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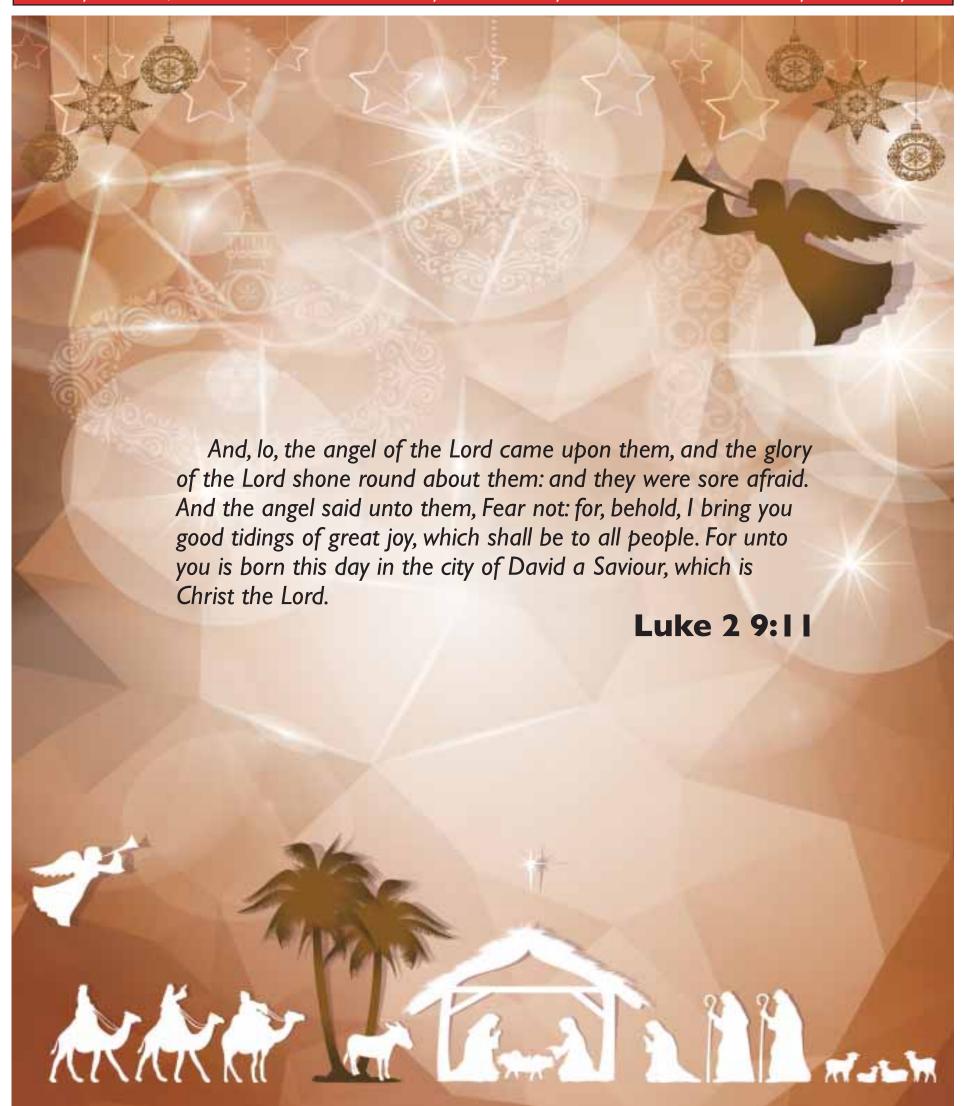
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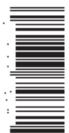
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# Celebrating the season



The City of Marsing Nativity scene is one of many Christmas displays at Island Park.

# 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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Christmas message

# Jesus is God's gift to us all

by Blaine Lilly

Co-pastor, Church in the Dirt
This time of year is an awesome time just to reflect on Jesus actually coming to the Earth! It was a real event! It really did happen, and there were so many miracles involved, surrounding the whole event.

I find it interesting that God made Feasts for the Jews, just to help them remember all the different things He did for them and also to teach them different aspects about Himself. Although Christmas isn't necessarily an ordained Feast so to speak, when we focus on what it's supposed to be about, it definitely causes us to remember the amazing series of events that took place in the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ to the Earth, the first time! He is Coming Again!

One of the first of many amazing miracles was the Angel that appeared to Zacharias, who was "well advanced in years," as well as his wife Elizabeth, who was barren, probably both beyond childbearing years. Luke 1:6, and I love the Passionate Translation, says "They were both lovers of God, living virtuously and following the commandments of the Lord fully." That just says to me they had a real heart for God!

Zacharias was actually in the Holy of Holies in the temple burning incense (now WE are the temple of the Holy Ghost if we've asked Jesus in our heart) when the Angel appeared and told him that he was going to have a son and that he was to

ABOUT BLAINE LILLY

"I was raised down in the South, born in Texas and grew up there and in southeast New Mexico. My mother's family were famers and raised livestock. My dad was a preacher, a school teacher and a coach. I'm truly blessed to be from a loving family.



Blaine and Molly Lilly

"Christmas time was always a time when all the family would get together and share gifts and lots of great food. I remember the warmth of the love that we shared.

"My wife Molly and I share the good news about Jesus. For many years, we traveled over the USA sharing the message through a country gospel music ministry.

"We now pastor the Church In The Dirt Cowboy Church in Homedale. We still love to play music and sing.

"We are so very blessed to share the good news of Christmas the perfect gift of God with all the folks that we meet."

— Blaine and his wife Molly are the cover feature in the November/December 2018 edition of Christian Living magazine

name him John, because he was going to make people's hearts READY for when Jesus came! That's huge! In many ways I think WE should all be John's on the Earth ... get people READY and help them prepare their hearts for the Lord. It's kind of like saying, "Is there room in your Inn for Him?" We have to prepare a (big) place for Him in our hearts!

God is love, and He showed that He loved the world when He gave His only Son, so that whoever believes in Him would not basically go to hell, and yes it exists, but have the kind of life God meant for us to have and to live eternally with Him! As we share the story of the birth of the Son of God, our hearts are full of love. What a perfect picture of God's love. "For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord" (Luke 2:11, NKJV)." The book of Hebrews says, "Christ offered himself to God as a perfect sacrifice for our sins." Jesus is God's Perfect Gift to us. The reason Jesus came to Earth was to give Himself on the cross for us.

So this Christmas Season, don't just get caught up in the busy frenzy that so often ruins our Holiday! Take time for Him and "make room in your Inn" and like Mary did, ponder these things in your heart!

#### ABOUT CHURCH IN THE DIRT

The Church in the Dirt Cowboy Church service takes place at 9:30 a.m., each Sunday inside the Tango Saloon, 406 U.S. Hwy. 95, in Homedale.

Services are led by pastors Blaine and Molly Lilly.

Church members also meet at 7 p.m. everything Thursday at A&S Lumber, 324 U.S. Hwy. 95, in Homedale.

### **Christmas in King Arthur's court**

The Owyhee Avalanche, December 1873

In the olden time, Christmas was celebrated with much greater spirit then now, and England at this time surpasses us in doing honors to the day. An old poet says of King Arthur, of whom so much "resounds in fable and romance,"

"He a royal Christmas kept, With mirth and philately cheare; To him repaired many a knighte That came both farre and neare"

Will those who are now preparing Christmas dinners just take a look at the table which is here spread before them:

"They served up salmon, venison and wild boars, By hundreds, and by dozens, and by scores; Hogsheads of honey, kilderkins of mustard Muttons and fatted beeves, and bacon swine; Herons and bitterns, peacock, swan and bustard, Teal, mallard, pigeons, widgeons, and in fine Plum-puddings, pancakes, apple pies and custard: And therewithal they drank good Gascon wine, With mead, and ale, and cider of our own; For porter, punch and negus, were not known"

Who would not like to see the table that would surpass or even equal that?

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**A SECTION** 

**HOMEDALE, OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO** 

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2018** 



#### Homedale students gather to give to the needy

Homedale seventh-graders Elias Tines (left) and Keegan McKay box up donated food for area needy families on Thursday in the elementary school's lunchroom. Students from all three of Homedale's schools participated in boxing the items, which included food and personal hygiene products, for the Hands Around Homedale project.

# Homedale Presbyterian's new minister walks in father's footsteps

of Rev. Heidi Smith-Takatori's

Homedale Presbyterian's new minister grew up a preacher's kid in Salmon and Boise, and more than a decade ago felt her own calling.

But before becoming a minister herself, Smith-Takatori spent nearly a quarter-century in a different kind of ministry. First, she took care of animals as a veterinarian then — after returning to her hometown — she served children as an occupational therapy paraprofessional and a substitute teacher.

It was during her time back

Ministry always has been part in Salmon that the Capital High School graduate began to feel a call to the ministry.

Her family had moved away from Salmon when she was still a child, and she attended middle school and high school in Boise before moving on to the University of Idaho where she earned a double bachelor's degree in Animal Science and Veterinary Science.

After earning her Veterinary Medicine doctorate from Washington State University, Smith-Takatori spent 19 years as a practicing small and large animal

— See Minister, page 11A



New Homedale Presbyterian minister Heidi Smith-Takatori (right) greets Ruth Clapier at the church Sunday.

# **Excited citizens** welcome back **Murphy Post Office**

fice opened for business on Thursday, marking the return of counter service to the county seat for the first time in nearly two years.

U.S. Postal Service officials on hand for the two-hour open house included district manager Michael Mirides, regional post office operations manager Brandon Roundy, Melba post-

The new Murphy Post Of- master Vikki Tyson, and Murphy clerk Rochelle Brooks.

> The open house started at noon on the post office's first day of operation.

> There was a near-immediate response, with visits from citizens of Murphy and the surrounding area, as well as staff from the Owyhee County

> > — See **Murphy,** page **5**A



Longtime Murphy-area resident Tish Lewis dropped in for a treat during the open house for the new post office on Thursday afternoon. The open house attracted residents of Murphy and staff from the Owyhee County offices in Murphy.

# First-half property taxes due Thursday

Dygert: Staff has worked hard to get used to new software

taxes must be postmarked by Thursday (Dec. 20).

"Please be aware that if you mail your payment on December 20, 2018, take your payment inside the post office

First-half payments for 2018 to the window and have the Owyhee County property clerk stamp the date on the envelope," county Treasurer Annette Dygert said.

> Payments postmarked Dec. 21 and later will incur

> > — See **Taxes**, page **5**A

# Grand View City Council rejects wastewater grant

#### City has two years before upgrade deadline

The City of Grand View continues to struggle with finding a solution to its sewer lagoon problem.

During last Wednesday's city council meeting, elected officials rejected the idea of a federal grant to fund needed upgrades to the wastewater facility.

Mayor Sandy Skinner said the council voted against a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) infrastructure grant after hearing concerns from former Mayor Tammy Payne about strings that may be attached to the funding.

The mayor said she was disappointed by the council's unanimous vote to reject the grant idea.

"We had a letter of intent that was approved," Skinner said. "We had to approve the scope of the project to submit the online grant application."

According to minutes from the Oct. 10 city council meeting, the FEMA grant would have required a 10 percent match from the city. The 90 percent grant, which Skinner said project engineer Mike Settell tracked down, was worth \$275,000.

Skinner said the FEMA grant was necessary because the city lost an

— See Grand View, page 14A

#### **Caldwell Basque** group keeps giving in milestone year

From left: Jared Asumendi, Tim Quintana, and Ric Uria made the annual donation of protein to the Hands Around Homedale food drive from Caldwell Euzkaldunak Basque Chairities last Wednesday night at the elementary school. This is the 50th year of charity work for the organization, which includes Owyhee County residents. Submitted photo



# Marsing changes its city code

#### Jake brakes outlawed in town

The Marsing City Council recently passed two ordinances affecting different sections of the city's code.

The first amendment was approved to provide additional information regarding the city code section related to dogs, including:

- Providing additional definitions
- Providing regulations for cruelty to animals
- Non-domestic and commercial farm animals
- · Dog offenses and conditions
  - Dangerous dogs
  - Penalties

The new ordinance lays out more explicitly the definitions and examples of what are domestic animals and what are non-domestic.

The section concerning cruelty to animals, which replaces the previous definitions in their entirety, covers what is considered the minimum standard of care that people can give animals that they own.

This minimum standard includes providing sufficient

food, sufficient clean and fresh water, a clean and sanitary environment, appropriate sheltering, proper and humane tethering, proper exercise, and veterinary care.

The ordinance further explains or defines offenses and conditions, such as dogs running at-large and those that habitually bark.

It also defines police (or animal control agency) authority regarding animals presenting immediate danger, and impoundment procedures for those animals. It also identifies what would be considered dangerous or potentially dangerous dogs.

For more information regarding the ordinance, call City Hall at (208) 896-4122 or refer to Title 4, Chapter 2 of Marsing city code.

The city council approved amendments to Ordinance A-205 during its Sept. 12 meeting, but the new regulations don't go into effect until legal publication of the ordinance in this week's edition of The Owyhee Avalanche.

#### **Prohibition** of jake brakes

During last Wednesday's

meeting, the city council passed an ordinance prohibiting the use of engine and compression brakes within the city.

Through the ordinance that appears in The Owyhee Avalanche this week, elected officials ordained that the "excessive, loud, unusual or explosive use of engine and compressed air-braking devices should be prohibited within the city."

The ordinance, which amends Title 5, Chapter 2 of Marsing code, states that it is unlawful for the driver of any vehicle to use or operate within the city any engineretarding brake, compression brake, or mechanical exhaust device designed to aid in the braking or deceleration of any

Emergency vehicles are exempt from the application of the ordinance.

Violation of the ordinance is an infraction, punishable by a \$100 fine, not including court costs. Subsequent violations are considered misdemeanors, punishable with jail time and a fine up to \$1,000.

– TK

# Homedale men face rape accusations

Two Homedale men are behind bars after being accused

of raping minors in separate incidents.

· Mark Kenneth Powers, 19, has been bound over to Third District Court on a felony charge for allegedly assaulting a 16-year-old girl in August. Magistrate Judge Dan C. Grober referred the case to district court during a Dec. 11 preliminary hearing.

Owyhee County Prosecuting Attorney Douglas D. Emery said a pair of lewd conduct felony charges were not pursued in an amended criminal complaint Nathaniel Williams

"due to evidentiary issues and case merit, though such could be re-filed should additional evidence materialize."

Emery asked for an arrest warrant for Powers on Nov. 5. The man remains in custody in Owyhee County Jail in Murphy.

Powers will be arraigned in district court before Judge

> Thomas W. Whitney at 9:30 a.m. on Friday, Dec. 28.

 Nathaniel Michael Williams, 23, has been transferred to the Murphy jail after Boise Police arrested him on a \$250,000 felony warrant out of Owyhee County on Dec. 4.

According to the state's court repository, Williams faces two felonies — rape and lewd conduct with a child under the age of 16. He was arraigned Monday afternoon in Murphy.

Mark Powers

Homedale Police

Chief Jeff Eidemiller wouldn't share details because of the sensitive nature of the case.

An arrest warrant was sworn out on Nov. 9. The date of the alleged offenses, according to court records, is Sept. 30.

— JPB

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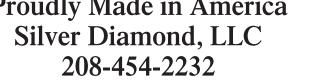


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### $\sqrt{\text{Taxes:}}$ Several different ways to pay bill

added.

Those landowners opting to split their tax bill into two payments have until June 20 to make the second installment.

Only people who have paid their 2018 bills in full will be able to split their payments in

Dygert explained taxpayers' options for making payments this year:

• Call the treasurer's office in Murphy at (208) 495-1158 or (833) 337-5522 to pay with a credit card or a debit card.

Dygert said taxpayers can also pay the bill over the phone by providing their checking account number and their bank's routing number. Both numbers are found at the bottom of the check.

• Pay online by clicking on the "Treasurer" link at www. owyheecounty.net.

Check and card payments, whether made over the phone or online, are subject to a 2.5 percent convenience fee, Dygert said.

The treasurer's office is open from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. today and Thursday to provide in-person help for anyone making the drive to Murphy, Dygert said.

Tax season for Dygert's office started with a hiccup when new calculating software created some difficulty.

A glitch in the program triggered problems with homeowner's exemptions and solid waste fees. Dygert said

a 2 percent late fee, Dygert research by the State Tax Dygert. Commission showed that only 20 people were affected.

> "We fixed those bills and sent out new ones to the appropriate people," Dygert said.

> The tax commission provided the new software and technical support at no cost.

> "This move saved the county from having to buy a new machine to run our old tax program and the software support on the old program," Dygert said.

> Dygert said 62 percent of the county's property owners paid their 2017 taxes in full on or before the December first-half deadline.

> "This year, 28 percent have paid their 2018 taxes, and we look forward to collecting a lot more through the next week and the rest of the month," Dygert said.

> There are still delinquent taxes, though, and Dygert asks folks behind in their taxes to call her office to set up payment arrangements. As of Friday, the delinquencies included:

- \$118,000 owed from 2016 (2 percent of the total)
- \$70,000 owed from 2015 (1 percent of the total)
- \$28,000 owed from 2014 (a half-percent of the total)

Although Dygert is relatively new to the top job in the treasurer's office, she has been in the Murphy outpost for 12

It has been a busy first full year in the position for

"The treasurer's office is running really smooth," she said. "I have been quite pleased with the employees that I have."

