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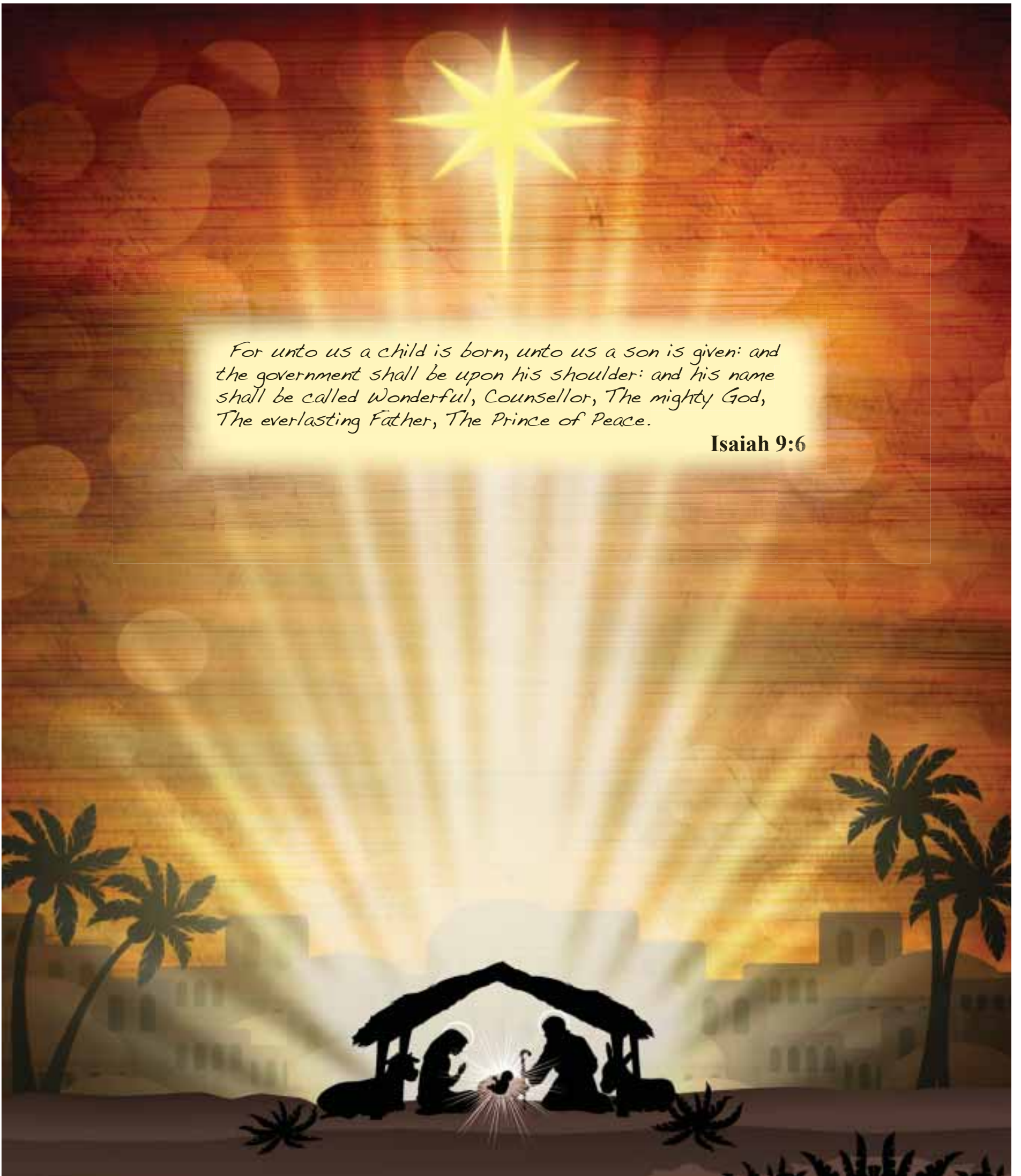
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HOMEDALE, OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO

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For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

Isaiah 9:6



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Celebrating the true meaning of Christmas

The Story of Christmas

Luke 2:1-20, King James Version

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Pastor's pen

“Do not be afraid”

by Luke Ankeny

To make sure we are all on the same page, with Christmas we are celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ. My understanding of the Bible concludes that God came to Earth in human form as baby Jesus, grew up with His parents Mary and Joe, became a carpenter, and then had a profound ministry for three years before suffering death on a cross. Jesus proved He was the Messiah by defeating death on the cross and in so doing offering salvation and eternal life to all who believe and follow Him.

In reading the story of Jesus' birth in the first two chapters of the Biblical book of Luke the phrase “do not be afraid” recently caught my attention. In Luke Chapter 1, an angel of the Lord shared these words with Zechariah when the angel appeared to foretell John the Baptist's birth. Later on in Luke 1, when the angel Gabriel came to let Mary know she would become pregnant and give birth to a son, Gabriel told Mary, “Do not be afraid.” In Luke 2 when an angel of the Lord appears to the shepherds to share with them the good news of Jesus' birth, the angel comforts them by saying “do not be afraid.”

The angels shared the words “do not be afraid,” a phrase of assurance and hope, because in each case the character was visibly fearful that an angel had just appeared to them. I don't know about you, but if an angel all of a sudden appeared in front of me I would be afraid, too, and would most likely have an appropriate response of fainting, laughing nervously, or pooping my pants. I'm glad the angels shared the words “do not be afraid” when they came to share God's plan of good news with these folks because it shows God's care, concern, and love for them. God didn't want



Luke Ankeny

them to be afraid, He just wanted them to hear the message and be obedient to it.

Today, the words “do not be afraid” continue to offer us hope and assurance in God's word and love for each of us. We are to not be afraid when God speaks to us and asks us to do something for Him. We are to not be afraid as we navigate this Earth trying to follow Jesus the best we can. We are to not be afraid with the unknown, the uncertainty, or the evils of the world in which we live.

Instead of being afraid and living in fear, I would propose having a relationship with Jesus, following Him, and living life embracing the love and grace of God. The words of an old church song ring true as we seek to live life with the hope and assurance of God:

“Turn your eyes upon Jesus,
“Look full in His wonderful face,
“And the things of Earth will grow strangely dim,
“In the light of His glory and grace.”

— Luke Ankeny is pastor of the Homedale Friends Community Church.

What Christmas means to me

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

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

Christmas means to me?

My whole being, my God-formed soul, my inmost thoughts and desires say Christmas must mean more than that. Those things alone are too earth-bound, too self-contained. They savor of a part of the world self-complacent, self-content, self-sufficient—but utterly forgetful of that other part, persecuted, homeless, oppressed, starved, naked, cold. Those things savor of men possessing knowledge and truth, heedless of the anguished cry of those in error. They savor of a people so smug and self-righteous as to think itself Christian, when in reality true Christianity is but a

memory. Those things savor of a selfish Christmas. Such is a Christmas that is no Christmas at all.

Then what should Christmas mean? The thousands thronging the streets and crowding the churches at midnight, dawn, or later in the day—they have the answer. They do not go to church merely to hear the Christmas gospel read: the crowded inn, the stable, the birth of the Son of God made Man. They come to church to have the Christ child present before them and reborn in them. To Him, the Child whose birthday it is, they pray for the strength to accomplish in themselves and in others

what He began. They bring peace from the Prince of Peace, wisdom from the Angel of Great Counsel, life from the Author of Life, hope from the Source of All Hope, joy from the Promise of Eternal Joy. They bring Christ to a darkened and troubled world. They are happy because their Christmas is not their own. It is like Christ's, for others.

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

— Contributed

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A SECTION

HOMEDALE, OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO

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This time of year, Dave Wilper's four-wheeler converted to operate on tracks in the snow is usually the only vehicle on the historic streets of Silver City. Submitted photo

On watch in Silver City

Wilper reflects in his final year as town's winter guardian

When Dave Wilper sees tracks in the snow around Silver City, he knows exactly who left them.

After this season, the 68-year-old will have served as the town's winter watchman for three years. Wilper started this year's watchman season on Oct. 1, and he will be on duty through May 31.

Once the other residents of Silver City left for the winter, Wilper became the sole human in the historic mining town.

Wilper's only companion is his 11-year-old cat Sugar.

"She's used to it up here. She brings mice in the house, and then we have mice rodeos," he said. "It drives me nuts."

Mice aren't the only wildlife he has seen during the winter in Silver City.

Deer, rabbits, and coyotes are among the animals that typically come into town this time of year.

"I've seen cougars up here and all kinds of birds," Wilper

said. "I had two cottontail rabbits living under my porch last winter, and the owls got them. And we've got badgers and porcupines."

His main duty as watchman is to let anyone who comes into town know that he is keeping an eye on them.

Wilper's second job is to check every building in town after a storm to see if any damage was done.



Dave Wilper

— See *Watch*, back page

Vacancy on BGV school board

Billie Rutan moves out of Zone 2 (Bruneau)

The Bruneau-Grand View School District board of trustees has a vacancy.

The district announced the Zone 2 vacancy on Friday, two days after the December trustees meeting.

Billie Rutan most recently held the position, succeeding Peter Jackson Jr. in July 2015.

Board chair Lori Bennett, who is in Zone 3, said Rutan had to step down because she moved out of Zone 2. Rutan resigned after 17 months on the board, and her successor will serve until July 2019.

Only patrons living in the Bruneau area are eligible to seek the Zone 2 position.

The remaining board of trustees include:

- Vice-chair Scott McNeley (Zone 4), whose four-year term expires in July 2019
- Zone 1 Trustee Gary Jones (July of next year)
- Zone 5 Trustee Howard Field (July of next year).
- Bennett's term expires in July.

The school board meets at 7 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month. The next meeting will be held on Jan. 19.

Marsing prepares for bridge project

Final deal with Gem Irrigation nearly complete

Marsing Mayor James Ferdinand and city leaders now have a better idea of what to expect for a major construction project in 2018.

During their meeting last Wednesday, Ferdinand and city council members heard an update on plans to replace the

Snake River Bridge on Idaho highway 55.

Idaho Transportation Department environmental planner Nick Petersen and ITD project manager Dave Barrett told the mayor and council that the bridge construction will happen in three phases over a 20-month period.

Both sides of Island Park will remain open during the work.

However, Ferdinand emphasized that the city does not want the construction to span two

— See *Marsing*, page 5A



Start to a busy week for volunteers

A Homedale volunteer firefighter aims a water cannon at the fire emitting from a shop on Nielsen Lane on the morning of Dec. 13. It was the first of two calls last week. Firefighters also responded to a structure fire in the 200 block of North 4th Street West on Thursday morning. Photo by Joe Aman

Sunday Christmas means Monday holiday closures

Government offices, banks and stores have various closing schedules for Christmas.

Because Christmas falls on Sunday this year, the federal holiday will be observed Monday, and most offices will reopen on Tuesday.

Emergency services — All emergency service agencies, including Owyhee County Sheriff's Office, Homedale Police, and fire, medical and ambulance services will be in operation during the holiday.

County government — County Clerk Angie Barkell said all county offices will have regular business hours on Friday.

City government — Homedale City Hall will close at noon on Friday and reopen Tuesday. City Hall in Marsing City Hall will close at 3 p.m. on Friday and reopen Tuesday. City Halls in Grand View, Adrian, and Jordan Valley are always closed on Fridays, and they will reopen Tuesday.

Banks — US Bank branches in Homedale, Marsing and Grand

View will observe a three-day weekend and reopen Tuesday.

Schools — Today is the final day of classes for students in Adrian, Homedale, Marsing and Jordan Valley districts.

Homedale students will be dismissed at 1:30 p.m.

Bruneau-Grand View students already are on break.

School resumes across Owyhee country on Tuesday, Jan. 3. **Garbage pickup** — Westowns Disposal Inc. will have its regular route schedule for Christmas and New Year's holidays. The company picks up garbage on Tuesdays in Homedale and on Fridays in Marsing. Rural routes also will be on the regular schedule.

Senior centers — The Homedale Senior Center and the Rimrock Senior Center in Grand View are both always closed on Fridays and Mondays.

Magistrate court — Court dates that would have been set for Monday in Murphy have been moved to Monday, Jan. 9. Court dates originally set for Jan.

2 have also been rescheduled for Jan. 9, because Jan. 2 is the legal holiday for New Year's Day. Homedale's court clerk's office will be closed each of the next two Mondays.

Public libraries — Homedale Public Library will close Saturday and reopen Tuesday. Lizard Butte Library in Marsing and Grand View's Eastern Owyhee County Library will be closed Saturday, and both will reopen Monday. The Bruneau Valley Library is always closed Friday through Monday.

Albertsons — The grocery store in Homedale will be open from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Christmas Eve, and the pharmacy will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Christmas Eve. Both the store and pharmacy will be closed Christmas Day.

Logan's Market — The Marsing grocery store will be open from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday, and it will be closed on Christmas Day.

Homedale Drug — The store and liquor retailer will be open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., on Christmas Eve, and will be closed on Christmas Day.

The Owyhee Avalanche — The office will close at 5 p.m. Friday and reopen at 8 a.m. Tuesday. Most deadlines remain the same, but the classified advertising deadline for the Dec. 28 edition is 5 p.m. Friday. The classifieds deadline for the Jan. 4 edition will be 5 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 30.

BLM adds comment time on fire, habitat plans that will affect Owyhee lands

Public meetings slated for fuels reduction project

With the holidays, citizens have more time to make comments on two Bureau of Land Management wildfire mitigation proposals that will also help wildlife habitat in Owyhee country.

The plans for which the federal agency has extended the comment period include the Bruneau-Owyhee Sage-Grouse Habitat (BOSH) Project, for which a public meeting was held after deadline Monday in Murphy, and a plan to reduce fuel loads in the Idaho-Oregon-Nevada region.

Both extensions were made to give folks more time to comment in light of the holiday season.

The BOSH Project comment period has been extended through Jan. 18.

The comment period for the Tri-State Fuels Break Project has been extended until Feb. 3.

The BLM also has set up public meetings for the Tri-State plan, including one each in Murphy and Jordan Valley next month.

The Murphy open house will take place from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Jan. 11 inside McKeeth Hall at the Owyhee County Historical Museum, 17085 Basey St., Murphy.

A public meeting is scheduled for noon to 2 p.m. on Jan. 12 at the Jordan Valley Lions Den at 902 Bassett St. (U.S. Highway 95) in the Oregon border town.

The first of the three public meetings will take place from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. on Jan. 10 at the BLM Boise District Office, 3948 Development Ave., in Boise.

Public comments are welcome on issues that will be analyzed in the plan's environmental impact statement. Possible alternatives also are welcome.

Comments may be submitted by these methods:

- Email: blm_id_tristate@blm.gov
- Fax: (208) 384-3489
- Postal mail: 3948 S. Development Ave., Boise, ID 83705

Information on the Tri-state Fuels Break Project can be found on the BLM ePlanning website through at <http://bit.ly/Tri-StateFB>

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Homedale High School senior Wyatt Dorsey put his veins where his heart was and donated during the blood drive he organized at the school as part of his senior project.

Senior project shows need for blood donors

A Homedale High School student's senior project last month focused on the constant need for blood, especially during the holiday season when donations often decline.

Wyatt Dorsey coordinated an American Red Cross blood drive on Nov. 15 at the high school.

Matt and Kristie Dorsey's son set a goal of 32 blood donations, and exceeded that mark receiving 38 donations from community members, Homedale High faculty and staff, and students.

"I wanted to do a blood drive for my senior project because I felt it was important to give back to the community, and try to help people who need blood transfusions," Wyatt said.

"It really meant a lot to me to see everyone donating blood

for those who need it. I also appreciate everyone who was there supporting me and my project."

Some of Wyatt's classmates helped unload the American Red Cross truck and set up the blood drive. The student volunteers also donated snacks and drinks for folks recovering from their blood draw, and assisted them with walking if needed.

HHS agriculture and speech teacher Sue Poland was Wyatt's senior project advisor.

"Mrs. Poland made sure I contacted the correct people about my project," Wyatt said. "She also helped me arrange the excuses for the support staff to get out of class and made sure that I accomplished my goals for the project."

— SC



Homedale High School principal Matt Holtry donating blood during a blood drive organized by HHS student Wyatt Dorsey for his senior project. Holtry was also Dorsey's football coach.

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Controlled burn, demolition makes big difference to Marsing cityscape

A deteriorating structure on the southeast corner of Main Street and Old Bruneau Highway saw a final phase of demolition Friday afternoon. Marsing Chamber of Commerce secretary Julie Scheu said the property is owned by Les Loucks, who tore down the building to clean up the appearance of Main Street. She added that Loucks has no immediate plans for what the future of the property will be. A controlled burn eliminated an adjacent structure earlier this month, and by Monday part of the north facade of the apartment building had been torn off.

✓ Marsing: City has plans to make school crosswalk batteries obsolete

Fourth of July holidays.

"We have an extra 15,000 people in the area for the Third of July," Ferdinand said. "It's a very, very big deal for the city. With a 20-month construction period, we can only have one holiday affected."

Petersen and Barrett assured the mayor and council that scheduling the work to only involve one Fourth of July won't be a problem.

The Snake River Bridge in Marsing was built in 1951, and ITD says the structure is showing signs of wear that could become more serious in the future. The department also says the existing piers are not long enough to withstand major flooding, and

the deck needs to be improved to handle the weight of today's trucking loads.

Gem Irrigation deal near

South Board of Control manager John Eells also stopped by last Wednesday's meeting to talk about the agreement with Gem Irrigation for the city to maintain its irrigation system.

Eells told city leaders that SBOC attorney Albert P. Barker said most of the paperwork for the agreement appears to be acceptable.

Ferdinand said that because city attorney Stephanie J. Bonney was not at last Wednesday's meeting, she would review the draft agreement and get back to Eells.

Marsing originally sent a letter to Gem Irrigation District in July stating that the city would terminate its arrangement on Nov. 1. At the conclusion of a public hearing in October, the council delayed that decision.

Variance granted

A public hearing on a variance to the lot size and setback requirements for a property in town preceded last Wednesday's meeting. The council granted the variance for the parcel owned by Anel Barajas at 212 1st Ave. W.

During his mayor's report, Ferdinand asked the council to approve funding for a survey to be conducted on Reich Street. Council members approved

\$7,000 for the survey that will be the basis for a resurfacing project on the roadway next summer.

Last Wednesday, Ferdinand expected to receive a \$2,000 check that he won in the 2016 Mayor's Walking Challenge. However, a Blue Cross of Idaho representative was unable to make the trip for the check presentation because of inclement weather.

In his monthly report, maintenance supervisor Phillip Gibson said crosswalk signs currently powered by batteries near Marsing school facilities will soon be hard-wired into the electricity grid.

Gibson told city leaders that the equipment for the project is expected to arrive next month.

The crosswalks are located on 8th

Avenue West and near the corner of Main Street and 8th Avenue West. The council previously approved spending \$5,700 to hard-wire the signs into Idaho Power services.

The signs currently run on batteries that have to be replaced every five years, and it would cost \$2,700 to replace the batteries periodically over the next 25 years, which is considered to be the lifetime of the signs.

The crosswalk signs were purchased about seven years ago at a cost of around \$7,000.

Gibson also told the council and mayor that cleaning up the city shop and refurbishing picnic tables are the two biggest items on his to-do list for January.

— SC

Obituary

Rebecca Lyn Prall

Rebecca Lyn Prall, 45, born February 12, 1971, passed away unexpectedly at home on December 11, 2016.

She was preceded in death by her loving mother Anna Killinger-Toledo, her brothers James Toledo Jr., and David Gates, and adored grandmothers Leona Prall and Melvina Killinger.

She is survived by father Dane Prall, stepmother Sandra Prall, brother Steven Prall (Sherry), sisters Roxann Burdick (Jason), Penni Toledo, Tim Gates (Caryn) and Jodi Nilan. She is also survived by her loving nephews and nieces, and great nieces whom she loved so much. She left many cousins and extended family and friends who will miss her dearly.

Becky lived throughout California most of her life, most recently, Homedale, Idaho. She attended schools in Foster City, Santa Cruz and graduated from Hillsdale High School in San Mateo.

She lived and worked in the Bay Area and had jobs that gave her opportunity to travel abroad and was very successful during the dot.com boom as a Senior Systems Analyst.

Becky lived in the Sacramento area for a few years before moving



to Idaho and worked for The Owyhee Avalanche newspaper.

Becky had a zest for life and an unending love for her extended family and friends. Her sense of humor and debating, words of advice, her smile and laugh will be etched in our memories forever.

A celebration of life will be held Saturday, January 7, 2017 in San Mateo, Calif. A memorial service and burial will be held in Twin Falls in the spring of 2017.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Rebecca's memory to the Homedale Senior Center or your favorite charity.



Orange sale kicks off holiday prep

Homedale Ambulance's Jolene Herman (right) and Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller bag oranges prior to the Dec. 12 sale. The boxes were recycled and used as Hands Around Homedale food care packages for families in need Thursday.

HMS students of the month

Eighth grade

Gracie Rotter

Age: 13

Parents: Harriet and Mike Rotter

Favorite food: Tacos

Loves to: Wrestle

Something not everyone knows: She skateboards

Nomination comment:

"She always does her very best in my art class and has shown all kinds of pride when it comes to being respectful. I always find myself giving her P.R.I.D.E. points because she is polite and has great manners.

"I've witnessed her hold the outside door for all students coming in from lunch (more than once!). Gracie almost had a 4.0 (grade-point average, one B+) first quarter, and she is doing well this quarter. She's a great student and a great asset to HMS!"



Sixth grade

D'Orr Packer

Age: 11

Parents: Ami and Chad Packer

Favorite food: Pizza

Loves to: Play football

Something not everyone knows: "I have two brothers that are 16."

Nomination comment:

"D'Orr never fails to ask me if there is anything he can do to help me out. He is always willing to help out other students as well. D'Orr always has a smile on his face and never fails to show me and the other students respect."



