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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
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The mighty God, The
everlasting Father, The
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The Story of Christmas

From Luke, 2:1-20

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.



Silver City's Washington Street in the winter. Photo from Mildretta Adams Collection

From the Owyhee Chronicle, Dec. 25, 1958

Frontier Christmas differed greatly from present time

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

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

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

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

make that meager offering truly a gift of gold and frankincense.

Home-made sleds and sleighs skimmed over the snowy countryside with sleigh bells jingling accompaniment to the caroling of "Jingle Bells, Jingle Bells."

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

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

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

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

of candy.

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

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

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

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

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

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133 miles of roads closed to ATVs

Commissioners finalize ordinance two years in making

Sections of 26 county roads have been closed to ATV traffic, but the Board of County Commissioners wrote some exemptions into the revised ordinance passed last week.

The full ordinance and three maps showing the overall county, Grand View and the Bruneau area are posted on the county Web site, www.owyheecounty.net, under the "ATV ordinance" tab in the "Commissioners" section. The maps also are available on The Owyhee Avalanche's Web site, www.owyheeavalanche.com at a link under "Owyhee County" in the Government listing on the right-hand side, and the county soon will print informational pamphlets on the closures.

More than 133 miles of county roads — predominantly paved — will be closed to ATV use, including:

- 15.8 miles of Mud Flat Road, from Oreana Cut Off Road to River Road
- 11.2 miles of Oreana Loop Road from Bachman Grade Road to Bates Creek Road
- 12 miles of Upper Reynolds Creek Road from its intersection with Idaho highway 78
- The longest stretch of prohibited road is 26.5 miles of gravel track on Clover Three Creek Road from Idaho 51 outside Bruneau to just west of the road's intersection with Crows Nest Road.

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Rick Wiley of the Owyhee County Sheriff's Office takes his bomb-sniffing dog through the halls of Marsing Elementary School.

Bomb scare triggers Marsing Elementary nighttime evacuation

Probe continues; deputies to meet with students after Christmas break

Around 6 p.m. on Thursday the Owyhee County Sheriff's Office was dispatched to Marsing Elementary School on a report of a bomb being in the building the buildings was evacuated, and deputies and a bomb-sniffing dog were used to search the school.

Sgt. Lynn Bowman with OCSO said that there was a note written in a bathroom at the school. According to Bowman, a custodian found the message written on the wall in one of the bathroom stalls.

The Marsing School District started Christmas vacation on

Thursday afternoon. Marsing High School principal Wade Pilloud said that during the search he was called and notified of the bomb threat.

"Law enforcement did a search of all three schools because the message didn't specify any building," he said. "At the time of the call, there were two basketball teams practicing and a few teachers and staff in the building."

Bowman said around 25 people were evacuated from the

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"I'm sure that once school resumes we will pursue an investigation and try to find the kid or kids who did this."

— **Wade Pilloud**, Marsing High School principal

Grant extends Oreana church restoration

Mason to continue project in spring

Restoration of a 125-year-old chapel in Oreana will continue next year after the award of a new grant.

The Idaho Heritage Foundation has given \$3,000 to Nampa's St. Paul Catholic Church to continue the restoration of masonry on the Our Lady Queen of Heaven Church, which stands next to the Oreana Community Hall.

"We were interested in it because it is on the National Register of Historic Places and it's just a beautiful stone chapel," the foundation's Gaetha Pace said.

The grant, which brings the Idaho Heritage Foundation's com-

mitment to the project to \$9,000, will allow Kuna restorative mason Budd Landon to begin a third year of work on the church sometime in the spring.

Landon said this grant won't be enough to complete the work, which entails, among other things, removing old grout from between the several different types of rock that John Pierson and Jim Kelly used to erect the building around 1883.

Originally built as a general store, the building has served as a post office, saloon, private

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Left to right: Mackie Landon, Eric Smith and Fred Abritz from Kuna-based Budd Landon Masonry apply new mortar into the native stones on the south wall of the Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic Church in Oreana. Submitted photo

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Three Creek School unwrapped an early Christmas present with the ribbon-cutting at its new multipurpose building

Library group makes New Year’s party favors

The Homedale Public Library’s Tween and Teen Program will get ready for New Year’s on Tuesday by making crafts for the celebration.

The hour-long event open to ages 10-17 will begin at 6 p.m. at the library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave.

Activities will include drawing fireworks with glue and glitter, making noisemakers and making confetti balloons.

After making the confetti balloons, the group will go outside and pop them.

Attendees also will learn how other countries celebrate the New Year and discuss our culture’s common New Year’s traditions.

Sugar cookies will be served for a snack, and another round of voting in Survivor will be held.

For more information, call Sara at (208) 337-4228.

Pruett Tire donates

Library director Margaret Fujishin announced Monday that Pruett Tire Center gave \$100 to the summer reading program.

“We appreciate so much the wonderful support from the Pruett family and employees,” she said.

According to Diane Williams, the library’s summer reading coordinator, about \$40 of the donation will be used to buy promotional materials, such as an “idea” manual, the children’s reading logs, book bags, bookmarks and posters.

The remainder will be used to buy incentive prizes for program participants.

Eatery fills key Smorgasbord role

Sixth-graders selling tickets for Feb. 12 finale

A local business stepped up last week to solidify the future of the final Homedale International Smorgasbord.

Halie Grant, who chairs the 50th anniversary event with her husband, Perry, announced Thursday that Del Rio Mexican Restaurant agreed to handle the Mexican food booth for the Feb. 12 event.

Grant and assistant Michelle Burks had said that although there were three vacant booths, filling the Mexican booth chairmanship was the linchpin to keeping the final Smorgasbord on track because of the intense workload for those dishes.

Later in the week, Homedale Middle School teacher Kelly Schamber volunteered to take over the European Booth. Organizers continue to search for a person to coordinate the pork dish for the American Booth.

Grant awarded candy and other prizes to Homedale Elementary School fourth-grader Sophie Nash as the Smorgasbord art contest winner. Her composition will



Homedale International Smorgasbord chair Halie Grant, right, presents prizes to Homedale Elementary School fourth-grader Sophie Nash. Nash created the winning entry in this year’s art contest.

be used as the artwork for flyers advertising the event.

Homedale sixth-graders also went forth with tickets to sell when Christmas break began for Homedale Middle School last week. Grant and the others also are looking for general volunteers to send the landmark fundraising event out in style.

The 50th annual Smorgasbord will be held from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 12 at Homedale Elementary School.

Ticket prices are unchanged from a year ago, Grant said. A family ticket is \$30 for two adults and a maximum of eight people; adult tickets are \$8, senior citizens eat for \$6, kindergarteners through sixth-graders dine for \$5, and preschoolers cost \$3.

For more information on the booth openings or assisting with the Smorgasbord, call Grant at 602-6468.



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✓ Church: Oreana building started out as a general store in 1880s

residences and grainery before the Catholic Archdiocese of Boise took possession in 1962.

In addition to creating and applying new mortar between the stones, the Budd Landon Masonry crew also has had to replace some of the old rock, which was mined locally during the 19th century construction and includes sandstone, basalite and granite.

“Some of the rock has fallen away or deteriorated through the freeze-and-thaw cycle,” Landon said. “The rocks close to the ground absorb the moisture, freeze and pop off.”

Finding native rock, which is required to comply with the grant, has been a chore. Landon welcomes any information about nearby quarries he may not be aware of.

The process of restoration is more than just pumping in new mortar either by machine or by hand with something called a boda bag, which resembles the ancient cloth wine container of the same name.

Workers also pressure wash the church’s exterior walls, removing years of dirt, formica and mold before moving to dig out failing mortar and debris that can include rats’ nests and birds’ nest, Landon said.

Some of the gaps left by removal of old grout can be as deep as 12 inches in the 18- to 24-inch walls.

Landon and his crew have devoted about 90 hours in each of the past two years to the restoration project. When he started, Landon was staring at about 4,000 square feet of wall surface that needed to be restored.

He said they’re about 60 percent complete on the project and will finish the building’s north wall with the latest grant.

When Landon began the project in 2008, it was the north wall that bore witness to exactly how dire the situation was for a church that St. Paul’s uses for periodic masses.

“I think they were going to lose the north wall,” he said. “Billy Lundstrom put a roof on, and part of the wall collapsed while he was working.”

Landon, who has been in the masonry trade for 47 years, also has done repair work on the chapel’s floor using a flat, thin type of rock.

Owyhee country masonry isn’t unfamiliar to the Nampa native, who started Budd Landon Masonry in 1971.

“I retired two years ago, but I’m having a hell of a time retiring,” he said.

Concentrating primarily on restorative work these days, Landon was the mason when the Owyhee County Jail was built in the early 1990s. He also restored the intricate masonry accents on the façade of the Owyhee County



Old meets new

Mackie Landon pumps mortar into the old stone walls of the church in Oreana. Above Landon’s application point more stone awaits grouting. Workers pressure-washed and then chiseled out the failing mortar in the first steps of the process. Submitted photo

Courthouse as well as working on the Reynolds Creek home of former county commissioner Dick Bass and Jordan Valley landmarks such as the Pelota Court and Skinner’s Rock House.

He also did some restoration work on the Easterday Ranch outside of Jordan Valley, and his work on the Peter French Round

Barn in Diamond, Ore., spurred a seminar for University of Oregon architectural and engineering students.

Many of his more recent projects have been structures built in the late 19th century. “Restoration work is the most rewarding work that there is,” he said.

— JPB

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✓ Bomb: Scare disrupts many after-school activities

school. He said there were many after-school activities going on throughout the school.

Law enforcement personnel searched the surrounding area with a bomb-sniffing dog. They also searched the middle school and high school buildings, which neighbor the elementary school on 8th Avenue West. Bowman said that nothing was found in any of the buildings, but officers continue to investigate.

Pilloud said both district superintendent Newell Cleaver and elementary school principal Lil Stewart were aware of the situation. He said that he wasn’t familiar enough with the elementary school discipline manual to know what action might be taken if the culprit is a student.

“A formal investigation will be done by law enforcement and we would follow that report if anything was found,” Pilloud said. “I’m sure that once school resumes we will pursue an investigation and try to find the kid or kids who did this.”

Bowman said, “It will be an ongoing investigation”. He said Cpl. Jeff Wasson with OCSO will be at the school when students come back to attempt to find the individual or individuals who wrote the message.

— JLZ

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The 2,404-acre site was acquired in late 1943 for training bomber crews from Mountain Home Army Air Field. In use through 1944, the range was declared excess and was unused until March 1948 when it was declared surplus. The property was released to public domain and private ownership between 1952 and 1957. Currently the property belongs to the Bureau of Land Management and is used for grazing.
The former Bruneau PBR No. 4 is just one of the many former military installations throughout the United States that will be reviewed under the Department of Defense’s Munitions Response Site Prioritization Protocol. This protocol is used to assess sites that may have unexploded ordnance, discarded military munitions or munitions constituents, and to assign priorities for any additional investigation or munitions removal that may be required.
For more information or if you have information about past activities related to the former Bruneau Precision Bombing Range No. 4, please contact Rodney Taie, Project Manager, at 206-764-3498 or rodney.r.taie@usace.army.mil.
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Seattle, WA 98124

Scores eat at Legion’s free Christmas dinner

George D. VanDerhoff Post 32 of the American Legion has had an eventful holiday season.

On Friday, Post 32 celebrated Christmas with its annual free community dinner and a visit from Santa Claus. Post Commander Robert Keaveny said 175 people were served during the two-hour dinner. Keaveny thanked all the people who donated their time and brought food for the event.

Earlier in the month, the Homedale veterans group unveiled a new banner and a new sign reflecting the renaming of Post 32 after one of its founding members, a World War I veteran.

The banner and sign were presented during the Post 32 business meeting on Dec. 8 at the Legion Hall, 14 E. Owyhee Ave.

Members of Post 32 have installed the sign on the hall’s exterior. The sign was made by Allied Signs owner Mark Jolley, a Vietnam veteran and Post 32 member.

The older signs on either side of the new sign on the front of the building will be removed later, Keaveny said. He also indicated that the post will add a new flagpole in the near future.

Other community outreach activities for the VanDerhoff Post recently have included a \$100 donation to the Homedale Youth Bowling League, purchasing an ad on the Homedale High school winter sports schedule poster, a portion of the proceeds of which go back to the school, and donating an American flag to fly at the Homedale Fire Department’s John Matteson Memorial Fire Hall.



Jo Rotter, Homedale’s American Legion Auxiliary president, serves George D. VanDerhoff American Legion Post 32 member Bruce Peterson during Friday’s annual Christmas dinner in Homedale.

Birth Ty Alan Bahem

Born to Adam and Lori Bahem of Homedale, a son, Ty Alan, on Tuesday, Dec. 14, 2010 at St. Luke’s Regional Medical Center in Boise.

Ty joins 2-year-old brother Blaine.

Grandparents are Alan and Ramona Bahem and Jan and Joe Aman, all of Homedale, and Bob Nettleton, Melba.

Senior menus

Homedale Senior Center

Dec. 22: Sausage & biscuits, country gravy, carrots, potatoes
Dec. 23: Closed.
Dec. 28: Grilled chicken breast, baked potato, beets, salad
Dec. 29: Country fried steak, peas & carrots, roll

Rimrock Senior Center

Dec. 23: Baked ham, cottage cheese, sweet potatoes, coleslaw w/ carrots, cornbread, apple crisp
Dec. 28: Cream chicken, tropical fruit salad, biscuits, peas, jello
Dec. 30: Meatloaf, winter mixed vegetables, potatoes, green salad, peach crisp

Death notices

LYNNARD BITTICK, 69, of Melba, died Tuesday, Dec. 14, 2010, at a Nampa care center. Graveside services were held Monday, Dec. 20, 2010, at Lower Boise Cemetery in Parma under the direction of Dakan Funeral Chapel, Caldwell.

BLAYZE ELI GRIMES, infant son of Kevin and Chantel Grimes of Caldwell, died on Thursday, Dec. 16, 2010 at a Caldwell hospital of natural causes. Cremation is under the direction of Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Homedale.



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What’s open, what’s closed for holidays

Government offices will be closed the next two Fridays for Christmas and New Year’s holidays

The Owyhee Avalanche office will close on Friday and will stay open from 8 a.m. to noon on New Year’s Eve.

Deadlines for display advertising and letters to the editor will be 5 p.m. on Thursday and Dec. 30. Deadlines for legal notices (noon Friday) and classified advertising (noon Monday) will remain the same both weeks.

Government

The Owyhee County offices will be closed Friday and New Year’s Eve. Sheriff’s office dispatch and patrol and other emergency services will be available throughout the county.

City halls in Homedale and Marsing also will be closed the next two Fridays. The Homedale City Council has cancelled its last meeting of December, which was scheduled for Thursday. Emergency service providers in both towns will remain on duty.

The city offices for Grand View, Jordan Valley and Adrian are normally closed on Fridays.

Banks

The U.S. Bank branches in Homedale, Marsing and Grand View will be open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Friday, and will be open the usual 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on New Year’s Eve.

Schools

All schools already have begun Christmas break, except for the Adrian district, which will dismiss children at 12:30 p.m. today.

Most school districts resume their school year on Monday, Jan. 3. Students in the Bruneau-Grand View and Adrian districts are back in class on Tuesday, Jan. 4.

Libraries

Homedale Public Library will be closed the next

two Saturdays for Christmas and New Year’s Day. The library will be open usual hours (11 a.m. to 5 p.m.) on Christmas Eve and New Year’s Eve. The library is always closed on Sundays, but is open 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday.

The Lizard Butte Public Library in Marsing will be closed Friday and Saturday for Christmas and again Dec. 31 and Jan. 1 for New Year’s. The library’s regular hours are noon to 6 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday, noon to 7 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday.

The Bruneau Valley Public Library is customarily closed on Fridays and Mondays. The usual hours for the library, located at 32073 Ruth Street in Bruneau, are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday.

The Eastern Owyhee County Library will be closed Friday through Sunday, Jan. 2 for the Christmas break. It’s usually open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Wednesday, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday and from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday and closed on the weekend.

Grocery stores

Paul’s Market in Homedale will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Friday and will close on Christmas Day. Regular hours will be observed on New Year’s Eve and New Year’s Day, with the store open from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Snake River Mart in Marsing will be open regular hours — 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. — on Christmas Eve, and will be 8 a.m. to noon on Christmas Day. The store will announce New Year’s holiday hours later.

Garbage service

Homedale-based Westtowns Disposal Inc. has announced it will observe regular pickup schedules throughout the county during the holidays, including Christmas Eve service in Marsing on Friday.

Crews pick up trash in Homedale on Tuesdays.

— JPB



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Friends of the Bruneau Valley Public Library donated this books and reading-themed quilt for a fundraising raffle that will run through May. Submitted photo

Bruneau library quilt raffle begins

Friends of the Bruneau Valley Public Library recently donated a quilt for the library to raffle as a fundraiser.

Tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5, and the winning ticket will be drawn at the Bruneau and Beyond speaker luncheon in May. The proceeds will help finance special

projects at the library.

Robin Groefsema of Tumwater, Wash., made the quilt, which consists of brightly colored prints with the theme of books and reading. Her sister-in-law, Mountain Home resident Gail Groefsema, assisted and coordinated the project locally.

Bill Hopper of Three Island Quilts in Glenns Ferry donated quilting of the piece.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call the library at (208) 845-2131. The library, which is located at 32073 Ruth Street in Bruneau, is open Tuesday through Thursday.



Bet You Didn't Know Famous outlaw pulled off first train robbery

Did you remember that Jesse James was the first bandit to rob a train? Did so in July of 1873 ... didn't think you'd remember. Neither did I.

So, why won't the telephone number 800-555-0199 ever be issued to anyone? It's the number that movies use in their films.

Wild Bill Hickok used to lay crumpled newspapers around his bed at night. Claimed that anyone trying to sneak up on him would be heard as they did so. ... Must have worked, he wasn't shot while asleep.

What are the two cities linked by the Orient Express? Paris and Istanbul ...

Bet you didn't know that a con man named Arthur Ferguson "leased" the White House to a wealthy cattle rancher in

1925. Terms of the "lease" was \$100,000 a year. Don't know how much he got paid. He got caught trying to sell the Statue of Liberty.

If you were in the banana-growing business, you'd refer to a bunch of bananas as a hand ... an individual banana is called what? Come on, think ... it's called a ... that's right, a finger.

Lunar Cheesecake ... ever hear of it? Well, it was the flavor that Baskin-Robbins invented to honor the U.S. landing on the moon in July 1969.

Coffee first appeared in cans in what year? Came out in 1879 ... made by Chase and Sanborn.

— For more information on Peary Perry or to read more of his writings or to make a comment, visit www.pearyperry.com

Calendar

Today

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

El-Ada commodity distribution
11 a.m. to noon, across from Marsing Senior Center, Marsing. (208) 337-4812

Thursday

Senior center lunch
Noon, Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St., Grand View. (208) 834-2808

Vision Church food distribution
2 p.m. to 4 p.m., donations welcome, Vision Church, 221 W. Main St., Marsing. (208) 896-5407

Soup and prayer day
3 p.m. to 5 p.m., freewill offering accepted, Marsing Assembly of God Church, 139 Kerry St., Marsing. (208) 965-1650

Take Off Pounds Sensibly meeting
5:30 p.m., weigh-in; 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. meeting, First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St., Homedale. (208) 482-6893

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

Homedale AA meeting
8 p.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 571-4048

Monday

Narcotics Anonymous open meeting
8 p.m., Homedale Friends Community Church, 17454 Hwy. 95 S., Homedale. (208) 442-2220

Tuesday

Rimrock quilting group
1 p.m., Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St., Grand View. (208) 834-2665

Afterschool story time
4:15 p.m., Lizard Butte Library, 111 S. 3rd Ave W., Marsing. Kindergarten through third grade welcome. (208) 896-4690 weekday afternoons for more information.

Senior citizens dinner

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Friday, Dec. 31

Story time at library
10:15 a.m., Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228 between 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday

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

Mt. Calvary Lutheran holds Christmas services

Homedale's Mt. Calvary Lutheran will hold holiday services on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day this week.

