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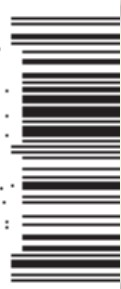
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HOMEDALE, OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2014

Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

Isaiah 7:14



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Eternal message of Christmas

Boise pastor pens hopeful sermon from within prison walls

Rajai Shahr Prison 2014
(Near Karaj, Tehran, Iran)

Merry Christmas!
These days are very cold here. My small space beside the window is without glass, making most nights unbearable to sleep. The treatment by fellow prisoners is also quite cold and, at times, hostile. Some of my fellow prisoners don't like me because I am a convert and a pastor. They look at me with shame as someone who has betrayed his former religion. The guards can't even stand the paper cross that I have made and hung next to me as a sign of my faith and in anticipation of celebrating my Savior's birth. They have threatened me and forced me to remove it. This is the first Christmas that I am completely without my family; all of my family is presently outside of the country.



Saeed Abedini

These conditions have made this upcoming Christmas season very hard, cold and shattering for me. It appears that I am alone with no one left beside me.
These cold and brittle conditions have made me wonder why God chose the hardest time of year to become flesh and why He came to the earth in the weakest human condition (as a baby). Why did God choose the hardest place to be born in the cold weather? Why did God choose to be born in a manger in a stable, which is very cold, filthy and unsanitary with an unpleasant smell? Why did the birth have to be in such a way that it was not only hard physically, but also socially? It must have brought such shame for Mary and her fiancé that she was pregnant before marriage in the religious society of that time.
Dear sisters and brothers, the fact of the Gospel is that it is not only

the story of Jesus, but it is the key of how we are to live and serve like Jesus. Today we, like Him, should come out of our safe comfort zone in order to proclaim the Word of Life and Salvation through faith in Jesus Christ and the penalty of sin that He paid on the cross and to proclaim His resurrection. We should be able to tolerate the cold, the difficulties and the shame in order to serve God. We should be able to enter into the pain of the cold, dark world. Then we are able to give the fiery love of Christ to the cold, wintry manger of those who are spiritually dead. It might be necessary to come out of the comfort of our lives and leave the loving embrace of our family to enter the manger of the lives of others, such as it has been for me for the third consecutive Christmas. It may be that we will be called fools and traitors and face many difficulties, but we should crucify our will and wishes even more until the world hears and tastes the true meaning of Christmas.
Christmas means that God

came so that He would enter your hearts today and transform your lives and to replace your pain with indescribable joy.
Christmas is the manifestation of the radiant brightness of the Glory of God in the birth of a child named Immanuel, which means God is with us.
Christmas is the day that the heat of the life-giving fire of God's love shone in the dark, cold wintry frozen hearts and burst forth in this deadly wicked world.
The same way that the heat from the Earth's core melts the hard stones in itself and produces lava, the fiery love of God, Jesus Christ, through the virgin Mary's womb came to Earth on Christmas to melt the hard heart of sin and wickedness of the world and remove them from our life. In the same process, the work of the Holy Spirit is a fiery rain of God's Holiness and Mercy that flows into our body, soul and spirit and brings the light of Christ into us and through us, making

this dark, cold, wintry world into radiant burning brightness. He is turning our world into a world full of peace, joy and love that is so different than the dark, cold wintry world that we used to live in. Hallelujah!
So this Christmas let the lava-like love of Christ enter into the depth of your heart and make you fiery, ready to pay at any cost in order to bring the same lava love to the cold world around you, transforming them with the true message of Christmas.
Pastor Saeed Abedini
Soaking in the lava love of Christ

— Pastor Saeed Abedini of Boise has been imprisoned in an Iranian cell for more than three years. Those interested can provide support for Abedini's wife, Naghmeh, and their children as they fight for his freedom. Visit www.ccboise.org/our-church/donate-abedini-family for more information.

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.

Written by Clare Willcuts, Christmas 1952
for The Owyhee Chronicle

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.



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Marsing High School boys' basketball players Juan Sierra, left, and Jose Ponce sort canned foods during Friday's food and gift preparation for the Giving Tree project.

County shows Christmas compassion

Wish Tree day means smiles for volunteers, too

A pair of long nights was well worth the end result for a handful of Homedale residents Saturday.

"It hooks you," Diana Uranga-Maxwell, one of the Homedale Community Wish Tree organizers, said Saturday morning as she sat among dozens of bags stuffed with Christmas presents destined for scores of children.

Volunteers from Homedale Police, Fire and Ambulance delivered toys and clothing to 54 families and 175 children Saturday morning.

— See *Wish Tree*, page 9

Giving Tree helps dozens of families

by Sean Chaney

It wouldn't be a very merry Christmas at all for many boys and girls in Marsing if not for a popular community effort. The Giving Tree program involves cards placed on Christmas trees around town on which parents in need can ask for holiday gifts to give to their children.

Community members and students put together care packages and wrapped presents Friday at the Marsing School District cafeteria in preparation for pre-Christmas distribution.

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Homedale volunteer firefighter Bryan Badiola checks his list as he loads bags of presents onto the Homedale Fire Department tanker Saturday morning.



City of Homedale public works supervisor Bret Smith uses brake cleaner to scrub red spray paint off the Welcome to Homedale sign at the entrance to town Friday morning.

Out-of-town vandals tag Homedale sign, private property

HPD chief: Teens caught in the act

The new Welcome to Homedale gateway sign was one of the targets of a spray-painting spree early Friday morning.

Homedale Police Cpl. Atanacio Montes arrested three Nampa residents near the city entrance at East Idaho Avenue and U.S.

Highway 95 after 1:45 a.m. Friday.

Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller said Montes made the arrests after watching two individuals run from a parked car toward the city sign and apparently spray paint the letters "SOF" on the north face of the structure.

Two 18-year-olds, Jasmine

— See *Vandals*, page 5

HHS senior nominated to service academies

by Aaliyah Tijerina

Members of Idaho's congressional delegation have made service academy nominations for a Homedale High School senior.

Victoria (Tori) Nash has received nomination to the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md., from Sen. Mike Crapo (R-Idaho). Sen. Jim Risch (R-Idaho) and U.S. Rep. Raúl Labrador (R-Idaho) put Nash on their nomination lists for the Merchant Marine Academy in Kings Point, N.Y.

Although the congressional delegation makes service academy nominations for high school seniors from around

— See *Nominated*, page 5



Tori Nash

Fish and Game looking for leads in Owyhee County poaching

Two men possibly transported a trophy mule deer across state lines after poaching early last month in Owyhee County.

Idaho Fish and Game Regional Investigator Kurt Stieglitz said he has made contact with the two Utah men, believed to be in their 30s, but they are “not being very cooperative at the moment.”

Stieglitz believes the deer was taken during the opening weekend for the late season and that the men were hunting in western Owyhee County.



There are several reports of the poaching suspects driving this Ford Raptor pickup. Photo courtesy of IDFG

Anyone with information on the case can call the Citizens Against Poaching (CAP) hotline 24 hours a day to provide an anonymous tip. A reward is being offered. Call (800) 632-5999 to leave a tip.

A newer-model tan-colored Ford Raptor pickup is associated with the investigation. Fish and Game says the suspects were documented fueling the vehicle at the Interstate 84 Stage Stop east of Boise at approximately 2:45 p.m. on

Monday, Nov. 3. The trophy buck caught the attention of other Stage Stop patrons, several of whom spoke with the suspects. Later in the day, the men and vehicle were spotted in the Idaho Falls area.

“What would be super-helpful obviously would be anybody who saw these guys in that vehicle and with that deer (coming forward),” Stieglitz said.

The vehicle sported only temporary license plates when

the men were seen. Stieglitz said witnesses saw the vehicle on Cow Creek Road on Nov. 18.

“I’d really like to visit with anyone who spoke with either suspect or observed the deer in this distinctive vehicle,” Stieglitz said.

In addition to the CAP hotline, persons with information may also contact the Fish and Game Nampa office at (208) 465-8465 weekdays and Idaho State Police at (208) 846-7550 on weekends.



Marie Kershner was sworn in as Jordan Valley’s new mayor during the Dec. 10 city council meeting. Submitted photo

Kershner officially becomes JV mayor

Jordan Valley took a step toward a revamped city government earlier this month when former City Council president Marie Kershner officially succeeded Jake Roe as mayor.

Roe resigned his longtime post to take a job in Oregon, and Kershner was appointed to complete his term.

Next month, incumbent Mary Aguila and newcomers Michael White and Sheila Quintero will be sworn in to new terms on the city council.

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Correction

Juror questionnaires can be mailed to addresses derived from both voter registration and driver's license records, and prospective jurors serve 120-day terms. Information in an article in last week's edition of The Owyhee Avalanche was incorrect.

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HPD nabs suspect in Homedale auto parts store break-in

A search warrant led to Homedale Police closing one of two business burglary cases that are believed to have occurred hours apart earlier this month.

Officers arrested Charles S. Montgomery, 41, on suspicion of breaking into the NAPA Owyhee Auto Supply store on East Idaho Avenue on Dec. 6.

Montgomery was taken into custody after HPD found clothing matching what the suspect was seen wearing in surveillance video. The search warrant was served at Montgomery's residence in the 200 block of West Arizona Avenue.

Homedale Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller said Montgomery was identified from his "distinctive" walk and clothing.

"We had a suspect almost from the instant we saw the video," Eidemiller said.

Eidemiller said in addition to the clothing, authorities found during their search evidence that they are



Charles Montgomery

currently trying to identify as store merchandise.

Montgomery has been charged with felony burglary, misdemeanor theft and misdemeanor malicious injury to property. He remained in custody Monday prior to a preliminary court appearance before Magistrate Judge Dan C. Grober in Murphy.

Eidemiller said the break-in at the auto parts store was one of two business burglaries reported after Dec. 6. Another break-in was reported at Rebecca's Mini Mart, but that case is still under investigation.

Alleged embezzler's hearing rescheduled

A Melba woman accused of embezzling more than \$24,000 from her former employer is scheduled for a preliminary hearing next month.

It appears her alleged crimes didn't go beyond the business.

Angela Monique Fritzler, 43, is out on \$25,000 bail. Her preliminary, originally scheduled

for Dec. 15 before Magistrate Judge Dan C. Grober on Dec. 15, has been continued until 1:30 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 12.

Fritzler was charged with six counts of felony theft after she allegedly used company credit cards, salary advances and company checks to steal thousands of dollars from a Wilson-based

agricultural business.

Owyhee County Prosecuting Attorney Douglas D. Emery said that further investigation has revealed no evidence to suggest that Fritzler may have taken money from the non-profit Owyhee Hwy 78 Community Disaster Relief Fund, for which she served as secretary.

Christmas, New Year's closures set

There are varying holiday closure policies throughout the county for Christmas and New Year's Day:

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

County government — Owyhee County offices will close at 2 p.m. today for the Christmas holiday. All offices will remain closed for the remainder of the week except for the courts, recorder's office and assessor's office, which will be open on Friday.

The Board of County Commissioners won't convene Monday because it is the fifth week of the month. The commissioners typically only hold regular meetings on the first four Mondays of a month. They will next meet at 9 a.m. on Jan. 5.

Courthouse offices will close at 3 p.m. on New Year's Eve and will remain closed on New Year's Day, reopening on Jan. 2.

City government — City Hall in Marsing and Grand View will be closed Thursday and Friday, while Homedale City Hall will be closed Christmas Day, but will reopen on Friday. The Homedale City Council has cancelled its second regular meeting in December, which was scheduled for Thursday.

All three city halls will be closed New Year's Day (Thursday, Jan. 1) with Homedale and Marsing reopening at 8 a.m. on Friday, Jan. 2.

Garbage service — Westowns Disposal Inc. customers who

usually have Thursday or Friday pickup will have their service delayed by one day this week for Christmas and next week for New Year's.

Banks — US Bank branches in Homedale, Marsing and Grand View are closed Thursday, and they'll be closed on New Year's Day.

Homedale, Marsing, Jordan Valley and Adrian schools — Students are on Christmas break, and they'll return to class on Monday, Jan. 5.

Bruneau-Grand View School District — Students are on break. They'll return to school on Tuesday, Jan. 6.

Owyhee County Historical Museum — The museum in Murphy is open today, but will be closed from Thursday until reopening on Tuesday, Jan. 6.

Homedale Public Library — The library is closed Thursday, Dec. 25, but will reopen at 11 a.m. on Friday. The library will also be closed New Year's Day, but will reopen at 11 a.m. on Friday, Jan. 2.

Lizard Butte Library — Marsing's public library will be closed Thursday and Friday. The library will be open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. next Wednesday (New Year's Eve) and will be closed New Year's Day.

Eastern Oregon County Library — Grand View's public library is closed until Monday. It will close again on Tuesday for a New Year's break. The library reopens on Monday, Jan. 5.

Bruneau Valley Library — This library is closed Thursday and New Year's Day.

Homedale Senior Center — The senior center is closed this

week and will be closed on New Year's Day.

Marsing Senior Center — The senior center will be closed for nearly two weeks beginning today. It reopens on Monday, Jan. 5.

Rimrock Senior Center — The senior center in Grand View is typically open only on Tuesday and Thursday each week. A free community Christmas dinner will be served Thursday beginning at noon. The doors will open at 9 a.m. The center will be closed Thursday, Jan. 1.

Paul's Market — Today, the grocery store in Homedale will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., and the pharmacy will be open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Both the store and pharmacy will be closed Thursday. Regular hours will be observed on New Year's Eve, including 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. for the grocery and 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. for the pharmacy. The store is open regular hours on New Year's Day, but the pharmacy will be closed all day.

Logans Market — The Marsing grocery store is open from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. today, and it will be closed on Christmas Day. The store will be open regular hours (6 a.m. to 10 p.m.) on New Year's Eve and New Year's Day.

The Owyhee Avalanche office — The office will be closed Thursday and Friday for Christmas. All deadlines remain the same except for classified ads and letters to the editor for the Dec. 31 edition, both of which are due by noon today. The office will be closed on New Year's Day, but will reopen on Friday, Jan. 2. No deadlines will be affected for the Jan. 7 edition.