Fifth grade

Alondra Sosa

Age: 10

Parents: Monica and Antonio Sosa

Favorite food: Mashed potatoes

Loves to: Listen to music

Something not everyone knows: Born on St. Patrick's Day

Nomination comment:

"She is always setting a wonderful example of being prepared and ready to learn, which I consider to be very respectful. She is always the first one to have her supplies out and ready to go. She is always paying attention and following along when I'm teaching. I appreciate her good example, and I try often to recognize her with PRIDE points for her respectful behavior!"

— Nominations were for November-December



Seventh grade

John Lejardi

Age: 13

Parents: Margaret and Steve Lejardi

Favorite food: Lamb chops

Loves to: Work on the farm

Something not everyone knows: "I don't like frosting."

Nomination comment:

"John Lejardi shows PRIDE each day. He always comes to class prepared. He completes tasks above and beyond what is required.

"He is very respectful to all adults and to his fellow students as well. He is a friend to everyone."



Death notices

NICKIE L. HOLMES, 52, of Homedale, died on Monday, Dec. 19, 2016 of natural causes. Cremation is under the care of Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Homedale. (208) 337-3252

SHERRY LYNN SCHOONOVER, 66, of Homedale, died of natural causes at a local care facility on Tuesday, Dec. 13, 2016. Services are under the care of Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Caldwell. (208) 459-0833

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In memory of Rebecca Prall

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Man gets probation after rider

A Hazelton man is on probation after completing a Department of Correction rider program for felony aggravated assault.

Michael A. Crumrine must serve three years' felony probation. Third District Judge Thomas J. Ryan's retained jurisdiction ended with a Dec. 14 ruling.

According to court documents, Crumrine was charged after he pointed a .22-caliber pistol at a family member in March and allegedly smashed a television.

Misdemeanors were dropped with his guilty plea to the felony.

'Tis season to craft, bake and give!

Nothing gets you more into the holiday spirit quite like mouth-watering aromas coming from the kitchen.

The Owyhee County Extension Office recently offered a Holiday Workshop for youth ages 8-18. It was offered in Marsing on Dec. 2 and Bruneau on Dec. 9.



Janelle Thompson

The youth began the day with a getting-acquainted activity and basic kitchen and food safety tips. They then prepared a variety of delicious goodies from Santa Swirl Cookies, gooey Grinch Popcorn, Kringle's Krispy Holiday Treat Mix and Hot Cocoa Mix Ornaments. In addition to these sweet

University of Idaho Extension

treats, they prepared their own lunch of Hot Ham and Cheese Roll-Ups. These kids did an amazing job in the kitchen!

With an emphasis on the importance of giving to others, and its rewards to both the giver and the receiver, the boys and girls then plated the cookies they made and prepared them to be given to a friend, family member, neighbor or anyone they felt could use a yummy treat. The Kringle's Krispy Holiday Treat Mix was layered in a jar so the colorful layers would make a beautiful display, and with a little embellishment on the top of the jar, it would be ready to be given to that special someone. All the kids were sent home with the recipes for each of the goodies they made with the hope they will make more

treats at home and share what they learned with family members and friends.

These workshops give our youth a chance to learn new skills in the kitchen, spend the day with old friends, meet new ones and allow them to create handmade gifts to share with others.

A big thank you goes out to the Bruneau Canyon 4-H Club for supplying all the ingredients for the Santa Swirl Cookies during the Bruneau Holiday Workshop.

We hope you all have a very happy holiday season.

—Janelle Thompson is the University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension 4-H coordinator. For more information, you can reach Thompson at the U of I Owyhee County Extension Office at (208) 896-4104 or owyhee@uidaho.edu. The office is located at 238 W. 8th Ave. W., in Marsing.

Snow and ice send vehicles sliding again

Motorists escaped injury in two automobile accidents being blamed on winter road conditions.

A 16-year-old boy from Wilder was cited for failing to stop at a stop sign Saturday after a wreck at the intersection of Market Road and Jump Creek Road before 11:45 a.m. outside Homedale.

Owyhee County Sheriff's Chief Deputy Lynn Bowman said the juvenile driver of a northbound 1990 Ford F250 applied his brakes but the vehicle slid through the stop sign on Jump Creek Road.

The vehicle slid into the passenger side of a westbound 1999 Chevrolet S-10 pickup driven on Market Road by 18-year-old Chase Martell of Homedale.

Neither driver was hurt. Jared Coordes, 26, of Murphy and his 4-year-old female passenger were unhurt when the 2008 Nissan Titan pickup

Coordes was driving rolled onto its driver side before 7 a.m. on Thursday.

Bowman said no citations were issued for the incident on westbound Idaho highway 78 at milepost 27.

The chief deputy said slick roads may have played a factor when Coordes lost control then overcorrected, tipping the truck.

There were at least four other slide-offs late last week in the wake of the most recent snowstorm.

Bowman said two of them took place on Idaho 78 on Friday. Before 11:30 a.m. on Sunday, one vehicle slid into the canal behind the Marsing High School gymnasium. According to dispatch logs, a tow truck had to pull it out.

There was another slide-off reported around 6 a.m. on Thursday on Southside Road west of Homedale.

—JPB

Calendar

Today

Coffee club

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

Preschooler story time

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

El-Ada commodity distribution

10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., corner of Main and 3rd streets, Marsing. (208) 337-4812

Grand View Chamber of Commerce meeting

5:30 p.m., Grand View Fire Station, 721 Roosevelt St., Grand View.

Thursday

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meeting

8 a.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-3867

Senior center pinochle

1 p.m., Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St., Grand View. (208) 834-2922

AA meetings

7 p.m. to 8 p.m., Homedale Friends Community Church, 17434 U.S. 95, Wilder. (208) 337-3464

Friday

Idaho Foodbank drop-off

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

Story Time

10:15 a.m., Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228, afternoons Monday through Saturday

Teens and Tweens program

4 p.m., Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228

Saturday

Christmas Eve service

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

Sunday

Christmas Day worship

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

Tuesday

Board of County Commissioners meeting

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

AA meetings

7 p.m. to 8 p.m., Homedale Friends Community

Church, 17434 U.S. 95, Wilder. (208) 337-3464

Wednesday

Coffee club

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

Preschooler story time

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

Thursday, Dec. 29

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meeting

8 a.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-3867

Senior center pinochle

1 p.m., Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St., Grand View. (208) 834-2922 Tuesdays and Thursdays

Adrian City Council meeting

7 p.m., Adrian High School library, 305 Owyhee St., Adrian. (541) 372-2179

AA meetings

7 p.m. to 8 p.m., Homedale Friends Community Church, 17434 U.S. 95, Wilder. (208) 337-3464

Friday, Dec. 30

Story Time

10:15 a.m., Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228, afternoons Monday through Saturday

Teens and Tweens program

4 p.m., Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228 afternoons Monday through Saturday

Monday, Jan. 2

Adult book club

7 p.m., Lizard Butte Library, 111 S. 3rd Ave. W., Marsing. First Monday of each month. (208) 896-4690

Tuesday, Jan. 3

Board of County Commissioners meeting

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

Blood pressure clinic

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

After-school program

2 p.m. to 6 p.m., Knight Community Church, 630 Idaho Ave., Grand View. (208) 834-2639

AA meetings

7:30 p.m., Homedale Friends Community Church, 17434 U.S. 95, Wilder. (208) 337-3464

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HHS teacher receives high praise from colleagues and parents

Rather than being daunted with the task of teaching two subjects, Ed Lee has embraced his dual role at Homedale High School.

School board chair Kurt Shanley presented Lee as December's Award of Excellence winner during a Dec. 12 meeting.

Lee teaches 12th grade dual-credit honors English, 10th grade honors English, and U.S. History.

Prior to the presentation, high school principal Matt Holtry said Lee was "an outstanding choice" to receive the recognition.

Holtry also read a couple of letters about Lee that he received from parents.

"When I think of Mr. Lee, I think of how he strives not only to teach his students, but to make them, and everyone around them, better," one letter said. "His knowledge and experience benefits not only the students, but the staff as well."

Another letter started by calling Lee's teaching a "priceless treasure" for the children of one mother of high school students.

"He furthered their love of reading, and helped them become deep, critical thinkers while increasing their ability to express their opinions clearly and thoughtfully," the letter said.

Holtry wrote a letter of his own about Lee, which began by stating that the two have worked



Homedale High School English and history teacher Ed Lee (left) accepts his award of excellence from school board chair Kurt Shanley on Dec. 12.

together in the district for nearly eight years.

"I first met Mr. Lee when I was assigned as a math teacher at the middle school in 2009," Holtry said. "This assignment placed me next door to Mr. Lee as he was teaching English at

the middle school. Watching Mr. Lee over the years, I was never short of amazed at the level of teaching that he brings every day to his classroom. He goes above and beyond the call of duty."

— SC

Senior menus

Homedale

Milk served every day

Salad Bar available with each meal (lettuce, tomatoes, boiled eggs, peaches, apricots, salad dressing)

Dec. 21-22: Closed

Dec. 27: Liver & onions, baked potato, broccoli, roll

Dec. 28: Grilled chicken breast, baked potato, beets, roll

Dec. 29: Roast beef, mashed potatoes/gravy, California blend veggies, roll

Rimrock

Milk served every day

Dec. 22: Sweet & sour chicken, rice, pineapple & orange salad, stir fry veggies, cookie

Dec. 27: Wiener wraps, macaroni & cheese, broccoli-raisin salad, peaches, chocolate pudding

Dec. 29: Pork chow mien w/noodles, veggie combo, cabbage salad w/pineapple, peach cobbler

Bruneau producers excel at Reno show

Bruneau's Colyer Herefords pulled down awards earlier this month at a show in Reno, Nev.

C Black Hawk Down ET, which was shown by Olympia, Wash.'s Black Hills Herefords and Black Hawk Down Syndicate and Colyer Herefords from Bruneau, was the Western Nugget National Hereford Show's grand champion bull.

The yearling also was judged polled bull division champion during the Dec. 1-2 show.

Colyer also exhibited polled bull reserve grand champion C 1311 5280 Lad 6007 ET.

The Bruneau breeders also teamed with White Hereford Ranch in Burns, Ore., to show the grand champion C CJC 7172 Miles 5278 ET in the horned bull show. The animal also was yearling champion.

Piper Colyer of Bruneau won the champion bred and owned heifer championship with C BAR1 Serendipity 5054 ET.

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School menus

Homedale Elementary

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Dec. 21: Turkey & gravy w/mashed potatoes, stuffing, fruit bar, roll, pumpkin pie
Dec. 22-30: No school

Homedale Middle

All meals include milk variety and a free breakfast is offered to all students

Dec. 21: Turkey & gravy, mashed potatoes, stuffing, fruit bar, jello, roll, pumpkin pie
Dec. 22-30: No school

Homedale High

All meals include milk variety and a free breakfast is offered to all students

Dec. 21: Turkey & gravy, mashed potatoes, stuffing, salad bar, fruit choice, roll, pumpkin pie
Dec. 22-30: No school

Marsing Elementary

All meals include healthy choice fruit and veggie bar

Dec. 21: Holiday ham, scalloped potatoes, buttered corn, roll, apple crisp
Dec. 22-30: No school

Marsing Middle-High

All meals include healthy choice fruit and veggie bar








Dec. 21: Holiday ham, scalloped potatoes, buttered corn, roll, apple crisp
Dec. 22-30: No school

COSSA

Dec. 21: Soft taco, refried beans, salad, fruit
Dec. 22: Turkey, potatoes/gravy, green beans, fruit crisp, fruit
Dec. 23-30: No school

Bruneau-Grand View

Dec. 21-30: No school

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SNOTEL report, Owyhee County sensors

	Snow Equiv. (measured in inches)	Snow Depth (measured in inches)	Year-to-date Precip. (measured in inches)	Previous day's temperature (measured in Fahrenheit)		
				Max	Min	Avg
Mud Flat						
12/13	1.4	4	3.1	37	13	24
12/14	1.4	4	3.2	37	26	31
12/15	2.0	8	3.7	40	32	37
12/16	2.3	8	4.2	32	2	22
12/17	2.3	12	4.2	15	-9	4
12/18	2.3	12	4.2	18	-13	3
12/19	2.3	12	4.2	n/a	n/a	n/a
Reynolds Creek						
12/13	1.1	3	3.4	29	18	23
12/14	1.1	3	3.5	41	20	27
12/15	1.2	8	4.1	42	28	36
12/16	1.7	6	4.7	28	3	15
12/17	1.7	8	4.7	10	1	6
12/18	1.7	8	4.7	21	5	11
12/19	1.7	8	4.7	n/a	n/a	n/a
South Mountain						
12/13	3.6	14	6.2	33	19	26
12/14	3.6	13	6.3	39	26	32
12/15	4.2	17	6.7	39	28	35
12/16	5.1	20	7.8	28	2	17
12/17	5.5	26	8.2	15	1	7
12/18	5.5	24	8.2	23	5	13
12/19	5.5	23	8.2	n/a	n/a	n/a

Water report

The Bureau of Reclamation website showed that the Owyhee Reservoir was 28 percent full and that water was flowing in the Owyhee River above the reservoir at Rome, Ore., at a rate of 178 cubic feet per second. Water is flowing out at Nyssa, Ore., at a rate of 32 cubic feet per second. The reservoir held 200,000 acre-feet of water on Monday.

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

Search leads to grand theft arrest

A Homedale man has been arrested after a search warrant turned up suspected stolen property.

Rocky Lee Nix, 49, was arrested Dec. 13 after personnel from multiple agencies searched a Homedale residence.

"We received information this weekend of the possible location of stolen property, and through sources we confirmed the property was there," Homedale Police

Chief Jeff Eidemiller said, adding that Magistrate Judge Dan C. Grober signed the search warrant executed by HPD personnel with assistance from an Owyhee County Sheriff's deputy and Third District Probation and Parole officers.

Nix was scheduled to appear Monday in Murphy before Grober for a preliminary hearing on felony counts of criminal conspiracy and grand theft.

Eidemiller said the investigation is ongoing.

Nix remained in custody in Owyhee County Jail in Murphy at press time Monday.

Woman arrested on warrant

A Homedale woman has been arrested on a probation violation less than two months after her one-year unsupervised term had begun.

Homedale Police arrested Tasha Anne Miller before 5 p.m. on Dec. 13 on West Oregon Avenue.

According to the Idaho courts repository, Miller was put on probation in October after pleading guilty to misdemeanor trespassing. Grober credited her for three days spent in jail and suspended the balance of a six-month sentence.

— JPB

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County's socio-economic study could make news

Information about an updated document on Owyhee County's culture, customs and economy could soon show up on the evening news.

During a Dec. 12 meeting, Boise-based public relations and marketing specialist Steve Stuebner asked if the Board of Owyhee County Commissioners would be interested in developing a public outreach effort about the socio-economic study recently completed by University of Idaho experts.

The Idaho Rangeland Resource Commission contacted Stuebner about the proposal.

"I think we could do it with a press release," Stuebner said. "We don't need to do a full-on press conference or something. We could put out a press release that would be from the rangeland commission and Owyhee County."

He estimated it will cost \$500 to put the press release together, and asked the county to split the cost with the rangeland commission. County Clerk Angie Barkell told commissioners that they could afford the expense of \$250, but no immediate decision was made.

Stuebner thinks now is the time to get the word out to the media because the Christmas holiday is typically a slow news period.

"A story like this could get much better play (now) than when the Legislature starts in January," Stuebner said. "So I think the timing is good."

He expects to send the press release to Treasure Valley media outlets sometime next week.

"We have a lot of video and still photography that we can work into a video news release

for the TV guys so we make it easy for them," Stuebner said.

The socio-economic study is an extension of a document developed years ago to ensure accurate, county-specific data is used in Bureau of Land Management planning.

Stuebner asked the commissioners about the study's history.

District 2 Commissioner and BOCC chair Kelly Aberasturi said the need for an update of the original 2003 U of I study started with the BLM renewing the Owyhee 68 grazing permits with significant reductions.

"(BLM officials) told everyone they did a socio-economical study when they re-did the permitting," Aberasturi said. "We knew right away when we saw their findings that they hadn't actually done that."

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires federal agencies to consider the socio-economic impacts of their decisions.

District 1 Commissioner Jerry Hoagland said previous studies commissioned by the BLM did not reflect what was really going on at the local level.

"That's the problem," Hoagland said. "BLM uses that as a basis for their NEPA documents, and NEPA wants a local, thorough, analysis. That's why we put this forward."

The new study highlights the importance of ranching and other agricultural activities to the county's economy. Aberasturi said the industry constitutes about 80 percent of the county's economy.

"It shows you the value of agriculture for this county," Aber-

asturi said. "... If you take away part of our agriculture, you're going to seriously hurt our county."

He also pointed out that the study could be used to entice agriculture-related businesses to relocate into Owyhee County.

"I want that stressed, that we didn't just do this for the ranching," Aberasturi said. "That was an immediate response to it, but what we got out of it gave us a real good look at what our dependence on ag really is."

The updated study is available online at www.owyheecounty.net. The county paid \$63,042 to commission the research.

U of I Owyhee County Extension Educator Scott Jensen said after hearing about the study several other Idaho counties are now looking at doing their own.

"Custer County is especially one," Jensen said. "I think they would be fairly comparable (to Owyhee) as far as their reliance on agriculture and public lands, if you trade some BLM for forests, but the same kind of issues."

Illuminating social cohesion among county residents is another important part of the study, Aberasturi said.

He said those community bonds were critical in responding to last year's massive Soda Fire.

"How the different towns — whether it be Homedale, Marsing, or the Wilson area — everybody came together as one and worked together to help the residents on the Owyhee Front while that fire was burning," Aberasturi said.

The information in the study could also help public agencies better understand how land management decisions may impact the county. — SC

Homedale man nabbed in prostitution sting

A Homedale man was one of 15 suspects arrested in a multi-agency sex trafficking operation in Ontario, Ore., last week.

Michael Woodland, 62, was charged with misdemeanor commercial sexual solicitation and taken to Malheur County Jail in Vale.

Malheur County Sheriff Brian E. Wolfe announced the results of the weeklong undercover sting in a Saturday press release. The High Desert Drug Taskforce worked in conjunction with the Malheur Sheriff's Office and police de-

partments in Ontario, Nyssa and Payette to conduct the operation at an Ontario-area hotel.

Investigators posted online ads on known sex trafficking websites, and the suspects contacted undercover police officers and arranged payment for sexual acts then were arrested at the hotel, the press release said.

Woodland was one of 11 men arrested for commercial sexual solicitation. Three women were arrested for prostitution, and a man was arrested for felony compelling prostitution.

Charges expected after women fight at county jail

A woman charged with felony drug trafficking now could face a misdemeanor battery count after a jailhouse fight.

Melissa Joann Navarette, 44, of Caldwell is accused of beating up a fellow Owyhee County Jail inmate during an altercation shortly before midnight on Friday in the Murphy facility.

"(The video shows) they were talking for a minute then one inmate swung and hit the other one twice," sheriff's Chief Deputy Lynn Bowman said.

The 30-year-old female victim from Nampa is a hold for the Idaho Department of Correction, Bowman said.

Murphy-Reynolds-Wilson Quick Response Unit personnel checked out the victim, who was not transported despite a bloody nose and a knot on her forehead.

Navarette is scheduled for arraignment at 9 a.m. on Friday for felony drug trafficking and misdemeanor driving without privileges stemming from her arrest during a Nov. 27 traffic stop.

She was also written a speeding ticket, and county Prosecuting Attorney Douglas D. Emery has filed to claim the white 2007 Pontiac Grand Am that Navarette was driving as a drug seizure vehicle. — JPB

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A home on West Washington Avenue in Homedale featuring numerous decorations to celebrate the Christmas season this year.

Holiday decorations in second generation at Homedale home

If you're driving down West Washington Avenue in Homedale this time of year, you'll have a hard time missing the home of Duncan and Melissa Transue.

The yard around their house near Homedale Elementary School is decked out with giant candy canes, a snowman, Santas, elves, and more.

Melissa has lived in the home since she was 3 years old, and said decorating it for Christmas is a long-standing family tradition.

"My dad started when we were little," Melissa said. "Then when we moved into it five years ago, my dad passed the buck onto

Duncan."

Duncan is a concrete pump operator, and Melissa is a stay-at-home mom. The couple has two boys, Hunter, 10, and James, 9, and 1-year-old daughter Trynytee.

Duncan said he puts up more decorations each Christmas than the year before.

"My family did it when I was a kid," he said. "It's just the Christmas spirit. It's passing it on to our kids. Christmas is about giving and family traditions."

Duncan added that he thinks the town does a pretty decent job of getting into the spirit of the

season.

"Homedale city does it very well, but I wish that more houses decorated," Duncan said.

The Transues plan to continue the tradition of decorating their home in Christmas adornment for years to come, and say the reaction they get from folks makes it all worthwhile.

"They've always said that it's awesome, and that it gets better every year," Melissa said. "The kids love it, and we have people that don't even know us that will walk by and say, 'Your yard looks awesome.'"

— SC



Maylee Astorquia, daughter of Marsing residents Megan and Jake Astorquia, applies frosting to her gingerbread house during Saturday's Breakfast with Santa at The Sandbar in Marsing. Submitted photo

Breakfast with Santa sells out in Marsing

The Marsing Elementary Parent Teacher Organization and The Sandbar co-sponsored a "Breakfast with Santa" on Saturday at the recently reopened restaurant.

The Sandbar executive director Kim Coonis said the event sold out with 180 children and adults enjoying a breakfast buffet of pancakes, eggs, sausage, oatmeal, fresh fruits, potatoes, bagels and more.

With their parents and grandparents in tow, the children got the chance to decorate gingerbread houses and told Santa their Christmas wishes.

"The event shows how The Sandbar is collaborating with groups like the PTO and creating a higher quality of life not only for older adults but all generations in Marsing with an inclusive and fun atmosphere," Coonis said in a press release.



The Percifield brothers — Wyatt, 4 (left) and Wade, 6 — build gingerbread houses at Saturday's Breakfast with Santa at The Sandbar in Marsing. The boys' parents are Rachael and Cory Percifield of Marsing. Submitted photo

Free library cards for HSD teachers

Homedale School District teachers living outside city limits are invited to pick up a free Homedale Public Library card.

