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Luke 1:26-33

And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth,

To a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary.

And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women.

And when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be.

And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God.

And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name Jesus.

He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David:

And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.



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Pastor's Christmas message

Celebrate our Savior, who offers hope and healing

by Ivar Moore
Homedale
Assembly of God Church
Do you remember growing up and singing Christmas songs and hearing the true story of Christmas? As a child

Christmas always seemed to bring hope and joy. There was a boy who loved to celebrate Christmas. He believed in the Christmas Story, which is the story of the birth of Jesus Christ.

The boy got older and tragedy struck. The family business was lost. He had to move clear to another state where his parents eventually divorced. Heartbroken, he still placed his hope in Jesus.


As he tried to adjust to his new life, in a new state, with a broken family, he still placed his hope in God. His parents continued making choices for him that altered his world yet again. During this transition from one world to another, the boy was separated from his brother.

The boy was in a tough place, and life was just hard. He started making poor choices. As one led into another, he experimented with drugs and alcohol. He got to a point where the addictions were all around. This was a tough spot because with all the physical and emotional brokenness, he still had his hope in God.

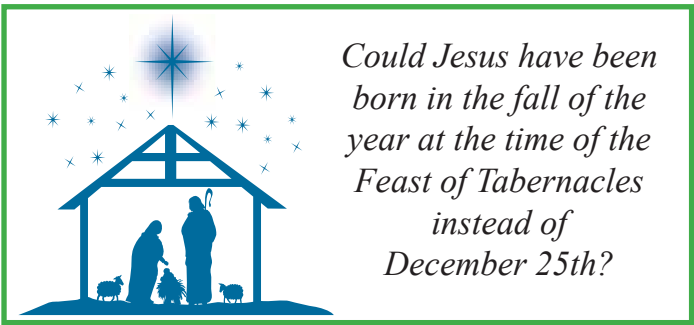
Even in the midst of his mistakes, God was working. The boy made friends. He

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met a girl that would always make him smile. He became an adult, and he still remained friends with this girl.

One day, the young man and his girlfriend were invited to church. During service, he prayed. The church was packed, and there were no seats available. Standing room only. Out of this crowd, the guest pastor called the man to the front of the room and prayed. The pastor said that God had a calling on his life.

But the guest pastor did not know him. He did not know the poor choices he had made. And even though he wanted to turn to

God, he didn't know how. You see, the young man thought he had no one to guide him.

Confused, he continued to party. He got married to the woman who made him smile. They had a child. She was beautiful and perfect. Eventually they had another daughter just as perfect and beautiful as the first.

The man continued to place his hope in Jesus. But he couldn't kick his bad habits and got in trouble with the law. Even at the darkest hour, he should have been hopeless. But, you see, the man was not alone. He called out to God and prayed. He asked God to deliver him from his addiction and set him free. Literally, that is just what happened.

The man walked free from physical and emotional bondage. All because he prayed and asked and placed his hope in Christ.

Today this man is me. I now have three beautiful daughters. The Lord called my family to Homedale in 2015, and I recently became Senior Pastor at Homedale Assembly of God. I am a Certified Pastor of Assembly of God through Global University.

It's Christmas. I wanted to share my story with you because I know many of you can relate. God performs his biggest miracles in the largest impossibilities of life. Nothing is impossible with him. Christmas is a season of hope and a season of overcoming. This gift was given in the form of a baby through a virgin birth. To save, to heal, and to set free. He came so that you can overcome the hardships of life and live eternally with Him.

No matter who you are, what you have done, where you are today, there is hope. It may not feel like it, look like it, or sound like it. Remember, miracles don't tend to happen in the possible, but rather the impossible. Christ came to Earth so that if you believe in Him and ask Him in your heart, he will never leave your side. You will never be alone.

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HOMEDALE, OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2017

CHRISTMAS TRADITIONS CONTINUE



Santas come in all varieties

Above: Homedale's George D. VanDerhoff American Legion Post 32 received a special visitor Saturday. Santa visited with holiday merry-makers, like young Alex. The legionnaires held a Christmas dinner and auction.

Right: The Owyhee Gardeners rounded up Christmas presents and food for a Homedale single mother of three (ages 6, 8 and 9). The club members gathered up the food and presents during their Christmas party Thursday in Marsing. **From left:** Dee Fillmore, Kathy Rogelstad, Rose Godwin, Cheryl Mort, Marilyn Evans, Wanda Ferguson, Bob Winder, and Heidi Decristofaro. **Seated:** Ellen Dines



GV council calls for changes after supervisor grievance

Complaint against mayor outlines concerns over water safety, authority

by Mandi Boren
For The Owyhee Avalanche

The city council stepped in last Wednesday after reviewing Grand View public works supervisor James Burnett's grievance filed against the mayor and a city employee.

The council met in executive session to hear Burnett's concerns over supervisory authority and a perceived threat to water safety.

According to the grievance,

a copy of which The Owyhee Avalanche obtained Friday afternoon, Burnett said Mayor Ed Collett hired a public works employee without Burnett's knowledge and advised him to report to the mayor, not Burnett.

The new public works employee was also included in the grievance. Burnett said the employee is "indifferent to the regulations requiring chlorine

— See *Changes*, page 5A

Presented with new info, Verizon will examine water tower

Cellular antenna proponents didn't have all facts on landmark

Homedale probably won't get a cellular phone antenna shaped like a tree after all.

Verizon Communications network real estate official Yvonne Autry informed the city that the company will pursue a spot on the defunct water tower that looms above

City Hall.

In an email to City Clerk Alice Pegram, Autry said Verizon already has begun a structural analysis of the tower. A radio frequency (RF) engineer will provide an analysis for the city council to review at its Jan. 10 meeting, Autry wrote.

In her email, Autry said she believes Verizon will move forward with the project without Horizon Tower's assistance.

— See *Verizon*, page 5A

Marsing dog fees increase substantially after hearing

Island Park boat dock contractor selected

Marsing residents will be paying a little more if the city catches their dogs at-large.

During last Wednesday's meeting, the city council amended city code and increased impound fees for dogs running at-large in town.

The council proposed the administrative fee hikes and set a public hearing, in part, because Marsing now

contracts with Wilder for kennel usage.

The vote held after last week's public hearing (at which no citizen gave input) will increase fees anywhere from 300 to 400 percent:

- The impound fee for a first-time offense is \$50, up from \$10.
- A second impound will cost the owner \$100, an increase of \$75.
- A third offense will result in a \$200 fee, up from \$50.

— See *Marsing*, page 5A



Back home with a message

As her mom Shauna and dad Clay look on, Emerson Sauer talks about the impact the death of her older sister Taylor had on her life during the family's anti-texting and driving assembly at Taylor's alma mater, Marsing High School, on Thursday. For the story, see *Page 9A*

Some schools have early release today for Christmas

City governments to be closed for next two Mondays

Christmas break starts today for most schoolchildren in Owyhee country, and government offices are preparing for a couple days off, too.

Although government offices will be closed on Christmas Day and New Year's Day, law enforcement, fire and emergency medical services will be available throughout Owyhee County.

Homedale's kindergarten through eighth-grade students will be dismissed at 1:30 p.m. today, while class ends at 1:47 p.m. for the high schools students.

All Marsing students will be released at 1 p.m. today.

Students in both school districts go back to class on Tuesday, Jan. 2.

Jordan Valley students begin winter break after today's classes, and they'll be back behind their desks on Wednesday, Jan. 3.

Children in the Bruneau-Grand View School District will be released at 1 p.m. on Thursday. School resumes at the three campuses on Monday, Jan. 8.

Adrian students' last day also is Thursday, but they come back on Jan. 2.

Owyhee County offices in the Murphy courthouse and the Marsing annex will be closed on Monday, Dec. 25 and Monday, Jan. 1.

The Board of County Commissioners will meet at 9 a.m. on the next two Tuesdays. The commissioners meetings are typically held on

Mondays.

Homedale City Hall will close at noon Friday for Christmas. The office will reopen at 8 a.m. on Tuesday.

Homedale's city offices will be closed on New Year's Day.

Marsing City Hall will be open regular hours Friday, but is closed Monday for Christmas. The office will be closed on New Year's Day, too.

Grand View City Hall will be closed both Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

Jordan Valley City Hall is open only on Wednesday and Thursday.

Adrian City Hall will be closed on Christmas and New Year's Day. The office is usually open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Wednesday.

The Homedale Public Library and Bruneau Valley Library in Bruneau will be closed both Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

The Lizard Butte Library in Marsing will be closed Saturday and Monday for

Christmas, and will also close on New Year's Day.

The Eastern Owyhee County Library in Grand View will be closed Friday through Christmas and Dec. 29 through New Year's Day.

Albertsons in Homedale is closed Christmas Day, but will be open regular hours (6 a.m. to 10 p.m.) on New Year's Day.

The Sav-On Pharmacy inside Albertson will be closed both Christmas Day and New Year's Day. It's always closed on Sundays.

Logan's Market in Marsing is closed Christmas Day and New Year's Day. It'll be open from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. on New Year's Eve (Sunday, Dec. 31).

Homedale Drug will be open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Christmas Eve (Sunday), but is closed both Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

The senior centers in Homedale and Grand View are typically closed on Mondays.

The Homedale Senior Center will be closed Tuesday for

Christmas and will reopen next Wednesday.

Christmas dinner at the Homedale center will be served at noon on Thursday. The menu includes turkey with dressing, sweet potatoes, peas, and mashed potatoes and gravy.

Rimrock Senior Center in Grand View served its Christmas dinner Tuesday, and the center will be open Thursday and Tuesday as usual.

The Owyhee Avalanche office will close at noon Friday for the Christmas holiday, and it will reopen Tuesday.

The Avalanche is closed on New Year's Day, too.

The classified advertising deadline for the Dec. 27 edition is noon Friday, and letters to the editor submissions must be received by noon Thursday. All other deadlines remain the same.

For the Jan. 3 edition, the deadline for classified ads and letters to the editor is noon on Friday, Dec. 29. All other deadlines remain the same.

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From page 3A

✓ **Changes:** Supervisor feared water quality regs could be compromised

in the city water.”

After last week’s executive session, council members determined that the new employee would report to Burnett, not the mayor.

The grievance also noted a recent incident when the mayor completed a review and offered a subsequent raise for a public works employee without any notice or input

from Burnett, his supposed supervisor.

Collett could not be reached for comment by press time.

Burnett expressed concern that the new employee was making field adjustments to the chlorine levels without his knowledge.

“I cannot be expected to be responsible for water quality if there are employees doing

their own thing, possibly violating state and federal regulations,” Burnett said.

In its post-executive session ruling, the council also determined that no field adjustments could be made without supervisor approval.

Burnett said having a public works employee who does not take direction from him undermines his ability to direct

work and ensure regulations are being followed.

“I am gravely concerned about the city’s legal liability should a citizen become ill due to mismanagement of the city’s drinking water,” Burnett said.

The Grand View organizational chart reflects public works employees report directly to the supervisor not

the mayor.

The next council meeting will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 10 at 6 p.m. at City Hall.

At that meeting, incumbent John Morrison and Councilman-elect Danny Martinez will receive the oath of office. The men won elections in November.

Collett was elected to a four-year term in November.

✓ **Verizon:** Company that builds stealth structures now out of the picture

The change in course came about 16 hours after the council shot down antenna proponents’ assumption that the tank high above town was filled with water still.

Horizon Tower was on board to provide capital to build a “monopine” tree antenna at one of two locations near City Hall.

The idea of a “stealth” antenna disguised as an evergreen didn’t sit well with Mayor Gheen Christoffersen, who told Verizon and Horizon representatives at last Wednesday’s council meeting that the proposed antenna would look out of place and also would violate the city’s 80-foot height limitation on structures.

“How about outside of town?” Councilman Steve Atkins asked. “The citizens don’t want it in town.”

Christoffersen did suggest an alternative.

“I know of two people close to town who would be willing

to let you use their property,” the mayor said, pointing south. “You could even put it on my property north of town.

“Then you could go with a 120-foot tower, and you’re right here close.”

Zack Williams of Eagle-based Powder River Development Services, which works with Horizon Tower, told council members that Verizon would have to build at least two cellular towers on Homedale’s outskirts to get the same coverage that would be provided by a single antenna in the center of town.

Horizon Tower representative Shelly Neace told the council that putting a Verizon antenna on the water tower above City Hall was ruled out as an option because of structural integrity concerns.

“We already know it’s going to be a nightmare,” Neace said.

But antenna proponents were operating under the assumption that the water tower was still in



Zack Williams (right), who works for Eagle-based Powder River Development Services, opens Verizon’s informational meeting with the Homedale City Council last Wednesday as councilmen Jerry Anderson (left) and Shane Muir examine supporting documents.

use and filled with water. When council members said the tank was empty, Neace said that was “an important fact.”

Horizon Tower would own the treepole and lease space to carriers such as Verizon or AT&T, which already leases a spot on the city’s water tower.

Neace continued to push the idea of a monopine, and said

Verizon “may not be able to add” value to the water tower.

She suggested that Verizon could buy the tank or Horizon could provide the capital to improve the tank to allow other carriers.

Neace also admitted she did not know that AT&T already had tenancy on the city’s water tower.

“It sounds like we need to do more homework,” Neace said.

Hoping for a more productive conversation in the future, Councilman Aaron Tines asked the group to bring back “solid information” from a structural engineer and an RF engineer.

— JPB

✓ **Marsing:** Council approves steep increases to align with other fees

- The council also established a new tier with the fourth offense costing the dog owner \$300.

- Another new charge is a \$5 kennel fee charged for each day a dog is impounded.

All fees are effective immediately.

All other animal control fees remain the same:

- Annual license fees are \$5 for a spayed or neutered canine and \$20 for an unaltered dog. City staff has sold only 25 licenses in 2017. Three

have been sold for 2018.

- There will be a \$5 late fee on licenses purchased after Feb. 1, and owners must pay \$1 to replace a lost license.

- The city levies a catcher fee of \$10 per animal.

- Kennel licenses, for folks housing five or more dogs, are still \$25.

Part of the reason for the fee increase is for housing at-large animals in the city-run kennel in Wilder.

Marsing Mayor James Ferdinand wrote in an email that

the vote also brings the animal control penalty structure in line with other city code violations.

All Marsing city code violations are infractions.

In other items from last Wednesday’s meeting:

- The council accepted the canvass of ballots for last month’s city council election. Appointee Jolyn E. Green earned a four-year term in an election that saw only 18 votes cast.

During its Jan. 10 meet-

ing, the council will appoint someone to succeed Cory Percifield, who declined to seek re-election. Green also will take the oath of office at the meeting.

- The council awarded the Island Park boat ramp and dock construction project to low-bidder Precision Grading and Excavation LLC. There is no set start date for the \$87,485 project, but construction will begin when the water is low enough.

- Kirby Cook and city en-

gineer Amy Woodruff, both of whom work for Civil Dynamics, have been getting assistance from Drew Meppen of the Idaho Transportation Department, District 6.

Meppen helped with other projects, including the preparation of the road in front of the school complex, in advance of ITD beginning work.

- The council also decided that the drain at 4th Avenue West and Main Street needs to be replaced.

— TK



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Family-friendly New Year’s Eve event planned in Bruneau

An alcohol-free New Year’s Eve celebration is being organized in Bruneau. Faith, Family, Fun Night will start at 7 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 31. The event, which is open to all ages, will be held inside the American Legion Post 83 Hall, 32548 Belle Ave. Blaine and Molly Lilly are putting together the party, which will feature live music and dancing. Folks are asked to bring an appetizer or finger food for admission. Children are welcome. Blaine & Molly Lilly & Friends wil provide the live music. Bo and Cathy Lowe round out the band.