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✓ Vandal: Vehicles, fence tagged during Friday spree

Saiz and Victor Mendoza, and a 17-year-old male were arrested on felony charges. The damage of the seven instances of vandalism amounts to more than \$1,000, Eidemiller said.

The trio also is suspected of "tagging" city-owned jersey barriers and a private vehicle on

the east side of town and spraying their SOF moniker on a vehicle and a fence on the west side.

Eidemiller said the alleged vandals told authorities they were visiting people in Homedale when they came up with the idea.

He added that the taggings aren't gang-related.

✓ Nominated: Attending Naval Academy is a dream

the state each year, it's rare for an Owyhee County student to receive nomination.

The daughter of Heidi and Ryan Nash now awaits appointment to one of the academies. That could come next month.

Nash says it has been her dream to attend the Naval Academy since she was in the eighth grade. She visited the academy last summer.

None of her family members have served in the military. But her motives and inspirations come from all of the women and men who have fought for our country.

- Submit her grade-point average and ACT and SAT scores
- Obtain letters of recommendation from her teachers and guidance counselor
- Rank in the top 20 of her class.

Nash is marked No. 1 in her class, with a 4.0 GPA. She is an Honor Society member and participates in clubs like TRiO, Science Club and Judo, and she is a top player for the Trojans' softball team.

The 17-year-old also wants to do something that is bigger than herself.

Nash is extremely happy to be one of this year's 4,000 Naval Academy candidates from across America.

Nash had to complete a long list of requirements to qualify for nomination, including:

- Write an essay and submit a photo
- Undergo a physical exam
- Meet with the congressmen's representatives
- Perform community service

If Nash is appointed to an academy, she's required to put in an intense summer workout before reporting to school in the fall.

If she's accepted into the Naval Academy, Nash would attend school for four years and then serve a five-year enlistment in the Navy.

She wants to enter the Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps and make the Navy a career.

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Obituary

Jack Harris

Jack Harris was born September 20, 1926 in Nampa to Thomas N. “Doc” Harris and Elizabeth Harsin Harris. He died Wednesday, December 17, 2014 at Autumn Wind Assisted Living surrounded by his family.

Jack was raised on a ranch and at a young age, helped his Dad and uncle trail cattle from the summer range in Jordan Valley, across the Snake River, to their ranch in the Riverside community, not to mention the many times he helped buckaroo at South Mountain.

Jack married Helen Muldoon on January 1, 1948 and they made their home on the ranch in Riverside, where he lived for 75 years, later moving to Caldwell. They had four children, Valerie, Jacque, Kevin and Kerry. Jack farmed, bought cattle as a broker and worked for Musser Seed Co. as a field man.

Jack loved sports of all kinds. In high school he played football, basketball and baseball, baseball being his favorite. Jack and his brother-in-law, Carroll Johnstone, started the first Little League baseball team in Marsing and he continued to coach baseball for many years. He also was on the rodeo circuit and very successful at rodeos in the Northwest. Jack was an avid hunter and fisherman



and loved to pack in and fish at Boulder Lake near McCall. Jack spent many days with his brother-in-law, Don Muldoon, golfing. Jack was very involved in the Marsing Community. He helped to establish the Marsing Disaster Auction to assist people in the community.

Jack is survived by his wife, Helen, his children: Valerie (Dennis) Dines, Jacque (George) Scott, Kevin (Robin) Harris and Kerry (Tammy) Harris. His grandchildren; Brad (Erica) Dines, Alex (Jelena) Maxwell, Andrea (Geoff) Franks, Kelly, Kyle and Tyson Harris, Brennan Gabiola-

Harris, Nicassia Gabiola-Harris, Tanner (Ashlynn) Gabiola and Keegan Harris. He also leaves behind 16 great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Jack was preceded in death by his sister, Margaret (Cloyce) Benson; brother, George (Melba) Harris; son-in-law, Ron Maxwell and his grandson, Shane Dines.

A viewing was held on Monday, December 22, 2014 from 6:00-8:00 PM at Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church, Caldwell, ID with Rosary recited at 7:00 PM. His Funeral Mass was held at Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church, Caldwell, ID on Tuesday, December 23, 2014 at 10:30 AM. Burial was at 2:00 PM, Tuesday, December 23, 2014 at the Marsing-Homedale Cemetery, Marsing, ID. Services are under the care of Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Caldwell. The family would like to give special thanks to Heart-N-Home Hospice and the staff at Autumn Wind Assisted Living for their kind and loving care of Jack. Memorials may be made to the Shane Dines Memorial Scholarship, University of Idaho Foundation, PO Box 443147, Moscow, ID, 83844-3147. Condolences may be sent to www.flahifffuneralchapel.com

Death notices

VICTOR M. FELIX GUTIERREZ, 57, of Homedale, died Sunday, Dec. 14, 2014. Arrangements are through Dakan Funeral Chapel, Caldwell. (208) 459-3629

BETTY J. LEAZER, 80, of Wilder, died on Thursday, Dec. 18, 2014 at a Caldwell hospital. Viewing will be held from 10 a.m. to 10:50 a.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 24, 2014 at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 708 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. The funeral service will take place at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 24, 2014 at the church. Burial will follow at Canyon Hill Cemetery, Caldwell. Services are under the care of Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Homedale. (208) 337-3252

WILLIAM EUGENE PARKER, 75, of Marsing, died Monday, Dec. 22, 2014. Services are under the direction of Alsip and Persons Funeral Home, Nampa. (208) 466-3545

Senior menus

Homedale Senior Center

Bread and milk served every day

- Dec. 24-25: Center closed
- Dec. 30: Baked ham, sweet potatoes, green beans
- Dec. 31: BBQ pork, mashed potatoes, spinach

Rimrock Senior Center

- Dec. 25: Ham & turkey, mashed potatoes/gravy, green beans, tossed salad, roll, baked apple dessert
- Dec. 30: Holiday pizza, tossed salad, corn, pineapple dessert

Marsing Senior Center

- Dec. 24-Jan 2: Center closed

Christmas Eve church services scheduled

Two churches serving the Homedale area will hold Christmas Eve services today, and the community is invited to attend.

Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church Pastor Sean Rippey will conduct Christmas Eve services at 6:30 p.m.

The church is located at 621 W. Idaho Ave., in Homedale.

For more information, call the church at (208) 337-4248 or church president Kelly Aberasturi at (208) 249-4405.

At 7 tonight, the Mountain View Church of the Nazarene will hold its traditional Christmas Eve Candlelight Service.

The church is located at 26515 Ustick Road between Homedale and Wilder.

The service will include traditional Christmas carols, lighting of the Advent Candle and a short devotion by Pastor Chuck Ryan.

The event ends with everyone present lighting candles.

Mustangs halftime show



New dance group entertains in Jordan Valley

A newly formed dance group stole the show at halftime of a recent Jordan Valley High School boys’ basketball game. Jamie Collins has started the group for girls in fourth grade and younger, and participants hail from Jordan Valley, Arock, Rockville and Pleasant Valley. Photo by Tara Echave

Free Christmas dinner offered in Grand View

The Rimrock Senior Center will open its doors to the community Thursday and serve a free Christmas dinner.

The doors open at 9 a.m., and the dinner will be served at noon. The senior center is located at 525 Main St., in Grand View.

The dinner is free, but monetary donations to the senior center will be accepted.

People are also welcome to

bring a side dish or a dessert to share with the meal.

The Christmas menu will include ham and turkey, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, tossed salad, roll and baked apple dessert as well as beverages.

The senior center is typically open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. each Tuesday and Thursday.

For more information, call (208) 968-5430.

Homedale student lands on E. Oregon Dean’s List

Desiree Jacobs of Homedale has made the fall term Dean’s List at Eastern Oregon University.

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Making plans for farm, ranch succession

Have you given any thought to what will happen with your farm or ranch when you are gone? If you could do anything with your ranch that you wanted, what would it be? Who would you like to pass it down to? What are your needs in retirement? Do you have any children or grandchildren who would like to continue your operation? These and many other questions need to be answered in order to develop an estate and succession plan.

Farm and ranch succession is definitely a process. It requires much thought, discussion, research, etc. Once you have developed your succession plan, there will still be a need to review and update it as the operation changes and as family dynamics change. Additionally, some modifications might be needed as tax laws change.

The earlier you get started, the more options that will be available to you. For example, there are tax implications/limits regarding the dollar value that can



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be gifted each year. If you wish to gift all or part of your operation to your children, beginning the process earlier could allow you more years to maximize those gifts and reduce the associated tax burden.

Make an effort to objectively determine each family member's priorities. Oftentimes, we think that we know just how others are thinking and feeling when in reality our true understanding might be off 180 degrees. Does your son/daughter have any interest in taking over the operation? Are their priorities for the direction of the operation in line with yours? Over what period of time do you expect to turn over decision-making control? Are there portions of the operation where they can begin to take some decision-making responsibility?

Assemble a competent team of advisors to help you. Some individuals might want to sell you on their ability to handle the entire process. The reality is that the succession planning process contains many different facets. Your family, accountant, tax advisor, and attorney are some of the folks who should be on your succession

planning team. Be choosy. Select individuals who are experienced in this arena. This is especially true when selecting an attorney. There are many attorneys who work in the estate planning arena but not many with true understanding of the complexities of farm/ranch estate planning.

In summary, ranch succession planning is a process that takes effort and forethought. Your efforts today can help ensure that the legacy of your operation can continue into the future for your family.

Take the opportunity to get educated about ranch succession. We will be holding a class called "Keeping the Legacy Alive" at the Extension office in Marsing beginning in mid-January. This class is focused on helping you take some of the initial steps in developing a plan, including the legal options. Contact the Extension office for information on this class.

— Scott Jensen is the University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension educator, and he welcomes questions on livestock care. He can be reached at the office in Marsing, 238 8th Ave. W., at (208) 896-4104 or scottj@uidaho.edu.

Owyhee Then & Now

Michael F. Hanley IV

Tales of the I.O.N. County

Hired hands

The most pressing problem in ranching is finding good help that can be depended on to watch out for the owner's interests. A good man can make the difference between success and failure.

Most ranches have had dedicated men who out of pride and loyalty stayed year after year and became part of the family. Hanleys had an Irishman, John Connley, affectionately known as "Old Portie," who worked for them 50 years. It was said that he had a Harvard or Yale education but was quiet and unassuming, never speaking of his past. He helped raise two generations of Hanley children and when he died was buried in the family plot in Jacksonville. Then there was Old Lum the China cook who worked in my great-grandmother's kitchen for a good many years making his mark on the children.

We have been fortunate, too, and had more than our share of good men on our ranch in Jordan Valley. I believe that if your treat your help right they will usually return it, which makes the working conditions much better for everybody.

Frank Swisher worked for my father eight years and during his time became an adopted uncle to we children. He was a perfect gentleman and always referred to my mother as Mrs. Hanley, my grandparents as Mr. and Mrs. McEwen and took time to explain things to my sisters and I. He was directly responsible for my becoming interested in history, and inspired me to write several books. Frank's younger brother Joe worked for my father and then my mother and I as cowboss for 13 years. He and my father got along fine, but when he died it wasn't good between Joe and I. One of the hardest things I ever had to do was tell Joe that it was either, "you or me." He left, and I don't know what I'd have done had he called me.

— 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.

Calendar

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

Christmas Eve services
6:30 p.m., Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church, 621 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4248

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

Thursday
Community Christmas dinner
9 a.m., free, monetary donations and potluck dishes accepted, Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St., Grand View. (208) 968-5430 Tuesdays and Thursdays

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

Saturday
Free lunches
Noon to 1 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-5419

Tuesday
Senior center exercise class
10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

Wednesday
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Saturday, Jan. 3
Free lunches
Noon to 1 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-5419

Sunday, Jan. 4
Southern gospel concert
10:30 a.m., Mountain View Church of the Nazarene, 26515 Ustick Road, Wilder. (208) 337-3151

Monday, Jan. 5
Board of County Commissioners meeting
9 a.m., Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Hwy. 78, Murphy. (208) 495-2421

Marsing-Homedale Cemetery board meeting
2 p.m., Marsing-Homedale Cemetery office, Cemetery Road, Marsing.

Tuesday, Jan. 6
Senior center exercise class
10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

Senior center bridge
1 p.m., Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St., Grand View. (208) 968-5430 Tuesdays and Thursdays

Extension course helps with diet, finances

Registration continues for a self-improvement course offered through a partnership between Lizard Butte Library and the University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Office.

"New Year, New You!" will take place in January and February. Space is limited for the class, and registration costs \$25.

Meetings will be held from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. each Tuesday between Jan. 6 and Feb. 10 next year.

The program focuses on helping people maintain their fitness and healthy nutrition and manage their personal and family finances.

The class will be held at the Lizard Butte Library, 111 S. 3rd Ave. W., in Marsing.

For more information on the class, including details on how to register, contact Owyhee County Extension instructor Surine Greenway at surineg@uidaho.edu or (208) 896-4104.

Childcare for children 3 years old and older will be provided.

Greenway is looking for volunteers ages 13 and older, including adults, to help with the childcare. Call (208) 896-4014 for more information.

You can find a comprehensive listing of local events online at www.theowyheeavalanche.com. Click on the "Calendar of Events" link on the left-hand side of the page. Submit information on upcoming fundraisers, meetings, reunions or community events to The Owyhee Avalanche by noon Fridays for inclusion in the calendar. Drop off press releases at the Avalanche office at 19 E. Idaho Ave., Homedale, mail them to P.O. Box 97, Homedale, ID 83628, fax them to (208) 337-4867 or e-mail them to jon@owyheeavalanche.com (an e-mail link also is available on our Web site). For more information on submissions, call (208) 337-4681.

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✓ **Wish Tree: 54 families receive assistance**

If some families weren't home, HPD officers will continue to visit their homes until they can ensure the presents are under the tree in time for Christmas morning.

