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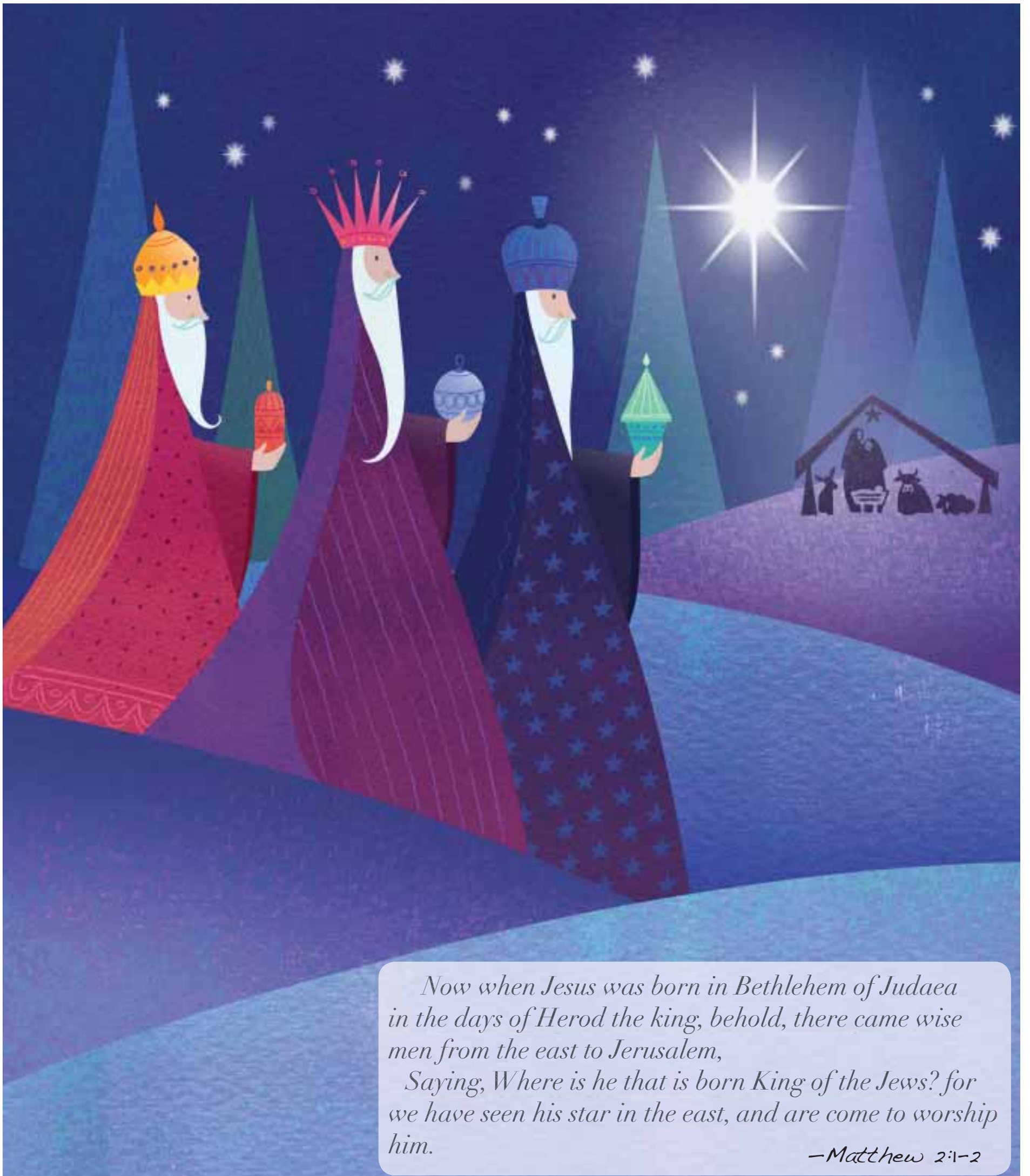
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Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem,

Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him.

—Matthew 2:1-2



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The Story of Christmas

And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar 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 Judaea,

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.

Take time to reflect on season's true message

by Luke Ankeny, pastor
Homedale Friends
Community Church

During the last few years Heidi, my wife, and I have thought a lot about gift giving at Christmas, and have even made some changes in how and what we give to our friends and family.

Gone are the days of buying any old item just to make sure we have a present for someone. Instead of making thoughtless purchases we now choose to be more thoughtful about our gift giving. In addition to being more thoughtful, we are also more inclined to make homemade gifts, purchase gifts from local business and people, and give experiences as gifts.

This Christmas will see additional changes in our gift-giving philosophy as we continue to simplify our lives and be mindful of the person whose birth we are celebrating. After reading the book *Almost Amish*, hoping to get a better grasp on living simply, we took a cue from author Nancy Sleeth and decided that we would only give each of our sons' three gifts this year: something useful, something to read, and something fun, as we celebrate the birth of Christ together as a family.

Obviously we have not given our three sons their gifts yet, but I am happy to report our gift planning and shopping experiences have been more enjoyable than in years past. We are finding our preparation for Christmas this

year to be less stressful and less time-consuming. Less stress and less time spent shopping allows for more time to relax and to spend time doing activities we enjoy, like quality time together as a family and with our friends.

Most importantly, we have made changes in how we give gifts at Christmas time in order to maintain a simple lifestyle and better remember and celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ. We want to teach our children that the accumulation of stuff is not the most important

thing in life and limiting what they receive helps us make this point. Simplifying our gift-giving practices also allows us the opportunity to focus more of our attention on worshipping Jesus as we prepare for and celebrate His birth.

In the Bible in Matthew chapter 2 verse 11 we read that the wise men brought gifts of gold, incense, and myrrh to Jesus, Mary and Joseph. After Christmas, we will evaluate how our new gift-giving philosophy worked, but I am fairly confident we will stick with the wisdom of the wise men. If three gifts were good enough for Jesus, I am positive three gifts will be sufficient for my sons as well.

— Luke, his wife Heidi and their three sons reside in Homedale. The 1995 Homedale High School graduate is the son of Dennis and Susan Ankeny, Luke attended George Fox University and received a Bachelor's degree from Asbury College in 2000.



Luke Ankeny

A Christmas meditation – God with us

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

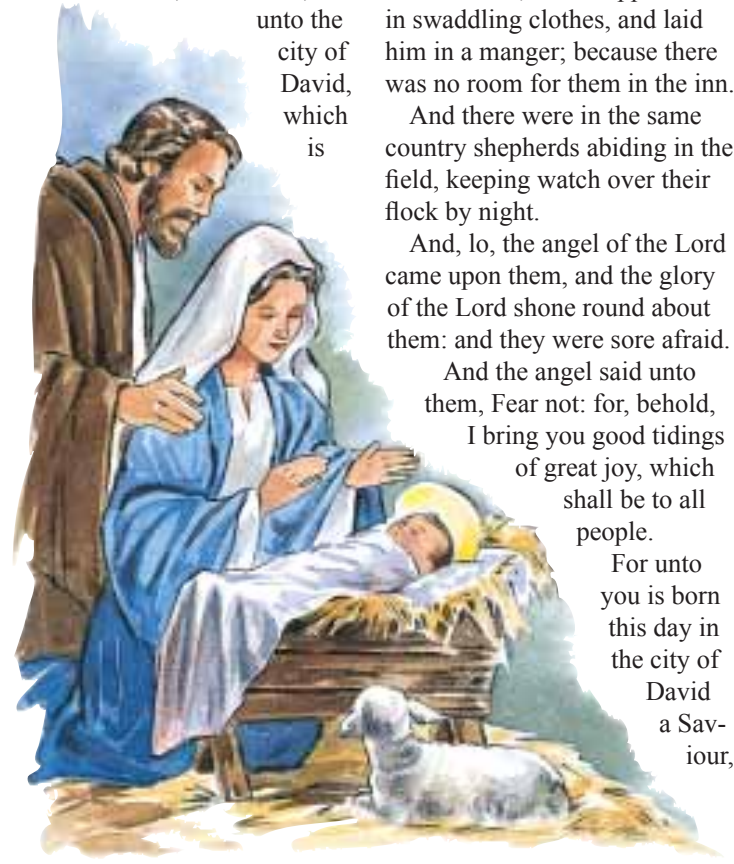
It has been observed that the birth of Jesus has become the great center of interest. The educational world is represented in the wise men; the peasants are represented in the shepherds; royalty is represented in Herod; nature is represented in her gifts, "gold, frankincense and myrrh"; the heavens are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

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

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

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

— Clare Willcuts for the Owyhee Chronicle, Christmas, 1952



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HOMEDALE, OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO

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Season of giving continues



Above: Young people active in the Hands Around Homedale food drive included, from left, Megan Houser, Ambyr Van Winkle and Megan Maxwell. They helped collect, count and package food items. The care packages were distributed Friday at the elementary school.

Right: Kristy Eachus of Wilder donated armfuls of gifts to The Owyhee Avalanche Christmas gift project for Owyhee Health & Rehabilitation Center residents. Eachus brought the gifts into the Avalanche office Monday. "I've done pretty good this year, and it was fun going shopping," she said.

For more on the outreach programs, see **Page 11A**.



Chairperson Black's resignation leaves school board two short

Bruneau-Grand View trustees meet today to discuss superintendent post

The Bruneau-Grand View School District is now seeking two members to serve on its board of trustees following the recent resignation of board chairman Dixie Black, of Zone 2, and the resignation earlier this year of Zone 4 trustee Joe Merrick.

Merrick said he resigned because of time constraints, but Black had been of a recall.

It appears the board still has enough membership to achieve a quorum with Marie Robertson from Zone 1, Lori Bennett from Zone 3 — both of whom are

listed as vice-chairs on the district website — and Zone 5 Trustee Howard Field.

According to a notice on the district website, the board will hold a special meeting at 4 p.m. today at the district office to possibly hire an interim superintendent and secondary principal. Currently, Emmett resident Sue Beitia apparently serves in that position, taking over for Kelly Murphey, who resigned earlier this fall shortly after taking the job.

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Some offices, stores close early on Christmas Eve

Schoolchildren head to break

Some government offices, libraries and stores will close early on Christmas Eve Monday, some will not open at all, and others will carry on with business as usual. None will be open Christmas Day.

City halls — Grand View City Hall will be open during its regular hours from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and from 1:30 to 5 p.m.

Homedale City Hall is closing at 2 p.m., but city clerk Alice

Pegram said she will stay longer if needed.

The Homedale City Council voted Wednesday to cancel its second meeting of December, which was scheduled for Thursday.

Marsing City Hall is closed all day.

Courthouse — The Owyhee County Courthouse in Murphy will close at 3 p.m. The Board of County Commissioners will hold its regular weekly meeting beginning at 9 a.m.

Emergency services — Owyhee County dispatch will be available

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Ranchers band together to protect range from fire

New association inspired by Oregon group that helped with Long Draw

Doug Rutan spent the summer like most ranchers, grazing cattle and worrying about how much rangeland would be left when the wildfire season had run its course.

The South Mountain cowboy also spent some time looking to the west as the Long Draw fire raged in neighboring Malheur County.

In actuality, he did more than look. He got involved — as did many ranchers — and helped with suppression efforts with the full blessing of the Bureau of Land Management's Vale District.

Meanwhile, to the east, Boise District officials discouraged rancher participation in firefighting efforts.

"The BLM was willing to work with (the Oregon ranchers) because they were a group of ranchers rather than one or two," Rutan said, adding that a lack of formal firefighting training among ranchers creates a liability that the federal agency isn't willing to shoulder.

Rutan said that the Oregon effort resulted in saving "miles and miles" of rangeland.

To make working with Owyhee County ranchers more palatable for the BLM, Rutan and others have formed the Owyhee

Rangeland Fire Protection Association (ORFPA). The association, in turn, obtained its own liability insurance to further indemnify the BLM.

"The biggest thing that got us started was there was (a rangeland association) on the Oregon side," Rutan said.

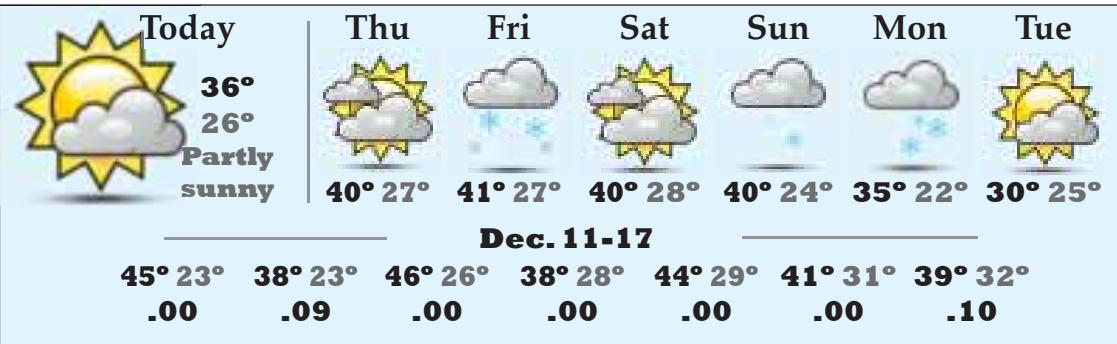
The ORFPA set up a board of directors comprised of ranchers from across the protected region. Regular meetings have

— See **Ranchers**, page 5A

Corrections

Homedale Middle School’s two-time conference wrestling champion was misidentified in a secondary headline in last week’s edition of the Avalanche. Caleb Meligan won his second consecutive 3A Snake River Valley conference individual championship.

The actor from the Homedale High School Drama Club production at the elementary school was misidentified. The actor was Nadine Wright.



Marsing City Council approves computer upgrades, liquor licenses

The Marsing City Council held a brief, 30-minute meeting last Wednesday and dealt with a light agenda that included approving City Hall computer and software upgrades for \$6,842.80 plus labor costs through Valli Information Systems, as well as the approval of 2013 liquor, beer and wine licenses for Marsing-based restaurants and bars, and Logan’s Market.

The council also discussed the need to put at least an eight-foot-high fence with barbed wire around the city wastewater site. The original proposal was for a six-foot-high fence with barbed wire, because some of the funding is coming through the state Bureau of Homeland Security, the city was asked to modify the height to meet BHS specifications.

The city has been approved for a \$28,000 grant, according to Mayor Keith Green. The overall cost of a higher fence is approximately \$36,000, and the mayor made a pitch to council members for the city to pay the extra costs.

“The city is foolish not to upgrade our fence,” Green said. “Now there’s just barbed wire and shepherd fence (around the wastewater site). We’re sitting pretty good only paying \$10,000.”

Council members approved the expenditure.

“I prefer it come out of the general fund,” Green said.

The mayor and Ed Lowder, Marsing maintenance supervisor, discussed a request from Pete Smit, Marsing School District administrative assistant for the 21st Century After-School Program, about grading the parking lots at the schools.

Smit approached the county first and was turned down, then turned to the city, according to Green.

The mayor, Lowder and council members all agreed they were willing to help the schools, but don’t feel the city has sufficient equipment for grading the lots.

“We can fill the potholes,” Green said.


He asked Lowder to call Smit, and also to contact Gem Highway District in Marsing and see what might be done about improving the parking lots.

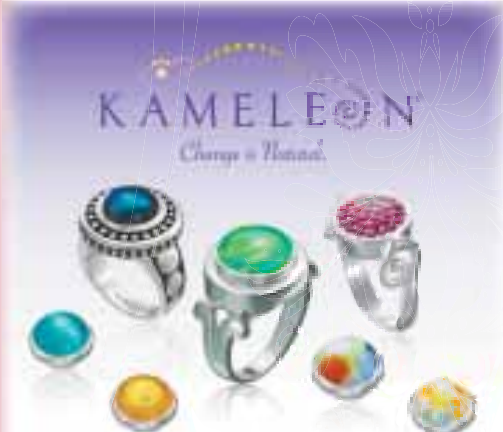
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✓ Ranchers: First step in helping fed crews

been held in Jordan Valley with Jordan Valley Cooperative Weed Management Area coordinator Eric Morrison sitting in.

“I’m involved primarily because of opportunity,” Morrison said. “I have a building where they can meet, and it really fits in with what the Owyhee Watershed Council is trying to do with maintaining the watershed.”

Although JVCWMA and OWC are involved, this has been a rancher-driven initiative from the outset.

The move toward an association is vital in defending the ranchers’ livelihoods against restrictive policies that have resulted in a build-up of quick-burning grasses. The results have been catastrophic fires such as the Long Draw, the Long Butte and the Murphy Complex over the past half-decade. The Long Draw gobbled up more than 500,000 acres in Eastern Oregon during the summer, while the Long Butte devoured 215,000 in 2010 and the Murphy fire destroyed 652,000 acres in 2007.

Rutan said even in a year of marginal rainfall such as 2012, fuel build-up is still a huge concern.

“This year was really tough and dry, and we still had a lot of grass and brush and trees and stuff that will burn, and if you don’t have ways of putting those fires out it’s going to be tough,” he said.

“We as ranchers kind of think that grazing is a good way to slow the fire down and decrease the

amount of fuel out there. But if there is going to be an abundant amount of fuels then we need to have something in place to be able to put the fires out.”

The ORFPA coverage area stretches from the Oregon border in the west to Mud Flat Road in the east. Ranchers east of Mud Flat Road have been encouraged to develop their own association to complement one that has been created by Mountain Home-area landowners in Elmore County.

The ORFPA boundary abuts neighboring rural fire districts such as Marsing, Grand View and Bruneau, Morrison said.

The association will hammer out an MOU with the BLM once mandatory training is completed, Morrison said. Likewise, the ORFPA will seek cooperative agreements with rural districts to create a mutual aid network.

Rutan is president of the ORFPA board of directors, and Todd Gluch is vice-president. Morrison serves as secretary-treasurer.

The other directors are spread throughout the region, giving ranchers, landowners and even recreationists who want to look out for their natural resources a local contact from whom they can get information about joining.

There is a \$200 annual fee to join the association, but members are entitled to receive startup material to help fight range fires.

Slide-out tanks for pickup trucks, protective clothing, radios and other firefighting equipment are available through

an Idaho Department of Lands grant program. The dispersal of the equipment depends on the availability, according to an ORFPA letter sent to county ranchers and landowners.

The slide-out tanks carry about 300 gallons of water and are equipped with gas-powered pumps. Tanks mounted on four-wheelers also can be used for mop-up work, Rutan said.

At the moment, there are more than 30 ranchers signed on with the association, but Rutan anticipates more members after mandatory training sessions in Marsing and Jordan Valley are completed.

Completion of the five-week training seminars, which begin in January, is a prerequisite for association membership, but Morrison points out you don’t have to be on the membership track to attend the free trainings.

Likewise, Rutan encourages anyone who uses the land — including out-of-county recreationists — volunteer firefighters and others to attend the trainings and even join the association.

“If we get organized and get the thing going, then we’ll have some training,” Rutan said. “But then we have the knowledge of the ground and the BLM has the equipment and if we all do everything kind of together and use some common sense on how to get to a fire and how to get it out, it should work good with both (groups of) people kind of working together.” —JPB

BLM to present range fire training

Organizers are inviting anyone who wants to help preserve Owyhee County’s rangeland to attend fire training sessions in Marsing or Jordan Valley next month.