There has been a lot going on in the first year, including training two new employees on office procedures.

The county has also been part of the pilot program of the UADWEB software, and Dygert's office has dealt with implementation since April.

"While there have been challenges in implementing the new program, we are confident that the program is being implemented correctly," Dygert said.

"My employees, Tami and Sally, have been very instrumental working with the State Tax Commission in getting all of the glitches out of the UADWEB system."

The implementation has required cooperation with the assessor's office, which also uses the software.

"Toni (Gruenwald), the assessor and her office, (have) also been very patient and worked closely with the State Tax Commission," Dygert said.

Dyger reiterated her office's open-door policy.

"We appreciate the patience and cooperation that we have had from you, the citizens of Owyhee County with all the new transitions. If you have any questions don't hesitate to reach out to our office."

– JPB

### √ Murphy: Patrons' long wait for own post office ends

Courthouse and sheriff's office.

"We're so excited," said a woman from Oreana who wanted to remain anonymous. "I don't have to drive 60 miles round trip for a trip to the post office."

Rich and Rose Brooks, from Marsing, came to support their daughter Rochelle, and to possibly sneak a cookie or two.

"This is nice," Rich Brooks said. "A long time coming."

Longtime Murphy resident Tish Lewis was on hand, too.

"It's exciting," she said. "I live just up Reynolds Creek Road, but I'm selling and will be moving into town here."

The Murphy Post Office is located at the corner of Idaho highway 78 and Hailey Street, and its hours of operation run 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday.

— TK

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# **Obituary**

### Kenneth ("KT") Erwin Tindall

Kenneth ("KT") Erwin Tindall, age 65, passed away on December 13, 2018 at the family ranch in Grasmere. Ken was born on February 18, 1953 in Boise, Idaho. He was the fourth child of William I and Margaret Tindall. Ken attended schools in Bruneau and Owyhee, Nevada, but always maintained that the ranch in Grasmere was "home". He also attended the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls.

On March 17, 1982 he married Donna Brown in Mountain City, Nevada. Ken and Donna enjoyed their years on the ranch working, riding, trapping, and hunting. Ken and Donna later divorced but remained friends. Their daughter Kathrine "Katie" Jane was born in 1982. She was joined by her sister Eliza LeeAnn in 1987.

Ken was involved in many Owyhee County organizations. He put in countless hours of service to Owyhee County as a member of the Owyhee County Posse beginning in the early 1990s. He was a member of the Owyhee Cattlemen's Association, serving as their



President in 2002. He was also a member of the Owyhee County Fair Board for many years and was the current Vice-Chairman. The week at the Fair in August was always the highlight of his summer. Ken was also involved in the Head Start Program for several years.

Ken was a "happy-go-lucky" friendly kind of guy. He always had a smile on his face, time to visit with a friend, or share a story about his life experiences with a group of strangers.

Kenneth is survived by his daughters Katie (Justin) Owens of Riner, Virginia and Eliza

(Weston) Jones of Owyhee, Nevada. Grandchildren Willow and Dresden Owens and Walter and Brogain Jones of Owyhee, Nevada. He is also survived by his sister Greta Tindall of Ash Fork, Arizona, and brothers Eugene (Mary) and David Tindall of Bruneau. Along with several nieces, nephews, and cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents, his sisterin-law Celia, and his ex-wife Donna.

Services will be held on Friday, December 21, 2018 at the American Legion Hall in Bruneau at 10 am with a viewing at 9 am. Private family burial will take place the following day at the Tindall family cemetery at Mary's Creek. Services are under the care of Rost Funeral Home, in Mtn Home.

In lieu of flowers the family requests donations to The Owyhee County Sheriff's Posse, PO Box 128 Murphy, ID 83650, The Bruneau Quick Response Unit, PO Box 294 Bruneau, ID 83604, The Bruneau Fire Department, PO Box 246, Bruneau, ID 83604, or a favorite charity.

# **Death notice**

ILEEN LORAINE DOBBIN, 100, of Marsing, died Friday, Dec. 7, 2018 at a local care facility. Funeral services were held on Friday, Dec. 14, 2018 at Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Caldwell. (208) 459-0833

# School menus

#### **Homedale Elementary**

Veggie bar, fruit bar, and choice of milk and juice available each day

Dec. 19: Breakfast: Blueberry bash, mini waffles, applesauce Lunch: Sliced ham & hot roll, mashed potatoes w/gravy, mixed fruit w/Jello, pumpkin pie

Dec. 20: Breakfast: Pancake bites, mixed fruit Lunch: Crispito, refried beans, goldfish crackers

Dec. 21-Dec. 31: No school, Christmas break

#### **Homedale Middle**

Fruit & salad bar, choice of milk and juice available each day Dec. 19: **Breakfast:** Breakfast on a stick or cereal, applesauce Lunch: Sliced ham & hot roll, mashed potatoes w/gravy, mixed fruit w/Jello, pumpkin pie

Dec. 20: Breakfast: Donut or cereal, string cheese, mixed fruit Lunch: Pizza or PB&J sandwich, brownie

Dec. 21-Dec. 31: No school, Christmas break

#### **Homedale High**

Salad, fruit choice and choice of milk and juice available each day

Dec. 19: Breakfast: Biscuits/gravy or mini waffles or cereal **Lunch:** Sliced ham w/hot roll, mashed potatoes w/gravy, pumpkin pie

Dec. 20: Breakfast: Pancake bites or grain & fruit bar or cereal Lunch: Hamburger or cheeseburger, tater tots, cookie Dec. 21-Dec. 31: No school, Christmas break

#### Marsing Elementary

Veggie bar, fruit bar, fruit juice and choice of milk available each day

Dec. 19: Breakfast: Maple pancakes, banana Lunch: Honey baked ham, holiday potatoes, buttered corn, whole grain roll

Dec. 20: Breakfast: Breakfast sandwich, grapes Lunch: Ham sandwich, turkey sandwich, PB&J sandwich, carrot sticks, chips

Dec. 24-Dec. 31: No school, Christmas break

#### Marsing Middle/High

Grab-n-go line: Monday & Wednesday: Cheeseburger, pizza, croissant sandwich, salad w/breadstick; Tuesday & Thursday:

Chicken sandwich, pizza, wrap, salad w/breadstick Entrees served with fries, milk & fruit/veggie bar each day

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chips

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#### Bruneau/Grand View Elementary

Elementary: Milk and fruit offered daily High school: Milk, fruit & salad bar offered daily

Dec. 19: Breakfast: Breaskfast wrap Lunch: Orange chicken, Oriental rice, stir-fry veggies. Additionally at Rimrock:

Dec. 20: Breakfast: Cereal Lunch: Hamburger on a bun, Tater Tots, baby carrots, dessert. Additionally at Rimrock: Pizza Dec. 24-Dec. 31: No school, Christmas break

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## OCSO: Watch for holiday thieves

Saturday a break-in at his residence on Thompson Road.

The man, who had been out of town, said his brother had been watching his property and had told him that someone had broken into his shed and stole various shop tools.

According to Owyhee County Sheriff's Chief Deputy Lynn Bowman, the man said that a number of DeWalt tools had been

A Marsing man reported on taken from his shed. He also two weeks prior to OCSO rereported missing welding equipment, a Craftsman toolbox, three chainsaws, and other miscellaneous tools.

> The owner estimated the value of the tools at just under \$2,000, Bowman said.

> He couldn't definitively identify when the theft had occurred because he had been out of town for an extended period; the items potentially could have been two stolen

ceiving the report.

His brother, just coincidentally, noticed that the shed door had been left open.

"This is the season when people need to definitely make sure they have things locked up," Bowman said. He said that it's common for things to get stolen around Christmas.

There are currently no suspects in the crime.

— TK



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# Calendar

#### **Today**

#### **Ladies Coffee Group**

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

#### **Story Time**

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

#### **Christian Life Club**

4 p.m. to 5:15 p.m., after-school program for kindergarten through sixth grade, First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-4757, (208) 353-6024, (208) 337-3464

#### **Grand View Chamber meeting**

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

#### **Thursday**

#### Fit and Fall exercise

10:30 a.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020

#### Pinochle games

After lunch, Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St., Grand View. (208) 834-2922

#### STEMCraft at the library

4 p.m., grade-school ages, Eastern Owyhee County Library, 520 Boise Ave., Grand View. (208) 834-2785

#### **Friday**

#### 3D printer class

10 a.m. to noon, Eastern Owyhee County Library, 520 Boise Ave., Grand View. Grades 5-12. (208) 834-2785

#### **Story Time**

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

#### 3D printer class

Noon to 2 p.m., Eastern Owyhee County Library, 520 Boise Ave., Grand View. Adult class. (208) 834-2785

#### Teens and Tweens program

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

#### Life in the SON Christian support group

7 p.m., Vision Community Church, 221 W. Main St., Marsing. (208) 504-7884 or songtobe@gmail.com

#### **Saturday**

#### Oreana church services

10 a.m., Our Lady Queen of Heaven Church, Oreana. (208) 466-7031

#### Free lunch

Noon to 12:30 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-5419

#### Pinochle and dominoes games

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

#### Sunday

#### Children's Christmas party

10:30 a.m., Mountain View Nazarene, 26515 Ustick Rd., Wilder. (208) 337-3151

#### Christmas candlelight communion

6 p.m., Homedale Calvary Fellowship, 711 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 615-0578

#### Monday

**Board of County Commissioners meeting** 9 a.m., Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381

State Hwy. 78, Murphy. (208) 495-2421

#### **Tuesday**

#### **Christmas community dinner**

11 a.m. to 2 p.m. (meal provided at noon; bring potluck desserts), Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St., Grand View. (208) 834-2922

#### Pinochle games

After lunch, Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St., Grand View. (208) 834-2922

#### Wednesday

#### **Story Time**

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

#### Thursday, Dec. 27

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#### **Mennonite Youth Choir**

7 p.m., refreshments served, Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St., Grand View.

#### Friday, Dec. 28

#### Idaho Foodbank drop-off

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

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#### Free lunch

Noon to 12:30 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-5419

#### Pinochle and dominoes games

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

#### Monday, Dec. 31

#### **Board of County Commissioners meeting**

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

#### Game night

6 p.m., Lizard Butte Library, 111 S. 3rd Ave. W., Marsing. Youth 12 and older. (208) 896-4690

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#### University of Idaho Extension

# Create an exciting holiday break for kids

Holidays, especially Christmas, can be a great time to bond with our youth and even give us adults an opportunity to let our inner child come out to play.

Keeping our youth positive-

ly engaged during the holiday break can be tasking as they can be come restless. Luckily, parents can



work with *Janelle Thompson* children to keep their brains active while on vacation, so they can avoid brain drain as they take a break from school.

There are plenty of fun and interesting ways to keep them active and rejuvenated so they'll always look forward to the next holiday. Also, be sure to include the youth when planning out your vacation activities. They will be less likely to complain about the activities chosen if they have a taken part in the decision-making.

The following are just a few fun ideas for the holiday break:

- Cooking and baking. For some of us, there is plenty to do in the kitchen this time of year. Include the kids for a fun baking day or let them choose a recipe and help you make dinner.
  - Visit the library. There

are often fun events going on at your local library, or you can grab a good book and take an adventure. Unarguably, the easiest was to keep our kids' brains active is to encourage reading. Give youth a love of books — it is one of the best gifts you can give.

- Play dates. Organize and plan some play dates and invite friends over. While they spend time with their friends, it may give you the opportunity to get some work done and perhaps even connect with other parents. Plus ... the invite may be returned someday.
- Have a "Chill Day." With all that activity planned, kids also need some down time. Make sure you set aside some time where you and your kids can just chill, watch a movie, play a game or take it easy.

Christmas break is a time to have fun and bond with family. This day in age, we are very busy. Don't forget to make a plan to enjoy some time and fun activities with your children during the yuletide period.

Happy Holidays!

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

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# Homedale school trustee resigns

#### District seeks part-time bus drivers

down from the Homedale school board again.

The Homedale High School graduate returned as a trustee in 2017 when Stacy Woods decided not to seek another term and no one filed to seek the Zone 2 seat.

Quintana, who served previously, tendered his resignation at the board's Dec. 10 meeting. His term runs through 2021.

"Anytime you have someone step down or not run again of Tim's caliber, it's a big loss," district superintendent Rob Sauer said. "He has a lot of institutional and historical knowledge."

The district is seeking applicants for possible appointment as the next trustee from the southwest area of the district. A map showing the boundaries of Zone 2 is available at www. homedaleschools.org.

• The board tweaked policies to adhere to a change in state law pertaining to trustees' elections and how it affects the operation of the board.

School board elections, formerly held in May, will be conducted in November beginning next year.

This means that trustees facing re-election in 2019 chair Kurt Shanley (Zone 1) and vice-chair Shane Muir (Zone 5) — will have seven months tacked on to their terms.

Terms will now expire on Dec. 31, and trustees will take office in Jan. 1.

Before the change in the law. school board elections took place in May with trustees' terms beginning in July just in time for the public hearing on the district's annual budget.

Sauer said changing the terms to mirror the calendar year (and protocol for other elected officials) will ensure that trustees have been in office a few months before they have to make major decisions regarding school funding.

#### **Bus drivers wanted**

A recently hired substitute bus driver will move into a full-time position to fill the spot vacated by Karen Liebschwager, district transportation and maintenance director Dan Aberasturi said.

Liebschwager quit her job as a bus driver to become

Tim Quintana has stepped the middle school secretary and student support assistant. She'll remain the school's athletic director, and Sauer said her move to the campus full-time will make the AD portion of her job smoother.

> Liebschwager will succeed Tracey Butler in the school office. Butler's resignation became official at the Dec. 10 board meeting.

> Because a recent hire has become a full-time bus driver, Aberasturi is continuing his quest to build the bus driver

> Part-time drivers are sought, and the district will train new hires.

> Ideally. Aberasturi would like to have one more substitute driver. The district has two subs at the moment, but one only drives routes after school.

> Call the school district at (208) 337-4611 for more information on the opening.

> The district has 10 full-time drivers, two substitute drivers and a bus aide right now.

> Sauer said driver shortages aren't unique to Homedale. The training for a commercial driver's license and the stress that sometimes accompanies the job are the biggest reasons more people don't come forward, Sauer figures.

#### **Personnel changes**

Outside of the personnel moves for Butler and Liebschwager, employee changes handled by the board last week affected sports programs.

High school cross country and track and field coach Heidi Ankeny's resignation was made official.

Several coaches were approved, including Malorie Turner as a wrestling assistant coach with the high school program. Turner and fellow new wrestling coach Andy Clemens are volunteers.

Paid coaches who have been hired include Benji Sorensen and Mike Frank (seventh grade) and Riley Qualls and Wayne Joyner (eighth grade) as middle school boys' basketball coaches.

— JPB

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### Historic homesteaders' cemetery receives improvements

# Grant in hand, volunteers get to work in Rockville

An historic and bedraggled cemetery near the Oregon/ Idaho border has received a much-needed facelift, thanks to the coordinated efforts of a large group of volunteers.

Bonnie Mackenzie has lived with her husband Sam in the little community of Rockville, Ore., for 38 years and has seen the cemetery outside of town get rundown and vandalized over the years, to the point where even the barbed-wire fence surrounding it was falling over.

Mackenzie felt something needed to be done about it and decided to apply for a grant from the Oregon Commission of Historic Cemeteries. It was the first time she had ever been involved with the process and was surprised when she received the \$6,500 grant.

"It was really something the whole community wanted," Mackenzie said.

Mackenzie said that the fence around the cemetery was so dilapidated that she would often see cattle roaming across the grounds.

Additionally, vandals had gotten into the cemetery in the past and had disturbed and stolen headstones.

The money received from



**Above:** Volunteers check out the new Rockville Cemetery entrance gate that was built and donated by Ken Robinson of Northwest Ironworks in Weiser. **Below:** Young volunteers work to clear weeds from the cemetery. Submitted photos



the grant provided Mackenzie and the other volunteers with the means to purchase

materials to build a new fence, this one made with welded pipe. All the money went toward materials; all labor was donated. The work was undertaken in October.

A new entrance gate was built and donated by Ken Robinson of Northwest Ironworks in Weiser.

Mackenzie said that the project volunteers, totaling more than 50, came from Rockville and Jordan Valley, with a few coming from as far as Arock.

She said that the project began mid-morning and was finished up by dinnertime.

"My motivation (for this project) was my father-in-law, Duncan," Mackenzie said. "He talked about all the people who were buried in there. Of course, we knew of all the homesteaders around here."

A longtime resident of the area, Duncan passed away in 2016.

Mackenzie was impressed with the number of volunteers who showed up to help, particularly with the fact that so many of them were youths.

"All ages volunteered," she said. "The kids raked all day and hauled out all the tumbleweeds. It was great; we had a big potluck lunch."

What started as Mackenzie's desire to see replace a fence and see the property fixed up a little turned into a bit of a big deal for the little community of Rockville.

"It turned into a good service project for the whole community," she said.

— TK

### Homedale to welcome Ride Idaho event in summer

# Council OKs 2019 fee hikes

A group of older cyclists will visit Homedale in the summer as part of their annual trek.

Ride Idaho representatives secured use of Riverside Park for an overnight stopover during their week of pedaling across a portion of the state.