Christmas Eve services start at 7 p.m., and Christmas Day services are at 9 a.m.

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Course fee of \$45 (plus \$5 for each additional family member) includes a notebook and reference books. Some materials will be available in Spanish. Class size limited to the first 60 participants.

The classes will be held Thursdays from Feb. 10 to March 17 from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at Grace Episcopal Church Community Hall, 411 10th Ave. S., in Nampa.

To register or for more info, contact Ariel Agenbroad, Canyon County Extension at (208) 459-6003 or canyon@uidaho.edu. Visit <http://www.uidaho.edu/extension/canyon/horticulturegardening> to learn more.

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Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School students Brittney Meyers, right, and Sydnee James show Grand View Lions Club member Doug Thurman several new books the club's donation helped buy. Submitted photo

Lions Club helps broaden Rimrock's reading selection

Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School officials and students are singing the praises of the Grand View Lions Club after its donation to the school's library.

The Lions Club recently donated \$745, enough to add more than 50 new titles to the library's collection.

In announcing the donation, Rimrock officials said the contribution is welcomed in light of tightening public education budgets. They said the donation will help maintain a good selection of

contemporary titles as well as classics for the school's students.

English department faculty and students helped make selections with an emphasis placed on picking books that would both edify and encourage students to want to broaden their reading tastes.

"I really thought it was great," Rimrock student Abby Caballero said. "I got to help pick out books I want to read, and I think it helps all of us to want to read more when we are involved in the selection process."

Silver City, Bachman Grade roads closed for winter

The Board of County Commissioners has ordered the seasonal closure of Silver City Road and Bachman Grade Road.

Signage has been erected alert-

ing motorists of the closure to automobile travel because of ice, snow and weather conditions.

Commissioners will re-open the roads sometime in the spring.

Bruneau church sets Christmas service

The Bruneau Community Church will hold Christmas service at 6 p.m. Saturday.

The church is located at 28568 Hyde Street in Bruneau.

For more information, call Pastor Steve Landis at (208) 366-2868 or Clara Morris at (208) 845-2345.

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Water report

The Bureau of Reclamation Web site showed that the Owyhee Reservoir was 27 percent full and that water was flowing in the Owyhee River above the reservoir at Rome, Ore., at a rate of 922 cubic feet per second. Water is flowing out at Nyssa, Ore. at a rate of 29 cubic feet per second. The reservoir held 193,126 acre-feet of water, on Monday.

The following statistics were gathered from the Natural Resources Conservation Service Web site at 3:30 p.m. Monday (Year-to-date precipitation is measured from Oct. 1 to Sept. 30.)

SNOTEL report, Owyhee County sensors

	Snow Equiv.	Snow Depth	Year-to-date Precip.	Previous day's temperature		
	(measured in inches)			Max	Min	Avg
				(measured in Fahrenheit)		
<i>Mud Flat</i>						
12/14	3.6	12.0	7.4	47.1	36.0	39.7
12/15	3.6	13.0	7.6	41.7	24.4	34.3
12/16	3.6	14.0	7.6	29.3	9.9	18.1
12/17	3.7	13.0	7.7	32.5	2.3	17.2
12/18	3.9	13.0	7.9	32.2	7.3	18.1
12/19	4.1	17.0	8.1	38.7	27.1	32.5
12/20	5.1	23.0	9.1	35.8	23.0	32.4
<i>Reynolds Creek</i>						
12/14	1.8	3.0	8.0	49.8	38.5	43.7
12/15	1.6	3.0	8.7	45.0	24.8	34.0
12/16	1.6	3.0	8.7	30.9	18.3	24.1
12/17	1.7	3.0	8.8	27.9	17.2	21.7
12/18	1.7	3.0	8.8	28.2	13.6	19.8
12/19	2.0	6.0	9.1	36.1	18.1	28.2
12/20	2.6	12.0	9.7	32.7	22.6	28.8
<i>South Mountain</i>						
12/14	5.8	17.0	13.5	47.1	39.7	42.8
12/15	6.5	22.0	14.3	41.7	22.3	32.8
12/16	6.4	20.0	14.3	34.0	18.0	22.8
12/17	6.4	21.0	14.3	27.1	15.6	20.8
12/18	6.4	20.0	14.3	32.9	17.8	24.3
12/19	7.1	25.0	15.0	33.3	25.7	30.2
12/20	8.3	33.0	16.1	33.6	23.4	30.0

*-99.9 indicates invalid data received from sensor

Weather

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Dec. 14	42	23	.51
Dec. 15	51	33	.04
Dec. 16	44	17	.00
Dec. 17	32	17	.00
Dec. 18	34	20	.00
Dec. 19	40	23	.00
Dec. 20	39	28	.66*

* — Five inches of snowfall

New addition provides for more than Three Creek School

by Kimberly Williams-Brackett

The Three Creek community received an early Christmas present Dec. 14 with an open house and ribbon-cutting celebrating the opening of the school's new facility.

"Education is very important to the rural community and continues the stability of rural Idaho," Wally Hedrick, state director of the U.S. Department of Agricultural Rural Development, said. "It's important that Rural Development help rural students get the same education as urban areas."

The USDA Rural Development recognized the Three Creek School District Board of Trustees for its efforts to ensure adequate learning facilities are available to support the education of rural youth.

School board member Gus Brackett cut the ribbon in a ceremony including Three Creek schoolchildren, Hedrick, fellow school trustees Harlan Mink and Antonia Gonzalez, current Three Creek teacher Marilyn Boss and 1960-61 Three Creek teacher Myrtle Leach, who traveled from Gooding.

In April, school district patrons in Owyhee and Twin Falls counties passed a bond to obtain financing for \$240,000 to update the educational facility.

Rural Development provided a \$240,000 loan, in addition to a \$50,000 grant. The school district chipped in \$30,000 from its annual budget.

"Your tax dollars are going back into the community," Hedrick said.

The new multi-purpose room, which is a half-gymnasium with



Three Creek School unveils new building

With help from Three Creek School students, school board trustee Gus Brackett cuts the ribbon Dec. 14 for the school's new multi-purpose room. Also on hand were, from left, school trustees Harlan Mink and Antonia Gonzalez, U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development state director Wally Hedrick, teacher Marilyn Boss and former teacher Myrtle Leach. Photo by Kimberly Williams-Brackett

storage, two bathrooms and a kitchen, is attached to the existing building, west of the current school. The old 2,100-square-foot one-room school was built about 1971. The new building will also be used as a community center.

Three Creek School Board chair Harlan Mink said the new facility is approximately 2,600 square feet. Mink said storage and some outside work including the parking area is still not completed.

The room the addition provides may be needed. Currently, there are five students enrolled. There are approximately 15 children under the age of 5 in the Three Creek area.

The new gym means children can get out of the elements during physical fitness activities. Students are required to run a quarter- to half-mile as part of the Presidential Physical Fitness

Program goal. Matt Newton of Beniton Construction said 10 laps around the new gym is equivalent to a quarter-mile. Previously, students have been running outside around the building.

"The students will now get to have P.E. inside instead of running in snow and mud outside during the winter. They are thrilled," teacher Marilyn Boss said. "For the first time ever, we have enough storage room to put everything, without having to go outside and lug tables, chairs, the stage, etc., in to set it all up."

"It was so nice to have more room at our community Christmas Dinner. Instead of hanging from the ceiling and backed against the wall, most of us actually got to sit down when we ate."

Boss said 91 people showed up for the annual dinner and program.

AEHI CEO charged

The man who tried to build a nuclear power plant on private land in the Bruneau area in 2006 has been charged with fraud.

The federal Securities and Exchange Commission named Eagle-based Alternate Energy Holdings Inc. (AEHI) chief executive Don Gillispie and three other defendants in a filing announced Thursday.

The announcement came two days after the SEC suspended trading of AEHI stock, many shares of which are owned by Owyhee County residents.

Gillispie has been trying to build a nuclear power plant in Idaho since 2006 when he began permit proceedings to locate in

Owyhee County. In subsequent years, AEHI tried to get the go-ahead in Elmore County and currently has a permit application before Payette County planners.

In addition to Gillispie, AEHI senior vice-president Jennifer Ransom is listed as a defendant in the complaint.

The federal agency also froze assets of the company, Gillispie and Ransom. SEC officials said no investor will be able to recoup money until after the litigation process ends. Generally, when fraud is proven, the SEC establishes a fund to reimburse investors. Investors also can pursue return of their capital through civil action.

Our benefit this year for Owyhee Health and Rehab residents was very successful. First of all I would like to thank Denise Baker for all of her extra work on this project, and of course all of my other helpers getting this together. Buckin' Country Band always does a great job for us and of course Osmus Auctioneers, who are always great fun.

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From page 3

✓ATVs: New ordinance allows vehicles for ag use, search and rescue

The Dec. 13 passage of Ordinance 10-03 came nearly two years after commissioners approved the original law closing certain roads to ATV, UTV and motorbike use. Signs will be posted later to delineate which portions of roads are closed.

The 2008 law, Ordinance 08-03, was crafted in response to the Jan. 1, 2009, enactment of a state law essentially opening all roads to ATV traffic. The county's original ordinance was never enforced because of incorrect legal descriptions for some sections of closed road.

Ordinance 10-03 makes driving on roads closed to all-terrain vehicle, utility vehicle and motorbike traffic punishable by a maximum fine of \$1,000 and a jail term of up to six months. The ordinance also establishes a maximum speed limit on county roads for those vehicles at 25 mph.

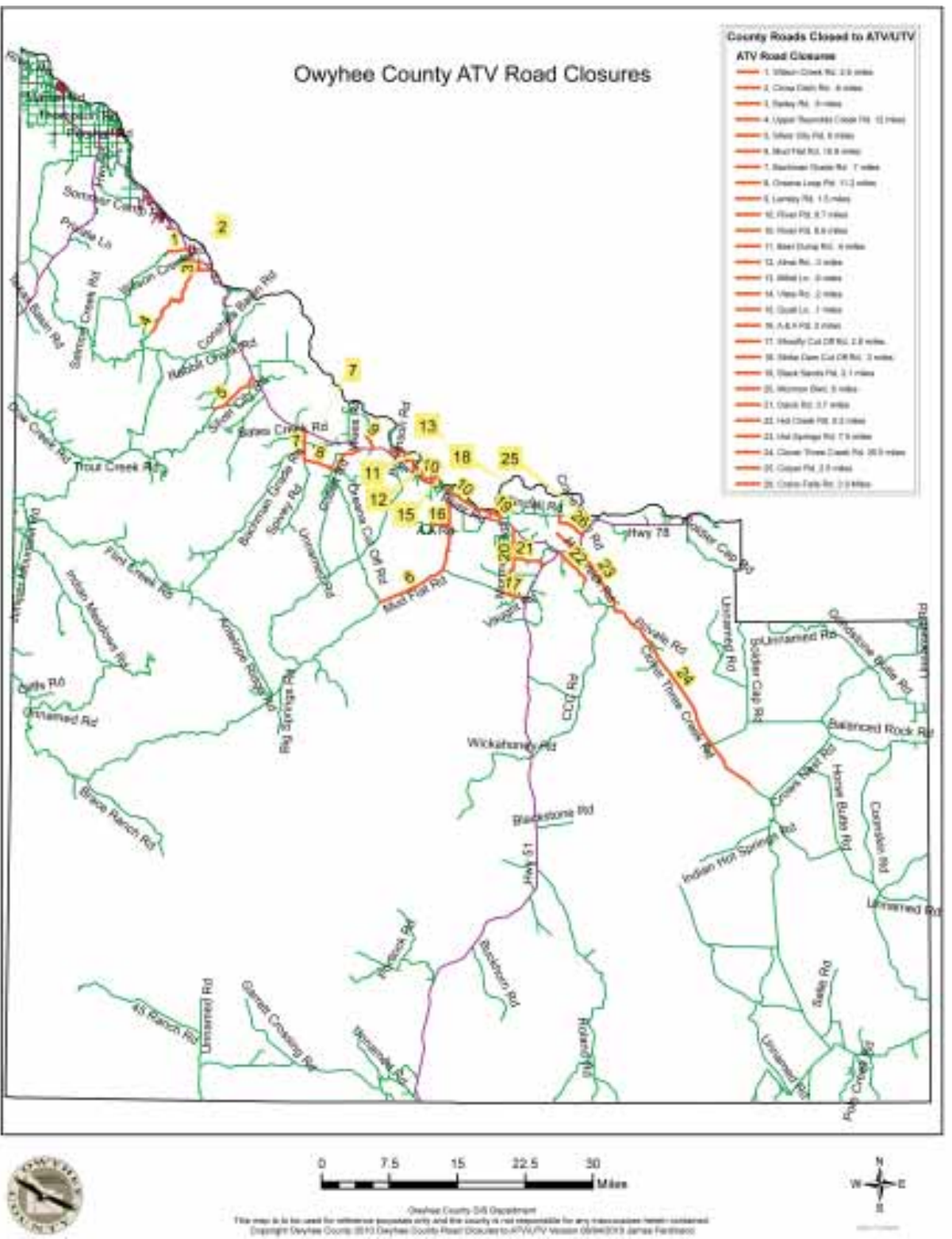
While the ordinance closes portions of some roads around Murphy and Bruneau, ATVs will be allowed on the streets within those townsites.

ATVs will be allowed on the closed roads for agricultural use, too. Law enforcement officers pursuing "legitimate law enforcement action" also are exempt from the ordinance.

Other closures, beginning in a sequence moving south-east along the Idaho 78 corridor, include:

- 2.6 miles of Wilson Creek Road directly off Idaho 78
- Nine-tenths of a mile each of China Ditch Road and Bailey Road near Idaho 78
- Six miles of Silver City

- Road off Idaho 78
- Seven-tenths of a mile of Bachman Grade Road from Bates Creek Road to Oreana Loop Road
 - 1.5 miles of Lemley Road off River Road
 - Separate 8.7- and 6.6-mile stretches of River Road between Mormon Boulevard and Parkinson Road
 - Four-tenths of a mile on Beet Dump Road off River Road
 - Three-tenths of a mile on Alma Road off River Road
 - Eight-tenths of a mile on Millet Lane north of River Road
 - Two-tenths of a mile on Vista Road south of River Road
 - One-tenth of a mile on Quail Lane south of River Road
 - Two miles of A&A Road between Mud Flat and Dairy roads
 - 2.8 miles of Shoofly Cut Off Road south of the Bruneau townsite
 - Three-tenths of a mile of Strike Dam Cut Off Road north of Idaho 78
 - Eight miles of Mormon Boulevard running south of Idaho 78
 - 3.7 miles of Davis Road between Mormon Boulevard and Idaho 51
 - 5.2 miles of Hot Creek Road running southeast from Bruneau
 - 7.5 miles of Hot Springs Road, which runs southeast from Bruneau just north of Hot Creek Road
 - 2.5 miles of Colyer Road north of Bruneau
 - 3.9 miles of Crane Falls Road off Idaho 51



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Holiday happenings in Homedale and Marsing



Michael Collett, Jason Galligan and Raul Villa gather presents that were wrapped by the Marsing High School boys' and girls' basketball teams on Saturday to hand out to area families in need.



The Hands Around Homedale food drive received 800 pounds of meat from the Caldwell Euzkaldunak Basque charities to help feed 55 families. Making the delivery at Paul's Market on Thursday was, from left, Ric Uria with Homedale High School Honor Society member Taylor Thomas and president Libby Silva, both seniors, as well as food drive coordinator Randee Garrett and Paul's Market's Stan Zatica.



Students from Hope Christian Academy performed for a packed house during their annual Christmas program.



Santa and Mrs. Claus visited schoolchildren at Marsing Elementary School to check in on students and get final requests for Christmas. Santa handed out bags with candy and fruit to the students with help from City of Marsing staff and Cpl. Jeff Wasson with the Owyhee County Sheriff's Office.



Lois Adams with the Wilson Sage Hens hands out a hand-sewn holiday stocking to Owyhee Health and Rehab resident Tom Stradley. Betty Freeburg and Sue VanKleck also participated in handing out the Christmas gifts to residents and staff. The club made 70 stockings and filled them with cookies and candy.



Music director Jessica Hanna directs the Homedale Middle School choir during "Christmas Lullaby Calypso" and "Winter Fantasy" at the Homedale Schools Winter Concert on Dec. 13.



Dawn Sandmeyer directs the Marsing Elementary School third-graders during their Christmas concert held earlier in the month.

MHS wrestlers bring home trophy from Glenns Ferry

The Marsing High School wrestling team brought home first place honors from the Glenns Ferry duals tournament on Friday.

Marsing won all five of its duals at a tournament that also featured Cascade, Garden Valley, Gooding, Tri-Valley, Oakley, Raft River, Glenns Ferry and Owyhee, Nev.

“It was a good tournament,” coach Rick Folwell said. “This is the first trophy that we have had since I have been at the school.”

In total, four Huskies took first place at the tournament. Armando Martinez claimed the 130-pound division, Austin Williams took the 160 class. Austin Glenn racked up



Armando Martinez

the 189 and Oscar Ceballos took the 215 class.



Oscar Ceballos

“We took all five matches. The boys are doing really



Austin Glenn

well,” Folwell said. “The nice thing about this is three of the

teams we will see in districts (Cascade, Garden Valley and Tri-Valley). All of the schools were comparable in size to us. It was neat to do so well against the other schools.”

Claiming second-place honors, Ismael Hinojosa in the 125 division and Dillon Danner in the 145 class. Nathan Danner notched the 152 group, and Miguel Acuna wrapped up the 171 class.

Marsing scored 60 to Oakley/Raft River’s 28 and went 35-12 over Glenns Ferry. The Huskies prevailed 42-24 over Garden Valley and beat Gooding, 33-24. The wrestlers dominated the combo team of Tri-Valley and Owyhee 54-18.



Homedale’s Aubrey Nash looks for an open spot while being guarded by Marsing’s Candy Leon on Friday night. The Huskies beat the Trojans 55-45 in a non-conference rivalry matchup.

**Marsing
55
Homedale
45**

The Lady Huskies took on the Lady Trojans in a non-conference matchup on Friday night in Homedale. Marsing was able to claim the game with a stellar performance from Ashley Hull, who finished with 21 points. The two teams will meet again on Jan. 4 in Marsing with the junior varsity starting at 4:45 p.m. and the varsity to follow.

Hull’s hot hand helps Huskies past Trojans

Cossel adds 15 points for winners;
Nash has 14 for HHS

Sophomore Ashley Hull scored 11 of her game-high 21 points in the fourth quarter Friday as Marsing High School pulled away from Homedale in a non-conference girls’ basketball game.

The Huskies (8-1 overall) widened a two-point lead after the end of three quarters to post a 55-45 victory on the Trojans’ floor.

Hull was 4-for-9 from beyond the three-point arc and missed only one of four foul shots.

“Ashley has the shooters mentality. She hit one deep one from about 25 feet which we really needed in the third,” Marsing coach Tim Little said. “She is one of our better outside shooters. Make or miss she is tough mentally and she knows she needs to not rush things.”

Homedale coach Jeremy Chamberlain pointed out Hull was one of the differences down the stretch.

“She really put the game away, and we didn’t have an answer for her,” he said.

Aubrey Nash scored 12 of her team-high 14 points in the second half for Homedale, which grabbed the lead briefly in the third quarter before the Huskies regained control. Deena Emry added nine points for the home team.

“Marsing is a very disciplined team that doesn’t make a lot of mistakes, so once they got the lead it was difficult for us to get it back,” Chamberlain said.

Rebecca Cossel notched a double-double for Marsing with 15 points and 11 rebounds. She



Ashley Hull

also had three assists and three steals.

Also for Marsing: Andrea Rodriguez went 3-for-6 inside for six points, five rebounds and three assists. Andi Merritt finished with five rebounds, two steals to end with six points. Candy Leon notched five points, five assists and three steals. Deidrie Briggs went 2-for-2 from the line for two points and seven rebounds.

“Candy had five assists on the night. This is the fourth or fifth game that she has had five or more,” Little said. “Everybody filled up the stat line. They all understand that even though it isn’t a league game, Homedale is a rival for us. They can shoot and are well coached. It is a good win for us.