The Bureau of Land Management will present the five-week training courses for the newly formed Owyhee Rangeland Fire Protection Association beginning early next month.

The Marsing trainings will be held each Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. beginning Jan. 2. They will take place at the University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Office, 238 8th Ave. W., until Feb. 6. No session is scheduled for Jan. 16.

Training in Jordan Valley begins Jan. 3 and will be held each Thursday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. until Feb. 7. No session is scheduled for Jan. 17. The training will be held at the Jordan Valley Lions Hall on U.S. Highway 95.

The trainings are free, but at-

tendees must provide their own lunches.

You don’t have to be a member of the ORFPA to take part in the trainings, but membership is encouraged.

Certification through these trainings is mandatory if a person wants to fight wildfires on BLM ground.

For more information, call ORFPA secretary/treasurer Eric Morrison at (541) 586-3000 during the day or (208) 583-2269 in the evening. Association president Doug Rutan also can be contacted at (208) 583-4444.

Call Morrison or Rutan for more information about the ORFPA.

The association has board members strategically located throughout the coverage area as well. Todd Gluch is the vice-president, and directors include Craig Baker, Rohl Hipwell, David Mackenzie, Mike Stanford, Ed Wilsey and Kenny Kershner.

✓ Resignation: Board quorum still intact

The meeting takes place at the district office, 660 Boise Ave., in Grand View.

The Owyhee Avalanche received an emailed notice from board clerk JayDene Aquiso regarding the trustee vacancies at 4:59 p.m. Friday. The district office is closed Mondays, and no one could be reached for comment Tuesday morning.

Black’s business, Cowboys Pastime in Bruneau, is open Tuesday through Saturday, and she could

not be reached for comment at either the business or her home.

The board of trustees held its regular monthly meeting Thursday, but it is not clear if Black turned in her resignation at that time. Her photo has been removed from the Bruneau-Grand View School District website.

Zone 2 residents who launched the petition against Black — John Morrison and Lisa Martinez — among other things criticized her treatment of Will Goodman, for-

mer principal of Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School who served the district as interim superintendent.

Goodman resigned from both positions, and Morrison and Martinez contended Black was pivotal in his decision to leave.

Black countered the criticism by saying she had nothing to do with Goodman’s decision and couldn’t further defend herself against the accusations because district personnel matters are private.

—GB

✓ Christmas: School’s out until next year

as usual, as will the sheriff’s patrol, Homedale police patrol and volunteer medical and fire services.

Schools — Homedale will have early dismissal Friday, with schools closed through Jan. 4.

Marsing will have an early release at 1 p.m. on Thursday and return Jan. 2.

Bruneau-Grand View schools are out Thursday through Jan. 2

Adrian schools will have an early release at noon on Thursday and will close until Jan. 8.

Jordan Valley schools are out Friday until Jan. 2.

Banks — US Banks in Homedale, Marsing and Grand View will all close at 2 p.m.

Post offices — The U.S. Post Offices in Homedale and Marsing will close at noon.

The post office in Grand View will close at 2:30 p.m., its regular closing time each day.

The post office in Murphy will close at 12:30 p.m. The bank’s regular hours Monday through Friday are 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 1 to 5 p.m.

The post office in Bruneau will be open from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Libraries — Lizard Butte Library in Marsing will be closed.

Homedale Public Library will be open from 1 to 5 p.m.

Eastern Owyhee County Library in Grand View will be closed Dec. 21 through Jan. 1.

Bruneau Valley Library will be closed Monday in keeping with its usual weekly schedule.

Grocery stores — Paul’s Market in Homedale will open at 7 a.m. and close at 7 p.m.

Logan’s Market in Marsing will open at 6 a.m. and close at 6:30 p.m.

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Bruneau Valley Library program receives ICF grants

Idaho Community Foundation grants will help fund eight months of a speaker series in Bruneau. The Bruneau Valley Library announced last week that it has received \$1,100 in ICF funding to help continue its Bruneau and Beyond luncheon speaker series next year. The ICF approved a \$750 grant out of the Troxell Small Community Library Fund, and also sent the library a \$350 grant from the Robert I. and Barbara Troxell Fund. “This is really good news. With these two amounts, the library should have no trouble continuing the program in the coming year,” library director Clara

Morris said. The library normally presents seven or eight programs per year with a variety of topics and speakers. The programs are held on the third Wednesday of most months, with a hiatus in the summer and in the winter holiday months. There is no charge for either the luncheon or the program, which is open to the public. In the past when larger space has been needed, the event has been moved to a nearby church. Topics in the past have included historical figures such as the cowgirls of the early part of the 20th century or Kitty Wilkins, also known as the Idaho Horse

Queen, as well as looks back at the Bruneau area through the eyes of descendants of the area’s homesteaders. People interested in learning more about the program may call (208) 845-2131. The library is located at 32073 Ruth St., in Bruneau. The Bruneau Valley Library was the only Owyhee County interest to receive part of ICF’s pool of nearly \$163,000 in grant money. The rest of the 83 recipients hailed from Ada, Adams, Blaine, Boise, Camas, Canyon, Cassia, Elmore, Gem, Gooding, Jerome, Lincoln, Minidoka, Payette, Twin Falls, Valley and Washington counties.



Lions do their part to help at holiday
Marsing Lions Club members and volunteers gathered last week at the Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center to build more than 100 bags of food for the area’s shut-ins. Submitted photo

COSSA lists winter ed schedule

The Canyon-Owyhee School Service Agency based in Wilder will begin its winter 2013 adult evening classes on Jan. 2:

- **AutoCad I, II** – These two classes will cover the basic and intermediate use of AutoCad. Class: 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Monday and Tuesday. Course length: 12 hours, each level; cost: \$125, each level
- **Basic Electricity and Electronics I, II, III** – Basic electrical components and progress with

advanced topics. Class: 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday. Course length: 12 hours, each level; cost: \$125, each level

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- **Intro to Spanish** – Tuesday and Thursday from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Course length: eight hours; cost: \$75
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School menus

- Homedale Elementary**
Dec. 19: Burrito, Spanish rice, corn, pears
Dec. 20: Turkey, gravy, mashed potatoes, stuffing, fruit salad, roll/jelly, pumpkin pie
Dec. 21: Pizza, tossed salad, pineapple
Dec. 24-31: No school.
- Homedale Middle**
Dec. 19: Toasted cheese or rib-b-que, corn, apple
Dec. 20: Turkey, gravy, mashed potatoes, stuffing, jello fruit salad, roll/jelly, pumpkin pie
Dec. 21: Pizza hot pocket or corn dog, tossed salad, baby carrots
Dec. 24-31: No school.
- Homedale High**
Dec. 19: Enchilada or hot pocket, salad bar, fruit choice
Dec. 20: Turkey, gravy, mashed potatoes, stuffing, jello fruit salad, roll/jelly, pumpkin pie
Dec. 21: Chicken taco or popcorn chicken, salad bar, fruit choice
Dec. 24-31: No school.

- Marsing**
Dec. 19: Pepperoni pizza or baked potato, tossed salad, salad bar (6-12)
Dec. 20: Ham & scalloped potatoes, corn, fudge brownie
Dec. 24-31: No school.

- Bruneau-Grand View**
Dec. 19: Corn dog, baby carrots, fruit, rice crispie treat
Dec. 20-28: No school.

- COSSA**
Dec. 19: Navajo taco, lettuce, cheese, tomato, refried beans, fruit
Dec. 20-28: No school.

Senior menu

- Homedale Senior Center**
Dec. 19: Country fried steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, carrots
Dec. 20: Baked fish, baked potato, broccoli, bread
Dec. 25: Closed.
Dec. 26: Sausage & biscuits, potato, carrots
Dec. 27: Spaghetti w/meat sauce, salad, bread

Birthday

Garland Smith set to turn 80

An 80th birthday party is planned for Marsing resident Garland Smith. The celebration will take place from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 22, 2012 at the Phipps-Watson Marsing American Legion Community Center, 126 W. 2nd St. N. Friends, family and neighbors are invited to attend, but are asked not to bring gifts. Garland and his wife Zola are the parents of four children, Kevin, Myrna, Cindy and Angela. They have 11 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren with two more on the way.



Garland Smith

Timeless Christmas poem takes Story Time spotlight

In what has become something of a tradition, “The Night Before Christmas” will be read during the preschool Story Time in Homedale this week. Story Time starts at 10:15 a.m. Friday at the Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave. Moore’s classic poem is the centerpiece for the final reading event before Christmas. Along with the story, there will be crafts, songs and snacks. The library is open from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday. For more information, call 337-4228.

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Calendar

Today

Bruneau Valley Library preschool
9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., 3- and 4-year-olds, Bruneau Valley Library, 32073 Ruth St., Bruneau. (208) 845-2163 or (208) 845-2131

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

Christian Life Club
3:15 p.m. to 5 p.m., Homedale Friends Community Church, 17434 Highway 95 Wilder. (208) 337-4757

Grand View Chamber of Commerce meeting
5:30 p.m., Grand View Firehouse, 720 Roosevelt St., Grand View.

Job’s Daughters Bethel 31 meeting
7 p.m., Silver City Masonic Lodge No. 13, 19 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 453-2116

Thursday

Taking Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) meeting
6:30 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-3867

Homedale Elementary Christmas concert
6:30 p.m., first- and second-graders, Homedale Middle School, 3437 Johnstone Road, Homedale

Friday

Story Time at Homedale Public Library
10:15 a.m., Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228

Saturday

Homedale Running Club
8 a.m., free and open to the public, Homedale High School athletic track, Deward Bell Stadium, Riverside Drive, Homedale.

Senior center dance
6 p.m. to 9 p.m., \$4 per person, bring finger food, Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

Monday

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

Tuesday

Community Christmas dinner
2 p.m., free, Rimrock Senior Center, 425 Main St., Grand View. (208) 834-2808

Wednesday

Bruneau Valley Library preschool
9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., 3- and 4-year-olds, Bruneau Valley Library, 32073 Ruth St., Bruneau. (208) 845-2163 or (208) 845-2131

Christian Life Club
3:15 p.m. to 5 p.m., Homedale Friends Community Church, 17434 Highway 95 Wilder. (208) 337-4757

Thursday, Dec. 20

Taking Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) meeting
6:30 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-3867

Homedale Elementary Christmas concert
6:30 p.m., first- and second-graders, Homedale Middle School, 3437 Johnstone Road, Homedale

Friday, Dec. 21

Story Time at Homedale Public Library
10:15 a.m., Homedale Public Library, 125 W.

Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228

Saturday, Dec. 22

Homedale Running Club
8 a.m., free and open to the public, Homedale High School athletic track, Deward Bell Stadium, Riverside Drive, Homedale.

Senior center dance
6 p.m. to 9 p.m., \$4 per person, bring finger food, Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

Monday, Dec. 24

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

Candlelight Christmas Eve service
7 p.m., Mountain View Church of the Nazarene, 26515 Ustick Road, Wilder. (208) 337-3151

Tuesday, Dec. 25

Community Christmas dinner
2 p.m., free, Rimrock Senior Center, 425 Main St., Grand View. (208) 834-2808

Wednesday, Dec. 26

Bruneau Valley Library preschool
9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., 3- and 4-year-olds, Bruneau Valley Library, 32073 Ruth St., Bruneau. (208) 845-2163 or (208) 845-2131

Christian Life Club
3:15 p.m. to 5 p.m., Homedale Friends Community Church, 17434 Highway 95 Wilder. (208) 337-4757

Thursday, Dec. 27

Taking Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) meeting
6:30 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-3867

Bruneau Valley Library board meeting
7 p.m., Bruneau Valley Library, 32073 Ruth St., Bruneau. (208) 845-2131

Friday, Dec. 28

Story Time at Homedale Public Library
10:15 a.m., Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228

Saturday, Dec. 29

Homedale Running Club
8 a.m., free and open to the public, Homedale High School athletic track, Deward Bell Stadium, Riverside Drive, Homedale.

Wednesday, Jan. 2


Military veterans coffee
9 a.m., Phipps-Watson American Legion Hall and Community Center, 126 W. 2nd St. N., Marsing

Bruneau Valley Library preschool
9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., 3- and 4-year-olds, Bruneau Valley Library, 32073 Ruth St., Bruneau. (208) 845-2163 or (208) 845-2131

Christian Life Club
3:15 p.m. to 5 p.m., Homedale Friends Community Church, 17434 Highway 95 Wilder. (208) 337-4757

NOCWMA meeting
7 p.m., North Owyhee County Cooperative Weed Management Area, U.S. Department of Agriculture Service Center, 250 N. Old Bruneau Highway, Marsing. (208) 896-4544, ext. 102

Owyhee
Then & Now



Michael F. Hanley

Owyhee Graffiti, Vol. 1

The Jordan Valley Police
Department

During the 1970s, Jordan Valley was faced with problems other small towns have witnessed with rapid growth and no resources to cope with them.

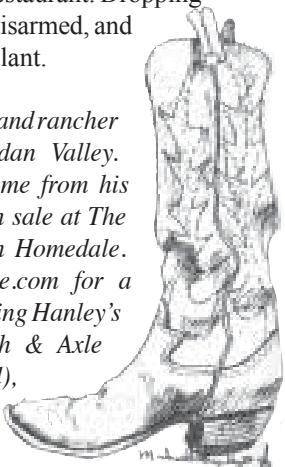
The old DeLamar Mine property, 15 miles to the east in Idaho, was being developed, and construction workers living in Jordan created law enforcement problems. The city officials were approached by Paul Arritola, who suggested a method for solving their dilemma. Paul, who was raised in Jordan Valley, had been an Oregon State policeman and was well qualified to handle any problems that came along. His proposal to the city was that he would provide law enforcement for the revenue generated by fines and would reimburse the city for court costs.

Arritola was given a contract and went to work, immediately stirring up controversy. He merely did what most cities, large and small, had strived for and failed at. He made law enforcement pay and pay big. National recognition followed, and it was reported that he cleared more over a one-year period than the president of the U.S.

When state and county law officers notified Paul of fugitives coming his way, he arrested them, further adding to his reputation, which undoubtedly caused other unsavory types to detour 'round our community, or at least practice restraint.

One evening, he sent a drunk home who was creating a fracas in the J.V. Bar. Afterward, he was visiting in the café adjoining the bar, when he received a telephone call. A friend of the drunk warned Paul that the drunk had a gun and was headed for town to shoot him. Paul, who was still on the telephone which was next to the door, saw the man as he walked into the restaurant. Dropping the telephone, he collared, disarmed, and arrested his would-be assailant.

— Local historian, author and rancher Mike Hanley lives in Jordan Valley. Excerpts in this column come from his various books, which are on sale at The Owyhee Avalanche office in Homedale. Visit www.owyheeavalanche.com for a list of available titles, including Hanley's Owyhee Graffiti, Sagebrush & Axle Grease (with Omer Stanford), Tales of the I.O.N. Country and Journal of Michael F. Hanley IV.



Mountain View Nazarene presents Chmas Eve service

The Mountain View Church of the Nazarene invites the community to its annual Candlelight Christmas Eve service.

The event will be held at 7 p.m. at the church, 26515 Ustick Road, Wilder.

The service includes the singing of traditional Christmas carols,

the reading of the Christmas story from Luke 2 and special music.

Mountain View Pastor Chuck Ryan will give a short devotional message, and the service will close with the lighting of the Advent candles.

For more information, call the church at 337-3151.

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HMS hoops team delivers for Wish Tree

Homedale Middle School's seventh-grade girls' basketball B team has stepped up to help needy children in the community during Christmas.

Coach Shelley Shenk's team held a bake sale fundraiser during the season and raised \$114. The players then used the money to buy Christmas presents to fill tags from the Wish Tree.

The team helped five children, and Idaho Pizza Co. provided the facility to wrap presents Saturday.

"A special thanks to Sonya Garza who helped supervise," Shenk said.

"I am very proud of how they embraced this project. They are a great group of young women."

The team includes Elaine Buenrostro, Ember Christensen, Hanna Egusquiza, Lisette Garza, Nalley Gonzalez, Gabby Martell, Riley Morgan, Alexis Muir and Layne Riley. Riley Muir also helped out in the effort.

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Marsing class wins UI contest

A group of Marsing Elementary School students have won the top prize in a statewide poster contest, but their teacher used the entry process to further their ideas for the future.

Wendy Stansell's second-grade class' creation was judged the top divisional entry in the University of Idaho's "I am Idaho's Future" contest celebrating the 150th anniversary of the Morrill Act. The class won \$175.

Stansell plans to use the money to purchase a listening center for her classroom. Any remaining funds will go toward the students' May field trip to the World Center Birds of Prey.

The Morrill Act, sponsored by Rep. Justin Morrill (R-Vt.) and signed into law by President Abraham Lincoln in the summer

of 1862, created land grant universities.

The law opened the door for the founding of the University of Idaho in Moscow.

Stansell is a Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School graduate who earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Family Consumer Sciences with an emphasis in Child Life. She also obtained a BS in Elementary Education.

"I had two teachers – Connie Prow and Vickie Chandler – along with my parents, Bob and Carol Swenson, who encouraged me to set educational goals of higher education," Stansell said.

"As a teacher, I want to encourage the students in my class to set educational goals and work to achieve them. Our class had discussions of what they wanted

to be when they grew up and what they had to do to meet that goal. All their occupation choices require a college education."

Students said they wanted to be veterinarians, doctors, engineers and teachers.

"The students then illustrated what their career would look like, and we attached those to the poster," Stansell said. "The background of the poster included crops grown in Idaho."

Stansell used material from Idaho Ag in the Classroom to illustrate the crops.

"I hope through this project I encouraged my students to set goals and work hard in school," Stansell said. "I also hope they learned about our magnificent state and my alma mater, the University of Idaho."



Drivers injured in unrelated Idaho 78 wrecks

Lee M. Lotson was injured last Wednesday when he swerved his Chevy Malibu to avoid hitting a deer on Idaho highway 78, according to Owyhee County Sheriff's Sgt. Lynn Bowman.

The accident occurred at 11:25 a.m. near milepost 20.3 northwest of Murphy.

Lotson was taken by Marsing Ambulance to Saint Alphonsus-Nampa.

On Thursday, Lena R. Giesbrecht, 66, was taken to Elmore County Medical Center in Mountain Home when her Chevy Trailblazer struck a ditch off the roadway, causing the vehicle to roll. Giesbrecht was ejected from the vehicle through the sunroof, Bowman said.

The accident occurred at 4:30 p.m. on Idaho highway 78 at Mormon Boulevard.



Owyhee County Sheriff's Sgt. Lynn Bowman takes photos during his investigation of a one-car rollover accident last Wednesday on Idaho highway 78 near Upper Reynolds Creek Road.

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HHS student turns family tradition into senior project

Whitney Uria builds EMT presentation

There wasn't much mystery when it came time for Whitney Uria to pick her senior project. With at least three family members — brother Cory, father Dennis and uncle Ric — with a history of volunteerism with the Homedale Fire Department and ambulance service, the Homedale High School student had a built-in emergency medical technician career path to research.

