with 10 acres of storage units on the highway frontage.

Acknowledging that the houses would probably be built if Ostrom asked Owyhee County for a conditional use permit in the multi-use zone within the city’s area of impact, the council leaned toward annexation, but ultimately tabled the issue until the Jan. 10 meeting.

In the meantime, Ostrom and the city will work to develop an annexation agreement to put the plan in stone.

On Deal’s proposals, the council worried about creating another traffic bottleneck like the one that crops up at Colorado and Industrial.

Apparently, part or all of the four-plex has been converted into an Airbnb short-term rental property, and tenants have wedged large vehicles into the parking spaces, sometimes jutting out into the right-of-way.

Council members huddled with Deal and his daughter, Katie, on one proposal to build seven

townhomes in the 500 block of West California Avenue. The lot splits on some of the three proposals would make conforming to code tricky, too.

In the end, rather than pushing through a decision that could affect traffic safety and neighborhood harmony for years, the council urged Deal to come back with a plan that better suits the areas in which he wants to build.

It was a prudent decision in the face of an impossible task — finding a way to create housing for those who want to live in Homedale while keeping the folks who are already lucky enough to live here happy.

Everyone says growth is coming to Homedale. Indeed, it’s already here. But stepping lightly as the council did last Wednesday is the best way to manage the situation and minimize heartburn among the natives.

Hopefully, the wisdom of the pre-Christmas meeting will continue to prevail during the post-reelection meeting after the start of the new year.

✓ Letter

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colleagues throughout the U.S., with continued turnover. Telecommuting helps attract high-caliber employees. With some of the nation’s lowest-paid state workers and an unattractive telecommuting policy, this leaves little motivation for applicants.

We only need to look to our Nevada neighbors for a glimpse of failed policy related to ending telecommuting. One of Gov. Lombardo’s first executive orders planned to end state workers telecommuting by July 2023. The costs were enormous, including the purchase of 18 buildings to the tune of \$214 million, with another \$50 million approved for new furnishings. Many employees left directly related to this, creating a 25 percent vacancy rate.

There are a bevy of benefits to both employee and employer related to telecommuting. This is your clarion call to action. Please urge the State Affairs Committee to make the right decision for all Idaho taxpayers and not limit employee telecommuting.

Heidi Murphy
Murphy

✓ Soup: Idaho-grown ingredients can help you replicate hearty creation U.S. senators enjoy

From Page 12B

occasionally. Remove ham hocks and set aside to cool. Dice meat and return to soup. Lightly brown the onion in butter. Add to soup. Before serving, bring to a boil and season with salt and pepper. Serves 8.

Idaho is such an agricultural-producing powerhouse that it is fitting Idaho plays a role in nourishing lawmakers. Just looking at the ingredients in the current recipe, Idaho ranks in the top five in the country in dry beans, onions and milk production alone. A recipe of the bean soup credited to Sen. Dubois also contains mashed potatoes — an Idaho staple. As highlighted in Idaho State Department of Agriculture statistics, Idaho farmers and ranchers produce far more than can be consumed in our state. Idaho producers feed people across our state, country and world,

including our nation’s capital.

The Senate is steeped in tradition, ranging from the annual reading of President George Washington’s 1796 Farewell Address, to the daily opening of Senate sessions, to Senate chamber seating, to bean soup and more. As I walk the halls of the U.S. Senate feeling very blessed to get to represent the great people of Idaho in this extraordinary seat of freedom, hope and decorum, I take great pride in the bit of Idaho sustenance being served up daily in our Capitol as it fuels needed discussions about how best to govern our great country.

— Republican Mike Crapo is Idaho’s senior member of the U. S. Senate. He is in his fifth six-year term and has served in the Senate since 1999, and 2023 marks his 30th year in the U.S. Congress. Prior to that, he served eight years in the Idaho State Senate.