Ride Idaho representatives Bret Tinker from Eagle and Earl Grief of Boise explained their plan to the city council during last Wednesday's meeting.

Tents will be strewn across Riverside Park on July 17 as the riders rest up after the fourth leg of an excursion that will take registrants on a seven-day round trip beginning and ending in Boise.

After hearing about the idea, the council gave unanimous approval to using Riverside Park. The group also will try to reserve a few spots at the city's RV park.

"I think it sounds like a great event," Councilman

Aaron Tines said, adding that it could be an opportunity for city officials to get feedback on how to better accommodate larger groups.

The men briefing council members said the average age of the riders is mid-50s, and about 350 cyclists sign up each year.

Ride Idaho has been taking a different route across Idaho annually for 15 years, the men said.

The destinations are typically small towns chosen for their historic significance, they said.

The riders will come into Homedale after beginning the day in Emmett and riding through hop fields via Parma.

On July 18, the group will leave Homedale and ride through vineyards and Sunny Slope before spending the night at Island Park in Marsing, Grief said.

An overnight stop on Day 6 is planned at Swan Falls Dam, too.

In addition to the 350 riders,

there is a support staff of about 30 volunteers.

Grief and Tinker said Ride Idaho tries to incorporate local businesses and civic groups in the visits. Local sports teams—like football athletes—are hired to unload riders' luggage from support vehicles, they said.

They're going to try to hire a local band to provide live music for the riders' downtime at Riverside Park. Additionally, a local service group will be invited to run the planned beer garden, and a local business' catering permit will be used.

But it won't be an all-night party. Tinker said the riders are all in bed by 9 p.m. or 9:30 p.m. to prepare for the next day's ride. The group rolls out of town by 8 a.m., Grief said.

"I think it's a great deal," Mayor Gheen Christoffersen said. "I'm glad you're looking at coming this way."

### City council pays homage to Downing

Christoffersen opened

the meeting by asking for a moment of silence for former city councilman Tim Downing, who died Dec. 4.

The mayor recalled Downing's community involvement and how he supported causes intown as well as his fiscal conservativism.

"He was just a unique person. He will be greatly missed not just as a council member but as a member of our community," Christoffersen said. "He was a special person."

Christoffersen also recalled that Downing worked on appliances for both he and his parents over the years.

### Other council developments

• Councilmembers unanimously approved a resolution triggering fee increases on Jan. 1.

No citizens showed up for a public hearing on the fee increases held earlier in the meeting.

• Councilman Mike Aebischer announced that

Homedale Public Library has received a \$500 grant from Walmart and that the library's board of directors has started the search to replace Jerry Anderson.

Anderson sat in on his first city council meeting last Wednesday. He was appointed to assume the spot Downing resigned last month.

• Public works supervisor Bret Smith said the city's municipal water storage tank didn't require a lot of cleanup. The diver was out Dec. 11 to clean the tank and, according to Smith, didn't see a lot of buildup on the inside of the tank.

The official report will be received in four to six weeks, Smith said.

• Smith also said that the drain has been completed in the police department parking lot behind City Hall. The pavement will be redone next year when the weather is more favorable, he said.

— JPB

# From page 3A

# New minister ready to lead myriad services

Rev. Heidi Smith-Takatori is the seventh pastor installed by Homedale Presbyterian in its 60-year history.

A "welcoming service" for Heidi is planned at 11 a.m., on Sunday, Jan. 20 at the church, 320 N. 6<sup>th</sup> St. W. Call the church for more information or with questions, (208) 473-9331.

She will lead a candlelight service at 5:30 p.m., on Christmas Eve, and the new minister invites the community to attend.

Sunday worship at Homedale Presbyterian begins at 11 a.m., and fellowship and coffee hour follow.

Smith-Takatori succeeds Marianne Paul, who served the church for 14 years.

After Rev. Paul's departure, the church was without a minister for four years, relying heavily on guest pastors and congregration members to lead worship. The church was introduced to Smith-Takatori when she served as a guest speaker. A mutual appreciation between minister and congregation developed, and she was asked to serve as permanent pastor.

Smith-Takatori said she is "excited to work with this congregation," and she's amazed at the amount of work a Sunday congregation of 30 manages to accomplish.

Smith-Takatori's tenure officially began on Dec. 2, the first Sunday of Advent.

She hit the ground running. In addition to working alongside the church's established ministries of Friday Youth Club, free Saturday lunches for the community, and an active youth program, Takator-Smith plans to add an adult Bible Study program and work towards building a stronger and larger congregation.

# Homedale FFA helps with holidays

**by Brooke Pfost** Chapter reporter

The Homedale FFA chapter would like to recognize all the families, small businesses, and companies for their support throughout the Harvest Auction and the rest of the year.

All the donations will help FFA students reach their full potential in the organization. We consider our Harvest Auction a success, and we are working towards planning another great auction in the fall of 2019.

On Dec. 5, Homedale FFA participated in an Treasure Valley District event hosted by the Vallivue FFA chapter. Our chapter sent members to

compete in Ag Mechanics, Greenhand Knowledge, and Employment Skills. Elias Hibbs was high individual in the welding portion of Ag Mechanics, and first-year Employment Skills participate Brooke Pfost finished fourth individually in the district.

The floriculture class is selling holiday centerpieces. Contact Rachel Rheuby at (208) 874-3798 to purchase one.

During the holiday season, the Homedale FFA chapter supports three families.

On Friday, FFA officers shopped for these families and will provide gifts in hopes of spreading the holiday spirit.



# √ Minister: New Homedale Presbyterian church leader first worked as veterinarian

veterinarian in Central Oregon, including time as an equine reproduction specialist.

In 2000, she moved back to Salmon and worked for the local school district for four years.

That's when her calling brought her life full circle.

Growing up as Methodist minister's daughter, she'd always had a strong faith in God, but as she grew into adulthood her involvement in church lessened.

But, with her parents back in Salmon as well, Heidi once again accompanied them to the local Methodist church.

When the pastor asked for congregation members to lead worship service while he was on vacation, Heidi thought because she'd heard plenty of sermons and done plenty of public speaking she could give a decent sermon.

She volunteered and, according to Heidi, "that is when God got His hooks on me."

While speaking in the pulpit on her volunteer Sunday, Heidi felt as if she'd "come home."

A short time later she was asked to give a sermon at the small Lemhi Community Church.

Afterward, an elderly woman in the congregation told Heidi she had her father's gift of



Heidi Smith-Takatori

preaching and asked if she'd considered becoming a preacher herself. That night Heidi told her father about the conversation, and her father mentioned that the Methodist church trains and sanctions what are known as "local pastors." Soon Heidi was studying to be a pastor.

Around this same time, Salmon's Presbyterian church was seeking a pastor, and the Kendall Presbytery had heard of Heidi.

While Heidi was studying to become a Methodist "local pastor," Kendall Presbytery offered her the position of "lay pastor" in Salmon; lay pastor being the Presbyterian equivalent of local pastor.

So Heidi studied again, this time to become a Presbyterian local pastor.

After receiving her commission she enrolled in the first class of the Dubuque Theologi-

cal Seminary online Master of Divinity program. Because they were chosen to test the new online course, she and her peers called themselves the "guinea pig cohorts."

In 2012, Heidi received her Master of Divinity degree and while earning the top preaching prize of her graduating class. That summer, she was ordained a Presbyterian minister.

In the seven years before receiving her Master of Divinity degree, Heidi pastored at Salmon Presbyterian Church. She met her now-husband Sherman Takatori, a program manager for the Idaho State Department of Agriculture, during that time.

After they were wed in 2013, she moved to Parma to live with Sherman and his two children (son, James, and daughter, Emma).

Most recently, she served five years as part-time pastor for Emmett Presbyterian Church.

When Heidi is not at the church, she can be found at home tending her 26 horses or at a nearby high school watching son James wrestle for Parma.

— This article was compiled with information submitted by Homedale Presbyterian Church.



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#### Garden club helps brighten holiday

The Owyhee Gardeners held their Christmas party Thursday at the Lizard Butte Library in Marsing, and took the time to gather presents for a Marsing family of six that the group adopted for Christmas. The family, which has four teenagers, will receive presents and a fully decorated live Christmas tree from the 34-person club. From left: Club president Mary Comstock of Sunny Slope, treasurer Jan Batt of Wilder, and secretary Lea Mathews of Caldwell.

#### **HHS Christmas** concert entertains

Clockwise, from right: Lindsey Love dishes up a spaghetti dinner to gathered friends and family during the Homedale High School Christmas concert on Dec. 11 in the gym; Sadie Rayne (left) and Raquel Rich got the spotlight for one song; and Katelyn Jerome had her moment to shine.







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# Holiday hiatus for schools, gov't offices

#### Postal holidays could affect delivery of Avalanche

Christmas break starts this 29 through New Year's Day. week for students in Owyhee County, and all government agencies will be taking some time off, too.

Schools in Homedale, Marsing, Bruneau-Grand View, and Adrian districts will start Christmas break after school on Thursday, while Jordan Valley students begins vacation today.

On Thursday, Homedale will have an early release time of 1:30 p.m. for kindergarten through eighth grades. The high school will release at 1:47.

Marsing schools have early release at 1 p.m. on Thursday.

Adrian schoolchildren will start their break at 12:30 p.m., on Thursday.

All three school districts are back in session Jan. 7.

In Jordan Valley, the school break begins today, and class will be back in session on Wednesday, Jan. 2.

Owyhee County government offices will be closed both Christmas Day and New Year's Day. County commissioners will meet, as scheduled, on Dec. 24 and Dec. 31.

City Halls in Homedale, Marsing, Grand View, Jordan Valley, and Adrian will be closed both holidays. Jordan Valley offices are open only Wednesdays and Thursdays, and Adrian City Hall is open Monday through Wednesday.

Post offices in the county will be closed for Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

US Bank in Homedale and Marsing will be closed Dec. 25 and Jan. 1.

Homedale Public Library and Lizard Butte Library in Marsing will be closed Christmas Day and New Year's Day. Additionally, Lizard Butte will be closed on Christmas Eve and will be open just 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on New Year's Eve.

The Eastern Owyhee County Library in Grand View will be closed from Saturday through Christmas Day and from Dec.

Bruneau Valley Library will keep its normal hours, Wednesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Homedale Senior Center will be closed both Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

Rimrock Senior Center is open from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Christmas Day for a community dinner. The senior center will be closed on New Year's Day.

The University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Office in Marsing will be closed from Christmas Day through New Year's Day.

Garbage service by Westowns Disposal will be delayed by a day for both Christmas and New Year's Day.

Logan's Market in Marsing will be closed Christmas Day but will be open New Year's Day from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. It will be open Christmas Eve from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. and New Year's Eve from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Albertsons in Homedale will be closed Christmas Day and will close an hour early on Christmas Eve, at 9 p.m. Sav-On Pharmacy in Albertsons will be closed both Christmas and New Year's Days.

Homedale Drug will be closed on Dec. 25 and Jan. 1, as well. The liquor store will be closed for the holidays, too.

The Owyhee Avalanche office will be closed both Christmas Day and New Year's Day. The office also will close at noon on Christmas Eve.

Classified ad deadline for next Wednesday's edition is 10 a.m., on Friday. Deadline for the Jan. 2 edition will remain the same, Dec. 31 at noon.

Deadlines for letters to the editor and non-breaking news items will also remain the same, noon on Friday

Delivery of the Dec. 26 and Jan. 2 editions of The Owyhee Avalanche may be delayed because of how the holidays may affect mail delivery.







#### **Annual Toys for Tattoos** donation drive nears its end

John Mitchell of Voodoo Tattoo stands before the Christmas tree at his store on West Idaho Avenue in Homedale on Dec. 5. Voodoo is holding its third annual Toys for Tattoos through Friday. Those who donate to the toy drive will receive a gift certificate worth twice the value of the donation. The certificate can be used toward tattoos or piercings. Collected toys will be donated to Hope House in Marsing and El-Ada Community Action Partnership.



Samuel C. Phillips III Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 11065 essay and speech winners were honored at Nathan's Greenleaf Café. From left: Alexis Favian Bernabe, Homedale (third place, Patriot's Pen), Post Cmdr. Daniel Carlson, Marcus A. Robins, Parma (Voice of Democracy winner), and Brooke Pfost (Voice of Democracy runner-up) and Thomas Symms (third place, Voice of Democracy), both from Homedale. Submitted photo

### Homedale residents win with VFW

Homedale students placed prominently in this year's civics contests sponsored by the Samuel C. Phillips III Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 11065.

presented awards for the middle school Patriot's Pen and the high school Voice of Democracy during a dinner at Nathan's Greenleaf Café earlier this month.

In the Voice of Democracy contest, students are asked to produce a short speech on "Why My Vote Matters."

In the Patriot's Pen essay the theme "Why I Honor the Democracy. American Flag."

champions went on to do well in the VFW district contest as well.

Voice of Democracy Post 11065 champion Marcus A. Post Cmdr. Daniel Carlson Robins of Parma went to finish second in the district competition held at the American Legion Post 33 Hall in Payette.

> Post Patriot's Pen champion Ellie Miller, who didn't attend the award ceremony, was third in the district contest in Payette.

Homedale High School students were top finishers contest, students wrote on in the Post 11065 Voice of

Runner-up Thomas Symms,

This year's Post 11065 a sophomore, and third-place speaker Brooke Pfost, a senior, also received recognition at the

> Runner-up in the Patriot's Pen contest was Kaitlyn Louise DeVice. She, too, was unable to attend the banquet.

> Patriot's Pen third-place writer Alexis Favian Bernabe of Homedale was on hand in Greenleaf.

> Additionally, VFW Post 11065 announced Homedale resident Tyrel Aberasturi as the winner of its rifle giveaway. Aberasturi, who owns Specialty Inc. Wood Products, picked up his Ruger America 6.5 Creedmoor rifle at Al's Pawn and Gun in Caldwell.



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# Man locked up during jail visit

A Grand View man went to the Owyhee County Jail in Murphy to visit an acquaintance early Sunday evening and found himself behind bars, as well.

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Sheriff's Chief Deputy Lynn Bowman said that Jason Jenkins, 37, was arrested and charged with misdemeanor driving under the influence after he walked into the sheriff's office lobby to visit someone and deputies noticed he smelled like alcohol.

According to Bowman, Jenkins refused to have his bloodalcohol content measured with a breath test, so a warrant was obtained from a judge to

perform a blood draw. Results from that test won't be available for a couple weeks.

Jenkins failed a standard field sobriety test.

He is still in jail in Murphy. No other information was available at press time.

— ТК



#### **SNOTEL report, Owyhee County sensors**

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	Snow		Year-to-date			
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	(measured in inches)			(measured in Fahrenheit)		
Mud Flat						
12/11	2.2	9	2.7	28	24	26
12/12	2.4	10	2.2	33	11	26
12/13	2.2	11	2.0	32	14	21
12/14	2.3	11	2.0	38	19	30
12/15	2.6	11	2.4	40	25	32
12/16	2.4	11	2.3	45	26	36
12/17	2.7	11	2.5	n/a	n/a	n/a
Reynolds	Creek					
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12/13	1.9	11	3.4	39	21	30
12/14	1.9	10	3.5	40	18	26
12/15	2.0	11	3.5	40	26	33
12/16	2.0	11	3.6	47	32	39
12/17	2.1	10	3.6	n/a	n/a	n/a
South Mo	ountain					
12/11	4.1	17	6.8	38	20	30
12/12	4.2	16	6.9	32	22	25
12/13	4.3	19	7.0	42	24	33
12/14	4.4	18	7.1	43	28	38
12/15	4.4	18	7.2	42	30	36
12/16	4.5	17	7.2	43	36	41
12/17	4.5	17	7.3	n/a	n/a	n/a

#### Water report

The Bureau of Reclamation website showed that the Owyhee Reservoir was 34 percent full and that water was flowing in the Owyhee River above the reservoir at Rome, Ore., at a rate of 160 cubic feet per second. Water is flowing out at Nyssa, Ore., at a rate of 27 cubic feet per second. The reservoir held 245,579 acrefeet of water on Monday.



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### **Courthouse report**

A list of felony and misdemeanor dispositions recently completed at courtrooms in Murphy and Homedale. Infractions are not included:

#### Dec. 11

Andres Montes, Boise — Misdemeanor controlled substance possession and drug paraphernalia possession: \$402.50 in fines, \$552 in court costs

# From page 3A

# √ **Grand View:** Mayor focuses on infrastructure

earlier federal grant.

The Oct. 10 meeting minutes state that the grant would have covered dikes, moving the wastewater plant's electrical infrastructure and building a fence around the city's sewer lift station.

Earlier this year, the city council annexed into the city limits the land on which the sewer lagoons sit to make getting funding easier.

The city has two years left in a three-year window to complete compliance upgrades on the lagoon.

Skinner said the lagoons have to be lined and the dikes must be raised to protect against a "maximum flood event."

Settell, who works for Pocatello-based Sustainable Resource Solutions, has been working on a facility plan. The plan is being funded by a \$30,500 grant from the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality, which required an equal amount of financial commitment from Grand View.

Skinner said the sewer lagoon is only part of the city infrastructure that she has her eyes on.

She's worried that the city's water system hasn't received regular maintenance.

"From what I can see from records and speaking to employees, they didn't exercise valves and run hydrants," she said. "My emphasis is to start up a maintenance schedule and make sure everything is in place so it's not left up to someone's memory."