"My brother's an EMT and my dad's on the fire department," she said. "I've experienced what they've done, and I wanted to help the community because I've seen the impact they've had."

On Friday, the daughter of Dennis and Teri Uria presented the

physical portion of her graduation requirement behind the school in front of friends, family and the evaluation board. Also in attendance was Whitney's mentor, Homedale Ambulance administrator Lisa Rittenhouse.

"I didn't know she was presenting it (Friday)," Rittenhouse said.

Whitney's senior project is an extension of part of her senior year elective curriculum.

"She's presenting a lot of stuff that she's learning in my EMT class, and she's got special permission from (the board of fire commissioners) to do ride-alongs," Rittenhouse said.

Whitney's brother gave her a tour of the ambulance and showed her the different features and components.

Her uncle Ric is one of the board members who voted to allow her to go on ride-alongs.

On Friday, she turned the knowledge she gained into her presentation.

Rittenhouse has started an EMT class at the Canyon-Owyhee School Service Agency regional technical center in Wilder. Anyone who wants to take the EMT class first must complete COSA's Intro to Health Occupations class, so interested students must plan ahead for next year's school year if they want to enroll in Rittenhouse's class.

Whitney asked Rittenhouse to serve as her mentor for the senior project.

"She came up with the idea, and I had to oversee her idea," Rittenhouse said.

Rittenhouse had to verify that Whitney spent at least 15 hours on the project. Whitney also had to meet with Rittenhouse three times during the process.

Rittenhouse is also serving as



Homedale High School senior Whitney Uria made her senior project presentation at the school Friday.

senior project mentor for COSSA certified nursing assistant student Brenda Uriarte. The HHS student is working on installing an automated external defibrillator at her school.

As a mentor, Rittenhouse's

other responsibilities helping the students track down the resources they need to be successful as well as rating their work, attitude, effort, follow-through, initiative and progress.

— JPB and GB

Bruneau-Grand View Landfill appraised at \$56,000

County still trying to purchase land from private property owner

Don Vander Boegh, of the Wilder-based commercial appraisal firm Shewey, Vander Boegh LLC, performed an appraisal of the Bruneau-Grand View Landfill in Owyhee County at the request of the Board of County Commissioners. At the Dec. 10 board meeting, he informed the commissioners of his findings.

Vander Boegh appraised the value of the property at \$56,000, or \$1,400 per acre. The 40-acre property is owned by Kent Kohring, and the county, which currently leases the land, is seeking to purchase it from him.

"The county has absorbed all the cost of operating that property, and the county is not operating it to make money. It's a service; it's being operated for the convenience of the (people in the)

county," Vander Boegh said.

The landfill is actually operating in the red, District 2 commissioner Kelly Aberasturi said.

"It's a greater expense than the county is getting back in fees," Vander Boegh said.

Kohring is currently being paid \$5,000 a year under the lease agreement.

"He is asking for substantially higher rent," District 1 commissioner Jerry Hoagland said.

Kohring wants to double the amount he is getting.

"What I told them was I needed a better deal than I was getting or I wanted to close; and they have also offered to buy it, but I didn't think they were offering enough at the time," Kohring said during a phone interview Dec. 14.

Negotiations to purchase the land have been ongoing between the landowner and the county for a number of years.

Owyhee signed a 10-year lease agreement with Kohring in April 2004. Purchasing the property, located near milepost 71 on Idaho highway 78, would be more economically sound for Owyhee County. At the lower-end cost of \$5,000 per year, and considering the life of the landfill to be around 70 to 75 years, the county could

pay out \$350,000 on the lease during that span of time.

But so far, Kohring has rejected all offers, or made counter offers the county could not accept.

In January 2007, the county offered \$40,000 for the land. Kohring then said he would sell it for \$109,000 or would take the \$40,000 offer on the condition he be allowed to operate a dairy there.

The need for a conditional use permit for a dairy, and other issues, prevented the county from taking Kohring up on his proposal, county officials said previously.

The county later offered \$80,000 for the property, but once again the two entities were not able to work out a deal.

The commissioners consider all offers made to Kohring to be reasonable.

"The value is more than fair on that piece of property. If he doesn't like that, he can look at other options," Aberasturi said.

"He can put it on the open market, and he wouldn't like that. It would get less."

The county hasn't considered what it might do if Kohring continues to reject its offers.

"We haven't got that far yet," District 3 commissioner and

board chair Joe Merrick said.

"I may close the landfill and do away with it," Kohring, who is 83, said. "Sometime in the future I'm probably going to want to sell my place, and of course there are people who do not want to have an operating landfill on their property."

"I'm looking at at least another year to sell my property. As far as the landfill, that's strictly between me and the commissioners. They indicated it wouldn't be any problem for them to find another place."

"The shut-down process is already in place. There's a 30-year post-closure plan," Hoagland said.

There will be ongoing, regular inspections of the landfill by the Department of Environmental Quality over a 30-year period if it is shut down.

The commissioners said using the Pickles Butte Landfill in Canyon County or Elephant Butte in Owyhee County when it is ready for use as a landfill site are two possibilities for dumping waste if Kohring decides to close the Bruneau-Grand View Landfill.

—GB

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Horse judging clinic set Dec. 29

Kortney Bahem and Mandy Brasher are back in their respective hometowns of Homedale and Marsing, gearing up for the Dust Devils 4-H Club horse judging clinic.

It runs from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Dec. 29 at Badiola Arena. A \$10 donation will be asked.

For more information about the clinic, contact Sylvia Bahem (Kortney's mother) at (208) 249-6889 or sbahem@frontiernet.net.



Volunteers show the proceeds after Euzkaldunak Charity Organization presented its annual meat donation at Paul's Market on Thursday. From left, Homedale High School Honor Society members Jackie Martinez, Emilee Hann and Elizabeth Albor; Euzkaldunak member Ric Uria and Hands Around Homedale coordinator Randee Garrett.

Euzkaldunak helps out Hands Around Homedale again

A Basque charity organization with several area members once again has provided food for north-west Owyhee County families.

Homedale resident Ric Uria represented the Caldwell Euzkaldunak Charity Organization on Thursday when he presented turkey, ham and other meats to Hands Around Homedale coordinator Randee Garrett at Paul's Market.

A total of 14 cases of beef packs, five cases of hams and three cases of turkeys were used Friday when volunteers coordinated holiday care packages for program recipients.

Euzkaldunak has been providing food for area commodity drives for more than 25 years. On Wednesday, other organization members, including Marsing's Tim Dines, picked up meat at the Caldwell Paul's Market for

the Mountain View Church of the Nazarene food distribution as well as distribution in area communities.

The Homedale packages included beef packages that included 84 pounds each of hamburgers and hot dogs and 84 whole chickens. Thirty hams and 12 turkeys also were counted among the inventory.

Members with Owyhee ties include Uria, Dines, Tim Quintana, Dan Uranga, Stan Zatica, Mike Frank, co-chair Mark Araquistain, Joe Arriaga, Mel Arriaga, John Badiola and Simon Landa.

The charity presents a dance each year to fund its annual outreach. The Caldwell Basque Charity Dance, which has been held for at least 45 years, is set for 6 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 19 inside O'Connor Field House in Caldwell.

OHR drive ends Friday

The Owyhee Avalanche's annual gift drive for Owyhee Health and Rehabilitation residents is winding down for another year.

Many items on the wish list, which can be found on Page 12A this week, have been provided by the community, but still more clothing articles, game and music requests remain unfilled.

One donor provided one item for each person on the list to ensure that the residents received at least one Christmas present.

General gift ideas such as chocolates, crayons, large-print word search and puzzle books, large-print playing cards, games

and country music CDs also are appreciated.

The gift drive ends at noon on Friday. The gifts will be distributed at OHR on Monday just in time for Christmas.

The Wilson Sage Hens club provided fresh fruit for the nursing home residents. Sage Hens president Maria Richards said Paul's Market was scheduled to deliver the apples and oranges.

"Paul's has been working with us very well," Sage Hens member Lois Adams said.

The Last Chance Saloon in Homedale once again held a silent auction to raise money for gifts.

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HMS' student-driven food project nets 2,000 items

Students in two home rooms will enjoy perks after excelling in Homedale Middle School's food drive.

As part of Hands Around Homedale, seventh-graders Megan Houser and Lauryn Fisher spearheaded the food drive, according to HMS counselor Randee Garrett.

"They gathered the food each day from each of the classrooms and counted it," Garrett said. "They posted a running total from each room and gave pep talks to the classes."

"They have really fueled the competition by keeping a running count."

Fisher is the daughter of Dwayne and Tracy Fisher. Houser is the daughter of Shawn Houser and Brenda Coons Houser.

The students got behind the food drive and brought in approximately 2,000 items of food between Nov. 26 and Friday.

Debby Turner's advisory class (home room) edged out Pat Warren's class for the food drive championship. Turner's students brought in 311 items, while Warren's class garnered 310.

Both classes will receive rewards.

"I am buying ice cream sundae supplies for the class that brings the most, and the second-place classroom gets popcorn," Garrett said.



Megan Houser, left, and Lauryn Fisher show off the food collected during the Homedale Middle School drive they helped coordinate. Submitted photo

Lesa Folwell's class brought in the third-greatest total with 293 items.

High school students helped transfer the food to Homedale Elementary School on Friday afternoon where items for the Hands Around Homedale care packages were sorted and boxed.

Needy families in the school district picked up their holiday food boxes Friday night.

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- 10. (F) ~~2x-blouses, western movies, perfume~~
- 11. (F) ~~Stuffed animal, music box, soft throw pillow~~
- 12. (F) ~~Lrg print puzzle book, crocheted scarf & hat, music box~~
- 13. (F) Camera, ~~pretty doll, perfume, stuffed animal~~
- 14. (M) ~~M-sweat suit, CD player w/oldies country music~~
- 15. (F) ~~Stuffed animal soft throw pillow, soft head bands~~

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Homedale boys stifle
Vale in home win

Avalanche Sports

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add to hoops streak

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2012



Homedale High School's wrestlers and coaches pose with the championship trophy Saturday.

Trojans strike gold in Glenns Ferry

Stansell's perfect day
highlights HHS' title run

Nine wrestlers medaled, including junior Curtis Stansell who dominated his weight division, as Homedale High School won the Glenns Ferry Duals team championship Saturday.

Wrestling at 160 pounds, Stansell pinned every one of his opponents and racked up 48 points as the Trojans went 8-0 in their dual-meet assignments.

Stansell led a group of six unbeaten Homedale wrestlers, all of whom finished first in their weight classes.

Devin Fisher also went 8-0 for a gold medal at 126 pounds.

Marsing's Williams rolls
Austin Williams led the Huskies' effort in Glenns Ferry in dominant fashion.
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"Fisher really came through for us in the most difficult weight class in the tournament," Trojans coach Toby Johnson said.

Michael Deleon was 6-0 at 120, and Andy Montes went 5-0 while bouncing between divisions.

"He dominated the 98- and 106-pound classes with five pins," Johnson said.

Senior Brad McCain went 3-0 at 195. He also

— See *Trojans*, page 16A

Two-time 2A WIC champion Huskies' stock on the rise

Marsing girls
stretch win streak
to four games

Marsing High School's days of flying under the radar are probably over.

The Huskies have won four straight girls' basketball games, including Saturday afternoon when they held an opponent to a season-low total in a 45-32 win over visiting McCall-Donnelly.

The fact that the two-time reigning 2A Western Idaho Conference champions were even in a position to be overlooked is surprising.

But that's exactly what coach Tim Little thinks happened when the state's No. 3-ranked 2A team, New Plymouth, played host to the Huskies on Thursday.

The Pilgrims managed just five first-quarter points in a 45-38 conference loss to Marsing.

"I've never won over there, and it's been a long time since Marsing's won over there," Little

said of the road trip. "It's a tough place to play."

"It's a game we had to win if we're planning on repeating again as league champions. The girls really stepped up intensity-wise and played as a team."

Destiny Reynolds notched a double-double with 11 points and 11 rebounds, including seven in the second half for Marsing (5-4 overall, 4-0 in conference).

Ashley Hull hit a three-point goal in each half to fuel her team-high 15 points.

Shelby Dines scored seven points and grabbed nine rebounds. Marissa Hardy had eight boards and scored a bucket in the fourth quarter.

Reynolds, Dines and Hardy collected 21 of the Huskies' 27 defensive rebounds.

"New Plymouth didn't shoot the ball well, but that being said, we didn't give them very many second-chance opportunities," Little said.

The Huskies remain unranked

— See *Huskies*, page 16A

Galligan's late hustle sparks Marsing's WIC-opening win

Huskies edge
Nampa Christian

It wasn't pretty, but Marsing High School opened its boys' basketball conference season with a win Saturday night.

The Huskies set the tone early in the 2A Western Idaho Conference game on their floor, holding Nampa Christian without a point for most of the first quarter.

Marsing had to hold on in the second half, though, for a 39-32 victory.

"It was kind of one of those gut-check wins," Huskies coach JW Chadez said.

Senior post Jason Galligan

scored 16 points and ripped down 18 rebounds to lead Marsing (2-3 overall, 1-0 2A WIC).

His biggest rebound came late in the game with Marsing clinging to a two-point lead.

When Miguel Leon missed the front end of a one-and-one free-throw situation, Galligan grabbed the rebound then saved the ball to Josh Larsen when it looked like he was heading out of bounds. Larsen put the shot down for a 34-30 lead.

Neither team could convert a shot for most of the first quarter. Marsing missed its first six shots, and didn't break through until Galligan's free throw gave the Huskies a 1-0 lead 3 minutes, 19

seconds into the game.

Nampa Christian didn't get many chances early as Marsing controlled rebounding on the Trojans' end of the floor. Zak Johnson's three-point goal with 1:27 left got the visitors on the board and ended Marsing's game-opening 7-0 spurt.

"The first four minutes, I was actually fairly pleased," Chadez said.

"We came out pretty well and concentrated on our man defense. I knew we matched up pretty well on them."

Leon finished with nine points and had six steals.

— See *Marsing*, page 16A



Miguel Leon leans in for a shot against Nampa Christian's Zak Johnson on Saturday night.

Rimrock girls push season-opening streak to six wins

Rimrock High School withstood its toughest challenge of the season Thursday but remained unbeaten in girls' basketball.

Desi Meyers had a solid all-around game as the Raiders beat Notus, 52-40, in a 1A Western Idaho Conference game in Bruneau.

Meyers scored eight of her 10 points in the first half and led Rimrock (6-0 overall, 3-0 in conference) with five steals and four assists.

Kyla Jewett scored 16 points, including 10 after halftime when the Raiders outscored the Pirates, 30-23.

Notus's Juli Ledford dropped a pair of three-point goals as part of her game-high 19 points.

Bailey Bachman had eight points and 14

rebounds for Rimrock.

Dec. 11: Rimrock 63, Owyhee, Nev. 21 — The Raiders' defense was on display again in a non-conference victory in Bruneau.

Rimrock held the Braves to 10 first-half points in building a 24-point lead at the break. Jewett, Meyers and Angeles Lino racked up eight steals apiece as the Raiders tallied 30 overall.

Rimrock was in complete control even before the Raiders reeled off an 18-3 third quarter.

Jewett led the way with 15 points, while Lino added 12. Meyers scored 11, and Bailey Bachman chimed in with 10 points and

— See *Rimrock*, page 16A

Sports

Homedale girls' hard luck lingers

Trojans play Oregon champs tough again

By their nature, losing streaks can be frustrating, but the Homedale High School girls' basketball team may have an added dose in the midst of its slide.

Before opening the home half of their conference season Tuesday after deadline against Weiser, the Trojans had lost four consecutive games by a combined margin of 11 points.

Two of those losses came against two-time reigning 3A Oregon state champion Vale, including Friday's 39-36 setback.

First-year coach Joe Betancourt's club crept to within a point twice in the final two minutes at home against the Vikings. First, Tory Lane hit a jump shot to narrow Vale's advantage to 35-34. With 41.6 seconds left, Hattie Mertz nailed a turnaround jumper in the lane off Morgan Nash's crisp assist to cut Vale's lead to 37-36.

In each instance, however, a turnover stymied the Trojans' comeback and Becca Hawkins and Lea Fulk hit shots to give the Vikings some breathing room.

Vale (6-0 overall) has beaten Homedale (5-7) by an average of 2.5 points in their two meetings this season. The Vikings' margin of victory is 16.5 points in their other four games against the likes of Ontario, Ore., and Homedale's 3A Snake River Valley conference



Freshman Tory Lane (24) and Homedale teammate Hattie Mertz go after a defensive rebound Friday against Vale's Tessa Hamilton.

rivals Weiser, Fruitland and Parma.

Vale handed Parma its first loss of the season, 54-34, on Dec. 11.

Thursday: Parma 49, Homedale 45 — The Trojans couldn't completely recover from a 13-5 hole in the opening quarter of their 3A SRV season.

Homedale rallied with a 15-6

run to hold a 35-32 lead after three quarters, but Parma roared to the victory in the final minutes.

Elise Shenk fired in five three-point goals and led all scorers with 18 points.

Kassity Polensky paced Parma (7-2, 1-0) with 16 points, while Makayla Stockett added 11 points.

Braves batter Raiders boys from the outside

Rimrock routs Gem State in conference opener

The scene shifted to Bruneau, but Owyhee, Nev., still showed a deadly touch from outside in a runaway boys' basketball victory over Rimrock High School on Dec. 11.

Skylon McKinney fired in seven three-point goals and led three Owyhee players in double figures during an 85-61 non-league win over the host Raiders.

McKinney scored 25 points.

In all, the Braves popped 13 times in 34 shots from beyond the three-point arc (38.2 percent) and opened the game on a 30-13 tear. They were 36-for-74 overall from the floor (48.6 percent).

"We are still hampered by turnovers, having 30 for the night," Hannah said.

Rimrock's Jared Lemieux tried to keep pace with McKinney, nailing three of his five three-pointers during an 11-point first-quarter performance.

Lemieux scored 24 points and was perfect in five trips to the foul line.

"We're finally getting a handle on our free-throw shooting, going 11-for-13," Hannah said.

Austin Meyers scored 17 of his 19 points in the second half and continued his double-double tendencies with 13 rebounds. He also had one-third of the Raiders'

turnovers.

Jacob Black scored 11 for the home team.

The game was the final one of 2012 for Rimrock, which returns to action Jan. 4 on the road against Greenleaf Friends Academy in a 1A Western Idaho Conference contest.

Dec. 10: Rimrock 64, Gem State Adventist 44 — Lemieux drained six three-point goals en route to a career-high 29 points in the Raiders' 1A Western Idaho Conference season opener in Caldwell.

Lemieux put in 10 points during Rimrock's 16-point second quarter.

He also grabbed nine rebounds as the Raiders outplayed the Jaguars, 47-22, on the backboards.

"This was the best team effort we have put out this year," Hannah said.