Public notices

**NOTICE OF PENDING ISSUANCE OF TAX DEED
GEM IRRIGATION DISTRICT
P.O. Box 67
Homedale, ID 83628
Owyhee County, Idaho**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that in accordance with Title 43, Chapter 7, of the Idaho State Code, on December 31, 2023, the period of redemption for delinquent entries made January 1, 2021, shall expire and the Gem Irrigation District, or its assign, shall be issued a tax deed or lien for the property described below, upon which such delinquent entries were made. The property described below may be redeemed on or before June 30, 2024, by paying to the Gem Irrigation District at its office in the City of Homedale, County of Owyhee, the delinquent assessments for which the delinquent entries were made, plus a penalty of two percent (2%) thereon, interest on the total at the rate of one percent (1%) per month from the day said delinquent entries were made until the day of redemption, and recording and publication costs. Any inquiries direct to Gem Irrigation at the above-named address.

Person Assessed	Property Description	Three Year Delinquent Charges for Year 2021
Forest & Sharon Abbott	Sec 07 T3N R5W Pt NESE	\$ 119.20
Nicholas Armas	Sec 24 T3N R5W Lot 1 Blk 1 Market Rd. Est.	\$226.05
Keith & Ashley Cegnar	Sec 28 T3N R4W Pt SWSW	\$302.75
Chasm I LLC	Sec 15 T3N R5W Pt NWNE	\$741.79
Sharon Engle	Sec 10 T2N R4W Pt SWSW	\$136.63
Joshua & Kelsee Gabel	Sec 18 T3N R5W NESE	\$423.07
Morgan Holton	Sec 17 T3N R5W Pt SESW	\$168.72
Wyatt & Krystel Holton	Sec 17 T3N R5W Pt SESW	\$177.00
Andrew Larson	Sec 29 T3N R4W Pt SENW	\$174.51
Israel Martinez	Sec 03 T2N R4W Pt SWNW	\$133.11
Dillon & Aurora Morris	Sec 33 T3N R4W Pt NWNE	\$133.11
Lad & Taylor Shore	Sec 17 T2N R4W Pt W1/2 NWSE	\$135.50
Jeff & Rebecca Wasson	Sec 21 T3N R4W Pt SW1/4	\$116.95
Wild Oak Honey Farms LLC	Sec 29 T3N R4W Pt SENE	\$133.11
Wild Oak Honey Farms LLC	Sec 29 T3N R4W Pt SE1/4	\$878.44
Loren D Wills	Sec 11 T2N R4W Lot 4	\$149.69

Dated this 29th day of November, 2023
GEM IRRIGATION DISTRICT
Sherry Maxwell, Treasurer
12/06,13,20,27/2023

NOTICE
The annual meeting of the Bruneau Buckaroo Ditch Company will be held at the Bruneau Emergency Center on Monday, January 8, 2024 at 7:00 p.m..
Chris Alzola
Secretary
208-587-2789
12/20/2023

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
IN THE DISTRICT COURT
OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT
OF THE STATE OF IDAHO,
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY
OF OWYHEE
MAGISTRATE DIVISION
(I.C. 15-3-801)
Case No. CV37-23-00389
In the Matter of the Estate of
BONNIE WALKER a/k/a
BONNIE JEAN WALKER,
Deceased.**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that VANCE B. WALKER has been appointed as personal representative of the above-named decedent. All persons having claims against the decedent or the estate are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or said claims will be forever barred.

Claims must be presented to the undersigned at the address indicated, and filed with the Clerk of the Court.
Dated: December 1, 2023
/s/ Kelli B. Ketlinski
Kelli B. Ketlinski, Attorney for Personal Representative
KETLINSKI LAW OFFICE, PLLC
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(I.C. 15-3-801)
Case No. CV37-23-00388
In the Matter of the Estate of
CALVIN WALKER,
Deceased.**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that VANCE B. WALKER has been appointed as personal representative of the above-named decedent. All persons having claims against the decedent or the estate are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or said claims will be forever barred.