Library board chair Dawn Whitney floated the idea of free cards for non-resident teachers during a Dec. 13 meeting.

"They don't all live in town. Many of them don't even live in the county," she said. "It might get them to get their students to come into the library."

Non-resident cards cost \$26.

The library currently has more than 380 non-resident patrons.

"If they're teaching our kids, they need to have access to what we have," board member Mike Aebischer said.

HSD teachers can pick up their free cards starting this week.

Curious George visit rescheduled

Curious George's appearance at the library's Story Time has been rescheduled tentatively

for Jan. 6. An Idaho Public Television education specialist cancelled Friday because of inclement weather.

Friday's Story Time at 10:15 a.m. will feature a reading of Humphrey's First Christmas by Carol Heyer. Deck the Walls by Erin Dealey will also be read.

Friday's Teens and Tweens session will involve making paper bag stars. Boys and girls ages 10-17 are invited to attend at 4 p.m.

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Avalanche Sports



Marsing High School junior Mason Hall (right) controls his match against Adrian's Drake Marquez last Wednesday in the Huskies' gym. Photo by Sarah Grossman / Freeze the Day Photography. For more on the Huskies' dual meet victory against the Antelopes, see Page 15A

Three Huskies reach Wolfe finals

Hall, Ineck bring home championships

Champions Mason Hall and Joseph Ineck were two of three Marsing High School wrestlers to reach title matches at the Justin Wolfe Invitational.

Hall stormed through the 220/285 bracket in Glens Ferry,

pinning Raft River's Taylen Grush 27 seconds after their title match began.

After three first-round pinfalls, Ineck had to go the distance in his 6-1 championship decision over fellow 2A District III wrestler Tucker Baker of McCall-Donnelly in the 145-pound class.

Jaden Kinney rode three pinfalls into the 170/182 final but lost to Raft River's Traven Hansen, who ended the match at the 1-minute,

17-second mark with a pin.

Hall battled rival Mitchell Olsen of Melba in his opener, prevailing with a pinfall at 3:19. The junior then pinned Adam Tellez of Glens Ferry in 59 seconds to reach the title match.

Ineck pinned Michael Morgan of Garden Valley (1:11), Hank Svedin of Melba (34 seconds) and Brady Turner of Glens Ferry

— See *Huskies*, page 15A

Furtado takes down Antelopes teammate for Elgin crown

Adrian High School wrestling teammates faced off for a championship Saturday in the John Rysdam Memorial.

Marcus Furtado, a 120-pounder, won his second tournament title of the season when he pinned freshman teammate Wade Bond in 2 minutes, 35 seconds in Elgin, Ore.

Furtado won his pod Friday and then wrestled briskly through the championship bracket Saturday.

He pinned La Grande, Ore.'s Cole Isaacson in 2:50 in the quarterfinals and downed Imbler, Ore.'s Seany Willis with a pinfall at the 3:38 mark of their semifinal bout.

Bond qualified for the championship bracket with a second-place showing in the B Pod on Friday. In his march to the weight-class final, Bond edged Ian Feldmeier of the Baker/Powder Valley coop, 9-7, and pinned Union/Cove's Jaxon Blackburn in 3:10 in the semis.

— See *Antelopes*, page 17A



Marcus Furtado (right), shown in action last Wednesday against Homedale's Michael Babcock, won the 120-pound championship Saturday in Elgin. Photo by Sarah Grossman / Freeze the Day Photography. For more on the Antelopes' dual-meet triumph over Homedale, see Page 14A

Mustangs make successful snowy trip to Union tournament

Girls take top Union honors; boys runners-up

Jordan Valley High School's basketball teams braved treacherous roads to compete in the Union Christmas Classic.

Despite severe weather, the Mustangs made their appointed rounds with the girls finishing first and the boys claiming runner-up.

Several teams backed out of the three-day tournament because of the snowy weather, but other squads were found to bolster what had dwindled to a two-team affair, according to the La Grande Observer.

Tara Echave reported that the girls' basketball team (6-0 overall) won a \$500 voucher toward new

uniforms and the monthlong use of a ¾-ton diesel truck from Legacy Dodge of La Grande, Ore.

The Mustangs inched up in the 1A Oregon girls' basketball coaches' poll Monday afternoon, settling in at No. 7 two votes above fellow 1A High Desert League team Crane.

Fueled by JJ Echave's 24.7 points-per-game average, the boys' second-place showing earned them new basketballs.

Girls

Saturday: Jordan Valley 62, Elgin, Ore., 47 — Coach Kelsi Skinner's squad wrapped up a busy week with its season-opening sixth consecutive victory, which was fueled by free-throw accuracy.

Alisha Rogers was 8-for-8 from

— See *Mustangs*, page 17A

AAU squad produces seasons to remember

Unbeaten Homedale breaks through for league title

After three seasons together, a group of Homedale athletes have pulled off a memorable, perfect championship season.

A town team last week capped the Treasure Valley YMCA AAU junior varsity boys' basketball season with a run through the season-ending tournament.

The team, coached by Karen Liebschwager, blasted Boise Red JV, 52-30, on Dec. 12 at Lake

Hazel Middle School in Boise to cap a 13-0 season.

The junior varsity league is comprised of players in the fifth through seventh grades, and its 21 teams hail from Homedale, the Vallivue School District, Boise, Kuna, Meridian, Nampa, Eagle and Mountain Home.

The team's results in the

— See *AAU*, page 17A

That championship season

A look at the Homedale AAU's perfect record this year:

Oct. 29

Homedale 55, Eagle White JV 27

Homedale 32, Borah White JV 22

Nov. 5

Homedale 50, Rocky Mountain JV 27

Homedale 43, Bishop Kelly Black 22

Nov. 12

Homedale 47, Capital White JV 32

Homedale 50, Boise Red JV 48

Nov. 19

Homedale 60, Centennial White JV 21

Homedale 74, Mountain View JV 18

Dec. 3

Homedale 45, Boise White JV 42

Homedale 50, Bishop Kelly Gold 35

Tournament

First round — Homedale 41, Rocky Mountain JV 23

Semifinal — Homedale 49, Boise White JV 38

Final — Homedale 52, Boise Red 30

Sports



Front row, from left: Cheyenne Kelly, Emma Criffield, Amaia Aberasturi, Belisia Larzelier, Sheali Stafford, and Michelle Valenzuela. Back row, from left: Laney Swallow, Téa Uranga, Jordan Nelson, Rose Flores, Whitney Ross and coach Luke Ankeny. Submitted photo

HMS 7th-grade girls second in SRV

Playing for a first-year coach, a Homedale Middle School girls' basketball team finished second in the seventh-grade tournament.

Coached by Luke Ankeny, the Trojans fell to rival Fruitland, 30-22, on Dec. 13 in the 3A Snake River Valley conference tournament championship game in the HMS gymnasium.

Amaia Aberasturi led Homedale (9-3 overall) with 10 points, while

Laney Swallow added six.

The Trojans reached the title game with a 27-20 triumph against McCain of Payette.

The Grizzlies were the only team to score 30 points on the Trojans, who held opponents to an average of 18.41 points per game, Ankeny wrote on his blog.

"...These girls improved in every facet of the game over the course of the year," Ankeny wrote.

Ankeny also coached the seventh-grade B team, which posted a 3-7 record.

"This record does not reflect how much they grew as individual players and as a team," Ankeny wrote. "Six of the eight girls on this team had never played competitive basketball before, and their understanding of the game grew tremendously over the course of the year."

A string of four consecutive victories helped Adrian High School get past Homedale in a wrestling dual meet last Wednesday.

Marcus Furtado pinned Homedale freshman Michael Babcock in 2 minutes, 38 seconds

of the meet's decision 126-pound match.

The Antelopes surged ahead with that victory and posted a 36-24 non-league win during a tri-meet in Marsing.

Competing in their first dual meet for coach Jake Levinski, the

Transfer student earns 6th place for Homedale

Nix wins JV title

Homedale High School's Joel Padilla finished sixth at the Wiley Dobbs Invitational in Twin Falls.

The transfer from Middleton went the distance in each of his five matches at 160 pounds.

He lost the fifth-place match to Highland's Jacob Alves, whose 17-9 major decision was Padilla's worst defeat of the weekend.

Padilla reached the championship semifinals with an 8-4 victory over Wells, Nev.'s Waylan O'Neal and a 9-6 decision against Jerome's Matthew DeSimone.

Padilla just missed his shot at third place when Fruitland's Cameron Russell edged him, 1-0, in the consolation semifinals.

Shane Keller split his four matches. Homedale's 152-pounder pinned Austin Ericson of Gooding at the end of the first round of their opener. Keller slipped into the consolation bracket and pinned Buhl's Chaz Crumrine in 2:56.

Another senior, Bodee Walker, picked up a pin at 182 pounds when he dispatched Wood River's Andy Gallegos at 1:27 of their second-round match. Walker lost in the quarterfinals to Fruitland's

Jonathan Fagen (pin, 1:15).

Jaeger Rose (132) also got a championship bracket win, 12-0, against Dakota Peterson of Challis. Rose lost in the quarterfinals.

Junior varsity tourney

Robert Nix won the 182-pound championship to highlight the Trojans' stay in the Dobbs junior varsity tournament.

Nix's unbeaten four-match run climaxed with a pin of Fruitland's Cole Gooch at 3:25 in the final.

Nix pinned every wrestler he faced — Ben Andrus of Jerome (1:48 in the semifinal), Vallivue's Kevin Carreon (45 seconds in the quarterfinal) and AJ Dominguez of Buhl (2:49 in opener).

Three other Homedale wrestlers reached quarterfinal matches in their respective brackets — Caleb Vargas (138), Christain Bauer, an exchange student from Germany, and Brady Trout (160).

Trout bowed out of the tournament when teammate Brayden Miller pinned him at the 4:47 mark of their consolation match.

Miller backed up his pin against Trout with another pin at 3:54 against Kambryn Apodaca of Ridgevue.

Brodee Walker in 3:08.

Homedale regained the lead briefly, 18-12, when Jorge Vega was given a forfeit at 113 pounds, but freshman Wade Bond kicked off Adrian's march to the win at 120 pounds.

Bond pinned Jose Flores in 2:37

Adrian rallies past HHS

Homedale Trojans

Athlete Spotlight

<p>OWYHEE AUTO SUPPLY 337-4668</p>	<p>Boys' basketball Carson Brown, so. Team-high nine points vs. Skyview</p>	<p>Girls' basketball Josey Hall, so. Led Trojans with nine points vs. Skyview</p>	<p>Wrestling Tanner Miller, sr., 145 pounds Picked up one of two victories against Adrian</p>
<p>BOISE - NAMPA - HOMEDALE 337-3271</p>	<p>Boys' basketball Varsity Wednesday, Dec. 21 at Cole Valley Christian, 7:30 p.m. Junior varsity Wednesday, Dec. 21 at Cole Valley Christian, 6 p.m. Frosh-soph Wednesday, Dec. 21 at Cole Valley Christian, 4:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Girls' basketball Varsity Thursday, Jan. 5 at Payette, 7:30 p.m. Junior varsity Thursday, Jan. 5 at Payette, 6 p.m. Frosh-soph Thursday, Jan. 5 at Payette, 4:30 p.m.</p>	<p>337-4041</p>
<p>The Owyhee Avalanche 337-4681</p>	<p>337-4664</p>	<p>482-0103</p>	<p>337-3474</p>
<p>Owyhee Publishing 337-4866</p>	<h1 style="color: orange; font-family: cursive;">Go Trojans!</h1>		<p>Wrestling Friday-Saturday, Jan. 6-7 at Rollie Lane Invitational, Ford Idaho Center, Nampa</p>

Sports

Huskies rout McCall girls Miscues trip MHS boys

The Marsing High School girls' basketball team maintained its piece of second place Friday night.

Holding their guests scoreless in the fourth quarter, the Huskies pounded McCall-Donnelly, 50-27, in a 2A Western Idaho Conference game.

Balanced scoring helped Marsing (7-3 overall, 2-1 in 2A WIC).

Marsing's defense racked up 20 steals, scoring 16 points off 26 Vandals turnovers. Alex Grant made her season debut with four steals and two points. She had been sidelined since softball season with a shoulder injury.

Sheyenne Glorfield, who scored 10 points as one of three Huskies in double figures, led the team with five steals. She also had all seven of rebounds on the defensive backboards.

Mackenzie Farrens turned in another double-double performance, leading all players with 16 points and 12 rebounds. She had six boards on McCall's end as Marsing held a 19-4 edge on the Vandals' glass.

Shay West scored 11 for McCall, which is still looking for its first conference victory.

Dec. 13: Cole Valley Christian 45, Marsing 37 — The host Chargers took control in the second quarter of the 2A WIC game, outscoring the Huskies, 11-5.

Glorfield went 7-for-10 from the foul line for half of her team-high 14 points, while Marsing teammate Farrens ripped down 17 rebounds and scored nine



Making her 2016-17 debut, Alex Grant jumps between two McCall-Donnelly defenders to make a pass Friday night. Photo by Dan Pease

points.

Elsa Margarito scored eight points and Heitz had six, but no other Huskies were able to break into the scoring column.

Paige Albers paced Cole Valley with 13 points, while Ace Hans added 12.

Things snowballed against Marsing High School in its boys' basketball loss Dec. 13.

Playing in Nampa, the Huskies couldn't get any traction in the first half and lost to non-conference host Liberty Charter, 54-46.

"Poor shooting and turnovers killed us, especially in the first half," MHS coach Tim Little said. "We had difficult matching Liberty's intensity, and in panic mode we turned the ball over 15

times in the first half."

With Ashton Valadez kicking off his game-high 17 points with three first-quarter three-pointers, Class 1A, Div. I Liberty Charter held a 16-point halftime lead.

Marsing cut its miscues down to nine after the intermission. Liberty Charter had 13 all game.

Enrique Quebrado and Jose Ponce scored nine points each for the Huskies (3-3 overall at week's end).

Young talent on display in MHS-Adrian dual meet

Freshmen keyed Marsing High School's home win over Adrian.

Adonis Stelzried needed just 49 seconds to pin the Antelopes' Logan Griffin in what turned out to be a decisive 132-pound match in 36-21 non-league dual meet win on the Huskies' mat.

Sophomore Hayden Kish (138) held Adrian's Ed Muñoz at bay, 10-3, to preserve the lead.

Freshman Bastian Ackerman

(145) beat Daniel Price, and Joseph Ineck (152) got Enrique Delgado to close out the match with a couple 49-second pinfalls.

Freshman Wade Bond (120) and Marcus Furtado (126) won back-to-back matches as Adrian tied the meet, 18-18.

Bond pinned Justin Ineck in 58 seconds, and Furtado needed 49 seconds to dispatch Anthony Sugai and knot the score.

✓ Huskies: Kinney earns class runner-up as four others finish in top six

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(1:13) to reach the championship match.

Kinney pinned his way into his title match, dispatching Tater Bentz of McCall-Donnelly (3:15), Teegan Grush of Raft River (45 seconds) and Keyton Cook of Glens Ferry (1:29).

Freshman Adonis Stelzried finished fourth at 132/138 after he lost to Robert Ramirez of the home team in the third-place match. Ramirez triumphed 47 seconds into the second round.

Two Huskies — Justin Ineck at 106/113 and Hayden Kish at 132/138 — finished fifth.

Kish pinned teammate Anthony Sugai in 1:38 in their fifth-place match, while Ineck was awarded fifth in his round robin weight class. Ineck's only victory was a 51-second pin against Dan Kealin of Melba.

Stelzried reached the third-place match at 132/138 with a pin of Sugai at the 4:29 mark. Stelzried breezed through his first two matches against Raft River opponents.

He pinned Hadley Petersen in 16 seconds and stopped John Winslow in 43 seconds.

Kish pinned Clint Svedin of Melba in 1:09 to start his tournament.

Sugai wound up sixth at 132/138. He got pinfall wins over Petersen (1:40) and Winslow (36 seconds) before going up against Stelzried.

Kadin Goins finished sixth at 145 pounds. He pinned Tristan Jones of Melba in 3:04 of their second-round match. He reached the fifth-place match when he

pinned Hank Svedin in 1:20. In the fifth-place match, Goins lost to Svedin's Melba teammate, Tristan Jones, for the second time in the tournament.

Dawson Walker (152/160) lost the fifth-place match by pinfall at 1:14 to McCall-Donnelly's Tuff Bentz. Walker pinned his first two opponents (Devan Morrison of Glens Ferry at 5:23, and Melba's Scott Eliason at 3:44).

Bastian Ackerman (152/160) finished 10th.

MARSING HUSKIES Athlete Spotlight



Boys' basketball
Tyler Simonsen, jr.

Logged eight points, six rebounds in Liberty Charter loss



Girls' basketball
Elsa Margarito, jr.

Eight points in conference loss to Cole Valley Christian



Wrestling
Adonis Stelzried, fr., 132 pounds

His pin helped Huskies lock up win over Adrian

Boys' basketball

Varsity

Thursday, Jan. 29 at Wendell, 6 p.m.

Junior varsity A

Thursday, Jan. 29 at Wendell, 4:30 p.m.

Junior varsity B

Thursday, Jan. 29 at Wendell, 3 p.m.

Girls' basketball

Varsity

Wednesday, Dec. 28 at Parma Holiday Tournament

Wrestling

Thursday, Dec. 22, home vs. Payette, 5:30 p.m.

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Sports

Struggling Trojans' losing streak hits four games



Inexperience and lack of depth continue to plague Homedale High School's girls' basketball team.

The Trojans put up a defensive fight for three quarters, but couldn't handle their hosts' pressure defense during a fourth quarter as frigid as the temperatures outside Skyview High School on Thursday.

The Hawks scored 22 consecutive points to fuel a 41-23 pull-away victory in the opening round of the Today's Dentistry Nampa Holiday Tournament.

The game turned out to be the Trojans' only tournament contest as organizers cancelled the remaining days of the event Friday morning.

Homedale (3-6 overall) ended the year on a four-game losing streak, but return to the hardwood on Jan. 5 for a 3A Snake River Valley conference game against a Payette squad that has lost 31 consecutive games.

Homedale coach Joe Betancourt said his young group of players is still getting acclimated to the varsity game, and the Trojans have had difficult against teams that employ a full-court press defense.

"We're really struggling right

now against teams that pressure us," Betancourt said after a Dec. 13 conference loss to Parma.

"We're still trying to get used to the speed and intensity at which this level is played. I'm confident by the time the district tournament rolls around we'll be ready."

Homedale limited Skyview to just 10 points over the second and third quarters and surged ahead, 20-19, when sophomore post Josey Hall hit a free throw with 34.2 seconds left in the third period.

The Trojans handled Skyview's pressure defense for three quarters Thursday, but the Hawks took control of the game after the teams broke from their huddles at the start of the fourth quarter.

Homedale wouldn't score until junior Ashley Burks hit a three-point goal with less than 50 seconds left in the game.

In between, Skyview capitalized on seven turnovers on a 21-1 run that Betancourt couldn't stem despite calling three timeouts in the quarter.

Hawks senior Natalie Robison had three layups after Homedale turnovers in the quarter, and she scored nine of her game-high 19 points in the final eight minutes.

Hall led Homedale with nine points, while Burks had five

rebounds. Senior Carlie Sawyer chipped in six points for a team playing without leading scorer Faith Jacobson and Ambyr VanWinkle.

Jacobson has been sidelined since rolling her ankle against Vale, Ore., on Dec. 8. Betancourt said VanWinkle has been out of the lineup after missing a week of practice after hitting her head.

Dec. 13: Parma 56, Homedale 23—Missed shots and few second chances doomed the Trojans in their second loss in as many 3A Snake River Valley conference games this season.

The visiting Panthers held a 20-7 rebounding edge on the Trojans' end of the floor as Homedale made just 10 of 50 shots (20 percent) in the game.

Parma led, 29-8, at halftime and scored 16 points off 17 Homedale turnovers.

Madison Jackson led all players with 20 points, while Parma teammate Cassidy Forsberg notched a double-double with 16 points and 12 rebounds.

Sophie Nash and Burks scored six points apiece to pace the Trojans. Kendall Nash, Lainey Johnson and Allison Sherk scored three points each, and Jayci Swallow hit both her free throws.

Left: Homedale High School's Josey Hall goes up for a shot against a Skyview defender in the fourth quarter of Thursday's game in Nampa.

Tournament hosts stifle Homedale boys

Homedale High School was unable to keep up the pace in Thursday's opening round of the Today's Dentistry Nampa Holiday Tournament.

Host Skyview took control with an early 9-0 run and never looked back in 70-23 boys' basketball victory on its home floor.

The Trojans held a 2-0 lead after Carson Brown connected on two of three free throws 41 seconds into the game on the Hawks' floor.

But Skyview quickly found its offense and went on a 12-2 run to set the tone.

Homedale (2-4 overall) scored half of its first-quarter points on bank-shot jumpers from Scott Matlock and Kendall Frelove.

The Hawks' fourth consecutive

victory was solidified by a 28-8 second-quarter spurt.

The Trojans managed just seven points after halftime and were outscored, 47-11, over the second and third quarters.

Brown led Homedale with nine points, and Matlock had six.

Three Skyview players reached double-digit scoring, led by Jeff Freeman. The 6-foot, 4-inch senior forward paced the Hawks' rebounding effort, too. He finished with 15 points and eight boards.

The remaining two days of the tournament — Friday and Saturday — were cancelled after Thursday's overnight snowfall.

Homedale began the week with a 46-36 non-conference loss to Baker, Ore., on the road on Dec. 13.



Mason Kincheloe takes flight in Skyview's gym during the Trojans' tournament loss to the Hawks on Thursday.

No. 5 in Oregon coaches' poll, Adrian girls keep winning

The fifth-ranked Adrian High School girls' basketball team continued their unbeaten start last week.