In July, according to meeting minutes, city councilmen approved spending between \$1,500 and \$1,700 to buy a chlorination system for the town's water system.

City council minutes show that the city had to fix a fire hydrant in front of Grand View Elementary School in late summer after a test revealed the hydrant wasn't producing water

Skinner, who says her

professional background is in water systems, also wants to get static pressure readings at all the city's hydrants to ensure they are running at the proper pressure for fire suppression. That rating is 20 pounds per square inch. Lower pressure could affect fire insurance rates for city property owners.

Another change during Skinner's early administration is the hiring of Nola Boone as the town's code enforcement officer.

Boone is also the chair of the city's Planning and Zoning board, which apparently has had difficulty retaining members. The August city council meeting minutes show that three people were brought on to fill vacant seats on the board, but there is no indication if the council approved the appointments.

City Clerk Jodi Jewett said Tuesday morning that the council set the 2019 meeting schedule last Wednesday and moved P&Z meetings to the first Thursday of each month.

In September, the city council approved spending about \$1,700 to buy building department software as part of a plan to wean Grand View's dependency on Elmore County officials for building permits and building inspections.

In a July special meeting, the city council approved immediate performance-based pay raises for city employees. A three percent cost-of-living raise also was scheduled with the start of the fiscal year on Oct. 1.

In another employee-based development, the city council added a drug-testing policy to the employee handbook in August.

Grand View also has changed city attorneys. Boise's Bruce Castleton was appointment in June, according to the minutes, and Skinner told former city attorney Jay Friedly, who lives in Mountain Home, of the change.

— ЈРВ

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Trojans, Huskies win on wrestling mat

# **Avalanche Sports**

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HHS boys get first hardcourt victory

# Three HHS girls win Dobbs wrestling championships

The Turner sisters captured two of the three championships for Homedale High School female wrestlers at the Wiley Dobbs Invitational.

The girls' tournament in Twin Falls was a round robin with each wrestler in each weight class facing off with their opponents throughout the (82) won the team title followed by competition.

The event also marked the first allgirls' tournament for the Trojans this season. Homedale scored 66 points, missing second-place in the team standings by six points. Ontario, Ore.

Kuna (72).

Savannah Turner's 36-second pin of Renae Pipkin from Soda Springs amounted to the title match at 112-119 pounds.

Savannah was the only unbeaten

competitor in the three-person bracket. She needed just 34 seconds to dispatch Kayla Myers of Mountain View in the opening round.

Kaydince Turner won the 127-134

— See Wrestling, page 26A



Standing, from left: Coach Wayne Joyner, Heidi Heng, Rylee Northrup, Carli Moore, Isana Larzelier, Bella Goettling, Lita Thomas, and coach Raymond Smith.

Kneeling, from left: Jocelynn Roseborough, Lexie Heck, Zayne Hall, Olivia Asumendi, Arlett Quezada, and Kinlee Garrett. Submitted photo

# Homedale seventh-graders hold on for SRV hoops title

A fourth-quarter comeback brought a championship to Homedale Middle School

The seventh-grade girls' basketball team stormed into control to beat Fruitland, 29-27, in the 3A Snake River Valley conference tournament championship game.

The Trojans (10-2) entered the tournament as the top seed with Fruitland finishing second during the regular season.

The two teams had split their regularseason meetings, and coach Raymond Smith said the rubber match in the tournament final was no different.

"It was a nail-biter from tipoff, and we expected it," Smith said. "We were down all three quarters until the fourth."

Homedale built a six-point lead in the fourth quarter, but had to hold off Fruitland's

The Grizzlies cut the lead in half on a three-point play with three minutes left then got the advantage down to two points with 58 seconds left.

But the Trojans held on for the title as Olivia Asumendi scored 12 points and Arlett Quezada added eight.

— See **SRV,** page **26**A

# Rimrock girls roll into Riverstone test

Raiders stretch winning streak to 10 games

Rimrock High School got past its biggest test thus far this season Friday in Nampa to remain unbeaten in girls' basketball.

The Raiders edged Victory Charter, 45-39, in a 1A Western Idaho Conference game.

Rimrock (10-0 overall, 3-0 in conference) beat Vision Charter, 52-10, in a nonconference game played Saturday in Bruneau.

No statistics from either the weekend games were reported.

The Raiders take a seasonopening win streak into a tough conference game against Riverstone International (7-1, 2-0) on Thursday in Bruneau.

Tipoff is 7:30 p.m.

Dec. 10: Rimrock 65, Compass Charter 14—Three players in double figures pushed the Raiders to their second consecutive victory to

— See Rimrock, page 26A

# Melba's Emma Clark tops 1,000 career points

Emma Clark went over 1,000 points for her girls' basketball career Saturday for Melba High School.

Clark's co-team-high 13 points helped the Mustangs beat New Plymouth for their second 2A Western Idaho Conference victory in as many outings this season.

The 42-23 triumph on the Pilgrims' floor was Melba's seventh consecutive win heading into Tuesday's showdown with conference co-

overall before the game, which was played after deadline.

Against the Pilgrims (8-3, 0-2 in conference at week's end), Katelyn Young added 13 points for the Mustangs. Teammate Kate Clark put in 10.

Emma Clark, who has committed to Treasure Valley Community College athletics, also had five steals to pace Melba's defense.

Nicole Binggeli scored 12 points for the Pilgrims.

Melba opened conference leader Cole Valley Christian. with a 53-36 win at McCall-The Mustangs were 9-1 Donnelly on Dec. 11.

### Marsing girls drop fourth straight

#### Huskies open 2A WIC against top teams

The Marsing High School girls' basketball team struggled to maintain momentum in their conference- opening loss to Nampa Christian.

The Huskies fell, 61-34, at home in the first 2A Western Idaho Conference game for both teams.

After seven straight wins to open the season, Marsing (7-4 overall, 0-2 in conference before Tuesday's home conference game against McCall-Donnelly) has now struggled to a tough four-game losing streak.

"The girls had an awesome first half," first-year coach Gloria Nagel said. "Nampa Christian came out hard that second half, and we didn't

quite have time to pull together and have our shots fall."

The Huskies trailed, 28-23, at the intermission but managed just 11 second-half points.

"We have plenty of room for improvement," Nagel said. "We are on the right path, and I look forward to meeting this big team again."

The Huskies were led by

— See Marsing, page 26A



Autumn Bennett runs the floor against a Nampa Christian defender during a conference game in Marsing. Photo by Dan Pease

# Sports

# Hall heats up, helps Trojans to consolation

Josey Hall capped a week finished with eight points. of prolific scoring with an alltournament nod at the Today's Dentistry Holiday Classic.

The Homedale High School senior post scored 16 points Saturday as the Trojans routed Columbia in the tournament's consolation final. The game was played at Skyview High School in Nampa.

Hall averaged 13.5 points per game as Homedale (3-8 overall before Tuesday's 3A Snake River Valley conference opener in Payette) put together its first winning streak of the

Saturday: Homedale 42, Columbia 27 — Hall's offense help the Trojans when their second consecutive game and bring home a trophy from the three-day tournament in Nampa.

This marked the second year in a row that Homedale has placed at the tournament. The Trojans won it all in 2017.

Friday: Homedale 48, Wood River 40 — Three scorers reached double figures to help the Trojans halt a fivegame losing streak at Skyview High School.

Hall led the way with 13 points, while Amaya Carter put in 12 points, and Jayci Swallow added 12 points.

Another senior, Alex Grant,

Thursday: La Grande, Ore., 46, Homedale 36—Hall scored 15 points at Columbia High School, but the Trojans opened the tournament with a loss.

Grant and Carter scored six points each.

Dec. 11: New Plymouth 55, **Homedale 40** — The Pilgrims took control in the second half to capture a non-conference victory on the Trojans' floor.

Alyssa Christensen, New Plymouth's 6-foot, 2-inch sophomore, led all players with 23 points. She converted 10 of 15 shots, including a pair of three-point goals. She also grabbed six rebounds.

Josey Hall went 5-for-9 from the floor and led Homedale with 10 points.

Carter scored five points, but was limited to six shots before fouling out. Carter and Savana Buckley led the team with four rebounds each.

Grant connected on four of six free throws and a threepoint shot for the bulk of her nine points.

Swallow converted two three-pointers for all her

The Pilgrims' Denisse Pelayo scored nine points from behind the three-point line and she also came up with two steals.

# Trojans play in 4 gyms in 5 days

Boys beat NC for first win

The Homedale High School boys' basketball team got a tour of Nampa's four largest high schools last week, picking up its first victory and getting experience against bigger schools.

Coach Chris Vines' first victory as HHS coach came Dec. 11 with a 56-48 non-conference win at Nampa Christian.

The victory snapped a season-opening five-game losing streak, but Homedale (1-8 overall) lost three games on successive days at the Today's Dentistry Holiday Classic at three different Nampa schools later in the week.

Saturday: Ontario, Ore., 62, Homedale 58 — The Class 4A Tigers (2-6) held off the Trojans to snap a four-game losing streak with the victory in the seventh-place game at Nampa High School.

The Trojans trailed, 45-44, at the end of three quarters.

Dallon Haueter scored half of his 16 points in the fourth quarter for Ontario.

Friday: Wood River 47, Homedale 37 — Mason Kincheloe's 13 points led Homedale in a consolation bracket game at Skyview.

Johnny Radford scored 15 points as the Wolverines (2-5) halted a three-game skid.

Thursday: La Grande, Ore., 52, Homedale **39** — The Trojans couldn't rally from an early deficit as the Tigers opened on an 11-2 run in a first-round game at Columbia High School.

Kaden Green Chandler dominated inside for La Grande (3-3 before Tuesday's nonconference game against Fruitland).

Green Chandler led all scorers with 18 points. His lay-in off a pass from Hunter Youngblood gave La Grande a 13-4 lead with  $2\frac{1}{2}$  minutes left in the first quarter.

Senior Carlos Ibarra nailed a three-point shot to spark Homedale's 8-4 run, but Youngblood drilled a trey to give the Tigers a 20-12 lead



Jake Collett passes to the perimeter in Homedale's loss Thursday to La Grande, Ore., in Nampa.

after eight minutes.

Nelson Lomeli's layup with 27 seconds left in the opening frame got Homedale to within five points, 17-12. The junior guard also hit a three-pointer and scored six of his team-high 14 points in the first eight minutes.

His second three-pointer with 2:14 left in the half capped Homedale's 10-4 run and cut La Grande's lead to 31-24.

Homedale was plagued by turnovers early, giving the ball away 10 times in the first half.

Dec. 11; Homedale 56, Nampa Christian 48 — A hot start to the second half helped Homedale collect its first win in a nonconference game played in Nampa.

Homedale was clinging to a one-point halftime lead when it erupted with a 14-7 run in the third quarter.

Kincheloe led all scorers with 22 points, and Lomeli chipped in 17.

A senior, Kincheloe missed only one free throw in eight attempts as Homedale made 46 trips to the foul line — twice as many as NC.

Homedale continued its focus on rebounding, snagging 22 defensive boards and limiting Nampa Christian to just seven offensive rebounds.

# Athlete Spotlight









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Boys' basketball Nelson Lomeli, jr., G Reached double-digit scoring in two games last week



Girls' basketball Josey Hall, sr., P Named to all-tournament team in Nampa



Wrestling Kaydince Turner, so., 127-134 lbs Went unbeaten to win a Wiley Dobbs championship





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Girls' basketball

Varsity

Thursday, Jan. 3, home vs. Fruitland, 7:30 p.m.

Junior varsity

Thursday, Jan. 3, home vs. Fruitland, 6 p.m.

Frosh soph

Thursday, Jan. 3, home vs. Fruitland, 4:30 p.m.

Boys' basketball Varsity Thursday, Dec. 27, home vs. New Plymouth, 7:30 p.m. Junior varsity

Thursday, Dec. 27, home vs. New Plymouth, 6 p.m. Frosh soph Thursday, Dec. 27, home vs. New Plymouth, 4:30 p.m.

Wrestling

Friday-Saturday, Jan. 4-5 at Rollie Lane Invitational, Ford Idaho Center, Nampa





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Note: HHS Science Club fundraising clothing drive at all home events.

### **Icy shooting cools** Huskies' hot start

#### MHS boys play holiday tourney at C of I this week

Marsing High School's season-opening five-game boys' basketball winning streak ended Friday against non-conference foe Liberty Charter.

The Huskies (5-1 overall) struggled mightily with their field-goal shooting all night, falling to the Patriots, 55-35, in Nampa.

Marsing had beaten Liberty Charter, which plays in the 1A Western Idaho Conference, by three points just 10 days earlier at home.

"Fourteen-for-48 shooting (29.2 percent) did not help us at Liberty on Friday," MHS coach Tim Little said. "We had been shooting 54 percent from the field for the year until Friday night."

Heavy pressure and physical defense by the Patriots (2-4) took away the Huskies inside presence and any open looks.

"Liberty had a great plan and took away our transition," Little said.

That shooting woes included hitting just one of 12 shots outside the three-point line.

Senior Enrique Quebrado had the only successful three-point try. The guard hit just one of 12 deep shots and was 5-for-18 (27.7 percent) overall.

With his one made free throw, Quebrado finished with 12 points.

Sophomore post Jacob Ankeny logged seven points and a hard-fought 15 rebounds.

"(Liberty is) a well-coached and top-tier team at the 1A level, who consistently represents District 3 at State," Little said. "It was evident in their play on Friday."

Little said that even with four days of practice he was unable to prepare his team properly for the rough environment of Liberty Charter's home floor.

"I have to do a better job,"

Marsing played Monday night after deadline in Homedale. The Huskies beat the Trojans by six points in Marsing on Nov. 29.

On Thursday, the Huskies begin play in the Internet Truck Stop Holiday Tournament at The College of Idaho in Caldwell. The first opponent on the Coyotes' home floor is Aberdeen High School.



Marsing's Evan Miller battles Savannah Turner from Homedale last Wednesday on the Trojans mat. Photo by Sarah Kambish

### Trojans wrestle to tri-meet wins

Dominating victories in four Colton Brown in 12 seconds matches helped Homedale High School edge rival Marsing in a dual meet last Wednesday.

Homedale 47, Marsing 36 - Robert Nix's forfeit victory at 195 pounds proved to be the winning points for the Trojans over their intracounty rivals.

Jorge Vega stopped his match with Marsing 120-pounder Evan Miller via technical fall, 19-4, with 54 seconds left.

Homedale sophomore Joseph Egusquiza pinned

at 132 pounds.

The Trojans' Willie White pinned Bastion Ackerman in 1:40 at 152 pounds, and Homedale's Brady Trout pinned Trayton Jacobi in 2:58 at 170.

The Trojans also picked up 24 points with four forfeits.

Marsing 126-pounder Zane Brackett pinned Janae Volk in 1:14, and Justin Ineck pinned Jace Love at 138 in 2:26.

The Huskies' Jed Crandall's

pinned Owen Houser in 88 seconds at 220.

Homedale 63, Adrian 12 A slew of forfeits carried the Trojans.

Jace Love edged Adrian's Wade Bond, 10-8, at 138.

White pinned Logan Griffin in 1:41 at 152.

Trout notched a 64-seconds pin of Toby Clow at 182.

Adrian's lone was Cole Kennedy's pin of Owen Houser in 1:24 of their 220-pound

## Marsing pins loss on Adrian

Two pinfalls highlighted Marsing High School's nonconference win over Adrian in recorded a first-round pin, last Wednesday's tri-meet.

Bastion Ackerman pinned Adrian's Manuel Aguirre — TK 1 minute, 4 seconds at 160

Marsing's Justin Ineck also getting Wade Bond at 1:52 of their 138-pound bout.

The Antelopes picked up points with three victories:

Cole Kennedy beat Jed Crandall, 5-0, at 220 pounds.

Logan Griffin pinned Jonathon Ineck in 1:49 at 152 Toby Clow at 182 when

Marsing's Kaden Goins retired because of an injury.



Boys' basketball Jacob Ankeny, so., post 7 points, 15 rebounds, 6 blocks vs. **Liberty Charter** 



Girls' basketball Monse Ponce, sr., G 2 points, 9 rebounds vs. Nampa Christian



Zane Brackett, fr., 126 Picked up win vs. Homedale during last Wednesday's tri-meet





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Go Huskies!

Girls' basketball

Saturday, Dec. 22 at Vale, Ore., 3:30 p.m.

Junior varsity

Saturday, Dec. 22 at Vale, Ore., 2 p.m.

#### Wrestling

Boys' basketball

Internet Truckstop.com Christmas Tournament

(At The College of Idaho, Caldwell)

Thursday, Dec. 20 vs. Aberdeen, 7 p.m.

Friday-Saturday, Dec. 21-22 vs. TBA, time TBA

Thursday, Dec. 20, home for Marsing Duals, 6 p.m.



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# Sports

# Two Trojans grab medals at Wiley Dobbs Invitational

# JV pair reaches title bouts

Every Homedale High School wrestler came back from a two-day tournament with at least one victory.

Jaegar Rose, a senior at 145 pounds, and junior Gage Northrup (285) both finished with fourth-place medals at the Wiley Dobbs Invitational in Twin Falls.

Northrup earned a medal for the second tournament in as many weekends.