“We gave them a little more points than we wanted to but it was good. We came out a little flat after halftime. Homedale came out and put on a good press.”

Sports

HHS girls start SRV with losses

Team stumbles vs. Payette after playing No. 1 Weiser tough

Payette High School stayed at arm's length throughout the contest as Homedale opened the 3A Snake River Valley conference girls' basketball season 0-2.

The Trojans' Kylie Farwell led all scorers with 13 points, but the host Pirates took advantage of 28 turnovers to post a 48-41 victory Thursday.

"Too many turnovers did not allow us to get into a rhythm and play well," HHS coach Jeremy Chamberlain said. "Overall it was one of our poorest outings of the season."

"We really didn't play well on either end."

The loss came two days after the Trojans (1-8 overall, 0-2 in conference) challenged the state's top 3A squad, Weiser, in their conference opener.

Homedale, which lost 55-45, to Marsing in a non-conference

home game Friday, has lost six consecutive games.

Dec. 14: Weiser 65, Homedale 54 — It didn't seem to matter that Homedale's girls' basketball team started its 3A Snake River Valley conference season against the top-ranked 3A team in the state.

Playing at home, the Trojans went toe-to-toe with the Wolverines in the half-court set, Chamberlain said.

"I felt like we played with them basket-for-basket for the most part," he said.

Weiser took control of the game during the second and third quarters with a pressure defense to hold the pesky Trojans at bay. Leading by just two after the first eight minutes, the Wolverines widened their lead to 39-28 at the break with a 25-point second quarter.

"The big difference in the

game was transition baskets and turnovers on the press. Although we did not have a lot of turnovers (15), the ones we did have came in the backcourt due to their press and led to easy lay-ins for them," Chamberlain said.

"There were also a number of times when we went crashing the boards, did not get the rebound, and they would leak somebody out and up the floor for an easy lay-in."

The coach said a postgame analysis revealed Weiser had scored on as many as eight lay-ins during the contest.

Weiser, which won for the eighth time in nine games this season, put four players in double figures, including senior Shae Duren and junior Marquita Palmer with 14 points each.

Freshman Kaylee Rupp and senior Deena Emry contributed season-high scoring totals with 12 points and 11 points, respectively. Rupp also shared the team lead in rebounding; she and Bryce Osborn corralled six boards each.

Streaking Antelopes win Cove trophy

Adrian girls have won seven straight since opening-night loss

Adrian High School posted its seventh consecutive girls' basketball victory Saturday night to win the Crane Tournament.

Three players reached double-figure scoring and Madison Purnell had a double-double with 13 points and 10 rebounds as the Antelopes beat Powder Valley, Ore., 58-47, in the title game.

Adrian (7-1 overall) erased a 31-29 halftime deficit with a 17-6 start to the second half.

Madison Shira led Adrian with 14 points, and Nichole Orosco added 13. She and Shira had seven rebounds each, while Ester Gordon pulled down 13 boards.

Adrian held a 52-24 edge on the glass, including a 2-to-1 margin (34-17) on its own end to make up for a 25.7 percent field-goal percentage (19-for-74).

"It was almost like we were playing Andy-Over with the basketball," Adrian coach Gene Mills said. "Powder wasn't small. They matched us size-wise, but our kids just had more intensity."

Katie Hamann poured in a game-high 18 points for the Badgers of North Powder, whom Mills called the best Oregon team Adrian has played this season.

Friday: Adrian 60, Cove 36 — Guards Jessica Morton and Shira fired in 20 points apiece, and Adrian used wide margins in three of the four quarters to handle the Leopards.

"Our kids are playing really good defense, and they board up really hard and get a lot of good offensive opportunities, and we just kind of wear people out over time," Mills said.

Adrian sprinted to a 16-8 first-quarter lead and opened up the game in the third quarter for a

44-29 advantage heading into the final eight minutes.

Mikayla Murchison's 13 points led Cove, while her sister, Jamie, scored 10.

Thursday: Adrian 38, Monument/Dayville 23 — Madison Purnell yanked down 15 rebounds to offset another poor shooting night in the Antelopes' opening-round win in the Crane Tournament. Annie Bowns led all scorers as no one in the game put in more than nine points.

Leading by six points at halftime, Adrian broke the game open with a 14-5 run through the third quarter of a game that featured 40 turnovers.

Purnell's domination on the backboards paced the Antelopes' 22-9 edge on the Tigers' glass.

Ester Gordon scored six points and snared eight rebounds for Adrian. Shyanne Winters led Monument/Dayville with seven points.

Dec. 14: Adrian 38, Greenleaf Friends Academy 24 — A big rebounding edge proved to be the difference for the Antelopes in a non-league game during which neither team could find the bottom of the basket.

Adrian held a 28-16 advantage of its own glass and took advantage of Greenleaf's 19.1 percent field-goal shooting (9-for-47) to win at home.

Madison Johnson scored 12 points for Greenleaf, which owned an 11-5 lead at the end of the first quarter, but scored only 13 points in the game's remaining 24 minutes.

Nichole Orosco scored 11 points and snagged seven rebounds to lead Adrian. Teammates Madison Purnell and Maddy Pendergrass collected 10 boards apiece.

Rimrock girls drop conference opener

Rimrock High School's girls' basketball team outscored Greenleaf Friends Academy over the final eight minutes but fell in its 1A Western Idaho Conference season opener on Dec. 13.

The Raiders trailed 36-18 at halftime.

Madison Johnson carried the Grizzlies to a 51-46 home victory with 24 points and 14 rebounds. in Greenleaf. She canned three three-point goals, too.

Laura Smith scored 13 points to lead Rimrock, and Kyla Jewett knocked down a trey on the way

to 11 points.

Results from the Raiders' games at Owyhee, Nev., on Dec. 14 and home against Gem State Adventist on Thursday weren't reported.

Meanwhile, the Rimrock boys' team picked up its third victory of the season Friday night at Camas County with a 58-42 decision. The Raiders (3-4 overall), who are under the guidance of new coach John Hannah, lost at Owyhee, Nev., on Dec. 14 (75-45) and fell to Gem State, 62-31, on Thursday.

No details were provided.

Trojan Winter Sports



BASKETBALL

Girls basketball

Varsity
Wednesday, Dec. 22 at Elite Eight Invitational, Nampa, time and site TBA
Tuesday, Jan. 4 at Marsing, 7:30 p.m.

Junior varsity
Tuesday, Jan. 4 at Marsing, 6 p.m.

Frosh-soph
Tuesday, Jan. 4 at Marsing, 4:30 p.m.

Boys basketball

Varsity
Wednesday, Dec. 22 at Elite Eight Invitational, Nampa, time and site TBA
Tuesday, Jan. 4, home vs. Vale, Ore., 7:30 p.m.

Junior varsity
Tuesday, Jan. 4, home vs. Vale, Ore., 6 p.m.

Frosh-soph
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WRESTLING

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Thursday, Jan. 6, home vs. New Plymouth, 6 p.m.

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Sports

MHS geared up for annual holiday basketball tournament

Marsing plays opening-round matchups Tuesday night

The Marsing High School girls' and boys' teams will host their annual Husky Holiday Classic basketball tournament with the opening round beginning Tuesday afternoon.

The varsity games will be played in the main high school gym with Nampa Christian taking

on Vale at 3 p.m. The Lady Huskies will face off against Liberty Charter at 6:15 p.m. The winners of opening-round games play for the championship at 6:15 p.m. Wednesday. The third-place game takes place at 3 p.m.

The varsity boys bracket starts with Nampa Christian playing

Liberty Charter at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday. The Huskies will take on North Star at 8 p.m. The winners play on Wednesday at 8 p.m. The third-place game is at 4:30 p.m. Wednesday.

The junior varsity games will take place at the Marsing Elementary School gymnasium located at 8th Avenue West.

The boys teams will play the first game with Nampa Christian taking on Liberty Charter

beginning at 3 p.m. Marsing will play North Star at 4:30 p.m. in the second game.

The winners will advance to the championship bracket and play at 6:15 p.m. on Wednesday. The third place game will take place at 3 p.m. on Wednesday.

The girls start at 6:15 p.m. with Nampa Christian facing off against Vale, Ore. Marsing will play North Star at 8 p.m. The winners compete for the championship at

8 p.m. on Wednesday with the third place game being played at 4:30 p.m.

During the games at both locations the girls' and boys' teams will sell chili, cornbread and tacos to raise funds for both teams. During halftime of the championship games a cake auction will be held.

Those interested in donating a cake for the auction should contact JW Chadez at (208) 794-5192.

Huskies take down McCall boys in conference clash

Marsing falls to Melba in conference opener

One day removed from the its first loss of the season, the Marsing High School boys' basketball team finished strong against 2A Western Idaho Conference rival McCall-Donnelly at home, beating the visiting Vandals, 57-52.

The Huskies (4-1 overall, 1-1 2A WIC) faced off against the Vandals in game that coach JW Chadez dubbed as a real test for the team. Marsing was led by sophomore Jason Galligan who knocked down 18 points and went 4-for-4 from the line. Galligan added four steals and one assist in Saturday's game.

"I was real proud of how the kids responded after the way we played against Melba," Chadez said. "We had two practices and

Saturday was a good day for the team. We talked about some of the small things that we needed to do and some fine tuning."

On the night, MacKay Hall finished with 17 points, three rebounds and was 8-for-10 from the line. Agustin Paramo was 3-for-5 from the line with five assists, four rebounds and one steal to finish with 10. Michael Collett had seven points, five rebounds and two assists. Patrick Usog had three points and one steal. Dakota Hill ended with two points, two rebounds, one assist and one steal.

"Basketball is quick. You don't have time between to think about what you are going to do," Chadez said. "I told the guys many times, 'you might have the wrong

reaction, but if you are going to make a mistake do it going hard not being scared.' It was a really big win for them. They needed the signature win."

Thursday: Melba 56, Marsing 37 — In their 2A WIC opener, the Huskies were trounced by the visiting Mustangs, going 15-51 from the floor to lose their first game of the season.

"We are much better shooters than what it shows," Chadez said. "All they were thinking about was what could happen versus just (playing) basketball and doing what we do. We have an opportunity to win every game that we play, and we have to take the same approach every night."

Paramo led the Huskies with nine points, four rebounds and two steals. Galligan and Hall each finished with seven points. Galligan had five rebounds and two steals. Hall had three

rebounds, two assists and one steal. Collett finished with five points, four rebounds and one steal. Hill landed four points with one steal. Miguel Leon added three points, and David Loeffler contributed two.

Dec. 14: Marsing 58, Greenleaf 41 — In a non-conference matchup, Marsing was led by Galligan with 19 points, 14 rebounds and two steals. Paramo

drilled two three-pointers to finish with 15 points, three rebounds, three steals and one assist.

Collett pulled down 10 rebounds, one assist and one steal to end with 10 points. Hall went 4-for-10 from the floor for eight points, six rebounds three assists and one steal. Raul Villa, Leon and Loeffler each finished with two points.

— JLZ



Agustin Paramo drives around Vandal defender Kyle Whalen during Marsing's win over McCall-Donnelly on Saturday night. The Huskies beat the visiting Vandals 57-52.

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BASKETBALL

Girls' Basketball

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Tuesday, Dec. 28, home vs. Liberty Charter, Husky Holiday Classic, 6:15 p.m.
Wednesday, Dec. 29, home for Husky Holiday Classic, 3 p.m. or 6:15 p.m.

Junior varsity
Tuesday, Dec. 28, home vs. North Star Charter, Husky Holiday Classic, 8 p.m.
Wednesday, Dec. 29, home for Husky Holiday Classic, 4:30 p.m. or 8 p.m.

Boys' Basketball

Varsity
Tuesday, Dec. 28, home vs. North Star Charter, Husky Holiday Classic, 8 p.m.
Wednesday, Dec. 29, home for Husky Holiday Classic, 4:30 p.m. or 8 p.m.

Junior varsity
Tuesday, Dec. 28, home vs. North Star Charter, Husky Holiday Classic, 4:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Dec. 29, home for Husky Holiday Classic, 3 p.m. or 6:15 p.m.

WRESTLING

Varsity
Tuesday, Jan. 11, home vs. McCall-Donnelly, TBA

Junior varsity
Friday-Saturday, Jan. 7-8 at Mountain View H.S. tournament, Meridian, TBA

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Sports

MHS JV holds on to win tight game over Homedale

The Marsing High School junior varsity A girls' basketball team eked out a 30-29 win over Homedale in a non-conference matchup Friday night.

The Lady Huskies (3-6 overall) were led by Shannon Malmberg and Shelbi Ferdinand each finishing with seven points. Mykaela Dines and Dafni Clausen each had five points. Kat Welch added three; Morgan Hall had two points and Evon Timmons had one.

"It was a very close game. We kind of made it tougher than it needed to be," coach Glenn Richardson said. "Both teams played really hard. This was a good win for us."

Tuesday, Dec. 14: Marsing 45, North Star 1— The Lady Huskies traveled to North Star in Eagle and handed a 2A Western Idaho Conference shellacking to the host Huskies.

Hall led Marsing (2-2 2A WIC) with 13 points in the heavily lopsided victory. Welch finished with eight, Timmons had six, Ofelia Herrera and Dines each had five. Becky Carter and Ferdinand added four on the night.

"This was a little lopsided. North Star has a new program, and they are only in their second year," Richardson said. "They scored in the second quarter on a free throw. I had the girls make nine passes before they could shoot. It is really hard in a game like this to stay disciplined."

Antelope boys finish 1-2 at Crane tourney

Purnell pops double-double average for three games

Adrian High School's boys' basketball team never got on track Saturday afternoon and lost its Crane Tournament finale.

Powder Valley jumped out to an early lead and coast to a 58-47 victory behind three players who reached double figures.

Blake Purnell scored 16 points and grabbed 10 rebounds while notching five steals — all team highs — in a losing effort for the Antelopes (2-6 overall).

Teammates Paxton Shira (12 points) and David Stones (10) also reached double figures while collecting seven and eight rebounds, respectively.

Levin Allen and Peter Colton shared top scoring honors with 17 points apiece for the Badgers. Trenton Dixon scored 10 for Powder Valley.

Friday: Adrian 56, Cove 41 — The Antelopes exploded for 21 second-half points to erase an early deficit and rout Cove during the second day of the Cove Tournament.

Blake Purnell notched another double-double with 22 points and 12 rebounds. Paxton Shira added 18 points and eight boards. Shira also had four steals as Adrian forced 11 out of the Leopards.

Cove had 16 turnovers, twice as many as Adrian.

Austin Woodward led Cove with 16 points.

Thursday: Monument/Dayville 51, Adrian 41 — Ball-handling woes contributed to an insurmountable deficit in the Antelopes' opening-day loss in the Crane Tournament.

Trailing by just three points, 31-28, after three quarters, Adrian fell further behind as the Tigers finished the game with 20 points in the final eight minutes.

The Antelopes committed 22 turnovers, while Monument/Dayville only lost the ball six times. The Tigers collected 12 steals, while four of their turnovers came as a result of Adrian thefts.

Three of the five Tigers that got into the game scored in double figures, with Justin Larson leading the way with 20 points. Jon Kimball and Jake Buce hit 10 points each.

Purnell led all scorers with 26 points and added 15 rebounds before fouling out on a night when Adrian was whistled 21 times to just six for the Tigers.

Tommy Miller had eight rebounds for Adrian.

Marsing shellacks North Star, 66-13

The Marsing High School girls' basketball traveled to North Star for its fourth 2A WIC matchup and decimated the host Huskies, 66-13.

"The best thing that came out of that game is we played our game," Little said. "We really tried to focus on defense and not to back off. We worked on a lot of fundamentals."

Ashley Hull led Marsing (8-1 overall, 3-1 2A WIC) with 19 points, three rebounds, three assists, two steals and one block. Andi Merritt kicked in nine points, seven rebounds, two steals and one assist. Rebecca Cossel finished with eight points, nine rebounds, two steals and one assist.

Deidre Briggs added eight points, seven rebounds, two steals and one assist. Shannon Malmberg went 2-for-2 from the line and 2-for-4 from the floor with one behind the arc to finish with seven points. Malmberg had three rebounds and one steal.

Andrea Rodriguez had five points, seven rebounds, three steals and one assist. Kate Blackstock had four points, three rebounds, two steals and one assist. Lacey Usabel, Shelbi Ferdinand and Candy Leon each finished with two points. Leon had five assists, three rebounds and three steals. Ferdinand landed three rebounds, two steals and one assist. Usabel had a pair of rebounds and assists.

"Our two biggest league games are coming up. We have Nampa Christian (Tuesday, Dec. 21 after deadline) and Cole Valley (Jan. 6)," Little said. "Once we get halfway through league, the girls will have a little bit more comfort in the game and what to expect. We all know that if we play to our potential we will be fine."

— JLZ

Idaho 1A teams take down JV

Jordan Valley High School's losing streak stretched to four games with a pair of weekend losses to 1A Idaho boys' basketball squads.

Notus stretched its season-opening winning streak to five games Saturday night with a 55-22 non-conference victory over the visiting Mustangs.

Jordan Valley (1-4) failed to score in the first quarter against the Pirates and trailed 52-18 at the end of three quarters.

"We struggled to get anything going offensively and dug ourselves a deep hole," Jordan Valley coach Mike Workman said.

Nate Easterday scored six points to lead the Mustangs, and Tom Nelson added four.

Jordan Valley never visited the foul line as the Pirates were only called for six fouls.

Tyler Elsner and Nate Elsner hit three-point goals for Jordan Valley.

Notus hit six shots from behind the arc, including two each from Andrew Pritchard and Dominic Valerio.

The Pirates' Hayden Clason scored 14 points to lead all scorers, while Valerio added 20.

Liberty Charter 59, Jordan Valley 46 — After falling behind early, the Mustangs rallied at home to trail by two points at the break. But the Patriots controlled the second half for the victory.

"We've improved bunches since the Rimrock game," Workman said. "We cut down on the turnovers and showed more patience offensively."

The coach said his players handled the Patriots' pressure defense well as Ty Warn led the team with 13 points and eight rebounds. Blaine Moran added nine, while Tyler Elsner, Ben Telleria and Nate Easterday scored five points apiece.

Elsner, Warn, Telleria and Dustin Bowers all hit three-pointers.

Dominic Hulsey's 20 points paced Liberty Charter (2-2). Rabon Peterson fired in 18.

Two Adrian wrestlers second in Elgin match

Adrian High School wrestlers won medals during Saturday's Elgin Holiday Tournament.

Shane Miller (125 pounds) and Mark Ishida (145) both reached the championship matches in their weight class but lost by pinfall — Miller to Mario Ramos of team champion Vale, and Ishida to Brock Hayes of Enterprise/Wallowa, which finished third.

At 160 pounds, Chance Marquez finished fourth after Hermiston's Bryce Simmons pinned him in the third-place match.

The Antelopes were seventh in the nine-team tournament.

Homedale roughs up Vale for fourth straight win to start year

Walter Almaraz poured in four three-point goals as Homedale High School pummeled Vale, Ore., in non-conference boys' basketball.

The senior's 5-for-9 showing from the field highlighted the Trojans' fourth consecutive victory, a 71-42 drubbing of their hosts on Dec. 14.

Homedale (4-0 overall) led by 20 at halftime after exploding for 21 first-quarter points.

Senior Kenny Esparza was 4-for-4 from the foul line and finished with a game-high 18 points and a co-team-high six rebounds. Senior Jonny Stacey also snagged six boards.

Almaraz was 3-for-4 from the line during his 17-point night.

Homedale went 11-for-15 from the charity stripe and took 22 more shots than the Vikings (0-3).

Mario Gonzalez added 12 points for the Trojans, and teammate Zac Lowder came away with six assists and five steals



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Homedale readies for “Hoop Bowl”
A basketball tournament spiced heavily with local players is expected to produce some stout competition. “I think all the games are going to be fun. They’re for fun,” said Don Drum of the Homedale Chamber of Commerce Holiday Hoop Bowl. “But, I think there is going to be some good basketball, too. It’s going to be an even tournament. Anybody could win.” Drum said 107 players have signed up for the tournament, which will be held in the old Homedale High School gym this Friday and Saturday. Drum said the Jump Creek Jack Rabbits and the Stateline Plowboys are favorites in the tournament.