Austin Meyers scored 11 of his 20 points in the third quarter when the Raiders broke open the game with a 20-9 run. Meyers also collected 12 rebounds to cap a double-double outing. He led the team with five steals.

Porter Simper collected nine of his team-high 15 rebounds on the offensive glass.

Fritz Heid finished with 11 points for Gem State, but was held to just a three-pointer in the second half.

Andrew Johnson hit a pair of three-pointers and converted all four of his foul shots to lead the Jaguars with 12 points.

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Curtis Stansell, Junior, Wrestling



The play — Wrestling in the 160-pound weight class, Stansell racked up eight pins and was 8-0 on Saturday to help the Trojans win the team championship at the Glenns Ferry Duals. The son of Lori and Brandon DeMond and Rich Stansell single-handedly accounted for 48 points as Homedale won all eight of its dual meets.

Girls' Basketball

Varsity
Thursday, Jan. 3 at Payette, 7:30 p.m.

Junior varsity
Thursday, Jan. 3 at Payette, 6 p.m.

Frosh-soph
Thursday, Jan. 3 at Payette, 4:30 p.m.

Wrestling

Wednesday, Dec. 19, home for tri-meet vs. Marsing and Adrian, 6 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 21 at Ontario Christmas Tournament, Ontario, Ore., 10 a.m.

Boys' Basketball

Varsity
Thursday, Dec. 20 Elite 8 Tournament, Nampa H.S., 7:30 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 21 Elite 8 Tournament, Nampa H.S. or Columbia H.S., 4:30 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 22 Elite 8 Tournament, Nampa H.S. or Columbia H.S., time TBA

Junior varsity
Thursday, Dec. 20 Elite 8 Tournament, Nampa H.S., 4:30 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 21 Elite 8 Tournament, Nampa H.S. or Skyview H.S., 4:30 p.m.
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Sports

Trojans get defensive, douse Vikings in non-conference play

McBride averages double-double in pair of wins

The determination was evident Saturday. Homedale High School was not going to let Vale, Ore., score at will as it had in the first go-round in the boys' basketball season.

Junior forward Trey Lane clamped down on the Vikings' top offensive threat, setting the tone for the Trojans' stingy outing in a 45-29 non-conference rout.

"It was our best defensive game thus far," first-year HHS coach Casey Grove said.

Homedale (4-2 overall) held Vale (0-7) to 12 second-half points. Lane limited Logan Skerjanec, who scored 26 points in Vale's 67-63 overtime loss to Homedale on Nov. 29, to just four points — all of Vale's scoring in the third quarter.

Senior Xavier Hernandez was another factor in Homedale's defensive performance, according to Grove.

"Xavier Hernandez's stats don't jump off the page, but he played tremendous help-side defense," the coach said.

The senior finished with three points, five rebounds and a steal.

Homedale blew open a 28-21 game with a 16-2 run to start the fourth quarter as Hernandez hit a jump shot off one of his three offensive rebounds.

"Our conditioning is a major reason why we pulled away in the fourth quarter," Grove said.

Ricky McBride sparked the run, capping a 7-0 spurt with his second three-point goal after Hernandez kept a possession alive with another offensive rebound.

McBride notched a double-double with 17 points and 10 rebounds. He also had four steals.

Adam Abrego scored 11 points and snagged five offensive boards, and Lane added seven.

"Adam is finally settling down and running our offense," Grove said. "It is very nice to see."

Hayden Krzesnik chipped in six points.

Austin Lattin (13 points) was Vale's top scorer.

Homedale ratchets up its schedule with a three-game stay in the Today's Dentistry Elite Eight Tournament beginning Thursday in Nampa.

The Trojans open at 7:30 Thursday night against the host Bulldogs at Nampa High School.

Other teams in the tournament include Nampa, Skyview and Columbia from Nampa, Ontario, Ore., Fruitland, Canyon Ridge from Caldwell and Spring Creek, Nev.

Dec. 11: Homedale 62, Nampa Christian 47 — McBride and Lane reached double figures as Homedale knocked off its non-conference visitors.

Homedale widened a five-point first-quarter lead with a 13-6 run to the intermission.

"We finally played a version of what we are capable of playing," Grove said. "We played pretty good defense, ran the floor well and finally ran our offense and got open shots."

McBride played an all-around game with 20 points, 13 rebounds and five assists. Lane put in a season-high 18 points.

Abrego scored nine points and dished five assists, while Krzesnik had five assists and four steals.

Homedale connected on 53.1 percent of its shots (26-for-49), including four of 10 three-pointers.

Trevor Lee scored 15 points for Nampa Christian, while Chris Simmons contributed seven points off the bench.



Homedale senior Xavier Hernandez goes up for a shot between three Vale players.

MARSING HUSKIES

Athlete of the Week

Jason Galligan, Senior, Boys' Basketball



The play — Galligan averaged a double-double as the Huskies split their two games. The 6-foot-5 post player scored 16 points and grabbed 18 rebounds Saturday night when Marsing opened the 2A Western Idaho Conference season with a gritty win over visiting Nampa Christian. The son of Don and Kathy Galligan averaged 13.5 points and 14 rebounds in the two games. He also had five blocks.

Girls' Basketball

Varsity
Thursday, Dec. 20 at North Star Charter, Eagle, 7:30 p.m.

Junior varsity A
Thursday, Dec. 20 at North Star Charter, Eagle, 6 p.m.

Boys' Basketball

Varsity
Friday, Dec. 21, home vs. Melba, 7:30 p.m.

Junior varsity A
Friday, Dec. 21, home vs. Melba, 6 p.m.

Junior varsity B
Friday, Dec. 21, home vs. Melba, 4:45 p.m.

Wrestling

Junior varsity
Friday, Dec. 21 at Ontario Christmas Tournament, Ontario, Ore., 10 a.m.

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Sports

Huskies' Williams pins five foes

Austin Williams scored five pins Saturday to fuel Marsing High School's performance in the Glenns Ferry Duals wrestling tournament.

Williams' fastest pinfall was a 42-second effort against Zak Constable in the Huskies' 60-21 win over Gooding.

The junior also pinned JaCade Jones in 1:17 as Marsing beat Filer, 53-30.

The Huskies also scored a 54-27 win over Raft River as 126-pounder Armando Martinez pinned Jesus Benitez in 1:05.

Williams' other pins came against Homedale's Jovan Cornejo in a 60-27 loss and Tyler Ratliff in a narrow 42-36 setback against fellow Western Idaho

Conference member McCall-Donnelly.

Williams needed just 50 seconds to pin Ben Garcia in the Huskies' 49-24 loss to Payette.

Ricky Sullivan, a 132-pounder for first-year Marsing coach Jon Nelson, pinned Homedale's Hunter Thornton and took down Filer's Alfredo Diaz in 1:07.

Alberto Melendrez pinned Brock Mason of Filer for his only on-mat victory of the tournament.

Brett Grossman, a 170-pounder, made quick work of Zane Stephens, pinning the Filer wrestler in 45 seconds.

At 220, Noah Grossman notched three pins over Jed Jones of Homedale, Ty Faulkner of

Gooding and Jorge Peratta from Filer.

Marsing heavyweight Gage Ramirez beat Jakobee Osborn, 11-6, in the Huskies' dual against Homedale.

Daniel Hernandez, a freshman 106-pounder, had four wins, including an injury default against Homedale's Matt Thatcher.

Hernandez pinned Gooding's Tristan Kaneaster in 49 seconds and also pinned Oakley's William Wells 54 seconds into the second round of their match. Hernandez capped a four-win day with a 19-2 technical fall against Preston Hurd of Filer.

Katie Renz pinned Filer's Mariah Watson-Royer in 3:29 for a win at 120 pounds.

✓ Trojans: Several wrestlers capture medals at duals meet

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picked up some forfeits along the way.

Tyler Hardy won the 113-pound championship with a 4-0 tournament, while freshman Nash Johnson was the silver medalist in the division with a 3-1 mark.

Homedale breezed through most of its dual meets, including a 54-31 win over Owyhee County rival Marsing and a 72-18 blowout of Raft River.

Jovan Cornejo won six matches during the tournament, but none bigger than when he pinned his opponent in the final match of a 46-42 triumph against

McCall-Donnelly.

"He came through with a pin with us behind by two in the team score," Johnson said.

Cornejo was a bronze medalist at 160 pounds, Colton Grimm went 5-2 to finish third at 182, and Jed Jones was third at 220.

Other dual meet wins came against Filer (52-30), Gooding (64-22), fellow 3A Snake River Valley conference squad Payette (51-36), Oakley (53-36), and the Glenns Ferry/Valley combo (54-30).

Homedale's first home appearance comes today with a 6 p.m. tri-meet scheduled to feature Marsing and Adrian.

✓ Huskies: Defense continues to set the tone for Marsing girls' squad



Marsing's Marissa Hardy drives to the basket against a New Plymouth defender. Photo by Dan Pease

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in the statewide media poll despite a pedigree that includes two straight conference titles and, more recently, four consecutive victories.

Saturday: Marsing 45, McCall-Donnelly 32 — With the recent history of concussions in their ranks, one might have expected the Huskies to get a little chippy when things turned rough with the Vandals.

Instead, the Huskies hunkered down and scratched out their fourth straight conference win.

"It was a slow game with a lot of fouls, and McCall runs a bunch of different stuff defensively, so we just had to try to execute and keep our composure and not get frustrated," Little said.

Little credited senior leaders Hull and Lacey Usabel with keeping the younger Huskies on task even as the Vandals com-

mitted 27 fouls.

Marsing scored the first 11 points in the game and led by 16 points after three quarters.

"We took care of the ball really well," Little said. "We only had 11 turnovers. And we had eight offensive rebounds against a team that had an obvious height advantage."

Hull poured in 23 points, and Hardy chimed in with a season-high 13 points for the Huskies.

Hull rattled home a three-point goal with 15 seconds left in the first half to give Marsing a 23-11 edge.

Little said defense has played a major role in the four-game winning streak.

During that span, the Huskies have held opponents to 40 or fewer points. In fact, Marsing has allowed 40 or fewer points in all five of its victories this season.



Marsing's Emily Tank puts up a shot Saturday against McCall's Lizzie Farrell, left, and Heather Crawford. — JPB

✓ Rimrock: Team ends week perfect at 6-0

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nine rebounds. Sami Bachman and Hailey Boman pulled down nine rebounds apiece.

Mariah Mouse led Owyhee with eight points, while teammate Kacee Horse put in seven points.

Dec. 10: Rimrock 52, Gem State Adventist 22 — Bailey Bachman's double-double of 17 points and 12 rebounds led the Raiders to an easy conference win in Caldwell.

The Bachman clan pulled down 18 of the team's 50 rebounds as Sami had six boards.

Jewett scored all 10 of her points during Rimrock's 20-2 opening to the game.

Analeise Mills added 10 points.

Rimrock owned a 30-5 half-time lead.

Page Jansen scored six points, and Carly Iwasa added five for the Jaguars.



Rimrock girls' basketball back on top

Coach Mike Chandler's Raiders squad is all smiles as they cruise into the early portion of their season.

Front row, from left: Freshman Sakota Hall, sophomore Hailey Boman, junior Sami Jo Bachman, senior Shana McCarthy, junior Jackie Prow, freshman Analiese Mills, senior Kimberly Garcia.

Back row, from left: Juniors Kyla Jewett and Desiree Meyers, and sophomore Angeles Lino. Submitted photo

✓ Marsing: Frigid offense freezes chances vs. Pirates

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Ben Harris and Bradan Brothers scored six points each for the Trojans.

Thursday: Payette 57, Marsing 45 — The Huskies' offense went cold after halftime, and the Pirates' big three couldn't be stopped in a non-conference game in Payette.

"We shot 16-for-55 from the field (29 percent) and gave up 14 offensive boards," Chadez said. "A lot of them led directly to putbacks."

Zane Allen and Clint Blackwell scored 17 points each for the Pirates. Matt Bake nailed 14

points.

Marsing trailed by four points, 32-28, at halftime.

"We really struggled in the second half just to make a shot," Chadez said. "They sat in a 2-3 zone, and when we got the ball inside, we couldn't make our shots."

The Huskies were 6-for-24 from beyond the three-point arc.

Jose Acuna led the way with 13 points, while Galligan had 11 points, 10 rebounds and three blocked shots.

Leon dished eight assists to go with his eight points, and Les Loucks contributed six points.

Read all about it
in the Avalanche!

Sports



Adrian brings home basketball crown

The Adrian Middle School girls' basketball team completed an undefeated season and wrapped up the Western Idaho Conference championship last Wednesday by beating Liberty Charter. **Back row, from left:** Assistant coach LaDawn Bayes, Sandy Jensen, Anna Hutchings, Nicole Dehogg, Maddy Clark, Laynee Walker, Kayleigh Bradford, Erin Neilson and head coach Nolan Shira. **Front row, from left:** Selina Villereal, Morgan Bayes, Carlee Morton, Lauren Barraza and Sundee Speelmon. Photo by Jessica Morton

Adrian boys cruise to seventh straight basketball victory

A 30-point first quarter set the stage Friday for Adrian High School's easy boys' basketball win at home. Emmanuel Dominguez and Paxton Shira each scored 16 points in the Antelopes' 64-43 non-league win over Monument/Dayville. Adrian (7-1 overall) sped out to a 30-8 lead en route to its seventh consecutive victory. Shira was held to eight rebounds as the Tigers out-played Adrian, 44-22, on the backboards. But while both teams took the same amount of field-goal attempts (53), Adrian hit nine more than Monument/Dayville and converted 47.2 percent of the shots. Juan Munoz scored nine points for Adrian, and Jett McCoy put in seven points and grabbed five rebounds. Colten Winters scored 10 points to lead Dayville/Monument (3-2), which saw its three-game winning

streak end. **Thursday: Adrian 43, Liberty Charter 39** — The Antelopes hit the road for Nampa and avenged their season-opening loss to the Patriots of the 1A Western Idaho Conference. Adrian grabbed a 22-19 halftime lead with a 12-7 run through the second quarter. The Antelopes' performance at the free-throw line proved to be the difference. With Liberty Charter committed 26 fouls, Adrian was 7-for-15 from the foul line. The Patriots only had three chances, hitting two of them. Behind 15 points from Davis Everton, the Patriots charged back in the third quarter to get within a point, 34-33, but Adrian scored just enough in the final period to secure the victory. "This was a good game. We struggled to finish at times, but our defense gave us ample opportunity at the basket," Adrian coach Brent Ishida said. "I was proud of

the way our boys held their poise down the stretch." Shira scored a team-high 14 points and snagged eight rebounds. McCoy had a team-best nine boards and scored 10 points. **Dec. 11: Adrian 59, Greenleaf Friends Academy 50** — Emmanuel Dominguez exploded for a career-high 25 points as the Antelopes cruised at home. "Our defense was the key to this game," Adrian coach Brent Ishida said. "We were able to play our whole bench." The Antelopes rolled out to a 25-10 lead after eight minutes and led by 20 points at halftime. Paxton Shira scored 13 points and picked up nine rebounds, while Juan Munoz had six points and dished seven assists. Dave Larson led Greenleaf with 21 points, while Homedale resident Dalton Penrod was limited to a basket because of an early injury. Troy Watkins chipped in 16 points for the Grizzlies.

Pendergrass' 14 steals upend Tigers as Antelopes win for fifth time

Quincy Pendergrass showed Friday night that she's capable of a double-double, too. The 5-foot-8 sophomore collected 14 steals and scored 14 points as the Adrian High School girls' basketball team pummeled Monument/Dayville, 46-31. Madi Purnell also picked up a double-double with 18 points and 11 rebounds, and the Antelopes (5-1 overall) picked up a win at home. Pendergrass' thievery was part of 25 steals for the Antelopes, who forced their non-league opponents into 38 turnovers. Adrian's defense also limited Monument-Dayville to 26 shots in 32 minutes, but the Tigers hit 14 of

their field-goal attempts (53.8 percent). Meanwhile, the Antelopes were sharp from the foul line, sinking 13 of 18 free throws (72.2 percent). Mary Yankee scored nine points to lead the Tigers (1-3), while teammate Treiquilla Osborne added eight. **Dec. 11: Adrian 31, Ontario JV 20** — The Antelopes opened the second half on a 13-3 run in a non-league victory at home. Nichole Orosco scored eight points and Olivia Walker and Purnell added six points apiece. Ontario's junior varsity sank only nine of 48 shots (18.8 percent). Adrian also shot poorly, connecting on 25.5 percent of its shots (12-for-47).

Jordan Valley boys keep win streak alive

Jordan Valley High School held its opponent scoreless in the first quarter Saturday night to extend its boys' basketball season-opening win streak to six games. and finished with a game-high 15 points. Brett Domenighini added 11 points and a pair of treys for Mitchell (3-4). **Dec. 11: Jordan Valley 50, McDermitt, Nev., 28** — Tom Nelson paced a balanced attack as the Mustangs trampled their non-league opponents. "This was a very sloppy game. Our offense didn't execute at all," Workman said. "We were fortunate to control the boards and get second-chance points. "We must learn to be mentally ready each game." Braden Fillmore and Blaine Moran collected five rebounds each as the Mustangs managed only 25 boards. Jordan Valley connected on just 22 of 60 field-goal attempts (36.7), and Ty Warn had the Mustangs' only two successful three-point attempts and finished with eight points. Fillmore also had eight points. Tyler Coble and Tanner Coble scored 12 points each for the Bulldogs. Trautman finished with 10 points and six rebounds. Tino Espinoza fired in half of the Loggers' six three-pointers



Jordan Valley's Ben Telleria looks for an open passing lane against McDermitt, Nev., on Dec. 11. Submitted photo

Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM



On the edge of common sense Moustache safety

Moustaches have become *de rigueur* in certain lifestyle choices: mountain men, Arctic explorers, Fu Man Chu-ists, carnival acts like the bearded lady and cowboy poets. As we know, if something becomes popular, the government soon tries to get involved.

A word about moustache safety and maintenance: HAPHAZARD! There are really no official rules, no regulations passed down by the Department of Sanitation or Landscaping or Aerodynamics. But I suppose one might encounter moustache restrictions for certain jobs like wine tasting, orthodontics, or swallowing fire.

However, moustache freedom may soon be endangered. Already, well-meaning socialist potentates have passed intrusive laws in their kingdom decreeing No Smoking, No Soda Pop, No Big Macs, No Voting Republican, and No Spitting On The Sidewalk. What if these little self-appointed kinglets discovered that moustaches can be life-threatening?

Let's consider the story of LeeRay, a good ol' Nebraska farm boy. It was calving season and things were not going well. They had a lot of scouring calves and heifers not pairing up. LeeRay was the ground-man at the calving barn. He's a big fellow, not fleet-of-foot but strong and hard-working. He was being helped by two cowboys who watched the "heavy bunch."

One late afternoon, the cowboys brought in a big Angus cow who, in spite of her calving difficulty, was still on the fight! The cowboys backed the trailer up to the loading pen and led their horses out. LeeRay walked in, opened the middle divider and quickly stepped back. Mama Cow disembarked like a long-jumper in the Ungulate Olympics and put LeeRay over the fence!