The Antelopes (5-0 overall before Tuesday's non-league showdown at home against Powder Valley from North Powder,

Ore.) hit the road for their only game last week and won.

Coach Gene Mills' squad trounced Notus of the 1A Western Idaho Conference, 49-30, on Friday.

Adrian is scheduled to start the Nyssa

Tournament today against Baker, Ore. The tournament runs through Friday.

Boys: Notus 56, Adrian 31 — The Antelopes' two-game winning streak ended on the road Friday.

Coach Nolan Shira's squad opens the

Nyssa Tournament today against Tri Valley with a 4 p.m. tipoff.

Adrian (2-3 overall before Tuesday's non-league home game against Powder Valley) is scheduled to play Thursday and Friday, too.

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Sports

✓ Mustangs: Boys declared runners-up at Union Christmas Classic

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the foul line, and Taylor Warn sank nine of 10 attempts to highlight the Mustangs' 85.7 percent night (18-for-21).

Rogers and Regann Skinner scored 21 points apiece, and each dropped in three three-point goals.

Skinner had six steals, while Emilee Burch brought down six rebounds.

Friday: Jordan Valley 72, Union, Ore., 39 — Alisha Rogers was red-hot from beyond the three-point line against the tournament hosts. She drained seven of 10 long-range attempts on the way to a team-high 24 points. She took only one shot from inside the three-point line and was successful.

Zoey Warn was perfect in eight chances at the foul line for half of 16 points. She also grabbed seven of her nine rebounds on the defensive end of the floor.

Regann Skinner scored 14 points and grabbed five boards.

Thursday: Jordan Valley 53, Prairie City, Ore., 29 — Skinner dominated the offense, taking nearly a third of her team's shots and scoring 22 points.

Skinner was 11-for-17 from the floor and never visited the free-



Jordan Valley High School girls' basketball players gather around the Dodge 4x4 pickup truck the team earned a month's use of after coming out on top at the Union Christmas Classic on Saturday. **Back row, from left:** Assistant coach Mike Skinner, Zoey Warn, Katelyn Deen, Cheyenne Davis, Nicole Terry, Allisyn Reynolds, Regann Skinner, Emilee Burch, Taylor Warn, Baylee Davis, and Shaianne Keller. **Front row:** Alisha Rogers, left, and coach Kelsi Skinner. Photo by Tracy Skinner

throw line. She also led the team with six rebounds.

The Mustangs shot 42.3 percent (22-for-52), and Rogers hit both of the team's three-point goals as part of her nine points.

Zoey Warn scored eight points, and Taylor Warn had six points and six assists.

Dec. 13: Jordan Valley 46,

Vale, Ore., JV 25 — Skinner started the week on a tear, hitting 10 of 16 shots for 21 points at home.

Rogers scored seven points, and Nicole Terry chipped in six.

Zoey Warn and Burch shared rebounding duties with eight boards each, while Warn kicked in 10 points.

Boys

Saturday: Jordan Valley 56, Elgin, Ore., 26 — Echave poured in 19 points and grabbed nine rebounds to lead the Mustangs to victory in the Union Christmas Classic finale.

"JJ worked his butt off for us this weekend," Jordan Valley coach Clint Fillmore said. "He

played really big."

Chase Fillmore chipped in 14 points, and Kort Skinner and Garrett Youren scored six apiece.

Jordan Valley held a 27-12 half-time lead and put the game out of reach with a 21-4 run through the third quarter.

"The boys played really well," Fillmore said.

"The team played exceptional defense."

Friday: Union 50, Jordan Valley 44 — The Mustangs fell behind early, and their rally came up short against the tournament hosts.

Echave missed only once from the foul line and knocked down seven field goals for 21 points and half of a double-double.

He also grabbed nine of his 14 rebounds on Union's end of the floor and came up with four blocked shots.

Kirk Eiguren and Chase Fillmore added eight points each.

Thursday: Jordan Valley 58, Prairie City 45 — Echave's career-high 34 points came in handy in a hard-fought tournament opener. The senior also had 15 points and scored 14 of his 21 shots. Ten of his rebounds were offensive boards.

Chase Fillmore and Kasen Skinner scored eight points each.

✓ AAU: Team's nucleus has played together for three consecutive years

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season-ending tournament reflected improvement from the regular season, Liebschwager said.

Homedale had defeated Boise Red JV by only two points two weeks before the league championship game.

The team reached the tournament final with a 49-38 win over Boise White JV. Earlier in the season, Homedale had beaten the squad by just three points.

The tournament began with a 41-23 victory over Rocky Mountain JV, which pulls players from the Boise area.

The Homedale group, which started playing as fifth-graders in the AAU league in 2014, has lost only two games in in the three years, amassing a 35-2 record.

This is the third consecutive unbeaten regular season for Homedale. The squad lost in the league tournament semifinals in each of its first two seasons.

Liebschwager said the team started as a fifth-grade squad with a couple Marsing players along with the Homedale athletes. Eli Heck, Beeg Hockenull, John Lejardi and Cody Liebschwager have been on the squad all three years.



Homedale's seventh-grade AAU junior varsity champions, from left: Ethan Almaraz, Eli Heck, John Lejardi, Hayden Kincheloe, Beeg Hockenull, coach Karen Liebschwager, Cody Liebschwager, Tucker TenHulzen and Josh Brown. Submitted photo

Josh Brown and Hayden Kincheloe joined the team this season after playing Hoop Dreams club ball last year. Karen Liebschwager said the pair wasn't allowed to play for both teams last season.

The rest of this year's team includes Ethan Almaraz and Tucker Tenhulzen.

The program has had success outside the AAU league, finishing as runner-up in

Crash the Board tournaments in Nampa last year and in 2014 as a team of only six players.

Liebschwager is no stranger to her athletes. During the past seven years, she has coached them in football, baseball and basketball.

"I guess I basically wanted these boys to get experience," Liebschwager said of her

reason to pick up a coach's whistle. "The more they could play, the better off they would be later in high school. I wanted my son to get involved with a sport I loved growing up."

The basketball odyssey started in Y-Ball with Liebschwager and Brad Dines teaming up to coach a group of first- and second-graders through the ranks.

The two coaches fielded a fifth-grade team in the Caldwell Select League against teams from Marsing, Caldwell and Middleton.

Liebschwager has enjoyed watching the team improve over the seasons.

"One of the main things is learning to play as a team. They have learned that in order to win it takes a team, not an individual," she said. "Just watching these boys grow in every aspect of the game, I am proud of each and every one of them for all that they have accomplished."

The coach's dealings with the athletes won't end with the AAU championship. She also coaches the Homedale Middle School seventh-grade B team, which begins 3A Snake River Valley conference play next month. — JPB

✓ Antelopes: Delgado reaches semifinals at 145, rallies to finish fourth

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Enrique Delgado was the only other Adrian wrestler to place Saturday, finishing fourth at 145 pounds and staying alive in the consolation semifinals with a pin of Jay Goldblatt of Grant Union 16 seconds before the end of the first round. It was Delgado's second win of the tournament against Goldblatt.

Delgado lost in the championship semifinals to Chance Frederick, who pinned Adrian wrestler in 2:58. Alex Hammans of Baker/Powder Valley denied Delgado in the third-place match with a pin at the 4:23 mark.

Eduardo Munoz (132) and Pepper Beed (220) lost both of their matches during Saturday's bracket round.

Friday's pod results — After two first-round pinfalls, Furtado wrapped up his first day at 120 pounds with a 4-0 decision against Feldmeier.

Furtado pinned Vale, Ore.'s Alejandro Juarez-Gonzalez in 45 seconds to open pod play then pinned Jaxon Blackburn of Union/Cove in 1 minute, 29 seconds.

Bond finished second in the

120B pod after a 2-1 first day. He pinned Andrew Adams of Baker/Powder Valley in 1:06 to start and finished his three-match run by pinning La Grande's Keith Oswald in 1:54.

Munoz was runner-up in the 132A pod, rallying from a first-round loss to pin La Grande's Brody Kinkade in 4:57 and beating Enterprise's Evan Johnson, 7-4.

Delgado was runner-up in the 145B pod after splitting his matches. He finished off with a 7-0 win over Goldblatt.

Beed also finished second in the 220C grouping, beginning Friday with consecutive victories with a hard-fought 8-6 decision over Gavin Hankins of Union/Cove and then pinning Drew Widener of Enterprise in 1:26.

Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM



On the edge of common sense

How do you know it's Christmas?

So how do you know it's Christmas?
'Cause the sheep can always tell.

They follow a little tradition and have for quite a spell.
On Christmas Eve around midnight, the sheep, wherever they are,

All rise in quiet unison and fixate on a star.
And from their stirring comes a sound, a chuckling tra, la, la
That weaves and builds itself into a soft melodious baaa
Which carries like a dove's lament when nights are very still

As if they're calling for someone beyond a yonder hill.

The legend herders passed on down attributes this tradition

To one late night in Bethlehem. A heavenly petition
Wherein a host of angels came and lured them with a song.

The herders left in haste, they say, and stayed gone all night long.

Well, sheep don't do too well alone. They've never comprehended

That on that night they waited up, the world was upended.

So, now when daylight shortens up and nights get long and cold
I make my check at midnight like we've done since days of old.

And if I find the flock intent and standing all around
I listen for the heavenly host above their throaty sound
And scan the dim horizon in an effort to discern
The sign the sheep are seeking, that their shepherds will return.

And I am but a watchman in this drama that replays
Around the Earth this time of year, and so I stand and gaze

And though I see no special star or hear no sweet noel.
I know it must be Christmas, 'cause the sheep can always tell.

— Visit Baxter's Web site at www.baxterblack.com for more features and to purchase Baxter Black merchandise, including books, DVDs and his new Christmas book, "Tinsel, Mistletoe and Reindeer Bait!", and other books, CDs and DVDs.

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Jon P. Brown, managing editor

Eyes on Owyhee Many colors of giving season



The Owyhee Avalanche family has lost a member, and Rebecca Prall's sudden and untimely passing has me thinking.

Rebecca had a feisty spirit, but a huge heart. One of the most repeated stories in the days since her death is that she once offered to babysit someone's goldfish when they had to go out of town.

If that's not selflessness, perhaps we need to call Merriam-Webster and get another definition notated.

As is the case when someone close to you — and close to your age — dies, I've been in a reflective mood these eight days since the news.

I have chosen to celebrate Rebecca, the selfless giver, by shining a light on some of the folks in our big Owyhee country community who have put their neighbors — and, in some cases, their neighbors' kids — ahead of their own interests to make sure life is just as rewarding for their fellow man as it is for those who give in the first place.

Of course, this may begin to sound like another one of those "Christmastime is the right time to give" pieces that some writers use as a crutch when they have space to fill.

And, yes, I have space to fill. But this is more than filler, especially when you consider the inspiration. Rebecca Prall gave and gave and gave and still always had a smile if you needed it.

There are numerous folks who work their tails off this time of year to ensure that the less fortunate have a bright holiday season. Some of those folks were itemized in this space a few weeks ago.

But there are others.

Randee Garrett works countless hours to ensure the Hands Around Homedale tradition keeps humming along. She's not alone, of course. Several Owyheecans are part of the Caldwell Basque Club's Euzkaldunak Charities that provides tons of protein — in the form of chicken and pork this year from Albertsons — for holiday care packages in several communities in the western Treasure Valley.

As stated before, a similar effort takes place in Marsing this time of year, and the schoolchildren in both communities scramble and bring in loads of canned goods to round out the food boxes.

With winter, of course, comes holiday events and — snow. Lots and lots of snow, so far this year.

There are people who step up when the flakes fly, too.

Last week, NAPA Owyhee Auto Parts manager Brandon DeMond was riding around East Idaho Avenue on a blue tractor, but he wasn't getting his kicks in the fresh snow.

No, DeMond ran the tractor from NAPA to South 1st Street East to clear snow from the intersection near Frosty Palace. And, no, the irony of snow inundating a restaurant named for ice cream treats hasn't been lost.

But Brandon did his part. Just as he carried a carton full of Frosty Palace beverages earlier this month when the weather was better so his co-workers could enjoy a treat.

This time of year is also a busy one for sports, and another faction of the community is doing its part so that moms and dads and grandmas and grandpas can enjoy

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Sen. Mike Crapo

From Washington Numbers show Idahoans' selflessness shines year-round



The quiet service and giving spirit of Idahoans are among the many blessings I am counting this holiday season. A recently released study from the Corporation for Community and National Service (CNCS) further confirmed the prevalent service in Idaho communities concluding that Idaho ranks fifth in the nation for volunteer service.

In its annual Volunteering and Civic Life in America report, CNCS estimated 382,200 volunteers in Idaho provide 53.42 million hours of volunteer service with an estimated value of service of \$1.1 billion. Further, more than half of Idahoans donate \$25 or more to charity, and Idahoans devote an average of more than 37 hours to volunteering per person. Additionally, the report indicates Idahoans eat dinner with other members of their household, frequently talk with neighbors, participate in groups and organizations and engage in "informal volunteering" (for example, doing favors for neighbors) at rates exceeding national averages.

The CNCS also reported, "More than 180 AmeriCorps members and 2,500 Senior Corps volunteers are meeting local needs, strengthening communities, and increasing civic engagement through national service in Idaho." Tutoring and teaching; mentoring youth; assisting with general labor; collecting, preparing, distributing or serving food and fundraising are among the top activities of Idaho volunteers. The corporation is a federal agency engaging millions of Americans in service through its AmeriCorps, Senior Corps, Social Innovation Fund, and Volunteer Generation Fund programs, and leading the President's national call to service initiative, United We Serve. More information on the report can be found on the corporation's

website, www.nationalservice.gov.

At a national level, CNCS concluded that one in four Americans volunteered through a formal organization and more than 138 million — an impressive 62.5 percent — also volunteered informally within their communities. This translated to nearly 7.8 billion hours of service with an estimated value of \$184 billion.

Each November, with the assistance of area veterans' organizations, I recognize outstanding veterans and volunteers in our communities with the Spirit of Freedom Award. Together, we highlight specific accounts of the remarkable spirit of compassion and generosity throughout Idaho. In October, I had the opportunity to present volunteers, concerned citizens and residents in Clearwater, Lewis and Idaho counties with Spirit of Idaho Awards for going above and beyond the call in rebuilding homes lost to wildfire last summer. Presenting this award to these outstanding Idahoans helps highlight the numerous, little-known examples of devoted and selfless community service.

I am not surprised by the numerous acts of kindhearted Idahoans recognized by CNCS, but the scale of Idahoans' service-minded focus continually impresses me. Idahoans dedicate countless hours to helping others, and inspire giving actions through thoughtful examples. We can take great pride that our state is leading in the area of service to others.

— Republican Mike Crapo is Idaho's senior member of the U. S. Senate. He will begin his fourth six-year term in January, and he has served in the Senate since 1999. Prior to that, he was a three-term Idaho Second District congressman.

Commentary

Financial management

Volatile gold is no way to invest for retirement

Dear Dave,

What are your thoughts on transferring an IRA over to gold?

— Sandy

Dear Sandy,

Honestly, I think that's about the dumbest thing a person could do. I hope I wasn't unclear.

Gold is going down like a rock right now as people start to believe in the economy and the economic direction of this country again. The stock market indicates this is true, and in the process, gold becomes worth less and less. Gold is essentially a fear-based product, and the less fear that's out there, the cheaper gold is.

That's not how you want to fund

your IRA, Sandy. You want to fund it with something that has a long track record based on growth because of the performance of the companies involved — not someone's greed or fear. Gold is a horrible investment, and I don't own any except for one nice watch and a pair of cufflinks. That's it!

— Dave

Dear Dave,

We just started following your plan, and we have \$39,000 in debt. We make \$55,000 a year, and two of our smaller debts — one car and a credit card — are both \$7,500. The credit card has a higher interest rate, so my wife thinks we should pay it off first. I look at the car as a necessity, and



for that reason I think we should pay it off first. Who's right?

— Pat

Dear Pat,

When the rules of paying off debts from smallest to largest don't apply, I look at things this way: If you have two debts that are of equal amounts, I would attack the one with the larger interest rate first. In your case, that would be the credit card debt.

I get what you're saying about the car. You guys might be in a bind if something happened and you lost one car. But it's also something you could work around if you had no other choice. So yeah, knock out the credit card first then move on to the car. Going this route will serve two purposes: First, it will save you some money. And second,

I've got a feeling it will fire up your wife and get her on board with the plan even more than she already is.

She's taking this seriously if she's eyeballing interest rates, Pat, so use this momentum to work together. Knock out that debt!

— Dave

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Americans for Limited Government

Trump holds key to reverse Obama's late rulemaking

by Rick Manning

Midnight regulations. Eight years ago it was all the rage in the media to demand that the Bush administration stop work on even the most benign regulatory changes so a new administration could make those decisions.

In response, the Bush White House stopped most regulations that would be deemed controversial, putting them through a rigorous review at the Office and Management Budget before they could be released.

Today, it is reported that President Obama is ratcheting up the regulatory work in order to cram as many of his fundamental transformations into the regulatory rulebooks as possible before the new Trump administration enters the White House.

The Congressional Review Act (CRA) was put into place as a reform as part of the Contract with America in 1995, but it has only been successfully used to overturn a regulation once in its history — when President George W. Bush replaced Bill Clinton and signed language ending the

Labor Department's proposed ergonomics rule.

Many other attempts to use the CRA have failed because of a weakness in the law — Congress must be able to overturn a veto by the sitting president to stop the regulation, putting an almost impossible barrier of a two-thirds vote in both the House of Representatives and Senate to preventing a regulation from taking effect.

The only time the CRA is feasible to use is at the beginning of a new presidency when the president's party controls Congress and legislation is passed during the first 60 legislative days after a regulation is finalized.

The reason the ergonomics rule got overturned was because it was a Clinton rule, which Bush opposed, so the incoming president signed the bill.

And that is the almost exact situation we'll find on Jan. 20, 2017.

Donald Trump will be joining a Republican Congress that only needs to overturn Obama regulations with a simple majority if it is no more than 60 legislative days

from the rule going final.

According to a report in Politico, any rule finalized by Obama on May 23, 2016 or later would be subject to review by the new Congress. But the more time Congress spends in a lame-duck session, the fewer rules get subjected to Congressional review by the new Congress. That's just one more reason to restrict the lame duck to a short-term funding resolution and nothing else.

The stars have aligned for a significant portion of Obama's agenda to be sidelined using the Congressional Review Act. If, for conservatives, President-elect Trump's election means nothing else, Congressional rescinding of many of the late environmental and labor regulations before they do too much harm is a major victory for limited government.

All that needs to happen is for this current Congress to finish their work so the next one can stop Obama's late-term agenda before it gets up and running.

— Rick Manning is the president of Americans for Limited Government.

✓ Giving: Coaching, photography, helping neighbors all ways to contribute

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watching their special children at games and read about and maybe even see the young athletes in the pages of *The Owyhee Avalanche* this time of year.

There are several youth sports coaches who sacrifice time with their own families to ensure other families' children are successful in their chosen field.

Luke Ankeny and Karen Liebschwager are two such people. Both led their respective basketball teams — Luke's seventh-grade Homedale Middle School girls' squad and Karen's seventh-grade AAU boys' club — into league tournament championship games.

Karen's club won it all after falling one win shy each of the past two seasons, and Luke's team came up just short

but still reaped the glory of making a community proud.

There are coaches making similar sacrifices in Marsing, too. Two middle school wrestlers competed in the state tournament last weekend. You'll be able to read more and see photos next week thanks to the work of Sarah Grossman of Freeze the Day Photography.

Did you know that Alex Grant has returned to the Marsing High School girls' basketball program after rehabilitating a softball injury? If not, just look elsewhere in this week's section for photographer Dan Pease's great shot of Alex making a pass against McCall-Donnelly.

Tara Echave — and her legion of helpers like Jamie Collins and Tracy Skinner — work hard in the Jordan

Valley area to bring the news to us, and Bob Radford is among a handful of people who make a similar impact in Adrian.

Without the gracious contributions of Sarah, Dan, Tara, Jamie, Tracy, Bob and many anonymous others the *Avalanche* wouldn't be what it is to so many readers.

They all give in their own way, and what better way to celebrate a life of giving and the season of giving than tipping a hat.

Thanks, guys. Your efforts are part of what makes this a great place to life, work and raise a family.

You're truly a gift to this community, and we should never take that for granted.

Merry Christmas.

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Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

25 years ago

December 25, 1991

Four honored for outdoor Christmas lighting

Special recognition has been extended to four outdoor decorators in the Homedale School District by the Homedale Chamber of Commerce for the attractiveness and originality of the Christmas lighting decorations at their homes.

The four are Darrell Warwick, Sharon Frost, Jack Roberson and Carl Holmes, according to Harold "Hal" Tolmie, chairman of the Chamber's home decorations contest this year. Tolmie said the four will be invited to a dinner to show appreciation for the overall excellence of their outdoor decorations.

Tolmie also released a list of additional people in the district, whose homes were cited for honorable mention, expressing "special thanks" to them for the quality of their decorations.

They include: Mike Beavers, Poke Henson, Chuck Maxwell, Terry Miyasako, Deward Bell, Pete Austin, Mary Jo Morrison, John Kushlan;

Gordon Cahill, Larry Bahem, Tony Jereb, Clarence Ferguson, Wade Nichols, Pat Wade, Joe Jesenko, Ed Davison and Norma Murray.

Owyhee Ranch & Casual Wear, owned by Roger Hinton, was named the top Christmas decorator among Homedale businesses, Tolmie reported.

Academic Decathlon team getting ready

The 1991-92 Academic Decathlon team at Homedale High School is preparing to go into mental action for the first time this school year at the Centennial High Invitational in Meridian on Jan. 4.

Coach Frank Craig reported that the team, including nine returning competitors, started practices in November in preparation for the opening meet. "It looks good," he said last week, pointing out that Tony Uranga and Austin Head are among his competitors. "Both are strong academically," he said.

Competing in the honors division at coming meets will be Mike Itano, Barry Malmberg, Han Park, Uranga, Dave Uberuaga and Wiatt Kettle.