Several of Santa's helpers scooped up the bags of presents around 10 a.m. Saturday after other folks had spent two nights wrapping presents inside the Diana and Ray Maxwell's 1,200-square-foot shop.

Organization of the gifts was supposed to begin at 6 a.m. Saturday, but Uranga-Maxwell said a handful of people stayed up all night Friday wrapping presents after finalizing the shopping list with a trip to several stores, including Kohl's in Nampa.

The shopping excursion, funded by proceeds from the annual Texas Hold 'em Poker Tournament held on the Saturday after Thanksgiving, is the last-minute attempt to fill what few tags are left over after community members have donated gifts and clothing in the weeks leading up to Christmas.

Even during the shopping trip, one that Kohl's braces for, folks who know about the Wish Tree effort donate money. This year,

Uranga-Maxwell said an employee of Homedale's SMX Trucking donated \$10 when he ran into the shoppers in Nampa on Friday.

"It's amazing," she said of the annual response.

None of the folks involved with today's Community Wish Tree know precisely when the Beta Sigma Phi sorority started the service project. The daughters and granddaughters of one of the founders, Charlene Uranga, remain heavily involved. Other founders included Marilyn Huter, Judy Tolmie and Donna Haylett. The long-defunct Homedale Kiwanis Club was involved early on, too, Uranga-Maxwell said.

Uranga-Maxwell says that the Wish Tree goes far beyond the core group that coordinates the drive each year.

Community members donated gifts and clothing based on wish tags that had been placed on Wish Trees around town in November. Trees or wreaths were set up at the Moxie Java Bistro, the Homedale Post Office, Paul's Market, Homedale Drug, Idaho Pizza Co., A&S Lumber and Owyhee Lanes.

"People really delivered and took tags," Uranga-Maxwell said. "SSI employees really stepped up this year and took a lot of tags."

Uranga-Maxwell also told the story of one woman who goes beyond the Wish Tree tag when contributing. She also gives families she helps \$50 to \$75 in gift cards to buy groceries.

A long list of businesses and individuals also helped out this year, including:

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Homedale Ambulance emergency medical technician Ron Brockett gets some help from Mason Herman, the son of Jolene and Dan Herman and grandson of Diana and Ray Maxwell.



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✓ Giving Tree: Community comes through for Marsing neighbors in need

Schools superintendent Norm Stewart got started with the project last year. He had been leading a secret Santa program, which is still in place but is focused on teachers and support staff.

The secret Santa formula has district employees giving little gifts to a teacher of their choice throughout the week. The teacher keeps the small gifts for himself or herself, but at the end of the week they receive a large gift that is returned to the community for a child listed on a Giving Tree.

Jolyn Green has a fond memory of last year's secret Santa effort. The wife of Marsing Mayor Keith Green still worked for the school district around this time in 2013. One teacher she knew quite well loves horses, so in addition to the small mystery gifts, she gave that teacher a stick horse, which ended up under the tree of one needy Marsing family.

Green admits she has no background with having a bad Christmas. She remembers her childhood holiday memories as never going without, but she wants to make sure children don't miss out on a visit from old Santa Claus.

Her hope is for people to remember that the Savior is the reason for the season, but children

need to have Santa as well. Last Christmas, she found a written note under one of the Giving Tree card requests. The anonymous mom said simply that her children wouldn't have had anything to open that Dec. 25 and she was very grateful.

Donations this year came from Logans Market, Symms Fruit Ranch and the Marsing Lions Club as well as teachers and community members. In fact, Green says one teacher alone took care of the requests from 10 children.

Stewart calls Green the driving force behind the Giving Tree program. In addition to presents for children, their partnership also gathers food boxes for families. Forty-four families were helped this year, but there were plans in place to cover Christmas for up to 50 families.

As for this year's Giving Tree cards, 139 of them were returned to the five locations where the trees were placed. Those were at City Hall, US Bank, The Spot Pizza, the school district office and Logans Market.

Tags were distributed to various Giving Trees in the community a few days after Thanksgiving, which Green said was earlier than in past years.



Givens area residents Larry Steiner, left, and Debbie Caldwell, center, wrap presents along with Marsing Lions Club member Herb Churruca on Friday in Marsing.

Susan Watson is the owner of The Spot and says Giving Trees information was slow in getting to community this year. She had cards up much earlier in 2013 and says participation this time around would have been greater had the information gone out earlier.

Despite that stumbling block, Watson thinks the project is a great way for the city to help children, many of whom are just looking for clothing and coats. Her business had a unique tree this year. She decorated it in pink in honor of her mother who passed away in September. Watson's

mom had quite a penchant for the color pink.

Over at Logans, a manager said the store has been involved with the project for many years and that the Giving Tree cards at Logans are always the first to disappear in town. The helpers always return the packages quickly, too.

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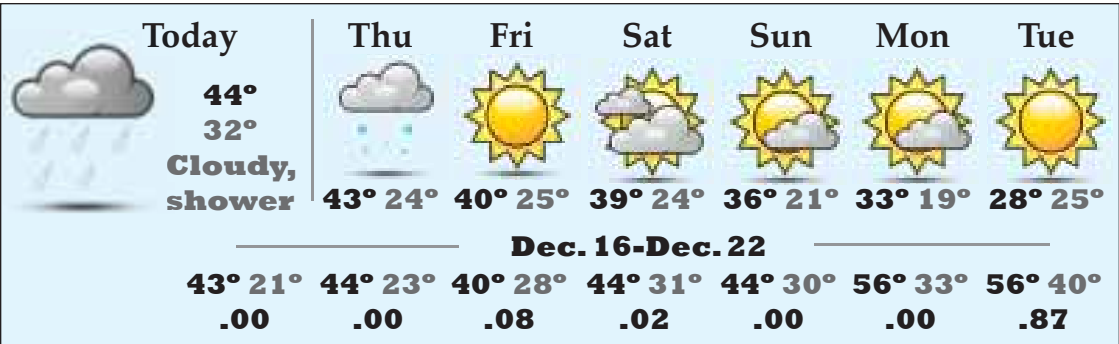
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A 9-year-old boy named Omar waits as Margaret Fujishin dishes up a bowl of taco soup on Saturday.

New Saturday lunch program launches

by Sean Chaney

A new project is now underway to help those in need in Homedale. Free lunches are being offered every Saturday at the First Presbyterian Church of Homedale, 320 N. 6th St. W. The meals will be served from noon to 1 p.m. or until the food runs out. The project is headed by Margaret Fujishin, who says the idea started with a conversation among her fellow church members who were looking for a way to help some disadvantaged members of the community. She's not alone in the effort. Volunteers include Barry Fujishin (Margaret's husband), Shelley Townsend, Al Davaz, Margaret Wood and others. The Fujishins manned the lunch Saturday when six households visited the church for a lunch of taco soup. "We served only eight meals, but it's a start," Margaret Fujishin said. Davaz will serve hot dogs with what Margaret calls his "famous" Coney sauce this weekend. Supplies for the free lunches are being provided entirely by members of the group that organized the project. No businesses have signed on to help with the meals, but Margaret Fujishin says donations are welcome from anyone who would

like to contribute. She did most of the shopping for Saturday's inaugural lunch, but others were standing by ready to run to the store for more grocery items if necessary. Fujishin admits the long-term plan for how to coordinate donations is a work in progress, but at this point her group is confident they can manage on their own. Organizing the program wasn't simply a matter of the church opening its doors to set up a dining area. Fujishin proposed the idea at the congregation's monthly meeting a few weeks ago, and the church's governing body then approved it. Fujishin says that essentially makes the project an officially sponsored church event. All of the volunteers met by being members of the First Presbyterian Church, but Fujishin says other members of the community could be involved in the future. That might have to happen if the popularity of the free lunches lead to an expansion of the program on other days. Saturday's menu was taco soup, crackers and assorted desserts. Church members made most of the dessert items. Anyone who would like to help with the free lunch program can call Margaret Fujishin at 337-5419.



Jordan Valley Elementary puts on Christmas program

A Christmas Carol was one of a handful of skits put on by Jordan Valley Elementary students last week. From left, Ebenezer Scrooge (Blaise Warn) helps Tiny Tim (Quinton Collins) as other actors Desire Keller, L.J. Duffy, Alan Whittum and John Burr look on. Photo by Tara Echave

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Front row, from left: Emilee Garrison, Kaydince Turner and Savannah Turner. Back row, from left: Keagan Christensen, Brayden Christoffersen, Bryce Cornwall, Antonio Zavala and Matt Domme

HMS sixth-graders help homeless

Classmates rally to build Blessing Bags

Matt Domme wanted to focus on what he could give to others rather than what he would see under the tree Christmas morning.

With assistance from David Hann, his sixth-grade teacher, Matt organized the construction of Blessing Bags with some of his Homedale Middle School classmates.

Hann said it took a little prodding to get Matt to break out of his shell and scare up the courage to ask his classmates to get involved. But once the project was off the ground the students enjoyed themselves, Hann said.

“Any time kids, and us for that matter, can learn and practice service for our neighbors, we affect the person receiving the service with our good deed,” Hann said. “But the server, I believe, receives

more through an inner happiness that occurs through that service.

“As part of the team of teachers here in Homedale, working with kids that we have here kinda puts a smile on your face and heart.”

The 11-year-old son of Vonni and John Domme teamed with seven other classmates to build the bags full of food items and personal hygiene products earlier this month.

Each bag includes a handwritten note with a personalized greeting, and the children will hand-deliver them to someone who may be in need.

Matt’s mother, Vonni, said hand-delivering the bags will give the children an understanding of the impact of their actions on the lives of others.

“The holiday season is a perfect

time to reflect on the blessings we have received, as well as the perfect time to share our bounty with those less fortunate,” Vonni wrote in an email detailing the children’s efforts.

The Blessing Bags included shampoo, toothbrush/toothpaste, socks, a washcloth, deodorant and an assortment of food items.

The rest of the students involved in the service project were:

- Keagan Christensen, 12, son of Bob and Edene Christensen
- Brayden Christoffersen, 11, son of Jeff and Jodie Christoffersen
- Bryce Cornwall, 12, son of Mark and Heather Bowen
- Emilee Garrison, 11, daughter of Charlie and Tonya Garrison
- Savannah Turner, 11, and Kaydince Turner, 12, daughters of Mike and Malorie Turner
- Antonio Zavala, 11, son of Jesus and Imelda Zavala

Grand View man loses license for DUI

A Grand View man who earlier had spent time in jail on a paraphernalia charge has been sentenced for driving under the influence in the same case.

Jason Wade Braithwaite was ordered to serve 13 days in jail for felony DUI during a Dec. 12 sentencing hearing before Third

District Judge Molly J. Huskey in Murphy.

He can serve the jail sentence on weekend release and was scheduled to start his sentence on Dec. 13. Huskey suspended 17 days of a 30-day jail term, but also ordered six months of discretionary time while

suspending a state prison sentence of between two and five years.

Huskey placed Braithwaite on probation for three years and suspended his driver’s license for two years.

He also must pay \$585.50 in court fees and fines.

Wreck leads to DUI arrest

A Grand View man was arrested on suspicion of driving under the influence after he hit a power pole and a fence Saturday morning.

Abel Landeros-Martinez, 27, was taken into custody after failed a field sobriety test, Owyhee County Sheriff’s Chief Deputy Lynn Bowman said.

Landeros-Martinez’s blood-alcohol content was as high as .187.

Landeros-Martinez has been charged with misdemeanor DUI and a misdemeanor charge of driving without a valid license.

He may also be charged with leaving the scene of an accident after he wrecked his 1995 Ford pickup near the corner of River Road and Roosevelt Street (Idaho highway 167) in Grand View.

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Trojans taste tournament success



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Wrestlers win 3 Mac-Hi titles

Three championships carried Homedale High School wrestlers to a third-place team finish at the Mac-Hi Christmas Tournament. "We only took 12 wrestlers and did very well," Trojans coach Toby Johnson said. One-quarter of the wrestlers entered into the tournament at McLoughlin High School in

Johnson's hometown of Milton-Freewater, Ore., brought back gold. • Nash Johnson outscored his three opponents, 46-7, in the 138-pound bracket. He picked up a pair of technical falls on the way to the

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Benny Schamber, center, looks to go back up after grabbing an offensive rebound Thursday in Homedale High School's opening-round game against Skyview in Nampa.

Boys take big strides in Elite Eight

HHS finishes second after clipping Hawks

Homedale High School's seven-game boys' basketball winning streak ended Saturday, but not before a little history was made. The Trojans fell to Nampa,

63-48, in the championship game of the Today's Dentistry Elite Eight Tournament two days after knocking off Skyview on its home court. Homedale (7-2 overall) went on a 10-2 run to rally from an eight-point first-quarter deficit and set up a fast-paced 73-68 upset of the hometown Hawks in Thursday's opening round. It was Skyview's first loss during a

four-year tournament championship run. "This might be the biggest non-conference win for Homedale in the last 20 years or more," third-year HHS coach Casey Grove said. The win avenged Homedale's 20-point loss to the Class 4A Hawks in the semifinals of last year's tournament. A 58-28

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Huskies replace long-running event with short road trip

Rules changes spelled the demise of the Husky Holiday Classic and sent Marsing High School's basketball teams on the road for the holidays. Marsing athletic director Johnathon Cossel said that when the Idaho High School Activities Association (IHSAA) modified its rules limiting the number of games in a season but allowing three-day tournaments, teams usually headed to the Husky Holiday Classic decided to take advantage of expanded tourneys, such as the Parma Holiday Classic. "Other schools just wanted to take advantage of the three-day tournaments offered as a result of the new season regulations from the Idaho High School Activities Association," Cossel said. "We did not offer a three-day tournament, so teams lost interest in our

tournament." With fewer teams available for its tournament, Marsing discontinued the long-standing event, and the Huskies teams decided to enroll in the Parma tournament, which will be played Monday through next Wednesday. The Marsing boys (1-5 overall) open its tournament at 6:30 p.m. Monday against Soda Springs. The winner advances to face the Nyssa junior varsity-Parma winner in the semifinals at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday. The Marsing girls (6-3 overall) plays 3A Snake River Valley conference member Emmett at 2 p.m. Tuesday with the winner taking on the survivor of the Caldwell-Payette first-rounders at 10 a.m. on Tuesday. Both the boys and girls will play a third game next Wednesday.