Poor economy forces closure of Homedale market
Jerry & Bill’s Food Town is bidding Homedale a sad farewell. The downtown grocery store — which was known as Two Boy’s for some 38 years — is closing its doors within the next week, part-owner Bob Hauge said. Hauge said the fierce grocery price war being waged in the Treasure Valley, and a troubled farm economy were two major contributing factors to the store’s demise. Food Town acquired the store from Two Boy’s owner Verdis Wilson last summer, and opened its doors for business July 27. “It’s just plain economics. Everybody is down,” Hauge said. “About the only thing I can say is we gave it our best shot... We just mistimed it. I’m sure if economic times were better, there would be room for another store (in Homedale).” Homedale Mayor Paul Fink said Food Town owners made an agreement with the city to begin by September the demolition of the fire-charred Jackson Hotel next door. Food Town, Fink said, was planning to put in a parking lot and remodel the store; to make a new front facing the parking lot.

September, October, and November came and went, and the plan never materialized. Fink said Food Town owner Jerry Johnston told him last week the \$70,000 cost for the proposed improvements was simply unfeasible. Two weeks ago, in an attempt to keep Food Town in Homedale, Fink offered the Meridian-based company more time to begin the improvement.

Trojans slip by Greenleaf 56-54 in Thursday bout
Homedale High School basketball coach Joe Ford was glad his team hadn’t been robbed of a victory. The Greenleaf Friends Academy Grizzlies, 1-7, nearly pulled off the upset with a late rally last Thursday night. But the Trojans had just enough oomph to boost themselves to a 56-54 victory at the Greenleaf gym. “I was pleased with the way they hung in there and didn’t let the game get taken away from them. They showed a lot of heart,” Ford said. Ford’s heart must have been thumping wildly before it was over.

With Homedale nursing a 55-51 lead, Kurt Shanley missed the front end of a one-and-one with 1:09 left to play. Greenleaf sophomore Jim Dillon scored a lay up nine seconds later to cut Homedale’s lead to 55-54. Homedale Sophomore David Carson hit the second of a two-shot foul, with 13 seconds left to play, to give the Trojans some breathing room, 56-54.

Sports wrapup
The Homedale girls basketball team won in a big way last Thursday night. They took a 31-15 halftime lead and had little trouble defeating Owyhee County rival Marsing 50-27. Michelle Freund led the winners with 20 points and 19 rebounds. Teammate Ann Marie Mansisor pumped in 16 points and grabbed 10 rebounds. Pam Pope was Marsing’s leading scorer with seven points.

50 years ago

December 22, 1960

Trojans win from Parma in non-conference tilt
Homedale’s Trojans romped to an early lead Saturday night and defeated Parma 50-30 in a non-conference basketball game at Parma. The Trojans rushed in front 14-5 at the close of the first quarter and were in full charge at halftime, 30-13. With the reserves taking charge most of the third quarter the Trojans still led 35-22 before entering the final stanza. Pointing the way from Homedale was Dan DeGroat with 20 points. Teammate Dick Frazier added 14. High for the host Parma squad was Ed Chaloupka with 11 while Norman Cornwell added 10 more.

Lynn McClintick named Miss Owyhee Co. for 1961
Lynn Ellen McClintick, blonde blue-eyed freshman at the University of Utah, Saturday was named Owyhee County’s entrant in the 1961 Miss Idaho pageant held at the Washington grade school. Miss McClintick, 18, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil McClintick of Marsing, and was a 1960 Marsing high school graduate. She won over a field of 10 other contestants here Saturday night, presenting a ballet dance in the talent competition. She will receive a \$250 scholarship. First runner-up was Lucy VanDerhoff, 18, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ira VanDerhoff of Homedale; and second runner-up was Rosemary Jesenko, 18, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Jesenko, Jr., of Homedale. Both girls are vocalists.

School plan gets approval at Marsing
Patrons of the Knowlton Heights school district 77 and the Marsing district 363 approved a consolidation of the two districts Thursday by a vote of 89 to 2. A report from George Baalson, Marsing district clerk, said that all 66 ballots cast in the Class B Marsing district approved the consolidation; while 23 of 25 Knowlton Heights voters approved, with two voting no. The Knowlton Heights common school district is the last unreorganized district in Canyon County, Baalson said. Knowlton Heights patrons opposed the reorganization of its area with 13 other rural schools districts which organized into a Class C district in Canyon County last July 26. Knowlton Heights’ 30 grade and high school students have been attending Marsing schools this semester, but on a tuition basis. Baalson said they now will be able to attend without tuition, with the district’s tax funds going to Marsing.

Grand View scores win
Grand View’s Devils led all the way at Grand View Saturday night and defeated Owyhee in a non-conference game 42-34. Grand View broke the game wide open in the second half after holding an 18-13 halftime lead. Larry Harris with 25 points led the Devil scoring attack. Owyhee won the junior varsity game 26-18 while the Grand View girls downed Owyhee 37-33. Grand View: Harris, 25, Steiner 3, Yarbrough 13, Burkhart 1. Owyhee: Garity 10, Shaw 9, Shaw 5, Crawford 4, Thorp 2, Manning 2.

Matteson appointed to cemetery board
John Matteson has been appointed to fill the vacancy on the Marsing-Homedale cemetery board, which was previously held by his father, L. J. Matteson until his death earlier this month.

Homedale locals
Mr. and Mrs. Lee Townsend arrived in Homedale Saturday to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Townsend, and other relatives. They are both students at the University of Idaho, Moscow. Jack Trueblood, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Trueblood of Nampa, spent the weekend at the home of his grandmother, Mrs. Elsie Trueblood.

140 years ago

December 24, 1870

ROUGH ON THE ‘YOUNG MEN.’ Referring to the popular mania for prefixing to all manner of associations the appellation Young, when the members thereof are approaching the sere and yellow leaf of life, a contemporary days: “We have seen a Young Men’s Library Association, the entire directory of which couldn’t furnish enough of indigenous growth to stuff a pincushion and an organization of young men whose heads, when gathered in full conclave, were compared by an irreverent observer to a watermelon patch.”

CHANGED HANDS. Wells, Fargo & Co. have sold out their stage line between Virginia and Reno to Hill Beachey. That was the last of W. F. & Co’s stage lines.

THE EXHIBITION. The Theater was crowded with spectators last Saturday evening to witness Mrs. Adams School Exhibition. The programme was faithfully carried out and was a complete success. Taking everything into consideration, the entire performance was not excelled by any similar affair that we ever witnessed. We regret that want of space this week forbids an extended notice. The gross proceeds amounted to, \$132.50, from which deducting \$26 for expenses, leaves \$106.50 to be used exclusively in buying presents for the school children and those engaged in the exhibition, in all, numbering 55. We understand that quite a sum of money has been collected, and will be appropriated in presents for other children in the community. The Christmas tree to-night will undoubtedly be heavily laden with gifts.

GRAND RAFFLE. Two gold watches will be raffled off at Sommercamp’s saloon on Saturday evening, Dec. 31st. There are one hundred chances, at \$3 each. The highest throw takes the first choice, and the lowest throw the second. One of the watches is a heavy gold hunting case, stem winder, and latest improved movements — value, \$250; the other, a common gold hunting case, good timekeeper – value, \$50. Take a chance and try your luck.

THE LEGISLATURE. From published reports it would seem that, instead of attending to matters of vital importance, our law makers at the Capital are squandering their time by introducing and discussing bills that might safely be left till the latter part of the session, or even ignored altogether.

A WOMAN at the point of death in Kansas was instantly restored to life and vigor by overhearing her prospective widower propose subsequent matrimony to the chambermaid.

LOCAL HINTS AND HAPPENINGS. A Merry Christmas to all! Col. Fogus has gone to San Francisco. Hon. Frank Ensign has gone to Boise City. Rev. E. Z. Poulin has gone to Boise City. No important European war news this week. We are informed that a gay deck of hardies will arrive here this week.

Joe Short has just received an extensive stock of liquors, &c, from San Francisco. Geo. Allen departed for Chico, Cal., this week and will make that place his permanent home. It is rumored that Charley Hays has “flopped” on the European question, and is now in favor of King William. Another effort has been made to get a Governor for Idaho, the President having nominated a carpet bagger named A. H. Connors. We understand that work will be suspended in a majority of the mines on Sunday and Monday next that the boys may have a chance to celebrate. Sommercamp has extended the sidewalk from his saloon to Ayears’ shoe shop, and is making various other improvements about his tip-top establishment.

Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM



On the edge of common sense Cows in the manger

Have you given any thought to whether there were any cows in the barn on Christmas Eve that night two thousand and ten years ago? All Luke says is there was a manger. It doesn't take much Bible reading to inform us that cows have been domesticated for centuries. Why, Adam even named 'em! They're mentioned throughout the Old Testament, which ironically ended that very New Year's Eve!

But, this was a manger in a barn behind an inn, a motel, I would guess. I couldn't speculate if they had a restaurant in-house, but surely they would have offered a Continental breakfast. Scrambled eggs, a loaf of bread, some dates and honey, and of course, fresh milk! Butter on the table, cream for their coffee substitute. Grape juice would have been out of season, and Ethiopians hadn't invented coffee yet, just frankincense and myrrh.

So it stands to reason they kept a cow in the barn, kind of a Jersey-Corriente cross that didn't eat much and had a calf every year that they could sacrifice or BBQ, plus some chickens and goats.

So, what difference does it make if a cow was in the barn when Jesus was born? Well, to me it represents a connection between them and those of us who also keep livestock. We can immediately picture the "stable" as it's often portrayed. It had several pens, and alley running length-wise, hay storage at one end, maybe a lockable grain room with tools, a halter, hog snare (for gentile guests), sheep hook, some calving straps, a cat, a length of rope, and a pack for the burro. Whatever ya need to keep domestic beasts.

We also know what it smelled like: animals, hay and straw, lamp oil, pigeon droppings. It would be warm. The more the animals, the greater the body heat. It could have been cozy if the doors closed tight. We can picture the feeder, the trough that Mary laid baby Jesus in. It wouldn't have looked like a "nest" as the Nativity scenes depict. It would have been deeper and longer. Able to hold an evening's ration for ol' bossy. Made of wood, with the board's edges worn smooth from years of cows rubbing. They probably took the manger out of the cow's pen and just threw her some hay over the fence.

It would be nice to think the Innkeeper or his wife would have shown Joe and Mary to the barn. Lit the lamp, maybe found them an empty stall out of the wind, fork in some straw. The bare minimum. But still, how could they leave a woman in labor out in the barn? I don't get it. I have to accept it all as God's plan. Jesus was born of regular, decent, working-class people. He grew up with them, learned a trade. If it were proper to say, He had a normal life for a while. God did it that way for a reason. So we could relate to Jesus better. That's why the cow was there, so we farmers and animal lovers would feel a part of it.

For Mary's sake, it's too bad Joe didn't stop on the road a bit earlier that night, like at a farmhouse. He might have received a kinder welcome. If they were my kinfolks they'd have fed 'em supper, found 'em a place to sleep inside and probably mid-wifed Mary! But they didn't stop. Joe was in a hurry to get to Bethlehem, and you know how men are.

— Visit Baxter Black's Web site at www.baxterblack.com for more features, merchandise and his latest release, a double DVD entitled "Baxter Black Live".

Wayne Cornell

Not important ... but possibly of interest Christmas memories



When I was a kid, there was a standing rule at our house that on Christmas morning we had to stay in bed until Dad got up, usually around 6 a.m. But he had chores to do before Christmas officially began. I fidgeted and danced in front of the flat-topped wood cookstove in the kitchen, waiting for Father to finish milking the cows.

When Dad returned from the barn, he seemed to move in slow motion as he peeled off his coveralls and boots and washed up in the kitchen sink.

Finally, the big sliding door that sealed off the living room from the rest of the house was rolled back. The door was only closed when company was sleeping on the living room couch and on Christmas morning.

A fire was crackling in the fireplace. An assortment of packages in colorful wrappings had appeared during the night under the tinsel-covered tree in front of the living room windows.

Before the presents under the tree could be addressed, we had to see what was in the red "Santa Stockings" hanging from the fireplace. There were always some nuts and usually an orange. The orange was special because in the early 1950s, fresh fruit was pretty rare and expensive during the winter months in Idaho. There were some small gifts in the stockings, too. I remember the year I got a double-barreled "pirate" cap pistol with a plastic stock that looked like wood. I think I played with it more than any other gift I received that year.

My parents never had a lot of extra money, and they refused to go into debt for major gifts, like many people do today. I remember lusting after a Fort Apache play set in the Montgomery Ward catalog. But I knew I wasn't going to get it because it cost \$12.95.

One of my most vivid childhood memories of Christmas involves my sister Pat and Eddy Arnold.

The 45 rpm record (the vinyl disk with a big hole in the center) was introduced in 1949. The one thing Pat wanted for Christmas was a 45 rpm record player. But the players

were new and relatively expensive — at least \$25. I think Pat figured her chances of getting a record player were about as good as me getting a Fort Apache set.

On Christmas morning we opened out presents. Pat got some small gifts, but no record player appeared. I'm sure she was disappointed, but she put on a brave face.

In the room where we were opening presents was a big pre-war Zenith floor model radio. Dad turned on the radio. It was playing "Will Santa Come to Shanty Town?" by a popular singer of the period, Eddy Arnold. Although I was only four or five years old at the time, I remember some of the words:

*"Will Santa Come to Shanty Town
If he sees our Christmas tree?
Mommy said he would
If I promise to be good."*

*"But we don't have a fireplace
Or a chimney on our shack
Like the other lucky children have
Who live across the tracks."*

At some point, Pat suddenly realized that "Will Santa Come to Shanty Town?" had played several times in a row. She looked over at the radio. On top of the Zenith was an RCA Victor 45 rpm record changer that Father had wired into the radio. On it was one record — "Will Santa Come to Shanty Town?" I remember the record was made out of green translucent vinyl.

My sister cried.

May your Christmas be as merry and memorable as Pat's.

— Go to www.theowyheeavalanche.com to link to some of Wayne Cornell's previous columns on his blog. You'll find the link in the bottom right-hand corner of the home page.

Sen. Mike Crapo

From Washington A salute to those away from home protecting freedom



One of the best gifts during the holidays is time with family and friends. The holidays provide time to catch up with close and distant loved ones. We can relax in the familiarity of shared traditions and celebrate common memories. We can reflect on experiences and lessons from the past year and discuss plans for the coming year. We are afforded this time of enjoyment due in large part to the diligence of American service members forgoing holidays at home and vigilantly defending our nation.

War and violence do not take holidays, and the holidays are oftentimes periods of increased threats by those who want to disrupt American customs. Fortunately, brave men and women are constantly working to protect us and our way of life. According to U.S. Department of Defense data, there are more than 1.4 million active duty service members in the U.S. Armed Forces. The Idaho National Guard's 116th Cavalry Brigade Combat Team recently deployed to Iraq, where they will be stationed through Christmas for an expected one-year deployment. Approximately 100 Army Reservists with the 391st Army Reserve Unit, based in Boise, are preparing to deploy. Airmen from Mountain Home Air Force Base have also been serving overseas. Each American in uniform has a

demanding responsibility to help end the multiple threats to our nation and communities. For many American service members meeting this enormous responsibility means spending the holidays away from home at their posts protecting Americans and our communities, and Idaho families have loved ones serving in various units deployed over the holidays.

While technological advancements have improved the ability of service members, especially those serving in remote locations, to connect with their family and friends, the comfort of the presence of a loved one cannot be replaced. Military families often bear months and years of separation, and the holidays can be difficult reminders of the absence of a family member serving in a war zone. Families of service members demonstrate remarkable amounts of patience, endurance and strength as they await the return of their loved ones. Service members and their families give extensively to our nation. Time away from their loved ones is among their irreplaceable contributions. I am grateful for their tremendous sacrifices. We owe a sincere debt of gratitude for this unselfish heroism.

— See *Salute*, page 19A


Commentary

Financial management

Imposing financial advice on loved ones will do damage

Dear Dave,
My brother and I recently received an inheritance after our mom died. He’s never been very good with money, so I was proud of him when he used his portion to pay off his debts. But then he went out and financed a \$23,000 van he can’t afford. I’m afraid he’s falling right back into the same old money problems, but I don’t know how to talk to him about it.

— Diana



I’m glad you realize there are some boundaries here. Still, there’s no reason you can’t create a situation where he can ask your opinion. You might begin with talking about some of the mistakes you’ve made in the past. This could help him connect with you and feel more comfortable opening up about his own situation. Once he realizes you’ve learned from your mistakes and haven’t repeated them, he might

feel comfortable enough to ask how you accomplished it all. Then, once he does that, the door is open!

But you can’t become preachy or act like a know-it-all every time someone does something dumb. Acting that way makes you seem arrogant, and you’ll probably only succeed in hurting the other person’s feelings and making them tune you out completely.

— Dave

Dear Dave,
I have my own medical practice, but I’m in a lot of debt and the practice just doesn’t seem to be working out. I took out a large loan in the beginning, and I can’t seem to stay current on the

payments no matter how hard I work. Do you think I should file bankruptcy?

— John

Dear John,
You went to school to be a doctor, which is an admirable thing. But now you’re also a businessman, so you need how to run your interest profitably. Chances are you’re not bankrupt. It sounds to me like you made the mistake of starting a new business without first having a realistic business plan in place. Talk to your lender, and let them know what your situation is like right now. They may be willing to work with you on a plan that would give you a little bit of

breathing room.

You might also look into the possibility of hiring a business manager. This would require paying someone an additional salary, but at least you’d be assured that the business side of things is being run properly.

But don’t file bankruptcy, John. It’s a stressful and emotionally damaging process. You’re doing what you love and what you were called to do. The trick is to free up the money that will allow you to continue doing this great work!

— Dave

— Find tools to help with finances, previous columns and more financial advice at Davesays.org.

Letters to the editor

Bruneau Elementary gives thanks for benefit support

Bruneau Elementary wants to give a big thanks to all of the community members, families and participants that joined us on Friday, Dec. 17, 2010 for our good guys goodies lunch and dash for cash event.

We were able to raise \$1041.47 and donate the money to Kit Bachman and family. We wish them well and hope Kit gets to feeling better each day. It was a wonderful event and we greatly appreciate all of your support.

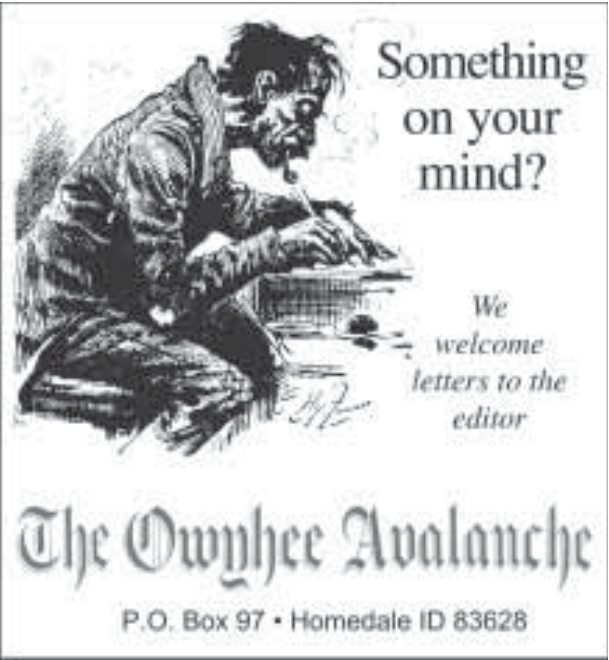
We hope everyone has a wonderful holiday. See you all after the New Year on Tuesday, Jan. 4, 2011.

Bruneau Elementary School

Families should think how behavior will affect children

Jeers to the families in our community who think they are better than others. God created us all as equals; no one person is better than another.

Jeers to these families that are cruel and enjoy breaking kids’ hearts with their actions. Shame on you for teaching your kids, by example, that it is OK to mentally and physically abuse or bully other kids at school or by texting.