The cowboys mounted up and managed to get a rope around her neck to help direct her to the alley that led to the calving barn. It wasn't working, so LeeRay stood in the alley gate to tempt her. (To those of you who participate in dressage or raise rabbits, this may seem to be a questionable practice. But so is riding bulls, returning punts or falling in love with a cowboy!)

Mama Cow took the bait and charged, dragging horse and rider behind her! LeeRay slid and stumbled down the alley into the calving barn like a wounded rabbit at the dog races! The alleyway was a 4-inch layer of fines made up of sand, horse manure, hay and dust. The dally slipped! Mama caught up and hit LeeRay square in the seat of his pants, sending him into a nosedive! With her pushing, he plowed a furrow 12 feet long in the thick dust and dirt!

He got to his hands and knees twice, but she never let up. She just kept on plowing with LeeRay turning up the curl! Finally he slid by an open gate, rolled to the right and she took a left into the little calving pen!

"Are you alright?" yelled the cowboys.

LeeRay staggered to his feet. He looked like a 200-pound breaded muskrat! He blinked back the tears and said, "I think I swallowed my moustache!"

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Sen. Mike Crapo



From Washington Prioritizing family creates healthy work-life balance

We all know families are important. Family routines and traditions, such as shared meals and holiday activities, can have positive effects on the development of our children and the direction of our lives. Unfortunately, busy schedules can cause important family time to get lost in the shuffle. As a husband, father and grandfather, I know how difficult it can be to squeeze enough time out of each day to get quality time with our loved ones, while also meeting work responsibilities.

Studies show that a healthy balance between work and family will produce happier and more productive employees, which benefits families, communities and our nation. That is why I support efforts and initiatives that promote work-life flexibility. I have been honored to serve as chairman of the Senate Working Group on Workplace Flexibility that has worked to promote better work-life balance for families.

This effort also includes supporting legislation that recognizes the importance of flexible work schedules to job productivity and healthy families. Earlier this year, I joined a bipartisan group of senators in introducing a Senate resolution that designated October 2012 as "National Work and Family Month." The resolution, which was unanimously approved by the Senate, recognizes the importance of working families in today's evolving workforce and urges public officials, employers, employees and the general public to work together to achieve more balance between work and family. Some of the key findings highlighted in the resolution are as follows:

- "According to a report by WorldatWork ... the quality of workers' jobs and the supportiveness of the workplace of the workers are key predictors of the job productivity, job satisfaction, and commitment to the employer of those workers, as well as of the ability of the employer to retain those workers;"
- "Numerous studies show that employers that offer

effective work-life balance programs are better able to recruit more talented employees, maintain a happier, healthier, and less stressed workforce, and retain experienced employees, which produces a more productive and stable workforce with less voluntary turnover;"

- "Job flexibility often allows parents to be more involved in the lives of their children, and research demonstrates that parental involvement is associated with higher achievement in language and mathematics, improved behavior, greater academic persistence, and lower dropout rates in children;"
- "Military families have special work-family needs that often require robust policies and programs that provide flexibility to employees in unique circumstances;"

To help recognize the special work-family needs of military families and the employers who provide exceptional support of military families, I introduced S.90, the Military Family-Friendly Employer Award Act. Sen. Amy Klobuchar (D-Minn.) joined me in introducing this bipartisan legislation that would create an award for employers who have developed and implemented workplace flexibility policies to assist the working spouses and caregivers of service members and returning service members in addressing family and home needs during deployments.

A strong family unit is the bedrock of a healthy society. Families provide direction and support and underpin our communities and nation.

Prioritizing policy that best enables families to thrive is essential.

— Republican Mike Crapo is Idaho's senior member of the U.S. Senate. He is in his third six-year term and has served in the Senate since 1999. Prior to that, he was a three-term Idaho Second District congressman. To view his responses to issues of interest, visit <http://crapo.senate.gov>.

Center for Visions and Values Compromise, gridlock: both bad options

by Mark W. Hendrickson

As soon as the elections were over, a wave of commentaries extolling the virtues of compromise appeared in the press. The common theme is that it is time for Democrats and Republicans alike to end partisan gridlock — to make compromises that will shrink federal deficits without driving us off "the fiscal cliff."

That said, gridlock has its defenders. They fondly remember "the good old days" in the '90s when divided government (Democratic White House, GOP Congress) produced a gridlock that kept spending increases relatively modest and eliminated budget deficits.

Gridlock today, however, is not as benign as it was then. Also, the '90s constituted a very special case that cannot be replicated today.

In the '90s, gridlock kept the spigot of federal spending stuck at a relatively slow growth rate. Today's gridlock between the Boehner-led House and Team Obama has stuck the federal spigot in the wide-open position of perennial trillion-dollar deficits.

The '90s are an inapt comparison for another reason: That decade featured a fiscal "perfect storm" to wash away red ink: The end of the Cold War led to defense spending cuts; the welfare reform of 1996 slashed welfare expenditures and increased the number of taxpaying workers; the Roth IRA legislation of 1997 induced millions of Americans to pay taxes on their private retirement funds



up front; the "Greenspan put"-fueled stock-market bubble gave Uncle Sam a windfall of capital-gains revenue. In short, the propitious confluence of events that stanchd the flow of red ink in the late '90s was a one-off phenomenon.

So, we need compromise rather than gridlock, right? But what if compromise is not a viable option either? Compromise may be what fair, reasonable, mature, and enlightened people do; it may be the democratic way, but the problem is that there are limits to compromise, dictated by the immovable truths of economic realities.

We see this at the local level in school district contract negotiations with teachers' unions. The union asks for 10 percent annual pay increases; the school board offers 2 percent; they compromise at 6 percent. That may work for decades, but what happens when the local taxpayers go through a prolonged economic slowdown and the tax base in the district stagnates? There comes a breaking point where teacher compensation can't rise as much as it used to, if at all, and maybe even retirement benefits have to be cut back because taxpayers simply can't afford additional tax increases.

A similar dynamic plays out with the federal budget. The big spenders propose a large increase in spending (an increase above an assumed projected increase, i.e., the infamous "base line"); the opposition proposes a smaller

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Commentary

Financial management

Freeze the debt snowball to concentrate on emergency

Dear Dave,
If someone is following your plan, and they experience a health crisis, should they stop putting money into their debt snowball?
— Dave



Dear Dave,
Absolutely! When you're stuck in the middle of an emergency you always push the pause button on your Total Money Makeover and save as much as you can.
Think of it this way. Cash is your umbrella when it rains, and you never know just how bad the storm will be or how long it will last. Even if you have great health insurance, you're likely to end up paying a chunk out of pocket in

situations like this.
That's why it's important to have a big pile of cash on hand.
Remember, things like this are often just a bump in the road. They can be expensive, but taking care of important issues doesn't have to mean giving up on taking control of your finances.
Take care of immediate issues with yourself or your family first. Then come back when things are

better and pick up where you left off on your Total Money Makeover!
— Dave

Dear Dave,
Our son is graduating from high school next spring. We've saved cash to pay for his first year of college, and we have enough in mutual funds to pay for another semester.
When should we pull out the money to use for his education?
— Denise

Dear Denise,
I wouldn't touch the money until right before you write the checks. However, I don't want

you to follow my advice just because I said so.
My mutual funds have made a little more than 16 percent this year. If they stay at that pace, or if they make just 10 percent during the first part of 2013, I'd want it to just sit there a while longer.
Why not let the power of compound interest do its thing and make you as much money as possible?
The biggest question is what are you going to do for cash after the first three semesters? Your son needs to make sure he's working summers, and maybe even part-time during school, in order to fuel his education.

And neither of you should borrow money to make it happen. You guys have gotten him off to a great start. So if he does his part, there's no reason for either of you to go into debt for his college degree!
— Dave
— Dave Ramsey has authored four New York Times best-selling books: *Financial Peace*, *More Than Enough*, *The Total Money Makeover* and *EntreLeadership*. *The Dave Ramsey Show* is heard by more than 5 million listeners each week on more than 500 radio stations. Follow Dave on Twitter at @DaveRamsey and on the web at daveramsey.com.

Americans for Limited Government

Some think Federal Reserve antics are stretching recession

by Bill Wilson

Last Wednesday, the Federal Reserve announced yet another open-ended round of quantitative easing — a promised \$540 billion of purchases of U.S. debt every single year.
Call it QE4Ever.
The announcement comes atop the Fed's \$2 trillion balance sheet expansion since August 2007 when the financial crisis began, plus its pledge to buy \$480 billion of mortgage-backed securities annually announced earlier this year.
The goal of the plan, according to the central bank's statement, is "to support a stronger economic recovery." Which is what it says every time it fires up the printing press.
But what if all this easing was actually prolonging the recession? That's what Hong Kong Monetary Authority chief Norman Chan thinks might be happening.
Particularly, it is possible the process of deleveraging, necessary for a recovery, is being disrupted by quantitative easing, Chan noted at the 2013 Hong Kong Economic Summit.
Since 2008, financial institutions have shed some \$3.3 trillion of debt, and are still deleveraging four years after the panic, according to data compiled by the Fed last updated Dec. 6.

This is the process of balance sheet repair in the aftermath of the popped housing bubble.
"In order to solve the structural imbalances built up in the past two decades, we must get to the bottom of the problem," Chan said.
But if all the bailouts are preventing the bottom of credit markets from being felt, then the rebound has been forestalled as the market's price discovery mechanism remains broken.
Something to consider as Fed head Ben Bernanke promises that central bank support of the economy will continue until the unemployment rate is 6.5 percent. Namely, what if we never get there?
On the balance sheet side of the equation, if the Fed keeps buying U.S. treasuries at the new pace for 10 years, it'll own an additional \$5.4 trillion in U.S. debt — more than half of the \$10 trillion of new federal debt that will be issued by 2022.
It already owns \$1.6 trillion of treasuries, bringing the Fed's grand total to \$7 trillion, comprising some 27 percent of the \$26 trillion national debt projected by that time.
When coupled with its annual \$480 billion of mortgage securities purchases, the Fed will be printing more than \$1 trillion in 2013 and every year after that to prop up financial markets and the federal government.
In the short-term, the new purchases should push interest

rates down even further to historic lows — not unlike Japan has achieved over the past decade.
That is, until inflation ultimately rears its ugly head, at which point the Fed may find it impossible to unwind its position for fear of cutting off the flow of funds to the federal government. That is when the American people will pay — with higher prices for food, energy, and everything else.
This is the problem with a digital currency that can be lent into existence with the click of a mouse by all-powerful central banks.
Now dependent on the central bank, Congress will never balance the budget or significantly cut spending so long as the Fed buys U.S. debt. Bernanke's policies are poisoning discipline in Congress to ever get our fiscal house in order.
In short, governments that take advantage of funny money see no other way to make ends meet.
Ultimately, printing money to pay the debt perpetuates the current broken financial and political system, in the process passing the hidden inflation tax onto everyone else, who had better hope their wages rise to pay for all this new debt.
— Bill Wilson is the president of Americans for Limited Government. You can follow Bill on Twitter at @BillWilsonALG.

✓ Gridlock: D.C. lawmakers must work it out without compromising

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increase; they compromise, and spending continues on a relentless upward trajectory. There is a ratchet effect whereby total spending can only move in one direction: higher. But "trees don't grow to the sky," and eventually government spending produces so much accumulated debt that there isn't enough wealth to tax or borrow to finance spending, so the central bank steps in with "quantitative easing" and financial manipulations. Eventually, the debt burden and the inflation of the monetary unit proceed to the point where they threaten the financial viability of not only the government but the entire economy — the net result of a succession of well-meaning, "fair"-minded compromises.

The pickle we are in today is excruciating. In the first place, the big spenders clearly won't make any more than token compromises. President Obama came out of the election suddenly asking for tax hikes twice as large as he had requested earlier. Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-Nev.) declared that Social Security was off the table. Because Reid has blown up Congress' constitutional budget-making process for several years already, we know he isn't bluffing. They are willing to drive off the fiscal cliff if necessary, because chaos and crisis provide them with the pretext for more government intervention and control, which is their ultimate goal.
If there is to be any meaningful compromise, the Republicans will be the ones who make it. Yet, if the GOP

compromises by agreeing to raise taxes while not curbing runaway spending, the result will be slower economic growth and probably lower federal revenues. Nothing positive will have been accomplished and the government will continue careening toward an eventual financial crackup. We are told that reasonable people compromise, but if compromise leads to disaster, can it be a virtue?
Gridlock or compromise: Heads, Big Government wins; tails, "we, the people," lose.
— Dr. Mark W. Hendrickson is an adjunct faculty member, economist, and fellow for economic and social policy with The Center for Vision & Values at Grove City College. A version of this article first appeared at Forbes.com.

Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

35 years ago

December 22, 1977

Feed store blaze breaks out twice

The fire department at Homedale responded to a fire early Wednesday morning approximately 1 a.m. when fire broke out in the back of the main building of the Homedale Feed Store. Firemen worked and extinguished the blaze only to have the wind make it break out again several hours later and a fire truck was called out again at 3 a.m. It was reported that various machinery was lost and there was some damage to the building, but an exact estimate was not available Wednesday morning.

Bond fails

Marsing will not be building a new school, at least not until voters approve a proposal. At the polls last Thursday, patrons turned down a \$998,000 plan for 12 classrooms, 11 acres of land, a gymnasium and dressing rooms. The tally showed 334 no votes and 232 yes. Officials reported the vote as “one of the heaviest turnouts ever.”

McClure speaks at Rimrock dedication

Senator James McClure was the keynote speaker and did the ribbon-cutting honors at the formal dedication ceremonies at Rimrock Junior-Senior High School last Friday evening. The festivities took place between the junior varsity and varsity games. Senator McClure addressed the student body at an assembly that same afternoon in the Rimrock auditorium. In honor of the dedication and the visit by the senator, a potluck dinner for all patrons of the district was held from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the Junior-Senior high cafeteria, under the direction of the 365 Club. The school was open from 5:30 p.m. until the conclusion of the varsity game for anyone who had not yet had the opportunity to tour the new facility.

Bowling rail assists blind youth

Frankie Gonzales, a freshman at Homedale High School, believes he can now beat his teammates at bowling in the period when the students in the physical education class go bowling at the Owyhee Lanes. The reason Frankie is more confident of his bowling is because of new guiding equipment he was recently presented with. The 16-year-old youth is totally blind. The bowling rail was donated by the Western Chapter, National Federation of the Blind of Idaho, and was presented by Budd Little, a board member of the organization. The 12-foot rail is portable, and the user guides himself down the approach by holding on the rail with the left hand. He releases the ball at the foul line when the rail slopes downward. The NFBI purchased the equipment from proceeds of the annual fund-raising candy sales.

FFA members attend convention

Attending the 50th National Future Farmers of American convention, held recently in Kansas City, Missouri, were Tim Freeman, Dave Ineck, Anthony Ineck, and Mike Austin. Students from Melba and Notus traveled with the Marsing students. Features of the convention included a speech by Woody Hayes, football coach of Ohio State, the unveiling of the 50th anniversary medallion, which was designed by Patty Wanz, Washington FFA Association, an address by Grady Nutt, who is considered to be the Prime Minister of Humor, remarks by Richard Lugar, Untied States Senator from Indiana, and chairman of the National BOAC Select Committee, and an address by Earl L. Butz, former Secretary of Agriculture, and Dean Emeritus of Agriculture from Purdue University. While in Kansas City, the students attended the American Royal Stock and Horse Show, and some went to the rodeo, where they heard Dolly Parton sing. The boys also saw the Budweiser Clydesdales.

50 years ago

December 20, 1962

Jordan Valley defeats Wilder

Wilder High School dropped its second one-point basketball decision to Jordan Valley Saturday night, 38-37, at Wilder, when Rick Cordes flipped through a fielder with three seconds remaining. Larry Coonts pumped in 17 points to lead all scorers, but his Wilder teammates were able to come up with only 20 between them. Wilder had held the advantage at both halftime and the end of the third period.

New officers elected at Chamber meet Monday

Merle Hamilton was elected president of the Homedale Chamber of Commerce Monday noon at a meeting of the board of directors. Herman Koenig was elected vice-president. The new officers will replace Dr. Russ Sayers, 1962 president, and Harper Saunders, vice-president. These officers are all members of the board of directors, along with Homer Anderson, Jeff Carter and Les Carter. Kenneth Downing will continue as secretary-treasurer. Plans to select the Outstanding Young Farmer of the Year have been completed, with 32 names originally submitted for consideration, according to Leslie “Buck” Selders, chairman of the selection committee. At their meeting last week, the selection committee reduced this list to seven candidates, and the committee plans to select three from the seven for the final choice, with one being named outstanding young farmer of 1962 and the others 1st and 2nd runners-up. A tour of the seven farms will be made Friday, December 28, Mr. Selders said. Points to be considered are: 25 points – improvements (soil and buildings); 25 points – farm practices (conservation, diversification); 25 points – financing; 25 points – community service. Voting will be by secret ballot on the final three choices. Age limit on contestant is 35 or under. Mack Tolmie, last year’s winner of the Outstanding Young Farmer award, is co-chairman. Helping select the winner are the following: ASC, Ray Mansisor; State Line Grange, Wm. Nafsinger; Owyhee County Farm Bureau, Rolf Geertson; Western Idaho Potato Growers, Ed Stansell; Intermountain Agricultural Marketing Association, Henry Sweep; Homedale Farm Labor Association, Ed Chadez; Idaho State Horticultural Society, Leslie “Buck” Selders; Beet Growers, John Chadez; Homedale Chamber of Commerce, Homer Anderson. Merchants are being solicited for prizes for the winner, with Hugh Stringfield, Buck Selders, Mac Tolmie and Larry Novak as committee members. Dwight Jensen, Boise TV newsmen, will be master of ceremonies of the affair to be held Saturday evening, January 12 at the Washington school multi-purpose room. C. W. “Cy” Radcliffe, Boise lecturer, and former Homedale businessman, will be principal speaker. Organ music and special entertainment is being arranged by Mrs. Selders. Norman Tolmie and Homer Anderson head up the Chamber committee on arrangements, with Les Carter in charge of securing the speakers. Russ Sayers and Everett Colley will arrange tickets and printed programs. The tickets were distributed for sale at the meeting and may be secured from any Chamber member. Guests will include representatives of other valley towns and Chambers.

Adrian grabs fourth victory

Adrian remained one of two undefeated prep basketball teams in Treasure Valley Saturday night by turning back Midvale 35-30 at Adrian. The Antelopes ad Middleton, both Snake River Valley B League teams, own 4-0 records. Mel Wilson pumped in 12 to lead the Antelopes — he has 52 for the season. Adrian made 52 percent of its field goal tries and 33 percent of its free throws.