Jordan Valley's Andy Warn, center, tries to get a shot off while Marsing's Destiny Reynolds, left, and Shelby Dines provide defensive pressure. Photo by Tara Echave

Big quarter pushes Marsing past JV

An 18-3 run to open the second half helped Marsing High School come from behind in girls' basketball against Jordan Valley. The Mustangs owned a seven-point halftime lead before the Huskies stormed back for a 50-40 non-conference victory in Oregon on Dec. 16. Shelby Dines led all scorers with 17 points for Marsing, while teammate Shannon Clover tossed in 16 points.

Andi Warn scored 14 points to pace Jordan Valley, which ended the week at 4-3 after winning two consecutive games to close out the Union (Ore.) Booster Club Classic. Emily Tank scored five points, and Destiny Reynolds kicked in six points for the Huskies. Alisha Rodgers scored nine points for Jordan Valley. She and Morgan Caywood (seven points) each hit three-point goals.

Sports

✓ Elite: Win streak ends in tournament final

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blowout of Ontario, Ore., on Friday put the Trojans in the tournament championship game for the first time.

Saturday: Nampa 63, Homedale 48 — The Bulldogs built a 13-point first-half lead and cruised to the championship. Homedale was hurt by a 28 percent showing from the floor (16-for-57) and an inability to get second-chance shots (the Trojans had only nine offensive rebounds).

Connor Carter led all scorers with 18 points, and he and Dillon Lowder threw in four of the Trojans' six three-point goals. Lowder was held to eight points and was Homedale's second-leading scorer.

Miguel Montejano dished seven assists and had six steals, leading Homedale in both categories.

J.D. Schutt put in 16 points for Nampa, which evened its record at 4-4.

Friday: Homedale 58, Ontario, Ore., 28 — A 21-0 spurt to start the game propelled the Trojans to their largest margin of victory of the sea-

son and their seventh consecutive victory. Homedale had established the winning margin by halftime with a 40-9 lead.

Dillon Lowder drained four of seven three-point attempts, and was Homedale's leading scorer with 16 points.

Josh Tolmie hit five of seven field-goal attempts for 12 points to go with a team-leading nine rebounds.

Kincade Kincheloe continued his strong support role with nine points, and Kyler Landa came off the bench and added eight points.

Collier Williams scored seven points for the Class 4A Tigers.

Thursday: Homedale 73, Skyview 68 — The Trojans expanded its lead in the second quarter for a 34-25 advantage at the break then held off the Hawks in a high-scoring second half.

"Skyview is a very tough opponent. They play to a very similar style that we do," Grove said. "They are short like us and like to run and spread the floor and use their quickness to their

advantage.

"We stuck with our game plan and it paid off."

Kincheloe put down eight of 10 free throws to score a co-team-high 16 points; he also had eight rebounds. Benny Schamber, who was 6-for-10 from the floor, scored 16 points to go with a team-high nine boards.

Kincheloe's three-point goal with 2 minutes, 24 seconds left in the first quarter completed Homedale's comeback, and Lowder's trey with 52 seconds remaining gave the Trojans a 20-18 advantage.

"Benny and Kincade came in and played the best game of both of their lives," Grove said. "Benny was on fire the first half and Kincade picked up the slack the second half. Kincade was very aggressive offensively."

Lowder scored 13 points, and Connor Carter had 11, while fellow starter Miguel Montejano dished nine assists.

Holton Hyde and Trent Emerson scored 14 points each for Skyview.

Balanced, accurate HHS girls capture conference opener

Homedale High School's shooters went on a hot streak in the first half of their 3A Snake River Valley conference girls' basketball opener Thursday.

The Trojans never trailed in a 62-14 destruction of visiting Payette, hitting 51 percent of their shots (28-for-54) in the game after opening on a 55 percent clip (16-for-29).

Homedale (8-2 overall, 1-0 in conference) received balanced offensive output and outscored the Pirates, 10-0, over the final eight minutes.

Elise Sherk led all scorers with 11 points, and teammate Michelle Castro returned from a concussion to score eight points on 4-for-5 shooting. She hit all four of the shots she took from inside the three-point line.

Tristan Corta scored nine points and came up with eight steals.

Hattie Mertz added eight points and six rebounds, and Morgan Nash put in seven points.

The Trojans' season scoring leader, Tory Lane, only took one shot and scored her only points from the free-throw line. She had a team-high seven rebounds, all on Payette's end of the floor.

The Pirates (0-1, 1-8) got four points apiece from Robyn King and Jordan Parke.

Homedale's non-conference game in Nyssa, Ore., was cancelled after a scheduling mix-up. Trojans coach Joe Betancourt said the Homedale squad bussed to the game and some parents also made the trip only to find out that the home team was running on the impression that the games were to start three hours later than Homedale had scheduled them.

There are no plans to make up the game, Betancourt said.

✓ Wrestlers: Five others collect medals

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championship.

- Devon Schoonover had what

his coach called a "nice debut as a Trojan," winning the 145-pound championship with three decisive outcomes, including an 8-0 decision, a pin in 2 minutes, 28 seconds and a 17-5 major decision.

- Colton Grimm picked up two first-round pins (one in 27 seconds) to win the title at 195.
- Andrew Randall (132) and John

Collett (160) went 2-1 to finish as runners-up in their divisions.

Kiefer Cooper rallied for third place at 170.

Shane Keller (145) and Jacob Furlott (126) finished fourth.

Coty Ford, who went 2-2 at 145, Cobey Christoffersen (126), David Villanueva (160) and Megan Houser (182) also saw action for Homedale.

Homedale Boosters begin crab feed preparations

Organizers are getting ready for the third annual Homedale Booster Club crab feed, which will include a raffle and silent auction.

Donations for raffle and auction items are being accepted. Homedale student-athletes will


begin selling event tickets after they return from the Christmas break.

Tickets cost \$45 each, or a table for eight people is available for \$400.


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Athlete of the Week

Kincade Kincheloe, sr., boys' basketball

The Play — Kincheloe averaged 10 points per game in the Trojans' successful stay at the Today's Dentistry Elite Eight Invitational in Nampa. He hit a go-ahead three-pointer, knocked down eight of 10 free throws and shared the team lead with 16 points in Thursday's big 73-68 victory over reigning champion Skyview. He added nine points Friday when Homedale blew out Ontario, Ore., to reach the championship game.

Boys' basketball

Varsity
Saturday, Jan. 3, home vs. Baker, Ore., 4 p.m.

Junior varsity
Saturday, Jan. 3, home vs. Baker, Ore., 2:30 p.m.

Frosh-soph
Saturday, Jan. 3, home vs. Baker, Ore., 1 p.m.

Girls' basketball


Varsity
Saturday, Jan. 3 at Emmett, 7:30 p.m.

Junior varsity
Saturday, Jan. 3 at Emmett, 6 p.m.


Frosh-soph
Saturday, Jan. 3 at Emmett, 4:30 p.m.

Wrestling


Saturday, Jan. 10 at Skyview Duals, Nampa, 8 a.m.




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Sports

Narrow win ends Marsing boys' skid

Reserves rescued Marsing High School's first boys' basketball victory of the season Friday night.

Hayden Dines, Nick Lankow and Jose Gutierrez came in off the bench to suppress North Star Charter's chances as Marsing pulled out a 54-53 victory in 2A Western Idaho Conference action.

With North Star dominating the glass on its end, Marsing trailed by nine points with three minutes left in the third quarter in Eagle when the trio entered the game.

"(Dines, Lankow and Gutierrez) came in off the bench and played smart and hard, blocking out and helping us limit North Star to one shot," MHS coach Tim Little said.

"I don't believe those three left the floor much the rest of the game."

Dakota Hardy's three-point goal with 80 seconds left in the game completed Marsing's comeback and put the visitors ahead for good.

Marsing (1-5 overall, 1-1 in 2A WIC after Saturday's 48-30 loss to Parma) handed North Star its first conference loss in snapping a season-opening four-game skid.

Rodrigo Acuna was Marsing's leading scorer with 16 points. He also had five assists.

"We had a balanced scoring night," Little said.

Jose Ponce scored 12 points, and Lankow put in 10. Jose Gutierrez scored nine points and grabbed six defensive rebounds (eight total) to lead the Marsing bench players, who combined for



Garret Briggs sprints in for a layup against New Plymouth. Photo by Dan Pease

20 points.

Saturday: Parma 48, Marsing 30 — The Huskies were unable to get untracked after the Panthers opened the non-conference game on a 17-7 run.

Dakota Hardy nailed a three-pointer as part of his team-high six points for Marsing. Teammate Rodrigo Acuna scored five points, while Billy Bowers, Seth Hardy

and Jose Ponce scored four apiece.

Tanner Kramer led all scorers with 14 points for host Parma, which will welcome Marsing back into its gymnasium next week for a holiday tournament.

Dec. 16: New Plymouth 43, Marsing 40 — The Huskies erased a nine-point halftime deficit to take the lead in the fourth quarter that they couldn't hold on.

The visiting Pilgrims used an 8-3 run to close out the game in both teams' conference opener.

"We are still working through some growing pains, trying to teach the kids to play with more intensity and mental discipline and concentration," Little said.

The Huskies inched ahead, 37-35, after starting the second half on an 18-7 tear.

Jose Ponce hit two three-point goals and finished with a game-high 18 points for Marsing. He also had five rebounds and went 6-for-9 from the foul line.

Rodrigo Acuna grabbed nine rebounds, including eight defensive boards as Marsing owned a 26-14 edge on New Plymouth's glass. The junior guard scored six points.

Six of Nick Lankow's eight rebounds were on the Pilgrims' end of the court as well.

Dakota Hardy hit Marsing's other two three-pointers for the bulk of his eight points.

Marsing committed only 10 turnovers.

Tyler Powell scored 14 points for New Plymouth, which won a first-quarter shootout, 19-15.



Marsing's Shannon Clover drives the baseline in an attempt to get around a Melba defender. Photo by Dan Pease

MHS cruises past Melba

Girls stay two games behind unbeaten CV

Marsing High School scored half its points in the third quarter Saturday to even its 2A Western Idaho Conference record in girls' basketball

Shannon Clover had five three-point goals as part of her season-high 27 points, and the Huskies beat visiting Melba, 46-33.

Coach Jaime Wood's squad (6-3 overall, 2-2 in conference) scored 23 points to open the second half and build a 20-point lead after three quarters. The advantage grew to 22 points early in the fourth quarter — the same number of points Marsing scored off turnovers.

Shelby Dines scored eight points and grabbed nine rebounds, while freshman guard Emerson

Sauer chipped in five points and two assists.

Another freshman, Mackenzie Farrens, had six rebounds.

Thursday: Cole Valley Christian 42, Marsing 31 — The conference leaders held the Huskies to two points in the second quarter and pulled away in the fourth quarter in Marsing.


Madison Holly led all scorers with 20 points for the Chargers.

Marsing managed just 34 shots in 32 minutes with Clover connecting on three of nine attempts for 11 points. She scored the Huskies' only three-point goals, hitting a pair.

Dines scored eight points.

The Huskies collected just five offensive rebounds and 16 overall. Destiny Reynolds had a team-high five boards.

Cole Valley took only 24 shots, knocking 13, including two three-pointers.



MARSING HUSKIES

Athlete of the Week

Dakota Hardy, so., boys' basketball

The Play — The 5-foot-9 Hardy knocked in the go-ahead three-pointer Friday when Marsing edged North Star Charter for its first victory of the season. Hardy had four three-pointers in three games last week, averaging 6.3 points per game, including eight against New Plymouth.

Boys' basketball
Varsity
Parma Holiday Invitational
Monday, Dec. 29 vs. Soda Springs, Laca Gym, 6:30 p.m.
If win Monday: Tuesday, Dec. 30 vs. Elgin-Parma winner, Parma H.S. gym, 2:30 p.m.
If lose Monday: Tuesday, Dec. 30 vs. Elgin-Parma loser, Laca Gym, 2:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 31, opponent, time, location TBA

Junior varsity A
Friday, Jan. 2, home vs. Liberty Charter, 6 p.m.

Junior varsity B
Friday, Jan. 2, home vs. Liberty Charter, 4:45 p.m.

Girls' basketball
Varsity
Parma Holiday Invitational
Monday, Dec. 29 vs. Emmett, Parma H.S. gym, 2 p.m.
If win Monday: Tuesday, Dec. 30 vs. Caldwell-Payette winner, Parma H.S. gym, 10 a.m.
If lose Monday: Tuesday, Dec. 30 vs. Caldwell-Payette loser, Laca Gym, 10 a.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 31, opponent, time, location TBA

Junior varsity
Saturday, Jan. 3, home vs. Vale, Ore., 1 p.m.

Wrestling
Friday, Jan. 2 at Rollie Lane Invitational, Ford Idaho Center, Nampa, 11 a.m.
Saturday, Jan. 3 at Rollie Lane Invitational, Ford Idaho Center, Nampa, 9 a.m.



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Sports

Mustangs girls finish fifth in Union Booster Classic

Jordan Valley High School completed a busy week of girls' basketball with a fifth-place finish in a tournament Saturday.

The Mustangs (4-3 overall) rallied from an opening-round loss to the host team and eventual champion on Thursday in the Union Booster Club Classic in

Union, Ore.

Saturday: Jordan Valley 49, Monument/Dayville 25 — In the battle for fifth place, the Mustangs shut out their 1A High Desert League rivals in the first quarter and held a 34-5 lead at the break.

Andi Warn and Alisha Rogers

scored 14 points each for Jordan Valley, while Morgan Caywood hit a three-point goal as part of her seven points.