School menus

Homedale Elementary
Veggie bar, fruit bar, and choice of milk available each day
 Dec 20: CHRISTMAS DINNER: Turkey & gravy, mashed potatoes & stuffing, hot roll, pumpkin pie
 Dec. 21-Jan. 1: No school

Homedale Middle
Fruit & salad bar, choice of milk available each day
 Dec 20: CHRISTMAS DINNER: Turkey & gravy, mashed potatoes & stuffing, hot roll, pumpkin pie
 Dec. 21-Jan. 1: No school

Homedale High
Salad, fruit choice and choice of milk available each day
 Dec 20: CHRISTMAS DINNER: Turkey & gravy mashed potatoes & stuffing hot roll, pumpkin pie
 Dec. 21-Jan. 1: No school

Marsing Elementary
Milk variety, fruit & veggie bar offered daily
 Dec 20: HALF DAY SACK LUNCH: Assorted sandwiches, apples or carrot sticks, chips, cookie
 Dec. 21-Jan. 1: No school

Marsing Middle and High
Milk variety, fruit & veggie bar offered daily
 Dec 20: HALF DAY SNACK LUNCH: Assorted sandwiches, apple or carrot sticks, chips, cookie
 Dec. 21-Jan. 1: No school

Senior menus

Homedale Senior Center
Salad bar available with each meal:
lettuce, tomato, boiled eggs, peaches, apricots, salad dressing
Milk available every day
 Dec 20: Ham & beans, corn bread, carrots
 Dec 21: CHRISTMAS DINNER: Turkey w/dressing, sweet potatoes, peas, mashed potatoes/gravy
 Dec 27: Baked fish, macaroni & cheese, Calif. blend veggies, roll
 Dec 28: Roast beef, mashed potatoes/gravy, beets, roll

Rimrock Senior Center
Milk & Juice served with each meal
 Dec 21: Lasagna, green salad, fruit salad, garlic bread, cranberry crumble
 Dec 26: Taco soup, coleslaw, strawberry shortcake, corn chips
 Dec 28: Potato bar w/good fixings! Baked beans, canned fruit, oatmeal cookies

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Calendar

Today
Coffee club
 9 a.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020
Preschool Story Time
 10:30 a.m., Lizard Butte Library, 111 3rd St. W., Marsing. (208) 896-4690
Movie time
 Noon, Eastern Owyhee County Library, 520 Boise Ave., Grand View. (208) 834-2785
Preschool story time
 3 p.m. to 4 p.m., Eastern Owyhee County Library, 520 Boise Ave., Grand View. (208) 834-2785
Grand View Chamber of Commerce meeting
 5:30 p.m., Grand View Fire Station, 721 Roosevelt St., Grand View.

Thursday
Fit and fall exercise class
 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020
Senior center pinochle
 1 p.m., Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St., Grand View. (208) 834-2922 Tuesdays and Thursdays
Crafts for Kids
 4 p.m., first-graders and up, Eastern Owyhee County Library, 520 Boise Ave., Grand View. (208) 834-2785
TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meeting
 6:30 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-3867
AA meetings
 7:30 p.m., Homedale Friends Community Church, 17434 U.S. 95, Wilder. (208) 337-3464

Friday
Idaho Foodbank drop-off
 9 a.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale.
Story Time
 10:15 a.m., Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228, afternoons Monday through Saturday
Faith-based support group
 2 p.m. and 7 p.m., Vision Community Church, 221 W. Main St., Marsing. (208) 455-3660 or songtobe@gmail.com
Teens and Tweens program
 4 p.m., Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228 afternoons Monday through Saturday

Saturday
Senior center dominoes and card games
 2 p.m., Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St., Grand View. (208) 834-2922 Tuesdays and Thursdays

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

Christmas Eve worship
 11 a.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th W., Homedale. (208) 473-9331
Candlelight Christmas Eve Service
 5 p.m., Mountain View Church of the Nazarene, 26515 Ustick Road, Wilder. (208) 337-3151
Christmas Eve candlelight service
 5 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th W., Homedale. (208) 473-9331

Tuesday
Board of County Commissioners meeting
 9 a.m., Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Hwy. 78, Murphy. (208) 495-2421
Fit and fall exercise class
 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020
Senior center pinochle
 1 p.m., Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St., Grand View. (208) 834-2922 Tuesdays and Thursdays
After-school program
 2 p.m. to 6 p.m., Knight Community Church, 630 Idaho Ave., Grand View. (208) 845-2019
AA meetings
 7:30 p.m., Homedale Friends Community Church, 17434 U.S. 95, Wilder.

Wednesday
Coffee club
 9 a.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020
Preschool story time
 3 p.m. to 4 p.m., Eastern Owyhee County Library, 520 Boise Ave., Grand View. (208) 834-2785
Movie time
 Noon, Eastern Owyhee County Library, 520 Boise Ave., Grand View. (208) 834-2785

Thursday, Dec. 28
TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meeting
 6:30 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-3867
Homedale City Council meeting
 6 p.m., City Hall, 31 W. Wyoming Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4641
Fit and fall exercise class
 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020
Adrian City Council meeting
 7 p.m., Adrian High School library, 305 Owyhee St., Adrian. (541) 372-2179
AA meetings
 7:30 p.m., Homedale Friends Community Church, 17434 U.S. 95, Wilder.

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Four basic tips to help avoid holiday weight gain

With the holidays here, it is officially that time of year where gathering together with family, friends and co-workers is happening almost daily! It is also a time of year where the pounds can easily pack on, maybe the two can be linked? These fall and winter holidays occur in a time when the weather outside can be cold (and perhaps frightful), so gathering inside around food seems like a great alternative to being outdoors.



Surine Greenway

Research commonly contradicts one another with suggestions stating that the average American gains between two and 10 pounds of weight during this time. The unfortunate thing is that no matter how much weight is gained by an individual, research all agrees that the weight that is gained throughout the holidays is rarely lost, even when 90 percent of Americans who make New Year's resolutions include weight loss as one of their top priorities. This means that as we begin to age and are packing on (even if it is two pounds per year), by the time we are in our mid-40s, we are encountering weight gain that will be harder and harder to remove, even with regular diet maintenance and physical activity. If you are concerned with how you can avoid weight during the two months of holidays (also known as "sweet season"), then consider these four basic tips:

- Instead of attempting to lose weight during this busy holiday season (if this was already one of your determinations), make a focused

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effort on maintaining and not gaining during this time

- Plan ahead. With so many different events that are centered on celebrating with food and drink, you can easily make efforts to ensure you are not over-indulging, especially at several different events.

- Hydrate your body. There are so many nutritional benefits to drinking water that we sometimes forget how many great things it can do for our body. The primary function of water is to keep us properly hydrated and helps our bodies distinguish between hunger and thirst messages, helping us not overconsume in place of hydrating.

- Sleep is KEY! People neglect to realize that sleep is needed in order to restart our bodies. When we are not getting enough sleep we are not functioning at our best and tend to overeat instead of manage a healthy diet intake that our body needs. By making sure you receive eight hours a night, you can help your body have time to reset and restart so you are ready to go for that holiday event!

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Bar co-owner sentenced for DUI

A Marsing tavern co-owner has been sentenced for driving under the influence.

Michael B. Baker must serve six months probation after his misdemeanor conviction.

Magistrate Judge Dan C. Grober sentenced the proprietor of the Pour House in Marsing on Dec. 11 in Murphy.

Baker was ordered to pay \$650 in fines and court costs, but he won't spend any more time in jail.

Grober sentenced Baker

to 180 days behind bars, but suspended 178 days and gave the man credit for the two days he spent in Owyhee County Jail after his Oct. 15 arrest.

Baker's driver's license was suspended for six months.

- Originally charged with misdemeanor drunk driving, Nampa resident Cayetano Montes was sentenced in a Homedale courtroom Dec. 6 after pleading guilty to a reduced charge of reckless driving.

Grober gave the man credit for the 23 days he was lodged in county jail after his June 8 arrest.

Grober ordered Montes to pay \$400 in fines and court costs during a Dec. 6 sentencing hearing.

The judge suspended the balance of a 90-day jail term.

Montes has been placed on one year of supervised probation.

He also faces a misdemeanor marijuana possession charge in Canyon County.

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Reminiscing Owyhee memories

by
P.T. Rathbone

Potato hijinks

When I first worked in Homedale in the early '50s there were a lot of potatoes grown in the area for fresh pack. Homedale had at least three sheds and maybe more. The farmers would get up and start digging way before daylight. At daylight, the pickers would arrive mostly by truck. The crew boss had a truck to haul the workers to and from Texas and also to haul spuds and onions. The pickers would sack the potatoes, about 60 pounds to the stub, and put them in rows. The "buckers" would lift them onto the truck bed to be neatly stacked to make a load. The farmer usually had a truck that would be loaded. After digging, we would go to the house for a great breakfast. You ate wherever you worked. In the summer of '56, I worked for Harold Glanzman. He was a wonderful farmer and also a wonderful man. I learned a lot from Harold.

After breakfast, I would take the last truck to town. He hauled to the Western Idaho Potato Growers shed, which was located where Txoko Ona is situated now. They had a cellar across the road that was filled with trucks waiting to be unloaded. Every tree in Homedale had a load parked under its shade. I stayed in town and kept track of several farmers' trucks to unload and sometimes loaded railroad cars in my spare time. One farmer had an old Diamond T. I had never driven one and had it in the wrong gear, let out the clutch and lost several sacks off the rear of the load. I had a big mess to clean up. There were a lot of young people working at the sheds sorting the spuds, and that led to some pretty good potato fights.

Because I worked for Harold, he would come down at noon and take me to dinner at the local café. We dug for over two weeks, so we went out to dinner at least a dozen times. After a while I felt sorry for Harold having to buy my dinner each time, so I suggested a game to see who would pay. I would write a letter of the alphabet on a napkin and turn it over. He could start anywhere and whoever it landed on would pay the bill. Harold lost the first one, then the second day, and third. He thought it was rigged, but it wasn't. He lost at least a dozen times in a row and later we would invite all the farmers to play saying Harold was buying, and he did. I think at the end, he fed 10 or 12 farmers. He was a good sport and also that year potatoes were worth \$5 a hundred. Many new homes went up that year as well as new automobiles and pickups were purchased. You know, if a farmer makes a dollar he will spend two!

Years ago, we needed some spuds, so I called my friend, Mack Tolmie, to see if he would sell me a sack full. He said sure, \$5 a bag. He was digging on his home place, and he told me I could ride the digger and pick them off the belt. That sounded great to me.

I thought I would have a little fun with Mack, so I went down to my neighbor Smoky McLeod's lambing shed and found a nice wool sack. You know, one of those long sacks, about three feet in diameter.

Well, I got in my pickup and headed over to Mack's place. He was coming down the field toward the county road. I stopped and waited until he got close. I grabbed the sack and proceeded to head to the field, unrolling the sack as I went.

Mack, being the generous guy that he is, never flinched. He said come fill it up, and if you can carry them, they are free.

I want to tell you, those were the good old days. Farmers neighbored, not like today where it is every man for himself unless a neighbor has a calamity, then the neighbors pull together and get the crop in or out. We had a crop rotation then, too. Most farmers raised some potatoes, sugar beets, alfalfa hay and grain. Now we are surrounded by one big cornfield with a few beets and alfalfa hay.

—P.T. Rathbone is a longtime Owyheean who lives in Marsing. If you have Owyhee memories you'd like to share with readers of *The Owyhee Avalanche*, contact managing editor Jon P. Brown for submission requirements. He can be reached at jon@owyheeavalanche.com or (208) 337-4681, ext. 102.

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Sauers bring message to MHS

Students hear about daughter’s texting-and-driving death

The Sauer family returned to their hometown of Marsing to present a “Put it Down” assembly Thursday at the high school gymnasium.

The assembly is part of the Sauers’ campaign to communicate to young people the dangers and consequences of texting and driving.

Clay and Shauna Sauer’s eldest daughter, Taylor, was killed in a three-vehicle accident on Jan. 14, 2012 on a stretch of I-84 near Mountain Home. Taylor had been messaging a friend on Facebook when the crash happened.

Her last text read, “I can’t discuss this now. Driving and Facebooking is not safe! Haha.”

According to Shauna, as a result of a decision Taylor made, she left behind her parents, three brothers, a sister, and a multitude of friends.

Shauna identified the five stages of grief — denial, anger, bargaining, depression, and acceptance — but said her family has not always made it through all five phases. In some ways, they are still on the second stage — anger.

Clay, Shauna, and youngest daughter Emerson described to the students how everyone had their own “moment,” the point when Taylor’s death became real.

Clay said that his moment



Shauna Sauer (left) and her family have spent the past five years getting their message out.

was seeing the coroner’s vehicle that first evening, while his son’s moment was seeing his father break down immediately after that.

“Six years later, and we are still just trying to move on,” Shauna said.

The family shared some of the things Taylor missed out on, things she should have had an active part in: her brother’s wedding, nephew’s birth, and graduations.

“Taylor wasn’t there to help me buy a dress for my first dance,” Emerson said.

According to National Safety Council statistics:

- 330,000 injuries occur every year as a result of texting and driving.
- Texting while driving is six times more likely to cause an accident than driving drunk.

• A vehicle travels the length of a football field in the five seconds it may take to answer a text while driving 55 mph.

• 11 teens die every year as a result of texting and driving.

Even with those stark numbers, it’s important to Taylor’s family that people understand she is more than just a statistic. Her death and the events that led up to her passing are very personal for them, and they feel the impact should be for everyone.

The Sauers gave their first texting and driving presentation in March 2012 to the One Stone student-led non-profit organization, just six weeks after Taylor’s accident. In the five years since, they have held nearly 70 assemblies.

— TK

HOMEDALE HIGH DRAMA DELIVERS PERFORMANCES



Madame Rondeau reassures Beauty as she prepares to go to the castle of the Beast. The Homedale High School Drama Club presented “The Epic Tale of Beauty and the Beast ... Briefly,” adapted by Vera Morris on Thursday and Friday at the old gym. **From left:** Wyatt James, Joseph Zamudio, Lindy Phariss, Kendra Thatcher, Ember Christensen, and Kelsie Pigeon.



Owen (Todd Thatcher) emotes while Papa (Rylan Love) looks on during “What Could Go Wrong the Night Before Christmas,” by Kim Kao Hines. The play was one of three performed by the HHS drama club. The cast for “What Could Go Wrong ...” were all 12 years old or younger.

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Broken pipe floods Marsing High gym

Superintendent asks city for help with bill

A ruptured pipe has left Marsing School District with a hefty water bill. Standing water was discovered Dec. 7 in the foyer of the high school gymnasium. Maintenance personnel found cracks in the concrete and water bubbling from them, district superintendent Norm Stewart said during last Wednesday's Marsing City Council meeting. In all, 424,000 gallons of water had leaked out. Upon investigation, the broken pipe was believed to be one that feeds hot water from the water heater to the men's rest room. The leak is believed to have begun sometime after Oct. 20.

The bill for the period from Oct. 20 to Nov. 19 totaled \$2,257. The cost of the leak in the current billing cycle isn't known yet. Faced with the inflated bill, Stewart brought his issue before the city council last week. The superintendent sought assistance with water costs from Oct. 20 to the Dec. 7 when the leak was discovered. The council was sympathetic and decided to help. "The Marsing City Council has graciously approved allowing the district to be billed a normal water and sewer cycle average," school district business manager Deb Holzhey wrote in an email. The water and sewer average will be determined by the council based on totals from August to October. An insurance adjuster has assessed the damage to the gym, but the extent of the damage has not yet been determined. Stewart said it's still unclear how much of the repair costs the district's insurance company will cover.

— TK

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Music students bring Christmas spirit to OHR

Janine Schroeder's students perform Christmas songs at Owyhee Health and Rehab on Friday to help residents celebrate the holidays. Schroeder's students, who range in age from 5 to 16, performed standards such as "Silent Night" and "Good King Wenceclas." From left: Orrin Whitley, Noah Staigle, Laura Whitley, and Janine Schroeder.



Annual gift drive winding down

Wilder residents Katy Mounkes (left) and Mary Whistler donated presents to Owyhee Health and Rehabilitation residents last week at The Owyhee Avalanche office. The last day for donations is Thursday. See an updated wish list on Page 13A.

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Jan Silva's fourth-graders sing "Dona Nobis Pacem," a Latin carol, under the direction of Robbianne Busse during the Winter Fantasy Christmas concert on Thursday at the HES gym.

New music teacher back where it all began

Busse completed student teaching in Homedale

Homedale Elementary School welcomed in a familiar face as the new music teacher this year.

Robbianne Busse, who retired from the Caldwell School District in 2010, agreed to take over the reins of the Homedale school's music department for 2017-18.

Busse had substituted for a couple weeks last year. When Eileen Walker left at the end of the year, she was asked if she would want to come back and teach this school year.

Busse received a one-year provisional certification to teach again.

The new music teacher has lived in Homedale since 1977 and her two sons, Carl, 44 and Michael, 41 went through the Homedale school system from kindergarten through 12th grade.

Busse came here from Portland in 1966 to attend The College of Idaho.

She has been married her college roommate's big brother, Idaho native Tom Busse, for 47 years.

Busse taught music for 30 years total, 23 in Caldwell. At the time of her retirement she was working at Sacajawea El-

ementary. She started out in Homedale.

"We came to Homedale because we loved the house," Busse said, "and I had done my student teaching here under (music teachers) Hollis Selders and Duane Root."



Robbianne Busse

Because this will be her only year in the classroom, her plan is to teach her students basic music concepts through playing instruments, singing and games.

She uses the Orff approach to music education, which combines music, speech and drama into lessons so it mirrors how children would normally play anyway. The Orff approach is named after German composer Carl Orff, who was influential in developing music education for children.