I was brought up to be nice to everyone you come into contact with, and not to leave anybody out, even though some I wasn’t sure I wanted to invite but still did. I was taught to do unto others as you would want them to do unto you. I am not perfect, this is hard to do when it is happening to your child.

Next time, think about what you are doing. Ask yourself,

“Would I like this done to my child?” There is always a better way to handle things so you don’t hurt the kids or their families.

A mother that loves here children and wants the best for them,
Wendy Salutregui
Homedale

Tax-deductible donations help Marsing library serve

Friends of Lizard Butte Library recently facilitated the establishment of a \$10,000 Endowment funded by the widow of Donald C. Johnson, who served on the original Lizard Butte Library Board.

We call attention to this fund to let area residents know that this fund exists and anyone can donate to this fund at any time. Lizard Butte Library receives interest only from this account to further their outreach to the community. Therefore, the larger the Endowment Fund the larger the interest accrued will be. Keep in mind that any donation made before Dec. 31, 2010, is tax deductible.

Thank you for your interest in furthering the efforts of our library.

Dawn Roy, president
Friends of Lizard Butte Library
Marsing

✓ Salute: Express your gratitude for sacrifices

From Page 18A

In recognition of this service, sacrifice and the challenges military families face, letters and messages can provide needed encouragement during extended time apart from loved ones. As we celebrate the holidays, it is important to remember the continued sacrifice of the many members of the military and their families who are separated from their loved ones. My thoughts and prayers are with our brave men and women in uniform for a safe return home.

— Republican Mike Crapo is Idaho’s senior member in the U.S. Senate.

Letters to the editor policy

The Owyhee Avalanche welcomes letters to the editor.

Our policy is that locally written letters receive priority. We do not publish mass-produced letters. The length must be limited to 300 words; the letters must be signed and include the writer’s address and a daytime phone number where the writer can be reached for verification.

Letters can be e-mailed to jon@owyheeavalanche.com or faxed to (208) 337-4867 or mailed to P.O. Box 97, Homedale ID, 83628.

The deadline for submitting letters to the editor is noon on Friday. For more information, call 337-4681.

The Owyhee Avalanche

Public notices

OWYHEE COUNTY ORDINANCE NO. 10-03
(THIS ORDINANCE HEREIN MODIFIES, REPLACES AND SUPERSEDES LOCATIONS AND ROAD CLOSURES UNDER PREVIOUS ORDINANCE MAKING IT UNLAWFUL TO OPERATE ALL TERRAIN VEHICLES (ATV), UTILITY TYPE VEHICLES (UTV) AND MOTERBIKES, EVEN THOUGH LICENSED AND REGISTERED, ON ROADS AND PORTIONS OF ROADS DESIGNATED IN THE ORDINANCE AND STATING EXEMPTIONS FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT AND AGRICULTURE USE AND ESTABLISHING A MAXIMUM SPEED LIMIT AND RULES OF THE ROAD APPLICABLE TO SUCH VEHICLES ON ROADS OTHER THAN THOSE DESIGNATED AS CLOSED TO SUCH USE IN ORDINANCE NO. 08-03 originally enacted December 22, 2008 and as thereafter heretofore amended; PENALTY FOR VIOLATION SET FORTH).
BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF OWYHEE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS;

Section 1. Purpose
a. Pursuant to Idaho Code, § 49-426 (3) Owyhee County scheduled, noticed and held a public hearing so that citizens could provide input into the decision as to whether any public roads within the Owyhee County Highway system should be closed to use by all terrain vehicles, utility type vehicles and motorbikes. The prior ordinance No. 02-02 had designated roads and portions of roads which were open to use by such vehicles. But, Idaho code § 49-426 (3) provides that all county roads would be open to such use after January 1, 2009 unless the County adopted an ordinance closing certain designated roads or portion of such roads to such use. After taking into account the testimony received at the public hearing, after considering matters of public safety and the considerable cost for search, rescue and assistance to the County, after considering testimony in favor of unlimited use and testimony in favor of even more restrictive closures, the Board of County Commissioners decided to designate the roads and portions of roads set forth in this ordinance as closed to use of all terrain vehicles, utility type vehicles and motorbikes.
b. This Ordinance as herein amended, modifies, replaces and supersedes the locations of road closures set forth in Owyhee County Ordinance No. 08-03 originally enacted December 22, 2008 and as thereafter heretofore amended.

Section 2. Designation of county roads and portions of such roads which are closed to use by all terrain vehicles, utility type vehicles and motorbikes.

APPENDIX A			
Id	STREET	SURFACE	MILEAGE
26	Crane Falls Rd.	Paved	3.9 miles
25	Coyler Rd	Paved	2.5 miles
23	Hot Springs Rd	Paved	7.5 miles
22	Hot Creek	Paved	5.2 miles
21	Davis Rd	Paved	3.7 miles
17	Shoofly Cut Off Rd	Paved	2.8 miles
16	A & A Rd	Paved	2 miles
15	Quail Ln	Paved	.1 miles
14	Vista Rd	Paved	.2 miles
19	Black Sand Rd	Paved	2.1 miles
18	Strike Dam Cut Off Rd	Paved	.3 miles
10	River Rd	Paved	6.6 miles
10	River Rd	Paved	8.7 miles
13	Millet Ln	Paved	.8 miles
11	Beet Dump Rd	Paved	.4 miles
12	Alma Rd	Paved	.3 miles
9	Lemley Rd	Paved	1.5 miles
7	Bachman Grade Rd	Paved	.7 miles
5	Silver City Rd	Paved	6 miles
6	Mud Flat Rd	Paved	15.8 miles
8	Oreana Loop Rd	Paved	11.2 miles
20	Mormon Blvd	Paved	8 miles
4	Upper Reynolds Creek Rd	Paved	12 miles
3	Bailey Rd	Paved	.9 miles
2	China Ditch Rd	Paved	.9 miles
1	Wilson Creek Rd	Paved	2.6 miles
24	Clover Three Creek Rd	Gravel	26.5 miles
12/22/10			

**SYNOPSIS OF
OWYHEE COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
DECEMBER 7, 2010**
Payment of bills approved.
Current Expense \$38,775,
District Court \$5,036, County
Fair \$1,056, Probation \$390,
Health District \$4,310, Indigent
& Charity \$35,650, Revaluation
\$523, Solid Waste \$10,893,
Weed \$773, 911 \$101, Road &
Bridge \$43,555.
Certificate of residency
approved for Brittany Sandy.
Adopted Resolution 10-41
Closing Silver City and Bachman
Grade Roads.
Accepted the Resignations
of Dan Landa and Martin Jaca
from the Planning & Zoning
Commission.
Appointed Scott Jensen and
Chad Nettleton to the Planning
& Zoning Commission.
Approved Task Order for
Paragon Engineers to apply for
STP-R Rural Funding for road

improvements.
Approved a revision of the bid
for a 911 system submitted for
publication.
Sent letter to ISDA on funding
for weed control.
Approved the award of \$409
on the 2009 EMPG Grant from
BHS.
Indigent & Charity: approved
a lien on case #10-53.
Executive Session 67-2345.
No action taken.
The complete minutes can be
viewed online at owyheecounty.
net or in the Clerk’s office.
12/22/10

**AMENDED NOTICE OF
PETITION AND HEARING
Case No. CV 2010 1745 H
(I.C. 15-1-401)
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**

2011 LOCAL ELECTION CALENDAR		
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: the following taxing districts will be up for Candidate Elections in Owyhee County during the calendar year 2011		
NAME AND ADDRESS OF TAXING DISTRICTS	ELECTION DATE	CANDIDACY FILING DEADLINES
Bruneau/Grand View School District 365J 660 Boise Avenue Grand View, Idaho 83624	May 17, 2011	April 8, 2011
Castleford School District 417J 500 Main Street Castleford, Idaho 83321	May 17, 2011	April 8, 2011
Glenns Ferry School District 192J 800 Highway 30 Glenns Ferry, Idaho 83623	May 17, 2011	April 8, 2011
Homedale School District 370J 116 East Owyhee Ave. Homedale, Idaho 83628	May 17, 2011	April 8, 2011
Marsing School District 363J 209 8th Ave W., Hwy 78 Marsing, Idaho 83639	May 17, 2011	April 8, 2011
Melba School District 136J 520 Broadway Ave. Melba, Idaho 83641	May 17, 2011	April 8, 2011
Pleasant Valley School District 364 28026 Juniper Mountain Rd. Jordan Valley, Oregon 97910	May 17, 2011	April 8, 2011
Three Creek School District 416J 49909 Three Creek Highway Rogerson, Idaho 83302	May 17, 2011	April 8, 2011
Gem Highway District 1016 Main Street Marsing, IdahoHomedale Highway District	May 17, 2011	April 8, 2011
102 E. Colorado Homedale, Idaho 83628	May 17, 2011	April 8, 2011
Three Creek Highway District 56560 Blossom Rd. Rogerson, Idaho 83302	May 17, 2011	April 8, 2011
Bruneau Valley Library 31013 State Hwy 51 Bruneau, Idaho 83604	May 17, 2011	April 8, 2011
Eastern Owyhee Library 520 Boise Avenue Grand View, Idaho 83624	May 17, 2011	April 8, 2011
Lizard Butte Library 111 3rd Ave. W. Marsing, Idaho 83639	November 8, 2011	September 9, 2011
City of Grand View 425 Boise Avenue Grand View, Idaho 83624	November 8, 2011	September 9, 2011
City of Homedale 31 W. Wyoming Homedale, Idaho 83628	November 8, 2011	September 9, 2011
City of Marsing 425 Main Street Marsing, Idaho 83639	November 8, 2011	September 30, 2011
Bruneau Cemetery 30073 Hot Springs Road Bruneau, Idaho 83604	November 8, 2011	September 30, 2011
Marsing/Homedale Cemetery 4410 Cemetery Road Marsing, Idaho 83639	November 8, 2011	September 30, 2011
Owyhee Pioneer Cemetery 17813 Oreana Loop Road Murphy, Idaho 83650Riverside Cemetery	November 8, 2011	September 30, 2011
22564 River Road Grand View, Idaho 83624	November 8, 2011	September 30, 2011
Bruneau Fire District 32548 Belle Ave. Bruneau, Idaho 83604	November 8, 2011	September 30, 2011
Grand View Fire District 720 Roosevelt St. Grand View, Idaho 83624	November 8, 2011	September 30, 2011
Homedale Fire District 20 W. Colorado Homedale, Idaho 83628	November 8, 2011	September 30, 2011
Marsing Fire District 303 Main Street Marsing, Idaho 83639	November 8, 2011	September 30, 2011
Murphy-Wilson-Reynolds Fire District 11606 State Hwy 78 Melba, Idaho 83641	November 8, 2011	September 30, 2011
Declarations of candidacy are available at the respective taxing district offices or at the County Clerk’s office at the Owyhee County Courthouse 20381 State Hwy 78 Murphy, Idaho 83650. Charlotte Sherburn, Owyhee County Clerk 12/22/10		

ESTATE OF: JOSEPHINE KINNEY, Deceased.
1. Notice is hereby given that on October 28, 2010, Margaret P. White, Deputy Attorney General, filed a petition for formal adjudication of intestacy and formal appointment of personal representative.
2. A copy of the petition accompanies this Notice.
3.The petition has been set for hearing in this Court at Homedale, Idaho, on February 2, 2011, at 10:30 o’clock, a.m. via telephonic

conference to be initiated by the court by calling (208) 332-7961.
DATED this 30th day of November, 2010.
MARGARET P. WHITE, Deputy Attorney General
LAWRENCE G. WASDEN, ATTORNEY GENERAL, STATE OF IDAHO
S. KAY CHRISTENSEN, ISB No. 3101, CHIEF, CONTRACTS AND ADMINISTRATIVE LAW DIVISION
MARGARET P. WHITE, Deputy Attorney General, 3276

Elder, Ste. B, P.O. Box 83720, Boise, Idaho 83720-0009. Telephone: (208) 332-7961 Facsimile: (208) 334-6515 ISB No. 2173 whitem@dhw.idaho.gov
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GRANT MONEY AWARDED TO THE CITY OF GRAND VIEW BY: IDAHO COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

This public notice is to announce that the CITY OF GRAND VIEW has received a grant of \$1,500.00 from the IDAHO COMMUNITY FOUNDATION in order to purchase concrete for a sidewalk from the Rimrock Senior Center to the Grand View City Hall. This award was announced publicly at the December 8, 2010 City Council Meeting held at 425 Boise Avenue in Grand View, Idaho.

These funds will go to the purchase of concrete to build a sidewalk from the Senior Center to City Hall. The City of Grand View desires to have a concrete sidewalk for citizens and visitors to exercise or take a leisurely walk through our fair City. This project will take several years to complete due to the economic situation at this time. However, the City of Grand View desires for its citizens to have a safe place to walk. Special thanks, also, goes to Tammy Payne for writing this grant for the City.

The City of Grand View's Mayor Paul R. Spang, City Council President Franklin Hart, City Council Member's Marie Hipwell, David Buffington and Tammy Payne, and Employees would like to thank The Idaho Community Foundation, of which, deserves special thanks for helping us with this project.

People interested in learning more about the City of Grand View may call (208) 834 – 2700.

The Idaho Community Foundation assists hundreds of nonprofit organizations throughout Idaho in their crucial work of supporting families and seniors, advancing the arts, protecting animals, preserving the environment and much more. In 2009, ICF gave nearly \$ 5 million in grants and distributions to charitable organizations and scholarships from its more than 400 funds.

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Mayor of Grand View
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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

TS #: ID-09-326343-TD On 3/15/2011, at 11:00 AM (recognized local time), at the following location in the County of OWYHEE, State of Idaho: In the lobby of the Owyhee County Courthouse located on the corner of Highway 78 and Hailey Street, known as 20381 Highway 78, Murphy, ID 83650, Pioneer Lender Trustee Services, LLC an Idaho limited liability company, as Trustee by Quality Loan Services, as Attorney in Fact, as Trustee on behalf of JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following real property, situated in the County of OWYHEE State of Idaho, and described as follows: This parcel is a portion of Government Lot 1 of Section 4, Township 2 North, Range 4 West of the Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho and is more particularly described as follows: COMMENCING at the Northeast corner of said Government Lot 1, a found brass cap monument: thence South 89°57'06" West along the North

boundary of said Government Lot 1 a distance of 933.00 feet; thence South 0°02'54" East perpendicular to the North boundary of said Government Lot 1 a distance of 33.00 feet to a 1/2 x 24 inch rebar set with a plastic cap stamped L.S. 3627, said point being the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING; thence South 1°50'17" East parallel with the East boundary of said Government Lot 1 a distance of 118.00 feet to a 1/2 x 24 inch rebar set with a plastic cap stamped L.S. 3627; thence North 0°46' 29" West a distance of 117.95 feet to a point which lies on a line 33.00 feet Southerly from and parallel with the North boundary of said Government Lot 1, a 1/2 x 24 inch rebar set with a plastic cap stamped L.S. 3627; thence North 89°57'06" East along said parallel line a distance of 63.81 feet to the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING. The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113 Idaho Code^ the Trustee has been informed that the address of 999 MAIN ST, MARSING, ID 83639 is sometimes associated with said real property. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by LESLIE F DANNER AND TERRIANN R DANNER, WIFE AND HUSBAND as Grantor/Trustor, in which MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE FOR AEGIS WHOLESALE CORPORATION, is named as Beneficiary and STEWART TITLE as Trustee and recorded 4/30/2007 as Instrument No. 260799 in book - , page - , of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of OWYHEE County, Idaho. Please Note: The above Grantors are named to comply with section 45-1506(4)(A), Idaho Code, No representation is made that they are, or are not, presently responsible for this obligation set forth herein. The Default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to pay when due, under Deed of Trust and Note dated 4/27/2007. The monthly installments of principal, interest, and impounds (if applicable) of \$1,467.81, due per month for the months of 7/1/2009 through 11/16/2009, and all subsequent installments until the date of sale or reinstatement. The principal balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is \$200,000.00 together with interest thereon at the current rate of 7.3750 per cent (%) per annum from 6/1/2009. All delinquent amounts are now due, together with accruing late charges, and interest, unpaid and accruing taxes, assessments, trustee's fees, attorney's fees, and any amounts advanced to protect the security associated with this foreclosure and that the beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. If

the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee, or the Mortgagee's Attorney. Date: 11/05/2010 Pioneer Lender Trustee Services, LLC an Idaho limited liability company, as Trustee by Quality Loan Services, as Attorney in Fact, as Trustee Quality Loan Service Corp. of Washington, as Agent 2141 5th Avenue San Diego, CA 92101 Angelica Castillo, Assistant Secretary For Sale Information Call: 714-730-2727 or Login to: www.fidelityasap.com If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the note holders right's against the real property only. THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. As required by law, you are hereby notified that a negative credit report reflecting on your credit record may be submitted to a credit report agency if you fail to fulfill the terms of your credit obligations. ASAP# 3806359
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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE UNDER DEED OF TRUST Title Order No: 4442603 T.S. No.: T09-57091-ID NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that FIRST AMERICAN TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY, the duly appointed Successor Trustee, will on 02-22-2011 at 11:00 AM, of said day, at IN THE LOBBY OF THE OWYHEE COUNTY COURTHOUSE, LOCATED ON THE CORNER OF HIGHWAY 78 AND HAILEY ST, KNOWN AS, 20381 HIGHWAY 78, MURPHY, IDAHO 83650, sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for

cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property, situated in the County of OWYHEE, state of IDAHO, to wit: THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED REAL PROPERTY SITUATE IN THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE, AND STATE OF IDAHO, TO WIT: A PART OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 29, TOWNSHIP 3 NORTH, RANGE 4 WEST, BOISE MERIDIAN, OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED TO WIT: COMMENCING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 29, TOWNSHIP 3 NORTH, RANGE 4 WEST, BOISE MERIDIAN, OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO; THENCE SOUTH 89° 53' 00" EAST 357.80 FEET ALONG THE NORTH BOUNDARY OF THE SAID NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER, TO THE INITIAL POINT; THENCE CONTINUING ALONG THE SAID NORTH BOUNDARY SOUTH 89° 53' 00" EAST 100.00 FEET; THENCE LEAVING THE SAID NORTH BOUNDARY SOUTH 0° 07' 00" WEST 435.60 FEET; THENCE NORTH 89° 53' 00" WEST 100 FEET ALONG A LINE PARALLEL TO THE SAID NORTH BOUNDARY; THENCE NORTH 0° 07' 00" EAST 435.60 FEET TO THE INITIAL POINT. The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113 Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed that the address of: 5757 DUNLAP LANE MARSING, ID 83639-8062, is sometimes associated with said real property. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust

executed by: NATHAN W. EELLS AND PAULINE M. EELLS, HUSBAND AND WIFE, As grantors, To: FIRST AMERICAN TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY, As successor Trustee, for the benefit and security of CITICORP TRUST BANK, FSB, As Beneficiary, dated 05-07-2007, recorded 05-17-2007, as Instrument No. 261000, records of OWYHEE County, Idaho. PLEASE NOTE: THE ABOVE GRANTOR(S) ARE NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506(4)(A), IDAHO CODE, NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THEY ARE, OR ARE NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION SET FORTH HEREIN. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of this Notice is: \$176,242.12. All delinquencies are now due, together with unpaid and accruing taxes, assessments, trustee's fees, attorney's fees, costs and advances made to protect the security associated with this foreclosure. The Beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation. DATED: October 20, 2010 Federal Law requires us to notify you that we are acting as a debt collector. If you are currently in a bankruptcy or have received a discharge in bankruptcy as to this obligation, this communication is intended for Informational purposes only and is not an attempt to collect a debt in violation of the automatic stay or the discharge injunction. FIRST AMERICAN TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE C/O CR TITLE SERVICES INC, 866-702-9658 Maria De La Torre, Asst. Sec. FOR SALES INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT AGENCY SALES AND POSTING AT WWW.FIDELITYASAP.COM OR 714-730-2727 ASAP# 3819973
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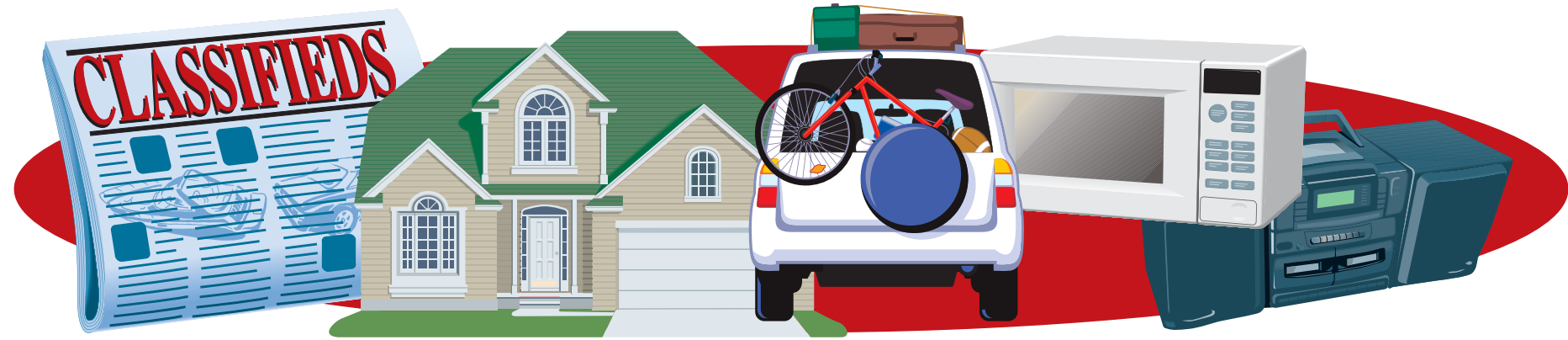
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Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Marsing 215 3rd Ave. West, 896-4151 Sunday 1st Ward, 9:00 a.m. Bishop Jensen Sunday 2nd Ward, 12:30 p.m. Bishop Parry	Vision Community Church Marsing 221 West Main Marsing, Idaho 208-896-5407 Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Sunday Service 10:30 a.m. Adult, Kids & Youth Meetings Wed. 7:00 p.m.	United Methodist Church Wilder Corner of 4th St. & B Ave. 880-8751 Pastor June Fothergill Sunday Services 9:30am
First Presbyterian Church Homedale 320 N. 6th W., 337-3060 Pastor Marianne Paul Sunday Morning Worship 11am Sunday School 11am	Calvary Holiness Church Wilder Corner of 3rd St. & B Ave. Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship: 11:00 a.m. Sunday Evening: 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Evening: 7:00 p.m. Food Pantry Open Fridays 10 am - Noon	Seventh Day Adventist Homedale 16613 Garnet Rd., 880-0902 or 453-9289 Pastor Chuck Dimick Sabbath School Sat. 9:30am Worship 11am Tuesday Prayer Mtg. 7:00 pm
Iglesia Bautista Palabra de Esperanza Homedale 711 W. Idaho, 463-9569 Pastor Jose Diaz Servicios: Los Domingos 11:00 am	Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic Church - Oreana 2010 Mass Schedule - the following Saturdays at 9:30am March 13 - April 10 - May 22 - June 26 - July 24 - Aug. 14 Sept. 11 - Oct. 23 - Nov. 27 All are welcome! For more information, call St. Paul's Church, Nampa 466-7031	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



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Homedale Elementary School

Marcie Coffman’s second-graders

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Andres. I am seven years old. How are you doing santa claus? How are your reindeers doing? I help my dad doing yard work. I have been doing my homework. Please bring me a PsP. Please bring me a toy of John Cena. Thank you for bringing toys to the kids.
Your Friend, Andres

Dear Santa Claus,
I am Aaliyah I am 8 years old The school I go 2 is the elementary school. For Christmas I want a toy baby it has to be White. I want a barbie house it have to have a sound, and a big kichen, The color will be Red. I’ve been good so long. I hope you get me some presents. Is the North pole cold? Is the raindeees good? I hope that you have a good trip.
your friend Aaliyah.

Dear Santa,
I’m Brayden. I’m 7 years old I want a boy slippers so I’m not the only one who doesn’t. I want a blow gun so I can shoot birds. I want a robot me so I can have an extra person to play with. I want a nerf sword. I deserve this stuff because everyday after school I clen the house. What do you ear? Are the elves real? Is frosty the snow man real? I hope Rudoph’s nose doesn’t run out. Thank you Santa Clous.
Your Friend, Brayden

Dear Santa,
My name is Dalton I am 8 years old. I live in Homedale. I have been good beacause I done the dishes, I done th whash and

dryer, I help my family. I want a red game boy because my brothers broke. I want a new coat and gloves because some of my gloves are missing. I wonder what you feed th reindeer? How do the reindeer fly? Do you have kids? Have a good day Thanks for last year year’s presents.
Your friend, Dalton

Dear Santa
I am 7 years old. and I love you. I want a ice crem maker because they look fun. And a white puppy that is real because they are cute. And a mounky that is real so I can play wite it. I’ve been good by play with my sister. How old are you? How do you get to evry house in one night? Thank you for everything. I love you Santa!
Your frinnd, Caitlyn

Dear Santa Claows,
I am Donato and I am cool and I want two stor war guy like Dark mole and General gravis. I want a new psp and the game I want is Narto shupeten the 3 new game for the psp. And a Transformers power cord. Is it cold over there? And do not get a cold. I hope you have a good mery christmas. And I do good things for my family
Your frend, Donato

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Dulce. I am 7 years old. How are the reindeers doing? How are you doing? I played with my brother. I helped my mom with the laundry. Please can you bring me a doll. Please can you being me a Ipot and a DSI. Thanks for bringing toys.



Milo, Marcie Coffman’s class, Homedale Elementary

Your Friend, Dulce

Dear sant
My name is Fabian. I like football and I the town Cowboys. I want a vido game that is called Black ops because I will play it all day and night for the Xbox 360. I want a noted DS and a game for it is called Revenge of the Fallin. Because I will play it every day when I leave home. I want the new fall out new Vagas. I will play xbox live with my brothers with my friends and brothers.

How is the weather up there? How is the rain deers doing up there? I have been good good the year. Have a great winter!
your friend, Fabian

Dear: Santa Claus,
My name is Francisco I am 8 years old. How are you doing? How are your elvs doing. are you reindeers happy. I been doing. I play with my dad and my mom. I like to plant seeds with my dad. Can you bring me a toy car. can you Bring Me a Xbox 360. Thank

you for making toy.
Your friend, Francisco

Dear Santa,
Hello Santa! I’m sometimes smart. I want a Xbox cube and a neopet game and a psp for it. How do you have flying Raindeer and how do the fly? Thank you for my presints.
Your friend, Gabriel

Dear Santa
I am Eight years old and I go to Homedale Elementry. I want a new bike so I can ride it in the foothills. I want a xBox 360 so I can play Call of Duty. I want a helicopter to fly and play with. I ben gooder than a pikle I Dezerv it! How are your randeer? Is it cold at the north pole? Thank you santa and mrs. claus.
your frind, Jace

Dear Santa
My Name is Katelyn I’m seen years old. what I want for chrimas is a tedytbear brown, wite and with a wite bow. Thats not all I want. I want a pink D.S. with games. Thats not all I also want kichen stuff dishes, plates. And a toy puppy, pink, white, and with a pink bow. I want all those toys because they are cool. I been good this year by helping my mom with dishes how is Mrs. Claus doing? Are you doing well? Have a nice Christmas! Thank you.
Your Friend, Katelyn

Dear Santa,
I am a good boy I should diserve these toys. What I want
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Jordan Valley Elementary

Juli Matteri’s first- and second-graders

Dear Santa,
I wish I could have a puppy wiener dog for Christmas and have you ever been late for Christmas? Please wright back
Kiana Quintero

Dear Santa,
kood you wace me up at midmit becus I wont to help you on christmas
Kyle Roe

Dear Santa,
I think you are jolly And thank you for giving us toys.
Ian Davis

Dear Santa,
thigs I want for Christmas my two front teeth remote control car. bow
Blaise Warn

Dear Santa,
Hi Santa I want a pellitgun. And a motecinchtroll dumptrut. Santa. And I want a bid born with pigs and cacus and horses and chraters with cherallers and hay and sheeps. And I want a crosbow. And a bow. And I want a soot like yours and a Slay like yours.
Sean Roe

Dear Santa,
I wot x-box 360 I wot the Incrdible Hulk 2 I wis I had Megatron
LJ

Dear Santa,
can you wake me up on Christmas oh kay.
Jace Grenke



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Laura Eubanks’ second-graders

Dear Santa,
How do you Go to houses so Fast? I did my chores for my Grandma. Can I have makeup and toys and Clothes. I wish you a Merry Merry Christmas.
Love, Riley

Dear Santa,
How are you your elves and reindeer doing? Ive Been good. I feed my Dogs and cats. If your elves can make a DSI ide like one please and a real pony. I can’t wait! only a cuple weeks until christmas. christmas is cool and you your elves and reindeer. I hope you will not Be late am I on the good list I hope I am! and im not on the Bad list! I was so good. But I do fite with my Brother. Ive Been waiting for a hole summer. I clean my room. I put my toys and close away. I try my Best to Be good. have a good trip home.
Love, Nicole

Dear Santa,
Do you really have raindeers? am I on the good list? I have deen boing my chores. I wont a fone and a toy horse that is almost as tall as me. And I wont puppies. thank you I wish you a marry christmas and a safe trip.
Love, Jannessa

Dear Santa,
Are you and Mrs Clause having a great time? Are you making lots of toys ? A`m I on the good list? I try not to fight with my brothers and sister. I am good at school with Mrs Eubanks and Mrs. Geret. I hope I am on the good list. I am trying to not be bad. Thank you for the toys last year. I would like a Mp3 player please. I hope you have a merry



Barton, Laura Eubanks’ class, Homedale Elementary

Grismis. I hope you have a safe trip. On my Mp3 plaler Taylon Swift songs.
love, Kenna.

Dear Santa,
Can reindeer fly? Does Rudolphs nose look red? I been Good By helping my mom. I well want a playstayshen 2 with a racing Game and a dsi. Have a merry Christmas.
Love, Victor

Dear Santa,
I wonder is the North Pool cold? Do you have a wife. Do

you really have raindeers? I want an x-box 360 really try to be good. My brother wants a x-box369 and D.S.

Love, Barton
Dear Santa,
How do your raindeer fly? How do you get to all the houses in one night? How many toys am I going to get? I have been so good. Please put me on the good list! Thank you for the DSI last year! Thi syear I want a lap-top for christmas. I wish you and your wife have a nice trip.
Love, Yuridia

Dear Santa,
How do you get thrgh Christmas? How do you find us too? I have been good because I cleanup the living room. thank you for givin me presents last year. I wish that you cold give me a car for Christmas. I wish you a merry Cristmas.
Love, Tommy I

Dear Santa,
I can’t wait until Chrismis. I can’t wait when you give us presents but sometimes you don’t give us presents because were bad sometimes but I realy want a doll and a Teddy bear. Am I in the good list because I just want to know because sometime I fight with my brother and sister. But I realy want a doll and a teddy bear. mery chrismis santa
Love, Anahi

Dear Santa,
Do elves help you? How do your reindeer fly? Am I in the good list? I help my brother when he fels. Thank you For the transforme last christmas. I want sonic the vedeo game and for my brother a coloring book with crayola. Have a goo trip.
Love, Diego

Dear Santa,
I Em Ventara and I am 8 year old. I live in Homedale Idaho. How can your reindeers fly. How can you make toys. How are your reindeers happy. I been doing a good jod at school. I let my brother fish. I like to help my dad plant seeds. please bring me a toy car. please bing me a DS game for my DS amd I want it to be of football. Thank you for

making toys.
your friend, Ventara

Dear Santa,
Are the elves good? Are the reindeers ready to go? I am good at school and I am good at my house. I want Halo lego’s for Chritmas. I also want a big car Track for me please, My letl brother wants a lightning myqe lagoon for chritmas. My other brother want’s a train track for Chritmas Have a good Vacanio with ms Claus.
Love, Keagen

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? Are the reindeer fine? I have been good by leting out my dog. Thank you for a micerphone last year. I would love it if you brot me a DS this year. I hope you are not sick on Christmas.
love, Allie

Dear Santa,
How are you? I am fine. Am I on the good list or am I on the bad list? I would like a present and I would like a present for me, or my Mom and Dad. Thank you for the toys from last year. I would like a wii game aeiy one it wouldn’t matter. Have a nice trip home tell the elves hi.
Love, Charlie

Dear Santa,
I wish you have a cool ride on sled with your cool reindeers. I hope you packed the toys already. I hope you have fun puting the things that they want under the christmas tree. I hope you have a fun merry christmas Eve. How

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Marcie Coffman’s second-graders

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for Christmas is a nerf gun, a pint ball gun, a sled, and a dog. I want these things becuses one has darts, one shouts ball of paint, one slids on ice, and one barks. How do you diliver all the presents in one day? I hope you don’t crash! Thank you. Bye-Bye.
your friend, Julian
Dear Santa
I want a puppy dog. I want a girl puppy. I want a hoolhoop. I want some sllybands. I want a softeddy. I want toys. I have been good by helping my family. How did you find Rodolph? where was Rodolph? I like Rodolph’s nose. Thak you Santa!
your frind, LouAnn

Dear Santa claus,
My name is Makenna I`m seven years old and blue eyes. For Christmas I want Littlist Pet Shop’s cus I want more. And Zooballs and a jungel tree house cus I wnat some. And some Orbeys cus I want to see them grow into balls. What do

you feed the riandeer? What is the weather like up there? How is Missis Cluas? I deserve them becuase I have been good this yaer.
love, Makenna
Dear Santa
I am seven years old and I live in Homedale Idho. I want a car for christmas a big car that is a chevlet thats blue. Because when I grow up I am going to ride it and a little car because the both have a door. It looks like the color blue and it does play around me. I been good because I did chores like clean up the floor. Santa how is Mrs. Claus? Is Ruoduph’s nose still red? Santa you are nice! Thank you Santa and Mrs. Claus.
your friend, Julio

Dear Santa
I am 7 years old and the people in my family are my mom, dad,, Trace and me. I want a teddy bear because they are soft. Oh Santa please get me a puppy I have wanted a puppy for 2 years! Santa please get me some

slippers to keep my feet warm. I want clothes for christmas at my dads house because I do not have very much clothes over there. Santa I helped my mom clean house. How is Mrs. claws doing? I hope you don’t crash! Thank you for the gifts.
Your friend, Mayci
Dear Santa
For Christmas. I want a bayby allgon doll, a hat, mittens, and scarf. And a dress and tapp shoes so I can look pretty. I also want three tedy beres, a box of make up to put on, and orn Esea backe that bakes cooky that are real. And yamey whith decratshens’ and therten barby doll’s that have tapp shoe’s. How is Mrs. Claus? I hope you don’t crash how is roodoff.
Your firend Maria to Santa Claus
Dear Santa,
I go to Homedale Elemtry I am in 2nd grade I want to build a snow man but thir isn’t anuff snow. I want a remote controlld

boat mey deorn sis blue and green and no sound. I been wanting I want a new Dell tap top. I want a new Nerf Football I want it to be blue meadeom sise water proof and snow proof. I desvrce thes becaos I have been good. How is Mrs. Claws? I hape you dount crash!
you`r friend, Milo. Thank you!
Dear Santa
you are the best in to word. How is Frosty, Rodof, mrs claus, you and thee elve’s? I try to be good but it is hard. I want xbox 360 becaose I can play on the tv. I want a Wii because I can play smackdown vs raw. I want halo reach for the xbox 360 and a rado so I can listen to musi.
Your Frend, Owen
Dear Santa,
I live in Homedale, Idaho. I would like a Guitar Black with red strips. I would love a pink Ipod because I think I could use it. I really want Brats that are pop Rock because I like them. I want a moxie girl that is pop

Rock because I like them. I have been good by helping my mom and friend. How did you find Roldolph? Where was Roldolph? How do you go to every house? Thank you santa
Your friend RanDee
Dear Santa,
I go to Homedel Elementry. I want a benten game and a batman game and a jpiter man game.
I have been good. I helpt my mom do the dishes how is Misis Claus dooing?
How is roodof tудay? I hope you dont Crash! Thank you santa.
your frend Skylr
Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. I want a sled that is blue and red. I want a remote control helicopter that is blak and white. I am good at sleting. How old are you? How do you go down the chimese? I hop you dono’t crash! Thank you for the pretes.
your friend, Tristian

Homedale Elementary School

Kristie Garrett's second-graders

Dear Santa,
I need a new bike because the one you got me last year broke and Santa I need some P.Js because my old ones broke because my dog chewed them up and I want a halo lego set please for my brother. Can I have a blue note book for school I really want one Santa? How big are you elves? Thank you

Love, Jase

Dear Santa
I been good this year. I have a shirt that is camflashed. I do the dishes. I clean my bedroom. How can you make toys so fast, Why do you like cookies. bring me a wii and mario brothers, I made my bed. Where do you get wood for toys?

Love, Jairod

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been good this year. Thank you for the presents last year. I have helped my dad, and mom clean the house stack wood. Please can you bring me a Xbox 360 and a small truck? Where did you get christmas paper and bows? Where did you get meatle for toys? Where did you get wood for toys?

your friend, John

Dear Santa Claws,
I like santa claws couse he is a nice guy to me. How many elves, do you have. How many reindeers do you have Even how many presents, do you have for the boys and girls, I like santa claws, couse he has alot of raldphs, do you have. Dear santa



Samantha, Kristie Garrett's class, Homedale Elementary

claws I am doing a great job at school. Dear santa claws, I will want a DS. Dear, santa claws, I will want to have a PS3, pleas. I hope santa claws has a great day and me to. And I hope santa claws has a special holiday.

Love, Oswaldo

Dear Santa
How are you raindeer doing? and rulse to? I bin good I dint bin bad I went Star war the clos war the toy, Star war the clos war is rex,

and, i went goo poo the toy thats it santa good Bye.

From, Giovanni

Dear Santa,
Why do you like cookies? I've been good this year because I say please and thank you. I want a digitle cammra that records. Twinkle toes that lights up and moon dogh whithout barn. I want to now how are the elvs? I will try to remember to put corrots out this year. I want to thak you for the stuff you gave me last year I like cookies too! What kind do you like?

Love, Emma

Dear Santa,
Hey how are you Santa and Mrs. Claus? Me and my sister wated a basckball hoop for christmas. And I wood aseolike some books to. Hey is Rudolph big yet? And I been a rilly good girl and so have my sisters. And my little sister wood like to thank you for bring her that horse. And my big sister wood amy umerican girl. And my big sister will like to thank you for being her the littlest pet shop.

Love, Gwendolyn

Dear Santa,
I want for Christmas is a new wii game. And what is it like in the north pool? I been so good and I hope you been waching me. What do you feed the rain deer? How do the rain deer fly? I help my mom by cleaning the bath tub. Why do you and the rain deer live in the north pool? How do you delivered present, can you fly to or just the rain deer?

Love, Slade

Dear Santa,
Could I git a game boy. could i

git some school pants and shirts. could i git a camera. could I git 2 guns and hosters. could I git a X box and a beebey gun. could i get 2cap guns. could I get a note book and a bike. could i get a clock and Hank the cow dog book? I have bin good And I have bin doing chors thank you for the presints that you gave in the coled? What do you feed the randare?

Love, Avery

Dear Santa Claus,
How your reindeer fly, how your elf make toys, I want a wwe super stars toys, how rodof fly. I was good and Lisining to my mom, I want you to make lots of toy? Wer do you live in the notpol. Wer do you feed the reindeer, Happy Holidays, Santa cLaus.

from, Alexander

Dear Santa,
Why do you Like cookis. I was good this year. I want a Playstation three and a psp and that is enough games for me. I will remember that you are the santa I ever had. I do not know whare you live. How do you make toys to kids and parents. Santa you olny give presents to kid that are nice.