Friday: Jordan Valley 56, Prairie City 43 — Warn poured in 26 points to help the Mustangs snap a two-game losing streak.

Rogers nailed a pair of three-

point goals and scored all eight of her points in the first half.

Thursday: Union 71, Jordan Valley 44 — The unbeaten Class 2A Bobcats (8-0) kicked off a run to the championship with a lopsided victory over the Mustangs.

Boys finish fifth, too — According to the Oregon

School Activities Association website, host squad Union beat Jordan Valley, 54-42, on Thursday before the Mustangs rallied for wins over Prairie City (44-30) and Harper/Huntington (56-28) to finish fifth in the Union Booster Club Classic.

Jordan Valley is now 4-2.

Three Antelopes medal at Emmett tournament

Runner-up Drake Marquez led three Adrian High School medalists at the Emmett Holiday Tournament on Saturday.

Marquez (4-3) lost by technical fall to Emmett's Paden Bailey, 16-1, in the 170-pound championship match. He reached the final by pinning Sergio Islas of Timberline in 1 minute, 45 seconds.

Luke Campbell (3-5) placed fourth at 160 after Kuna's Jacob Taylor pinned him. Campbell had pinned Taylor in the quarterfinals.

Bryson Shira pinned Bishop Kelly's Zach Borders for the fifth-place medal at 152 pounds. Borders fell in 58 seconds.

Marcus Furtado went 1-2 at 98 pounds. He pinned Kolin Clark of Kuna in their opening match.

German exchange student Florian Nieder won the junior varsity 285 title. Nieder (7-1) pinned Parma's

Brian Jackson (:09) and Weiser's Gustavo Molina (1:46).

Dec. 16: Tri-meet vs. Homedale, Marsing — Furtado battled Homedale 106-pounder Anthony Beckman before pulling off a pinfall with 17 seconds left.

Nieder pinned Homedale's Christian Sanchez in nine seconds.

Other Adrian-HHS results:

- Shane Keller beating Shira with a pin at 3:37 at 152.
- John Collett pinning Campbell in 1:13 at 160.
- Shira (152) pinned Jaden Kinney to highligh four Adrian wins against Marsing:
- Campbell (160) pinned Oscar Gonzalez in 1:55.
- At 170, Marquez pinned Seth Black and Jesus Duran.
- Nieder pinned Seth Ramirez (:41).

Championship clipping



Players shear Paul Shenk's shaggy locks

In basketball, championship teams cut down the nets.

In Adrian, high school football players clipped their coach's silvery hair and beard.

Paul Shenk began growing his hair out in August, vowing not to cut it until the Antelopes won a 1A Oregon state title.

By November, Shenk looked like a mountain man, more suitable as an extra on Grizzly Adams than roaming the sidelines.

Players helped Shenk shed his long locks and shaggy beard during a Dec. 15 awards banquet.



Top: Senior Jett McCoy lifts Shenk's hair to take a healthy cut. Enjoying the show are, from left, are Kenny Purnell, Chase Walker, Tyler Reay, Morgan White and Pedro Santiago. **Above:** Reay, left, and Santiago, right, put the finishing touches on Shenk's makeover. Submitted photos

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25 years ago

December 27, 1989

Nita Lowry writes book on ranch at Juniper Mountain

The Last of the Juniper Mountain Homesteaders rolled off the presses of The Owyhee Publishing Co. in Homedale less than three weeks ago.

The slender, 66-page volume traces the backgrounds, lives and times of Ernest and Helen Fenwick, who homesteaded a 640-acre ranch in the rugged canyon area of the Middle Fork of the Owyhee River along the Idaho-Oregon border in the early 1930s. Penned by Nita Lowry, a Jordan Valley rancher, it contains photographs and humorous stories about the Fenwicks and their colorful ranching friends and neighbors in the Juniper Mountain region. Helen Fenwick died in 1972, her husband, ”the last of the Juniper Mountain Homesteaders,” died in 1986.

Oldtimers in Owyhee County will find familiar names mentioned throughout the booklet — like the Skinners, Lovelands, Mahers, Paynes, Dougals, Rosses, Isaacs, Sheas and numerous others.

Homedale man is in Panama

At least one Homedale man, Army Pfc. Adam W. Edmiston, 20, is known to be in Panama, where the U.S. began military operations on Dec. 20 to depose the county’s military dictator, General Manuel Noriega, and restore democracy to the country.

Adam’s mother, Alice Edmiston, reported Sunday that he had called home briefly that morning to tell his family he “was just fine and he had seen some action. He was out someplace in the field,” and he couldn’t talk for long, due to a long line of other men waiting their turns to telephone their families in the U.S., Alice explained. Adam’s Christmas call was routed through Mountain Home AFB.

Marsing students runners-up in contest

Two Marsing Middle School students, Blaine Bowers and Mary Campbell, were named runners-up in a recent “Sports Legends” contest sponsored by Sports Illustrated for Kids, a unit of Time Magazine’s publishing complex in New York.

The two received Pepsi-Cola Frisbees from the magazine and other participants, all in Ronald Hutter’s class, received book covers. A fifth-grader from New York City’s Bronx, won the grand prize, a visit to his school by Hank Aaron.

Circle K store part of sale

Connie Gollither, manager of the Circle K in Homedale, confirmed Thursday that the local outlet is included in an impending sale of 350 Circle K stores in the Pacific Northwest to a Canadian company, PC Ventures Ltd., of Calgary.

The Idaho Statesman in Boise reported on Dec. 20 that the Circle K parent company plans to complete the sale by March 31, 1990, if its board of directors approves.

Murphy plans centennial event

Murphy Postmaster Loretta McDaniel has invited the public to a ceremony in Murphy on Monday, Jan. 8, to celebrate the second day cancellation of the Owyhee County Centennial Cancellation Logo.

McDaniel explained that on Jan. 8, each county in Idaho, will be allowed to employ its own special postmark symbol to cancel postage on mail for that day only. The event in each county is timed to take place two days after the Idaho commemorative centennial stamp, honoring the 100th anniversary of its statehood, is unveiled by U.S. postal authorities in Boise, she said.

The special ceremony in Murphy will be held at the Owyhee County Historical Museum on Basey Street between 11 a.m. and noon. McDaniel added that county residents who desire stamps bearing the county’s centennial postmark cancellation logo, and who cannot travel to Murphy themselves, may make arrangements in advance to have their letters cancelled with the county’s logo.

50 years ago

December 24, 1964

Jaycees install trash barrels along Homedale streets

Seven trash barrels were installed this week by the Homedale Jaycees along Idaho Avenue and on Main Street.

The barrels were attractively painted white with the words “Jaycees” “Keep Homedale Clean” stenciled in green. More barrels will be installed later, according to Ted Chadez, club reporter.

The orange sale has been completed with some oranges left over from the drive being purchased by Sid Tucker of the nursing home.

Larry Novak, state director, said \$50 of the orange sale proceeds will be used to buy candy and articles to put in the Kiwanis-sponsored Christmas baskets for needy families.

The Jaycees contributed to the John Fisher benefit fund from money raised in the orange sale. Fisher is a former Jaycee, when the club was active here.

A skating rink is planned, across the street from the bowling alley, if cold weather prevails. The city and senior Chamber will participate in the project, with the city crew scooping out the rink and the Chamber supplying plastic.

Christmas lights to be judged Sunday evening

Christmas lights will be judged Sunday evening following Christmas, it was reported at the Chamber of Commerce meeting held Tuesday noon at El Gavilan.

Kenneth Downing, Chamber secretary, urged that everyone wishing to enter the contest for prizes totaling \$60, phone one of the committee members in charge, Frank Matteson or Jim Duncan. Contestants should have their lights turned on Sunday evening so the judges can make their decision.

Rebekahs will serve the annual Chamber of Commerce banquet to be held January 23. Homer Anderson and Leonard Flahiff are arranging the program to be announced later. A feature of the banquet is the naming of the Outstanding Young Farmer of the Year.

County men meet at Murphy

Mayor Orville Soper, City Clerk Kenneth Downing and Manford Logan were among a group of 25 county men who met at Murphy Monday to discuss legislative re-apportionment.

State Representative Alvin Benson, Wilson, and Senator-Elect Walter Yarbrough, Grand View, were present, as well as members of the Owyhee County board of commissioners.

A resolution against re-apportionment will be sent to each Idaho legislator and to the Idaho Municipal League, Mayor Soper said.

Fire dept. news

The Homedale volunteer fire department was called Friday morning at 2 a.m. to the home of William Friedrichsmeier, east of the Snake River bridge, where a garage had caught fire.

Fire Chief John Matteson reported that the car that was in the garage was completely destroyed, as was the garage itself and the canned food and other articles stored in the garage.

The telephone wires above the garage were also burnt and had to be replaced. Possible cause of the fire was a short in the vehicle wiring, the chief said.

Homedale locals

Glenn Nichols, a sophomore at the U of I, Moscow, arrived this weekend to spend the Christmas break with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wade Nichols.

Tony Wolff, a senior at the University of Idaho, Moscow, returned home Friday evening, to spend the Christmas holidays with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. George Wolff. Kathy Baxter of Buhl, who also attends the U of I, accompanied him.

140 years ago

December 26, 1874

STAGE ACCIDENT. Dec. 21, 1874. Editor Avalanche: This is written from the big hill above Wagontown, where we are camped in the brush, with a good fire and in good spirits.

The stage on which we took our departure from Silver this morning broke down some three or four miles from Wagontown, on a dead level, going at the regular rate of speed. The front axle broke short off at the wheel and let us down nicely. Joe Tuttle, the driver, landed under the wheels of the off wheeler, and Mr. Morey — who was on the outside — ten feet beyond him.

All inside were jammed and bruised. Mrs. Donaldson is rather severely, though not badly, cut about the shoulder and face. Mr. and Mrs. Adams and child and myself and son are all right.

The off wheeler, one of the Jacobs horses, broke the ring of the singletree, got loose and started to run. Tuttle held on like grim death, and the team dragged him and the coach fifty yards from where the axle broke. But for Tuttle’s coolness, not many of us would have got off alive — he is grit, sure. Providence may have helped us, but Joe Tuttle did the work. He started at once for help, met two wagons on the road, and we are now loading to go on again, having been delayed about two hours. Truly yours, T. D.

CENTENNIAL MEDAL. As the representative of Owyhee County in the Centennial Board of Managers for Idaho Territory, we have received and now have for sale a quantity of silver medals in commemoration of the hundredth anniversary of American Independence. This medal is issued by authority of Congress, and prepared from an original and elaborate design. It is of the size of the American dollar, beautifully finished, and no one should fail to secure so fitting and lasting a memorial of the great event to be celebrated in 1876. They are sold for \$3 each and the proceeds go to the Centennial Bureau of Revenue. As a Christmas present, or a New Year’s gift to a friend, nothing could be more appropriate. For sale at the Avalanche office.

DIVORCE BILL. Hon. Henry Martin, of this county, has introduced a bill into the Council to dissolve the bonds of matrimony existing between Richard J. Whittaker and Eliza J. Whittaker. The bill was read a first and second time and referred to the Judiciary Committee. Mrs. Whittaker went over to the Capital by this morning’s stage.

SOUTH MOUNTAIN BULLION. V. Marshall last Friday delivered at the Winnemucca depot 22,000 pounds of bullion from South Mountain. It was consigned to Sisson, Wallace & Co., the well known and responsible firm for forwarders and commission merchants at that place.

HE WHO DOES NOT subscribe for and read the Avalanche, especially the Daily, is a fool among wise men; he is a desert in the midst of vine-clad hills and running rivers; he is a dismal swamp in a land of flowers; he is a fly leaf in the book of knowledge; a blind man grasping his way in clear sunlight; a bat, who loves darkness rather than light. He who is not guilty of the Athenian hunger for something new, the eager appetite for the ‘very latest,’ is nearly twenty centuries behind the times, and can have no part nor lot in the great events of this progressive age.

IMPORTANT NEWS. (Special to the Daily Avalanche.) It is reported here that a new mining company is being organized in San Francisco to erect other large smelting works in this camp. Owners of mining claims here are working vigorously in order to have their claims open and ready for the market by the time the new company wishes to purchase.

The claim of the Union Consolidated for the old Atchinson ground, 225 feet, was allowed last week by the Ophir Company. This fixes the extent of the claims as follows: Ophir, 675 feet divided into 100,800 shares; Mexican 600 feet, 1,800 shares; Union Consolidated, 825 feet, 20,000 shares.

Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM

On the edge of common sense Inventors



I ran into a mental inventor a while back, and it put me to thinkin’. You know the kinda person I’m talkin’ about: The ones that get the ideas that years later someone else makes money on.

Take for instance, that fellow who rolled the first stogie and smoked it. Chances are he tried several kinds of flammable organic herbage before he discovered tobacco. Buffalo chips mighta burned too slow, or smokin’ that ol’ dry Coastal Bermuda coulda led to a serious case of chapped lips. When you think about it, a feller’d looked pretty stupid suckin’ on a dried possum tail. I expect in the end he was canned, divorced and banished from the tribe.

I always thought I’d like to meet the guy who came home from work one day and said, “Martha, it occurs to me it would be more convenient if we moved the outdoor john inside the house.”

Now, necessity is not always the mother of invention. Hula hoops, fender skirts, square headlights, peacock feathers, horse legs, AMTRAK and digital watches that take two hands to tell time; those things that appear only to satisfy fashionable, political or heavenly whims. But, somebody with an imagination had to come up with these brainstorm. Mental inventors are not restricted in their thinking by such mundane considerations as practicality, purpose, cost or other people’s opinions.

I’m sure the percentage of successes is small, but if you’ve got a large volume of ideas the bad ones will be culled out before any harm is done. The only exception to this I can readily think of is the United States Congress. But, for the most part, free thinkers are good for us.

So the next time one of these mental inventors suggests we cover West Texas with pie melons and harvest the oil, I’m gonna listen up. It might go the way of oyster shell supplement and comfrey, but then again it might be as handy as a pocket on a shirt.