Her students use Orff instruments (such as glockenspiels and xylophones), rhythm instruments, recorders, and tone chimes.

In addition to developing the next generation of musicians and music lovers, Busse has also worked with the Music Theater of Idaho. She is a performer and also helps create costumes. On Saturday, the company wrapped three nights of performing the Broadway musical version of "A Christmas Carol."

— TK

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SNOTEL report, Owyhee County sensors

	Snow Equiv.	Snow Depth	Year-to-date Precip.	Previous day's temperature		
		(measured in inches)		Max	Min	Avg
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12/12	0.0	0	3.0	49	17	32
12/13	0.0	0	3.0	46	23	31
12/14	0.0	0	3.0	42	20	30
12/15	0.0	0	3.0	36	23	30
12/16	0.3	1	3.1	31	19	26
12/17	0.1	1	3.1	28	12	21
12/18	0.2	1	3.1	n/a	n/a	n/a
Reynolds Creek						
12/12	0.5	4	5.0	44	28	35
12/13	0.6	4	5.0	41	28	35
12/14	0.6	4	5.0	40	26	31
12/15	0.6	4	5.0	38	27	33
12/16	0.8	6	5.2	27	20	22
12/17	0.8	6	5.2	34	20	26
12/18	0.8	6	5.2	n/a	n/a	n/a
South Mountain						
12/12	0.8	2	7.8	53	38	44
12/13	0.8	2	7.8	48	30	39
12/14	0.7	2	7.8	44	30	36
12/15	0.7	2	7.8	45	28	36
12/16	0.8	3	7.9	28	18	22
12/17	0.7	4	7.9	35	18	27
12/18	0.8	3	8.0	n/a	n/a	n/a

Water report

The Bureau of Reclamation website showed that the Owyhee Reservoir was 63 percent full and that water was flowing in the Owyhee River above the reservoir at Rome, Ore., at a rate of 228 cubic feet per second. Water is flowing out at Nyssa, Ore., at a rate of 37 cubic feet per second. The reservoir held 452,843 acre-feet of water on Monday.

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

Man arrested for possession while visiting county jail

A Marsing man was arrested Friday at the Owyhee County Jail while visiting an inmate.

Ricky Johnson, 60, was arrested on misdemeanor charges of driving without privileges and possession of a controlled substance.

Sheriff's Chief Deputy Lynn Bowman said deputies discovered Johnson's driver's license was suspended when they ran the man's license plates, which is standard

policy for all visitors to the jail.

Bowman said deputies noticed the smell of marijuana on Johnson, and when they went to his vehicle to check his registration he admitted to having a joint in the ashtray. A second one was found in a coat in the vehicle.

Johnson was in possession of 1 gram of marijuana, Bowman said.

Toss a vacuum, go to jail

Adam Wittrup, 36, of Murphy was charged with misdemeanor domestic battery Saturday after he allegedly threw a vacuum at a woman. He was also accused of scraping her face against a wall, Bowman said.

Wittrup, who also sustained minor injuries, is currently being held in county jail.

— TK

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Advertisers, assistance sought for Meet Marsing guide

Chamber, library working on early details; input welcome

If all goes according to plan, newcomers to Marsing will have a resource guide to consult by springtime.

The town's Chamber of Commerce has met twice in recent weeks to hammer out initial details on the Meet Marsing greeting packet.

The size and scope of the booklet will depend on how much advertising and what type of information organizers are able to gather, but Chamber president Julie Scheu Franklin envisions a 40-page, full-color layout.

"Anything that you can think of that someone might need when you first move here is what we're thinking of," Scheu Franklin said.

The Chamber is coordinating with Lizard Butte Library director Janna Streibel, and or-

ganizers may eventually touch base with Marsing Housing Authority officials, too.

Scheu Franklin said the Chamber is looking for volunteers to help produce the guide. Advertising will be sold to pay for printing costs, and folks are encouraged to submit ideas for the type of helpful material and resources should be in the guide.

Businesses interested in advertising in the resource guide can contact the Chamber at marsingchamber@gmail.com. The Chamber set advertising rates during its final meeting of 2017 on Thursday at The Spot.

Folks with Meet Marsing content suggestions or anyone who wants to help with the production of booklet can also email the organization.

Producing the guide will be a slow process, but the Chamber

would like to have a finished product by the end of March, Scheu Franklin said.

"It's going to be every bit of four or five months' (work)," Scheu Franklin said. "There's not a lot of hands to do it, and a lot of things to do."

"We've never done anything like this before."

The resource guide began as an idea to let the public know what's available in town, especially services and programs offered by the public library and the labor camp.

The Chamber held its final meeting of 2017 on Thursday at The Spot.

There was more discussion on the Meet Marsing packet, and business leaders tentatively set Saturday, May 19 as the date for the fourth annual Wine and Art in the Park event.

The 2018 membership drive is under way, too. It costs \$25 to join the Chamber, and membership applications are available on the organization's website (www.marsingchamber.org) or on its Facebook page, Scheu Franklin said.

The Chamber next meets at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 11. The organization typically meets at The Spot, but Scheu Franklin encourages people to visit the Chamber's Facebook page to get up-to-date meeting details.

— JPB



The Murphy-Reynolds-Wilson Fire District has received a 37-year-old "new" piece of equipment from Boise Mobile Equipment. Submitted photo

Overdose antidote among new MRW acquisitions

Fire and EMS agency wins firetruck lottery

Perhaps one of the most profound developments was a state grant of Narcan doses, which are vials of emergency narcotic blockers used to reverse drug overdoses.

The grant included 20 double doses so each MRW volunteer can carry the drug.

Monson said the grant also provided training on the indications of a drug overdose and lessons on how to administer Narcan.

MRW also upgraded its Self-contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) equipment with tanks from the Boise Fire Department that can generate oxygen at 55 psi.

The Fire and EMS agency is holding a raffle to raise operational funding, too.

A Henry 30-30 rifle and handmade quilt are being given away.

Only 500 tickets for the rifle will be sold. Tickets cost \$5 each of \$20 for six.

Quilt tickets are \$1 apiece or six for \$5.

Contact any MRW volunteer or visit the agency's Facebook page for more information on how to get tickets.

— JPB

Local churches plan Christmas services

Two Homedale churches have announced their plans for Christmas Eve worship Sunday.

At Mountain View Church of the Nazarene, there will be at Christmas Sunday service at 10:30 a.m.

The church also plans a

candlelight Christmas Eve service at 5 p.m.

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

Call (208) 337-3151 for more information.

Two services also will be held at the First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th W.

Worship will be held at 11 a.m., and the candlelight service will start at 5 p.m.

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Gift Drive Ends December 21st

MALES

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- M2: ~~XL sweat suits (blue/grey or black), ball cap~~
- M3: ~~Coffee cup w/ screw on lid, fishing hat, ball cap, cologne (JOOP)~~
- M4: ~~3X long sleeve button up western shirts, sweat pants (3X), non-skid socks XL, drawing paper/pads, colored pencils, markers~~
- M5: ~~Electric razor, insulated fleece pants (M), long sleeve shirts (M), fleece vest (M), mono diary~~
- M6: ~~Cologne, sweater (XL), electric shaver, wireless headphones~~
- M7: ~~fruit of the loom t-shirts (4X), ball cap, underwear (L boxer brief), Mexican throw blanket, Spanish comedies (DVD)~~
- M8: ~~sweat pants (3X), western button up shirts (3X)~~
- M9: ~~polo style short sleeved shirts (2X) sweat pants (3X), classical music CDs~~
- M10: ~~dress pants 31x32 (tan), button up dress shirts (M blue or burgandy)~~
- M11: ~~flannel pajamas/sweats (L), t-shirts and sweatshirts (XL), brief underwear (32), beanies, zip up hoodie (XL), socks (10), Jimi Hendrix, Tom Petty CDs~~
- M12: ~~socks (10 1/2 wide) large bag tobacco “Jester”, tobacco tubes “Smoker Friendly, king size, Teabags (2X), sweat pants (38) big & tall~~
- M13: ~~socks, sweat suits (blue/grey, deep colors size M), electric shaver, cologne, drawing paper, colored pencils, large piece puzzle~~

FEMALES

- F1: ~~sweat suit (4X turquoise, maroon, burgandy, grey), peppermint patties, sugar free butteredotch candies, peppermint candies~~
- F2: ~~rings (6) neck lace, earrings, red sweater (L), sugar free candies/chocolates~~
- F3: ~~Books on CD, jewelry, stuffed animal, baby doll~~
- F4: ~~Sweat suit (pink XL petite), Night gown (L), boot style slippers (XL, wide), life-like baby doll w/outfits~~
- F5: ~~pajamas (M), throw pillow/blanket, tablet~~
- F6: ~~hat, scarf/gloves, hand wrap, BSU gear, candy/chocolates~~
- F7: ~~undergarments/bras (M) slacks (L), dress shirts/blouses (long sleeve, M), Cardigan Sweater (L blue), M pajama set~~
- F8: ~~double earrings, velvet coloring poster/monkeys, pajamas (M)~~
- F9: ~~Long sleeve blouse (L pink, purple, maroon), slippers (L), eye-glass case, perfume (sweet pea)~~
- F10: ~~stretch jeans (XL) L tops/sweaters, perfume (winter wood island)~~
- F11: ~~Bath & Bodyworks lotion and spray (thousand wishes), slippers (9), sweat suit (M pink or blue)~~
- F12: ~~red soft throw blanket, S blouses (long sleeve), S elastic waist pants, vest, stuffed animal~~
- F13: ~~lace cami (undershirt XL) blouses 2X, scarves, sweat pants 2X, bath and body works lotion/spray (Japanese cherry blossom)~~
- F14: ~~pajama set (XL), country and western music CDs (Alan Jackson), western books on CD (like Louis Lamour), Blouses (XL), dress pants elastic waist (XL)~~
- F15: ~~Bath & Bodyworks lotion/spray (warm vanilla sugar), sweat pants (M), tops (M long sleeve), vest (M), stuffed animal~~
- F16: ~~sweat suits (XL blue or pink), fuzzy slippers (9-10), pajama sets (XL), Bath & Bodyworks lotion/spray~~
- F17: ~~night gown (M), anything Betty Boop, fuzzy non-skid socks (7), Jacket (M), blouses M & pants L, romance books (any author)~~
- F18: ~~isotoner gloves (L), hooded zip up sweat shirts / jacket (4X), towel (2X), CDs Jim Nabors, Jack Kruton, stretch jeans elastic waist (3X)~~
- F19: ~~sweat suit (XL blue), BSU gear/t-shirts/sweatshirts, jeans (XL elastic waist), tennis shoes (sketchers slip on size 8), undergarments (large tank top style)~~

Misc items: Cologne, perfume, family friendly movies, lap blankets, Bath & Bodyworks lotions

Gifts for residents may be dropped off at the Owyhee Avalanche office, 19 E. Idaho Ave., between 8am-noon and 1pm-5pm Mon-Fri.

Marsing upsets
Homedale in AAU

Avalanche Sports

Marsing wrestlers
beat HHS, Adrian



Homedale senior guard Faith Jacobson tosses a floating jump shot toward the net against the defense of Columbia's Karen Vega (50) and McKenzie Weaver in Thursday's opening-night game.

Homedale girls win tourney title in dramatic fashion

Two games go down to the wire in Nampa

Joe Betancourt enjoys the stress of a three-day girls' basketball tournament. Or, more accurately, he likes how the competition seasons his players for the postseason. Winning a championship makes the drama bearable for

the Homedale High School girls' basketball coach, one suspects. The Trojans closed out a four-win week Saturday by edging Skyview, 37-34, in Nampa. "It was a great week for us. We went into it with confidence we could win it," Betancourt said. The victory — the third over a Class 4A team in as many days at the Today's Dentistry Holiday Classic

— marked a rare occurrence in which Homedale held off a charging opponent in the fourth quarter. "Winning three games in three days is tough to do, but the girls played hard and played together and got it done," Betancourt said. "I'm very proud of the effort and toughness they showed." The Trojans (6-6 overall at

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Trojans end skid on final day of boys' tourney

Nampa cools HHS' hot start in Thursday's opener

A Saturday victory helped Homedale High School close out a boys' basketball tournament in Nampa by ending a four-game losing streak. The Trojans edged Wood River, 49-43, during the final day of the Today's Dentistry Holiday Classic. Homedale (3-6 overall at week's end) played for seventh place after losing, 58-31, to Skyview on Friday.

— See *Boys*, page 16A



Homedale's Nelson Lomeli looks for a shot in the first half against Nampa in Thursday's opening-round game.

Two Huskies win Wolfe wrestling titles

Marsing 3rd in WIC-dominated team standings

Mason Hall sent a message to the rest of the 2A Western Idaho Conference wrestling community Saturday. He's back and bigger. Competing in the Juston Wolfe Invitational, the Marsing High School senior won the 285-pound championship at Glenns Ferry High School. And he locked up the title — his first at the weight class after three years of wrestling at 220 — with a 2-minute, 3-second pin of Melba's Ty Bahem. Marsing's Jesus Duran won the 160-pound title. The senior's road to the round-robin championship

included a 22-second pin of McCall-Donnelly's Michael Esplin in the fifth round of competition. Justin Ineck (126) also wrestled for a championship. Melba won the team championship, McCall-Donnelly was second, and the Huskies came in third. A three-time 2A state qualifier at 220, Hall's senior season begins in the heavyweight division, and he proved he was the class of the class at the one-day tournament. He pinned Kimberly's Tito Garcia in 1:34, and dispatched Payette's Zach Abbati in 1:05. Duran wrestled in the same weight class as teammate Bastion Ackerman. The two squared off in the second

— See *Wrestling*, page 17A



Jesus Duran, shown in action against Payette during the home-opening meet earlier this month, captured the 160-pound title at the Juston Wolfe Invitational on Saturday. Photo by Sarah Grossman / Freeze the Day Photography

HMS wrestler takes 5th place at State

Homedale's Willie White finished fifth in Saturday's middle school state tournament. The 130-pounder battled through the consolation bracket to get a medal. And he won the fifth-place medal in emphatic fashion, drubbing West Junior High's Aden Attao, 12-2, for a major decision. White lost his first match of the day, 15-2, to Boundary County's Eli Richards, but strung together five consecutive victories (and two pinfalls of

less than a minute) to reach the fifth-place match. White's 11-2 major decision against Emilio Velasquez of Irving set up the fifth-place match. White pinned Eagle's Brett Orton in 3 minutes and took care of S. Kaden Merrick of South Fremont (52 seconds) and Daniel Gonzales of Minico (29 seconds) before qualifying for the consolation semifinals against Velasquez with a 10-1 major decision against Minico's Zaylen Zemke.

Sports

Marsing boys' defense is clicking, but wins are rare

Shots won't fall;
Huskies split vs.
LC, Wendell

The game-tying shot missed the mark, but Tim Little thinks his team is right on track.

Marsing High School was in position to upset unbeaten Liberty Charter, but fell, 37-34, in a Dec. 12 non-conference boys' basketball game.

With his team trailing by two points with 14 seconds left on its home floor, Marsing's Dwight Sevy got a steal and set up Landry Villa for what would have been a basket to force overtime.

"There are a lot of positives coming out of this game against a state-caliber team," Little said.

"We still need to reduce our mistakes to get on the right track, but our experience is gaining quickly with close games against good teams."

Marsing held the Patriots to two points in the second quarter and owned a four-point lead at halftime.

"Defensively, this was by far our best game of the year," Little said.

The Huskies (2-4 overall) open the Nampa Christian Christmas Tournament at 3 p.m. on Thursday against Idaho City, another tough team

from the 1A Western Idaho Conference. Little said the Wildcats are favorites to win their conference championship this year.

The Nampa Christian tournament is a three-day affair that ends Saturday.

Marsing senior Tyler Wood had three steals and eight pass deflections to go with seven rebounds against Liberty Charter.

Liberty Charter used a half-court trapping defense after the intermission, forcing turnovers that helped evaporate the Huskies' advantage.

Marsing committed 14 turnovers in 32 minutes, while forcing 12 miscues from Liberty Charter.

Enrique Quebrado made the most of what few free-throw opportunities he got (3-for-4) to lead the Huskies with 14 points. He also had three pass deflections.

Sevy was perfect on four shots inside the three-point line and scored eight points. He led the team with eight rebounds.

Liberty Charter won for the fifth time in as many outings with Michael Corkish scoring 15 points and Daniel Colbert adding 13.

Friday: Marsing 30, Wendell 17 — The defensive effort continued in a non-conference home victory over

the Trojans.