Love, Osue

Dear Sata claus,
I am Josiah I am 7 yrld. How are you santa how are you doying. I am good at home. I want a psp. pis3 and PeS2. tHank you for . brngng toys.

your friend, Josiah

Dear Santa claus,
My name is veronica. I am 8 years old. How are your reindeers doing? I have been good at haping my mom. I have been good at playing when my sisteas. please can you bring me a doll and can you bring me books. Thank you for bringng toys to the kids.

your friend, Veronica

Dear Santa,
I have been so good like wen my Mom told me to do my clos and I did. How are you Santa claus how are your Reindeer like Rudolph with his littl red noes wut does the norlpoll look lik. I wold love. some art stuf and a few Zhu-Zhu pets. A pagej of earrings to. I wold love to have a jorey box to. And a D.S.

Love Ashley

Dear Santa,
How are you? Where do you get the toy form? Don't you have a puppy? What do you do in the summer? I can't wait uilt christmas. Is the north pole cold. Santa I was Going to tell at you are my best friend. I em doing good in school. Where do you live, Can I have a mpd player. And a car for my borthor please a thank you.

your firned, Lizbeth

Dear Santa,
I helped my Dad with his hard work. How are your elves and Rudolph and the reindeer. Santa? How are you Santa? Is the Northpool very cold Are you keeping warm? I want a toy truck and car. I want new fast runing shoes. I want a new bike. I want new boots. I help my mom with the dishes. I want a new videogame. I want a new books. I want 9 candycanes for my and my brothers. How is Mrs. Santa Mr. Santa. I want a new hat.

Your Friend, Roberto

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? Do you really deliver presents? I want a Super Princess Peach Galaxy game and a black wii. I want the Barbie fashion fairytale doll dresses and glitterizer. I want a princess Peach doll from Burger King. I've been god because I helped my dad cook biscettes, steak, green beans, and sausage for dinner. I helped clean my brothers romm and made their beds. Whats your favorite color? I can't wait til christmas! Can't you?

Sincerely, Emalie

Dear Santa,
How are you Santa are you feeling good? I hope you can get me a d. S. How do you get in my house because I have no chimney? Please tell me. Santa I want dire of a wipy kid please santa. Where do you live santa do you live in the north pole coud you tell me? Santa do you no what I whant some peease. What do you feed yor ranedeer? I've been good because when I was fiteing my brother I did not hit him.

Love, Tye

Dear Santa Claus,
my name is Manuel I live in Homedale hou are you doung how is mre Santa doing How are the reindeers doing. How are the elevs doing I have been good at my uncles home please for christmas bren me a electic plane and a electyric tank and a electric car.

Your Friend, Manuel

Dear Santa
Do you like pugs? Do you have a nice wife. Do you live in the north pole? Santa my dog is cute and the color he is white and orange. Santa I want is a Barbie and a bunny. I help my mom on moping cuse she tell me to. Santa for my sister present she want is a boyfriend and my mom too she want is my dad and my dog he want is a girlfriend. I am important girl and my mom and dad and sister and dog. Santa my brother want is a girlfriend. Santa I want is a Barbie nail machine. I have been good to my teacher.

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Thanks good friends for your loyalty and good will. Hope your holidays will be filled to the brim with old fashioned Christmas cheer!

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Three Creek School

Marylin Boss' class

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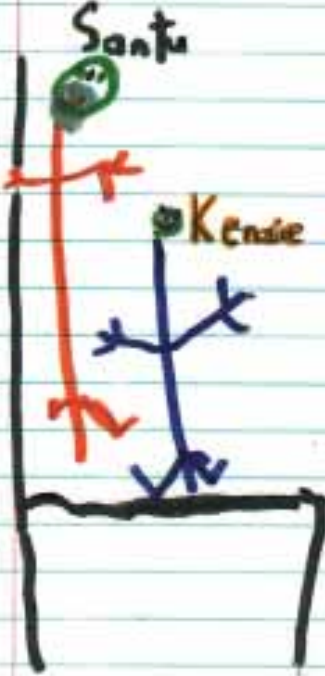
Dir SANTU,
Hdoo r u doen?
Wut I want 4 Chismis
is Zoozpes that Fiits.
Hdoo r 7ot Randir?




Luv
Will Brackett
Kindergarten

11-30-2010

Deer Santu,
How ninee elfz doo
u hav? I want 4 Krismas
a kamru and viddoo kamru pleez,




Luv,
Kenzie Dobey
First Grade



Devil Creek Ranch
Rogerson, ID 83302
November 29, 2010

Howdy Santa,
I have a question. Are you real?
How are your raindeer and Mrs. Claus?
Are all your raindeer girls?
Because it said in the Ranger
Rick that they are, I believe
in you very much. What I want
this year is fiddle lessons. Because
I want to be as good as the
Bar J Wranglers. And I want a horse
drawing set.



Merry Christmas
Kodee Severe
Fourth Grade

11-29-2010

Hay Santu,
I love Crismis.
And I love you.
I ben watinge all yera
for Crismis.
And you can get me
enething you think I
mite tike.



Love,
Teijen
First Grade

a girl elf

Three Creek School

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Homedale Elementary

Laura Eubanks’
second-graders

From page 3B

have you been at the north pole? Am I on the good list? Because I been good helping my grampa rake the leafs. I want a skateboard and a p.s.3 with the game of Tony Hawk.

merry christmas, cesar

Dear Santa,

How do you get to all of the houses in one night? How do you’r reindeer fly? I have been fighting with my brother and sister’s alot but I’ve been trying to stop. I’ve been helping my mom alot and that is how I’ve been good. Thank you for not being mean. I want a x-box 360 with a Call of duty Black Op’s, and a lego Halo set, and a lego Star wars set please. Merry christmas! Have a safe trip.

from, Bryce

Dear Santa,

I can’t wait till Christmas! You are going to have a long trip. It is very nice of you to give out gifts? Christmas is the best time of the year. When christmas comes it will be a fun day for everyone! I hope everyone has a good christmas! I try not to fight with my brothers and sisters. I finally figured out where my dsi is. (the one I got last year.) Am I on the good list? Are you having a hard time making presents. Is it cold in the North Pole? For christmas can you please get me: a barbie, a doll, and a suprise next. Thank you for the gifts you gave me last year! Merry Christmas!

Love, Miah

Dear Santa,

Can raindeer fly? thank you for getting me a wii for christmas last year and puting a Hot wheels car in my stocing. I have been good because I am nice to people and I

say thank you to people. can I have a x-box 360 The games I whant are call of duty. Merry Christmas Santa have a safe trip home. Are you and raindeer bieng safe?

Love, Tommy II

Dear Santa,

Are There real reindeer. I need a x-box 360. Also I Went a top car and a mag gam. Do you have a Sleiny? Hav a safe trip.

Lov, James

Dear Santa,

Do you really have raindeers? If you go on a trip don’t get hurt with your wife Mrs. claws. I wish I could go visit you. I’ve been very good at my house and school. My brother wants a shirt and pants for Christmas. My mo always wanted a purse and a neckless for Chrismas because it is my favorite holiday. I love Christmas alot. You are the best Santa and Mrs. Claws. I hope you have a great day.

Love, Daniela

Dear Santa,

How do your raindeers fay? How do they get on top fo the houses? Where do you get the toys? I want a ipod and a Black Berry pone and Moxie Girl. I been holping my mom and my dad and my gram. I hope that you have a Merry Crismis.

Love, Eloisa

Dear Santa,

Can you fly with your toy bag? How can you build toys so fast? I have been nice to my friend and played with them. Thank you for the hot weel. Can I have a playstation? Do not Let your reindeers fall.

From, Ruger

Kristie Garrett’s
second-graders

From page 4B

I love my mom her name is Ana. Santa Merry Christmas!

Love, Dulce

Dear Santa Claus,

How many reindeer do you have and what are their names. How do they fly. How can you stand the cold. This is what I want for chirstmas. I want a hat and a pair of boots for my mom and I. And a DSi to share with my brother. And a shirt and a pair of pants for my dad and some stuff for my dogs and ginuea pigs. And I’m helping others I helped my mom around the house I helped my dad fix stuff I helped my brother clean his room. A leesh for my

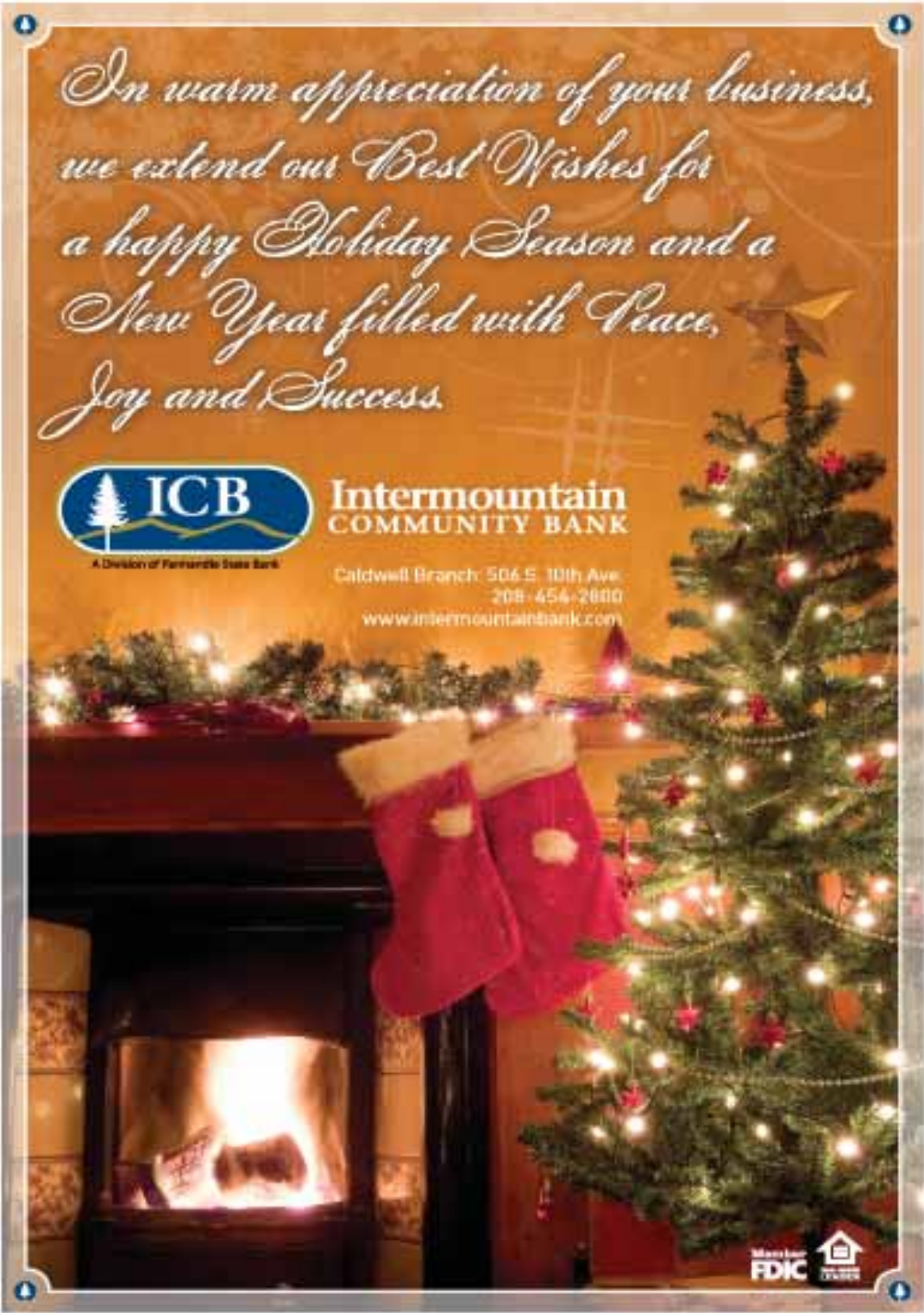
dog. And a pair of soccer shoes for me if my mom does not buy them. And shirts for my brother and basketball shoes for him and some jeans. Thank you for the gifts last year.

Happy Holiday! Entenecia

Dear Santa,

Can i have a pupy for christmas? Can I have a pupy that will never grow up. Where do you live? how do you make the toys? Can I have Bardie glam Vacation howse. I massyeing my moms foot when it hurts. I clean my bedroom when it hurts. I clean my bedroom when my mom tells me to and I do it.

Thank you, Samantha



Homedale Elementary School

MaryJo Larzelier's second-graders

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Claus? I hope you are great! What are your elves names? I promise I will leave treats for you and your reindeer. I would love a cell phone. I would also love a bag full of makup that includes perfun ande lotion. Thank you Santa.

Sincerely, Logan

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Cisian I am 7. How are you doin sant claus? Are you making toys? I was doing so good helping my Dad. Please I want a movie. Thank you for flying around and giving toys to everyone.

Your Friend, Cristian

Dear Santa,
How are you Santa and Mrs Claus? Are you doing good? I hope you have a merry christmas, and santa I have been a god boy at school and at home. I would like the game mega mind for chrismas. Thunk you for working hard. I like your berd. I hoep you like Shugr cookies and milk. are the elvs working to hard? I feed my cow and dog and my cat.

Your Friend, Bowen

Dear Santa.
How are you and mrs Claus doing at the North pole and the rain deer. I would like a wii and the new xbox 360 so much. Are the elves doing good? I hope so I would like to know. Also I liked my presents last year, thank you santa. Have a nice day santa.

Love, Chase

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Claus? I hope you are not sick. I have been a little good and a little bad at school, at my Grama's house, also at my home. I woud like a big red ball with a hole that I can crawl in and my frends can push me. Also Moexy Girls Barbie and any one you want me to have. I also want a middle sized kitchen that's about as tall as me for Christmas. Thank you for the presents last year. Are there Igloos in the North Pole?

Love, Emily C.

Dear Santa Claus,
How are you and Mrs. Claus? I hope the cozy fire up there is keeping you warm. I have been good at school and good at home too. I feed my horse and my goats and my dog and my cat. I really want a DS and a puppy for Christmas. I loved the presents last year. Thank you veary much.

your friend, Emilee G.

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? Are the elfs working too hard? I hope not. What does your workshop look like? When my mom want wood I get a bunch of wood. for christmas I want a laptop with a



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lot of games on it, and I want a DS for christmas Thank you for everything Santa.

Love, Camron

Dear Santa Claus,
How are you and Mrs. Claus? I wesh you are good I hope the elves are working good. I have been good at school and at home. I would like a bike and a tv for Chrstmas. Thank you for all the presents Last year. I will leave cookies. I hope you like them.

Your Friend, Abigale

Dear Santa,
How are you and Rudolph? I hope your good. I have been happy at home and kind of happy at school. I wold like ninga toys with swords and red suits for Christmas. thank you for all the stuff last year. Are the elves working hard? What does the wokshop lok like? I promise to save you cookies, milk, and reindeer food. The cookies will be chocolate with frosting, and the milk will be chocolate. I hope the fire is warm up there. Did your bag of toys get stolen? Did the sled break? I would like the things my brother wants so I can give them to my brother. Am I being good so I can get toys? are the reindeer going too fast?

Your friend, Andrew

Dear: Santa Claus,
I am Uriel I am 7 yrs old. How are you doing in noth pole. I have been good at scool. I have been good at home. I have ben good to my sisters. Please bring me a book. I wont a tent to go camping. Thank you for being Santa Claus.

Your Friend, Uriel

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Clause?

I hope you and the elves are not working too hard. I have been good at school and good at home. I would like a say it play it, and a Ds game and a yo-yo for Christmas. And I will leave you some cookies and I might even leave a present.

your friend, Emma

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Claus? I hope you aren't sick. I've been good at school and good at home. I woud like halo legos, and the vidio game Call of Dudy Black ops, and a nerf gun for Christmas. thank you for being nice to me and other people I am going to leave you Rese pieces and milk. I hope you like those kind.

Love your friend, Joseph

Dear Santa claus,
How are you and Mrs. Claus? I hope you are good! Tell me, how is Rudolph and all of the other reindeer? I really hope they are good. Are the elves doing hard work? I hope they are. I have been kind to other poeple. I really want a DS game and a computer too. I also a tv for in my bedroom. Thank you for all of the presents last year and all the other years. What does your shop look like? Sometime I will go online to google to see you shop. I will leave cookies and milk for you. I will take some food for the reindeer too. I hope the North Pole is not so cold. I love you.

Love, Brooke

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs Claus and the rainders? I am fine. How big is the workshop? are the elf working hard for you? I hope so. Is the slay working for you and ms claus? Thank you for all the

gifts you gave me last year. Will you give me a dsi for Christmas? Thank you for being so kind.

Love, Angel

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? How is Rudolph? I am working hard at school and at my home. I want a Dodge Daytona car, some boy cloths, and a flat barim bat. What kind of cookes do you like? Thank you Santa.

Love, AJ

Dear Santa,
How are you and Rodolph and Mrs. Claus doing? I hope the sled is working well. I have been good at school and very good at home. I wold like a Wii for Christmas and thank you for the presents form last year. When you get to my house I will leav you some cookies and millk. Have a merry Christmas.

your friend, Horacio

Dear Santa Claus.
My name is Esmeralda. How are the reindeers at the north pole? How is Rudolf? I am doing good This year. I am reading lots of book. I am helping my mom do laundrge. I want a Nintendo D.S. I and games. Please bring a toy that make cup cakes. Thank you for bringing my sister toys.

Your Friend, Esmeralda

Dear Santa,
How are you and the elves at the North Pole? How is Mrs. Claus? I hope you aren't working too hard. I have been a little bit bad at school at my house I am being good. I feed my cats and my dog also my fish. At school we are reading about whales and the biggest whale is the blue whale. Our story is about three whales who got traped by the North Pole. I will leave choklet cookies on the table. Thank you for the presents you got me last year. You are cool!

Your friend, Dalton

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Claus and Rudolph? I am sorry because my family doesn't believe in Santa or Mrs. Claus or flying rain deer. My family says that you and Mrs. Claus are dressed up in suits. We also say that the pareants give you presents. Are the kids that you gibe presents to being good? Is your workshop big? I really, really, really hope you guys Crismas is very great.

And I wish you a very very great Meirry Crismas you are a great freind. Do you know that on Crismas is Jesus's birthday? My pareants already got me and my sisters presants and wraped them up. What does you workshop look like? Is it very big? I hope your Crismas is graet. And I wish you a mearry Crismas.

your friend, Shayla

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Claus and Rudolph? I hope you are feeling good. I have been good at school and at home. I've been good to at home. I've done my chores and then I do my homework then I watch tv then I read. Is the sleigh working in the north pole? Are the elves working hard? Are all of your Randears good? How does your workshop seem? Do you know what I want I want a bluu and green laptop and a blue ball. I am going to make rander food and some cookies with some sprenzles that look like you and the randers. I hope the fires are warm and not getting you sick. Is the north pole very cold or not? I hope you get all the stuff I want. Thank you for all the pesents last year. Can you be fast please because I cannot wait to open my presents. You red suit look cool. Do you like choclet?

your friend, Oscar

Dear Santa Claus,
I am Kevin and I am eight years old. How are the reindeers doing? Haw are the elvs doing? I am good to my sisters and I gave been good to my babey cousin. Please bring me a toy and a WWWWERAW. Thank yo for bringing toys to the kinds.

Your Friend, Kevin

Dear Santa,
How are the elves, Rudolph, and Mrs. Claus doing? I would like a DS game boy and a game of Sonic Segaal Stars racing, and a game of Donkey Kong Country returns. I've been good at school and at home. Santa I hope your not cot in a Blizzard. Do you like choclote cookies and mild? I do my chors do you? I hope you have a Merry Chrismas.