140 years ago

December 21, 1872

TAMMANY. In the days of old — over two hundred years ago — there lived upon the banks of the Delaware, surrounded by his legion of vassals and warriors, a young Indian chief, whose name was Tammany, or Tamemund. (His name is variously written.) He flourished in the middle of the 17th century. He resided in the country which is now Delaware until he was of age, when he moved westward beyond the Alleghenies, and settled on the banks of Ohio. He became a chief sachem of his tribe, and was always a friend of the whites, and often restrained his warriors from deeds of violence. His rule was always discreet, and he endeavored to induce his followers to cultivate agriculture and the arts of peace rather than those of war. When he became old, young and old repaired to his wigwam to hear him discourse wisdom. He was popularly canonized as a Saint; probably, simply by popular consent. His great motto was, “Unite in peace for happiness, in war for defense.” This is the celebrated individual who was adopted as the tutelary genius of one wing of the Democratic Party — the Tammany wing. If the spirit of the old chief could come up, or down, from the spirit land, and could peep through the key-hole of old Tammany Hall in New York, during some of their deliberations, we are not sure whether the old Sagamore would be satisfied or not.

THE CHRISTMAS TREE. The Christmas Tree Festival will be held in Jones & Bonney’s Hall. We will state, in addition to what was said in our last issue, that the Brass Band, composed at present of Messrs. Charles Leonard, Joe Gross, Benj. Davis, Rufus King, Ferd. W. Frost and F. Douglas, will perform some of their best pieces, which will add greatly to the pleasure of the occasion.

The singing, accompanied by the organ, will be done principally by young girls, who have learned all the music they know in Silver City, and who by virtue of talent, industry and good teaching have acquired, in our judgment, wonderful proficiency in the beautiful art over which the Muses preside. They are our little folks, and no imported singers, which will make it all the more interesting; that they will do their part in first-class style for their ages, we have not the least doubt, in fact, we know they will. The tree will be a prolific one no doubt. The Argosy of Santa Claus, St. Nicholas, & Co. arrived at the port of San Francisco four days ago, as we are informed per telegram, and a large cargo of its merchandise is on its way up here, and will not fail to arrive in time.

The musical portion of the festival will be presided over by Father Poulin, whose skill as a performer, and whose efficiency as a teacher is so well known that it needs no comment or puffing from us. He superintends the singing as well as the Brass Band. And no doubt but that everything will be lovely, and fun will run high. Everybody invited to attend.

MONDAY AS PAY-DAY. Both in England and America, several large firms have tried, within the last year, the plan of paying their employees on Monday, instead of Saturday. In every case the results have been most gratifying. The temptations necessarily involved in a day of leisure and a pocketful of money have been no longer felt. Sunday, instead of being devoted to dissipation, has become a day of healthful recreation and rest; and the week’s wages, formerly in great part wasted, have been used to far better advantage. Under the old system it often happened that first-class workmen lose from one to three days early in the week in recovering from the acts of their Sunday’s debauch; under the new system this will no longer cost. It is said that the same number of men do one and a half times as many days’ work in the said time. The efficiency of the change has been thoroughly proven. It is to the interest of both master and man; and it therefore lies in the power of every employer to add greatly to the physical and moral welfare of his employees, not only without any loss, but with a positive gain to himself. — Chicago Tribune.

Public notices

SYNOPSIS OF OWYHEE COUNTY COMMISSIONER MINUTES DECEMBER 3, 2012

Payment of Bills approved from the following funds: Current Expense \$36,737 Road & Bridge \$3,345 District Court \$8,756 Fair Grounds \$416 Probation \$1,386 Health District \$4,322 Museum \$44 Indigent & Charity \$1,711 Revaluation \$892 Solid Waste \$747 Tort \$2,111 911 \$42 Vessel \$11.

Approved tuition assistance to CWI.

Approved Local Rural Highway Investment Program Application.

Approved the Annual Local Road Report.

Setting of Public Hearing on Building Permit Fees.

Approved tax cancellation on parcels RP 06S08E063754A and RP F006000000700A.

Indigent & Charity 12-55 lien, 12-36 withdrawal, 12-42, 12-48, 12-50, 12-55 approved. 12-52 denied.

The complete minutes can be viewed online at owyheecounty.net or in the Clerks office.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

HEARING ON CONSIDERATION OF INCREASE IN FEES TO BE ASSESSED BY DEPARTMENT OF BUILDING SAFETY

On Monday, January 7, 2013, commencing at 11:00 am, in Courtroom 2 at the Owyhee County Courthouse in Murphy. The Board of Owyhee County Commissioners will hear public comments regarding proposed fee increases and proposed new fees assessed for the Department of Building Safety.

The Owyhee County Building Code requires fees to be assessed in accordance with provisions adopted by the jurisdiction for permit fees, plan review fees, inspection fees and the determination of value for the conduct of business. The fees currently charged have not been increased as costs of operation have increased.

At such hearing, the Owyhee County department head will outline the requested increases and will address the need for proposed increases. A list of the requested fee amounts is available at the office of the Clerk for review between the hours of 8:30 am and 5:00 pm Monday through Friday.

The Board is conducting this public hearing pursuant to Idaho Code §31-801, §31-819 and §63-1311A.

12/19,26/12;1/2/13

NOTICE OF INTENT TO FILE AN APPLICATION WITH USDA, RURAL DEVELOPMENT

The East Lizard Butte Water Corporation intends to file an application with USDA, Rural Development for financial assistance for the following purpose: install a replacement drinking water well.

Also, the public is invited to consult with USDA, Rural Development on any concerns regarding environmental resources that may be affected by the proposal. The address and phone number of the Rural Development office is:

USDA-Rural Development Attn: Carol Garrison 2208 E. Chicago, Suite C Caldwell, Idaho 83605 (208) 459-0761

If any additional information is needed, the name, address and phone number of the contact for the Applicant is:

Ken Litz, PO Box 761 Marsing, ID 83639, 208-455-9621 12/19/12

NOTICE OF ASSESSMENT DUE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT ACCORDING TO SECTION 43-707, IDAHO CODE, assessments for the Grand View Irrigation District 2012, Irrigation season are due and payable and will become delinquent at five o'clock p.m. on the twenty day of December 2012. Payment must be made in lawful money of the United States, negotiable bank draft or cashier's check. Payment may be made in person at the Irrigation District Office or mailed to the District.

Dixie McDaniel, Secretary, PO Box 9, Grand View, ID 83624 12/19/12

NOTICE OF HEARING NO: 12-7-02483-7 KNT IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF KING, JUVENILE DEPARTMENT IN RE THE DEPENDENCY OF: Bryant, Riley Eugene DOB: 11-27-10

TO: La Cresha Trashell Bryant, mother; David Darby alleged father; "Shorty" (Last Name Unknown), alleged father; Unknown father, and/or anyone claiming parental/paternal rights or interest in the child and to All Whom It May Concern:

On October 22, 2012, a petition for Termination of Parent-Child Relationship was filed in the above entitled Court, pursuant to RCW 13.34.080 and/or RCW 26.33.310 regarding the above named child.

[FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CALL 206-720-3293, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.]

Said Petition will be heard on January 10, 2013, at the hour of 8:15 a.m., at King County Superior Court, Juvenile Department, 401 4th Ave North, Kent, WA before a judge of the above entitled court, at which time you are directed to appear and answer the said petition or the petition will be granted and action will be taken by the court such as shall appear to be for the welfare of the said child.

Dated December 7, 2012. BARBARA MINER, KING COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT CLERK

BY: BLB, Deputy Clerk 12/12,19,26/12

NOTICE TO CREDITORS CASE NO. CV2012-02731 IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE

In the Matter of the Estates of KARL W.GROBER and OMA P. GROBER, deceased persons.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above named estates. All persons having claims against the said decedents are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must be both filed with the Court and presented to the Personal Representative of the

estates at the law office of DAVID E. KERRICK, 1001 Blaine Street, (Post Office Box 44) Caldwell, Idaho.

DATED this 28th day of November, 2012.

/s/B. KARLENE KIENAST, Personal Representative

DAVID E. KERRICK, ISB #2565, 1001 Blaine Street, Post Office Box 44 Caldwell, Idaho 83606. Telephone: (208) 459-4574 Facsimile: (208) 459-4573, Attorney for Personal Representative. 12/5,12,19/12

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

At 10:00 o'clock A.M. (recognized local time) on April 16, 2013, on the front steps of Owyhee County Courthouse, located at, 20381 St. Hwy 78, Murphy, Idaho, First American Title Company Inc., as Successor Trustee, 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 described real property, situated in Owyhee County, Idaho, and described as follows, to-wit:

Lot 3 of Block 2 of Big Sky Estates No. One, part of Government Lot 4, Section 4, Township 3 North, Range 5 West of Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho, City of Homedale, according to the official plat thereof on file and of record in the office of the Recorder for Owyhee County, Idaho

Information concerning the foreclosure action may be obtained from the Trustee, whose telephone number is (208) 785-2515. According to the Trustee's records, the street address of 506 East Selway Drive, Homedale, Idaho 83628 is sometimes associated with said property.

Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession, or encumbrances to satisfy the obligations secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust for Idaho executed by, Debra L Mainarick, an unmarried woman, as Grantor(s), First American Title Insurance Company of Blackfoot, as Trustee, for the benefit and security of, The United States of America acting through the Rural Housing Service or successor agency, United States Department of Agriculture, as Beneficiary; said Deed of Trust for Idaho was recorded July 14, 2006 as Owyhee County Recorder's Instrument No. 257286.

The default for which this sale is to be made is as follows: 1) Failure to make the monthly payment of \$457.25 due for the 14th day of February, 2012, and a like sum of \$457.25 due for the 14th day of each and every month thereafter; and 2) Failure to comply with paragraph 4 of said Deed of Trust for Idaho, Borrower shall pay all taxes, assessments, charges, fines and impositions attributable to the Property which may attain priority over this Security Instrument. Specifically general taxes for the first 1/2 of 2012 are now due and payable.

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. As of November 19, 2012 there is due and owing on the loan an unpaid principal balance of \$95,468.83, accrued interest in the amount of \$5,067.69, subsidy granted in the

amount of \$15,710.80 and fees currently assessed in the amount of \$586.79 for a total amount due of \$116,834.11. Interest continues to accrue on the Note at the rate of 6.25% per annum with a per diem rate of \$16.3474 after November 19, 2012. All delinquencies are now due together with any late charges, advances to protect the security, and fees and costs associated with this foreclosure. The beneficiary elects to sell or cause said property to be sold to satisfy said obligation.

DATED December 7, 2012

FIRST AMERICAN TITLE COMPANY, INC., SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE

/s/ Dalia Martinez, Trust Officer 12/19,26/12;1/2,9/13

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

Idaho Code 45-1506 Today's date: November 30, 2012 File No.: 7042.28188 Sale date and time (local time): April 2, 2013 at 11:00 AM Sale location: in the lobby of the Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Highway 78, Murphy, Idaho 83650 Property address: 3927-3929 Homestead Rd Homedale, ID 83628 Successor Trustee: Northwest Trustee Services, Inc., an Idaho Corporation P.O. Box 997 Bellevue, WA 98009 (425) 586-1900 Deed of Trust information Original grantor: Ronald E. Wolfley, an unmarried man Original trustee: Fidelity National Title Insurance Company Original beneficiary: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. solely as nominee for Countrywide Bank, FSB Recording date: 03/24/2008 Recorder's instrument number: 264335 County: Owyhee Sum owing on the obligation: as of November 30, 2012: \$111,848.80 Because of interest, late charges, and other charges that may vary from day to day, the amount due on the day you pay may be greater. Hence, if you pay the amount shown above, an adjustment may be necessary after we receive your check. For further information write or call the Successor Trustee at the address or telephone number provided above. Basis of default: failure to make payments when due. Please take notice that the Successor Trustee will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for certified funds or equivalent the property described above. The property address is identified to comply with IC 60-113 but is not warranted to be correct. The property's legal description is: A part of the East half of the Northeast quarter of Section 18, Township 3 North, Range 5 West of Boise Meridian, in Owyhee County, Idaho, more particularly described to wit: Commencing at the Northeast corner of said Section 18; thence South 0 degrees 03'14" East 1287.19 feet, along the East line of said Section 18, to the initial point of this description; thence continue South 0 degrees 03'14" East 29.88 feet, to the North 1/16 corner on the said East line; thence continue South 0 degrees 03'14" East 218.84 feet; thence North 87 degrees 27'53" West 337.41 feet; thence North 2 degrees 41'20" West 217.11 feet; thence North 88 degrees 32'57" East 102.66 feet; thence North 85 degrees 41'15" East 30.95 feet; thence North 82 degrees 05'18" East 23.86 feet; thence North 81 degrees 36'26" East 42.80 feet; thence North 87 degrees 06'35" East 43.87 feet; thence North 89 degrees 51'38"

East 103.76 feet, to the Initial Point of this description. The sale is subject to conditions, rules and procedures as described at the sale and which can be reviewed at www.northwesttrustee.com or USA-Foreclosure.com. The sale is made without representation, warranty or covenant of any kind. (TS# 7042.28188) 1002.235219-File No. 12/12,19,26/12;1/2/13

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

Idaho Code 45-1506 Today's date: December 4, 2012 File No.: 7037.93988 Sale date and time (local time): April 4, 2013 at 11:00 AM Sale location: in the lobby of the Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Highway 78, Murphy, Idaho 83650 Property address: 220 W Montana Ave Homedale, ID 83628 Successor Trustee: Northwest Trustee Services, Inc., an Idaho Corporation P.O. Box 997 Bellevue, WA 98009 (425) 586-1900 Deed of Trust information Original grantor: Brandon Wright, a married man, as his sole & separate property Original trustee: Alliance Title & Escrow Corp. Original beneficiary: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for First Horizon Home Loans, a Division of First Tennessee Bank N.A., its successors and assigns Recording date: 06/30/2008 Recorder's instrument number: 265507 County: Owyhee Sum owing on the obligation: as of December 4, 2012: \$104,652.60 Because of interest, late charges, and other charges that may vary from day to day, the amount due on the day you pay may be greater. Hence, if you pay the amount shown above, an adjustment may be necessary after we receive your check. For further information write or call the Successor Trustee at the address or telephone number provided above. Basis of default: failure to make payments when due. Please take notice that the Successor Trustee will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for certified funds or equivalent the property described above. The property address is identified to comply with IC 60-113 but is not warranted to be correct. The property's legal description is: Lot 11 in Block 39 of Amended Townsite of Homedale, according to the official plat thereof, filed August 9, 1911 as Instrument No. 7284, of official records, Owyhee County, Idaho. The sale is subject to conditions, rules and procedures as described at the sale and which can be reviewed at www.northwesttrustee.com or USA-Foreclosure.com. The sale is made without representation, warranty or covenant of any kind. (TS# 7037.93988) 1002.235651-File No. 12/12,19,26/12;1/2/13

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Cr, Owyhee Co, known as Idaho Federal Aid Project No. A012(378), in Owyhee County, Key No. 12378.
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12/12,19/12



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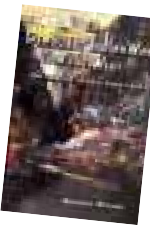


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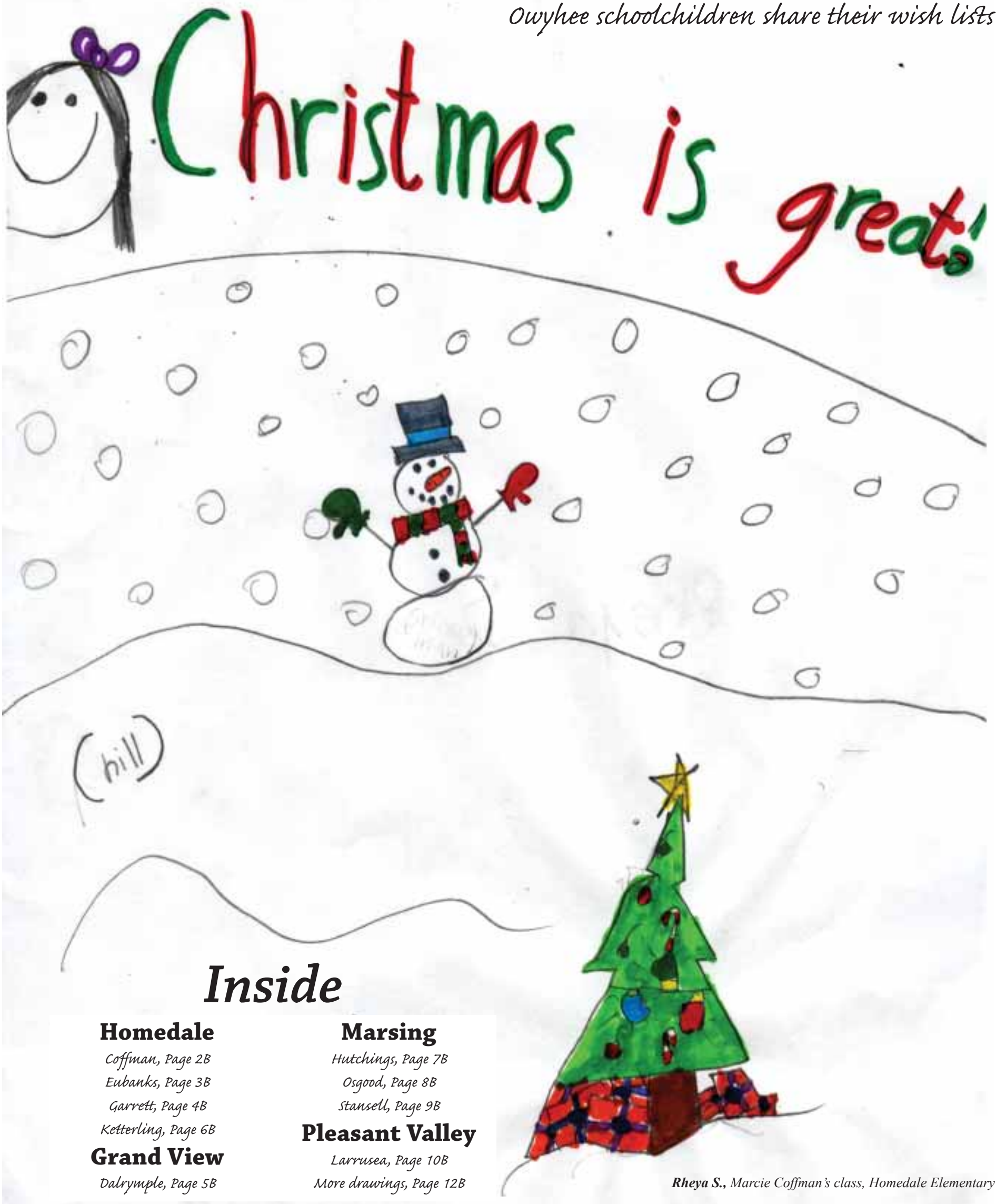


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Wednesday, Dec. 19, 2012

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Homedale Elementary School

Laura Eubanks’s second-graders

Dear Santa,
How do you get to every child?
How do you go fast?
I clean my room. I help my mom clean the table.
My sister want a dolly. I want a play lolyloopse land toy.
Have a Merry Chrismise.
Love, Emmaline J

Dear Santa,
I have allwase wonder how Rudolfs nose glow red? How do you get to all the children? I clean the house. I help my baby sister. I wood realy like a dsl and a Ds even a Itouch. have a good haladay. Have a good merry crastmas.
Love, Alexa F

Dear Santa,
How menk elfs do you have
I take cefe of my bruther.
How do you fly and celn the hous
I wont a dream lite and a umbuela.
I hop you will a mert Cristmiss
Love, Raven S

Dear Santa,
Do you use Rudolf? Do you have a fatrey?
I clean my room and help my brother. I help my dad make a peneotans. I want a X-box 360 with the new game. Cold of Dey Black Ops 2. I want just Dace4.
Have a happy new year!
Love, Omar

Dear Santa,
How are the randeers doing? Well? I cealen my room when my mom sai go to your room and room and clen it. I want a BarBy conterall car and I want some sliprs. Have a good ti time at the norath pole.
Love, Zayne H

Dear Santa,
How big are the elfs? How does the slay fly?
I have been good by helping my mom with chores, I have been good to my brother and my dad.
I know that my mom wants a candle. I would like an x-box 360 with a Batman game. My brothur wants a leap pad and my dad wants a shirt.
I hope you can go somewhere warm at the end of Christmas, I ope you have a great year.
Love Jeffery L

Dear Santa,
How are you and How is Mrs. Claus? How do you know if we been good or not?
I have been good because I helped my mom bake cookies. I will clean my room.
I want a lego friend’s Olivia house. I know that my mom wants a lipstick. I want a DSI with a Justin Bieber game.
Have a happy new year.
Have a good holiday, Have a good Christmas and say hi to Rudlf for me.
Love Daniella

Dear Santa,
How do the elves make the toys what are those colering things up in the sky?
I have been good because I was Chring to clean up my room. I have been good because I was Vicquming the kapet.
I know that my mom wants candles. I would lie a game called Where’s my Water? Marus wants a pocoyoplay set. Have a nice jurny back home.
Love Angel C

Dear Santa,
What does the North Powl look like?