"This was another defensive, physical game," Little said. "We shot the ball poorly, but our defense ensured the win against a scrappy team."

Quebrado led the team with four steals, and Dwight Sevy and Wood came away with three each. Wendell committed 21 turnovers.

Marsing held the Trojans to just two points in the first quarter, and the Huskies led 15-8 at the break.

Little said his team shot a lot of three-pointers against Wendell's packed 2-3 zone in the first half. The Huskies missed on all 12 attempts in the game.

"Luckily, our defense limited their looks and offensive rebounds," the coach said.

"Turnovers were down (11) and we controlled the boards, which has been a focus for us this week."

Wood had seven of his 10 rebounds on Wendell's end of the floor, but the Huskies put in a team effort on the backboards.

Sevy had seven rebounds, and Merrick Hall and Cash Sevy grabbed six apiece.

Quebrado led all players with 12 points, and Wood chipped in nine more for the Huskies.

Angel Espino paced Wendell with 10 points.



Marsing's Cash Sevy takes a one-handed shot at the basket against Liberty Charter. Photo by Dan Pease

MARSING HUSKIES

Girls' basketball
Ashley Loucks, jr., PG
9 points on 3 three-pointers vs. NC;
averaged 5 points, 3 rebounds for week

Boys' basketball
Dwight Sevy, jr., G
Averaged 6 points, 7.5 rebounds in
two games; 3 steals vs. Wendell

Wrestling
Jesus Duran, sr., 160 pounds
Captured tourney title in Glenns
Ferry. Won in HHS dual

Girls' basketball
Varsity
Wednesday, Dec. 20, home vs. McCall-Donnelly, 7:30 p.m.
Junior varsity
Wednesday, Dec. 20, home vs. McCall-Donnelly, 6 p.m.

Wrestling
Varsity
Friday, Jan. 5 at Rollie Lane Invitational, Ford Idaho Center, Nampa
Saturday, Jan. 6 at Rollie Lane Invitational, Ford Idaho Center, Nampa
Junior varsity
Saturday, Dec. 30 at Golden Wings Tournament, Vallivue H.S., Caldwell

Boys' basketball
Varsity
Nampa Christian Christmas Tournament
Thursday, Dec. 21 vs. Horseshoe Bend, 3 p.m.
If win Thursday: Friday, Dec. 22 vs.
Liberty Charter or Payette, 6 p.m.
If lose Thursday: Friday, Dec. 22 vs.
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Sports

Late win vs. Homedale helps Marsing sweep tri-meet

Victories in the final three weight classes helped Marsing High School edge Homedale in Adrian last Wednesday.

The Trojans built a lead on the strength of forfeits, but the Huskies pulled out a 48-33 non-conference victory with Jedidiah Crandall's victory at 220 pounds and forfeits at 195 and 285.

Crandall pinned Ahsan Riaz in 1 minute, 28 seconds after 195-pounder Seth Black notched the dual meet's decisive six points with a forfeit.

Three-time state qualifier Mason Hall was poised for his season debut during the Huskies' tri-meet against Homedale and Adrian. Slotted at 285 pounds, he came away with a pair of forfeits, including the final six points against Homedale.

The Trojans won six of eight matches in the middle of the dual against Marsing and took a 33-30 lead after Ivan Cortez pinned Justin Holm in 2:25 at 182 pounds.

It was the final victory of the meet for second-year coach Jake Levinski's Homedale squad.

Marsing got points in three of the first four matches (there was a double forfeit at 106), and Evan Miller got the first

points on the mat with a pin of Homedale's Savannah Turner at 120 pounds. Miller prevailed at the 3:22 mark.

Jorge Vega beat Justin Ineck, 6-1, at 126 pounds for Homedale's first points.

After 138-pounder Adonis Stelzried pinned Homedale's Jace Love in 2:15, Homedale racked up 24 of the match's next 30 points.

The Trojans got three consecutive forfeits before Marsing 170-pounder Jesus Duran pinned Brady Trout at 4:43.

Homedale won two of three exhibition matches against Marsing.

Joseph Egusquiza pinned Justin Ineck in 3:04 at 126, and Robert Nix pinned Black in 2:56 at 195.

Homedale 72, Adrian 0 — The Trojans rolled in a non-conference dual meet against their hosts, who have a small roster.

Only three matches were contested during the scoring portion of the meet.

Jaegar Rose (145) and Luis Andrade (152) scored points for Homedale in the first two matches.

Rose needed just 68 seconds to pin Logan Griffin, while Andrade made even faster work of Sully Ward, winning in 43



Marsing's Jedidiah Crandall looks for a signal from the official during his 220-pound bout against Homedale's Ahsan Riaz. Photo by Sarah Grossman / Freeze the Day Photography

seconds.

Vega pinned Kaden Rhead at 3:13 of their 126-pound match.

Griffin fell to Love in 1:24 of a 145-pound exhibition match, and Ward rebounded from his loss to pin Dulce Jaramillo in 1:40 during an exhibition at 152.

Marsing 48, Adrian 12 — Stelzried pinned Griffin in 33 seconds at 138, and Rhead pinned Evan Miller at the end of the first period of their 120-pound match for the only points won on the mat.

The Huskies used seven forfeits to capture their third victory in four dual meets this season.



Homedale's Jorge Vega battles Adrian's Kaden Rhead at 126 pounds. Photo by Sarah Grossman / Freeze the Day Photography



Autumn Bennett (center) braves the lane against bigger Cole Valley Christian players. Photo by Dan Pease

MHS girls stumble to start 2A WIC campaign

Starting out against two of the conference's best girls' basketball teams sent Marsing High School to a pair of losses.

The Huskies struggled to find the bottom of the basket Saturday at home, and Cole Valley Christian rolled to a 56-25 2A Western Idaho Conference victory.

Marsing (7-4 overall, 0-2 in conference) averaged 29 points in its first two 2A WIC contests after scoring 49.6 points per night in its previous six games (a stretch in which the Huskies were 5-1).

The Chargers blew open the game when they held Marsing to just four points in the third

quarter. The Huskies connected on just 13.3 percent of their shots (6-for-45) in the game and knocked down just two of 20 attempts after the intermission.

Emily Loucks led the team with nine points, and Autumn Bennett and Mackenzie Farrens scored six points apiece.

Farrens had 11 rebounds, and Gabriela Rodriguez snagged seven of her eight boards on Cole Valley's end.

Ace Hahs led three Chargers in double digits with 14 points.

Thursday: Nampa Christian 42, Marsing 33 — The Huskies managed just two points in the third quarter as the Trojans seized control of

the teams' conference opener.

Marsing held a slim 13-12 lead at halftime, but the hosts opened the second half on a 10-2 tear then survived a fourth-quarter shootout that saw a combined 38 points.

The Huskies shot just 27.3 percent (12-for-44) and took more shots from three-point land than from closer to the basket (7-for-24 from behind the line). Marsing committed 22 turnovers.

Only four Marsing players made it into the scoring column with Elsa Margarito's 14 points leading the way.

She fired in four three-point goals for the bulk of

her points, and she was one of three Huskies to dish two assists each.

Ashley Loucks scored all her points on three three-pointers and had two assists. Emily Loucks had six points and two assists.

Farrens was held to four points on just five shots. She led the team with eight rebounds, while Rodriguez snagged seven.

Homedale Elementary physical education teacher Cam Long coaches Nampa Christian, which features Jessie Wood from Marsing.

The Trojans' Ella de Jong led all scorers with 17 points.

✓ Wrestling: Justin Ineck second, Stelzried, Kinney third in Glenns Ferry

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round of competition with Duran prevailing with a 1:30 pinfall.

Duran was unbeaten in four matches, and he got pins every time out.

He beat Jared Self of Glenns Ferry in 1:56, and took care of Raft River's Beau Southern

in 2:30.

Ineck brought home a silver medal after losing the first-place match at 126 by major decision. Rapheal Rogue of Wendell prevailed, 15-2.

Marsing's Adonis Stelzried captured third place in the 132/138 division with a 41-second pin over Ethan Bernad

of Raft River.

Jaden Kinney also was third at 182, which was another round robin weight class.

Kinney's only victory of the day came with a 77-second pin of Raft River's Teegan Grush.

Troy Miller (98/106) placed fourth. His only victory was

a pin of Raft River's Isaac Powers in 1:13.

Evan Miller finished fifth in the 113/120 division. He pinned Hadley Severe of Raft River in 1:10.

Justin Holm (170) and Jedidiah Crandall (220) finished sixth.

Crandall locked up sixth

place with a pin of Kimberly's Eric Cisneros. The pin came at the 1:57 mark of the pair's opening-round match.

Holm lost a true fifth-place match at 170 when Garden Valley's Ty Grigg posted a pin in 1:31.

Garden Valley is a 2A WIC squad, too.

Sports

Marsing ends Homedale's perfect run, wins AAU title

Marsing upset previously unbeaten Homedale for a fifth-grade AAU boys' basketball championship on Dec. 12.

Jace Chadez's layup with nine seconds left gave Marsing a 33-32 victory in the Boise/Meridian AAU league championship tournament.

The game was played inside Bill Berg Gymnasium in Meridian, but Marsing coach JW Chadez said the stands were packed with fans from both Marsing and Homedale.

"It was a great atmosphere for both teams to play in," Chadez said. "Win or lose, this was a great experience for both teams, and they both played their guts out."

Third-seeded Marsing (10-3) avenged a 12-point JV West Division loss to top-seeded Homedale (11-1) earlier in the season.

Homedale controlled the game for 3½ quarters, holding

an 11-point lead with five minutes to go.

Marsing scored 12 points in four minutes, taking a 31-30 lead on Kenny Clover's layup with a minute left.

Thirty seconds later, McCoy Swallow hit a turn-around jump shot while being fouled to give Homedale the lead.

Marsing grabbed the rebound when Swallow missed his free throw, and Jace Chadez put in the game-winner after a timeout.

Swallow's would-be game-winning shot at the buzzer came up short, JW Chadez said.

Marsing beat Rocky Mountain Black in its tournament opener and edged second-seeded Greenleaf to reach the title game.

Homedale, which entered the tournament with a 9-0 record, beat Timberline Blue in the semifinals.



Marsing's fifth-grade AAU team won its tournament championship Dec. 12 with a 34-33 victory in the final seconds over Homedale.

Front row, from left: Nick Saiz, Dawson Parkins, Jace Chadez, and Matthew Ramirez

Back row, from left: Coach JW Chadez, Kenny Clover, Colby Ferdinand, Dresden Wood, Jace Clover, Mason Conger, and coach Derrick Parkins. Submitted photo

Adrian boys' streak ends in final

Adrian High School played for a tournament championship Saturday, a night after everything fell together for the boys' basketball team.

Host Crane cruised, 55-41, in Saturday's Alycia Jenkins tournament championship to snap the Antelopes' three-game winning streak.

Adrian (3-3 overall before

Tuesday's home game against Notus after deadline) got off to a fast start, leading 21-9 after the first quarter.

Crane took control by outscoring the Antelopes, 27-14, in the second half.

Three players reached double figures for Adrian, including Andy Walker and Miller DeMark, both of whom

recorded double-doubles.

Miller DeMark led the way with 12 points and 17 rebounds. He had 15 boards on defense and also blocked five shots.

Warren DeMark chipped in 11 points, while Walker had 10 points and 10 rebounds.

Friday: Adrian 63, McDermitt, Nev., 59 — The Antelopes' third consecutive

win was the team's most complete game thus far this season, according to first-year coach Craig DeMark.

Adrian rallied from a second quarter in which the Bulldogs went on an 18-8 run for a 30-26 halftime advantage.

Adrian won a fourth-quarter shootout to hold off McDermitt.

The DeMark brothers — Warren and Miller — scored 20

and 19 points, respectively.

Walker led the rebounding effort with 15 boards. He and Miller DeMark (10 boards for a double-double) anchored the Antelopes' effort to deny the Bulldogs second-chance shots.

Walker got 11 of his rebounds on the defensive glass, and Miller snagged seven.

Dakota Martin turned in a solid game with seven points, six rebounds and four assists.

Girls: HHS begins perfect week by handing Payette its 53rd straight loss

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week's end) won for the fifth time in their last six games. The triumph over Skyview extended Homedale's winning streak to four games. The team played host to Weiser in a 3A Snake River Valley conference game after deadline Tuesday.

Saturday: Homedale 37, Skyview 34 — The Hawks rallied from an anemic second quarter, but the Trojans withstood Skyview's 20-point barrage over the final eight minutes.

Josey Hall led all players with a double-double. The junior poured in 15 points and grabbed 12 rebounds.

Homedale owned a 20-7 rebounding advantage on Skyview's backboards, and Hall snagged seven of her rebounds on the Hawks' glass.

The Trojans trailed, 6-2, after the first quarter, but took the lead by holding Skyview to just a free throw in the second quarter and outscoring the Hawks 21-8 through the middle of the game.

Another junior, Amaya Carter, added nine points and nine rebounds.

Madie Edwards got all for her points for Skyview on 9-for-12 free-throw shooting.

Friday: Homedale 57, Ontario, Ore., 33 — Ashley Burks filled up the stat sheet, and Homedale cruised to victory after another lopsided third quarter.

Burks scored 10 points, grabbed four rebounds and notched two steals in one of her biggest games of the season.

The vast majority of Homedale's winning margin came at the free-throw line where the Trojans knocked down 18 of 27 chances as the Tigers were whistled for 20 fouls.

Hall led the team with 13 points and was flawless at the foul line in three chances.

Alex Grant was a perfect 7-for-7 at the charity stripe on her way to nine points.

Jayci Swallow hit a pair of three-point goals on the way

to seven points.

Ontario's Drea Peterson put in seven points, but the Tigers only shot 12.5 percent from the field in the second half.

Homedale held a 23-9 rebounding edge on Ontario's end of the court and allowed the Tigers no second-chance points.

Thursday: Homedale 44, Columbia 41 — Defense and free throws in the fourth quarter helped the Trojans maintain their comeback and knock off the home team in the opening round of the tournament in Nampa.

Hall hit both ends of a one-and-one with 50.2 seconds left in the game to give Homedale its first lead of the second half. She was 4-for-6 from the free-throw line and scored 10 points.

A turnover on the ensuing inbounds pass stalled the Wildcats, and Swallow hit a free throw. Columbia post player Karen Vega fouled Swallow while she pulled down a defensive rebound with 37.2 seconds remaining.

Kendall Nash converted a one-and-one with 9.9 seconds left, and Homedale's defense kept Columbia from getting a shot off at the end of the game.

The Wildcats had built a seven-point lead in the early stages of the second half, but three-pointers from Nash and Faith Jacobson helped the Trojans erase the deficit despite an otherwise difficult time finding the bottom of the net in the third quarter.

Jacobson's trey with 16.4 seconds completed the comeback and gave Homedale a 29-27 lead, but Columbia had the advantage by one point with a three-pointer at the third-period buzzer.

Nash was 3-for-4 from the three-point line and finished with a game-high 11 points.

The Wildcats' McKenzie Weaver led all players with 12 points.

Dec. 12: Homedale 67, Payette 24 — A solid effort from the reserves helped the Trojans win its 3A Snake River

Valley conference opener and send the Pirates to their 53rd consecutive loss.

Alex Grant's scored a game-high 13 points and knocked down two of Homedale's five three-point goals.

The Trojans dominated on the Payette backboard. Amaya Carter got half of her game-high 10 rebounds on the Pirates' end of the floor to spark Homedale's 17-4 edge.

Carter added eight points despite a 2-for-14 field-goal shooting performance.

Nash drained four of five shots from within the three-point line and popped a shot from the perimeter for the bulk of her 12 points.

Faith Jacobson was perfect on two-point shots en route to nine points, Jayci Swallow had seven points and three steals.

Josey Hall collected six of her nine rebounds on offense.

Journey Lewis and Yixel Granados scored six points each to lead Payette. Granados also had five rebounds.

Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

25 years ago

December 23, 1992

Snail impact meeting Dec. 23 at Rimrock

A special public meeting to discuss the Bruneau Hot Spring snail issue with water rights holders in the Bruneau-Grand View area has been set by the Idaho Dept. of Water Resources for Dec. 23 at 7 p.m. in the Rimrock High School auditorium.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is considering listing the snail as an endangered or threatened species. However, a recently released IDWR study concluded there was not enough evidence to justify listing the snail as threatened or endangered.

The IDWR had planned to hold public meeting in January to brief water right holders in the area on the possible impact of the snail listing. But when U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service published notice on Dec. 17 of a special 10-day public comment period on the proposed action, which ends Dec. 28, IDWR officials decided to move the meeting up to Dec. 23.

There are approximately 460 water right holders in the general area where the snails are located.