Northrup stayed afloat after losing a semifinal, but dropped a close decision in the third-place match, losing 3-1 to Kuna's Gavin Heindel.

Northrup needed just 16 seconds to pin Middleton's

Aaron Drake before beating Fruitland's Ty Bahem, 4-0, in the quarterfinals.

Northrup made the thirdplace match win a consolation semifinal pin against Skyview's Josiah Lara, ending the bout at 4:29.

Rose lost, 5-1, to Kimberly's Riley Hallett in the 145-pound bronze medal match.

Rose pinned Lee Nyblade of Burley in 4:24 before capturing a wild 21-15 win over Jerome's Jakob Murillo in the quarterfinals.

Rose pinned Ontario, Ore.'s Enoc Ponce in 1:39 to reach the third-place match.

Joseph Egusquiza reached the quarterfinals at 126 pounds, but saw his tournament end in a late-round consolation match against an Emmett competitor he had beaten earlier in the competition.

Jon Fleming nipped Egusquiza, 6-5, in an elimination bout. Egusquiza opened the tournament Friday with a 92-secone pin against Fleming.

The sophomore edged Eli Hernandez from Nampa, 6-5, to set up a quarterfinal match, but Jerome's Ethan Borrayo picked up a 4-0 victory.

Brady Trout (170) made a run through the consolation bracket before elimination against Emmett's Drake Nabinger-Villarin (pin in 2:25).

Trout fell into the consolation bracket after suffering a first-round fall against Baylee Carney from Twin Falls.

Trout notched two straight pinfalls against Lance Thrall of Centennial (1:53) and Elko, Nev.'s Kaden Cervantes (2:55) before his tournament ended.

Jace Love needed just 53 seconds to win his opening match at 138. He pinned Yusaf Benhakla of Canyon Ridge.

Jorge Vega reached the quarterfinals a 120, beating Pine Eagle (Ore.) wrestler Will Seggerman, 13-6. But Minico's Zak Allred pinned Vega in 1:20 to push him into the consolation bracket.

Vega pinned Centennial's Kobe Bui (3:00) before bowing out when Shawn Nakamura from Elko got a pin in 1:14.

Robert Nix won two matches in the 195 bracket, but couldn't get out of the preliminary rounds in the championship flight.

He pinned Ontario, Ore.'s Johnny Vega in 3:02 before losing in the second round, 8-1,

to Emmet's Jake Johnson.

In the consolation bracket, Nix pinned Jerome's Joseph Stevenson in 2:22, but his tournament ended with a narrow, 5-4 loss to Buhl's AJ Dominguez.

#### JV: White's wins again

Willie White won a championship for the second straight weekend as three Trojans grabbed medals in the junior varsity tournament.

White edged Jaden Schnepp of Ontario, Ore., 9-7, to win the 152 title Saturday.

Rhyalee Nix was runner-up at 170, losing the title match, 9-3, to Kuna's Vaughndavid Gregory.

Wrestling at 160, Barton Strack won bronze by pinning Lucas Livingstone of Mountain View in 2:41.

# Adrian wrestler earns tournament silver

Cole Kennedy wrestled for a championship Saturday to highlight Adrian High School's stay at the John Rysdam Memorial.

The senior lost the 220-pound championship match in Elgin, Ore., falling to Weiser's Darrian Hoobery in a 20-5 technical fall.

Freshman Toby Clow came away with a fourth-place medal for Adrian at 182 pounds.

Wade Bond was the only other Adrian athlete to get a win in the two-day tournament.

Kennedy pinned his way into the championship match at 220.

He dispatched Imbler's Zach Brown in 1 minute, 35 seconds to open his tournament then pinned Baker, Ore.'s Lucien Yervasi in 4:54 of their semifinal. Clow fell into the consolation bracket with a loss to Baker's Hon Rushton in the semifinals at 182. Rushton got a pin seven seconds before the end of the first round.

Clow settled for fourth place after Weiser's Paul Crawford registered a pin at 1:46 of their third-place match.

Clow opened the tournament with a 62-second pin of Baker's Adrian Allen in the quarterfinals.

Wrestling at 138, Bond pinned Weiser's Dominick Sivero in 1:41 in the quarterfinals. He then lost a 7-3 decision to Enterprise, Ore.'s Trace Evans in the semifinals and was eliminated after a pin against Union, Ore.'s Jaxon Blackburn (2:20) in the consolation semifinals.

# Quintero can't carry Mustangs

Jordan Valley High School's boys' basketball team dropped a pair of non-league games in La Grande, Ore., during the weekend.

The Mustangs (3-3 overall) visit John Day, Ore., for three games in the Union Christmas Tournament, which will be held Thursday through Saturday at Grant Union High School.

Saturday: Powder Valley, Ore., 57, Jordan Valley 48 — Zeke Quintero was 7-for-9 from within the three-point line and led the Mustangs with 23 points. Quintero also led the way with eight rebounds.

Kort Skinner had nine points and five boards, and Blaise Warn added eight points.

Friday: Joseph 58, Jordan Valley 46 — Quintero erupted for 27 points, but no other Mustangs were able to reach double figures.

Warn and Birch Eiguren each hit three-pointers, while Quintero nailed two treys.

Warn scored six points, and Skinner added eight.



Kort Skinner puts up a shot against Powder Valley. Submitted photo

# No. 2 Joseph edges No. 3 JV girls

Jordan Valley High School suffered its first loss against a fellow elite in 1A Oregon girls' basketball.

Joseph used a 9-2 secondquarter run to wipe out the Mustangs' early lead and fuel a 51-47 victory at La Grande High School on Friday.

The Eagles (6-1 overall) were the second-ranked team in the 1A coaches' poll heading

into the contest. Jordan Valley (5-1) was No. 3.

Up-to-date rankings weren't available at press time.

Regann Skinner scored 14 points for the Mustangs, who held a 16-14 lead after eight minutes against Joseph. Skinner was 7-for-22 from the field as Jordan Valley went 18-for-45 (40 percent) as a team.

Taylor Warn added nine

points, while Nicole Terry led the team with six rebounds.

Freshmen Cassity Gluch and Tayler Eiguren pulled down five boards each.

The Mustangs bounced back after the end of their four-game season-opening win streak with a 44-33 victory over Powder Valley on Saturday in La Grande.

No statistics were provided.

#### Other scores

#### Girls' basketball

Adrian (1-2 overall)

**Friday** — def. Harper Charter, 44-13 **This week** — Friday vs. Pine Eagle; Saturday vs. Notus (both tip at 6 p.m.

#### Boys' basketball

Rimrock (2-7 overall, 0-2 1A WIC)

**Saturday** — lost, 51-35, at Vision Charter, Caldwell **Friday** — lost, 57-40, vs. Victory Charter

**Dec. 11** — lost, 31-27, at Greenleaf Friends Academy **Friday** — vs. Castleford (non-conference), 7:30 p.m.

#### Adrian (1-3 overall)

Friday — lost, 59-46, vs Pine Eagle

Saturday — lost, 56-34, at Notus

**Thursday-Saturday** — at Internet Truckstop.com Christmas Tournament, The College of Idaho, Caldwell

# Sub's scoring helps Melba boys

Abe Rainey came off the bench to score eight points Saturday as Melba High School edged Liberty Charter in boys' basketball.

Easton Bunnell shared topscoring honors with 11 points in the Mustangs' 45-43 nonconference win.

Senior guard Ashton Sedrick scored 11 points the visiting Patriots, who plays in the 1A Western Idaho Conference.

Melba (6-2 at week's end) received nine points from Caleb Fong. Michael Huntsman grabbed 10 rebounds.

Friday: Weiser 59, Melba 43
— Braden Bumgartner poured in 21 points, and the Wolverines handed the Mustangs a nonconference setback.

Bunnell and Dillon Bodily scored 10 points apiece to pace

the Mustangs, while teammate Joe Reiber had nine points.

Dec. 11: Melba 39, Vale, Ore., 23 — Holding the Vikings to six points in the second half, the Mustangs were able to grind out a nonconference victory at home.

Bunnell scored 10 points, and Reiber added nine as Melba survived despite its lowest output of the season.

# Looking back...

#### from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

#### 25 years ago

#### **December 22, 1993**

#### Bruneau area farmers, ranchers win reprieve

AU.S. District judge's decision last week to remove the Bruneau Hot Springs Snail from the federal endangered species list won a reprieve for 59 Owyhee County farmers and ranchers.

But the question now is — will there be a round

"The ball is in their court." Rayola Jacobsen, a spokesman for the Idaho Farm Bureau said.

"As far as Farm Bureau is concerned it's a victory. We'll wait to see where we have to proceed to defend and protect our members in the area."

Judge Harold Ryan's ruling Dec. 14 singled out procedural errors and violations of "due process" in annulling the Jan. 25 listing of the snail by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

In the 34-page judgment, Ryan called the snail's listing "unlawful." The sharp criticism leveled knocked the wind out of the government's position on the status of the snail as an endangered species.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service said it was reviewing Ryan's decision, but offered no insight on whether an attempt would be made get the snail back on the list.

On a swing through Boise on Monday of this week, Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt said the snail may not be placed back on the endangered species list if a settlement on ground water usage can be negotiated.

#### Area schools, students spread Christmas cheer

Area students have discovered the joy of giving this Christmas, with food, coat and toy drives they've conducted in all the Marsing and Homedale schools.

At Homedale Junior/High School shop students voluntarily added the construction of 100 toy trucks to their normal workload, and the school as a whole collected almost 20 cardboard boxes of food and dried goods.

Homedale Elementary School was just as generous. Students there collected "at least 30 boxes" of food, according to principal Scott Freeby.

Members of Business Professionals of America had a food drive at Marsing High School, and students at Marsing Middle School put together 5 baskets for families in need.

At Marsing Elementary School Tamara Aevermann's fifth-grade students decided to adopt a family rather than have a gift exchange this year. Her kids "brought toys, food, and anything that would help," principal Luis Gutierrez praised.

#### Jazz band earns "II" at district

The Homedale High School Jazz Band played well enough at the District III Jazz Festival at Nampa High School Dec. 2 to earn a "II." That's an "excellent rating" according to band director Brian Kohagen, and a good indicator of how hard the group has worked so far this year.

Bands were ranked from I to IV at the festival, with a I rating being the best.

The group performed 3 songs, "Jumping at the Woodside", "Sentimental Journey", and "Jersey Bounce." "They're three well-known swing charts," Kohagen asserts.

Aiding the Homedale effort were a trumpet solo by David Vance, a tenor sax solo by Leslea Miller, and drum solos by Lee VanderBoegh and Corey Frederick.

#### 50 years ago

#### **December 19, 1968**

#### Trojan basketball hopes soar with big win

Brothers Mike and Paul Pearson set a torrid scoring pace to garner 20 points each, followed closely by Danny Uranga and Gary Garrett with 15 points each as they teamed up to lead Homedale to a humiliating 84-38 victory over the Payette Pirates Tuesday night at Payette.

The fourth quarter was a complete rout with Homedale scoring 30 points while holding the Pirates at two.

The Trojans raised their record to 4-0 for the year, while Payette stands at 0-3.

Payette's hot-shooting Scott Masingill fell off his 27 points per game average against the Trojans, being held to only 10 while teammate and fellow high scorer Jim Smith got only 6. Dave Hammond also had 10 points for Payette.

#### Swimming pool officials view proposed plans

Members of the Homedale Community Swimming Pool, Inc. met last week to view proposed plans for the pool drawn by Robert Smith and Darrell Ankrum of Ontario.

The regulation size pool is planned at the site of the new City Park adjacent to the river west of the new athletic field.

The plans include the pool, a wading pool, dressing rooms, utility room and sun deck. Smith said the estimated cost of the pool as shown in the plans would be nearly \$100,000.

Further meetings will be held in regard to arrangements for financing the project through an FHA recreation loan, though it was thought changes would have to be made to whittle the cost.

Homer Anderson, chairman of the Community Swimming Pool, Inc. explained that the pool project was not just a Homedale project, but included the surrounding communities of Marsing, Adrian and Wilder as well.

Committee members have been appointed to represent the organizations of the community and representatives of each surrounding area.

These committeemen include the following churches, Rev. Ed Alora and Father Morgan; American Legion and Legion Auxiliary, Andy Warfield; City Councils of the Area, Norman Tolmie; Farm Labor organizations, Gordon Cahill; Labor Camp, Joe Eiguren; Lodges, Herman Koenig; LDS church and Grange, Howard Bergeson; National Guard, Gale Tuttle; Roy Martin; N. F. O. Marsing area, Jesse Wilson; Adrian area, Gerald Condra; Wilder area, O. E. "Bull" Durham; Fargo community, Mrs. Dean Jones.

Besides Anderson, other board members are Ray Tolsma, vice president; Norman Tolmie, secretary; Jim Duncan, assistant secretary; Harper Saunders, treasurer; Deward Bell, assistant treasurer; and Richard Eismann, legal advisor.

### **Grand View News By Vivian Gottsch**

A new addition has been added to the landscape at Grand View. It is a lighted cross on the hill above town. It is about as big as a light pole and very beautiful. It can be seen from the surrounding area as well as from town. This is the work of the Gem State Utilities telephone company, Idaho Power, and the Lions Club. It helps us to remember what Christmas is really about. Let's keep the spirit all next year.

#### 145 years ago

#### **December 20, 1873**

#### **MERRY CHRISTMAS**

Before another issue of the AVALANCHE, Christmas, merry Christmas, will have come and gone. In hundreds of thousands of pulpits, next Thursday, the story of the birth of Jesus of Nazareth will be told, and its lesson preached. Wherever the cheering influences of Christianity prevail — from the extreme East to this sunset land, and beyond — will God's creatures of all races, colors, and climes, celebrate this auspicious day. There is no man living but profits by the general advance the world has made since the advent of the Judean Prophet. The sunshine of the Advent season falls alike on the just and the unjust.

We try to keep up the ancient delusions which our forefathers cherished so tenderly, and we still cling to the mistletoe-bough in some poor fashion, and occasionally go back into ancient history to trace into Roman usages the customs and traditions of Christmas; but the world knows all it cares to know about the ancient origin of Christmas festivities; and, whether our sacred ceremonies are Pagan inception or no, we do not care; the old story of the mistletoe, the Druidic rites, the boar's head, the wassail bowl, and snapdragon, are all too fanciful for this practical unpoetic age. But the flavor of Christmas has not left us quite; and though we may not bother ourselves with speculations about "this bird of dawning," we are glad to know that the time is still "hallowed and gracious." Though much of the original meaning of the festival is gone, the beneficent influences of the anniversary remain; and whether we celebrate the actual day of our Saviour's birth, or not, the gracious season, perpetually recurring, brings with it pleasant and soothing recollections, without which the world is indeed poorer.

It is impossible to resist the gracious influences of the associations of Christmas. So long as life has any softness, so long as the heart has tenderness, with Christmas season in every Christian land, there must come thoughts of peace, good-will and beneficence which are the natural offspring of the central idea of the sacred anniversary. Christmas time is the season when the heart relaxes its habitual closeness, and human sympathies flow out to those around us.

#### DICKENS AND CHRISTMAS

On Christmas, the best day of all the year, whose memory should be kept green, if not that of him who has done more to make Christmas glorious than all the rest of the world, clergy and laity, put together. Twenty-eight years ago England was spell-bound by the music of a Carol that softened the hardest hearts, and opened the tightest purses, and made poetry even of stern reality. Chimes succeeded carols; the genius of Dickens conceived a holiday literature without which the world of today would indeed be impoverished. Contemplating the scene of to-day, there starts up before us a larger family gathering than has assembled elsewhere. We see squeezing, wrenching, grasping, clutching, covetous old Scrooge, who iced his office in the dogdays, and didn't thaw it one degree at Christmas; we see Mrs. Fissiwig one vast substantial smile; we see that humble, grateful Cratchit family around the festive goose, hear Tiny Tim telling his simple-hearted father how "he hoped the people saw him in the church, because he was a cripple, and it might be pleasant to them to remember upon Christmas Day who made lame beggars walk and blind men see."

# Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM

# On the edge of common sense The reindeer flu

You remember that Christmas a few years ago, when you waited all night for ol' Santy to show

Well, I heard the reason and it just might be true, the whole bunch came down with the dang reindeer flu!

The cowboy elves had been busy all day a-doctorin' Donner and scatterin' hay

Dancer and Prancer were febrile and snotty, Comet and Cupid went constantly potty

Hallucinatory dementia was rampant, why, Blitzen imagined that he was Jed Clampett

Dasher got schizo and thought he was Trigger, while Vixen's obsessions got bigger and bigger

By noon Santy knew they should find substitutes. So the cowboy elves went out searching recruits

They scoured the Artic for suitable prey, and brought them together to hook to the sleigh.

When Santy climbed up it was like a bad dream! A bull moose as old as the planks on the ark

With a head as big as a hammerhead shark stood hitched by a cow, Mrs. Santy's of course.

Then next in the tugs was a Clydesdale horse. He was pared with an elk whose antlers were crossed

An ostrich, a walrus and an old albatross were harnessed in line, but the last volunteer

Was a blue heeler dog with only one ear.

The cowboy elves gave a push to the sled as Santy reared back, cracked his whip, then he said

"On Cleo, on Leo, on Lefty and Jake, On Murphus, Redondo, on Lupe and Snake ..."