Handling the team's performance in the scholastic division will be P. J. Mansidor, Jennifer Ethington and Heady. On the team's varsity division are Mark McAbee, Joe Rotter, Perry Grant and Angie Grant.

Football players earn state honors

Junior quarterback Tony Uranga was named 1991 Player of the Year among A-3 school football competitors in a statewide vote of coaches, the Idaho Statesman reported recently.

Five of his teammates on Homedale's statewide championship team this year also won selection to the A-3 All-State 1st team in the coaches poll: Rick Zehr, Ryan Landa, Rod Linder, Sean Morford, and Josh Hays. Uranga was picked for the first team on both offense and defense, the Statesman reported. All the others were picked for their excellence on offense except for Hays, who was cited for excellence on defense.

Jake Volk, Hays and Zehr were also named to the statewide second team for their play on offense.

County representatives view redistricting issue

Two of three of Owyhee County's main state legislators appear to have one thing in common even though one is a Republican and one a Democrat. They'd like to keep Legislative District 12 containing all of Owyhee and Elmore Counties intact through the redistricting hassles lying ahead early next year.

The two are State Rep. Frances Field (R-Grand View) and State Sen. R. Claire Wetherell (D-Mountain Home).

According to Field, there are four plans being circulated to state legislators for their individual evaluation. Three of them, she indicated, "more or less keep the District 12 intact." the fourth plan, she noted, "really does chop up Owyhee County."

50 years ago

December 22, 1966

Idaho Power Co. gives county tax bill check

Owyhee County received a check for more than \$94,004 from Idaho Power Company this week as the initial payment on a 1966 property-tax bill that boosts the utility's direct contribution to schools for a single year above \$3 million for the first time.

The check was one of 27 that Idaho Power – largest taxpayer in the state – mailed out to make first-installment payments totaling more than \$2,422,018.

Basque history told at meet

Joe V. Eiguren, historical writer of the Basque people, was a guest speaker at the Owyhee County Historical Society meeting recently at the courthouse in Murphy.

Eiguren was born in Jordan Valley but returned to his native country between Spain and France at the age of one year. He returned to America again at 19 to live in Jordan Valley. He entered the United States Army in 1942.

In his talk, he told of the origin of the Basque people from 3,000 B.C. to their present state. They were attracted to America by the 1848 gold rush. The first Basques came to the Jordan Valley country in 1887, in quest of freedom. They adapted themselves rapidly to livestock and agriculture.

Eiguren said there were between 12,000 and 15,000 Basque people in the Oregon, Idaho and Nevada area — the largest group in the United States.

Trojans guests at special banquet by Chamber

The Homedale Trojan championship football team were guests at a special banquet given in their honor Tuesday by the Chamber of Commerce at a noon luncheon meeting at Bicandi's Café.

Along with team members, coaches Marsh Jones, Ken Kellum and Elmore Brooks and the Trojans cheerleaders were at the luncheon.

"In becoming southern S.R.V. champs you boys upheld my prediction that we would have a winning team. You had a tremendous season, and next year looks good, too," stated Mayor Lester Carter.

Darrell Reisch, principal of the high school, and Coach Jones personally thanked the Chamber and members for the special recognition given to the home team.

Following the dinner of fried chicken, a movie was shown of the Marsing-Homedale game this fall where the Trojans made a terrific comeback. The half-time score was 25-7 in favor of Marsing, but Homedale came from behind in the last half and won the game with a surprise score of 26-25.

Aliens to report by January 1st

District Director R. G. Hoffeller of the Immigration and Naturalization Service stated that aliens in the United States will be required to report their addresses to the Attorney General in the near future.

All aliens, with few exceptions, who are in the United States on January 1 each year, must report their addresses by the end of the month. Only the following classes of aliens are excused from this requirement: (1) accredited diplomats; and (2) persons accredited to certain international organizations.

Trojans place at invitational

The Trojans of Homedale never got started when they were beset with a flurry of troubles. State champion and second place seated Steve Higgins was under the weather all week and couldn't wrestle at the Parma invitational.

The Trojans left with the outlook appearing good with four wrestlers seated third or higher at 106, 115, 123, and 148. The lowly Trojans came back to their old stomping grounds Saturday night with only two-second place medals. The George cousins, Phil and John, both came back, with second-place medals for their well-regarded efforts. Mike Kelly almost came through by pinning his second man of the day and almost had his third opponent pinned but lost 6-2. The only other Trojan to win was Jack Kershner after he pinned his first opponent in the first round.

140 years ago

December 23, 1876

EDITOR IDAHO AVALANCHE – Up to date the proceedings in the Lower House have been void of interest. A resolution for the appointment of a journal clerk, after a prolonged fight, passed the House on Monday by a vote of 13-12.

This morning a bill was introduced in regard to rates of interest. The bill makes it usury to charge more than 12 per cent per annum, and provides in case a higher rate is charged that the whole of the principle shall be forfeited to the school fund. Comment is unnecessary.

Several local measures were introduced; one providing for building a bridge over the Payette at Emmetsville in Ada County. This bridge is an absolute necessity to the country, as by free and safe passage across Payette a vast and rich agricultural region, now lying waste and useless, will be opened up and the country benefited immensely. It will also shorten the distance from the Weiser Valley to the Capital nearly sixty miles. There are miles and miles of the best wheat raising land in the country along the many creeks that will be utilized when the bridge is a fact, and cannot be before. If this one measure is carried the House can afford to retire for it is a pressing necessity and the benefits that must accrue to the Territory cannot be over estimated. Mr. Hart of Bear Lake introduced several measures of public benefit. This gentleman is one of the hardest workers in the House and is proving himself a valuable member. A resolution providing for an investigation of the management of the Penitentiary will be introduced to-morrow by Mr. Cleary of Idaho, one of the best members of the House. Mr. C. is always on the side of the right and weak, a stubborn foe to humbug and corruption of every kind.

The members of the "Third House" petitioned the Lower House for the use of their hall at such times as they required the same, but that sapient assemblage is unable to "see it," and after a week's deliberation refused to allow it. If such a thing ever occurred before in the United States there are many here who would like to know about it. They are fearful I imagine that the burlesque proceedings of the "Third House" would so forcibly remind all observers of their own daily proceedings that it would be impossible to detect the difference between them. The Lower House of the Idaho Legislature has never been regarded as a remarkably brilliant body. Well-posted persons say that the present House will prove inferior to its predecessors. The leader is Major High of Oneida, a Republican. He is a fine, genial, good-hearted gentleman personally and socially; well posted on many subjects, but as a politician with knowledge to amount to anything, of either parliamentary or statute law, I pronounce him a failure. He is possessed of great confidence in his own powers and having considerable of the gift of the gab and that other characteristic of leaders in general – viz.: cheek – he has constituted himself the "Boss." The Republicans follow his lead without a why or a wherefore, and enough weak-kneed Democrats are ready behests. Should both he and his compeers keep on in the narrow-gauge they have been sliding in the past week it will hardly be worth while to retain the balance of the names on the roll as the Major will in his own person constitute the Lower House of Idaho Territory. His efforts at leadership are firmly but generally unavailingly contested by Messrs. Luney, Cleary, McCaleb, Hart and a few others.

Il Penseroso

SOUTH MOUNTAIN – We understand that orders have been received from the company at San Francisco to put a limited force of men at work on the mines in South Mountain. Operations will be carried on a small scale during the winter and the number of unemployed men already in that camp will probably be quite sufficient to meet the present requirements. It is expected that work will be commenced on a larger scale early in the spring.

WINTER – Two months of our winter has passed and the weather has been most agreeable throughout, quite different from the last year for the same period. Two months more will push us well along towards spring, when the roughest of the season will probably be over.

Public notices

SYNOPSIS OF OWYHEE COUNTY COMMISSIONER MINUTES

November 7, 14, 21, 28 & 30, 2016

November 7

Paid all outstanding bills from the following funds:

Current Expense \$75,505 Road and Bridge \$4,859 District Court \$4,482 County Fair \$154 Probation \$1,082 Health District \$4,565 Hist. Society & Museum \$15,184 Indigent & Charity \$35,584 Revaluation \$1,787 Solid Waste \$15,255 Tort \$3,911 \$3,294 County Vessel \$5 Waterways \$806 Off Highway Vehicles \$90 Economic Development \$3,150

Approved the copier lease agreement with Valley Office Systems for the Prosecuting Attorney's office in the amount of \$126 per month and monthly maintenance of \$47.50.

Approved the Lease Agreement in the amount of \$95 to LEAF LLC for the Prosecuting Attorneys copier.

Approved the detailed scope of work from Paragon Consulting for the second phase of the Murphy Flat Road Project in the amount of \$22,000.00.

Approved Ordinance 16-03; Amendment to 5-3-1 Jump Creek Recreation Site.

Approved the payment for students attending the EMS class for Grand View and Bruneau in the amount of \$8,010.00 from Haz-Mat funds.

Approved 3 Certificates of Residency to the College of Western Idaho for student 16-03, 16-04 and 16-05.

Approved 1 Certificate of Residency to the College of Southern Idaho for student 16-06.

Placed a lien on Indigent and Charity case 16-43.

Approved the purchase of a Cutter package in the amount of \$9,221.00, Ram Charger in the amount of \$7,965.00 and Spreader in the amount of \$12,188.00 from Haz-Mat funds for the Grand View Fire Department.

Approved a protest letter to Idaho Department of Water Resources for application 57-11879.

Approved the purchase of 10 hand held radios for the Homedale Fire Department from White Cloud Communications in the amount of \$6,209.00 from Haz-Mat funds.

Approved a Supplemental Protest letter to the BLM regarding Segments 8 and 9 of the Gateway West project.

November 14

Authorized the closure of the Courthouse on November 23, 2016 at 3:00 pm for the day prior to Thanksgiving.

Approved the modification for de-obligation of funds to contract FA4897-11-M-8009 for the Mountain Home Air Force Base road contract.

Approved the 2016 Juvenile Justice Annual Report.

Approved a quote for 2 pagers from Intermountain Communications, Inc. for the Homedale Fire Department in the amount of \$890.00 (with a \$40) mail in rebate).

Approved a Certificate of Residency to the College of Southern Idaho for #16-07. Placed a lien on Indigent and Charity case 16-44. Denied Indigent and Charity case 16-36. Denied Indigent and Charity case 16-38.

Denied Indigent and Charity case 16-40. Approved Indigent and Charity case 16-33. Approved Indigent and Charity case 16-44.

Conducted a tax deed sale on Parcel RP00820002002AA, Lot 2, Block 2, Shari Hill Estates Phase I Subdivision, S9, T2N, R4W. Bid-

der #1 was the successful bidder in the amount of \$27,500.00.

Took Indigent and Charity case 16-17 under advisement. Canvassed the ballots from the November General Election.

November 21

Paid all outstanding bills from the following funds:

Current Expense \$48,605 Road and Bridge \$56,758 District Court \$11,432 Probation \$801 Historical Society & Museum \$598 Indigent and Charity \$18,846 Revaluation \$593 Solid Waste \$1,499 911 \$3,822 County Vessel \$7,734 Waterways \$343 Off Highway Vehicles \$150 Economic Development \$259

Approved the new hire of Sheriff Deputy Mike Barclay to the Sheriff Department in the amount of \$17.22 per hour, to begin on November 28, 2016.

Approved the new hire of Gary Peer as Investigator for the Sheriff Department in the amount of \$14.00 per hour to begin on November 28, 2016.

Approved the quote from Whitecloud Communications for 10 radios for Homedale Ambulance Service in the amount of \$6,884.50.

Approved the BLM Idaho Wildland Urban Interface Community Fire Assistance grant.

Approved the Western States CAT sales agreement for the CAT420F2 Loader in the amount of \$107,308.91, contract #032515-CAT.

Approved a Certificate of Residency to the College of Western Idaho for student 16-08.

November 28

Approved the Western States Cat 420F2 Loader purchase in the amount of \$106,308.91, previously approved at the incorrect amount.

Approved the Valley County Juvenile Detention Agreement in the amount of \$125.00 per day per juvenile.

Approved the transfer of a BHS grant utility trailer to Boise County.

Approved 4 Certificates of Residency to the College of Southern Idaho for students 16-09, 16-10, 16-11 and 16-12.

Approved 1 Certificate of Residency to the College of Western Idaho for student 16-13. Approved 1 Certificate of Residency to the North Idaho College for student 16-14.

November 30

Approved the new hire of Harry Packwood as Sheriff Deputy to begin November 30, 2016, at \$16.28 per hour.

The complete minutes can be viewed online at <http://www.owyheecounty.net> or in the Clerk's office.

12/21/2016

BEFORE THE OWYHEE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

A public meeting will be held on January 23, 2017 at 6:00 pm in the annex building of the Owyhee County Courthouse located at 17069 Basey St. in Murphy, Idaho. The purpose of this meeting will be to hear public comments on the proposed road categorizations of RS2477 rights of way shown on USGS quadrangle maps within portions of the following townships and ranges:

6S8E, 7S8E, 8S7E, 8S8E, 8S9E, 8S10E, 08S11E, 8S12E, 9S7E, 9S8E, 9S9E, 9S10E, 9S11E, 9S12E, 10S8E, 10S9E, 10S10E, 10S11E, 10S12E, 11S7E, 11S8E, 11S9E, 11S10E, 11S11E, 11S12E, 12S7E, 12S8E, 12S9E, 12S10E, 12S11E, 12S12E, 13S7E, 13S8E, 13S9E, 13S10E, 13S11E, 13S12E, 14S7E, 14S8E, 14S9E, 14S10E,

14S11E, 14S12E, 15S7E, 15S8E, 15S9E, 15S10E, 15S11E, 15S12E, 16S7E, 16S8E, 16S9E, 16S10E, 16S11E, and 16S12E.

The categories group the rights of way located on federal lands in accordance with Owyhee County Resolution 2011-21, which established the final groups and criteria for such groups. No groups cover rights of way located on private lands. The proposed maps are available for viewing in the planning and zoning office located in the annex building of the Owyhee County Courthouse at 17069 Basey St. in Murphy during regular business hours Monday through Friday, 8:30am to 12:00pm, and 1:00pm to 5:00pm.

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NOTICE BOARD TRUSTEE VACANCY

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 365, BRUNEAU-GRAND VIEW, ELMORE AND OWYHEE COUNTIES, IDAHO

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Trustees has a trustee vacancy from Zone 2, which is in the Bruneau area. Interested persons must reside in Zone 2 and should submit a letter of interest to the school district clerk. Letters of interest may be mailed to: Bruneau Grand View Joint School District 365, 39678 State Highway 78, Bruneau, Idaho 83604.

Dated this 16th day of December 2016

Jessica Johnson, Clerk of the Board, School District No. 365

12/21/2016

NOTICE

The annual meeting of the Bruneau Buckaroo Ditch Company will be held at the Bruneau Legion Hall on Monday, January 2, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

Chris Alzola, Secretary 208-587-2789

12/21/2016

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

Idaho Code 45-1506 Today's date: November 14, 2016 File No.: 8077.20137 Sale date and time (local time): March 16, 2017 at 11:00 AM Sale location: in the lobby of the Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Highway 78, Murphy, Idaho 83650 Property address: 1620 Hill Road Homedale, ID 83628 Successor Trustee: Northwest Trustee Services, Inc., an Idaho Corporation P.O. Box 997 Bellevue, WA 98009 (425) 586-1900 Deed of Trust information Original grantor: Everett Bud Jones & V. Pauline Jones, husband and wife Original trustee: First American Title Insurance Company Original beneficiary: KeyBank National Association Recording date: 05/14/2007 Recorder's instrument number: 260961 County: Owyhee Sum owing on the obligation: as of November 14, 2016: \$76,488.73 Because of interest, late charges, and other charges that may vary from day to day, the amount due on the day you pay may be greater. Hence, if you pay the amount shown above, an adjustment may be necessary after we receive your check. For further information write or call the Successor Trustee at the address or telephone number provided above. Basis of default: failure to make payments when due. Please take notice that the Successor Trustee will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for certified funds or equivalent the property described above. The property address is identified to comply with IC 60-113 but is not warranted to be correct. The property's legal de-

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scription is: Situated in the County of Owyhee and State of Idaho: In Township 4 North, Range 6 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho. Section 25: That part of the Southwest quarter of the Southeast quarter lying West of the "D" Canal of the Gem Irrigation District more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the Southwest corner of said Southwest quarter of the Southwest quarter, Section 25 being the true point of beginning; thence North 1 degree 30 minutes West a distance of 344.9 feet to the centerline of the "D" Canal; thence South 48 degrees 05 minutes East a distance of 308 feet; thence South 23 degrees 27 minutes East a distance of 156.08 feet; thence North 89 degrees 10 minutes 30 seconds West a distance of 282.3 feet to the true point of beginning. MORE ACCURATELY DESCRIBED AS: Situated in the County of Owyhee and State of Idaho: In Township 4 North, Range 6 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho. Section 25: That part of the Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter lying West of the "D" Canal of the Gem Irrigation District more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the Southwest corner of said Southwest Quarter of the Southeast (shown of record as Southwest) Quarter, Section 25 being the True Point of Beginning; thence North 1 degree 30 minutes West a distance of 344.9 feet to the centerline of the "D" Canal; thence South 48 degrees 05 minutes East a distance of 308 feet; thence South 23 degrees 27 minutes East a distance of 156.08 feet; thence South 23 degrees 27 minutes East a distance of 156.08 feet; thence North 89 degrees 10 minutes 30 seconds West a distance of 282.3 feet to the True Point of Beginning. The sale is subject to conditions, rules and procedures as described at the sale and which can be reviewed at www.northwesttrustee.com or USA-foreclosure.com. The sale is made without representation, warranty or covenant of any kind. Jones, Everett (TS# 8077.20137) 1002.289367-File No. 11/30;12/7,14,21/16

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

Idaho Code 45-1506 Today's date: November 9, 2016 File No.: 8296.20496 Sale date and time (local time): March 17, 2017 at 11:00 AM Sale location: in the lobby of the Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Highway 78, Murphy, Idaho 83650 Property address: 1 West California Avenue Homedale, ID 83628 Successor Trustee: Northwest Trustee Services, Inc., an Idaho Corporation P.O. Box 997 Bellevue, WA 98009 (425) 586-1900 Deed of Trust information Original grantor: Justin W Kelleher, a married man as his sole and separate estate Original trustee: Pioneer Title Company Original beneficiary: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., solely as nominee for HomeStreet Bank, a Washington State Chartered Savings Bank, successors and assigns Recording date: 12/31/2013 Recorder's instrument number: 282952 County: Owyhee Sum owing on the obligation: as of November 9, 2016: \$127,796.73 Because of interest, late charges, and other charges that may vary from day to day, the amount due on the day you pay may be greater. Hence, if you pay the amount shown above, an adjustment may be necessary after we receive your check. For further information write or call the Successor Trustee at the address or telephone number provided above. Basis of default: failure to make payments when

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due. Please take notice that the Successor Trustee will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for certified funds or equivalent the property described above. The property address is identified to comply with IC 60-113 but is not warranted to be correct. The property's legal description is: Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 of Block 57 of the Amended Plat of the City of Homedale, Owyhee County, Idaho. The sale is subject to conditions, rules and procedures as described at the sale and which can be reviewed at www.northwesttrustee.com or USA-foreclosure.com. The sale is made without representation, warranty or covenant of any kind. Kelleher, Justin W. (TS# 8296.20496) 1002.289318-File No. 11/30;12/7,14,21/16

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS CASE NO. CV2016-1154H IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE

In the Matter of the Estates of HARRY J. ZANKS and LEORA U. ZANKS, Deceased Persons.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above named estates. All persons having claims against the said decedents 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 both filed with the Court and presented to the Personal Representative of the estates at the law office of DAVID E. KERRICK, 1001 Blaine Street, (Post Office Box 44) Caldwell, Idaho 83606.

DATED this 30 day of November, 2016.

LEORA Z. SUMMERS, Personal Representative 12/7,14,21/2016

THE FOLLOWING APPLICATION HAS BEEN FILED TO APPROPRIATE THE PUBLIC WATERS OF THE STATE OF IDAHO:

57-11881, FJ WILSON AND SARAH WILSON TRUST, 375 S SCHOBER LP, NAMPA, ID 83686

Point of Diversion NWSE S12 T01N R04W OWYHEE County Source GROUND WATER

Use: DOMESTIC 01/01 to 12/31 0.04 CFS

Use: IRRIGATION 03/01 to 11/15 0.14 CFS

Use: STOCKWATER 01/01 to 12/31 0.02 CFS

Total Diversion: 0.2 CFS Date Filed: 8/11/2016

Places of Use: DOMESTIC, STOCKWATER, IRRIGATION T01N R04W S12 NWSE

Total Acres: 4.5

Permits will be subject to all prior water rights. For additional information concerning the property location, contact Western Region office at (208) 334-2190; or for a full description of the right(s), please see www.idwr.idaho.gov/WaterManagement/WaterRights. Protests may be submitted based on the criteria of Idaho Code § 42-203A. Any protest against the approval of the application(s) must be filed with the Director, Dept. of Water Resources, Western Region, 2735 Airport Way, Boise ID 83705 together with a protest fee of \$25.00 for each application on or before 1/9/2017. The protestant must also send a copy of the protest to the applicant.