Town contributes heartily to food drive

Local service organizations presented 70 food baskets to Homedale families Saturday, guaranteeing a hearty Christmas dinner for the recipients.

Seven teams of volunteers began the deliveries at 8 a.m. and wrapped up at 11 a.m., said Ed Perkins, one of the organizers of the 8th annual food drive. Ninety-five percent of the food baskets went to families in the immediate Homedale area, and the rest to families in outlying areas. Idaho Power and GTE helped with locating addresses.

“We knew that it would be a nice Christmas present,” Perkins said. Most of the families receiving food baskets had no idea they were coming.

This year’s drive collected hundreds of pounds of food, from sacks of onions to a whole beef. Cash donations from local businesses, including a single \$500 contribution, also went toward purchasing food items.

Sewer bid discussed

A low bid for the sewer replacement project topped the news at the Dec. 16 city council meeting. The council’s regular fourth Thursday of the month meeting was pushed up due to the holidays.

Out of six bids submitted to the city, Lurre Construction from Boise won the contract with a low bid of \$11,490. The next lowest bid was \$19,850 and the highest bid was \$31,385. The city of Homedale is furnishing the materials for the two-part project, which entails replacing sewer lines on Second Street West, a half block north of Owyhee, and the alley between Montana and Second Street West and First Street West. The bid winner will have two weeks to prove he has the necessary equipment to do the job and purchase a construction bond.

Fearing a conflict of interest, councilman Roy Jackson abstained from voting to accept the bid.

In memory of ...

Library board members Eloise Dexter and Janet McCornack installed a plaque on the bookshelves at the Homedale Library. The plaque was purchased with donations given by numerous people in memory of Hazel Aldrich, former Librarian, who passed away November 1991.

50 years ago

December 21, 1967

Homedale tops Notus five 61-51

Homedale High School Trojans used a weak scoring fourth quarter by Notus to hold off a determined bunch of Pirates and take a 61-51 win in a basketball tilt at Homedale Friday night.

With only a 45-43 lead going into the last quarter, Homedale earned 16 points to only eight for the Pirates to take the win going away.

Notus now has a 2-3 record on the season while the Trojans own a 3-1 overall slate.

Fargo Grange observes final centennial rites

Fargo Grange held its regular meeting on Wednesday, Dec. 13 with Master Everett Twining presiding. Short reports were given by the standing committees. The librarian reported that interest in borrowing books from the Grange-sponsored library had waned during the last two months.

Woman Activities Home Ec chairman Berniece Phelps reported that Master Twining had been elected as Drill Master for the fifth Pomona degree drill team for the state convention in 1968.

Request came from the special meeting held on Nov. 30 asking subordinate Granges if they desired to assess each Grange \$1 per member to help with their financial expenses of the state meeting. Fargo Grange went on record as being in favor of such action.

Pomona officers will meet for a practice session at the Dairymen’s hall in Caldwell on Jan. 14. Pomona Grange will be hosts to the Ada County Pomona at the January meeting on Jan. 16. Mrs. Helen Hopkins, local Grange secretary, reported on the December Pomona meeting.

Idaho Power pays county taxes

Idaho Power Company reported Wednesday that it has paid 27 Idaho counties, including Owyhee County, the initial installments on record-breaking 1967 property taxes totaling nearly \$5.3 million, an increase of more than \$400,000 over last year.

Company president Albert Carisen said Idaho Power’s full bill in the counties where it has operating facilities and construction in progress was \$5,260,002.

“This bill marks the first time in the company’s history that its Idaho property taxes have climbed above \$5 million and is \$415,900 higher than our taxes in 1966,” he said.

Homedale High School news

The annual Christmas formal sponsored by the Senior class, will be held Saturday, Dec 23. The dance will last from 8:30 to 11:30. Music will be provided by the Lee Curtis Group. This year’s chairman for the dance is Jo Ann Bell. Blaine Pearson is co-chairman. Other committee chairmen include, Claire Jemmett, decorations; Gayl Phillips, band; and Jeanette Meininger, refreshments.

It Seems Like Yesterday

30 years ago, Dec. 23, 1937

Heavy rains last week washed out places in the Succor Creek road making it impassable.

Charles Hackney, veteran Idaho newspaperman, was a Homedale visitor Tuesday. Mr. Hackney published the Owyhee County Avalanche for 12 years retiring in January 1933. Since then he has continued to live in Silver City but is spending the winter this year at the Dewey Palace in Nampa.

140 years ago

December 22, 1877

GENERAL NEWS — Justice Harlan has taken his seat upon the Supreme Bench. W. Frank Stewart is editing the Tuscarora *Mining Review*.

The Pope is still alive, though lying in a hopeless and suffering condition.

Bills have been introduced in Congress providing for a free ballot and honest juries in Utah.

DEMOCRATIC STUPIDITY — The Democratic party has been famous for its blunders of late years. It achieved a victory at the last Presidential election, but was robbed of the fruits of it by the skill, adroitness and dishonesty of the enemy. A Democratic majority in the lower house of Congress passed a bill for the admission of Colorado as a State, and the Senate of course approved of the measure; had it not been for the passage of which, a Democratic President might have been in power at the present time. Skilled leadership and an inability to look into the future and comprehend the necessities of the situation seem to be characteristic defects of the Democracy. They committed an unwarrantable blunder recently by admitting to membership in the House a man who had by a decisive majority been rejected for that position by the people of Colorado. It was the same kind of a foul wrong as was perpetrated by the Republicans in making a Senator of Kellogg. Neither of them were entitled to the seats they claimed, and both of them hold their positions in direct opposition in the will of the people.

WAR WITH MEXICO — The brutal murder of several American citizens on the Rio Grande by a piratical horde of Mexicans ought to arouse the nation to a sense of shame as there is every indication that the outrage will be tamely submitted to as usual by our Government. A few troops will be sent to the border, perhaps a remonstrance or something of the kind made and that will be the end of it. The people themselves will soon be aroused if these diabolical acts are to go unpunished. They should hold meetings and by their acts and voice give the Administration a little of that bracing up it so sadly stands in need of. If we had men of the right stamp in all the branches of our Government there would be a force of 50,000 men on Mexican soil within two weeks.

MINING NOTES — Florida Mountain prospects are still of the most cheering character and the Black Jack ledge is developing into an immense and wonderful bonanza. The shaft has been sunk to the depth of a little more than one hundred feet, and as it gets deeper the gold becomes more abundant in the pay streak. The ledge is growing stronger as the work progresses, and the vein is steadily improving. There never was a mine opened up anywhere in Owyhee that seems to have such promising prospects as the Black Jack. It looks as if there was a mine in this vicinity at last that would be instrumental in bringing this section of the country to the front again, and we shouldn’t be surprised if it would surpass the Golden Chariot in its most palmy and productive times. Two of the mills in camp are now running on Black Jack rock, and it is said that negotiations are pending for the purchase of the Elmore mill. Several teams are engaged in hauling quartz from the mine, a good deal of which will yield up into the hundreds. The force of workmen will be largely increased at the mine works, which, with the prospects of better hauling, will enable the owners before mid-winter to set every mill in camp at work crushing.

Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM



On the edge of common sense
What's Christmas to a Cow?

I know you've prob'ly asked yourself, what's Christmas to a cow?
You've not! Well maybe, just perchance I've got you thinkin' now,
When we march out on Christmas morn like nothin's goin' on,
Has Yuletide struck the night before and disappeared by dawn?

Were plastic sleeves a 'hagin' up around the calvin' shed?
Did visions of molasses blocks cavort inside her head?
And did she lay awake all night tensed up anticipating
Or, in excitement, milk her bed by accident, while waiting?

Do cows pretend to be just cows, devoid of all intrigues
But really lead a secret life like women's bowling leagues?
Did we just miss the mistletoe?
Did all the clues elude us?
Does she believe in Santa Claus or just Santa Gertrudis?

And if we looked would we see sign of reindeer in the pen
Or would we just convince ourselves the goat got out again?
And after we'd all gone to bed would they join in a hymn
And sing that little manger song they learned in Bethlehem?

I guess that it don't matter much if cows believe or not.
We'll fork her out a flake of hay and head back in a trot
To celebrate our Christmas Day and all that we espouse
And when we say our dinner grace we'll thank Him for the cows.

For the livelihood they give us and life we get to share.
But do the cows have Christmas cheer?
Who knows, but just beware if you see chicken tracks among the straw
and drying chips, you better check suspicious cows for eggnog on their lips.

— Visit Baxter's Web site at www.baxterblack.com for more features and to purchase Baxter Black books, CDs and DVDs. His newest book, just in time of Christmas, is "Scrambled Wisdom — Almost Isn't ... Is It."

Joe Aman, publisher

From the back office
Christmas trees, family and food, the birth of the Savior



Someone asked me the other day what Christmas is outstanding in my life. Thinking back over seventy-plus Christmases, I must confess that is difficult to answer.

The earliest ones I remember are at the Oreana ranch. Being so young, there's just sketches of those times ... relatives coming with gifts, cutting a limb off a juniper tree with Dad's carpenter saw and placing it in the window, etc. Since we didn't have electricity, we strung popcorn and made our own decorations to dress up the yule tree.

There was one particular Christmas event that stands out, however: the Christmas program at the school.

The Oreana school consisted of less than a dozen students, grades one through eight. I guess you could call the schoolhouse the social center for folks from the scattered ranches in the valley. At times we'd all gather there for various events, one of which included Kelly Parker and his projector, showing home movies, some cartoons, etc.

This particular Christmas, it was for the school play. Although I wasn't yet a student, my older brother was.

Because of the lack of enough girl students, he was to play Mrs. Santa Claus. That's right. My brother was to play a woman. As he was reciting the poem "Star light, star bright," I could sense his embarrassment and humiliation. I felt sorry for him at the time, but afterwards and to this day I tease him about his role, wearing a dress and make-up.

Christmas is about family. It's traditionally been a time for our family to gather and enjoy the fellowship and the food. I reminisce about the times my own grandparents, uncles and aunts, and the many cousins would get together for the holiday. And now, I fill the role of grandpa. I feel inadequate in that role compared to that filled by my own grandpas.

In all the many festive events, we must not fail to remember the true meaning of Christmas: the birth of Jesus Christ, the Savior. But the meaning of His coming as a babe in the manger does not end there. We also must remember His death on the Roman cross and His resurrection and ascension, thereby providing a way for our salvation.

That's who this season is all about.

Sid Erwin, Bruneau

Electricity in the West
B2H will help Idaho Power's future transmission needs



by Sidney Erwin

I want to address the need for additional transmission requirements to the western energy centers of Washington and Oregon.

I am a member of Idaho Power Company's Integrated Resource Planning Advisory Council. The IRPAC meets every two years to help plan for the future resource requirements in order to supply the expected load. From that point of view and the fact that I pump water from wells, I will address the Boardman-to-Hemingway (B2H) Transmission project. Through this process, the B2H project has been a cost-effective resource in each plan for the past 10 years.

The B2H project will also benefit the Bonneville Power Administration and PacifiCorp, which have partnered with Idaho Power on B2H to better serve their respective transmission requirements. The B2H project will also provide access to both wind and solar energy for the various partners and provide enhanced reliability and stability so that these renewable resources can be fully utilized.

I serve on various advisory committees for Idaho Power Company and have observed a willingness by the company to cooperate with the various groups, both public and private, who are stakeholders in issues such as transmission line siting. As with any collaborative effort, not everyone comes away with

everything they want. The siting of transmission lines in today's world requires many years of work with many moving parts. After the need for the transmission line is determined, the process of siting the line is started with consideration given to terrain, government regulation, and the desires of the various local concerns. As with any collaborative effort, an entity or individual must participate from the beginning of the process to be effective and even then may only be partially successful.

Whether a person is an Idaho Power customer or a customer of another electrical energy supplier, the improvements to the transmission infrastructure in the Northwest help everyone though greater system stability.

With this fact in mind, opposition to transmission line improvements must be viewed from the prospective idea of having electrical energy when you want to use it or the absence of the energy.

I, as an Idaho Power customer and a participant in planning activities, support the Boardman-to-Hemingway Transmission line as a least-cost resource and as an improvement to the Northwest transmission infrastructure.

— Bruneau resident Sidney Erwin is vice-president of the Idaho Irrigation Pumpers Association and a supervisor for the Bruneau River Soil Conservation District.

Letters to the editor are due by noon Thursday this week

Commentary

Financial management

Stay away from single stocks and investment phone apps

Dear Dave,
What do you think about online investing apps, and the way they allow you to jump in and out of stocks for really low fees?
— **Anonymous**

Dear Anonymous,
I don't think about them, and I don't use them. I don't play single stocks — period.
There's a ton of research out there showing that people who play individual stocks on their own — or with their broker, or with a golfing buddy — see a rate of return of about seven percent on average. You can make anywhere from 10 to 14 percent, on average, with good growth stock mutual funds.
I could probably play single stocks more intelligently than most people, but why? If the average is noticeably less than

I'm seeing with my mutual funds, why bother going there? Plus, with a mutual fund portfolio, you've got someone who does this kind of thing for a living managing and researching your investments for you in your best interest.
I don't have an app on my phone that lets me trade stocks, nor do I plan on getting one. There's nothing wrong with apps, in general, but I'll never recommend jumping in and out of single stocks as a method of investing.
— **Dave**

Dear Dave,
My wife co-signed on a loan for an old boyfriend five or six years ago. Now, a collection agency is after her for the remaining \$5,000. We make about \$90,000 a year combined, and our attorney



recommended we file Chapter 7 bankruptcy. The idea of filing bankruptcy scares me. Is there a better way to handle this?
— **Jeffery**
Dear Jeffery,
Your attorney doesn't sound very bright. A bankruptcy stays

on your record for years. It's just plain stupid to consider trashing your financial life over \$5,000.
This collector bought the loan for pennies on the dollar. It's an old debt, and that means there are very low expectations for collection. At the same time, your wife did co-sign for the loan.
If you have the money, and you can pay it off without hurting yourselves financially, do it. That's the right thing, both morally *and* legally. If you don't have that kind of cash on hand, try haggling with them. See if you can get them to agree to settle for \$2,500. Remember to get this agreement in writing before you send them a dime, and *do not* give them access to your bank account.
Chances are they'll threaten

to sue and all that stuff, but my guess is you can work out something on an old loan like this. It may take a couple of weeks and a little patience, but that's a small price to pay if it saves you \$2,500.
Sorry, but you guys will have to pay something to make this go away. And I hope it teaches you both a valuable lesson — never co-sign on a loan!
— **Dave**
— *Dave Ramsey is CEO of Ramsey Solutions. He has authored seven best-selling books, including The Total Money Makeover. The Dave Ramsey Show is heard by more than 13 million listeners each week on 585 radio stations and multiple digital platforms. Follow Dave on the web at daveramsey.com and on Twitter at @DaveRamsey.*

Letters to the editor

Marsing may not yet have to pay for water line

Not often do I disagree even a whit with The Owyhee Avalanche, but the headline on state Sen. Bert Brackett's column about waterline cost being dropped on Marsing may be premature ("State constitution, 1969 pact puts water line cost on Marsing," Dec. 6, 2017).
The 1969 agreement said the engineer reserved the right to put the cost on Marsing. So, it is a matter of discretion. There is no better time to use coordination than when a discretionary decision is to be made. On that point Dist. 23A Rep. Christy Zito (R-Hammett) is right on the money. She recognizes the coordination process can be used in every involvement with the government, not just land and water.
Neither does the Idaho Constitution stand as an impenetrable object. There is nothing that prevents the Legislature from funding programs such as relocation with funds other than fees and taxes derived from motor vehicles.
And as to coordination causing delay, I suspect the senator takes that position because it took many months to save Owyhee's ranchers with coordination when the Bureau of Land Management sought 40 percent cuts in grazing. But that process took so long only because: (1) BLM did not want to engage in any meaningful discussions under a new process, and (2) I was new to the game and thought I had to spend more time in planning than is really necessary. The ranchers and I spent scores of days and nights on writing a BLM-proof plan. Inspiring to me always were Chet and Kim Brackett coming all the way to Murphy from Three Creek after 6 in the evening and then back home at midnight in order to do chores. That Owyhee spirit proved Clinton-Babbitt chose the wrong place to start their "Cattle free by '93" campaign.
Fred Kelly Grant
Nampa