Smoke from the runners cut tracks in the snow. The team headed south, but where else could they go?

They started back East 'cause it got dark there first, and their luck, which was bad, got progressively worse

By the time they hit Kansas the tugs had gone slack and all but the dog was now ridin' in back

Santy was desperate. What on Earth could he do?

Then the lights of an airport came into his view! Did they make it? You betcha, but here hangs the tale

Of how, on that Christmas they stayed on the trail

A man in Alaska said right after dawn, a low-flying object passed over his lawn

He ran to the window and threw up the sash and heard someone shouting, "Fer Pete's sake, don't crash!

On Budget, on Thrifty, look out Alamo, I didn't take out the insurance, you know.

And you, Number Two, try harder, yer Avis! On Dollar, On Hertz, Rent-a-Wreck, you can save us

An extra day's charge if we make it by nine, though the drop off will cost us a bundle this time

Merry Christmas," yelled Santy, but he was all smiles

'cause at least he'd signed up for unlimited miles.

So that's how it happened as best I recall, when it looked

like that Christmas might not come at all

And the truth of the matter, we all owe a cheer to the Wichita office of Rent-a-Reindeer.

— Visit Baxter's Web site at www.baxterblack.com for more features and to purchase Baxter Black books, CDs and DVDs. His newest book is a holiday special, "A Commotion in Rhyme." When you order the new book, be sure to tell them you learned about it in The Owyhee Avalanche.

# Letter to the editor

#### Community support makes seniors' bazaar successful

Homedale Senior Center would like to thank everyone for making our Holiday Bazaar a success.

A special thanks to Lane Atkins (senior project), all of the vendors, Merchants, and all of the folks that made donations to the center and all of the volunteer workers.

A big thanks to the City of Homedale for posting the event on the reader board and The Owyhee Avalanche for their publications.

Staff and board of directors, Homedale Senior Center

#### Letters to the editor

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

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

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

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

# From Washington

# Congress continues work to protect America's vulnerable children

America's children represent our nation's prospect for a bright and strong future. They are smart, hopeful, inquisitive and insightful. It is incumbent upon all of us to do what we can to keep them safe from harm and help them to have opportunities for promising and productive lives. The fact that many children in our communities are not safe in their homes is far beyond tragic. Thankfully, Americans across our country work tirelessly to end violence and turn hardship into hope for abuse victims. Backing these local efforts with needed resources is an essential part of making continued progress in ending abuse.

This fall, the Senate Committee on the Judiciary, on which I serve, approved S. 2961, Victims of Child Abuse Act Reauthorization Act of 2018, that would reauthorize the Victims of Child Abuse Act (VOCAA) through 2023. This bipartisan legislation would provide continued support for the coordinated investigation, prosecution and treatment of child abuse.

First enacted 28 years ago, VOCAA has

U.S. Sen. Mike Crapo

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provided for federal programs to respond to child abuse cases. Children's Advocacy Centers (CACs), supported through VOCAA, are a central part of this response. CACs enable teams,

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Glenn Mollette, syndicated columnist

# We need Christmas Time of year helps spirit, economy, personal ties



Merchants around the world depend on the Christmas season each year for 20 to 50 percent of their yearly sales.

The travel industry — from airlines to gasoline stations — sees a nice bump during the holidays. People are going to buy airplane tickets and buy gasoline.

Grocery stores do better during the holidays. People cook more for Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year. The alcohol industry does well during holidays. Wine, beer and bourbon whiskey all do well normally and more so during December.

Charities and churches enjoy December. People give more money to the church in December

than any other month. People who want to give make sure their gifts are given by Dec. 31. Churches normally have special children and music programs during the month that increases attendance.

Counselors see a spike in activity during December. More people are depressed during the Christmas and New Year's Eve holidays than any other time of the year.

Funeral homes are busy in December and January. Check your local funeral home obituaries for last December and January, and you'll be amazed at how many funerals took place.

Fitness centers and gyms across the country

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# Commentary

# Financial management

# Accept parents' generosity, if their own finances don't suffer

I'm on Baby Step 4 of your plan. I'm debt-free, and I'm currently putting lots of money toward retirement. Now, I want to go back to school and get an MBA. I could pay for school with cash, but that would delay buying a home. My parents have offered to help out financially, so do you think I should accept their offer?

– Isaac

#### Dear Isaac,

I don't have a problem with this, if they're doing well enough financially to afford it, and the help comes in the form of a gift. If they're borrowing the money to make it happen, then the answer is "no." If they want to loan you the money, the answer is "no." A loan between family members, or

even friends, isn't help — it's a trap for both parties.

But hey, if they're in good enough shape to gift you some money to help with the MBA or a home, that would be an incredibly generous thing to do. I think it's so cool when people work hard, make smart decisions, and manage their money well to the point they can do things like this for

It sounds like you're in a really good place, Isaac. Pay cash for school, and if you can't buy a home outright when the time comes, make a down payment of at least 20 percent. That way, you'll avoid having to pay private mortgage insurance!

— Dave

#### Dear Dave,

I'm 45, married, and we have



a household income of around \$85,000 a year. We have no debt, except for our home, and we owe about \$70,000 on it. I recently stopped contributing to my 401(k) temporarily in an effort to help us build an emergency fund, but things are moving slowly. We also

we cash out the stock, and use the money for an emergency

– Nate

#### Dear Nate,

Yes, that's what I would do. Basically, your emergency fund is in stock right now. That's not a good place to keep an emergency fund, because you never know when life will throw unexpected expenses your way or the stock market will go down.

I would cash out that stock as soon as possible. Put the money in a simple money market account — one with check-writing privileges and no penalties for early withdrawals. You always want your emergency fund to be safe and easily accessible. Then, make sure you keep

have \$25,000 in stock. Should pushing forward and take care of Baby Step 4, investing for retirement; Baby Step 5, save money for college if you have young children; and Baby Step 6, pay off your home early.

> Baby Step 7 means building wealth and giving like crazy. These things are easy once you have the other Baby Steps out of the way. Good question, Nate!

> > — 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 14 million listeners each week on 600 radio stations and multiple digital platforms. Follow Dave on the web at daveramsey.com and on Twitter at @DaveRamsey.

### Children: Advocacy centers crucial to supporting most vulnerable

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including law enforcement, prosecution, health care, mental health, victim advocate, and protective services professionals, to work together to serve child victims of violent crimes and prosecute abusers. The bill sponsors report that 2,278 child victims were served through Children's Advocacy Centers in Idaho in 2017 alone, and they were among the 335,000 child victims served nationwide.

The Congressional Research Service (CRS) reports that there are nearly 800 CACs located in communities across our nation. CRS explains that CACs are "intended to coordinate a multidisciplinary response to child abuse . . . in a manner that ensures

child abuse victims (and non-offending family members) receive the support services they need and do not experience the investigation of child abuse as an added trauma." CRS also reports that based on 2016 numbers, 72.2 percent of children served through CACs were 12 years of age or younger.

VOCAA has also supported Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASAs), who speak and work on behalf of child victims in court proceedings, and the law has supported the training and technical assistance of judicial and other personnel involved in investigating and prosecuting child abuse cases.

I commend those working to protect and help children in all of our communities. This work is no

doubt heartbreaking, but also motivating continued progress. Those working to bring healing and hope to troubled and hurting children and families are making a difference in the lives of many throughout Idaho. I look forward to the enactment of this legislation that puts resources in place for continued support of this greatly valued work to protect children, end abuse and help with recovery.

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

### Spirit: Christmas is a time for connecting with family and friends

prepare for their biggest month of the year, which is January. Millions of people will drag into their local fitness center and sign up for a 12-month membership. About 50 percent of these people or fewer will only use their memberships a few times during the year but will be stuck in 12-month contracts.

Christmas is a profitable time for many it seems. The greater value of this wonderful season comes with the opportunities of Christmas.

You have a good excuse to call or visit people. Christmas is about personal relationships and connecting to real people. The Christmas story is about a personal God who came as a real person to help real people with real needs.

Christmas is family time. Don't exclude anybody. God is inclusive. He came to love all the people of the world. There are always people who feel excluded, unloved and seem to be the rag muffin person in the family. No one is perfect. Everyone has failed in different ways.

Christmas is a different day. Stores, most restaurants, workplaces and businesses are closed on Christmas. What are you going to do? Be happy, reflect, give thanks and don't feel sorry for yourself. Take time to focus on the one that so many Christmas songs have been written about, "Christ, The Savior is born."

We need Christmas because we need The Savior of Christmas. We need peace on earth and good will to men. We need a Silent Night and a holy night. We need the Joy to the World as sung in the famed Christmas Carol. We need to know the grave is not the end. We need to have the hope of eternal life. We need help to deal with our grief and strength to face tomorrow. Jesus came to give us this and more. That's why we need him and the message of Christmas so desperately in our lives.

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**ORDINANCE NO. A-205** AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MARSING. IDAHO, AMENDING TITLE 4 SECTION 2 TO REVISE THE CITY CODE SECTION IN RELATION TO DOGS; PROVIDING ADDITIONAL **DEFINITIONS; PROVIDING** REGULATIONS FOR **CRUELTY TO ANIMALS;** NON-DOMESTIC AND **COMMERICAL FARM** ANIMALS; DOG OFFENSES AND CONDITIONS; **DANGEROUS DOGS; AND PENALTIES; PROVIDING** FOR A REPEALER; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Marsing has determined that the City shall provide additional regulations for the keeping of animals within the City; and WHEREAS, the City of Marsing has determined that the City shall amend and revise its regulations pertaining the keeping of dogs within the City. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARSING, IDAHO:

SECTION 1: That Title 4, Chapter 2, Section 1 is hereby amended to include the following definitions: Abandon: To leave an animal unattended for more than twenty four (24) hours without making arrangements for its proper care, sustenance and shelter, or releasing the animal upon public highways or public or private lands. Abatement: The termination of any violation of this chapter by lawful and reasonable means as determined by the animal control personnel in order that a person or persons presumed to be the owner of an animal comply with this chapter. Animal: Any mammal, reptile, amphibian, fish, bird (including all fowl and poultry) or other member commonly accepted as part of the animal kingdom. Animals shall be classified as follows: Domestic Animals: Those animals commonly accepted as domesticated household pets that have traditionally, through a long association with humans, lived in a state of dependence upon humans or have been traditionally kept as a household pet. Unless otherwise defined, such animals shall include dogs, cats, ferrets, caged birds, pigeons, gerbils, hamsters, guinea pigs, domesticated rabbits, chinchillas, fish, nonpoisonous, non-venomous and non-constricting reptiles or amphibians, and other similar animals. Farm Animals: Those animals commonly associated with a farm or performing work in an agricultural setting. Unless otherwise defined, such animals shall include members of the equine family (horses, mules), bovine family (cows, bulls), sheep, poultry (chickens, turkeys), fowl (ducks, geese), swine (including Vietnamese potbellied pigs), goats, bees, llamas, alpacas, and other animals associated with a farm, ranch, or stable. Non-domestic Animals: Those animals commonly considered to be naturally wild and not naturally trained or domesticated, or which are commonly considered to be inherently dangerous to the health, safety, and welfare of people. Unless otherwise defined, such animals shall include:

A. Any member of the large cat family (family Felidae) including cougars, bobcats, leopards and jaguars, but excluding commonly accepted domesticated house

B. Any naturally wild member of the canine family (family Canidae) including wolves, foxes, coyotes, dingoes, and jackals, but excluding commonly accepted domesticated dogs.

C. Any crossbreeds between naturally wild animals and domestic animals, such as the crossbreed between a wolf and

D. Any member or relative of the rodent family including squirrels, not otherwise identified as a domestic animal.

E. Any skunk (whether or not descented), or raccoon, and other members of the weasel family (Mustelidae) and raccoon family (Procyonidae), but excluding those members otherwise defined or commonly accepted as domesticated pets.

F. Any poisonous, venomous, constricting, or inherently dangerous member of the reptile or amphibian families including rattlesnakes, boa constrictors, pit vipers, crocodiles and alligators.

G. Any other animal which is not explicitly listed above but which can be reasonably defined by the terms of this definition, including, but not limited to, bears, deer, and monkeys.

Animal control agency: Any organization(s) authorized by the city council to enforce the provisions of this chapter. Animal control officer: Any individual authorized by the city council to enforce the provisions of this chapter, and including any state or local law enforcement officer whose duties in whole or in part include assignments that involve seizure and impoundment of any animal. Animal control shelter: That animal control facility authorized by the city council as the place for the impounding of animals and other operations of the animal control agency. At large: Off or away from the premises of the owner; and not under the control of such owner or other person either by leash, cord or chain (not to exceed 8 feet), or confined. Attack: Any aggressive physical contact by an animal which a reasonable person would conclude places a person or domestic animal in reasonable apprehension of imminent and substantial bodily harm. Barking: Any audible vocal sound produced by a dog or dogs. Confined: Keeping an animal within an enclosure that cannot be opened by any person other than the owner or with the owner's assistance or consent and from which an animal cannot escape.

• A potentially dangerous dog is "confined" as the term is used in this Chapter if such dog is securely confined indoors or confined within a securely enclosed fence or structure upon the premises of the person in possession of such dog in a manner that prevents contact with dog from humans and other domestic animals with sufficient locking mechanisms to prevent unauthorized persons from releasing the enclosed animal. Said fence or structure shall also be sufficiently secure to keep the animal from releasing

• A dangerous dog is "confined" as the term is used in this Chapter if such dog is securely confined indoors or confined in a securely enclosed and locked pen or structure upon the premises of the person in possession of such dog in a manner described in this definition. At a minimum, such pen or structure must have secure sides and a secure top. If the pen or structure has no bottom secured to the sides, the sides must be embedded in the ground no less than two feet (2') (0.6096)meter). Said pen or structure shall be sufficiently secured with redundant locking mechanisms to prevent unauthorized persons from releasing the enclosed animal. Said pen shall also be sufficiently secure to keep the animal from releasing itself. A list of approved building materials for such structures will be maintained by the City and made available upon request. All such structures shall be constructed in such a manner, and of such materials, as approved by the city building inspector or his appointed representative. A certificate of inspection of the structures shall be made a part of that dog's file at the City.

Current vaccination: An animal that has received a primary rabies vaccine at least thirty (30) days ago, and no more than one year ago, or has received a booster vaccine administered according to the manufacturer's written instructions. The rabies vaccine shall be licensed by the United States department of agriculture for use in that species (a list of the currently licensed vaccines can be found in the current "Compendium Of Animal Rabies Vaccines' prepared and updated annually by the National Association of State Public Health Veterinarians). Rabies vaccination must be performed by or under the direct supervision of a veterinarian who is licensed or legally permitted to practice veterinary medicine in the state. Dangerous animal: Any animal, other than a dog, that without intentional provocation, bites or attacks humans or other animals; or in a dangerous, vicious or terrorizing manner approaches any person in an apparent attitude of attack, whether or not the attack is consummated or is capable of being consummated.

Dangerous dog means any dog

 Without justified provocation has inflicted serious injury on a person while on public or private

 Has killed a domestic animal without provocation while on public or private property;

 Has been previously found to be a potentially dangerous dog where the owner has received notice of such determination and the animal subsequently meets the definition of a potentially dangerous dog for a second time within a six month period.

· Has been kept with the intention of using its size, manner, disposition, training or breeding to instill fear in others; or

· Has been bred, trained, owned, possessed, or kept for the purpose of dog fighting; or

Euthanasia: The procedure in which an animal is humanely killed by a method that is painless to such animal, either causing instant painless unconsciousness and subsequent death or immediate death, performed by a certified euthanasia technician or licensed veterinarian in accordance with Idaho Code title 54. Guard dog: Any dog trained or used to protect persons or property by attacking or threatening to attack any person found within the area patrolled by the dog and that is either securely enclosed within that area at all times or under the continuous control of a trained handler. Harboring: Allowing any animal to remain, or to be lodged, fed, or sheltered on the property one owns, occupies or controls for twenty four (24) consecutive hours, or for one or more hours per day for three (3) consecutive days. Justified provocation: means to perform any act or omission that a reasonable person with common knowledge of dog behavior would conclude is likely to precipitate a bite or attack by an ordinary dog. Non-bite exposure: Saliva from an animal has come in contact with an open wound or mucus membrane. Own: To keep, harbor, or have control, charge or custody of an animal. Animals in the custody of a minor, or incapacitated person shall be deemed to be owned by the minor's parent(s), guardian or head of the household where the minor or incapacitated person resides. Owner: Any person who owns, possesses, keeps, exercises control over, maintains, harbors, feeds, waters, transports, or sells an animal, or one who assists another in possession, sale, transport, harboring, feeding, watering or maintenance thereof. An owner need not have any pecuniary, proprietary or economic interest in a dog. Person: Any individual, corporation, society, copartnership, limited partnership, limited liability company, association, or any other legal or business entity. Potentially dangerous dog means a dog that may reasonably be assumed to pose a threat to public safety as demonstrated by the following behaviors:

A. Chasing or approaching a person or domestic animal upon the streets, sidewalks, or any other public grounds in a menacing fashion or apparent attitude of attack:

B. Acting in a highly aggressive manner on private property with an apparent ability to escape the private property or enclosure;

C. Causing injury to a human or domestic animal or otherwise threatening the safety of a human or domestic animal;

D. Inflicts a bite upon a human or domestic animal either on public or private property;

E. Any animal with a known propensity, tendency or disposition to attack unprovoked, to cause injury, or otherwise to threaten the safety of humans or domestic animals.