Love, Antonio

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Dear Santa,
I hope you have a very mery Chistmas. Now how is your raindear dooing? And now I want new clothes. And a wii fit.
Sincerely,
Annie

Dear santa,
I hope you have a god christmas how are your ranedeers and how is Mrs. Clause is doing how are you in the north pole I hope you come to my house I hope you are doing well and I want for christmas some shoes and close worm close.
sincerely, Emilee

Dear Santa,
I wont a now xbox 360 with tuw conchorlers and the game hailoo and the game ble rand a wea.
Sincerely, Mauricio

Dear Santa
how are you doing Santa Clause and how are you are Mrs. Clause and how are you doing rainhdeer. ples Cood I have a mok Cunow Car and Cood I have a Clok and Cood I have a chater and have a gow cart.
Sincerely Cody Floyd

Dear Santa,
I bet you have mery Chrimas and I want a hotweels romot conrol and a pack of sillybands.
sincerely, Wesley

Dear Santa and Mrs. Clause
how are you doing? I'm hoqing you are well. I hoq you will dareng me a hows to liv in it.
Sincerely Mikala

Dear Santa
How are the raindears? I hope that Mrs. Santa Clos is ok. I hope you have an nise christmas. Are you haveing fun up in the sky? How are the elvs are they good up ther? Do you wont to know what I wahat for christmas? I wont a intendeo DS. I want Paper Jam gutar. And a spider man glof.



Johana, Rebekah Graves' class, Marsing Elementary

I whont a big foot toy and a psp. And I whont a wii and a Ipod. And a X box.
Sincerely Atanacio

Dear santa
I help you have a Happy christmas I wander how well is you'r Deers Santa how is Mrs Clause whin it's christmas I will give some cookies for you be for I go to sleep Santa
Just bering wat ever you want.
Sincerly Sas

Dear Santa,
how are you doing? I hope you have a good Christmas. have a happy Chrsitmas!!!!
Sincerely, Howard Jerome.

Dear Santa,
Do you have fun giving toys to little kids? it is probly be fun is it Santa? when I grow up I want to be a little elf.
that's what I want to be I think

it would be really fun.
Sincerely Grace

Dear Santa
Whar did you get your ringDear's? And I want thing's a cup cake mushen and a cake mulber
Sincerely Tiffany

Dear Santa,
I hope you have a nice year in christmas.
Santa I hope that you and mises clase come to my house for christmas and bring your reindeer to my house. I hope that you and your boys have fun givign little kids and big kids lots of toys to us and other people and kids to. I hope that I get all of the things I want for christmas when it gets to christmas. I hope you have fun alot. When I grow up I want to be an elf. When I grow up alsoe I want to be sants helper so he will have fun.

Sant is the best Merry christmas.
Sincerely, Benji

Dear Santa,
how is your raindears and mrs cause. how old is roodoff? Do you love giving Kids toys? I love you. I hope you have fun.
Sincerely, Mayce

Dear Santa,
how ere the raindears have a merry Christmas and have a merry Christmas
sincerely, Melina

Dear Santa,
how are you. I wont a toy rodet and a toy dragan. a failar and I want a gtar.
sincerely, Gage

Dear Santa,
I hope you come to my house. I want a puppy and a air soft gun. Then I want a self phone.


Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I wander what Mrs. Clause is doing? I think you are very cool. I hope you have a marry christmas. How do the ranedere fly? How do you fit 1000 presens in one bag? I want a liv doll house and a new barbie.
Sincerely, Brooke

Dear Santa,
I hope that you get a nice very Christmas. And I hope that you get evey house. It's a long time for you to get the prisents to evrey house. And tell rodof hy for me. And Santa I hope that you and Mrs. Clause have a very nice Christmas. And I want a compyuocter. And I want braselits. And some shoos, and some socs.
Sincerely love Johana
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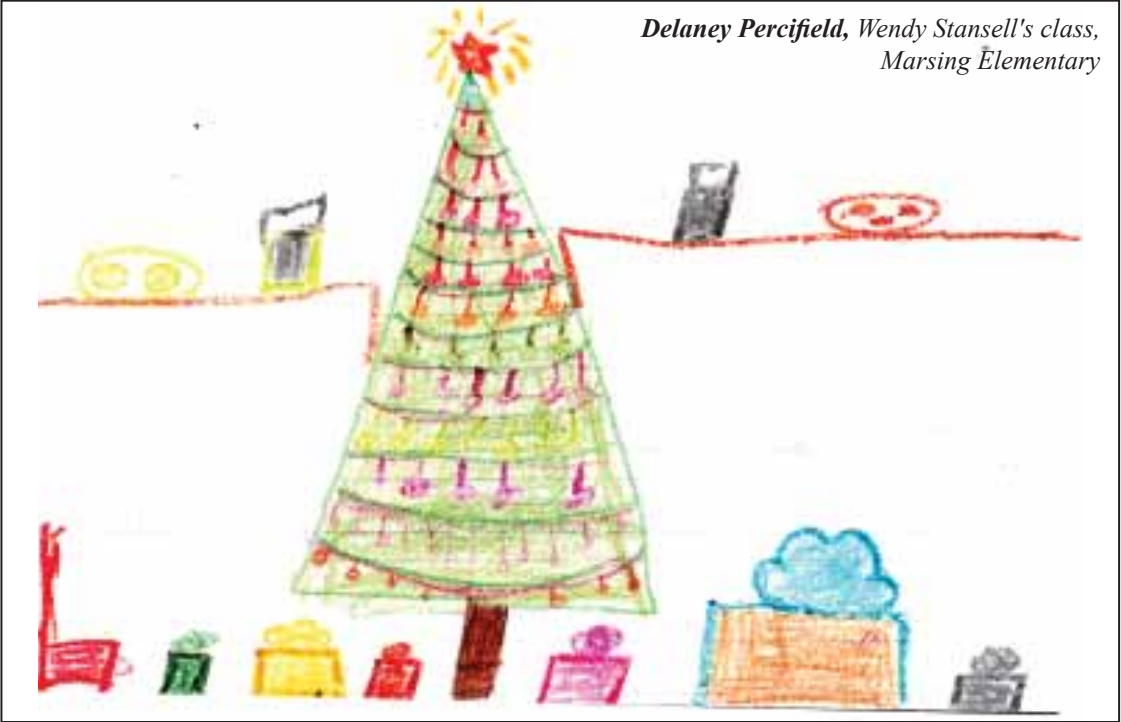
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Dear santa,
I wish I could see you but you cannot be seen but I jsut like you the way you are.

from
Louis Allen

Dear Santa
I ben so so good. I wont a drt bik and a puppy for me and my sister. Can you get me a twunetwo for Christmas? I wil lev cookees for you. I wont a fon.

From Nicolas Plascencio

Dear Santa,
Me and my mom and my dad are going to make cookies for snta. I think he will like it a lot.
I want some erings for christmas.
My brother wons a toy car.
I wont a toy dog and a toy cat. I think it is funy we santas ses ho ho ho ho ho ho. we are geting a christmas tree.

love,
Destiny Wood

Dear Santa,
I want a Boa for Christmas and I want a tartl and my sister wants a BarBy toy for a presents. Ho ho Merry Christmas.

From Jonathan Clair



Titus Wood, Cindy Osgood's class, Marsing Elementary

Dear Santa,
For Christmas cood you get my mom and dad one thing. And for my sisters Aubrie and Jadyo a new bunk bed.
For my brother some game boy games and my last sister Madley I think she wood like a colecshon of littlist pet shop.
Last but not lest for me I wood like a puppy.

From:
Hailey Thornton

Dear Santa,
Can you buy my mom a cook book?
Can you buy my sister a book?
Can you buy my Dad a snobord?
Can you buy me a fliptarik?

From, Titus Wood

Dear Santa,
whut I want for Christmas is a Boa. And for my sister I want you to give her a dog soot plese. And I want to get a big cage for my lizrd.
And I want to get a car. I Love Christmas.

from Chance Carbonaro

Dear santa,
I woud like a wii for christmas this year.
I woud like it big and I woud like a monstr truk and side clos. My sistr ses She wanted a barbe for Christmas and and thr barbe and my sister wood like to be in kurate this summer and I wood like to be in kurate to. I want a sleeping bag and a tv that worked and a firepit. a cat, a kennl that

open and shut and a car that I can driv with a remote.

from Oliver Balls to santa

Dear Santa,
I like Rudolf. I like the elves. I want three Halo rech gise. My brother wants the same as me. Ask the workrs I sed hi. santa you are nice. I care about you. Eat the cookies.
The End.

From, Tyler Burns

Dear Santa,
I want a toy cat, doll, stufft animal, jumprope, snowglowb, doctor set, poiterstick, doll house, plaidow, shell and toy horse. How are your elves? Merry christmas. I want a modersikcle for my baby brother and a tornado in a bodle for my big brother.
I am going to give a potato to Rudolf. I am going to make you cookies.

Sincerely, Christina Tracy

Dear Santa,
I wood like a pilow pet that is a pingwin. I want for my mom al the books of twighlite for my mom. I want two games Sonic colrs and Mario vs Donky kong in the Ds.
Santa, I will put cookies and I will put white milk so that you can eat your cookies.
I know that Rudolf the reindeer is the one that in fron t and I know that elves go whith you to go give th presents to the childrin.

From, Johan Jimenez

Dear Santa,

What I want for Christmas is a brother for Christmas and a puppy for Christmas and a dolphin for Christmas and a toy animal to Sleep with me for Christmas. I want a lot of Books and Snak Books too read in the night.
I want my Brother to like me. I want to have a glue stik for Christmas.
I want a lots of toys and presents for Christmas.

from,
Joe Campos

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want an ipod but it cost a lot of mony.
An ipod is a lot of fun and I want a baby borther and ababy sister for my mome and my dady.

From,
Guadalupe Ramirez

Dear Santa,
I want a toy angel. And I wont forget to make you cookies this time. I am being good. I even want a puppy for Christmas. Do you have magik Santa? Are the elvs small?

love, Victoria Bernal

Dear Santa,
I would like a little angle for my mom and dad. a tool for my dada and a pepsi lipstick to my sisters and me. I have four sisters. I would also like a shirt for myself. I would like a cook book for my mom and a purse for me.

Love Gabriela Cuevas

Dear Santa,
what I want for christmas is a stuffed animal thats a dolphin and a fake rose and afor my mom some loshen and for my dad a mitt.

from,
Hannah Sevy

Dear Santa,
I love christmas. I kow you do to.
What I want for Christmas is a violine. My nefu Gabe he wants a toy monster truck. You are a graet Santa. You make everboty smile becace Christmas is such a great day. we have fun.

from Chloe Hoitz

Dear Santa,
I have been good, very good.
I wont to ride n your sled and I wont to feed a reindeer. I woold like to have a brother elf.
I would Love for Christmas it's a lot.
Here is gos, a xbox 360 and

a remote control car, a reindeer, and I would like a ticit to the North pole.
the end!

Love,
Ross Meade

Dear Santa,
I want a puppy and my brother wood like a we and my mom wood like a cookbook. My dad wood like a deer for christmas and I rilly want to go to the North pole with my family and open my presents.
Then I want to help the elves and see Rudolf. Then wach the reindeer fly hiy in the sky and buy a dolphin. Then fly with the angels up in the sky very very hiy and then spred some cookies of the tabl.
Then I see a Boa and a bunch of animals seting in my room and I hope you have a Merry christmas

From
Daphne Anderson



Brooke, Rebekah Graves' class, Marsing Elementary

Marsing Elementary School

Wendy Stansell’s second-graders

Dear Santa
Thak you for the things you have givin to all the kids you are the best. Thank you for the christmas you gave me. for christmas I wot a real puppy I hope I get my puppy. I love. you Santa and a bike and a real hamstar and a real mp3.
from Fernando.

Dear santa
And evey date thats reben My riting I just wnt to tel you want to tel that I jast wnnt S toys and thats all I want.
From: Gus

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolph and the reindeer? How are your elves and mrs. Claus How are you Santaclaus? Best wishes. Rogelio
for christmas I want a psp for christmas. I want a Transformers and a scooter and a DS and a dert bike and a new bike and a wii and a remote cantrll car and a hamster.
Rogelio

Dear Santa,
How are you and mis santa are the elfes fine to Are they doing toys for everyone I would like to give you milk and cookies How are the reindeer Hppy christmas and I hope you brening toys
Love Jose.

Dear Santa
How is Rudolph and the other raindeers what I want for Christmas is an IPod D.S mp3 playr a Big lepaired a Big hores a Big teddy bear.
Love, Fallon.

Dear Santa merry chistmas!
I want a puppy for chistmas. How are the reindeers? Is mrs claus okey?
I want some toys. can you give me some toys?
Love Erica

Dear Santa,
I hope you have a happy CHRISTMAS. May you sal helo to Mrs. claus and tell her that I said merry CHRISTMAS t her. The elves can you bring me presents and can you bring my sister and my brother presents to? Pleas thank you.
Love Odezza!

Dear santa
how are the reindeer’s? I hope you are doing good. I want a DS for Christmas. How are the elves?
Love, Morgan

How is Rudolph and the Other reindeer? How is mrs. claus? You know how you are. Can you make me a dertbike.
Love Kolton

Dear santa
mery christmas How are the reindeer? how is Mrs. claus? i want a wii and a dirtbike
your friend Nico

Dear santa
How are you doing? Is rudoph doing good too? I wanted to say merry christmas and if all of the reindeer were doing good. Is mrs. claus doing good?
I want a DS for christas to and I want to thank you for the presits that you gave me and my family.
Love. Kylee Bader.
Thank you!

Dear Sata,
How is mrs. claus? How is Rudolph? and How are you?
I just want 4 toys. and that is it. For christmas and Thanks for the things that yuo gave me.
merry christmas. Eddy

Dear Santa
Have a mery christmas
I want a bb gun and a real gun. A bow and arro. A horse for my familyl and bring mysisters and brothers jet ski a bik that the front whell coms off
Brin a some for my famley. Thonyou
Love Isai

Dear Santa,
How are your reindee? How is Mrs. claus? Thank you for giving us things that we want.
Elves, thank you for Making us our toys. I wanted a pocket knife. I also want a real ostrige.
Your Friend
Connor
Ho! Ho! Ho!

Dear Santa,
Have a great christmas day! santa I hope your reindeers are great. I would like to have some games. I want to have a great christmas Thank you.
Love Josh

Dear santa, merry christmas!
I hope you have a good christmas. People are going to e happy when you come. I want a I spy book.
From Kylie.

Dear Santa,
Merry christam, First I want a baby doll. Next, want a barbie doll with a dress and brown hair. Then I want a stuffed dog with



Erica, Wendy Stansell's class, Marsing Elementary



Chance Carbonaro, Cindy Osgood's class, Marsing Elementary

dark brown spots and light brown spots on his ears. After, I want a stuffed pony. last I want a merry chrismas.
love, Alana Showalter.

Dehr Santa Claus
I wish you a merry christmas I would like toys for me and my brother and my sister and my mom and dad I would like some roller skats and Ice skats and a dolly
Love Sabree

Dear Santa
I hope wish please let my brother get some toys for me and my sister get some toys please. I want a pleast it a Becose a how to treran yor Deragan for christmas my brother Wants a toy sore 3game my sister want Beer dole for christmas my mom wants a dole chinme for christmas. my Dad Wants a dole nif for chistmas thank you elf.
From Zachary

Dear Santa,
I hope you have a good year this winter. How are you and mrs. Claus doing?
Also how are your reindeer and elves doing? I hope that you can get me a real phone and a ipod and a horse and a fish and a wii game and a ds game and a barbi doll please!
by from Delaney Percifield

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HEALTHY *Holiday* COOKING

Hassle-free recipes and tips

FAMILY FEATURES

The holidays are full of delicious temptations, but that doesn't have to mean leaving your commitment to healthy eating behind. Making smart choices of what you eat and how you cook it can help you enjoy holiday dining and still beat the post-holiday blues.

With these hassle-free recipes and some tips from the healthy cooking experts at Culinary.net, you can give yourself — and your family — the gift of a festive holiday menu that has great taste and good nutrition.

Simple Solutions

Keep your holiday dishes deliciously simple with time-saving appliances such as the George Foreman® Evolve™ Grill. With four different plates for cooking, baking and grilling, it's a simple way to help you stay on track with your healthy eating plan. (It makes a great gift, too.)

These mouthwatering recipes are easy to make on the Evolve Grill, and are a great way to feed your hungry holiday crowd something warm, healthful and satisfying — without sacrificing great taste.

For more recipes and information on George Foreman Healthy Cooking products, visit www.georgeforemancooking.com.

Almond Pear Bread Pudding

Makes 6 servings

- 1 large ripe Bartlett pear, peeled, cored and diced
 - 4 cups French bread, cut into 1-inch cubes
 - 1 3/4 cups fat-free half and half
 - 1/2 cup sugar
 - 1 teaspoon almond extract
 - 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
 - 2 eggs
 - 3 tablespoons butter, melted
 - 1/4 cup sliced almonds
 - Powdered sugar (optional)
- Fit grill with deep-dish bake pan. Set temperature to 350°F and preheat for 5 minutes.
- Place bread cubes in bake pan and cook for 10 minutes to lightly toast. Turn off grill. Remove bake pan from grill and let cool.
- Sprinkle pears over bread cubes. In a medium bowl, whisk together half and half, sugar, extract, cinnamon and eggs. Slowly whisk in butter and then pour over the bread and pears in the bake pan. Press bread cubes down lightly to make sure all are coated with liquid and let stand for 30 minutes.
- Preheat grill to 350°F.
- Sprinkle bread and pear mixture with almonds, place bake pan back on grill and bake for 20 minutes. Serve warm, dusted with powdered sugar, if you like.



Turkey Cranberry Panini

- Makes 12 mini panini
- 24 baguette slices, 1/4 inch thick
 - 5 ounces sliced turkey breast (try using leftover turkey)
 - 3 ounces sliced Havarti
 - 3 tablespoons cranberry sauce
 - 1/2 cup arugula leaves
 - Olive oil cooking spray, for extra crispiness

Preheat grill for 5 minutes at 400°F. Spray 1 side of each bread slice with cooking spray. Distribute ingredients evenly among bread slices. Cook 6 panini at a time for about 3 minutes. Remove from grill. They can be kept warm in a 250°F oven while the second batch of panini cooks. Add to platter and serve.

Veggie Panini

- Makes 12 mini panini
- 24 baguette slices
 - 3 ounces fresh mozzarella, sliced
 - 1/3 cup chopped marinated artichoke hearts
 - 12 large or 24 small fresh basil leaves
 - 12 thin slices Roma tomatoes
 - 3 thin red onion slices, quartered
 - Olive oil cooking spray, for extra crispiness

Tuscan Panini

- Makes 12 mini panini
- 24 baguette slices
 - 2 ounces thinly sliced prosciutto
 - 3 ounces fresh mozzarella, sliced
 - 4 to 6 asparagus spears, julienned
 - 2 thin red onion slices, quartered
 - 2 cloves garlic, minced
 - Olive oil cooking spray, for extra crispiness

Healthy Cooking Tips

- from Culinary.net
- Here are three easy ways you can boost the nutrition of your holiday foods and make them taste even better.
- Flavor Up.** Herbs and spices make ordinary food taste extraordinary — without adding salt, fat or sugar. Some spices may even help boost the antioxidant power of what's already on your plate.
- Cinnamon has one of the highest antioxidant levels of any spice. One teaspoon of cinnamon has about the same amount as a full cup of pomegranate juice or a half cup of blueberries. Wake up your holiday mornings by sprinkling a half teaspoon over your ground coffee before brewing, or adding some to your oatmeal or yogurt.
 - Thyme has about the same amount of antioxidants as a carrot or a half cup of chopped tomatoes. It also has beneficial compounds called flavonoids, which may help with inflammation. It's a great addition to chicken, beef or vegetable soups, and can really dress up seafood.

- Lower the Fat.** You can reduce your fat intake in a variety of delicious ways.
- Low-fat mayonnaise has only 15 calories and 1 gram of fat per tablespoon, compared to 90 calories and 10 grams of fat in full-fat versions. Use it in holiday dips, or flavor it with herbs to jazz up your leftover turkey sandwiches.
 - If you're making pan gravy, skim off the fat from the drippings, either with a spoon or a fat separator.
- Switch to Whole Grains.** Studies show that eating whole grains can lower the risk of many chronic diseases.
- Add 3/4 cup of uncooked oats for each pound of ground beef or turkey when you make meatballs, burgers or meatloaf.
 - Add half a cup of cooked bulgur, wild rice, or barley to your holiday bread stuffing.
 - Use brown rice instead of white — it adds great taste as well as fiber, vitamins and minerals.



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