Claims must be presented to the undersigned at the address indicated, and filed with the Clerk of the Court.

Dated: December 1, 2023
/s/ Kelli B. Ketlinski
Kelli B. Ketlinski, Attorney for Personal Representative
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12/13,20,27/2023

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
IN THE MAGISTRATE
COURT OF THE THIRD
JUDICIAL DISTRICT
OF THE STATE OF IDAHO,
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY
OF OWYHEE
Case No. CV37-23-00398
In the Matter of the Estate of
JOHN FRANKLIN EELLS,
Deceased.**

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

Claims must be presented to the undersigned at the address

indicated and filed with the Clerk of the Court.

DATED this 5th day of December, 2023.
/S/ GWEN K. SWEESY /S/
GWEN K. SWEESY,
P.O. Box 1084
Caldwell, ID 83606
(208) 454-2974
12/13,20,27/2023

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
IN THE DISTRICT COURT
OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT
OF THE STATE OF IDAHO,
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY
OF OWYHEE
MAGISTRATE DIVISION
(I.C. 15-3-801)
Case No. CV37-23-00395
In the Matter of the Estate of
BILLY E. TRACY,
Deceased.**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Carol A. O'Brien, with the address of 3285 Buckboard Way, Boise, Idaho 83713, has been appointed personal representative of the above-named decedent. All persons having claims against the decedent or the estate are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of the Notice to Creditors, or within 60 days after the personal representative mailed or delivered a copy of this Notice to such persons, whichever is later, or said claims will be forever barred.

Claims must be presented to the personal representative's attorney, Jesse R. Thomas, at the address indicated, and filed with the Clerk of the Court.

DATED: 12/06/2023
/s/ Jesse R. Thomas
Jesse R. Thomas [ISB No 8271]
Attorney for Personal Representative
Idaho Legal Estates and Probate
Attorney at Law
6126 W. State St. Ste. 504
Boise, Idaho 83703
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12/13,20,27/2023

**SUMMONS FOR
PUBLICATION
IN THE DISTRICT COURT
OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT
STATE OF IDAHO, COUNTY
OF OWYHEE
MAGISTRATE DIVISION
CASE NUMBER CV37-23-
00362
Co-EXIST PROPERTY
MANAGEMENT, LLC
AN IDAHO LIMITED
LIABILITY COMPANY,
PLAINTIFF,
vs.
SCOTT DIXON, KATRINA
MILLER, BAILEY
JEAN TYLER AND ALL
OTHER OCCUPANTS
OF 401 S. MAIN ST., #16,
HOMEDALE, IDAHO 83628,
DEFENDANTS.**

To: Scott Dixon
401 S. MAIN ST. #16
Homedale, ID 83628
Katrina Miller
401 S. MAIN ST. #16
Homedale, ID 83628
Bailey Jean Tyler
401 S. MAIN ST. #16
Homedale, ID 83628
You have been sued by Plaintiff, CO-EXIST PROPERTY MANAGEMENT, LLC AN IDAHO LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, in the District Court of the Third Judicial District. in and for the County of Owyhee Idaho, Case No. CV37-23-

00362.
The nature of the claim against you is an action for possession of a mobile home located at 401 S. MAIN ST. #16, Homedale, ID 83628.

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 20381 State Hwy 78, Murphy ID 83650, telephone number (208) 495-2806, and served a copy of your response on the Plaintiff's attorney JULIE ADAMS DEFORD, DEFORD LAW, P.C., 317 12th Avenue South, Nampa, Idaho 83651, telephone No. (208) 461-3667.

A copy of the Summons and Complaint to Quiet Title can be obtained by contacting either the Clerk of the Court or the attorney for Plaintiff.

If you wish legal assistance, you should immediately retain an attorney to advise you in this matter.

DATED: 12/11/2023
Angela Barkell
Clerk of the District Court
/s/:Lena Johnson
Deputy Clerk
12/20,27/2023;01/03,10/2024

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