Provoke: To perform an act or omission that an ordinary and reasonable person would conclude is likely to precipitate the bite or attack by an animal. Quarantine: The strict confinement of an animal in a manner which precludes direct contact with other animals not concurrently in quarantine or persons other than the owner or caretaker. The quarantine shall be conducted under an order issued by the animal control agency designating the specific place, manner and provisions of the quarantine. Rabies suspect animal: Any animal which has bitten, scratched, or broken the skin of a human being; been in contact with or been bitten, scratched or has had its skin broken by a rabid animal; or any animal which shows symptoms suggestive of rabies.

Restraint: · A potentially dangerous dog shall be considered under restraint if it is a) within the real property limits of its owner and confined as defined in this Chapter; or b) when off of the owner's real property secured by a leash or lead no more than six feet in length being held by a person capable of controlling that dog. A dog that frees itself from its owner's real property limits, a leash or lead, and a dog that is in a vehicle in a manner that would not prevent escape

or contact with other persons or animals shall be considered to be not under restraint and in violation of this Chapter subject to general misdemeanor penalties.

• A dangerous dog shall be maintained exclusively on the owner's property except for medical treatment or examination. A dangerous dog shall be considered under restraint when removed from the owner's property for medical treatment or examination if the dangerous dog shall be caged in a vehicle and otherwise within the control of a responsible person, muzzled, and restrained with a chain or leash, not exceeding 4 feet in length. The muzzle shall be made in a manner that will not cause injury to the dangerous dog or interfere with its vision or respiration, but shall prevent it from biting any human being or animal. Sanitize: To make physically clean and to remove and destroy, to the maximum degree that is practical, agents injurious to animal or human health. Secure enclosure: An enclosure that shall not allow the egress of the animal in any manner without human assistance. Service animal: Any animal which is trained, or being trained to aid humans as defined by the American's With Disabilities Association. Serious injury: Any physical injury that results in broken bones, piercing of the hypodermis or tearing of the muscles, veins or arteries, or disfiguring lacerations that would cause a reasonably prudent person to seek treatment from a medical professional without regard to whether the person actually sought medical treatment.

SECTION 2: That Title 4, Chapter 2, Section 3 is hereby repealed in its entirety and replaced as follows:

4.2.3 CRUELTY TO ANIMALS:

A. Standard Of Care: All animals shall receive from their owners or keepers the minimum standard of care set forth in this section. Any person not treating their pet in such a humane manner will be subject to the penalties provided in this Chapter. It shall be unlawful to leave an animal within the city without providing for the animal's control, supervision or restraint. It shall be unlawful to leave any animal within the city limits with the intent of having the city care for or dispose of the animal. It shall be unlawful for any person to leave any animal within the city without wholesome food, water, shelter or access to any of those necessities; the minimum standards of which are as follows:

1. Sufficient Food: All animals shall be provided, at intervals not to exceed twenty four (24) hours, a quantity of wholesome foodstuff suitable for the animal's specific species and age and which maintains an adequate level of nutrition to sustain the good health of the animal.

2. Sufficient Water: Constant access to a supply of clean, fresh water provided at intervals not to exceed twenty four (24) hours.

3. Sanitary Keeping Of Animals: Every owner or caregiver of animals shall keep all animals in a clean, sanitary and healthy manner and not confined so as to be forced to stand, sit or lie in their own excrement.

4. Shelter: Every owner or caregiver shall provide all domestic animals with a shelter that shall be a structure having at

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least four (4) walls, a roof, a floor which is raised off the ground, a door opening properly shielded from wind and rain and which is ventilated and protected from excessive heat and cold and of sufficient size commensurate to the size of the inhabiting animal to permit the animal to move about freely.

5. Tethering: Any owner shall not tether a dog by use of a choke collar or tether or confine an animal in such manner that it can become entangled so that it cannot move freely, cannot reach shelter or water, or such that it can become entangled with another animal. The area where the animal is tethered or confined must be free of extraneous material that may cause it injury (such as, but not limited to, glass, sharp metal, nails, etc.). A dog tether must be a minimum length of three (3) times the length of the dog, measured from the tip of its nose to the base of its tail. No animal may be kept continuously tethered for more than twelve (12) hours in any twenty-four (24) hour period.

6. Exercise: Any confined animal must periodically be provided with physical activity appropriate to their species, age and condition sufficient to maintain health.

7. Veterinary Care: The owner or caregiver of a diseased or injured animal shall promptly provide the animal with appropriate veterinary care and shall segregate the diseased animal from other animals, if appropriate, to prevent the transmittal of disease.

B. Torture Or Neglect: It shall be unlawful for any person to suffer or permit any animal to be tortured, neglected, tormented, overloaded, overworked, cruelly beaten or mutilated, or cruelly killed; and whoever having charge or custody of any animal, either as owner or otherwise, inflicts or allows the infliction of unnecessary suffering or pain upon the same shall be guilty of violating this section.

C. Animal Fights Prohibited: It shall be unlawful for any person to cause, instigate, or permit any dogfight, cockfight, bullfight, or other such combat between animals or between animals and humans. Anyone who permits such conduct on premises under his control, and any person present at such an exhibition, shall also be deemed a violator of this subsection and subject to punishment thereof.

D. Fighting Equipment: It shall be unlawful to possess cockspurs, slashers, gaffs, or other tools, equipment. devices or training facilities for the purpose of training or engaging an animal in combat with another animal.

E. Leg Hold Traps: It shall be illegal to set out any leg hold traps in the city unless approved by the animal control agency.

F. Animal Exhibition, Circus: It shall be unlawful for an animal exhibition or circus to perform acts or exhibits in which animals are induced or encouraged to perform through the use of chemical, mechanical, electrical, or manual devices in a manner which will cause, or is likely to cause, physical injury or suffering.

G. Confinement Without Food And Water; Intervention: Anyone observing a domestic animal confined without necessary food for more than thirty six (36) consecutive hours, or water for more than twenty four (24) hours, should contact the animal control

agency immediately.

H. Unsafe Containment Of Animal In Motor Vehicle: No person shall permit an animal to be within or on a motor vehicle at any location under such conditions that may endanger the health, safety or well-being of the animal, including, but not limited to dangerous temperatures, lack of air, food, water or proper care. In order to protect the health and safety of such animal, an animal control officer/police officer who has probable cause to believe that this subsection is being violated shall have the authority to enter such motor vehicle by any reasonable means under the circumstances after making a reasonable effort to locate the owner.

I. Abandonment: It shall be unlawful to abandon an animal intentionally, knowingly, recklessly, or, with criminal negligence, leave an animal at a location without providing for the animal's continued care unless allowed by state law. It is no defense to abandonment if a person abandons an animal at or near an animal shelter, veterinary clinic or other place of shelter if reasonable arrangements for the care of the animal were not made by the person abandoning the animal.

J. Violation; Animal Impoundment: Any person violating this section shall be guilty of a general misdemeanor. Any animal found in violation of this section may be impounded by the animal control officer.

SECTION 3: That Title 4, Chapter 2, Section 4 is hereby repealed in its entirety and replaced as follows:

4.2.4 NON-DOMESTIC AND FARM ANIMALS:

· Commercial Purposes Prohibited: It shall be unlawful for any person to keep, maintain or raise for commercial purposes within the city any poultry, horses, cattle, sheep, hogs, livestock, or dogs.

 Keeping Of Non-domestic Animals Prohibited: It shall be unlawful for any person to possess, keep, or harbor a nondomestic animal. This prohibition does not apply to zoological parks, properly licensed transient animal exhibitions, circuses, or licensed veterinarians, or those possessing valid and current state and/or federal permits to keep such animals.

SECTION 4: That Title 4, Chapter 2, Section 5 is hereby repealed in its entirety and replaced as follows:

Offenses and 4.2.5 Conditions:

4.2.5.1 A. Dogs Running At Large: It shall be unlawful for any owner, or the parents or the guardians of any such person under eighteen (18) years of age, to allow a dog(s) to run at large unless: 1) upon the private premises of another with the consent of the person in possession of such premises; or 2) such dog be under the direct and immediate care and control of a person and controlled by a leash not exceeding eight feet in length; or 3) such dog be safely confined in a motor vehicle. No dog shall be left inside a vehicle when the temperature and/or humidity are high or when temperatures are near or below freezing. Dogs secured in the bed of a pickup or cargo area of any truck must be secured in such a manner as to prevent any part of their body from extending past the edge of the platform or bed.

B. Confined To The Premises: A dog shall be confined upon the premises of the owner, possessor or keeper, in such a way as to keep the dog out of all public rights

C. Impoundment: Any dog found running at large or otherwise in violation of this Chapter as expressed herein may be immediately seized, captured or taken up and impounded and such dog may be so taken without the necessity of filing a complaint. Such dog shall be impounded and disposed of in accordance with provisions in this Chapter.

D. Habitual Barking or Noisemaking:

1. Prohibition: It shall be unlawful for any person to fail to exercise proper care and control of his animal that frequently, excessively, or untimely barks, yelps, howls, whines, cries or makes other noises that are audible off the owner's property. When none of the residents who reside at the place where the offending dog is being kept are at home at the time a dog is making such noises which give rise to a complaint, such absence shall create a rebuttable presumption that the dog's barking, howling, whining or yelping was unlawful.

2. Împoundment: Any such animal in violation of this section may be seized and impounded if such disturbance reoccurs after the person in control of the premises has received two (2) prior warnings or citations within a period of six (6) months from the animal control agency. It is not a defense that prior warnings or citations involved different animals.

3. Exception, Livestock: This section shall not apply to such noises made by livestock, whether from commercial or noncommercial activities on land which is properly zoned to allow keeping of livestock, and such sounds made in facilities licensed under and in compliance with the provisions of this chapter.

4. Affirmative Defense: It shall be an affirmative defense under this section that the animal was intentionally provoked to make such noise.

E. Sanitary Conditions: Every person who shall keep, maintain or harbor a dog shall maintain his premises, including, but not limited to, dog pens or runs, in a clean and sanitary condition so that they shall not be offensive, a harborage for vermin or a health

F. Inspection: Whenever any person applies for and is granted a license to maintain a dangerous dog, the application is permission from the applicant for the City to make whatever inquiry is deemed necessary, including, but not limited to, entry onto the applicant's property to ensure ongoing compliance with all provisions of this article. Any entry shall be limited to the purpose of compliance inspections of the licensed premises and the licensed animal, and will be made in the presence of the owner whenever practical.

G. Damage to Property; Liability: It shall be unlawful for any person's dog or other animal to damage or destroy any property, including a lawn or garden, or other thing of value upon the private property of another, or upon any public property. In the event that the owner of the animal is a minor, or incapacitated person, the parent or guardian of such minor shall be liable for all injuries, property damage, fines and impoundment fees caused or incurred by said animal.

H. Cleaning up Litter: The owner of any animal or person having the custody or control of any animal shall be responsible for cleaning up any feces of the animal and disposing of such feces in a sanitary manner whether on the property of others, or on public property before the owner leaves the aforementioned property. Animal owners shall be responsible for maintaining sanitary conditions on their own property. Any violation of this section is an infraction. Any animals kept contrary to this section are subject to impoundment.

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I. Keeping in Nauseous Manner: It shall be unlawful for any person to keep, harbor or maintain any animal or fowl, or any pen, kennel, yard, enclosure or building in which animals are kept, in such a manner as to be nauseous, foul or offensive to an ordinary and reasonable person. Any violation of this section is an infraction. Any animals kept contrary to this section are subject to impoundment at the expense of the owner.

J. Animal in Heat: Every female dog or female cat in heat shall be confined in a building or other enclosure in such manner that it cannot come in contact with another dog or cat, except for a planned breeding. Any dog or cat not so confined when in heat, whether or not such animal is licensed, may be seized and impounded. Violation of this section shall be an infraction.

4.2.5.2 ANIMALS PRESENTING IMMEDIATE DANGER:

If, in the reasonable belief of any person, animal control agency/officer, peace officer, police officer, or other public officer an animal presents an immediate danger to the health and safety of any person, or the animal is threatening imminent harm to any person, or the animal is in the process of attacking any person, the person, animal control agency/ officer, police officer may destroy the animal by whatever means necessary to prevent further injury to the victim. Otherwise, the officer or animal control agency may apprehend the animal and impound it. Any action taken by a police officer, ordinance officer or other designated city employee, in the performance of his duties, that requires the death, injury or destruction of a dog found running at large, shall not be considered to be cruel or inhumane treatment of the animal.

POLICE 4.2.5.3

AUTHORITY: A. Fresh Pursuit: In the enforcement of any provision of this Title, any animal control officer, peace officer, police officer, ordinance officer or other public officer, is authorized to enter the curtilage surrounding the premises of any person to take possession of licensed or unlicensed roaming, fierce or dangerous or potentially dangerous dogs when in pursuit of any such dog at the time the dog goes onto private property.

B. Exhibit License: It shall be unlawful for any owner or person keeping or harboring a dog for which a license is required by this article to fail or refuse to exhibit the license or tag upon demand by

a police officer, ordinance officer or other designated city official.

C. Interference With Police: Any person who shall molest, interrupt, hinder or prevent an animal control officer, peace officer, police officer, ordinance officer or other public officer, in the discharge of his duty herein prescribed, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

D. Authority To Enter Premises: In the enforcement of any provision of this article, any animal control officer, peace officer, police officer, ordinance officer or other public officer is authorized to enter the curtilage surrounding the premises of any person to take possession of any unlicensed or licensed, roaming, or dangerous dogs, whether or not in pursuit of any such dog, if the dog is in plain view of the officer from a public area.
4.2.5.4 IMPOUNDMENT

PROCEDURES:

A. A police officer, his designee, or other animal control officer having probable cause to believe that any person has violated any provision of this chapter for which an animal may be impounded including but not limited to a determination that a dog is potentially dangerous or dangerous, may impound such an animal; provided, however, that if any dog so found at large or determined to be potentially dangerous or dangerous that cannot be safely taken up and impounded, such dog may be destroyed forthwith if the officer determines that the dog poses a threat to public safety. If a dog is found to be in need of shelter or care when an owner is arrested or detained, the dog shall be impounded. Any action taken by a police officer, ordinance officer or other designated city employee, in the performance of his duties, that requires the death, injury or destruction of a dangerous dog or dangerous dog found running at large, shall not be considered to be cruel or inhumane treatment of the animal.

B. Biting Dogs Or Dogs With Rabies: Any dog which bites any person and causes a break in the skin of that person, regardless if the bite is provoked or unprovoked, or is suspected of having rabies, shall be seized and impounded for a period of ten (10) days as required by state law. A complete registry shall be kept of every dog so impounded, entering the breed, color and sex of such dog, whether licensed, and time and place of taking. If licensed, the name and address of the owner and the number of the license tag shall be entered.

C. Impoundment Fees:

1. Impoundment fees shall be set by resolution of the City.

2. Prior to the release of any dog impounded where the owner is a resident of the city, the owner shall provide proof that he has possession of a current city license tag for said dog.

D. Care Of Impounded Animals: Any animal impounded under the provisions of this article shall be provided with proper care, food and water while so confined.

E. Disposition of Unclaimed Dogs: All dogs impounded shall be kept for a minimum period of three (3) days. If possession of any dog is not recovered as above set forth, the dog may be disposed of by delivery to any person who will pay the license fee and costs herein provided, by delivery to a

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third party humane shelter, or the dog may be destroyed in a humane manner.

F. Owners to Pay Costs: The owner or representative of the owner of any dog which may be taken up and impounded under the provisions of this article, may recover possession of such dog upon payment to the city the impoundment fees, license fee and other costs herein provided, together with payment to the appropriate animal shelter, if any, unless such dog is of a prohibited class of dog or subject to a court order to the contrary.

#### 4.2.4.5 HABITUAL VIOLATOR:

A. Order Of Abatement; Appeal: In addition to any legal remedy available under the provisions of this chapter, the City will notify and direct, in writing, the owner of any animal which is guilty of three (3) convictions of a violation of this chapter in any twelve (12) month period to abate and remove said animal from the city within five (5) calendar days from the date of said notice; or, in the alternative, to abate and transfer ownership and possession of the animal to another person not living at the same place of residence. Such notice to abate shall state the method of appealing the order, except that any appeal must be filed within five (5) calendar days following

B. Request Hearing Before City Council: The owner of any animal that has been served with an order of abatement, pursuant to subsection A of this section, may appeal such order by requesting a hearing before the City Council by submitting a written request to the clerk of the court. Any appeal must be filed within five (5) calendar days following service of the notice.

service of the notice.

C. Request Judicial Review Before Magistrate: If the City Council affirms the order of abatement, the owner of any animal may appeal such order by requesting a hearing before the Magistrate Court by submitting a written request to the clerk of the court. Any appeal must be filed within five (5) calendar days following service of the notice.

D. Failure To Abate; Impoundment Of Animal: If said owner of such animal is found in violation of the abatement notice after five (5) calendar days have elapsed from the date of notice and no timely appeal is filed, said animal shall be removed and impounded by the animal control agency, subject to all impound procedures: provided. however, that the animal may not be returned to the same residence or property from which it resided or was impounded.