Cherish family traditions, meaning of Christmas

Christmas. Each year during this season, I find that I am drawn to past memories, much like Ebenezer Scrooge. For me, Christmas holds many different memories. I have always cherished this time of the year and the story of a babe born in a manger surrounded by the animals. On Christmas Eve, even as a child, I loved to feed. There was something about the peacefulness of the animals on that night. Growing up in Northern Utah, there was usually snow, and the sky often would be filled with glittering stars that would seem to compete with the glittering snow on the ground.
As I started my family, the excitement of children filled my evenings. My little family would develop traditions that are cherished today. My youngest son was born six days before Christmas. There is nothing in the world like having an infant at this sacred time of the year, to hold that little one close and know that His

mother, Mary, held her son in much the same way.
My dad loved Christmas. He was a great man, and he loved animals and children. He worked hard and taught us to appreciate the ability to work and the blessings of living in this country. A tear would often fill his eye when he would hold a baby.
Two years after the birth of my youngest son, my dad died on Christmas night. I loved my dad. We shared so much, even the color of our eyes and our smile. I am often asked, when it is revealed that he died on this special day, if it has ruined my holidays. Like much of life, it is a matter of perspective. I have known birth and death within days of the birth of the Savior. His life is reflected in my Christmas memories. To answer the question, No, I am not sad; I do not mourn. I know that He lives. So does my dad.
May the blessings of peace, hope and charity fill your season and your coming year.
Merry Christmas. Cherish the memories.
Christy Zito (R-Hammett)
Dist. 23, Seat A, Idaho House of Representatives

Student seeks artifacts to tell story of Idaho

I am a student at Cascade Christian Schools, and I am writing a report on the state of Idaho. We are responsible for gathering as much information as we can about our state.
If any of your readers would like to help me by sending any pictures, postcards, used license plates, facts, products, etc., from your state, it would be greatly appreciated.
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OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL
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STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND
FOR THE COUNTY OF
OWYHEE**

In the Matter of the Estate of ROBERT G. FIORA, Deceased Person.
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 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 David E. Kerrick, Post Office Box 44, Caldwell, Idaho, 83606-0044, and filed with the Court.
DATED this 6th day of December, 2017.
/s/ Brett R. Fiora, Personal Representative
12/13,20,27/2017

THE FOLLOWING APPLICATIONS HAVE BEEN FILED TO APPROPRIATE THE PUBLIC WATERS OF THE STATE OF IDAHO:

2-10547
SEVY DAIRY INC
7808 SOMMERCAMP RD
GIVENS HOT SPRINGS, ID 83641
Point of Diversion L4(SWSE) S26 T02N R04W OWYHEE County Source SNAKE RIVER Tributary COLUMBIA RIVER
Use: IRRIGATION 03/01 to 11/15 2.83 CFS
Use: STOCKWATER 01/01 to 12/31 1.2 CFS
Total Diversion: 4.03 CFS

Date Filed: 11/22/2017

Places of Use: IRRIGATION, STOCKWATER
T02N R04W S26 NWSW SWSW
T02N R04W S27 SENE NESE SWSE SESE
T02N R04W S34 NWNE SWNE NW(ALL)
T02N R04W S35 SWNE SENE NW(ALL) NESW NWSW

Total Acres: 628

**NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGE OF WATER RIGHT
TRANSFER NO. 82044**
SEVY DAIRY INC, 7808 SOMMERCAMP RD, GIVENS HOT SPRINGS, ID 83641; has filed Application No. 82044

for changes to the following water rights within OWYHEE County(s): Right No(s). 2-10540, 2-10541, 2-10544, 2-2305. The purpose of the transfer is to create a 486.7 acre limit place of use within a 628 acre permissible place of use. The remaining 141.3 acres are being applied for by application for permit 2-10547. Water will be used at the current place of use 4.5 miles south of Marsing, off the west banks of the Snake River.

Permits will be subject to all prior water rights. For additional information concerning the property location, contact Western Region office at 208-334-2190; or for a full description of the right(s) or proposed transfer (s) please see www.idwr.idaho.gov. Protests may be submitted based on the criteria of Idaho Code §§ 42-203A and 42-222. Any protest against the approval of the application(s) must be filed with the Director, Dept. of Water Resources, Western Region, 2735 Airport Way, Boise, ID 83705 together with a protest fee of \$25.00 for each application on or before 1/8/2018. The protestant must also send a copy of the protest to the applicant.
GARY SPACKMAN, Director
12/20,27/2017

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Remembering Christmases past

A Christmas meditation – God with us

Clare Willcuts, for the Owyhee Chronicle for Christmas, 1952

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

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

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

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

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

Christmas shopping in Silver City

From the Dec. 22, 1877 edition of The Idaho Avalanche

James Graham's store:

Clothing, carpet, boots and shoes, cutlery, raisins, coffee, teas, spices, syrups, cigars, wines, cheese, butter, and an endless variety of hardware and other staples are scattered about in great profusion.

Mr. Graham has one of the largest mercantile establishments in the Territory, and is one of the old warhorses of the country, having been living in Idaho for 17 years.

Morris Obendorfer's store:

Not only every article that Santa Claus will have occasion to dispense next week can be found here, but there is also a stock of staples that seems to cover everything within the range of human wants. There is no end to the display of dry goods, clothing, hats, caps, boots, shoes, blankets, rubber goods, stationery, champion goods, wall-paper, cutlery and crockery; and the ladies will be interested in the superb stock

of laces, trimmings, hosiery, buttons, shawls, hats, cloaks, collars, stockings, gloves and other articles, of which there is an endless variety in the establishment. For children, the supply also seems to partake of every requisite, including socks, gloves, and suck like; for the general public, the stock embraces such goods as candies, nuts, groceries, hardware, liquors, wines, cigars, hams, bacon, California apples, figs, fruits, pistols, and cartridges.

Ed. Moore has, at the post-office store, toys of every description and the largest and best collection of articles in this line to be found in the city. The display of mechanical and tin toys is immense, and there are in addition, albums, vases, safes, tops, surprise boxes, gentlemen's dressing cases, writing desks, cups and saucers, children's tea and kitchen sets, building-blocks, games, and steple-chases.



The Story of Christmas

Luke 2:1-20, King James Version

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

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

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

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

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

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

for them in the inn.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

will toward men.

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

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

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

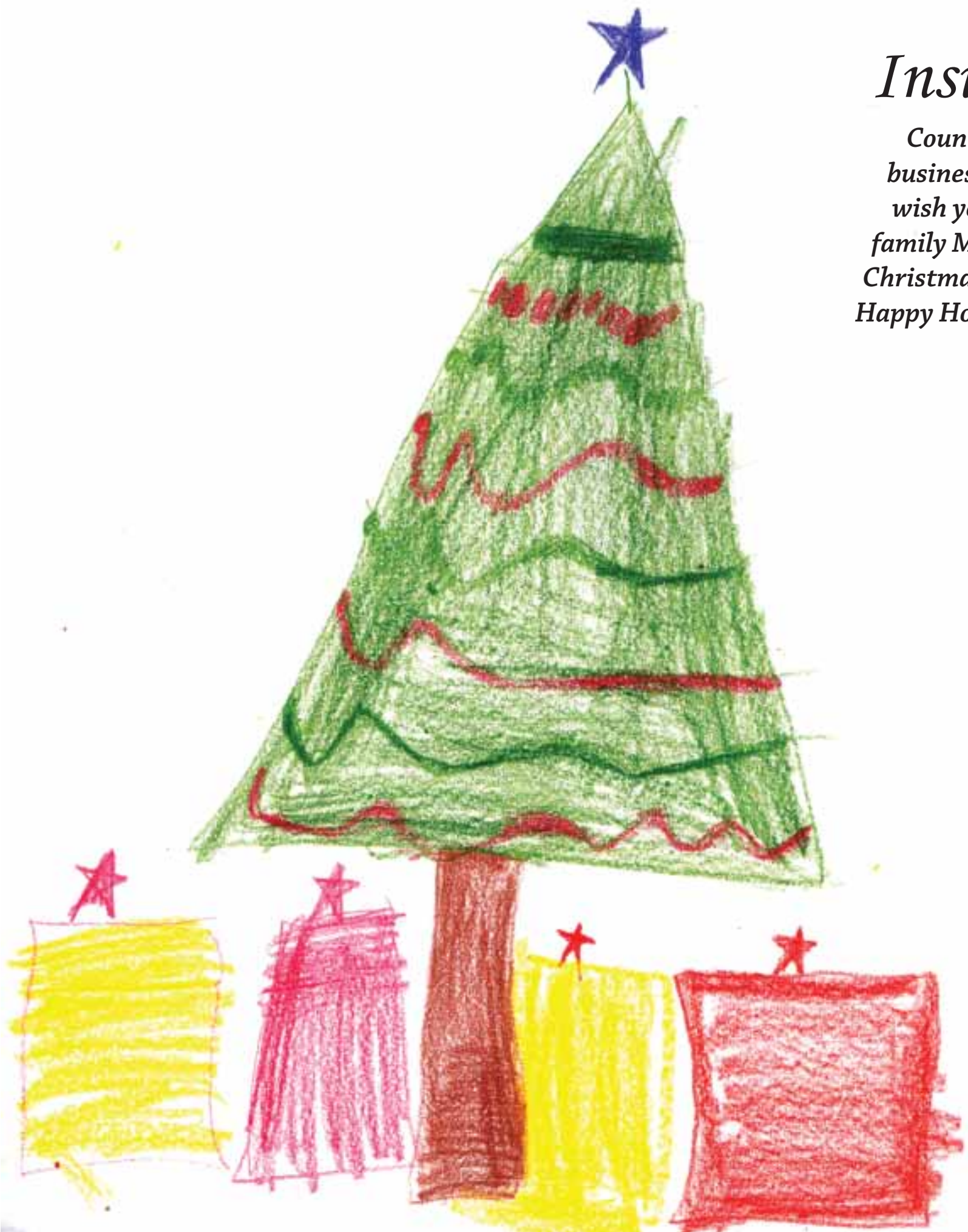
And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds.

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

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

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Owyhee schoolchildren share their wish lists



Mariah, Wendy Stansell's class, Marsing Elementary

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Back Row Left to Right: Bryan Badiola, Mike Miller, Ty Jordan, Dan Allen, Greg Zaro, Josh Jayne, Jeremy Waters
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MARSING LOCATION:

Dan Campbell, Jessica Ruggles, Jonathan Davis

Homedale Elementary

Laura Eubanks’ second-graders

Dear Santa,
I have a few questions for you. what Does the north pole look like? What Does the elfes look like? what Does your sled look like? I do good thing I work hard on math I try to get along with my sister I wait for crismas Here are a few things I want please I want earrings. I want a tantop and sorst. a dimend neaklist. a pear of shoes. I have many wishes for you.

Love Aireal

Dear Santa,
I have a few questions for you. How do you get in the house? How is Rudolph? Do you like cookies? Every day I do my chores for mom. I am trying to be good. I would like a monster High doll with black hair, and a Squisies for sister.

Love Kayla

Dear Santa,
I have three questions. How many presents are in your bag? What is a reindeers favorite food? How many elves do you have in you shop? Please briog me a blue bike and a nerf gun. my sister wants her two front teeth for Christmas. Merry Christmas Santa

Michael

Dear santa,
I have a few questions for you. Do you live in the north pole? Do you have kids? Do you have brother? Do you have mom? I have been good. I listen to my mom. there are two things I would like. A basketball hoop for me and a new car for my mom. Merry christmas santa.

your friend Gonzalo

Dear Santa claws,
Here are a few question I would like to now. Is your magic reel? What dose your raindeer eat? Why do you oly come ones a year.? This is what I have done to be on your good list. I have bin nice. I like to help my mom clean up. I work hard at school. I have graet A.R. goal. There are three things I would like. A remote controle car a nerf gun and Legos. Have a happy new year Santa.

from Lupito

Dear Santa Claus,
These are few questions for you Santa Claus. Does your elves make a tilton toys. How do Santa Claus get to

homes. I try to be good to get toys. I work at SCHool to get stars. I do my homework at home to get treats. There are two things. I Love Mario playing in Monopaly Gamer. on Christmas I wish get Monopoly. There are wishes for you. I wish for a xbox and a nintedo swich. I wish I had a fun Game.

Jose

Dear Santa
Here are a few questions. Riandeer can fly? How do your riandeer fly? How are your riandeer? I’m helpfol. I try to be good! There are two things I hope you can bring me I hope I get a dS only I want plants vs Zombe. And a huver bord. I have two things to tell you. Have a safe trip. I wish you a mary christmas.

Love Remington

Dear Santa,
I have three questions. Has Rudolph been good? Hay Santa. I wonder what your shp look like? what tpe of cookees do you like? I’m helpfal. I help my mom with chors. this year we’ll be por. there are three things. Lexick dirtbike, monekinchl that can go insn wo and mud and tranch form in bot. monek inchl helukoptr that can drop a bom. Happy New Year Santa!

Love Keighan

Dear Santa,
Here are a few questions. How do the elves make toys? How do you get radolph? How do you get arowd the wold in one day? I make many good choicis. I be nise to pepele. I help my frends wen thay need help. There are two things. I want a decse and I want the Lago niogo game, I want an ice crasr. I have many wishes for you. marry christmas two you and mrs claa. Have a safe trip!

Love Liam

Dear Santa,
These are questions I would like to ask. How is your reindeer? How is Mrs. Claus? Is your elves behaving? I try to be good. I try to get along with my brother. I work hard at school. I’m smart. I’m good because I sweep and do the chrome. There are three things I would love. I would LOVE a little puppy. I would also like a bored game Called Clue. And the last thing I want is a sled. I have many wishes



Keiser, Laura Eubanks’ class, Homedale Elementary

for you. Merry Christmas to you and Mrs. Claus! Have a safe trip!

Love, Lily B.

Dear Santa Claus,
I have three questions Santa. I wonder how the elves look? I wonder how Rudoph got his red nose? How do the Randeer fly? I try to be good. I do my bed. I clean my room. I feed my dogs. I feed my babys. I change my babys. Here are a

few things for Christmas. can you bring me a set of magic tracs. can you bring me drums and drum stics. can you bring me a nintendo swich. I wish you have a graet Christmas. I wish you have a graet Christmas.

love Luis Angel

Dear Santa,
These are questions I want to know. How do you get in a house? How is Rudolf? Do

you like cookies? I try to be good. I try to get along with my brothers. I feed my dog everyday. Here are a few things I would like for chritmas. I like dolls. Dolls are favrot toys. I like bogs. Dogs are my favrot pets. I hope you have a good time. I hope you like my treats. I hope you are safe.

Love, Lilly V.


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

Luke 2:8-14

*Merry Christmas
from all of us at...*



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Derek, Nancy Smith’s class, Homedale Elementary

Nancy Smith’s second-graders

Dear Santa

How are you doing this year? What else do you eat besides cookies? What is your favorite thing in the whole wide world? A lady spilled her money and I helped her pick it up. Im working on talking nice and not using bad words. For Christmas could I please get some sports posters and some more pokemon cards.

Your friend Zanner

Dear Santa Claus

Do you like cookies and milk? Does Mrs Santa Claus like cookes and milk too? How old are you? I have been good because I feed my dogs when my mom says so. I also play with my siter I would like a kitten and kitten stuff so I can take csre of it, And also a drum. Thank you

Love Priscella

Dear Santa,

How do you reindeer fly? How is Rudolph doing with his nose? Do you help wrap present’s? This year I help my mom do the dishes. I also dont rush my horse at all so I don’t get bucked off. For Christmas I would please like a cat, cat supplies and bunny supplies.

your friend Kambrie

Dear Santa

How is Mrs. Clus? How is Rudoph? How is this year going dfor you? I have been nice to my brother. I have been listening to my mom and Amuma and Atxitxa. I listen to my daycare lady I would please like anything that is Wonder Woman and anything

that is Shopkin. Thank you Santa for everything.

love Mikaiala

Dear Santa Claus

How is Mrs Claus? How is Rudolph? How is this year going for you? I say please and thank you. I am nice to my mom. I love my family. Could I please get these for christmas? Sowing machine & High Heeled boots.

love Aaliyah

Dear Sarta claus

How is Vixen been feeling? How do the reindeer fly in the air? I help my mom wit the gorbage And also I help my mom with the garden. I would please like an iphone7 and a mini dirt bike for christmas. Anything would be nice

your friend Bronson

Dear Santa

Who is your best friend? Are you for real some people say you are not? How is Rudolph’s nose? I have beed good this year because I help my mom and dad clean the house. I also practice my piano. I would please like Legos a real puppy and an emoji k for christmas

Love Cylas

Dear Santa

How is Rudolph doing this year? What is your favorite kind of cookie? I take care of my baby sister. I work hard in school for my teacher. For Christmas may I please get a computer, a phone and colored makers Thank you!

Love Monica

Dear Santa Claus

How old are you? Where do you like to vacation? When is your birthday? I have been good this year I play with my brothers. I help my mom and dad. And I help my sister with the tree. For Christmas I wopuld please like a doll cat toy and cat foods.