See, somebody had to think up the idea that people would be crazy enough to play the cattle futures before they actually put it on the board and proved it.

—Visit Baxter’s Web site at www.baxterblack.com for more features and to purchase Baxter Black merchandise, including his newest release, “Cave Wall Graffiti from a Neanderthal Cowboy,” other books and DVDs.

Letter to the editor Avalanche advertiser earns customer’s praise

I called one of your advertisers, Clint Kimball of A-OK Contractors Tree Trimming, for some backhoe service. I had waited two years to acquire a backhoe. Clint Kimball was very accommodating.

I’m a 93-year-old World War II veteran. He completed my work and settled for a figure I could afford. I’m real pleased with the work and the business transaction.

Garfield Shults
Homedale

Jon P. Brown, managing editor

Eyes on Owyhee Heart of Owyhees shines bright



Many people come to Owyhee County to clear their heads from all the pressures of everyday life, especially stress at work.

In the past few weeks, I’ve had the pleasure of working in Owyhee County to clear out the emotional inversion caused by bad headlines strewn across the media.

There has been entirely too much negative energy buzzing around media airwaves in the days leading up to Christmas from deadly incidents involving law enforcement officers and the public to mass homicide to the continuing unrest in the Middle East.

But — with apologies to Quicksilver Messenger Service — the folks in Owyhee County have provided a hit of fresh air this month.

Of course, it’s December. It’s a time when people are expected to be of good cheer and to be on the lookout for the welfare of fellow man.

But Owyhee County folks seem to kick it up a notch after Thanksgiving.

It’s sort of like an emotional workout to get rid of all the bad news of the year and reset the psyche in time for another turn of the calendar and whatever hardships and victories lie ahead.

The goodwill toward man acts aren’t unique to Owyhee County, of course, but there is certainly a special flavor to the good deeds carried out, not only during this time of year but throughout the year whenever people are in need.

Maybe the spotlight from atop the Christmas tree just shines a little brighter nowadays as opposed to February during the community auction season or any other time of year when scheduled and impromptu benefit events crop

up across the landscape.

No matter. The light that shines is only magnified and cast countywide by the prism of those folks who step up to help out.

There are myriad activities through which everyone can give back:

- **Shop with a Cop** — Officials from Homedale Police, Owyhee County Sheriff and the sheriff’s Posse teamed up to make Christmas brighter for six children from throughout the county. While the authorities get to have all the fun taking the kids shopping in Nampa on the first Saturday each December, the public can help out by contacting either law enforcement agency to donate to the 2015 cause.
- **Giving Tree and Hands Around Homedale and the Wish Tree** — Volunteers in both Marsing and Homedale put tags on trees each year, and each year the community goes to work to make sure that needy families have a bountiful Christmas both under the tree and on the dinner table. Regardless of how long either effort has been going on, it’s a noble cause that everyone should strive to be a part of.
- **Owyhee Health and Rehabilitation gift drive** — The annual effort to brighten Christmas for the Homedale care facility’s residents saw another spectacular turnout this year.

The Last Chance Saloon’s auction raised enough money to enable about \$120 in gifts for each resident this year. That’s an increase of more than 20 percent over the per-resident allowance in 2013.

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Vision and Values Charles Dickens contemplates a deeper meaning of the Christmas tree

by Gary L. Welton

For fun Christmas reading this season, I highly recommend John Grisham’s “Skipping Christmas,” or Maeve Binchy’s “This Year It Will Be Different.” For a more thought-provoking read, however, I suggest Charles Dickens’ short story, “A Christmas Tree.”

I have often contended that Dickens is at his greatest when he is brief. Although I have enjoyed some of his long tomes, my favorites are of moderate length: “A Tale of Two Cities,” “Great Expectations,” and “Hard Times.” His most famous work is, of course, the shorter “A Christmas Carol.” While “A Christmas Tree” runs only 20 pages, I have contemplated it repeatedly since I first read it many years ago.

On goodreads.com, this short story earns a rating of only 2.7 on a five-point scale, reflecting the reality that the story is more thought-provoking, rather than enjoyable. But, because I wish you and yours a Blessed Christmas, rather than just a “Merry Christmas,” I encourage you to read this story and to consider what meaning a Christmas tree might have for us.

“A Christmas Tree” was published in 1850 at a time when the Christmas tree tradition was strong in Germany, but not yet the fad that it has become in the 21st century. Dickens was showing some English readers a first look at this Christmas tradition.

He begins by describing the glittery bright ornaments of a particular tree: dolls, clocks, figurines, instruments, jewels, weapons, fruit, candy, and masks. He then reminds his reader of the spiritual images on the tree, including



angels, shepherds, and stars. He also tells us that the Christmas tree points us to the Christian cross.

But in a strange twist (and one that the reviewers on goodreads.com fail to understand), he then switches to ghost stories. His children on Christmas Eve have difficulty sleeping, and they dream of haunted and mysterious stories of drama and death that defy our human imagination, stories that force us to consider diverse supernatural mysteries.

Lastly, as the story draws to a close, Dickens’ eyes move to the top of the tree, and he describes the most incomprehensible mystery of all: the star.

The bright star that sits atop the tree reminds us of the natal star that rested above the stable. The mystery of the incarnation, God the Son, taking on human essence, is more mysterious than any ghost story Dickens can imagine. Dickens’ tree turns the child’s heart to the figure of Christ, and encourages trust and confidence.

Many Christians complain about the secularization of Christmas, and rightly so. Yet, it is worth considering the Christmas tree, and allowing it to point us to the mystery of the ages. From the closing words of the story, “This, in commemoration of the law of love and kindness, mercy and compassion. This, in remembrance of Me!”

I suggest, after you have put up your decorations and prepared your mulled cider, that you read Dickens’ “A Christmas Tree,” and allow this sacred writing to draw your heart and mind to remember and contemplate the mystery of all mysteries, the mystery of the ages.

— Dr. Gary L. Welton is assistant dean for institutional assessment, professor of psychology at Grove City College, and a contributor to The Center for Vision & Values. He is a recipient of a major research grant from the Templeton Foundation to investigate positive youth development.

Commentary

Financial management Child's Christmas theft can be a teaching moment

Dear Dave,

I gave my wife \$350 for Christmas shopping at Walmart. While she was there with our 6-year-old daughter, she cashed her bonus check to put with the Christmas money. When she tried to check out, the money was gone. My wife even asked our daughter if she took the money out of mommy's purse, and she said no. Later, we found the money in our daughter's coat, and she didn't seem sorry at all for having taken it. How should we address this?

— Jonathan

Dear Jonathan,

Most children that age really have no idea something like this is such a big deal. But this is more than just a money thing. It's something of great value, and it's someone else's stuff. Not only that, but she took it, lied about it and then showed no remorse. I've got a really short fuse when it comes to lying, but the lack of repentance and sorrow associated

with something like this are my biggest problems.

First of all, you and your wife have to present a united front when you talk about this with your child. This is an incredible example of a teachable moment, but you two *have* to be on the same side and treat it with appropriate seriousness. You have to make your daughter understand that what she did was wrong and *why* it was wrong. Perhaps you could also use an example of someone taking something from her — something that was very valuable to her — and ask how she would feel in that situation.

Lots of times this approach, especially with little kids, will touch their hearts and help them realize the magnitude of their actions. In a case like this, I think I'd hand out very little in the way of punishment. Regardless, you have to nip this kind of thing in the bud immediately. This is the kind of violation you cannot allow to happen unaddressed. And whatever the consequences of her



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actions end up being, you must make sure she clearly understands *why* she's being punished and *why* what she did was wrong.

— Dave

Dear Dave,

My husband and I both lost our jobs over a month ago. I've been interviewing, and he started a two-week training program for a new

job the other day, but right now we're in survival mode. We just cashed in an annuity, and were wondering if we should pay down debt and reduce the money going out each month, or just live on it?

— Veronica

Dear Veronica,

Right now, it's raining and you need an umbrella. If it were me, I'd just sit on the money for the time being.

Don't misunderstand me. You need to be honorable and pay your debts, but you may have to put that on hold for a while. Right now, it's more important to have food in the house and keep the heat on. This kind of situation is scary and can be really stressful, so make sure you hug and hold on to each other a lot, too.

It's been rough for you guys, especially right here during the holidays. But it sounds like things may be taking a turn for the better. Your husband is about to start making money again, and you

may have some possibilities on the horizon.

Through this stretch, honest communication can make a huge difference. Make sure your creditors know what's happening. Let them know that you want to make things right, and that you *will* make things right as soon as you can.

God bless you guys!

— Dave

— Dave Ramsey has authored five New York Times best-selling books: Financial Peace, More Than Enough, The Total Money Makeover, EntreLeadership and Smart Money Smart Kids. His newest best-seller, Smart Money Smart Kids, was written with his daughter Rachel Cruze, and recently debuted at No. 1. Dave's next book, The Legacy Journey, is now available. The Dave Ramsey Show is heard by more than 8 million listeners each week on more than 500 radio stations. Follow Dave on Twitter at @DaveRamsey and on the Web at daveramsey.com.

✓ Heart: Numerous heart-warming events help less fortunate

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The Last Chance event packed in about 100 people, and 42 folks placed bids on the auction items during a festive and fruitful Saturday night in downtown Homedale.

In the Giving Tree, Wish Tree and OHR gift drive, people put in long hours to make sure Christmas is a time of joy and great memories for folks who may be less fortunate or away from their families during the holidays.

There are several other examples of selfless acts aimed to warm the heart and, in some literal cases, the people struggling through the holidays.

The Pruett Tire Factory Coats for Families effort helps local organizations provide warm clothing for children and adults during the winter months, and — at least in the case of Homedale Elementary School — whenever a child shows up at school dressed inappropriately for harsh temperatures.

Free community dinners, such as those held both Thanksgiving and Christmas in Grand View and the week before Thanksgiving in Marsing, go a long way toward building community camaraderie and togetherness.

After casting a weary eye on some of the goings-on elsewhere in the country, it makes you wonder if we shouldn't perhaps have more such gatherings to try to solve some problems rather than perpetuate the difficulties.

Here's wishing you a joyous Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.

Letters to the editor

All letters to the editor submitted to The Owyhee Avalanche must be no longer than 300 words, signed and include the writer's address and daytime phone number.

The deadline for submitting letters is noon on Friday. Letters can be submitted in these ways:

- E-mailed to jon@owyheeavalanche.com
- Faxed to (208) 337-4867
- Mailed to P.O. Box 97, Homedale ID, 83628
- Dropped off at the Avalanche office at 19 E. Idaho Ave., in Homedale

For more information, call (208) 337-4681.

Sen. Mike Crapo

From Washington Work must continue to ensure veterans care is a priority



Over the past few months, I have written about efforts to seek input from Idaho veterans about their experiences with veterans' services. On Veterans Day, I released the results of my Fall 2014 Veterans Survey. The survey results are guiding my efforts on behalf of Idaho's veterans and are being shared with officials in Washington, D.C., and with the VA to help push meaningful policy changes.

More than 1,000 Idahoans from the veterans community participated in the survey. More than 80 percent of survey participants took the time to provide additional, optional information about specific experiences with the VA. The results of the Fall 2014 Veterans Survey are available on my official website at www.crapo.senate.gov. The following are some of the major findings from the survey:

- Approximately 51 percent of participants rated their experiences with the VA as "satisfying" or better.
- Around 30 percent of participants rated their experiences as "dissatisfying" or worse.
- Twenty-five percent of survey respondents expressed interest in assistance with an ongoing issue with the VA.
- Most of the participants' statements reflect the participants' experiences with VA timeliness and/or communication with the VA.
- Direct, open communication with veterans and their caregivers is critical in increasing veterans' faith in the VA.

I asked Idahoans for their feedback to gain a better understanding of where to focus VA reform efforts following the reports of veterans having difficulty accessing care. I met with veterans and veterans' advocacy groups throughout the state and asked Idahoans to share their unique perspectives on the VA. Simply giving the VA more money is not an appropriate way to address the VA's problems. The VA needs targeted, meaningful reforms that allow it to use its existing resources to better serve the needs of veterans. Surveys of the satisfied veterans

help identify best practices that may be applied in other areas. The surveys of dissatisfied veterans identify areas of concern that should be addressed with the VA. This includes a review of resource utilization in circumstances that are less than satisfying for Idaho's veterans.

While it is promising to hear that many are happy with the VA, work must continue to address the concerns of the large number of people who are not. Veterans' willingness to share their stories is greatly appreciated. I will continue communication with VA leaders to ensure they understand the experiences of Idaho's veterans and act appropriately to meet their needs. There are some hardworking VA staff who strive to fulfill the VA's mission "To fulfill President Lincoln's promise 'To care for him who shall have borne the battle, and for his widow, and his orphan' by serving and honoring the men and women who are America's veterans." There are some individuals who need to be reminded of their mission.

Moving forward, I encourage all Idahoans to contact any of my offices for assistance with federal agencies when needed. I will continue to monitor implementation of the Veterans Access, Choice, and Accountability Act. Ensuring that Idahoans are able to participate in the new Veterans Choice Program without experiencing significant delays when they are eligible is a priority. Additionally, I am leading an effort to create a working group aimed at improving Idaho veterans' experiences with the VA. Further, I plan to re-survey veterans in 2015 to see if the VA is making progress with all of the veterans it serves.

Thank you to all those who are assisting with this effort. Together, we help ensure that veterans policy best supports these extraordinary individuals who put their lives on the line to safeguard our freedoms.

— Republican Mike Crapo is Idaho's senior member of the U.S. Senate.