GARY SPACKMAN, Director 12/21,28/2016

Owyhee County Church Directory

<p>Calvary Fellowship Homedale Pastor Rich Wright 4220 E Pioneer Road Church time is 10:00 am on Sunday & Wednesday at 7:00 pm River Youth Sunday 6:00pm (208) 880-4033</p>	<p>Golden Gate Baptist Church Wilder Pastor Robert Potter, Jr., CLP Corner of Second and "B" Streets Church time is 11:00 am on Sunday Call (208) 880-4308 for information</p>	<p>Our Lady of Tears Church Silver City Mass Summer Schedule 1pm June 19 • July 17 • August 14 • Sept. 11 All invited to potluck after each mass in home of Dave Wilper For more information, call St. Paul's Church, Nampa 466-7031</p>
<p>Iglesia Misionera Biblica Homedale Pastor Silverio Cardenas Jr. 132 W Owyhee • 337-5975 Servicios: Vier - 7pm - Oracion Mier - 7pm Predicacion Dom - 10am Esc. Dom y 6:30pm "Una Iglesia Diferente."</p>	<p>Knight Community Church Grand View Pastor Ivan Shetler 630 Idaho Street 208-834-2639 Sunday School 9:30am Worship Service 10:45am</p>	<p>Crossroads Assembly of God Wilder Pastors Ron & Martha Hwy 19 & 95, 890-9132 Sunday School 9:30am Sunday Morning Worship 10:30am Sunday Evening Worship 6pm Wed. Bible Study 7pm</p>
<p>Assembly of God Church Homedale 15 West Montana, 337-4458 Sunday Morning Worship 10:30am Sunday Evening Service 6:00pm Wed. Bible Study 7:00pm Wed. Children & Youth Ministries 7:00pm</p>	<p>Friends Community Church Wilder - Homedale 17434 Hwy 95, 337-3464 Sunday School 9:30 am Worship Services: 10:45 am Sundays www.homedalefriends.org</p>	<p>Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church Caldwell 1122 W. Linden St. 459-3653 Mass: Saturday 5:00 pm Sunday 9:30 am Spanish Mass: Saturday 7:00 pm Spanish Mass: Sunday Noon</p>
<p>Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church Homedale 337-4248 Sunday Services 10am Pastor Sean Rippey Adult and Children Sunday School 9-9:45am Visitors Always Welcome! Call Church for Prayer requests</p>	<p>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 880-2767 Jake & Alisha Henriouille, Youth Pastors 761-6747 Sunday Services at 10 am</p>	<p>Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Homedale 708 West Idaho Ave 337-4112 Bishop Mark Thatcher Bishop Robert T. Christensen Sunday 1st Ward 1pm Sunday 2nd Ward 9am</p>
<p>Homedale Baptist Church Homedale 212 S. 1st W. 739-5952 Sunday Worship 11am-Noon</p>	<p>Wilder Church of God Wilder 205 A St. E., 649-7698 Pastor Ray Gerthung Sunday School 9:45am Sunday Service 11am Sunday Eve. 6:00pm Wed. Eve. 7:00pm</p>	<p>Mountain View Church of the Nazarene Wilder-Homedale 26515 Ustick Road 337-3151 Sunday School 9:30 Worship 10:30 Adult & Youth Bible Class: Wednesday 7:00 pm Children's Caravan Program</p>
<p>MARSING APOSTOLIC ASSEMBLY Asamblea Apostolica de Marsing 107 W. Main • Marsing, Idaho Pastor Jose Gutierrez 208-461-9016 or 880-6172 Sunday School 10:00 am Sunday Service 1 pm • Wednesday Service 7 pm Bilingual Services/Español</p>	<p>Iglesia Evangelica Wilder 317 3rd st., Pastor Ramiro Reyes 10 am Sunday School 11 am Service 482-7484 Bilingual</p>	<p>St. David's Episcopal Church 1800 Arlington Ave. Caldwell, ID 83605 208-459-9261 stdavids@stdavidscaldwell.org www.stdavid.episcopalidaho.org</p>
<p>Christian Church Homedale 110 W. Montana Pastor Maurice Jones 208-319-4650 Don Vanderbough 208-867-5418 Sunday Morning Worship 11am Church school 9:45</p>	<p>Bible Missionary Church Homedale West Idaho, 337-3425 Pastor Ron Franklin Sunday School 10am Worship 11am Sunday Evening 7pm Wednesday Evening 7:30</p>	<p>Assembly of God Church Marsing 139 Kerry, 965-1650 Pastor Rick Sherrow Sunday School 10am Sunday Worship 11am & 6 pm</p>
<p>Lizard Butte Baptist Church Marsing Pastor David London 116 4th Ave. W., 859-2059 Sunday worship: Morning: 11am-Noon • Evening: 6-7pm Sunday school 10 am-10:55am Wednesday evening 6pm-7pm</p>	<p>Nazarene Church Marsing Pastor Bill O'Connor 649-5256 12 2nd Avenue West Worship Services - Sunday 11am and 6pm Sunday School - 9:45am Mid Week TLC Groups</p>	<p>Trinity Holiness Church Homedale 119 N. Main Pastor Samuel Page 337-5021 Sunday School 10am Sunday Morning Worship 11am Sunday Evening 7pm Thursday Evening 7:30pm</p>
<p>Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Marsing 215 3rd Ave. West, 896-4151 Sunday 1st Ward, 1:00 p.m. Bishop Rowley Sunday 2nd Ward, 9:00 a.m. Bishop McIntyre</p>	<p>Vision Community Church Marsing 221 West Main Marsing, Idaho 208-779-7926 Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Sunday Service 10:30 a.m. Adult, Kids & Youth Meetings Wed. 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>United Methodist Church Wilder Exploring the Bible: Public Invited 2nd & 4th Tuesday: 4-5pm Corner of 4th St. & B Ave. Pastor Dave Raines 208-880-8751 Sunday Service 9:30am</p>
<p>First Presbyterian Church Homedale 320 N. 6th W. Sunday Morning Worship 11am Sunday School 11am 208-473-9331</p>	<p>Calvary Holiness Church - Wilder Corner of 3rd St. & B Ave. • 208-989-0196 Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. • Sunday Worship: 11:00 a.m. Sunday: 6:00 p.m. • Wednesday: 7:00 p.m. Food Pantry hours • 208-989-0226 2nd & 3rd Friday of month 2pm-4pm 4th Friday of month 12-1pm</p>	<p>Garnet Seventh-Day Adventist Church 16613 Garnet Rd., Wilder 208-649-5280 Email: garnetSDA@icloud.com Worship 9:30am Sabbath School 10:45am Wednesday Bible Study 7:00-8 pm</p>
<p>Iglesia Bautista Palabra de Esperanza Homedale 711 W. Idaho, 463-9569 Pastor Jose Diaz Servicios: Los Domingos 11:00 am</p>	<p>Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic Church - Oreana 2016 Mass Schedule - the following Saturdays at 10:00am Jan. 23 - Feb. 27 - Mar. 19 - Apr. 23 - May 28 June 25 - July 16 BBQ - Aug. 27 - Sept. 24 - Oct. 22 - Nov. 26 - Dec. 17 All are welcome! For more information, call St. Paul's Church, Nampa 466-7031</p>	<p>Amistad Cristiana de Wilder UMC Esquina de 4 y calle B Domingos Servicio: 12:00 pm El Ropero (Banco de ropa) Miercoles 12- 2pm Martes y Jueves: 6:30 pm Ingles Sabados: 12:00 pm Arte Infantil Todo en Espanol, Inf. 989 7508</p>

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Jordan Valley children present Christmas plays

Jordan Valley's kindergarten through sixth-grade students presented their Christmas Program last Wednesday.

Elementary teachers Lisa Young (kindergarten through third) and Kim Johnsrud (fourth through sixth) directed students as each class put on their own play for family and friends.

A potluck dinner started the evening, and a visit from Santa Claus capped the night.

Jordan Valley High School senior Kasen Skinner filled in for an important role when U.S. Highway 95 was closed between Marsing and Jordan Valley because of snowy roads and wrecks.



At right: Jordan Valley Elementary students perform in the Christmas program last Wednesday. **From left:** Lacey Gammett, Jill Gammett, Chris Mackenzie, Bode Johnsrud, Kyndra Williams. Photo by Jamie Collins

Hands Around Homedale has strong finish

Top: Members of the Country Kids 4-H Club delivered several cans and boxes of non-perishables to Homedale Elementary School counselor Rande Garrett last Wednesday for the Hands Around Homedale food drive. **From left:** Tyler Stebly, Garrett, Ellie Miller, Si Purdom, Jack Decker and Mia Badiola.

Below: Garrett received a portion of the 9,000 pounds of chicken and pork that Euzkaldunak Charities purchased from Albertson from Caldwell Basque Club members and Homedale residents Ric Uria (left) and Tim Quintana (right). Behind Garrett are oranges, onions and potatoes donated by Allendale Produce.

Euzkaldunak Charities also gave chicken and pork to Trinity Holiness Church, Mountain View Church of the Nazarene and Homedale Friends Community Church as well as food banks in Parma, Caldwell and Nampa.



From left: Danielle Ready, Katelyn Sevy with her artwork and her teacher Loretta Rost.

MES student receives Idaho Power art award

Marsing fourth-grader Katelyn Sevy received her prize as western regional age group runner-up in the Idaho Power's annual art contest.

Danielle Ready, the utility's community education representative, presented the 9-year-old daughter of Zach-

ary and Autumn Sevy with a ribbon, a \$25 gift card and her framed artwork on Dec. 13.

Loretta Rost, gave Katelyn the idea to compete in "Ways to Save" category.

The contest theme is important because "people shouldn't waste energy," Katelyn said.

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✓ Watch: Wilper keeps track of repairs needed on town's private property

"If so, I report it to the homeowner," he said. "If it's something simple that I can fix myself, I do. But if it's not, I tell them what they need and then they send somebody up here to fix it."

Wilper bought his home on Jordan Street in Silver City in 1979. He decided to start staying during the winter in 2014, and figured he may as well throw his hat in the ring to serve as watchman.

"Because my house is right at the entrance to town, it made sense," he said.

Once this winter is over, the Silver City Homeowners Association will have to find someone else to serve as watchman.

"Three years is enough," Wilper said. "In the winter, it gets real tedious after a while. Towards spring, you're ready to get out of here."

However, he added that there's always plenty to do to keep busy.

"Splitting firewood, doing laundry, cooking. I do have TV," Wilper said. "I had satellite put in this year. I do have internet, so I post on Facebook, and that's how I communicate with the homeowners. And I've got 500 movies on DVD."

In addition to his four-wheeler, Wilper also has a snowmobile in case of an emergency.

He's also a member of Silver City Fire and Rescue.

"So I've got a radio. I can talk to dispatch and get the sheriff up here, and I've got another radio if we have to call LifeFlight up here," Wilper said.

One of his favorite memories as watchman happened during the winter of 2014-15 when there was very little snow.

A man who had never been to



One would be hard-pressed to make out the streets in the historic mining town, but Silver City winter watchman Dave Wilper knows just where to go when making his rounds to check on the condition of the buildings entrusted to him. Submitted photo

Silver City drove in on a four-wheeler and said he wanted to go up on War Eagle Mountain.

Wilper advised the man against it, and told him he would probably get stuck on the mountain.

"They're going to find your frozen body in the spring," he said. "Later on that afternoon, the sheriff called and asked if I'd seen this guy and said somebody called from War Eagle

Mountain. He ran out of gas on his four-wheeler, and they had to send a rescue crew up here when it was really icy. The crew was not happy to come up here."

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LETTERS TO SANTA

Owyhee schoolchildren share their wish lists



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Bailey, Laura Eubanks' class, Homedale Elementary

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Laura Eubanks' second-graders

Dear Santa,
 how is Rudolph and how is Mrs Claus? I help my friend and family I do the dishes. I help feed sheep. a dertback pokemon cards an a nerf guns. I wish you a merry chistmas.

Love, Tyce

Dear Santa,
 Whut do you do with your elves? What is your favorite reindeer? I gave my mom a blukit when she was sik. I help my brither do chors. Can you please give me a sily string? give me a nice booke pleae? I wish you can come hear? Can you give me mitis hat scurf.

Love, Aubrie

Dear Santa,
 How are you and your reindeer doing? do you like your elves? I have been good by doing all of my work at school and I teached my sister how to slide down the slide and I teached my sister how to read. May I have an xbox with Mario games on it andmy own hairbrush and my own diary that goes with a key. I wish you a merry Christmas! have a very good Christmas!

Love, Heidi

Dear Santa,
 I want to know if your elves are ok. What do you like for me to leave out for you? I have been really good. I have been taking care of my sister. I help my dad. Can I please have a tablet? I would like some action figures please. But not girl ones. I wish you a merrg chrimas. I wish your elves will be ok.

Your Friend, Patrick

Dear Santa,
 Was Rudolph sick one home? if he was who glided your slay? I help my mom do dished. I do the londry. I help my mom set up the Crismis tree! Can I have xbox and xbox gams xbox controllers I wish you a good nihgt and a merry crismis.

Love your frend, Wayne

Dear Santa,
 how are your elves I like your reindeer I helped my mom do the dishis. I want an elf and a reindeer for Christmas. Can I have a shirt and a dress? I wish that Santa slepted in our house.

Love Daiana

Dear Santa,
 How are your raindeer? What are you doing today? I help my friends make lego cars and help my brother clean his room. I wish for legos. An a xbox my brother would like a shot gun. I hope you have a good day.

Merry Christmas, Ty

Dear Santa,
 Who's your favorite reindeer? What elf works for you? I teach my sister how to write! I feed my baby sister! I wish for an X box 3 sixty! I wish for a phone! I wish for a Plant vs Zombies set! I hope you have a good Christmas.

Love your friend, James A.

Dear Santa,
 Hello, how are you and your elves? How are you and your reindeer? I have been good because I help my mom and dad clean after school all day. I want an ice crem maker and a camra and a tablet and that's all. I hope you have a amazing Christmas Santa.

your friend, Ana

Dear Santa,
 What are you doing in the north pole? is Rudoph okay? I have done all the things my mom needed to do. I even started the cat when my dad was fixing it. For Christmas I want a boom box with a mike and a castlie plecte and some mittens.

Merry Christmas from, Baylee

Dear Santa,
 How are the elves? Have they been good? Do you still have rudolpy? I help my mom make cupcakes. I help my bruther with



Ana, Laura Eubanks' class, Homedale Elementary

his homework. I try to be good. I been nice to my uncle. Can I please get a 3 DS Pokemon moon and Pokemon mega rubie? Have a merry Christmas. Merry Christmas to you.

From, Marcus

Dear Santa,
 how are you and doing? Do you like lolelves? I will draw a pic her for you. I want a maker up and a dress and I like a tablet. I will give a card for you.

your frind, Dania

Dear Santa,
 Hello how are you the elves? how is your wife and Rudolph and the reindeer I help my mom cooking I want the mega masdon and a PS5 and Legos. I need a nurse robot Merry Christmas

by Damian

Dear Santa,
 Hello how are you and your elf? What is your favite reindeer? what is your favrite elf? I have been good washing my dad car. I have been good. I want Shopkin's,

Chrimas Lego and Monster high Dolls and the house. I hope your elves are good and you and your elves need a break. I hope you and your elevels reindeer have a good day Merry Christmas

your friend, Maritsa

Dear Santa,
 Thank you for the elf last year. How is Rudolph and your elves. I tried to be on your good list so I put food on my mom s plate, I

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Nancy Smith's second-graders

Dear Santa

Is Rudolph real? What do you do after all the toys are done? Thanks for answering my questions. I helped my mom do the laundry. I try to be nice to her. I want legos and star wars books. That would be nice if you send those to me. Have a Happy New year and a merry Christmas.

Love Logan

Dear Santa

I would like to ask you some questions. How are you doing? Do you like cookies a lot? I help at my school by playing nice with my friends. My friend Vanessa wants a pony. I would like a shopins set. That would be very nice of you to send those. Have a Happy New and a fun time.

Your Friend Lindsay

Dear Santa Claus

I am writing you a letter. How do you get down the chimney. How do you get off the stove. I have been good helping friends. I play nice with my friends at school. For Christmas my friend Lorelai Sopkin karaoke set and Logan iphone 7. And I then you could send me ice skates. I wish you a happy Christmas.

Love Teague

Dear Santa Claus

Can I ask you some question? Where do you put your animals? I help my Mom clean the house and I help her cook dinner. I would like Num Nums, a doll house and a make-up set. Hope you have a Happy Christmas.

Love, Jazmyne

Dear Santa

How did you get so many elves? How old are you and your elves? Thanks for answering my questions. I have been god because I have been nice by helping my family. I want a blue perplexus ball, and a robot kit. My friend Boston wants a bike. Thank you for the gifts. Have a Happy New Year and a Merry Christmas.

Love your friend, Brody

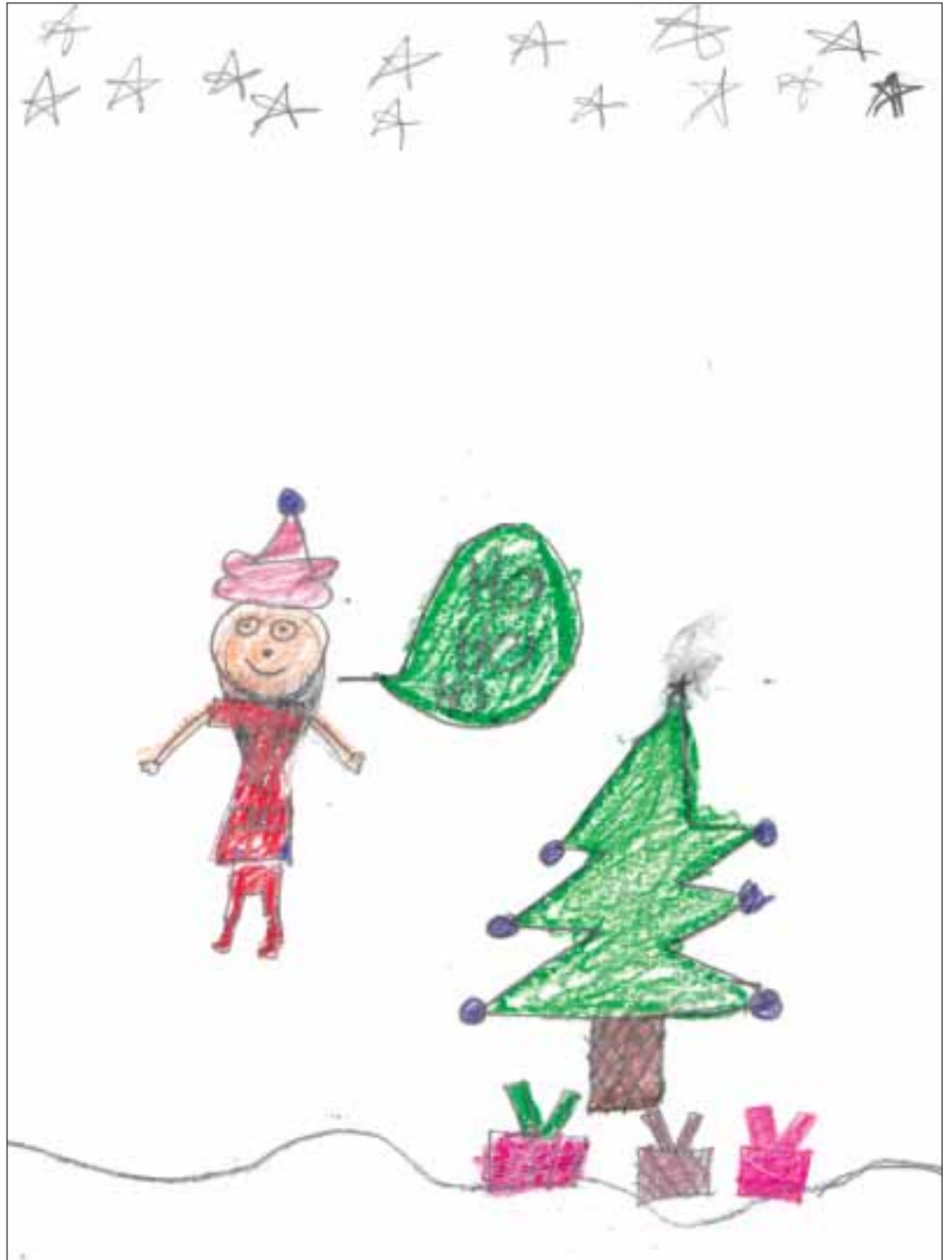
Dear Santa

I am writing you a letter. Why do you have a long beared? Why do you have to wear a red suit? I have helped friends at school on the play ground I try to be nice. I would like snow boots that are pink. I thank you very much. I wish to see you soon I will give you a big hug.

Sincerely Vanessa

Dear Santa.

I want to ask you some questions. Where do you live? Why is Christmas at the end of



Brookelynn, Nancy Smith's class, Homedale Elementary

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the year? I am good by being nice to everyone in my class. I please want these for Christmas. A Lego movie set a Xbox 360, and, a Mine Craft Video game. I wish you a merry Christmas.

Love your friend Dominick

Dear Santa Claus

Can I ask you some questions? How are your elves? How old are you? I been good by helping my mother. I help her clean up the house. I want Legos, Math games, and a Pokemon set. That would be very nice if you tryed to send those to me. I wish you a merry Christmas.

Love Anthony

Dear Santa

How is your elves? How old are you? I help my mom clean the house. I want a new lego set. I want anew bike and anew Xbox360. I wish you a merry chritmas.

Your Friend Nick

Dear Santa

What is your favorite color? How many elveves do you have? I have been good at school and at

home. I want snow boots, gloves, coat ant a hat. Have a Happy New Year.

Love Chloe

Dear Santa Claus

I have written you a letter. Do you like cookies? Do you get tired at night? I have been good by not getting in fights with my sister. I have been good by doing dishes. My friend Teague wants a Barbie House. My friend Lindsay want's a Shopkin Cookie Pillow. My friend Boston wont a Xbox1. It would be great of you have them these gifts sent.

Your friend Lorela

Dear Santa Claus

How do you fly? What is your favorite thing in the world. I have respect for everyone. I would like a Lego Set and a Drome. I wish you go safely flying around.

Love Olivert

Dear Santa Claus

Can I ask you some questions? How do you get here? How old are you. I have been good by helping my Mom clean the house.

Please I want a cooking set for Christmas and, a sofe set. Merry Christmas and Happy New year.