Love Melanie

Dear Santa

I want to ask a few quetions so where were you born and how old are you? Who is your best friend? I have been good because I playd with my baby sistr. I help my mom when I play with my baby sistr. For a presant I would please like Zelda Tri Force Heros and Pokemon Ultra sun and Mario Party Star Rush.

Love Camden

Dear Santa Claus

How is it in the North Pole? How is Mrs. Claus doing? I’m being good at saying please. I’m being goed at doing what my mom says. Please will you get me a pair of high heels. Please could yoy get me a pair of black boots. and finally an Aletle.

Love Aubreyanna

Dear Santa Claus

How are you and Mrs. Claus? How are your reindeer I like your suit who made it? I helped my dad with cows. And I helped my mom with cleaning the houes. This year could I please get a cool pocket knife, a T.V. and a pet lizard for Christmas. Thank you Santa!

Love Mateo

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Homedale Elementary

Kristi Uria’s second-graders

Dear St. Nick,
Can I ask you sum questions? My first question is am I on the nice or naughty list? My next question do you mack cocacola? Thank you for redeege my questions I aprisheate that. Good st. Nick, I should be on the nice list First of all, I ran a bath for Charleigh. I also helpt my ukl Tyler in the hospital. I’ve bein good this yar.May I have a cupl of givs? I need a new pair of Adidas yeezys that are black with blue bodoms, size 2y. The next present I want is a hofubord that is black. Another gift I wud like is a white Adidas hat plese!!! Have a wonderful year.
Your friend, Khyler

Dear St. Nick.
I have a few questions for you first, do you like your job? Next, How fast does your Sleigh go? Next, How does your sleigh fly and then go forward? Thank you for answering my questions. I hope Im on the nice list this year. first, I cleaned my baby brothers mess. Secondly, I made a new freind and he was new to my school. Can I tell you some things I want? first, can I have medicine for my sick brothers. Secondly, I want some candy because I like sugar. finally, I want a math book so I could learn more math.
your freind, Donovan

Dear St. Nick
Can I ask you a few questions? First off, how are your riendeer. second off, do

you make Coca Cola. Last off, are you magic. Thank you for reading my questions. St. Nick I’ve done many good deeds and I hope I’m on your nice list. First of all, I have picked a ladys money when she dropped it. Second of all, I made friends with someone that did not have friends. As you can see I am a nice young man. Since I’ve been so good this year, I would like some presents. The first gift I need is orange and blue snowgear. The second thing I want is a black shotgun. The books I Michel vey siearies because they’re cool books. I hope you have a good cristmas
your friend, Gibson

Dear Santa,
May I asck you some questions please My first question I was wondering how do you feed your reindeer? Secondly how are your reindeer feeling about christmas? I have done many things to be good this year. I helpt mom when she was sick when my mom was sick I cleaned the living room. Santa I hope you bring me some presents. The first gift I need is a blanket that is Blue and red and I need it to be long to keep me warm. The next gift want is a Nerf gun so when my dad comes home from work I will have it rade to soot him. the corle I want is Blue and red. I hope you have a wonderfl and safe christmas.
you frend, Kegan

Dear Santa,
I have a few questoins for

you. What is it your elves are doing when they are working? Also how do you decide who is on the Naughty or Nice List? Thank you for taking you time to answer my questoin Santa. I’ve been very good this year and I’m going to tell you some of the things that I did. Firs of all. I held the door open when my mom’s hands were full Also, I shared one of my toys with my sister when she was mad. As you can see I have been a very good kid this year. There are a few things I would like to ask for. First, I need a work coat to keep me warm. Also, I would really like a wii because it would be my first electronic I have ever had. I would also really like some books to keep me educataded I survived books, Diary of a wimpy kid book and who was who is book. And for cloths I would like some under aurmer cleats desined as an ameriecan flag size 2.5-3.0. I hope you have a wonderful and safe christmas.
your friend Cain

P.S. can i also have some cowboy boots

Dear Santa claus
Would you mind if I ask you a foo questins please? first thing an I on the Note list or Nice list? Last what cookeis doo you like? Santa I’ve been very good this year. I hsood be on the Nice list. A cupel uve nice things I’ve done are opened the door for a lady and sherd my toy with my bother. Since I was very very good this year I hope you bring me presents. I

would like the Football game Madden mobile an xbox360 with a remote black please. I hope you have a wonderful and safe christmas!
your firend, Jayden

Dear Santa Claus,
Can I ask you some questions plesee? I was wondering how do you get magic in the Riendeer? My second question for you is how do you make the sheigh fly? Thank you for reding my questions! Santa, I am telling you some good things I did this year. One nice thing I did was help dad carry groceries. The second nice thing I did is I helped clean my familes kitchin. I dserv to be on the Nice List I was a nice gril. I’d lik to have pesing this year The first thing I need is a coet that is pink and purple si I can be warm. The next prent I want is a giny pig becaus my baby chicy died. A book I wood like is a anmal book. The last gift I’d like is a hat so my head can be worm. I hop you have a wonderful and saf christmas
You friend, Sophia

Dear Santa Claus,
May I aske you some qeshws abowt you? First of all does it snow ion the North Pole? I’ve also been wondering if you make hot Coco? Thank you for taking yuor time to read my qeshws. Santa Claus, I’ve done mony good thegs this year. I hope I am on the Nice List. One nice thing I did I made a botl for my baby sister. I also cleaned my mom’s room. Aa you can see I am very, may I ask for some presents? The fist gift I need is a black, white, and red coat with a fuzzy hood, size 14. The next presents I want is slime because I can play whith it. A game I would like is a math game The last gift I’d like is a jojo Bowse to wear.

Yor friend, Stefani
Dear Santa Claus,
I have some questions to ask you, One question I have what is the elves name? Another question I have is how are the elves? Thank you for reading my question. Santa I’ve did good this weer I did good deeds. First of all I help dad and mom. I also mow the lawn whith my dad Another thig I did is mop the the flor for my mom. Sens I was good this year I would like to ask for a few presents. Santa I need a new winter hat. the first gift I need is a pick and blue winter hat to keep my head warm. the next present I want is a hofbord to play and ride on. the therd present I want is a book on esee book.
your friend Samar

Dear Santa,
May I ask you some couple questions? I was wondering, how do you get in the chimney? I’ve also been wondering, how are your elves doing? Thank you for reading my questions. Santa, I’ve been a good kid this year. First of all, I help my mom clean dishes. I also, make Breakfast when my mom is sick. As you see I am a good girl this year, since I was so good this year I would like to ask you some few presents. The first gift I need is a hot pink and fuzzy blanket. The next present I want, is a dollhouse that comes with dolls. A book that I would like is peat the cat. the last gift I’d like, is black and coral 3 boots. I hope you have a wonderful and safe christmas.
your friend, Dania

Dear Santa Claus,
So I was wondering if I could ask a few questions please? I’d like to know are you nervus for Cristmas? Secondly what
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Stefani, Kandy Stanford’s class, Homedale Elementary

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Dorothy Hutchings' second-graders

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How is Mrs. Claus?
May I have football shoes
and football gloves for
Christmas?
From Emmet

Dear Santa Claus,
I hope you have a good
Chrstmas. May I have Lego
Ninja set and light up shoes?
From, Julian

Dear Santa,
How are you doing in the
North Pole? May I have a
pair of shoes and one of your
cookies for Christmas?
From, Emanuel

Dear Santa Clause,
How are things in the
North Pole? I wold like three
controllors to an X-Box 360,
and a phone for Christmas
please!
From, Presten

Dear Santa Clause
I know that you work really
hard. What kind of cookies
do you like? May I have a
princess carriage, a Barbie
Dreamhouse, and an ipod for
Christmas? I hope you have a
Merry Christmas!!
Love, Abigail

Dear Santa Claus,
How are things in the Noth

Pole? Where is your house?
For Christmas may I have
a real Guitar, a horse, and
a watch? I wonder where
your presents are. Merry
Christmas!!
From Andrea

Dear Santa,
How are you? For Christmas
may I have a new hatchable
and a penny bank?
From Zuryc

Dear Santa Claus,
I hope that the North Pole
is fine. May I please have an
x-box and light up shoes for
Chrismas? Merry Christmas,
Adryan

Dear Santa Claus,
How are things in the North
Pole? May I have a phone,
a doll, and a new real car
for Christmas? Have a good
Christmas day, Santa Claus.
Thank you for the presents.
Love Allisson

Dear Santa Claus,
How are things in the
North Pole? When you get
to my house you will see
my star is very glittery. May
I have a giant stuffed panda,
and a surprise present for
Christmas? What are your
favorite cookies? I hope you
and Mrs Claus have a nice

Christmas. Merry Christmas!
From Savannah

Dear Santa Claus,
I hope you have a great
Christmas. How are Prancer
Rudolph, and Dasher? I
would like a hockey stick and
a guitar for Christmas.
From Theodore

Dear Santa Clous
I hope you have a safe trip.
May I have a nerf gun an Elf
on the shelf Rudolph? please
From, Ethan

Dear Santa,
How are the reindeer doing?
For Christmas I would like
a stuffed unicorn and legos.
What's your favorite cookie?
How are things in the North
Pole? Hows Rudolph doing?
How are the elves doing?
Love Natalie

Dear Santa,
How are things in the Noth
Pole? What is your favorite
cookie? I would like a toy
unicorn. How are the elves?
How are you? I would like
a hatchable. What is your
favorite color? How are the
reindeer?
Love, Emma

Dear Santa Claus,
How is the North Pole? Is



Shiloh, Mary Westrand's class, Marsing Elementary

it good? My wish list is short.
May I have a new phone and
a new dog? That is all. I love
you so much.
From, Tuff

Dear Santa,
How is the North Pole? I
would like an iphoneX and a

nerf gun for Christmas.
From, Leim

Dear Santa Claus,
How are things in the North
Pole? What are your favorite
cookies? May I have a play
station 2 for Christmas?
From, Dayael

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Dear Santa
How are your elves? Chritmas is time to spend time with your famly. I want hatch:mals, and a dres:shirt.
from Megan

Dear Santa,
How was your vacation? Christmas is a bout Jesus birthday. I want a Nintendo switch, video games, and a new football please. Fly safe.
Levi

Dear Santa
How are yoer elves? Did you know Jesus Birth Day was on Christmas? I want a xbox and a PSfour for Christmas. Mery Christmas and Be safe,
Julian

Dear Santa
How long will it take to get to Marsing? Did you know Jesus Birthday was born Christmas? I want ninja Legos and remote control jeep and a X box. Merry Christmas,
Jesse

Dear Santa,
How are your elves? It is Jesus birthday I want a Xbox, call of duty. Be safe,
Kraiden

Dear Santa,
How are your elves? Did you know that is Jesus birthday? I want a xbox. Legos, and remote control jeep. Thank you. Merry Christmas,
Benz

Dear Santa,
How many people will fit in your sleigh? Christmas is a time to celebrate Jesus’s birthday. For Christmas I want a Hatchimal and makeup. My elf does a lot of funny stuff!
Love, Maylee

Dear Santa,
How are your elves? Did you know it is Jesus birthday? I want legos please.
From German

Dear Santa,
How are your elves? It is Jesus birthday. For Christmas I would like baby hatchameis.
Be safe, Ariana

Dear Santa
How long will it take to

get to Marsing? I hope it will snows for chrimas. I want a big Hatchimal, bracelet and a necklaces.
Love Mariah

Dear Santa,
How aer yur elves? My christmas tree is up. I want PXbox15.
From, Korban

Dear Santa,
How many people will fit in your sleigh? Its also Jesus birthday. This is what I want, Just dance, magic tracks.
Love Maddy

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? My Christmas tree is up. For Christmas I wont a Lap top and Football.
From, Layne

Dear Santa
How are you doing? Did you know on Christmas it is Jesus Birthday? For Chrismas I want minecraft stuff.
From, Taylor

Dear Santa,
How are your elves? It is Jesus birthday. For Christmas I want aquabeads and a hatchimals.
Love, Krystal

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? It is Jesus Brthday on christmas. I would like to get a Barbei house and close for Barbeis. The Best chirsmas ever.
Love Libby

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? it’s Jesus Birth Day. for christmas I want a Bike, a Boggle game, a sprak scooter, and a craft kit.
Love, Daysen



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Dear Santa
How are you? I want for Christmas doll, a coloring book, and a ball,. Merry Christmas Santa.
Ana

Dear Santa
How are you? for christmas I want dolls, a coloring book, and, a ball. Santa how are your reindeers? Merry christmas
Evelyn

Dear Santa
How is Mrs. Claus? I want an X-box 360. Pokemon Loges. Merry Christmas
Your friend Chris

Dear Santa
How are you? I want to see you. I want a necklace, a pup, and my front teeth. Have a good day.
Thank you Izabella

Dear Santa,
How do you feel today? Do you feel ready for Christmas? What I want for Christmas is the millennium falcon lego set, Death star lego set and a rip stick. Happy holidays.
Your friend, Peyton

DEAR SANTA
How are you? Are you feeling good? Do youy kecookie sand ice cream I want on x-box and a watch. Merry Chrstmas.
From Roy

DEAR SANTA
How is rudolph? All I want



Madeline, Mary Westrand’s class, Marsing Elementary

for christmas is a puppy. I hope you haea a good trip on Christmas Eve.
Love Keeley

Dear Santa
How is Ms. Claws doing? I want a Madden NFL 17, video game, a basketball and a basketball video game. Have a safe ride in the snow

and thankyou for the presents you give us.
Have a safe ride Julian

Dear Santa,
How is Mrs. Claus dooing? I would like a Barbie, a Barbie house, and a pretend puppy dog. Have a good Christmas.
Thank you, Aracely

Dear Santa,
How are you doing Santa? What are your elves doing? How are your reindeers doing? What i want for christmas is skechers, ninjago lego set and

a x-box one.
thank you, Waylon

DEAR SANTA,
How many cookies do you have? I guess 50 I want remote control helicopter and 3ps.
Have a good ride Wade

Dear Santa
How is Rudolph and how are the other reindeer? Santa can you give me a lego set, kitty cat, and stuffed animals? Merry Christmas.
Thank you JoSue

Dear Santa,
How aru you dioing Santa? May I please have a toy horse, a toy puppy, and a toy rudolph. Have Merry Christmas Santa and have a safe trip from the North pole.
Thank you Santa, Jasmine

Dear SANTa
Merry Christmas SANTa. All I WANT for chRistMAS is A LeGo JuRASSic World set, A puppy AND A RoBot thANK you for these toys.
thANK you Mason

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Dear Santa
How are you doing Santa? I want a a Lego set and a football. Have a Merry Christmas and I hope you have a good Christmas.
Thank you, Shiloh

Dear Santa
How are the Reindeer and Rudolph doing? Santa I want a videogame and a pretend car. Santa have a good Christmas and a good Christmas Eve.
have a good ride Spencer

Dear Santa,
Is Rudolph doing? Well I ant an x-Box 360, a Wii, and a PS4. I wish you a Merry Christmas.
your friend Cody

Homedale Elementary

Kristi Uria’s second-graders

From Page 5B

what are the reindeers names? I uprisheate you takeing time to read this. Santa hey I’ve been good this year So I’ve cleaned the playroom and I made a new freind. her name is Ellie and she was new to the shool. So as you can tell I’ve been really good! Santa I’m going to tell you what I want. First I would like some pink ear muffs please because my ears will be snug as a bug in a rug. The best part has come! I would love a JoJo Siwa My Life Doll please, because I love JoJo. One thing I would love for a book is a Evie fashion book because I love fashion so so much. I would also love a sparkly wonsey so I can sleep cumfy. I really hope you bring everything. and I hope you can have a wonderful cristmas

your friend Elizabeth

Dear Santa Claus,

CanIaskyousomequestions please? My first question I was wondering How are you doing? My secand question am I on the Nice List? Santa one nice thing I did is I made Breakfast for mom. I aso made new friend. Since I was so good this year, I would like to ask for a few presents The first gift I need is blue boots that go to my nis the next present I want is a X box 1 to play on it I would like a book to read. the last gift i’ like is pant’s because mine brok. I hope you have a wonderful and safe cristmas.

your friend Joseph

Dear Santa Claus

Would you mind answering a couple of guestiochs? How does your sleigh fly? How do you get around the world in one night? Thank you for reading my questions. Santa, I did good things this year. I would want an xbox 360, and a red, two foot tall dinosaar please.