Public notices

NOTICE
The annual meeting of the Bruneau Buckaroo Ditch Company will be held at the Bruneau Legion Hall on Monday, January 5, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.
Chris Alzola, Secretary 208-587-2789
12/24/14

NOTICE
The annual meeting of the Hot Springs Ditch Company will be held at the Jack’s Creek Idaho Power office on Friday, January 9, 2015 at 1:00 p.m.
Chris Alzola, Secretary 208-587-2789
12/24/14

NOTICE
The annual meeting of the South Side Bruneau Canal Co. will be held at the Jack’s Creek Idaho Power office, on Friday, January 9, 2015 at 3:00 p.m.
Chris Alzola, Secretary 208-587-2789
12/24/14

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
CASE NO. CV2014-354M
IN THE DISTRICT COURT
OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT OF
THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN
AND FOR THE COUNTY OF
OWYHEE
MAGISTRATE DIVISION**
In the Matter of the Estate of **L. LONNIE GODLEVSKY**, Deceased.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that JUANITA F. GODLEVSKY has been appointed Personal Representative of the above-named estate. All persons having claims against the said deceased are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must both be presented to the Personal Representative of the estate, at the law offices of WHITE PETERSON GIGRAY & NICHOLS, P.A., 5700 East Franklin Road, Suite 200, Nampa, ID 83687 and filed with the Clerk of the Court.
Dated this 3rd day of December, 2014.
By Wm. F. Gigray, III, Phone (208) 466-9272 Fax (208) 466-4405 ISB No. 1435 *wfg@whitepeterson.com*, Attorneys for Personal Representative
12/10,17,24/14

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
CASE No. CV-2014-0390
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 Estate of HARRY LEE MELTON, Deceased.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above named estate. All persons having claims against the said deceased are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented to the Personal Representative, KAREN RANAE JOLLEY, at 3682 River Road, Homedale, Idaho, 83628, and filed with the above-entitled Court.
DATED this 2nd day of December, 2014.
Karen Ranae Jolley, Personal Representative, 3682 River Road, Homedale, ID 83628
FRANK W. STOPPELLO,

ATTORNEY AT LAW By Frank W. Stoppello, Attorney for Personal Representative, 620 West Hays Street, Boise, Idaho 83702 Phone (208) 336-1020 Fax (208) 336-1027 Idaho State Bar No. 1270
12/10,17,24/14

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
CASE NO. CV-2014-0368
IN THE DISTRICT COURT
OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT OF THE
STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND
FOR THE COUNTY OF
OWYHEE
MAGISTRATES DIVISION**
In the Matter of the Estate of STANLEYRALPHNYLANDER, decedent.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of the above named estate; that all claimants having claims against the above named decedent are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this notice or such claims will be forever barred; and that a written statement of such claims must be delivered or mailed to the undersigned personal representative of the estate at the address stated below and must be filed with the above named Court.
DATED: Dec. 12, 2014
SIGNED: Kathy Nylander, Personal Representative
ADDRESS: C/O Rick Uria, PO Box 805, Homedale. ID 83628
Richard B. Eismann, Attorney for the Estate, Eismann Law Offices, 3016 Caldwell Blvd., Nampa, ID 83651 Phone (208) 467-3100 Fax (208) 466-4498
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**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S
SALE**
On April 21, 2015 at the hour of 11:00AM, of said day, on the steps of the Owyhee County Courthouse located at 20381 State Highway 78 Murphy, ID 83650.
Alliance Title & Escrow Corp., as trustee, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, cashiers check, certified check or tellers check, (from a bank which has a branch in the community at the site of the sale), money order, State of Idaho check or local government check, or cash equivalent in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the same time of sale, the following described real property, situated in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, and described as follows, to wit:
Lot 7, Block 7 of the Amended Plat of the Townsite of Homedale, Owyhee County, Idaho, according to the official plat thereof, filed August 9, 1911, as No. 7284 on file in the office of the recorder for Owyhee County, Idaho.
THE TRUSTEE HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF A MORE PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION OF THE ABOVE-DESCRIBED REAL PROPERTY, BUT FOR PURPOSES OF COMPLIANCE WITH IDAHO CODE, SECTION 60-113, THE TRUSTEE HAS BEEN INFORMED THAT THE STREET ADDRESS OF: 531 W. Montana Avenue, Homedale, ID 83628, MAY SOMETIMES BE ASSOCIATED WITH SAID REAL PROPERTY.
Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the deed of trust executed by Jesus Cuevas, as

Grantor to Alliance Title & Escrow Corp., as Trustee, for the benefit and security of United States of America acting through the Rural Housing Service or successor agency, United States Department of Agriculture , (formerly Farmers Home Administration or Rural Economic & Community Development) as Beneficiary, recorded September 28, 1999 as Instrument No. 229997, Mortgage records of Owyhee County, Idaho. THE ABOVE GRANTORS ARE NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506(4)(a), IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THEY ARE, OR ARE NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION.
The default for which this sale is to be made is failure to:
Make principal and interest payments as set forth on said Deed of Trust and Promissory Note. The original loan amount was \$80,000.00 together with interest thereon at the rate of 7.125% per annum, as evidenced in Promissory Note dated September 27, 1999. Payments are in default for the months of May 2014 through and including November 2014 in the amount of \$668.28 per month and continuing each and every month thereafter until date of sale or reinstatement. The balance now due is \$62,688.28 in Principal; Interest is \$2,692.15, subsidy granted is \$40,127.16 and fees currently assessed are \$428.76 computed through December 3, 2014 with interest accruing thereafter at the daily rate of \$12.2371. In addition to the above, there is also due any late charges, advances, escrow collection fees, attorney fees, fees or costs associated with this foreclosure.
The balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by said deed of trust is \$102,815.44, excluding interest, costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligations thereunder or in this sale, as trustee’s fees and/or reasonable attorney’s fees as authorized in the promissory note secured by the aforementioned Deed of Trust.
Dated: December 18, 2014
Alliance Title & Escrow Corp., By: Melissa Ambriz, Trust Officer, Phone: 877-947-1553 File No.: 254575/ Customer Ref No. CSC No. 14987503
This communication is on behalf of a debt collector and is an attempt to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose.
12/24,31/14;1/7,14/15

**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S
SALE**
T.S. No. 019382-ID / APN: RPB0020002001CA On 3/16/2015 at 11:00 AM (recognized local time), AT THE OWYHEE COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOBBY, 20381 HIGHWAY 78, MURPHY, ID 83650, in the County of Owyhee, CASPER J. RANKIN, ESQ., a member of the State Bar of Idaho, of PITE DUNCAN, LLP, as 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 the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, and described as follows, to wit: THE NORTH HALF OF THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY: LOTS 1, 2, AND 3, ALL IN BLOCK 2, BUTTE TOWNSITE, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT NOW ON RECORD IN THE

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER OF OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO, AND NOW KNOWN AS LOTS 1, 2, AND 3 OF ORIGINAL TOWNSITE, OF REVISED MAP OR PLAT OF THE VILLAGE OF MARSING, OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER OF OWYHEE COUNTY, STATE OF IDAHO, ON THE 9TH DAY OF MARCH, 1946, AND ALL IN LOT 5 OF SECTION 34 OF TOWNSHIP 3 NORTH, RANGE 4 WEST OF THE BOISE MERIDIAN, OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO. The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Idaho Code Section 60-113, the Trustee has been informed that the address of: 117 1ST STREET N, MARSING, ID 83639, is commonly associated with said real property. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by VICTOR MARTINEZ AND FRANCISCA OCAMPO, HUSBAND AND WIFE as Grantor(s), to PIONEER TITLE as Trustee, for the benefit and security of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS INC., SOLELY AS NOMINEE FOR FIRST FRANKLIN FINANCIAL CORP., AN OP. SUB. OF MLB&T CO., FSB, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS as Beneficiary, dated 2/28/2007, recorded 3/2/2007, as Instrument No. 260038, official records of Owyhee County, Idaho. Please note: The above named Grantors are named to comply with Idaho Code Section 45-1506(4)(a); no representation is made that they are, or are not, presently responsible for the obligation. The default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to make monthly payments when due from 4/1/2014 and all subsequent monthly payments thereafter, including installments of principal, interest, impounds, advances, plus any charges lawfully due under the note secured by the aforementioned Deed of Trust, Deed of Trust and as allowed under Idaho Law. The sum owing on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust as of 10/31/2014 is \$69,020.89, including interest, costs, fees, including trustee and/or attorney fees and costs, and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligation thereunder or in this sale and to protect the security associated with the Deed of Trust, as authorized in the Note, Deed of Trust or as allowed under Idaho Law. Because interest, late charges, fees, costs and expenses continue to accrue, the total amount due varies from day to day. Hence, if you pay the amount shown above, an adjustment may be necessary after receipt of funds to satisfy the debt. For further information, write the Trustee at 4375 Jutland Drive, Ste. 200, San Diego, CA 92117, or call (858)750-7600 DATED: 10/31/14
12/3,10,17,24/14

**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S
SALE**
T.S. No. 020919-ID NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE On 4/6/2015 at 11:00AM (recognized local time), AT THE OWYHEE COUNTY COURTHOUSE

LOBBY, 20381 HIGHWAY 78, MURPHY, ID 83650, in the County of Owyhee, CASPER J. RANKIN, ESQ., a member of the State Bar of Idaho, of PITE DUNCAN, LLP, as 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 the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, and described as follows, to wit: LOT 1 AND THE NORTH ONE-HALF OF LOT 2 OF BLOCK 5 OF THE REVISED TOWNSITE OF BUTTE, NOW THE CITY OF MARSING, OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO, ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL PLAT THEREOF ON FILE AND OF RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER FOR OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO. The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Idaho Code Section 60-113, the Trustee has been informed that the address of: 101 1ST STREET SOUTH, MARSING, IDAHO 83639, is commonly associated with said real property. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by DAWN D PRICE, A SINGLE PERSON as Grantor(s), to PIONEER TITLE COMPANY as Trustee, for the benefit and security of Wells Fargo Bank, NA as Beneficiary, dated 1/24/2013, recorded 1/29/2013, as Instrument No. 279797, official records of Owyhee County, Idaho. Please note: The above named Grantors are named to comply with Idaho Code Section 45-1506(4)(a); no representation is made that they are, or are not, presently responsible for the obligation. The default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to make monthly payments when due from 1/1/2014 and all subsequent monthly payments thereafter, including installments of principal, interest, impounds, advances, plus any charges lawfully due under the note secured by the aforementioned Deed of Trust, Deed of Trust and as allowed under Idaho Law. The sum owing on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust as of 12/2/2014 is \$73,597.85, including interest, costs, fees, including trustee and/or attorney fees and costs, and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligation thereunder or in this sale and to protect the security associated with the Deed of Trust, as authorized in the Note, Deed of Trust or as allowed under Idaho Law. Because interest, late charges, fees, costs and expenses continue to accrue, the total amount due varies from day to day. Hence, if you pay the amount shown above, an adjustment may be necessary after receipt of funds to satisfy the debt. For further information, write the Trustee at 4375 Jutland Drive, Ste. 200, San Diego, CA 92117, or call (858)750-7600 DATED: 12/2/2014
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**NOTICE OF SALE
Case No. CV 2013-02971
IN THE DISTRICT COURT
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DISTRICT
OF THE STATE OF IDAHO,
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY
OF OWYHEE**

DRAKE MECHANICAL, INC. Plaintiff, vs. SILVER FALCON MINING, INC., EARLL EXCAVATION, INC., JOYCE LIVESTOCK COMPANY LIMITED PARTNERSHIP, ANVIL FENCE COMPANY, BENCHMARK ELECTRIC, LLC, PALMIRS CORPORATION, and John Does 1-10, Defendants.

BENCHMARK ELECTRIC, LLC, Cross-Claimant, vs. SILVER FALCON MINING, INC., EARLL EXCAVATION, INC., JOYCE LIVESTOCK COMPANY LIMITED PARTNERSHIP, ANVIL FENCE COMPANY, PALMIRS CORPORATION, DRAKE MECHANICAL, INC. and John Does 1-10, Cross Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE
Under and by virtue of the Writ of Execution executed out of the District Court of the Third Judicial District of the State of Idaho, in and for the County of Owyhee, Case No. CV-2013-02971, on the 1st day of August, 2014;

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that on Owyhee County Courthouse Front Entrance, the 15th day of January, 2015, at the hour of 10 o'clock A.M., at the Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 Highway 78, Murphy, Idaho, I will sell all the right, title and interest of Silver Falcon Mining, Inc. in and to the below-described real property located in Owyhee County, Idaho at public auction to the highest bidder for cash in currency of the United States payable at time of sale:

A parcel of land located in the North One Half of the Southwest Quarter of Section 4, Township 4 South, Range 2 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho, more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at the Section Comer common to Sections 4 and 5 of said T4S, R2W, and Sections 32 and 33 of T3S, R2W, B.M., thence

South 00° 00' 34" West, 2433.45 feet on the section line common to said Sections 4 and 5 to the Quarter Section Common to said Sections 4 and 5; thence

South 00° 01' 24" West, 2639.46 feet on the section line common to said Sections 4 and 5 to the Section Corner common to Sections 4, 5, 8 and 9 of said T4S, R2W; thence reversing direction, North 00° 01' 24" East, 1319.73 feet on the section line common to said Sections 4 and 5 to the South One Sixteenth Section Corner common to said Sections 4 and 5; thence leaving said section line, North 89° 58' 20" East 400.00, feet on the East-West One Sixteenth Section line of the Southwest Quarter of said Section 4 to the Real Point of Beginning; thence

North 12° 47' 06" West, 676.62

feet; thence
North 89° 57' 38" East, 1395.11 feet; thence
South 00° 03' 55" West, 660.20 feet to a point on the East-West One Sixteenth Section line of the Southwest Quarter of said Section 4; thence
South 89° 58' 20" West, 1244.63 feet on said East-West One Sixteenth Section line to the Real Point of Beginning.

The sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation of Silver Falcon Mining, Inc. pursuant to that certain *Judgment and Decree of Foreclosure* entered on August 1, 2014 in the above-referenced matter (the "Judgment"), whereby Defendant Silver Falcon Mining, Inc. is indebted to Plaintiff Drake Mechanical in the amount of \$44,278.85, plus interest and Cross-Claimant Benchmark Electric, LLC in the amount of \$53,475.00, plus interest.