Love Emma

Dear Santa

I please want legos, a movie and books. I was good when I helped push someone on the swings at school. I would like to ask you some questions? How many elves to you have? I wish you a Happy New Year!

love Payton

Dear Santa

I am going to write you a letter. How does your sled work? How old are your elves? How old are you. I have been good by doing my chores. At home I feed the goats and chickens. For Christmas I please want a Xbox1 and new bike and my friend Brody wants a blue Perplexus ball. See you at Christmas. I will Thank you.

Love Boston

Dear Santa Claus

How do you make toys?

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HOMEDALE ELEMENTARY

Kandy Stanford's second-graders

Dear Santa,

how have you been? How are your reindeer. I have been sharing with my brother's ive been my bed as part of my chores and do it every day. I want a dirt bike and an xbox controlrer and a new xbox game wwe 2k17. Have good cookies and have fun giving kids presit.

your friend. tony

Dear Santa,

How are the Reindeers? Are you feeding them? I have been good because I feed my dogs every day. I go owt with my sister. I relly want a tabllit. And lagegos to. And pet shop. I hope you like my cookys.

Love Jade

Dear Santa,

How is it in the North Pool? Do you have the reindeer ready for Christmas? I have been good at helping my mom. and I have been helping my sister with her homework. If you would make a gift, I would enjoy a watch with a timer. I would liked colored pencils. I hope you have a Good trip. I hope you have a good December 24th. Enjoy 2017!

your frind, Adil

Dear Santa,

How are you doing? Is mis clos doing well? I have been good girl. I make my bed, and I take care of my baby sister. I want a bike and a copier and a klok. I wish you a marry chrimas.

Love, Monica

Dear Santa,

Have you been feeding the randeer? Are you resting? I have been being good by helping my mom clean. I am doing homework everyday. I wont a 3OS and a 2OS and a Xbox 360 and an Xbox 1. Have a great chistmas.

Love, Eellyas

Dear Santa,

How are you? Are your reindeer resting? I have been good by clearing the table. I have been trying to get on the good list by babysitting. If I could have something I would have an Xbox 1S for playing games. Have a mary Christmas and a happy new year!

Love, Maverick

Dear Santa,

How do you make your reindeer fly? How is the wether? I have been good, I didn't bully at school. I don't lie. I want a bysical. I would enjoy a diary. I would like a marker box. Have a grat time! I hope you have a great 2017.

Love, Miley

Dear Santa,

How are the randreers dowing?



Emma, Kandy Stanford's class, Homedale Elementary

Are the good? I have hllpt my mom. I have Kleend my bedroom. I would like a yo yo and a huver bord. I hope you have a safe trip. I got good cocies.

Your frend Carsen

Dear Santa,

How is roodofa? Are you having a g year? I helpt my mom with the dish washer. I wont a dog a kitten and a bike. I hope you have fun!

love Tianna

Dear Santa,

How are you doing. How are your reideer. I have been trying to be on your good list. I have been reading at my house. I have been doing my home work. I would like a real car and a amercan doll and maybe a laptop. I wish you a meary Chrismtas. I hope you have a safe trip. Enjoy 2017

you friend Eme

Dear Santa,

How is rowdofe? How are you

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Santa? I have been trying to be good. whin my pets get hongery, I feed them. I ride my horse when I am told. can I plees have a new bike and a new saddle pad. I hope you have a safe trip on December 24th enjoy 2017. I love you

your frind, Kenzie Lynn

Dear Santa,

How are your raigndeer doing? Are you doing good with Mrs. I try to get on your good list. I have been poooper scooping. I woulb wunt a remote control truck. I wish you mery cristmas I wish you mery Cristmas with a new year.

Love, Wylie

Dear Santa,

How are you doing? Is mis clos doing well? I have been trying to get on the good list. I always play with my dog named charlie. I would like a new DvD player please. I would also like

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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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Kristi Uria's second-graders

Dear santa,

I want to ask you a coppl questions? How can you live so long? Haw long hav you ben alive? Santa first of all I been working hard this year. The first way I have ben good I helpt my dad. The cenkent way I have been good I helpt my dad,s workers. May I ask for 2-3 gifts? I wont Xbox threesixty with four controlllers. and a go cart. and a puppy. I want to tell you a asm wish I hope you have a good time with yor randers.

merry christmas, Shayde

Dear St. Nick

I have a fyo questions for you! What is your ranedeers names? What is your elves names? Do you have a snow maker? Santa, I want you a know a thene or two about me. First of all I hlpe make Solid. The second way I have been good I fede the animals. The last way I have been good is I practist Homewik. can I assk for one or tow. may I have skyroom for playstoshin four? I hope everyone gets a gift. and no one gets a pece of cole. I hope you do not git seen.

**merry Christmas to all.
Weston**

Dear Santa Claus,

Can I ask you a few questions? what kind of food do you like? what kind of house do you live in? santa I want you to know that I've been veary veary good this year! first of all I have been doing the ice cubes the second reason I have been helping my dad stack the wood. the last reason is I have been doing the can's. may I please have a real live pet? that is a bird, but I want it in colors of green, purple, yellow, pink, blue, brown, red, orange and white. may I also have a necklace that is a dog that is brown? I hope you

do not fall off the sleigh

**Have a mary Christmas
Santa, Ashlyn**

Dear St. Nick,

May I ask you some questions? how old ar your elfs? How old are your raindeer. Santa, I want you to know I've been very very good this year. First of all I help my mom whih my baby sister and my baby bro. The second way I was good is I help my mom sweep. Can I ask for some presets? Can I please have mortal kombatX? can you pleas give a coat to the poor? good luck flying on your slay.

Happy new year, Devon

Dear Santa,

I need to ask you a cuple questions. Dose Roudophrily have a red nose? How can you live so long? Santa, I wanted you to know that I've been very good this year gain. First of all I've been good by having responsibility for my Mom. The second way I've been good is I help my mom take out the trash. I also help my Poppy spray weads on the forweeler. Santa can I pleas have a X-box-360, blue Samsun iphone, and a live pet puppy. Allso a nice gift to a person in need and a nice bowl of chikennutle soup for a person in need.

Merry Chritmas, Ethan

Dear Santa Claus,

May I ask you a few questions? How old are you? How old is your wife? Santa I have been very good this year. First of all I help my dad with sprinkler pipes. The second way I have been good is I do my homework, The last way I've been good is I water my animals. May I ask you for a few gifts? Well first I would like an iphone six with a case that is blue. I really hope



Claire, Kristi Uria's class, Homedale Elementary

you make it ok.

Merry Christmas, Claire

Dear Santa,

Can I ask you and mrs Claus a question what are elvs name and how is Mrs Claus. I have tried to be good this year. First of all I fed animals. The secod way I have been good this year is I cleaned my house for mom. The last way I have been good I cleaned my room. Santa can you get me this year a nerf gun? Santa please can I have a Santa costume? And Santa can you please get a reesees bag with kitkats in it to. I hope you and mrs Claus a wonderful christmas this year.

**merry Christmas Santa,
Shad**

Dear Santa,

can I ask you a few questions? I love wen you give the cool gifts. how old are you Santa I been good this year. I help my mom get the male when she is sice I help my mom do the gifts for Christ the last I help mom clean the house So mey I have 2-3 gifts? May I have a little life pete bird with a qcach I wold also like markers and crands can I pleas have a toy pany? I hope you have a good a Christmas

**wonerfal Happy Holiday,
Brianna**

Dear Santa,

can I ask you a question? How is yor slay doing? and yor ranbeer? How are thay? Santa I hav ben very good Ferst of all I help feed the horses. The sekint way I hav ben good is I take my bogonu wak by my self. one last way is I helped load the forwelers. santa can I ples hav a rc monster teruk. and a kids call of doote game. Santa can I

ples hav a samsunig fon can it be blue and the abb of the mincraft game I wish I was a Elf!

Merry Christmas, Logan

Dear Santa,

I want to ask you some questions. What do your raindeer look like? Hold old are your reindeers? Santa I have been really good this year. First of all I have been cleaning the house. The second way I have beengood is by cleaning up the garoge. Can you please give me one present? I want an iphone. I want it with happy wheels and youtube. Also with a camera and snapchat and anything that a regler iphone would have. I would like for somewoon to have a sweeter. I hope you have a safe travole.

Merry Chistmas, Daniel

Dear Santa,

May I ask you a couple questions? How many elves do you have? How many reindeer

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MARSING ELEMENTARY

Dorothy Hutchings' second-graders

Dear Santa,

My name is Camila. How are you? I will give you a snack when you come to my house. I would like an xbox and magi tracks for Christmas, I will make a present for you and Rudolph,

Good Bye, Camila

Dear Santa Claus,

My name is Corbin I hope everybody gets a Christmas present I would like a basketball hoop for Christmas How are the elves doing?

Thank you, Corbin

Dear Santa Claus,

Hi Santa, my name is Bobbie. I hope very girl and boy get a surprise, and something they want for Christmas. I would like a pie Face game and an art set for Christmas. Why do you wear a red suit?

Thank you, Bobbie

Dear Santa,

Hi Santa I am Hope. I hope the elves are doing good. I will leave extra cookie out for you on Christmas Eve. Can you get me a toy dog for Christmas. I would also like a toy cat, how is Mrs. Claus?

From, Hope

Dear Santa Claus,

I like you because you are kind and nice. I would like a Five Lego set and two cats for Christmas.

Your friend, Quinton

Dear Santa Claus,

Hi Santa, my name is Lizeth. For Christmas I would like a Barbie to Go and a Barbie Dreamhouse. In my house when you see the carrots they are for the reindeer. The cookie are for you. Why do you wear your suit? Is Mrs. Claus nice?

Thanks Lizeth

Dear Santa Claus,

Hi Santa, my name is Alondra. I was wondering why you wear the hat that you wear. Also are your elves little? Do you have Rudolph? For Christmas I would like the game Gooey-Louie, and some Gemmies.

Thank you very much, Alondra



Mackenzie, Mary Westrand's class, Marsing Elementary

Dear Santa,

My name is Bailey. I am 7. For Christmas this year I would like a sled. How are the reindeer doing?

Thank you, Bailey

Dear Santa,

I hope you have a good flight around the world I would like Pokemon cards for Christmas please. I hope the elves are protecting their ears.

Thank you, Soul

Dear Santa Claus,

Hi Santa, my name is Jade. Can you come to my house for your Christmas present? It's a bit unusual for me to be giving you a present, but I am. Talking about presents could you bring me the Bean Boozled game please. I would also like makeup. I hope you have a good Christmas.

Sincerely, Jade

Dear Santa Claus,

I like you because you are kind and nice. How are your elves doing? Why do you have a red suit? For Christmas would you please bring me an xbox 360, and the game Call of Duty?

Thank you, Jaan

Dear Santa Claus,

Hi Santa, my name is Inarely. I hope every kid in the world is on the good list. If not I hope they are next year. Please tell

the kids I said "Hi". For Christmas I would like a Taylor Swift CD and a Kidz Bop CD.

Sincerely, Inarely

Dear Santa,

Hi Santa, my name is Danylle. I hope you have me on the good list. Your elf Twinkles is very cute. For Christmas I want people to feel better. My Grandma and Grandpa want to have a Merry Christmas. How do you get in my house? I hope you have yummy cookies and Coca Cola or Milk.

Your friend, Danylle

Dear Santa,

My name is Joey. I would like a Rookmoa toy for Christmas. How are you? How is Rudolf?

Thank you, Joey

Dear Santa Claus,

My name is Lily. I was wondering what the names of your elves were. I hope I'm on your good list. For Christmas I would like an Xbox, and a basketball.

Thank you, Lily

Dear Santa Claus,

Hi there Santa. My name is Madysen. I hope your elves are fine. For Christmas I would really like a white puppy, and all of the Magic Tree House Books.

Merry Christmas, Madysen

Dear Santa Claus,

Hi Santa, Are your elves making lots of toys? My name is James. Your name is Nik. Can I please have an Xbox 360 and a Call of Duty game for Christmas?

Thank you, James

Dear Santa,

Hi, my name is Marcus. I am 8 years old. I would like the video games Sky Lander Imaginators and Prototype II for Christmas this year. I hope you make it safely.

Thank you, Marcus

Dear Santa Claus,

Hi Santa my name is Yvan. I want to say, "Hi," to you and your elves. For Christmas I would like Legomind craft and a showdown preface game please.

Thank you, Yvan

Dear Santa,

My name is Kevin All I want for Christmas is a Nintendo mini and magic tracks. Thank you. How are you doing? How is Rudolph doing? How are the elves?

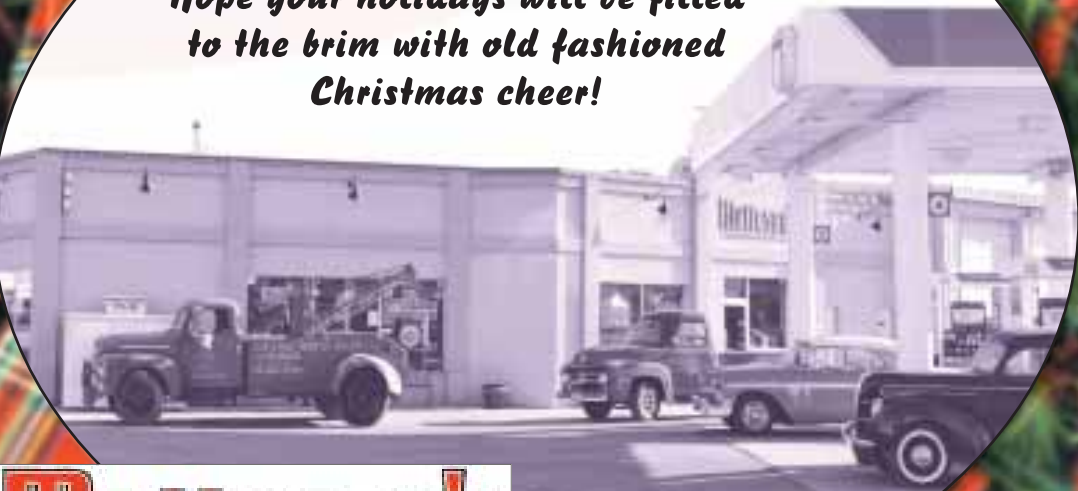
Sincerely, Kevin

Dear Santa,

My name is Alexander. How can you get into people's houses? How do you get down chimneys? For Christmas I would like Bittlebots and a flat ball.

From, Alexander

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MARSING ELEMENTARY

Wendy Stansell's second-graders

Dear Santa,

How is Rudolph? I was a good girl. I would like a 10 boxes of Rom noms and a black lipstick and fake vampire teeth and aaa beeds and black and red hi heels and blue and pink here diye.

Merry Christmas, Maria

Dear Santa,

How is Rudolph? I was a good girl I would like fake vampire teeth. Aqua beads black and red lipstick, hair dye, fake nails nael polish.

From Isabella

Dear Santa,

How are you I bet ya are good. I was good most of the year. My brothers make me mad. Please bring me call of duty a halo game minecraft story mode c bean and a tablet with a key board.

Happy Holiday, Troy

Dear Santa,

How are the elves? I was a good girl. May I have a stuf unacorn.

From Reese

Dear Santa,

How is Rudolph? Jesus was born at Christmas. I would like a doll with brown hair in a blue dress and magic track's.

Love Soyla

Dear Santa,

How are you? I live in Marsing Idaho. I would like a marble machine.

From Peyton

Dear Santa,

How is Rudolph? How are elves? How is the North Pole? I was a very good boy. Jesas was born at Christmas. I would like

a X box 360 and a computer for my sister.

From, Antonio

Dear Santa,

How is Rudolph? I was a good girl last night. May I have some high heels and some fake nails.

Merry Chritmas. From Alison

Dear Santa,

How are you? I was a good boy, I live in Marsing. I would like Legos.

From Eduardo

Dear Santa,

How are you? Jesus was born at Christmas I would like a nerf gun.

Merry Christmas, Jacoby

Dear Santa,

How are you? I was a good boy. I would like a Air Hogs Thunder Thox, and a Nerf gun called the mestadun.

Merry Christmas, Job

Dear Santa,

How are the elves? Christmas is about Jesus birthday. I would like the polar Express Lego Jet.

Love, Tim

Dear Santa,

How is Rudolph? I was a good girl this year. I would like two ginipigs pleas. My elf came to my house. Do you know Chippy?

Love Gabby Kiera

Dear Santa,

How is Rudolph? Do you know my elf, Elfy? did you know that cheetahs can run up to 70 miles per hour? Please do not tell Elfy that I will make him a present. For Christmas I want a cocker



spanell. Also I want a specell preasant for a homeless child.

Love, Maizy

Dear Santa,

How is Rudolph? I was a good boy. May I have a remote control helicopter, a Jedi night robe?

From, Heston

Dear Santa,

How is Rudolph? I was a good guy this year. I would like a Lego set like dinosaurs.

From Wolfe

Dear Santa,

How are you? I was a good girl. I would like a toy horse, and a doll.

Love, Sophia

Dear Santa,

How are you? I was a good boy. May I have toys and transformers.

Merry Christmas, Ray



Top: Gabby. Above: Soyla Wendy Stansell's class, Marsing Elementary

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MARSING ELEMENTARY

Mary Westrand's second-graders

Dear Santa Claus,

How are you Santa Claus? I love guinea pigs. For Christmas I want a guinea pig with a box and of food.

Merry Christmas, Harlie

Dear Santa Claus,

How are you? My name is Estrella. For Christmas I want Monster High make up, clip on earrings, and wubble bubble.

Merry Christmas, Estrella

Dear Santa Claus,

How is Rudolph is going? I go to Marsing Elementary. I want Monster High Makeup, a Shopkins and a little dog.

Merry Christmas Marisol

Dear Santa Claus,

How are the reindeer. I go to school and I am good. I want a little black chihuahua a dog bed, and black, leash for Christmas.

Happy Holiday, Shelbie

Dear Santa Claus,

Hey Santa how is Mr Claus doing? I'm good football. I want Iron Hide the transformer, xbox360 and baby Rudolph.

Merry Christmas, Hunter

Dear Santa Claus,

How are you, Santa Claus? I like to read, do you? What I want for Christmas is a wubble bubble, Monster High make up, and a mountain bike.

Merry Christmas, EmiLee

Dear Santa Claus,

How is Mrs Claus doing? I've been good to my mom and dad. I'm good at playing foot ball. For Christmas I want an Xbox360, a tablet and a puppy dog.

Merry Christmas, Juan

Dear Santa Claus,

How are you doing? I've been good to my mom and dad. I go to Marsing Elementary School. I want a tablet, a computer and a Monster high doll house.

Merry Christmas, Karina

Dear Santa Claus,

How are your elves doing, good or naughty? I go to Marsing Elementary School. For Christmas I want an Xbox, a tv, and a pug

Merry Christmas William

Dear Santa Claus,

How is Rudolph? The school I go to is Marsing Elementary for Christmas, I really want a big set of toy army men

merry christmas Kason

Dear Santa Claus,

How is Olaf Santa Claus? I love to read books. Please can I have a Monster High dress, high heels and a watch.

Merry Makinna

Dear Santa Claus,

Is it cold up in the North Pole? I go to Marsing Elementary School. Wat I want for Chistmas is a skateboard and a bike

Merry Christmas, Asher

Dear Santa Claus,

How are you? I love dogs! I have a sister. For Chistmas I want a nerf football Have a good flight.

Merry Chistmas, Ian

Dear Mom,

I love the watch that you got for my birthday. I love you mom.

Thank you, Cierra

Dear Santa Claus,

Are your reindeer being good? I am good. Can I have a robot dog, a Barbie house, and shop kins set?

Merry Christmas, Mackenzie

Dear Santa Claus,

Merry Christmas. I am a good kid. For Christmas I want a foot ball.

Merry Christmas, Fogian

Dear Santa Claus,

How is Rudolph doing? I go to Marsing Elementary. What I want for Christmas is a Breyer horse named Snowman.

Merry Christmas, Grace

Dear Santa Claus,

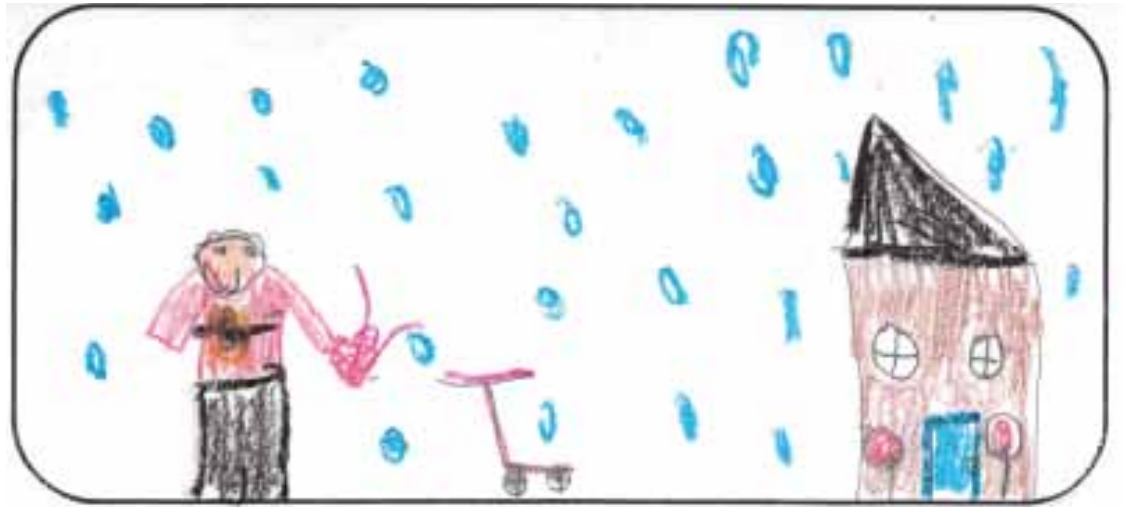
How is Santa in the Northpole? I am being good. Santa I'm good at cartweels. I want a scooter.

Merry Christmas, Vianca

Dear Santa Claus,

How are yor elves? I am 8. For Christmas I want Lego, a skateboard and a whiteboard Have a Happy Christmas Santa.