Thank you, Kriss

Dear Santa Claus,

can I please ask you some questios? Santa do you make your own cookies? My nest question is your sleye dus your sleye fly Thank you for it Santa I bin a good kid. I clean the lawn with my mom. First of all I clean my play toy’s. Santa I hope I get presents. Santa I need a Red and-Blue mask. I need a chargr to

charge my tablit and phone. Santa the realy most thing I want is pawpotroll clecthin.

your friend, Bianca

Dear Santa,

CanIaskyousomequestions please? I have been wondering how you decide how goes on the Nice or Noughty List? My second question is how do you magic in the reindeers? I preseate you reading my questions? Santa, can I tell you stuff I should be on the nice list. One nice thing I did is when my mom was sick I cooked breakfast for her. The second nice thing is when I came to a new school I made lots of freinends. As you see I have been extarmely good this year! Can I tell some stuff I want? The first gift I is blue thermals for the winter to keep warm with white snow flakes that are fuzzy. The next present I want is a JoJo Swia American girl doll with blond hair, a pink vest, and a small pink jojo bow a purple skirt, blue shoes ans pink, blue, purple and its a tainto to play with carefully. A game I would like to pl;ay with is Bingo so I can learn. I want to wear a rainbow JoJo bow I hope you have a wonderful and safe christmas.

your friened Ellie

Dear Sata Clous

My fist qustin is why do you go down the chimney Another question is why do your elves make the toys. my next questin is who is on the nice/noughty list? Santa Iv been good for 11 years. a book elvs. the frst gift i need is toys blue hard big. then fack many green big soft. the most thing I want a xbox 360. I hope you have a wonderful and a safe christmas.

your friend Josiah

Dear Santa,

Would I ask you sum quishins please? My first question is how do you decid how kids go the Nice and Noughty List. My second question is santa how are you doing? Thank you for taking time to read my questions. Santa I did many good deeds. First of all, I have clean my Dad and Mom bed. Second of all I Made friend with Naymen my friend. As you can see. I have been extremely good this year! Since I was so good this year, I would like to ask

for a few presents. The first gift I need is a scarf The color is purple and The texture is sof. The next present I want is slime The color is ranbo. A book I would like to Reads is a book ubat vets. The last gift I’d like is shus The color is black and the brand is nikes and the sids is 3.

your friend, Ashley

Dear Santa claus

Can I ask you some quertions Plece How do your rieder fly? where do you get The presents from? How do elves get their magic? thank you for letting me ask you some quertions I have been so good This year. I clean dishes for my Grampa when I’m at his house Whenever my sister trips or gets hurt I give her a Candy. Can I please have some gifts? The first gift I need is a scar that is pink. The next present I want is a Blue tooth head phones that are blue. I would like a book by Al perkins Illustrated by Joe Mathieu. Merry Christmas Santa!

your firend Brinelle

Dear sant claus,

MayIaskyouafewquestons please? I was wondering what are your Reindeer names? I’ve also been wonderig are your elves small? Thank you for taking your time to read my letter. Santa I am a good kid and I deserve to be on the nice list. First of all I cleaned my moms room. Second of all, I opened the door for my mom When her hands where full. as you can see i’m a good kid. since I’ve been so good This year you might consider briengng me a few presents. the first gift I would like a Karinsa garcia slime kit. And a secwence shirt. I hope you have a safe chrismas.

Sincerely Ava

Dear Santa

may I ask same qeshtends plece? My frst qeshtend is how fast does the slay go? Sants how are you doing? Thank you for taking time to read this. I shood be on the nice List. I Hlded the door for people. I helped my frends. I hope I am on the nice List. Santa I hope you breing me some gifts. I need my to frunt teeth becues I need to eat. My second present is a conpurter please so I can play math games. My third present is

some books and i wont the tree hows books. my last presenst is some basketball shoes and I wont them red please. have a wondrfl and safe christma.

your friend Easton

Dear St. Nicholas,

Would mind if I ask you some questions of your self? My first question is how haf you ben dowing this year? My second question is am I in the Naughty List or in the Nice List? Thank you for taking time to read my questions. St. Nicholas. I’ve done so many good things and I hope I’m on your Nice List. One nice thing I did is helped my Abuelo open the door. Second of all I take out the trash to let my house stay clean. As you can si I ben a Good boy this year. Since I was so good this year I would like to ask for a few presents. The first gift I need is snow boots the color is black the size is 2 and their like my dads. The next present I want a fishing gun it is white and orange. A book I would like is every magic tree house Books. The last gift I’d like are yeezy,s they are black and the size is 2. I hope you have a wonderful and safe christmas.

Your friend, Alejandro

Dear Santa Claus,

Can I ask you couple of questions please? My first question is how are you doing this year? My second question is how did you name your ranideer? Thank you for taking time to read this. Santa I have lot of good things this year. I feed my horse and I helped my cousion help feed her horse and helped me feed the horses. I help my teacher clean up the class ever day. I am a good kid ever day and year. Santa I hope you bring me some presents this year. the frist present I need is a blue face mask so the cold snow doesn’t get in my face.

The secent present I want is a barrle saddel with bling. The third present I’d like to have ois a book called The Lost Kitten. The last gift is tack for my horse. I hope that you bring at least one of these presents. I hope you have a happy Christmas!

your friend, Kylee

Dear Santa,

How are you? Do you like chocolate chip cookies and milk? Do you like kids? I think I have been good this year. I have been good for my teacher. My MoM is happy because I take out the garbage. For Christmas I would like a warm blue hat and a blue sweater please. My sister wants a pink hat and pink jacket. I live in Homedale, Idaho.

Thank you, Jose

Dear Santa Claus,

Can I ask you some questions I want to ask you how do you ride your sleigh? My second question is Do you make the cookies? can I as you one more question how? many people are on the Nice list. Santa I have been good deeds this year. First of all I cleaned my mom’s room. The second thing I did was sheare my toys with my sister. one nice thing I did was I cleaned her lifing room. I work very hard to be on the nice list. Santa I was so good this year and I hope you will give me some presents. The first gift I need is iphone the next present I want is alesa google. and I will like a haver bord. and I will wile wat a wippy kid book that last gift I’d like is grteen yeezy.

your friend Lilly

Sata Clas

I need a sleeping pill I dot sleep good. I what a game calld need for speed payback I what nike-black and Adidas-red I hop you will breg tum.

Dawud



Homedale Elementary

Nancy Smith's second-graders

From Page 4B

Dear Santa

What is your favorite football team? What does Rudoph like to eat? Do the elves like to make toys? This year I helped my mom with my sister. And I helped my mom clean the house. For Christmas. I would Please like football gloves, helmet and a jursey.

Love Stetson

Dear Santa

Is it always snowing at the North Pole? How is Rudolph doing. I have been good because I have cleaned my room and I have been kind to my mom and my dad. I have always wanted these gifts: A phone, Twin Hatchubles and a baby Huskey. Thanks for reading my christmas list.

Love Annlee

Dear Santa

How cold is it in The North pole? Who is your favorite Football Team? How is Mrs Santa Claus doing? This year I helped my mom clean her room. I also like to help people if they fall. for Chreistmas I would please like pokimon Cads, Hot Wheels cars, and 3d Thank you!

Love Sammy

Dear Santa

How is Mrs Santa Claus doing? What is Rudolphs favorite food? How many elves do you have? I rerally like you. I help my sister with her homework. I help my dad clean the house. I would please like Pokemon cards. a book to read and a warm jacket.

Love Sebastian

Dear Santa Claus

Why are you so nice? Why do you give people presents? I help my grandma do dishes. I help my brother pick up my house. I would please like a Barbie Dream Horse and a stuffed unicorn

I love you! Anna

Dear Santa

What would you like for christmas? What is your favorite food? I was good this year. I play with my brother Fashioun with my frierd Melanie. I am nice to my dog. May I make a request of some gifts. I would like a princess dolly stuffed puppy and a big Barbie Dream House.

Love Amanda

Dear Santa Claus

Are you for real? Some boys and girls say no. Where

Love Angel

is Rudolph’s house? What are you doing right now? I have been good this year because I help my dad with the chicken house. I help my mom wash the dishes. For Christmas I would like a nintendo Swich Legosland a case to carry around my nintendo switch. Thank you for everthing.

Your Friend Adrian

Dear Santa

Do you have a best friend? Where did you practice to become Santa? Did you like school? What was your favorite subject? I have been good to my mom. I help her clean the house. and her car. I wowl please like playstation controller so I can play with my brother. and I also like a DS. Thank you and thanks again.

Dear Santa

How are you and Mrs. Claus doing this year? Did you like school? What did you like to do when you were small? This year I was good to my teacher listening to her. I was good to my mom because I washed the dishes. For Christmas I wish for a new game for my Xbox and I wont a Nintendo Switch.

Your Friend Cristina

Dear Santa Claus

Are you magical? How do you stay clean? How do you stuff the stockings? Have I been good enough to get presents. I have tried to be nice to my sister. I do the dishes as my chore. I would please like a snow globe, pokemn Cards, and a dart gun. Thanks!

Your friend Derek

Laura Eubanks’ second-graders

From Page 3B

Dear Santa,

Here are a few questions is Rudolf yor favorite reindeer? Is giving presents fun? How long dose it take for you to get to us? I try to be good. I try not to fight whith my sister we dont fight as much. I clean my house whith the vancume. Here are a few things I want for christmas. I want a mote contrall car whith a back weel and I want bord game like truble. I have many wishes for you I hope you have a safe trip back and I wish you a merry chistmas.

Love, Porter

Dear Santa claws

Here are a few questions. How did you meat mrs. claws? How did you get your reinddeer? Whats the last stop? This is what I have done to get on you good list. I do my best in school. My report cart will be nice. I do chores. I can do my mom and Dads chores. I behave. Here are a few things I would love for christmas, a mini ranger a blue one please. I have many wishes for you. I wish you and Mrs. Calaws Mery Christmas Have a safe trip.

love...Kreece

Dear Santa,

I have always wonderd about a few things. do you rile live in the noth pool. of you rel. I try to be goo. I clean my room I help my dad I waudr my dog. there are 3 things

I wod like Hachimol robot puppy makup I have 2 wishes for you ffly safe have fun

Love, Maddy

Dear Santa,

These are qurstions I want to know. How is Rudolf? Do you like cookies? Do you feed the reindeer? This is what I have done to be on your good on yor list. I try get a long with my brothers and stis. I help my mom and dad I help put the tree with my mom and dad. There are two things I would love to have to tell you. I would like a nintendo swich and a new des. I wish you are saff.

your friend Adrian

Dear Santa,

Here are a few questions. Do the reindeer listen.? Do the elves listen.? What do you like to do? I try to be good. I feed my dog I lisin to my techer. I’m kind to uthrs. There are a fuw things I hope for christmas I would like a ipod that has music on it. I like kid pop and cuchree. I would like a hachmle. I have a few wishes. I hope you have a good holday.

Love, Aaliyah

Dear Santa,

I have always wonderd About a few things. How is Rudolf. Aer your elves good? Santa...how have you Been? I’m helpful. I help my mom. I clen the Dishs. I’m Nice

to my sis. I picke her up if she folls down. I want a few thaings for christmas. I hope you can Bring me a Doll. A very cuet one. I wuod like a new Dog. A Black Dog. I have many wishes for you. Have a vrey merry chrismis. Fly very carefull.

Love, Tianna

Dear Santa,

I would like to know some stuff. What is the most populer gift this year? What dose the workshop look like? What is your favorite food? I tried to be good this year. I epdey out the dish washer. I clean of the table. this helps my mom. I don’t know what I want for crismus. i think I want a sweter. A lavinder sweter with a panda on it. A new cady land game. I have many wishishes for you. Bundle up. Hope you take of safele.

love, Miren

Dear Santa,

Here are a few questions for you. Have your elves been good? Are the elves real at the store? How is Rudof doing? I try to be great. I work very hard at school. help my mom do the dishis. wake up on time for school. Here are some things I would like for chismas. I would like a x box one with a fishing game for x box one. and a littel i pad. and with a coud that is 1122. and a pie face game with wupcream. I have some wishis for you.

have a mary christmas!!!

Ty

Dear Santa,

I have three questions. How bo your raindeer fill? How are your elves? How is your christmas? I’m helful. I help my Mom cuck. feed the cats and the dog. I wud like to have a ril life golden uchrevr. May you giv me a hamsr set. Merry Chrimas. Happy new yer

Lave, Shelby

Dear Santa,

I have three questions for you. What color is you rander dose roodof have a red nose. I have bin good. I help my brothers take out trash. There are three things. I want a babladset. I want a Laego Niagosat. I want a P.S.3. I have meny wishis four you. I wish you a mery chrimas. I wish I cold meat you. I wish I cold ride with you.

Love Aiden

Dear Santa Claus,

I have always wonderd about a few things. I wonderd how rudolf got his red nose. How do you make presents? When is your Birthday? I make good choies. I help my elf. I feed my Dogs. I say the plegofalegens. I would Love three thing. I would like a puppy. a bordercoley please. I would like a horse a blake and white wan please. I would like

a rosrey please. I have many wishes for you. Mery Crismas santa. Have fun with your family.

Love, Hadlee

Dear Santa,

Here are a few questons. How many presnts do you make? How many reinders do you have? How many elves do you have? I mady good choices. I take out the chrash. I do my chors at home. Here are same things. I would like a halo udish xdox. I would like red dead readesh 2 2reom. I would like a 2 Rc trucks 2 Rc four Will. I have 2 wishes for you have a safe flit. have a grate night.

Love, Wade

Dear Santa,

Here are a few questions. Do you live in a palace? Do you have flying dust for your reindeer? How did rudolph get his red nose? This is what I have done to be on your good list. I have helped my brother do chores. I help my brother clean the tables. I help around my house. I farm with my horses. Ther is three things I want for christmas, Can I please have a rc car. Can my rc car be red and blue. Can I please have a hoverboard. Can it be white please. I wish you a merry christmas I wish you a merry christmas I wish you a merry christmas and a happy new year!

Love, Keiser

Grand View Elementary

Sarah Baker's class



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Sarah Baker's class

Dear Santa,

I would like a Bikes
computer, XBOX1,
night vision goggles,
Nerf Gun, sled,
gloves xbox life

I been good
thank you

Love,
Kamryn



Dear Santa,

I have been a
kind & good girl
Ples gift me the
Bones Ben house.

Thank you.


Love,
Talia



Dear Santa,

I kindy have been
a good girl. I want a
doll house and a tea set
Thank you.

Love,
Izabella Avalos




Dear Santa,

I have been kind of
good a girl. I want a
XBOX1S. I want a
hamock for my room
I want glitter perfume.

I want Snap bracelets
I want glitter pills

Love,
Addisyn Frierick




Grand View Elementary

Sarah Baker's class

Dear Santa,


I want a baby allie
I would also like
a cat a pipe and a good
girl this year
Thank you



Love,
Oakley

Dear Santa,


I would like a new
crayon box with crayons.
I would also like a
bracelet. I have been a
good girl this year.
Thank you!



Love,
Bristle

Dear Santa,

I would like kit
mouse up for Christmas.
I would also like a
pillow for Christmas.




Thank you!

Love,
Isabel Arpena

Dear Santa,

I have been kind
of good and kind of
good and kind of bad.
I want a horse pillow.
for Christmas. And a
horse blanket and a doll
a horse doll and a horse b.



Thank you


Love,
Adeline

Grand View Elementary

Sarah Baker's class

Dear Santa,

I have been a good boy
this year. For Christmas
I would like Hot wheels
and a Hot wheels set
Thank you.



Love,
EIP

Print on the Grade

Dear Santa,

I want a sniper nerf
gun, an ak47 nerf gun,
nir vision gangster glasses,
shotgun nerf gun, and a nerf
sword. I have been a good
boy this year. Thank you




Love,
Brianna

Print on the Grade

Dear Santa,

I want a bouncy
ball. I would like
a stuff puppy.
I have been a
Kinda good and
Kinda bad girl
Thank you.



Love,
Lena

Print on the Grade

Dear Santa,

I would like a dog
I would also like a
American girl dolls I have
been a good girl this
Thank you for Christmas



Love,
HARMONY

Print on the Grade

Grand View Elementary

Sarah Baker's class



Rockville

Sharon Green and Theresa Greeley's class

Dear Santa,
For Christnas I want a mini dirt bike, fit bit, Elf on the self and a makup kit.
from Mesa Second grade

Dear Santa,
mini dirt bike that is orange flamed, fit bit, snow molvill, parit with a cage, and a elf.
from Stetson First grade

Dear Santa,
Save some cookies four me. I want a mini dirt bike, a pet bird, a bassketball, a fit bit and a Elf on the shelf. Thank you
Cooper Third grade

Dear Santa
I would like a fishing pole, two dolls and a dollhouse with beds, chairs, and a table.
from Cecilia Kindergarten

Peace and Joy at Christmas

May you and your loved ones enjoy His many good graces as we reflect the true reason for this holiday season

We know we feel truly blessed to have friends and neighbors like you.

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