All real property sold at the sale shall be subject to a redemption period as set forth in Idaho Code §11-401, *et seq.* Therefore, Silver Falcon Mining, Inc., as redemptioner, as that term is defined in Idaho Code §11-401(2), may redeem the property from the purchaser within one (1) year after the sale if the property sold consists of more than twenty acres, or within six (6) months, if the property sold consists of a tract of land of 20 acres or less, upon paying the purchaser the total sum of: (a) the amount of his purchase, with interest on that amount at the rate allowed by Idaho Code §28-22-401(1) of the from the date of sale to the date of redemption; and (b) the amount of any assessment or taxes which the purchaser may have paid after the commencement of the action and which are not included in the Judgment with interest such amount(s) at the rate allowed by Idaho Code §28-22-401(1).

In the event the purchaser is also a creditor having a prior lien to that of the redemptioner, other than the Judgment, the purchaser will also be entitled to payment of that amount of such lien, with interest at the rate allowed in Idaho Code §28-22-104(1).

The Sheriff, by Certificate of Sale, will transfer all right, title, and interest of the judgment debtor in and to the property at the time of execution or attachment was levied. The Sheriff will give possession but does not guarantee clear title nor continued possessory right to the purchaser.



DATED this 18th day of December, 2014.

PERRY GRANT, Sheriff of Owyhee County
BY Luisa Basabe, Civil Deputy
Wyatt Johnson, ANGSTMAN JOHNSON, 3649 N. Lakeharbor Lane, Boise, Idaho 83703. Telephone: (208) 384-8588 Facsimile: (208) 853-0117, Johnson ISB: 5858, Attorney for Plaintiff

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	Golden Gate Baptist Church Wilder Pastor Robert Potter, Jr., CLP Corner of Second and "B" Streets Church time is 11:00 am on Sunday Call (208) 880-4308 for information	Our Lady of Tears Church Silver City For more information, call St. Paul's Church, Nampa 466-7031
Iglesia Misionera Biblica Homedale Pastor Silverio Cardenas Jr. 132 E Owyhee • 337-5975 Servicios: Mar - 7pm - Oracion Mier - 7pm Predicacion Dom - 10am Esc. Dom y 6pm "Una Iglesia Diferente."	Knight Community Church Grand View Pastor Ivan Shetler 630 Idaho Street 208-834-2639 Sunday School 9:30am Worship Service 10:45am	Crossroads Assembly of God Wilder Pastors Ron & Martha Hwy 19 & 95, 482-7644 Sunday School 10am Sunday Morning Worship 11am Sunday Evening Worship 6pm Wed. Bible Study 7pm
Assembly of God Church Homedale 15 West Montana, 337-4458 Sunday School 9:30am Sunday Morning Worship 10:30am Sunday Evening Service 6:00pm Wed. Bible Study 7:00pm	Friends Community Church Wilder - Homedale 17434 Hwy 95, 337-3464 Sunday School 9:30 am Worship Services: 10:45 am Sundays Wednesday Prayer Meeting: 5:30 pm Wednesday CLC: 3:15 pm	Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church Caldwell 1122 W. Linden St. 459-3653 Mass: Saturday 5:00 pm Sunday 9:30 am Spanish Mass: Saturday 7:00 pm Spanish Mass: Sunday Noon
Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church Homedale 337-4248 Sunday Services 10am Pastor Sean Rippey Adult and Children Sunday School 9-9:45am Visitors Always Welcome! Call Church for Prayer requests	Chapel of Hope Hope House, Marsing Look for the Blue Church South Bruneau Hwy at the Hope House Welcoming Families, especially those with special needs children. Keith Croft, Pastor 880-2767 Jake & Alisha Henriouille, Youth Pastors 761-6747 Sunday Services at 10 am	Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Homedale 708 West Idaho Ave 337-4112 Bishop Travis Kraupp Bishop Robert T. Christensen Sunday 1st Ward 1pm Sunday 2nd Ward 9am
Homedale Baptist Church Homedale 212 S. 1st W. 841-0190 Sunday School 10am-11am Sunday Worship 11am-Noon Wednesday Evening 7pm Pastor James Huls	Wilder Church of God Wilder 205 A St. E, 469-7698 Pastor Ray Gerthung Sunday School 9:45am Sunday Service 11am Sunday Eve. 6:00pm Wed. Eve. 7:00pm	Mountain View Church of the Nazarene Wilder 26515 Ustick Road 337-3151 Sunday School 9:30 Worship 10:30 Adult & Youth Bible Class: Wednesday 7:00 pm
 MARSING APOSTOLIC ASSEMBLY Asamblea Apostolica de Marsing 107 W. Main • Marsing, Idaho Pastor Jose Gutierrez 208-461-9016 or 880-6172 Sunday School 10:00 am Sunday Service 1 pm • Wednesday Service 7 pm Bilingual Services/Español	Iglesia Evangelica Wilder 317 3rd st., Pastor Ramiro Reyes 10 am Sunday School 11 am Service 482-7484 Bilingual	St. David's Episcopal Church 1800 Arlington Ave. Caldwell, ID 83605 208-459-9261 stdavids@stdavidscaldwell.org www.stdavid.episcopalidaho.org
Christian Church Homedale 110 W. Montana, 337-3626 Pastor Maurice Jones Sunday Morning Worship 11am Church school 9:45	Bible Missionary Church Homedale West Idaho, 337-3425 Pastor Ron Franklin Sunday School 10am Worship 11am Sunday Evening 7pm Wednesday Evening 7:30	Assembly of God Church Marsing 139 Kerry, 965-1650 Pastor Rick Sherrow Sunday School 10am Sunday Worship 11am & 6 pm
Lizard Butte Baptist Church Marsing Pastor David London 116 4th Ave. W., 859-2059 Sunday worship: Morning: 11am-Noon• Evening: 6-7pm Sunday school 10 am-10:55am Wednesday evening 6pm-7pm	Nazarene Church Marsing Pastor Bill O'Connor 649-5256 12 2nd Avenue West Worship Services - Sunday 11am and 6pm Sunday School - 9:45am Mid Week TLC Groups	Trinity Holiness Church Homedale 119 N. Main Pastor Samuel Page 337-5021 Sunday School 10am Sunday Morning Worship 11am Sunday Evening 7pm Thursday Evening 7:30pm
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Marsing 215 3rd Ave. West, 896-4151 Sunday 1st Ward, 9:00 a.m. Bishop Jensen Sunday 2nd Ward, 12:30 p.m. Bishop Parry	Vision Community Church Marsing 221 West Main Marsing, Idaho 208-779-7926 Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Sunday Service 10:30 a.m. Adult, Kids & Youth Meetings Wed. 7:00 p.m.	United Methodist Church Wilder Exploring the Bible: Public Invited 2nd & 4th Tuesday: 4-5pm Corner of 4th St. & B Ave. Pastor Dave Raines 208-880-8751 Sunday Service 9:30am
First Presbyterian Church Homedale 320 N. 6th W., 850-5172 Pastor Marianne Paul Sunday Morning Worship 11am Sunday School 11am	Calvary Holiness Church - Wilder Corner of 3rd St. & B Ave. • 208-989-0196 Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. • Sunday Worship: 11:00 a.m. Sunday: 6:00 p.m. • Wednesday: 7:00 p.m. Food Pantry hours • 208-989-0226 2nd & 4th Friday of month 2pm-4pm 3rd Friday of month 11am-1pm	Seventh Day Adventist Homedale 16613 Garnet Rd., 573-4574 Sabbath School Sat. 10:45am Worship 9:30am Wednesday Prayer Mtg. 7:00 pm
Iglesia Bautista Palabra de Esperanza Homedale 711 W. Idaho, 463-9569 Pastor Jose Diaz Servicios: Los Domingos 11:00 am	Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic Church - Oreana 2014 Mass Schedule - the following Saturdays at 9:30am Jan. 11 - Feb. 8 - Mar. 22 - Apr. 26 - May 10 June 14 - July 12 - Aug. 23 - Sept. 27 Oct. 25 - Nov. 22 - Dec. 27 All are welcome! For more information, call St. Paul's Church, Nampa 466-7031	Amistad Cristiana de Wilder UMC Esquina de 4 y calle B Domingos Servicio: 12:00 pm El Ropero (Banco de ropa) Miercoles 12- 2pm Martes y Jueves: 6:30 pm Ingles Sabados: 12:00 pm Arte Infantil Todo en Espanol, Inf. 989 7508

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Merry Christmas

The angel's hymn, which eighteen hundred years ago was wafted o'er Juda's plains to the shepherds, proclaiming the birth of Israel's King, and chanting "Peace on Earth, Good Will to Man," has reverberated all those centuries through the corridors of time, and strikes our ears with renewed sweetness as on the threshold of another Christmas we stand. The Christmas light is breaking upon us, and even now we seem to catch the first strains of "Gloria in Excelsis," and with rapturous hearts we swell the notes "Glory to God in the Highest."

In the home of the rich, where wealth supplies every want, and where blessings are manifold; in the hovel of the poor, where perhaps the only Christmas light is the smiling face of an innocent babe, glad voices raise their praise, and the song is still the same. We stand upon the verge of another Christmas.

A year has passed since last we mingled in its festivities, and we are brought again to share its pleasures. We know that it is at hand, for the stores are teeming with beautiful presents -- windows glitter with their wealth of costly goods, which seem to smile as we look at them; Christmas trees are being prepared;

the churches throughout the land are being decorated; nimble fingers twine the bay, and young faces are breaking into ripples of joy at the anticipated visit of "Santa Claus."

To the young the charm of Christmas lies in the number and beauty of the presents it brings; to the older it has a far deeper significance. Who can forget the feelings of his earlier years as Christmas was announced? The expectations, the longings, the hopes, the fears, the desire to sit up and see the man who filled the stockings; to watch him come down the chimney; to witness his departure over the roof, with his "Dancer and Prancer," and "Donder and Blixsen." But watch ever so closely we could never catch him, for the eyes would grow weary, and the little head drop over, fast asleep.

O, who can forget the joys on awaking on Christmas morn, with the Christmas light falling upon stockings swelled with Christmas gifts, with candies and other precious sweet-meats! and a jumping jack staring right at you! There would be dolls for the girls; dolls with rubber heads and red dresses; dolls that would cry; and new dresses -- and away down at the bottom, down in the toe, candy always. For the boys there would be jackknives, glittering and sharp; monkeys with grotesque faces; popguns to satisfy

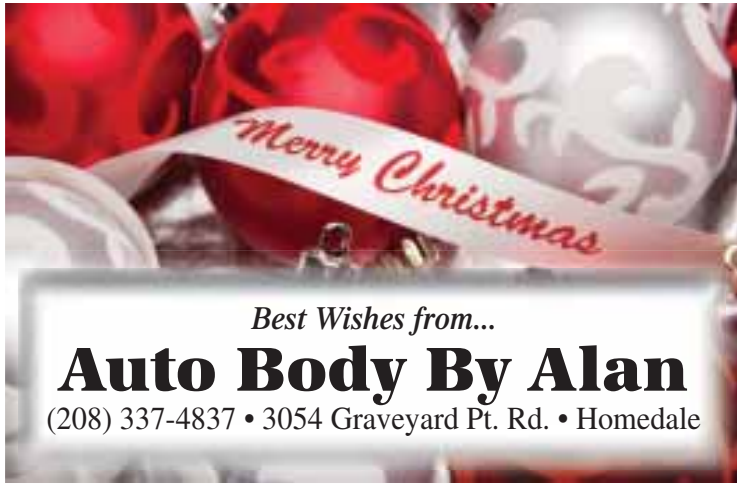
the martial mind; marbles by the dozen -- and -- candy at the bottom. O, happy, happy moments, when children count their gifts and wonder how the treasure man could so well anticipate their wishes! And these pleasures outlive childhood; we do not bury their joys in the childhood's flower-decked tomb. They grow upon us, and we live them over again, when we hear the merry laughter of children on Christmas morn.

Then comes the Christmas dinner, glorious feast! Another Utopia where children revel, whose airs are redolent with the flavor of roast turkeys; whose rivers flows with oyster soup, through whose mist may be seen the marsh of cranberry sauce, with its floating island, and, towering high beyond, the mountain of plum cake; the ruddy flow of old Java pouring from the side of a bounteous reservoir. And then to see them swim the river, wade the marsh, clamber upon the island, scale the mountain, and drink from the crimson stream! Say that children do not revel in such scenes, and you deny the existence of childhood. There is the Christmas tree, with its installment of gifts; the little ones puzzle their brains to know how "Santa Claus" got them there, for they surely have kept watch and ward. The little

tapers burn cheerily, and the limbs spring back as their burdens are removed. The dolls are gone, the candy eaten, the books distributed, the wooden horses have galloped away -- and nothing remains but the pine branches.

The little ones are put to bed; they lie down and dream -- of what, the little mind only knows. There are many about us, who are looking forward to Christmas with joyful expectations; there are the young and the old -- the young to stockings corpulent with presents -- the old to a happy reunion with friends. Already the Christmas tree begins to bend beneath its precious burdens, and Christmas dinners preparing. Let us romp with the children and live again the plea-

tures of youth. From every home let the shout go up, "Laus Deo." From the field, the workshop and the mine, let the laborer cry "Laus Deo." From the halls of splendor and the habitations of poverty let frail humanity sing "Laus Deo." From the priest, and from the congregation, let "Laus Deo" arise in one grand harmonious pean to the Throne above. Yes, "Praise God" for the Christmas light, and teach your little ones as they grow up the deep significance of the word, and the value of God's gift to man. "Wreath the holly, twine the hay, Christ was born on Christmas day," and, whether at home or abroad, in church or out, do not forget the angel's song, "Peace on earth, good will to men."



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The Story of Christmas



Book of Luke, chapter 2, verses 1-20

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

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

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

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

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

And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no

room for them in the inn.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

toward men.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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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