Maite, Laura Eubanks’ class, Homedale Elementary

Does the reindeer talk? I have been good because I washed the dishis and sweep the flor. I have been good to my new baby cosen to.
My mom wonts a sawing musheen and my dad wants a basboat and my boruther Zane wants a ex-box 360 and starworse game.
Hope you have a good day or day’s at Hawaii.
Love, Marleah C

Dear Santa,
I have always wondered do your deer fly. Are there thigs up in the sky?

I have been good because I hlep mom clen her room. I help my sister to clean her bedroom.
I want a game with day of halloween. My brother want a Batman game.
Have a happy holiday. Have a happy new year.
Love Mariana G

Dear Santa,
How do you make the presents? you are so nise, do you use your elves. I help my sister to clen the room. I help my mom and dad take care of my baby brother. I want 4 games of wii like Donkey Kong, Mario

games super paper mario. I wish you come to our house. sinserly
Love Luis

Dear Santa,
How do deers fly? How do you fit down the chiminy? I say thank you for the presents. Me and my brother. pass out cookies. I wolt like a husky. I will take good care of it. I want to give my mom a new bed. Have a good trip.
Love, Slayde E

Dear Santa,
How do you give all the kids
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Dear Santa,
How are you? I am good. I was good for a year. I helped my mom and Dadwork. How is Mrs. Claus and your reindeer at the noth pole? For Christmas me and my borthr want a 3DS and a motorbike and a furdy and gold foot ball and a pet parrot and a iPad tuch. a motcantrl lisrd and a motcantrl ant.

Love, Wylie

Dear Santa Claus,
What I want for Christmas is a tablet, ipod, smart phone, laptop, a snow-glob, a teddy bear for my baby sister, pants for my big sister, can you give a wish to my mom. My mom want to make my baby sister be quite the rest of the night, may I have a silver bell form one of your deer, pleas Santa. How are your deer Santa? Santa can you give me a photo of Miss Claus pleas? Miss. Claus how are the elves? Hi Santa how are you.

Love, Lucia

Dear Santa,
My sister want a lalaloopsy. Am I good this year. I am good with my mom, sister. Can I have a Xbox360, puppy, 3DS, Ipad and BSU shoes, shirt, HT football. How can reideer fly? How are you? How little are your elves? What is your elves name? Thank you Santa for my fair car! My dad wants a new bike. I hope you have a good flight. I want a underamer, weater. I am good with my mom, sister, I saw you at the Boise parade. I even saw you reindeer.

From, Ahmad

Dear Santa Claus,
Thank you for the victoriesis doll lastyear. How do your reindeer is it macic I’ve been good. I clean my room every day. Can I have oun Ipoudetouch? a 3D DS I have the game? I just dont get to play cats and dogs, so can you please get me another dog that looks like dave. Im sure yo now what happend. I just realy miss dave so please get me anather dog that looks lie dave. and Im sure you seora wold like a playmate and gorge so can you get mea dog that looks like dave. Please can my borthr, Chase have a Ipoood touch and my brother Alec get the pokeimon

wite 2 and pokeimon blak 2 please can I have the new pirow DSI, a makeup kit and a DSI? What dose the north pole look like? Can you say hi to all of yourer riendeer and dont forget rudolph.
Have a happy Christmas Santa Clause, Trinity

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been good by doing what I was told. Can kids live with you? I was kind by doing dishes and taking a nap with my brother and feed the chichens and water them. Thank you for the baby set that I got last year. How does the sleigh fly? How do the raindeer fly? Wher do you live? Can you fly? Can Kids ride in your sleigh?
See you later Santa, Nazarae

Dear Santa,
What I want for christmas is a toy dinosaur,my bother whats a toy car and my sister want a cat for christmas and dad want a dog for christmas. and my mom wants a new car. on christmas I want hot chocolate.
Love, Israel

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been a little good but I help my mom watch my brother and my sisters and sometime I wash the dishes. and what I want for Christmas is 10 thing and I am going to get something for my mom and stepdad and my sisters and my brother. I want a xbox 360 and a wiuu, touch phone, iphone touch, clos and boots and some clos for my mom and forj my stepdad and some cars for my brother and some dolls for my sisters. thak you for the ting you gave me last Christmas.
Love, Arcelina

Dear Santa,
Thank you for being Santa. What does you face look like? I wosh the dishis when it is my tern to. I want a pictur of you Santa. My cat wants a new dish for Christmas. My ant wants a new car for Christmas. My Grandma wants a new dog for Cristmas. My mom wants a cat.My dad wants a new car. My brothers want a pet snake.
Love, Corilynn

Santa,
Please bring me a stuff Santa, deer and elf. I am nice to my teacher and my family. Can you bring me a doll and a santa pajama for me to sleep in? Why do you eat milk and cookies? Can you bring some thing for my mom, dad, brothers and my sister? My sister wants a dollhouse and some dolls and my brothers want some cars to play with. And some white boots for my sister and I and a giant candycane for me. Can you bring a present for my teacher? How do the deers fly? Thank you for the things you got me and my family I Love you Santa Claus.
Cindy Love

Dear Santa,
I’ve been very good this year helpen with chores. Thank you for the presents I got last year. But this year I want the mobile police unit it is a Lego set. Are reindeer real? Are elves real? Where do you live? My sister Lydai wants a new computer. My other sister Megan wants Japan stuff. My mom wants new candy and cloths. My dad wants a new ranger. Merry Christmas
Love Ryan

Dear Santa,
I Love Santa. I want a remot control helicopter. I alco want a parrot. I alco want a bathtud. I have ben agood-boy. I aso want a truc. I klene my bedroom everyday. How do the raindeer fly? How do the elfs make toy? Thank-you
Love, Steven

Dear Santa,
I love you. I want a black lego nigogo. I also want a remote contol helicopter. I also want a real lizard. I did the dishes for my mom. Some times I klene the hol. How does the raindeer fly?
Love, Caleb

Dear Santa,
I wont a wii and my brother wont a xbox 360 my sister rely wont a DS. Mom and dad wont a new bed. and again I wont a box of Legos. my sister wont som gloves. and santa why do you wark so much? And how do you get the presents? Santa you ar good.
I Love you, Jorgeluis



Steven, Kristie Garrett's class, Homedale Elementary

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the things you got me last year. this year I want a drumset and a quad. I was wondering how raideer flyand what dose the northpole look like? I’m gina ask for a gatar for my big bruther what do you do when the elvs work?
Love, Jesse

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been a very good boy becaues I helped my sister get her toy off the shelf. I want a wrmote train. Anda wrmote camra tank. And a wrmote helicopter. And a big Dol houes for my sister. And I want a time clock. And I want a wrmote jet. And a cool raice car pillow.
How do rain dear fly?
How do you go to houes so fast?
How do your elves make toys?
Why do you need elves?
I hope you have a good time,
Kit

Dear Santa,
I know you are real. But how do you get around the world in

one night? Tank you for the things you gave me the years befour. I’ve been good by helping my small brother pic up his toys for Christmas I would like a small red dirtbike and can you get some play cars for my small brother Tyce. Can you pleas get some footballs for my older brother Spencer. Hope you have a good Christmas. See you later.
Love, Trenton

Dear Santa,
I help my grandma by helping her cat. I help my mom clean the house. I put away the dishes every day. I help my brother by taking out the trash. I want a Barbie clor for Christmas. Can I have a blond haired, light skinned barbie doll? How is Rudolph and the other reindeer? How is Mrs. Claws? How are your tiny, little elves? are you ready for Christmas?
Love, Bailey

Dear Santa,
I want an iPad, Barbie, book and lego friends. I Love toys a lot. I love when santa is coming. My family and me lie toput up the christmas tree. My mom makes cookies on christmas Eve. It is the bestes time of the year. In Christmas my family drinks hot chocolate and buys candy canes and we watch Rudolph the movie. I go outside and build snowmans every winter. I Love christmas a lot. My sister Daniela is excited to open up the presents in the morning.
Santa, how do you make toys? Hope you can come!
Lorena

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Christine Ketterling’s second-graders

Dear Santa,
I want a wii and a d a 30s and a b and xbox 360 and a psp and ipob tuch what are the elves doing what kind of cookies do you like?

Sincerely,
Joseph P.

Dear Santa,
Max I have a stohey and may I have a purple furgy May I have a blanket with a head, tail and 4 paws. thank you for soo soo pet last year. My brother wants a big green simiy. How is Mrs. Claus. Does Mrs Claus work with you?
Merry Christmas

Love,
Faye J.

Dear Santa Clau,
Can I ask you a question? What kind of cookie, do you like? How is Mrs. Claus and your raindeer? Can I ples hve a airsoft gun and a pet baby dog ples and a elf ples. Thank you!

Sincerely
D’orr P.

Dear Santa Clau,
I want a toy scooter and a toy car. How are your reinder? Thank you fro my bike last year.

Love,
Gabriel H.

Dear Santa,
I think your awsome. May I please have a bunch of toy horses and cows. How are you and reinbeer. How many elves do you have?

Sincerely
Cameron B.

Dear Santa,
Santa you are the best! can you bring me a plane. How are the reindeer?

Love
Diego M.

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolf? Can you ask all the reindeer if they want a carrit? How is Mrs. claus? Can you tell all of the elves that I onle wont one toy one for me an my little brother and my big brothr. But I am onle geting one. I thanc my big and my little brotr will lice them. I want Enewy and I wont a dromset.

Love
Mackenzie R.

Dear Santa,
I want a ipod for Christmas. Thank you for the presents last year. How do your reindreer fly here Does Mrs. Claus help you make the presents? It most be willy willy hard makeing all those presets. Atleast you have a long time. Have you ever went in the hose and go into the livingroom and the child wakes up and sneaks in the livingroom? What did you do? Did you hide behind the chair? You shudof seen my christmas tree last year. It glowed so much. How do you make the presents?

Sincerely, Jaxson K.

Dear Santa,
Santa would you give me axbox 3DS. Does Ms. Claus make good cookies? My brother wants a toy. My baby sister want a toy that she likes to play with.



D’Orr, Christine Ketterling’s class, Homedale Elementary

How is Ms. Clause? How are your reindeer? How is your job is it good?

Love
Deandrea M.

Dear Santa,
How are your reindeer. How is Mrs Claus. I love my presents you gave me. I want kids nook and a stir obry market pleas. I wil see you at somwne howse. I love you. Do you what cookies?

Ashley S.

Dear Santa,
How is your family santa? I hope you are happy to give the kids toys. What is your faverat cookie Santa? may I have a air hog or a 4-10 shot gun? P.S. Thanks you for my bb gun last christmas.

Love
Nick M.

Dear Santa Claus,
May I please have a ipod. May I please have a barbie too. How is Mrs. Claus? Do you have a dog? How are your elfs? How do your reindeers fly?

From
Jolette S.

Dear Santa,
I want a tablet and a 3pds. I want those thank. Is Mrs. Claus

doing good? Can you bring me an elf for christmas. Do you want cookies? I want a kichen. I love you Santa.

Thank you,
Joanna R.

Dear Santa,
May you give me a Clay Mathus jersey? Thank-you for the legos last year. How do you make the toys and one more question are you real?

Love
Jaxon D.

Dear Santa,
I want madden 13 for wii. Can you get it for me? My brother wants it to can you get it for him. How do you make toys? How is Mrs Clause? Does Mrs Claus help you make toys? How is Rudolf doing?

Thank you!
Rylan B.

Dear Santa,
May I please have a barby house. How is Mrs. Claus. What kind of cookies would you like? How is rudof? Are the elves bussy?

Sincerely,
Marysol M.

Dear Santa,
Does Mrs. Claus work with

you? Thank you for the pet shop tree house! last year! Can I give yor reindeer a carit? Can I please have toeing hourses. An a barby toy please. I hope I can see you this year.

Sncerely,
Lilly D.

Dear Santa,
May I please have a small white puppy and a pink and purple pogo stick with a maching helmit. How is all the raindeer? Is Mrs. Claus doing all right? Have any elves got sick? Thank you so much for my dollset and the maching stroller. Do you like BSU?

Sincerely,
Jacy P.

Dear Santa Claus,
How is Mrs. Claus? How dose your raindeer fly. Thankyou for the bike you, gave me last year. May I have a ipod touch. How are your elfs? Do you have a dog? What kind of cookies do you want? Dose your elves want a cookie?

Sincerely,
Rylan L.

Dear Sanda,
Could you give me a Bardie and a 3DS How is Mrs. Claus. What kind of cookies do you want. thank you for the Bardie house you bot me last yer. Do the elves help you make presents?

Sincerely
Mariah L.

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Dorothy Hutchings’ second-graders

Dear Santa,
I want a dog, a cat a bird a horse, a cow a duck a goose, a baby ostrich, a teddy bear, a stuffed toy raccoon, a toy turtle, a stuffed leopard and a stuffed cheetah.

From, Kiana

Dear Santa,
My mom got all of my presents I want so I don’t want any more. Well I do want a remote control helicopter.

Korbyn

Dear Santa,
I would like a play station three. I would like crayons for school. I would like a paint ball gun.

Gumaro

Dear Santa,
I want an xbox 360. I want a psp. i want 3D.S. I want a mini dirt bike. I want a remote control gas powered dune buggy. An air soft gun. I want a bike.

from Kalob to Santa

Dear Santa,
I like any Justin Bieber things. Can you bring my big brother football things? Can you bring cars for my baby brother? Can you bring my mom a blanket? And for my dad can you bring him Raider things?

From: Anahli

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like a remote control helicopter, air soft gun, and apple pie and a dune buggy.

Love, Kaitlyn

Dear Santa,
I want a toy gun. I want two horses with a cowboy and cowgirl. I want a dirt bike and two toy cows, and a paint ball gun, water gun and a remote control truck.

from, Haydn

Dear Santa,
Can you get me a dirt bike, and a paint ball gun please. A reeses pieces pie, and a remote control dune buggy, and an X box 360 with the came San Andreas.

From, Brandon

Dear Santa,
What I want for Christmas is some American girl doll clothes. And I want a gum ball machine. And my dad wants a remote control helicopter. And my dand wants a new hat. And I want a game called Apples to Apples. And my mom wants a new dress.

from Abigail

Dear Santa,
I want a ring, and makeup, and er rings, and a teddy bear, and a fake Dog, and markers and a Doll and a Secret book, and a Backpack.

From, Johanna

Dear Santa,
Thank you for presents and a remote control helicopter.

from, Duan

Dear Santa,
Can you get me a nerf gun? Santa, because I have never had a nerf gun before. I want a dirt bike because I have never had a dirt bike. I want a sonic car control toy because I never had a sonic car control.

from, Leo

Dear Santa,
Will you bring me a dirt bike, a horse, a bike, a back pack some boots, a rope, a paint ball gun, an air soft gun, and a helicopter.

Thank you, Robert

Dear Santa,
Can you bring me and my cousin, Josue, all the Gly Guy books? Can you bring my mom a necklace, and my dad a video game? My brother a trans former? And can you bring me Barbies, and makeup?

From, Briseida

Dear Santa,
I want a phone for Christmas, and a princess and the popstar toy and make up. I want lip stick and nail polish. I want all the princess toys and a guitar. I want a paint ball gun. I want a toy gun. Also a remote control car.

from Kayla

Dear Santa,
I really want a Barbie house, Barbie dolls, a remote control horse, with a person that goes with it, a lot of Santa books, reeses pieces pie, a dirt bike, crayons, colored pencils, markers, stencils, a real horse, elves, helicopter, earrings, nintendo DS, beach ball, power puff girls, Christmas ornaments, building



Faith, Dorothy Hutchings’ class, Marsing Elementary

blocks, 2 wheel bike, the movies Care Bears, Poperoksy, Barbies rock band, and the Miracle.

From, Faith

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie, and a car that you can push a button and make my car red a ring and ear rings that are diamand and hearts. A bike too.

From, Janet

Dear Santa,
I’d really like a remote control car, Wreck it Ralph, and an ant farm. I won’t mind if you get me something different. Good by!

from, Matthias

Dear Santa,
I want a flying rocket. I want a robot dinosaur. i want a robot shark. I want a bicycle. i want a robot snake. i want a little dog.

from, Luis

Dear Santa,
I would like a bat-cave, a pink dress, a 3DS, an ipod, and an MP3-player.

From, Madisyn

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolph doing? Do

you like cookies and milk? Are you real? Are your elves tall or stort?

from, Romeo

Dear Santa,
I want a lego Lord of the Rings wii game, and a Lord of the Ring cave troll, nintendo Ds with a game and great devourer set.

From Kolby

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Cindy Osgood’s second-graders

Dear Santa,

I would like a new snowmobile for chrismis. I would like a new video came for chrismis. I would like a new toy for chrismis. How do elves make toys? How Santa? How do your reindeer fly? Santa make my family happy.

from,
Stewart

Dear Santa,

Will you give me a Kendle Fire for Christmas? I always wanted it. Will you come and give Peyton an iPhone? And will you please, pretty please bring Megan a baby turtle? Santa, will you give mom a tea cup and my dad a coffee cup? Santa, where did you get the raindeer?

From,
Amelia

Dear Santa,

This Chrismas will you ask Mrs. claus to make a sweet potato crust for all her huckleberry pies? p.s. I would like an ipod for Chrismas.

p.s. I would also like a Kendle Fire.

from
Garrett

Dear Santa,

I would like a new iphone. My sister would like a doll. and I would like a new bike because my sister popped the tires.