Santana



Above: Vianca, Mary Westrand's class Marsing Elementary

Left: Wolfe, Wendy Stansell's class Marsing Elementary

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HOMEDALE ELEMENTARY

Kandy Stanford's second-graders

From Page 5B

a box of long nails and I would last like more painxt. I wish you a Marry Christmas.

Love, Marley

Dear Santa,

How are you doing? Are you ready for Christmas? I have been nice to other people. I help my mom take care of my brother. I want four xbox controllers. I want w we 2k17. I would want WWE wrestelers action figers. Have a happy Christmas. H good Holidays in 2017.

**Sincerley
David**

Dear Santa,

Is it coled in the noth pole? How are you doing? I help my mom do the dishis. I clean up the trash. I woud like sum new

Jordins and. oso would like a iphone7. I woud also like an ipod. I hope you have a safe trip
your friend, Jonathan

Dear Santa,

How do you feed roodof? I have been good. I listen to my teacher. I help my sister with her homework. I wood like sum chrismis clothes for winter. I wood like Flash achshun figure. I hop you hav a good crismas.

**Love your frend Alexander
Lee**

Dear Santa,

Is it cold up there? I have been good by cleaning my room. Be nise to by sister. I thank I shud have a huver bord. I rely want a yo yo. I hope you have fun on chismas eve!

Best wishes Cristian

Deer Santa,

Who have you ben are you getting the riendear ready for Christmas ev. I let my friend Soifa no when her show was untied. if I can chois a gift for Christmas I would pik a cooper stuffed troll. I hope you stay warm.

Love Dakota

Dear Santa,

How is roodof doing Santa? How is the wether? I have been being good. I got the fire wood to cep us warm. I take care of the pets. I would like a croleng baby a live dol I will enjoy a Hatchimals. I hope you have a mery Christmas

your frend, Evalynn

Dear Santa,

How are the reideer? How is the weather? I help my dad feed

the dog and build the hoow hows. I wish for a x box and a pack of culr pens. I hope you have a godo trip.

Love Taven

Dear Santa,

How cold is it in the North pole? How are you doing? I have ben good by helping my Mom put a way the dishis. Santa for Christmas I rely want a littil live pet. For Chritmas I rely want a huver board. I wood enjoy chloths for exixing. Enjoy 2017! I wish you a happy new year! I wish you a Mary Christmas!

Love JaNae

Dear Santa,

How have you been? Have you been buzy? I have been good by duing my churs efre day. I want a Re car and Nerf gun for

Christmas. I hope you have a very good Chrismtas eve.

your friend, Aron

Dear Santa,

How are you? Have you been busy? I have been good by helping my MoM and my dad when my dad wants to play Nerf guns. I would like a 50 bwlet Nerf gun so I can soot my dad and mom. I want a dert bicke. Have a good trip.

Love James

Dear Santa,

How are the reideers I help my mom do the dishis. and I help my bad feed the cats. I wont a yo-yo. and I wont a book. I wish you a good chrismtas day.

**your friend
Heleena**

Kristi Uria's second-graders

From Page 6B

do you have? Santa, I want you to know I've been very good this year. First of all I help my grndpa back up the fourwheelers. The second way I have been good is by feeding the cats. The last way I have been good is by washing the dishes. May I please ask for a few gifts? May I have a yellow polaris big fourwheeler? May I please have a big toy tyrannosaurs rex? I hope the kids give you good cookies.

Merry Christmas! Blaine

Dear Santa,

Can I ask you some questions? What are your elyes names? How is Christmas differet? Santa just so you know I have ben good this year. firstofall I help my mom whin she is sick. the seekint way I have been good is I help my berether's when they are sick. The last way I have been good is I help my mom pit the Gienea pig's a way. may I have an iphone 7 with a phone case thas pink? I hope you are having a good time with your eylfe's.

Merry Christmas, Lexi kay

Dear Santa,

May I ask a few questions? How old are you? What do you do wen it is not Chrismtas? Santa I really want you to know I've been really good this year. First of all I gave my sister's a hug. the second way I've been good is I fed the goat's and did my chor's without my parents asking me. Please can I ask for 2-3 gifts? I would like to have a walking robot puppy and a Ipod that's pink and Piper some shopkins. I hope you have a safe trip. and I

hope you have a good Cirstmas day.

marry ciristmas, Brielle

Dear St Nick,

I have Sume Qeshtens for you. How olde or yor elves? Wut do you do at the norhpol? I have bene good thes yer. Frst of ole I help clen my grapos shop. The second way I have ben good by helping My dad Clen the yard. Santa there is one mor thing. I want a Kamow pellet gan with pellets. I wish you have a good Christmas.

merry Christmas, Clancey

Dear Santa claus,

Can I ask a few questions? How is Christmas difrent this year than your very first year. What do you and mrs. claus do when it is not christmas? Santa, I just want you to know that I been working very hard to be my best. The first way I been good is I listen to my parents. The second way I been good is I help clean the room. Santa theres one thing I'd like to ask for. May I have a Ipone with a charger, with apps and a pink case. I hope you do not fall off your slay

**Have a wonderful
Christmas! Sara**

Dear Santa,

MayI ask you some questions? How do you dealliver all those presents in one night? How old are you? Santa you probably know that I have ben good this year. First of all I help my mom with the dish washer. The secount way I have been good is I have maners in the lunch room the last way I have ben good is I have

maners at the tabal May I ask you for some superises I would like a I Phone with those things that you can lode games on. I wont a big toy cookie. I wont somune to get a nise fusie jackit for cristmas I hope you have a safe travl every ware.

**Have a merry chistmas,
Piper**

Dear Santa,

May I ask you some questions? What do you do when it isn't Christmas? What do you like about Christmas? Santa, I have been helping others and me to be good. First of all I wash the dischis when my sister has games. The second way I have been good I help my sister learn. The last way is I help my sister get defst. May I ask you for some surprises? I want a phone that is lime green with snapchat I hop you hae fun on Christmas.

Merry Chrismtas, Charity

Dear Santa Claus,

I have to ask you some questions about you. How do your elfs make toys and wot are your elfs name? Santa I want to tell you that I bine good. Frst of all I bene helping my mom clen up the trash. another way I have been good is I clen my roome. Santa can I tell you a fyule gifts? I would like a play stashen 4 with games pley. I want NBAand Nfl and call of duty black ops. I would like a sharp enre and a cope for star wars.

Meery chistmas, Bryan

Dear Santa claus,

I want to ask you a couple of questens. How is the North

Pole? Is it cold? Stana, I would like you to know I wos good. First of all I helpt my mom to rac the lefs! The secont way I have been good is I helpt my dad to clen the fens. Santa I want you to bring presents for me and my litto brothr and my big brothr I won't a stof anemd and a dog. My brothr wanst three cars and an acshin figr of spitrman. My brothr wans pie in the fas snow down and Raders stof. I wish you have a good chrip to homdel.

Merry Christmas, Diana

Dears Nick,

I wont to asc sun thag about you Santa, I want you to know I've been very good this year.

Merry Christmas, Dixie A.

Dear Santa Claus,

Can I aske you some question? How much fun do you have when you are dalivring presit how much fun do you have When you are not dalivring presits? Santa I want you to know I have been as good as I can be. I trye to not fite with my bathr. The second way I have been good is I help my dad with the chickin coop. The last way I have been good is I help my mom cook. I will give you time to thik abat the gits I want. I would eney kind of littl life pet, or a lite blue and colincandy swimtals . anl santa there's one more thing. I want a Lego frend's fare. Have a safe trip dalivring presits!

Mary Christmas, Emarie

Dear Santa clau,

How is this Chrismis mas different How old is your wift? santa, I wont you to know that I

am very good this year. First of all I helped my mom clean up my big brothe's stuff in his room. The second way I have been good, I wash the close. santa, there is one more think. I want a blue furby please and thankyou. can you watch my family from the north pole to keep tem safe? I hode all the kids make you goo cookies

Mery Christmas, James

Dear Santa,

Can I ask you some question? How do you love so long. How do you make toys santa have you knew that I been good this year? Frist of all I help my mom make binner. the second way I have been good is I help my sister chlin my room. The last way I have been good is I help my mom sweep. Could I please ask you some gifs? I want shokids I want a phone LG with cool apps with a pink case have a nise chrismas

**Merry Chrismas,
Alessandra**

Dear Santa,

Can I ask you a question? How old are your ranederrs? whats your randeers names? santa, I been wanting to tell you sens a long time that I have been good this year! Frst of oll I halp my mom clen the house. The second way I have been good is help my dad clen outside. the last way I have been good I share my toys. Santa, ther id ole 3 things I want for Christmos I want a Samsang Phone and the colre pink whith sparkls and a Barbie house and the colre pink and purple and a baby Aliv boll. I hop you have a nise chrip ivrei were.

Merry Christmos, Abby

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BRUNEAU ELEMENTARY

Emily Prucker's second- and third-graders

Dear Santa,

Thank you for the presents last year! Can I please have an ipod, legos, art and craft things and a barbie camper. That is what I want for Christmas.

Sincerely, Olivia

Dear Santa,

I think I have been a good boy, I would like legos, Wii games and a nerf gun. Thank you for your hard work.

Sincerely, Adrian

Dear Santa,

I would like a drone for Christmas and an aircraft carrier and a JEDI-sait and some roller blades.

Sincerely, Jacob

Dear Santa,

I might be a littel piece of bull honey. wait I am off topic. Lets start talking about presents! so for Christmas I whood like for Christmas is a smithsonein jet engine!

Sincerely, Hesston

Dear Santa,

I don't want much. What I want is a doll house a teddy bear. A doll and a chocolate Bunny a ball a ken doll. And a ramote control puppy, and playdough. And I would like mouny.

Sincerely, Jade

Dear Santa,

Thank you for they toys last

year. I want this year is a remote control monster truk, farm toys, a remote control four wheeler that is what I want for Christmas. I have a few questions. What do you do for a living? What does your factory look like?

Sincerely, Kolton

Dear Santa,

I would like a drone and money please. I would also like a dirtbike to. I really like you. I would like a ipod and thank you for my drumset.

Sincerely, Rigdon

Dear Santa,

12/8/16 My ipod May I please have a iPod. My tablit May I have a tablit please. My 3ds May I have 3ds please. My cars May I have some cars.

Sincerely, Hays

Dear Santa,

I want Star Wars legos. Have a good Christams, I want clay and play dough. Thank you for the boat last year. I want a romote control helicopter. I want toys. I want toy money.

Sincerely, Bret

Dear Santa,

I think you are nice beause you give presents. If you like Cookies and Milk, I'll give you some. I also want a troll, a stuffed bear play dough, a doll house and shoes for me. This is what I want for Christmas.

Sincerely, Josefina

Dear Santa,

Santa can I ask you some questions, do you like summer? Which raingere is your favonte. I want a just dance game for my Xbox 360 for Christmas.

Sincerely, Nataly

Dear Santa,

Do you get paid for giving us presents? Well I'm going to tell what I want for Chirstmas. I would like an ipod, clothes, arts and crafts also a drone. Our elf came we missed her a lot. Do you have a nother job? How old are you? That's my Chirstmas list!

Sincerely, Paisley

Dear Santa,

I would like money please and a toy. How big is your sled? What does the North Pole look like? That is what I wanted to ask you.

Sincerely, Gael

Dear Santa,

I got student of the month this spring. I wonder if I was good or bad? I want a ball house, bike, gift card, money, a cookie, clay and play dough for Christmas! That what I want for Christmas.

Sincerely, Juana

Dear Santa,

Are you ever cold ever at the North Pole? What do you do for fun because it's cold over

there. How long do you stay up to make presents. Do you work hard cause you make presents.

Sincerely, Carlos

Dear Santa,

I want art paint for Christmas. Also legos to play. I want clay to make stuff. It is fun and cool getting toys. I want clothes to wear. Thank you for last year presents. That's what I want for Christmas.

Sincerely, Celeste

Dear Santa,

If I was bad, don't get me Gifts. If I was good, you can. Oh, that reminds me, thank you for what I got last year. I love it. This year I would like Megablocks Halo. I don't want anything else. You are a nice person.

Sincerely, Tyler

Dear Santa,

Ho Ho Ho Ho Ho May I have a doll house and a bed for my doll? I would also like playdough, a stuffed puppy to play with, and a little toy.

Sincerely, Love Estrella

Dear Santa,

I would love a drone and an electric scooter. I would also like s sharp knife and candy. Thank you.

Sincerely, Ryan

Dear Santa,

This is what I want for

Christmas! I would like a drone and my elf on the shelf to stay longer like last year! But you do not have to get me anything because I had a lot before, if you have time than I will have some! I also have been a goob kid! That is all! Have a mery Christmas! Ho, Ho, Ho!

Sincerely, Ruthie

Dear Santa,

I was good and bad I don't know what I was. Santa what do you do when it's in summer, fall, spring, and birthday? For Christmas I want chocolate, money, and a barbie doll house that has a real working elevator tv there is a pool garage, and I think a car. If you spy on us I have a Christmas list at home look at it and if I am good give me some of my gifts. And Merry Christmas.

Sincerely, Mia

Dear Santa,

Thank you for my cowboy hat. May I please have a real life pet the puppy. Have a good chrismas. I will make you cookies, and milk. I will have a card for you! May I have a new doll house Have a great chrismas

Sincerely, Maybelline

Dear Santa,

I want for Christmas is a doll. And cannd and tooht Rast. AND cang canes money. clothes. elf on the self. presents. cookies. nillse.

THREE CREEK SCHOOL

Dena Pollock's class

Dear Sannta,

I have been good. I help my mom make pie. please bring me a toy gun I love you

Charlie Thompson, first grade

Dear Santa,

I have deen good. I clean my room. I make cookies. Please bring me a teddy bear.

I love you Sarah Brackett, first grade

Dear Santa,

I have been good make pancakes osome I love you

Madison, kindergarten

Dear Santa,

I have been good. Please bring me a race car.

I love you, Javier Arellano, second grade

Dear Santa,

I have been good. Please legos

I love you, Adelyn Brackett, kindergarten

HOMEDALE

Nancy Smith's second-graders

From Page 4B

Where you live? How are you going to get to my house? Thanks for the questions. I help my mom and dad in the day cleaning house and fixing cars. I would please like head phones, and ipad and a smart phone. Have a happy christmas and happy new year.

Love Saul

Dear Santa Claus

What is your favorite thing? I help my Mom clean my room. I would please like a doll house and a tea cup set. Have a merry Christmas and a happy new year.

Sincrelly Leiloni

Dear Santa Claus

What do you like? Have you been good? Thank you for answering my questions. I've been good by listening, doing chores and helping cleaning my house. I want a pink blanket, Nail Polish set, and Neckless set. That would be nice if you sent hose to me. Hope you have a Merry Christmas.

Love Brookelynn

Dear Santa Claus

May I ask you some questions? Why are you called Santa Claus? How old are you? I am good by doing everything right in school and at home. Could you please send me a toy Frozen set for Chrismtas. I wish you were here. We could play games together.

Love Alisha

Dear Santa

I wrote you a letter today. Why did't you bring me present intheother Christmas year? How many elves do you have? I share crayons with Logan and I share m y eraser at school. Please I want Pokemon Card and Free WiFi and I want a smart phone. I wish I can see you Santa then I could play with you.

Sincerlely Ismael

Dear Santa

How old are you? Where did you some from? I have been good by helping my friends and family. I would like is a xBox 360 Lego set

and Legos for Ein. Have a good time this year.

Love Cole

Dear Santa Claus

Why do you give presents? How old are you? I have been helping the world. I share with people and be nice. I would please like for Christmas clothes and boots. Happy new year. Hope to see you soon.

Your Friend Alex

Dear Santa

How do you mak toys? How does the reindeer fly? I help my Mom and Dad cook and work. I would like a 30S and games. Hope you have a good new year.

Your Friend Victor

Dear Santa Claus

How old are you? Where do you live? I have been good by being helpful to my friends at school and my family at home. And I want a Lego box of Star wars Toy and a dart gun. Thanks for giving.

Your Friend Tuff

HOMEDALE ELEMENTARY

Laura Eubanks' second-graders

From Page 3B

gave my brother a pease of my gum, and played whith my sister. I want new clothes, a pet dog and homework for math. I think your elves need a break from work.

your friend, JuliAnn

Dear Santa,

How are you and your elves? How do you get into my chimney? I have been good. I have helped by cleaning the dishes. Something I want is the Thunder Tracks or a Voice Command Helicopter. Merry Christmas and happy new year.

Merry Christmas, Cal

Dear Santa,

how are you and your raindeer? I have been washing the dishes. I fed my dogs and cats. can you get me a nerf mega mastdon? can you get me a new trio tablet? can you get me a M16 pop gun pull back action? I wish you a merry christmas! merry Christmas to you!

from: Wyatt

Dear Santa,

Hello how are your and your elves? What do you want me to give you? I hope I am on your nise list. I helped my brother do his christmas list. I helped my mom set the table. I want a watch that you can call and clothos for my baby Alive doll. Last I want a pink princess carriage. I hope you have a safe trip.

Your friend, Yahaira

Dear Santa,

Hello how are you and your elves? what is your favorite reindeer? I help my mom when she is sick. I help my friends when they get

hurt. May I please have shop Kes and a tablet. I hope you and your elves never get sick

Your Friend, Emma

Dear Santa,

Hello, how are you and your elves? What is your favorite reindeer? I have been good by being sorry for my brother. I have been washing the dishes. I want a Wii u and a lego bat man set. one more gift, a 3ds. I wish that my baby cat is alive. I wish that your eleves can take a break. I want my mom to have heart shirt.

by Justus

Dear Santa,

Helo howe are you and your elves did you have Iny ejreys with the hammers? I hope the elves are ok? I have been good by starting the car. I do the chores. I help doing the langbry. I want some miter Lagos and a Xdox 360. Go to Hayee Have fun.

From Tyler

Dear Santa,

Hello, how are you? Do you like your reindeer? I help my mom by giving her water. I push my baby cosin in the swing. Can you please give me an Elsa doll and an Anna doll? Have a wonderfull Christmas. Thank you for everything.

Love your friend, Joanna

Dear Santa,

Dello how are you to day? How do you get the reindeer in the straight rows? I have been good on the good list. I have helped my mom when she was sick. I would like nef gun and a skaebord. I wish I had a baby puppy. Have a vacashan!

Love, Bradley



Bradley, Laura Eubanks' class, Homedale Elementary

PLEASANT VALLEY SCHOOL

Class of Alicia Bruce, Brandi Lisle and Patty Smith

Dear Santa,

How are the elves doing? I hope they are good. Please can I have a hamper? Also, a guinea pig with a cage, shavings and a water bottle for her. Can she be black and white please? Thank you, Santa.

Love, Jalee Maestrejuan

Dear Santa,

I want a microwave and fake food. I've been really good. I also want a coat for my puppy. I hope your elves can make all the toys before Christmas.

**Love, Dell Maestrejuan
Kindergarten**

Dear Santa,

How is Rudolph? Can I have a watch?

**Love Pacer
Pre-kindergarten**

Dear Santa,

Are the elves making lots of toy? Can I have a puppy?

**Love, Colby
Pre-kindergarten**

Dear Santa,

Are the elves making lots of toys? Can I have a watch?

**Love, Houston
Pre-kindergarten**

Dear Santa,

How is Rudolph? Can I have a puppy?

**Love Bailey
Pre-kindergarten**

Dear Santa,

I wonder how you are doing up the North Pole? I hope you got your reindeer for Christmas. Well, I guess I'll tell you what I would like for Christmas: a horse, a saddle, a bridle, a lead rope, and Nike clothes. The thing that I really want most of all a mini Aussie puppy.

**Sincerely, Lilly Relk
Second grade**

Dear Santa,

How are your elv'es and reindeer? I hope you don't get stuck in a snowstorm. I would like a Nerf gun that shoots the disks. Also, I want a new hamper.

I would really, really like a ride in your sled. One thing else, how is your wife?

**Sincerely, Ruby Lisle
Second grade**

Dear Santa,

Hi! Are the reindeer ready for the trip? What kind of cookie would you like? What kind of milk would you like? Whole, 2% or skim. I hope 2% So lets cut to the chase. If it's possible could I have a video drone? Also, would I have a bike and a little trailer for Max to ride in? Before I forget, could I have legos? One more thing, a gift card to Amazon.

**Love, Lane Jewett
Third grade**

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Claus, Elves, and Reindeer,

Thank you so much for the presents I got last year. I hope all is well at the North Pole. What is your favorite type of cookie? I don't have an I pod any more so an alarmclock would come in handy this year. Also, my dog just had puppies so you better

take a peek at them, they're super playful. We might keep one of the puppies so a collar for it would be much appreciate3d. I hope you have safe travels.

**Your friend, Halle Burch
Sixth grade**

Dear Santa,

Thank you for coming to our house all my life. Also, thank you for giving gifts to people all over the world. I really appreciated it and I hope others do, too.

How are you, Mrs. Claus, the reindeer, and elves? I know it is Christmas season and you are busy, so thank you for taking your time to read this.

This year my mom would like pots, pans, spatulas, and other kitchen items. Dad would like some Anipro gloves and new pants. Topper and Bella would like a bed of their own because they are tired of sleeping with me. (Also they put hair in my bed. I am tired of the, too.)

I would like all my family, friends, and the animals to be safe and in good health. I would also

like a pair of chaps and a pair of boots, please. Thank you again.

**Love, Shailee Rutan
Fifth grade**

Dear Santa,

I have been on my best behavior this year. How is it going up there in the North Pole? I hope all your elves are working hard; there are a bunch of presents to make. This year I want a knitting machine and, Pidge could also use another coat and hood. How are Rudolph and the other reindeer.

I can't wait 'till Christmas! When you get to our house Pidge's stocking will be in my room. If Pidge growls, there will be a bone on top of her kennel to give to her. Thank you lots!!!!

**Love, Josie Lisk
Fifth grade**

Dear Santa Claus,

How are your reindeer? How are your elves making all the toys? Can I please have a drone and Lego Friends?

**Love, Whitlee Bob Burch
First grade**

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