From,
Felipe

Dear Santa,

Dear Santa I will want a leg ni-jago. I always wanted one. For my brother I will want him to have a camera. How do you deliver all the presents?

From,
Josue

Dear Santa, I would like a DSI for christmas. I would like you to bring my sister a cmputer and for my brother a computer too. Santa, I want to ask you a question. How do the elves make the toys?

From,
Belinda

Dear Santa,

1. I would like a new ipod for Christmas and a new new doll for Christmas too. I thought to get a new phone with hidden objects

2. My mom would like a brand new car and a new phone too for Christmas and a new month chart



too.

3. How do the elves make the ipods because my family really wants one for Christmas and a new sister. Only one sister.

Love
Hannah

Dear Santa,

I would like a Lalaloopsy house and the baby, moma, brother, sister, and daddy.

Love
Adrian

Dear Santa,

I would like a DS game for my DS and it is called Wreck it Ralph. Josue would like lego nin-jago because it is cool. Hannah would like a toy doll because she likes them.

From,
Cole

Dear Santa,

I would like a new ipod because my old ipod is broken and I would really want a new ipod. My brother always wanted a toy car with colored flames on the side of the car’s doors. My sister always wanted three barbies because she has no toys. Santa, how do you deliver toys to all the children in the world in just one night? How do the elves make the toys? Do they have real tools to make the

toys or do the elves have magic?

From:
Emmanuel

Dear Santa,

How do you elves make the toy so easy? i would love it if you get me an X-Box please. How do your reindeers fly?

from,
Thomas

Dear Santa,

For Christmas I would like a Moxie Girl Magic Snow doll because I always wanted a doll. For my kittens I would like clothes so they could be warm in the winter and a talking christmas tree so I could talk to someone. How do the elves make toys? Do they make it with all their love? Make evryone have a Merry Christmas. Merry Christmas!!!

Thank you!!!

From
Sandra

Dear Santa,

I would like a new DS game because I lost on of my DS game. Please give my sis a Barbie and she’s really kind! Santa have you ever thought about shaving your beard because it’s probably really long.

from,
Alex

Cole, Cindy Osgood’s class, Marsing Elementary

Dear Santa,

I would like an American Doll so I can play with it. I would please like you to bring my mom some pots and pans because her pots and pans are ruined. Also please bring my dad a shotgun because he was trading gun and something broke and he had to use the money to fix it. I also have a question. How can you deliver all those presents?

Love,
Lexi

Dear Santa,

I want a new ipod for Christmas. If you do that? for me thank you for doing that. Because that means that your are nice? and that is a good thing because you are nice to everyone.

from,
Emily

Dear Santa,

Please give me an Airhog with tires for Christmas. Would you give my sister stompee for Christmas? Give Richerd a new toy for Christmas. Do you ever lose magic Santa?

from,
Owen

Derar Santa,

I would like some bulls. My brother would like a new bull

riding rope. My dad would like a new shot gun. How do the elves make toys? How is Rudolph? For chritmas I would like an ipod for christmas. For Christmas my dad would like a new shtgun. My mom would like a new cmra and my brother would like a new bull riding rope for Christmas. How do your elves make toys?

From,
Cameron

Dear Santa,

I wanted a toy, it’s called Princess Barbie Tiffany wants a new nail palish. I want an ipod How do the elves make toys? Are they magic or do they use tools? Please give my mom a bubble bath.

from,
Cassidy

Dear Santa,

I never had a computer before but I had one but I lost it. Can you give me a nother one? I promise I will take good care.

Dear Santa,

My brother wanted Angry Bird balls because one day I went shoping with the cops and I got Angry Bird balls and he liked it. He wants more Angry Bird balls for chrismas. My mom and dad want a new car. They are going to sell a car. I want to give my mom and dad a new car.

from,
Jordan

Dear Santa,

I will like a new scooter for Christmas so I can ride it at my house and play with it all day long and every day. I will take care of it every day and play. “My mom will say you can play with your scooter every day and play with it every day to and right now you can’t play with it because you’re in trouble now.”

from,
Eliza



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from

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Dear Santa,

My brother wants lost of super heros set and a helment to My mom and Dad want some cows and gates. I want lalaloopsy miminis and medium sised and the christmas lalaloopsy dolls all kids of lalaloopsy and DS Games. Thank you Santa. I hope you and Rudolph.

Love,
Llee

Dear Santa,

I want a stuffed animal. for my brother he wants a car.

Love,
Leislani

Dear Sata,

Can you please get me a sow boad and nija Legos? I wish you a Merry Christmas Sata and a Merry Christmas to all wo can you please get me a M. 360 and game to go with it. Can you please wish get me a Huskies Pup. (Please) is roudof the red noes reindeer is rel? I hop roudof is rel.

from Anna
To Santa

Dear Santa,

I want for christmas a skylander Giant for christmas pleas. and for my bad xbox 360 and a game call duty black cops 2 please. for my mom a tv please. and my brother a control remote please.

from,
Alejando

Dear Santa,

This is what I fro christmas this year 2012. a stuft anaml rander and a strft anaml Santa and pleas get my sistr jar Lagos. and my sistr Britny a fowill

Love
Sam

Dear Santa,

Happy Birthday Jesus. Are your reindeer names Dashr, pashr, Domick and Rudolph? I want a big stuffed animal Rudolph. merry Chistm. I want a Amerneican girl doll.

Love,
Morgyn

Dear Santa,

I want ferby and a monstr High. A stufed anima can it be a

frog. Happy Birthday Jesus.

love,
Audrie

Dear Santu,

Can you give me a ipod and a PSP

from,
Marcos

Dear Santa,

I want to know when you start making toys? Do you ever see Jesus? Because if you do could you tell him happy Birthday please? I would like a tool bench, and a scooter. If you could then thankyou.

from,
Gene

Dear Santa,

can I please have amote control plane and a paint ball gun and a BB gun happy Birthday jesus.

From,
Camden

Dear Santa,

Can you please give me a BB Gun? A nerf Gun, and a thrampaten. Happy Birthday Jesus! Thank you Rudulph for not letting Santa crash in to a tree.

from,
Xavier

Dear Santa,

can I please have a remote control car

Love,
Marion

Dear santa,

for chrismas I want a 3D DS and LaLaloopsys. Happy Birthday Jesus.

Love,
Abby

Dear Santa,

for Christmas I want Lalaloopsys and american girl clothes. Thank you the D.S. you gave me. Please I want earings. Happy birthday Jesus!

Love,
Mila

Dear Santa,

I want skylanders for cristmas and can I please get a xbox 360 for cristmas and black ops two happy birthday jesus merry cristmas can I get a pant ball gun

please and a remolt control car please and a ipad.

Sincerly,
Mikey

Dear Santa,

I want an American Girl doll for Christmas. I want Monster high. Than you.

Love
Kaylee

Dear Santa,

I wold like a book. Have you relly seen Rudolph nose glow? why did your elf give my dad a lump of cole whe he was 8 Mery christmas

Sincerely,
JT

Dear Santa,

This is what please. A stuffed

animal, a big rudolph and an American Girl doll.

Love,
Katie

Dear Santa,

I wish I had a IPad for christmas.

from,
Marin

Dear Santa,

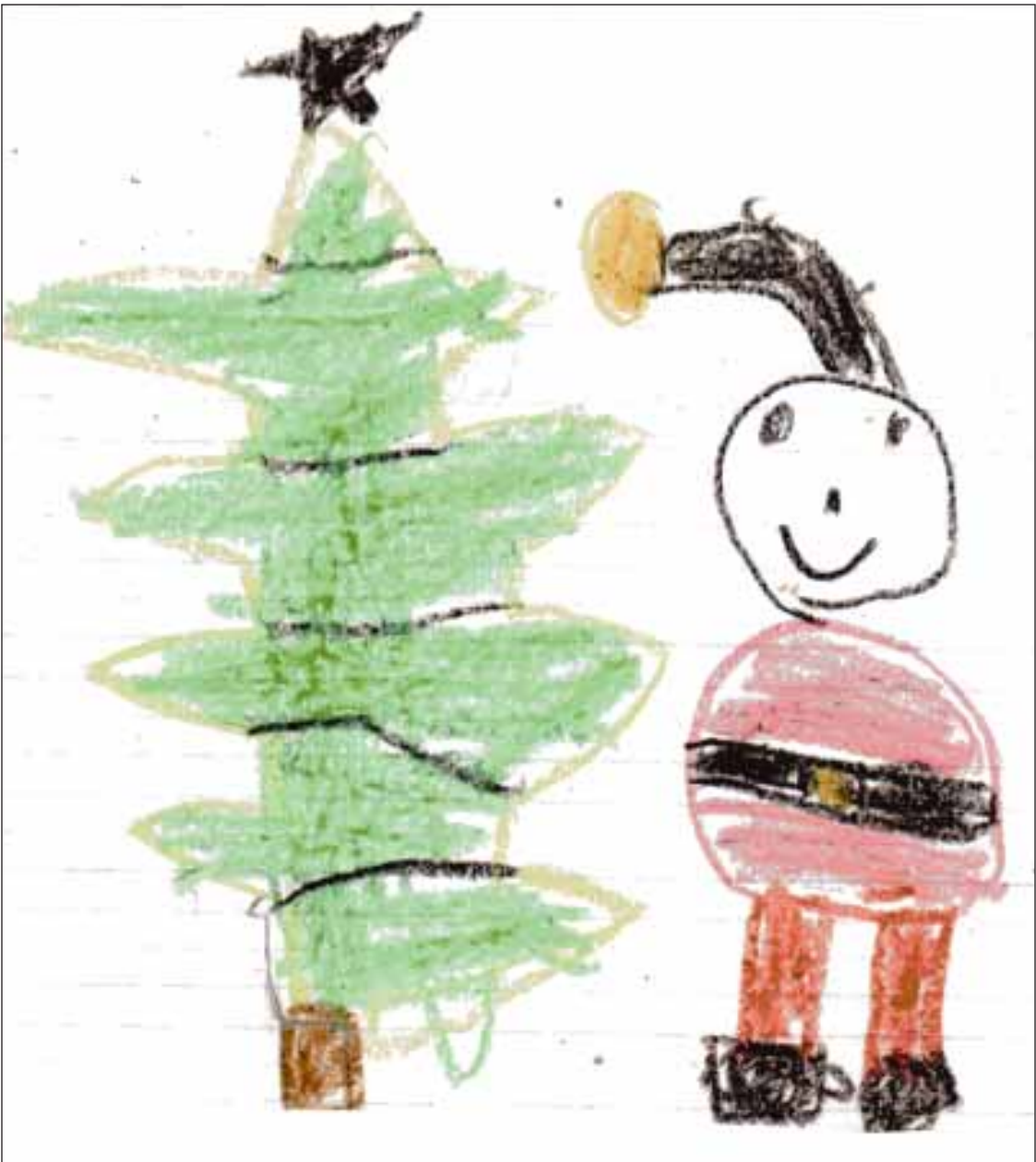
Merry Christmas. Thank you. My brother wants Skylander giants. I want a Barbie.

From
Amanda

Dear Sant,

Can you give me a paintball gun pease and a moterecycle?

fram,
Clayton



Sam, Wendy Stansell's class, Marsing Elementary

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Abby,
Wendy Stansell's
class, Marsing
Elementary

Pleasant Valley School

Penny Larrusea’s class

Dear Santa,
The bells on your reindeer sound wonderful. Can I have a camouflage bed for my dog Saddle? May I have a radio for my mom’s car? Thank you for giving presents to my family.

Love,
Kelsey G.
Third grade

Dear Santa,
I like your sleigh. I would like a guitar for Christmas, please. I would like a horsewhip for Dad, Please. Thank you for being there for me. Merry Christmas.

Love,
Shailee R.
First grade

Dear Santa,
I love your sleigh. Do you wash it, or do your elves do it? I don’t want anything, but for my family to have a merry Christmas, and my mom to have a laptop. Thank you Santa Claus.

Your Friend,
Rachel R.
Sixth grade

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolph and the other reindeer? I would like a doodle bear and something for my Mom and Dad and Quinton. Thank you Santa.

Love,
Claire C.
Kindergarten

Dear Santa,
I love your red suit. Your beard is as white as snow. Would you bring me a new sled because mine broke? Please get my puppy a coat. Thank you for your great presents. Merry Christmas.

Your friend,
Halle B.
Second grade

Dear Santa,
Your beard is white and fluffy. It is always trimmed very neatly, and it is as bright as a light bulb. could you please bring me a Boise State steer stick? Could you please give y mom an electric can opener? Thank you, Santa, for all the great presents.

Your Friend,
Cassity G.
Third grade

Dear Santa,
I have always thought that your reindeer are so fast! They can fly all over the world in one night! I really need quite a few things for Christmas, but I am only going to ask for the Hex Bugs Gladiator set. And for my sister, I think it would make her Christmas if she got the Squinkies Carnival set. Merry Christmas and a happy New Year!

p.s. Thank you very much for the Hex Bug Spider you gave me last year.

Seasons Greetings,
Quinton C.
Fourth grade



Halle B.,
Pleasant Valley School

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Coffman’s class

From Page 2B
Dear Santa,

I hope you are doing well over there. How are your elves doing? I hope you are not sick. What do your reindeer eat? I want a ipad so I could share with my sister. I hope you have a nise trip.

**your frend,
Rodrigo a.**

Dear Santa Claus,
How are you? I hope you can make it this year. I would like a dallhouse. I would like a playdog and it is a moving dog. I hope that you are not sick. I would like cookies too. I would like snow. Am I on the noty list or am I on

the good list? I hope the good list because I helped my mom do the dishis. I hope that your reendeer do not krash. thak you.

**Your friend,
Amber R.**

Dear Santa,
How are you this year? I hope you are coming this year. I want an I pod touch and a big huge tv. I also want to see your reindeers. I hope you make it on Christmas Eve. Thank you Santa.

**your friend,
Steven V.**

Dear Santa Claus,
How are you doing? I hope you

are doing well this year I hope you have enough presents for all the children I want an i pad for Christmas thank you for last years gifts! I will give you cookies.

**your friend
Rheya S.**

Dear Santa Claus,
How are you and Rudoph doing? I hope you have enough presents for the children I’ve been good this year because I keep Madison safe. And I helped my mom clean the whole upstars. For Christmas I want an ipod becaue Madison, Bella and I like jaming out. Can you tell all the elves hi for me? thank you so much Santa

**Your friend,
Helen N.**

Dear Santa,
I hope you are feeling well. I hope youare sik. Well I want a Octmisprime and a RC airhoghelecopter. I have been cleaning my room tow times. And gving Fred the cat and the horses food and some cafis and pig’s food.

**your frend
Craig**

Dear Santa,
Hi Santa! How are you santa? I hope you do not feel bad. Do you have enough toys for the children? I hope you feel good on Christmas. What do you feed Rudolph Santa Claus? Thank you for Christmas.

**your friend,
Salvadors**

Eubanks’ class

From Page 3B

presents in one night? How long does it take to give all the present? I feed the pets at my house and get along with my brothers. I whant a screen protector for my iPod and iPod case. I wish you a marry Christmas.

Love Katie

Dear Santa,
How do you make the toy? How do you fly?
I have been good because I help peapl by plaing with them.
I know at my mom wand a book. I want a game for my will it is called Mario.
Have a good a christmas.

Love Baltazar

Dear Santa,
How big are you santa? How are the elves doing?
I have been good by cleaning my room, helping my borthers, my mom, and my dad.
Santa can you get me a Barbie house, Barbie shoes, and Barbie cloths?
I wish you a Merry Christmas.

Love Larae

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Claus? How is Rosy? Did she like her chocolates we gave her?

I have been helping my mom with the laundry. I ave done all my homework.

Santa I want Leo Friends Olivia’s house and pajamas. I really want Razor Pocket Mod Pink Bella.

I hope you and your reindeer have a good flight.

Your friend Maite F

Dear Santa,
Do you like cookies? Do your eles work hard? I have been lisuning. And I have not hert ene won. I wat a lambrgene toy. and a jet toy. Have a safe trip.

From Christian C

Dear Santa,
How are the reindeers doing? Is Mrs. Claws all rite? I wash the dishes for my mom. I change my sisters diper. I wish for pet shops frogs. Get my sister some close. Get mom some close. I wish you come too the room.

Love Adrianna F

Dear Santa,
How do you get every child toys in one night? How do you get the raindeer to fly?

I strayed up late helping my mom clean. I share my toys with my brother and sister.

I know my mom wants a snug- gle. I know my brother wants play food I want a PS3.

Happy Holidays!

Love Jordan S

Dear Sata,
How have you bin? I have bin good.
I have bin good becus I help my mom get the grosres when I want. I want a x box 360 for crmts with a games also a race car.
I wish you have a good dekaishin.

From Austin E

Dear Santa,
How had you ben? How is Mrs Claus? I hope you and your wife is doing fine. Have a safe trip. I hope you do not krash kus I re- allyly want a presit!

I want a big remote control care and a x-box 360.

Have a safe trip,

Love Christian s.

Garrett’s class

From Page 4B

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie house, a iPad, Barbies, a TV, Blinggs bling, cool baker, bratz. So thank you when it was the other day. Please bring me that, I was good every day, you bring lots of presents for the childen. Everyone loves you. Everyone has been good. I love when santa is coming. My family and me like to put up the chris- tams tree. My mom makes cook- ies on Christams tree. My mom makes cookies on christams Eve. It is the best time of the year. In christams my family drinks hot chocolate and buys candy canes and we wach rudoph the movie. I go outside an build snowmans every winter. I love christams alot. My sister Melanie is excited to open her presents in the morn-

ing. Santa how do you make toys? santa I hope that you come. Its ok if you do not bring staf or if you do I will be happy.

Love, Jazmin M.

Dear Santa Claus,
What is it like to be at the north pole? Do the elves help you make the toys? Is it fun at the north pole? I’ve been good by help- ing clean the house. what I wnat for Christmas is a mug with my family picture for my Dad and for my mom I want a picture of Bella for Christmas.

Happy Holidays!
Marry Christmas!

Love, Dafne

Dear Santa Claus,
I wanda shotgun I want a Bel- renu tootoo.

I wanta little maunten. I want a hanumothnonbol I want a sant- clos I want a Ipob I want a con- pootr I want a littel elf. I want ballI wus soo good I said Ther oyou and ples and good nite.

Frum Jazmine N.

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the wii game for my family last year. I played with it a lot.

How many raindeer do you have? How old are you? What do you lie to do?

I like to play my DS game and I like to play with my friends too. I try to be good but sum times I pay to much and get in truble with my mom so I hav to try to do better. i do my hounwourk and my reading.

For Christmas I want JAPANESE 3DS games and the DS game.

Hav a Happy NEW Year!

From, Cody

During this busy holiday season take some time to relax and enjoy your family and friends. Reflect on the true meaning of Christmas, the true reason for celebration!



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

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

Luke 2:8-14

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