SECTION 5: That Title 4, Chapter 2, Section 6 is hereby repealed in its entirety and replaced as follows:

4.2.6.1 DESIGNATION AS POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS OR DANGEROUS DOG:

A. Declaration of a Dog as Potentially Dangerous or Dangerous: The animal control officer or Mayor or his designee may find and declare a dog potentially dangerous or dangerous if he has probable cause to believe the animal falls within the definitions as set forth in this chapter. The finding shall be based upon:

1. A written complaint of a citizen who is willing to testify that the animal has acted in a manner which causes such animal to fall within the definition of either a potentially dangerous or dangerous dog; or

2. Actions of the dog witnessed by any law enforcement officer;

3. Other substantial evidence admissible in court under the Idaho rules of evidence.

B. Exceptions.

1. No dog may be declared to be a dangerous or potentially dangerous dog when at the time of the dangerous or potentially behavior, the precipitating cause constituted justified provocation. Justified provocation includes, but is not limited to, the following:

a. The dog was protecting or defending a person within the immediate vicinity of the dog from an attack or assault;

b. The person was committing a crime or offense upon the property of the owner or custodian of the dog;

c. The person was at the time, or had in the past, willfully tormented, abused or assaulted the dog:

d. The dog was responding to pain or injury or protecting its offspring;

e. The dog was working as a hunting dog, herding dog or predator control dog on the property of, or under the control of, its owner or keeper, and the damage or injury sustained was to a person who was interfering with the dog while the dog was working in a place where it was lawfully engaged in such activity, including public lands;

f. The dog was a service animal individually trained to do work or perform tasks for a person with a disability; or

g. The person was intervening between two (2) or more animals engaged in aggressive behavior or fighting.

2. The burden of proof on establishing that the dog falls into one of the exceptions described in paragraph A of this subsection is on the owner / possessor of the dog.

C. Determination: At the conclusion of the investigation, the Mayor may:

1. Determine that the dog is not dangerous or potentially dangerous and, if the dog is impounded, may waive any impoundment fees incurred and, afterward, release the dog to its owner; or

2. Determine that the dog is either potentially dangerous or dangerous and order the owner to comply with all requirements of this chapter for keeping a potentially dangerous or dangerous dog, and if the dog is impounded, release the dog to its owner only after the owner has paid all fees incurred for the impoundment and licensing of the dog. Fees must be paid within ten (10) days after final determination that the dog is either potentially dangerous or dangerous or the Mayor may cause the dog to be humanely destroyed; or

3. Determine that the dog is dangerous and order the destruction of the dog pursuant

to this Chapter. D. Notification Of Dangerous Dog Declaration: Within five (5) business days after declaring a dog potentially dangerous or dangerous, Mayor or his designee shall serve written notice on the owner or possessor of the dog of its designation as a potentially dangerous or dangerous dog in one of the following methods:

1. Certified mail to the owner's or possessor's last known address, if known: or

2. Personally served to the owner or to another person eighteen (18) years of age or older and mentally competent residing at the owner or possessor's residence; or

3. Posting a notice at the owner or possessor's last known address.

E. Owner Not Found: If the Mayor cannot, with due diligence, locate the owner of a dog that has been declared potentially dangerous or dangerous, or if the owner of such dog shall fail or refuse to accept service of the required notice, the Mayor shall cause the dog to be impounded for not less than ten (10) business days. If, after ten (10) business days, the owner fails to claim the dog or accept service of the required notice, the Mayor may cause the dog to be humanely destroved.

F. Contents of Declaration: The declaration shall state at least:

1. A description of the dog. 2. The name and address of the owner or possessor of the dog, if known.

3. The whereabouts of the dog, if known, if such dog is not in the custody of the owner.

4. A summary of the facts upon which the declaration that the dog is potentially dangerous or dangerous is based.

5. The availability of a hearing before the City Council in case the person objects to the declaration if a request is made within five (5) calendar days; that the owner can be represented by an attorney at all stages of the hearing; and that the owner can appeal an adverse decision by the City Council to the District Court in accordance with subsection F of this section.

The restrictions and conditions placed on the animal as a result of the declaration that the dog is a potentially dangerous or dangerous dog and the date upon which the owner shall be required to have complied with such restrictions.

7. With regard to a declaration of a dangerous dog that is determined to be a threat to public safety, an order for euthanasia of the dog within five (5) days unless an appeal is filed in the interim.

8. The penalties for violation of the restrictions, including the possibility of destruction of the animal, and imprisonment or fining of the owner.

G. Objection By Owner; Hearing before the City Council: If the owner of the animal wishes to object to the declaration of a potentially dangerous or dangerous dog by the Mayor:

1. The owner may, within five (5) days of receipt of the declaration, request a hearing before the City Council by submitting a written request to the city clerk.

2. Any facts which the petitioner wishes to be considered shall be submitted under oath or affirmation either in writing or orally at the hearing. The person seeking to have the dog declared potentially dangerous or dangerous bears the burden of persuasion by a preponderance of the evidence. The formal rules of evidence shall not be applied but both parties shall have the right to present testimony, ask questions, be represented at their own expense and appeal an adverse ruling. After the hearing, the City Council shall make a final determination whether the dog is or is not a potentially dangerous or dangerous dog, as defined in this chapter.

3. At the conclusion of a hearing conducted under this section, that

decision shall be final unless the dog owner applies to a court of competent jurisdiction for any remedies that may be available.

H. Appeal: The owner of the animal has the right to appeal the City Council's determination that a dog is potentially dangerous or dangerous.

1. The owner may, within five (5) days of receipt of the City Council's written finding, request a hearing before the district court by submitting a written request to the clerk of the court.

2. If the court finds that there is insufficient evidence to support the declaration, it shall be rescinded and the restrictions imposed thereby annulled, and the animal, if impounded, shall be released into the owner's custody without payment of the impound fees.

3. If the court finds sufficient evidence to support the declaration, it may impose court costs on the appellant, and may impose additional restrictions or penalties on the animal or owner as provided herein.

4. In the event the court finds that the animal is not a potentially dangerous dog, no court costs shall be assessed against the city or the animal control agency or

5. Following service of a declaration of potentially dangerous or dangerous dog, the Mayor, if circumstances require as a matter of public safety, impound the animal at the owner's expense, pursuant to the provisions of this article, until a court orders either its redemption or destruction.

4.2.6.2 CONSEQUENCES OF A DANGEROUS OR POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS DOG DETERMINATION:

 If the Mayor, his designee, or animal control officer determines that a dog is a potentially dangerous or dangerous dog, or affirmed after appeal, the owner shall comply with the requirements within this Chapter.

• If the Mayor, his designee, or animal control officer has probable cause to believe a dog is a potentially dangerous or dangerous dog and may pose an immediate threat to public safety, he may impound the dog pending final disposition of the case.

• If a potentially dangerous or dangerous dog has been impounded and determined to pose a threat to public safety, the Mayor may only return the dog to its owner if the owner has:

1. Met the registration requirements or, where applicable, agreed to comply with the aforementioned requirements;

2. Met or agreed to comply with any additional security or care requirements established by the Mayor, City Council, or Court.

D. The Mayor may humanely destroy a dog if:

1. The dog has been determined to be a threat to public safety if it is returned to the owner;

2. The owner fails to reimburse the City / animal control agency for the costs and expenses of the dog's impoundment; or

3. The owner forfeits the dog for humane destruction.

4.2.6.3 Dangerous dog and potentially dangerous dog registration requirements:

A. The Mayor shall issue a certificate of registration to the owner of a potentially dangerous dog if the owner established that:

• The owner of the dog is 18 years of age or older:

• A valid license has been issued for the potentially dangerous dog as provided herein:

The dog has current vaccinations;

• The owner has paid an annual fee in an amount to be determined by Resolution of the City Council, in addition to regular dog licensing fees, to register the potentially dangerous dog;

• The potentially dangerous dog has been spayed or neutered;

• The potentially dangerous dog has been implanted with a microchip containing owner identification information; and

• Upon the real property of the owner, the owner demonstrates that he/she is able to keep the potentially dangerous dog 'confined" as defined in this Chapter.

• When outside the real property of the owner, the owner is able to keep the potentially dangerous dog under "restraint" at all times as defined in this Chapter;

 Photographic identification of the dog for purpose of identification. All owners, keepers or harborers of a potentially dangerous dog must, within ten (10) days of the effective date of this section, provide to the city clerk two (2) color photographs of the registered animal clearly showing the color and approximate size of the animal.

B. The Mayor shall issue a certificate of registration to the owner of a dangerous dog if the owner, in addition to satisfying all of the requirements for registration of a potentially dangerous dog pursuant to subsection A of this section (applicable to dangerous dogs), establishes that:

• The owner of the dangerous dog has posted on the premises a clearly visible, printed warning sign, in type that is readable from not less than 50 feet, that there is a dangerous dog on the property, and that includes a conspicuous warning symbol that informs children of the presence of a dangerous dog.

 The dangerous dog will be maintained and confined exclusively on the owner's property except for medical treatment or examination;

• When the dangerous dog is removed from the owner's property for treatment or examination, the dog shall be restrained as defined in this Chapter and under complete control at all times;

When the dangerous dog is indoors within the owner's property, the dog must be confined such that the dangerous dog will not escape or gain access to any person or animal outside of the home, for example, pedestrians, mail personnel, and other persons that might be within the vicinity of the real property should the owner open a door or window.

• The dangerous dog will not be transported in a vehicle that might allow the dog to escape or gain access to any person or animal outside the vehicle.

C. Insurance for Dangerous Dogs: All owners of dangerous dogs shall, within ten (10) days of the effective date of this Chapter, provide proof to the city clerk of public liability insurance in a single incident amount of no less than one million dollars (\$1,000,000.00) for bodily injury to or death of any person or persons or for damage to property owned by any persons which may result from the ownership, keeping or maintenance of such animal. This policy shall include the city as an additional named insured, with minimum limits of

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coverage of one million dollars (\$1,000,000.00), and shall have the effect of saving harmless and defending the city and its officers, agents and employees from all suits, claims, demands or actions at law or in equity arising directly or indirectly as the result of injury to persons or damage to property occasioned by the maintenance of the dangerous dog by the owner. The policy shall contain a provision requiring the insurance company to provide written notice to the Mayor not less than fifteen (15) days prior to any cancellation, termination or expiration of the policy.

D. The Mayor may order the immediate impoundment or humane destruction of a dog previously determined to be a dangerous dog if the owner fails to abide by the conditions for registration as set forth in this Chapter.

E. As a condition of registration and during the any licensure period, the Mayor shall be authorized to and the owner shall permit inspection of the dog and medium of confinement / restraint, and to produce upon demand, proof of compliance with all requirements of this article.

4.2.6.4 Dangerous dog and potentially dangerous dog owner responsibilities:

It shall be unlawful to:

- Keep a potentially dangerous or dangerous dog without a valid certificate of registration, license, and license tags issued under this Chapter;
- Permit a potentially dangerous dog to be outside proper confinement unless the potentially dangerous dog is properly restrained;

• Fail to properly confine a dangerous dog exclusively on the owner's property except for medical treatment or examination wherein the dangerous dog must be properly restrained.

• Fail to notify the Mayor within 24 hours if a potentially dangerous or dangerous dog is on the loose, is unconfined, has attacked another domestic animal, has attacked a human being, has died, has been sold, or has been given away. If the potentially dangerous or dangerous dog has been sold or given away, the owner shall also provide the Mayor with the name, address, and telephone number of the new owner of the potentially dangerous or dangerous dog;

• Fail to surrender a potentially dangerous or dangerous dog to the Mayor or his designee for safe confinement pending disposition of the case when there is a reason to believe that the potentially dangerous or dangerous dog poses a threat to public safety;

• Fail to comply with any of the requirements of this Chapter or order of a court of competent jurisdiction.

• Remove a dangerous dog from the City without written permission from the Mayor.

4.2.6.5 RESPONSIBILITY:

A. Owners of dogs shall be liable for any damage done by their dogs to any person, domestic animal, livestock or property, or for any costs incident to taking up and keeping their dog. Additionally, the owners of any dog which shall bite any person while such person is on or in a private place, including the property of the owner, shall be liable for such damages as may be suffered by persons bitten, regardless of the former dangerousness of such dog or the owner's knowledge of such dangerousness.

B. A person is lawfully upon private property of such owner within the meaning of this article when he or she is on such property in the performance of any duty imposed upon him by the laws of this state or by the laws of postal regulations of the United States, or when he or she is on such property upon invitation, expressed or implied, of the owner thereof; or when he or she is on such property in the performance of a duty relative to public safety, which shall include police officers, firefighters or other authorized members of boards or agencies of city government; provided, however, no owner of any dog shall be liable for any damages to any person or his property when such person shall mischievously or carelessly provoke or aggravate the dog inflicting such damage.

4.2.6.6 ACTION FOR DAMAGES:

If any dangerous animal shall, when unprovoked, kill or wound, or assist in killing or wounding any sheep, goat, lamb, cattle, horse, hog, swine, fowl, or other domestic animal, belonging to or in the possession of any person, or shall, when unprovoked, attack, assault, bite or otherwise injure any human being or assist in attacking, assaulting, biting or otherwise injuring any human being while out of or within the enclosure of the owner or keeper of such dangerous animal, or while otherwise, on or off the property of the owner whether or not such dangerous animal was on a leash and securely muzzled or whether the dangerous animal escaped without fault of the owner or keeper, the owner or keeper of such animal shall be liable to the person aggrieved as aforesaid, for all damage sustained, to be recovered in a civil action, with costs of suit. It is rebuttably presumed as a matter of law that the owning, keeping or harboring of a dangerous animal in violation of this article is a nuisance. It shall not be necessary, in order to sustain any such action, to prove that the owner of such dangerous animal knew that such dangerous animal possessed the propensity to cause such damage or that the dangerous animal had a dangerous nature. Upon such attack or assault, the Mayor or his designee is hereby empowered to confiscate and destroy such dangerous animal, if the conduct of such dangerous animal or its owner constituted a violation of the provisions of this article, punishable by the confiscation and destruction of the animal.

SECTION 6: That Title 4, Chapter 2, Section 9 is hereby repealed in its entirety and replaced as follows:

PENALTIES:

A. Except as provided herein, any person who violates any of the provisions of this article, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor for each offense.

B. A first offense conviction of allowing a dog to run at large or a first offense of harboring a barking dog shall be deemed an infraction subject to a \$50.00 fine plus court costs. A second or subsequent offense of allowing a dog to run at large or a second or subsequent offense of harboring a barking dog shall be a misdemeanor for each offense.

C. In addition to what is expressed herein, any dog which attacks a human being, any domestic animal, or any livestock, may be ordered destroyed when, in the court's judgment, such dog

represents a continuing threat of harm to human beings, domestic animals, or livestock. In addition, after a hearing, the judge may order any dog destroyed which habitually creates a nuisance to any neighborhood or person. The conviction of an owner for a second or subsequent offense of allowing a dog to bark or create noise, which is a nuisance to the neighborhood or another person, shall be sufficient to establish that a dog habitually creates a nuisance.

D. Any person found guilty of violating this Chapter shall pay all expenses, including shelter, food, any veterinary expenses necessitated by the seizure of the dog for the protection of the public, and such other expenses as may be required for the care or destruction of any such dog.

SECTION 7: All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

are hereby repealed.

SECTION 8: This ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon its passage, approval, and publication in the official newspaper of the City.

Approved by the Mayor and City Council this 12<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2018.

City of Marsing Owyhee County, Idaho James Ferdinand, Mayor Janice Bicandi, City Clerk 12/19/2018

ORDINANCE NO. A-207
AN ORDINANCE OF
THE CITY OF MARSING,
IDAHO, AMENDING
SECTION 5, CHAPTER
2 OF THE MARSING
CITY CODE, ADDING
A NEW SECTION
5-2-3 PROHIBITING
THE UNLAWFUL
USE OF ENGINE AND
COMPRESSION BRAKES
WITHIN THE CITY;
AND PROVIDING AN
EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Marsing finds that the excessive, load, unusual or explosive use of engine and compressed airbraking devices ("jake brakes") should be prohibited within the City; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARSING, IDAHO:

SECTION 1: That Title 5, Chapter 2, of the Marsing City Code is hereby amended to add a new section 5-2-3 to read as follows:

5-2-3: UNLAWFUL USE OF ENGINE AND COMPRESSION BRAKES

A. For the purposes of this ordinance the following words and phrases are defined as follows: 1. "Engine retarding brake" means a "Dynamic Brake," "Jake Brake," "Jacobs Brake," "C-Brake," "Paccar Brake," "Tansmission brake or any other tengine retarding brake system that alters the normal compression of the engine and subsequently releases that compression.

releases that compression.

B. It shall be unlawful for the driver of any vehicle to use or operate or cause to be used or operated within the City any engine retarding brake, compression brake or mechanical exhaust device designed to aid in the braking or deceleration of any vehicle, unless such use is necessary to avoid imminent danger.

C. Emergency vehicles shall be exempt from the application of this ordinance.

D. Violation of this ordinance

is deemed to be an infraction and shall be punished by a fine of \$100.00, which does not include court costs. A second or subsequent violation is hereby declared to be a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment in the county jail for a period not to exceed six (6) months, or by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000), or by both.

SECTION 2: This ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon its passage, approval, and publication in the official newspaper of the City.

APPROVED by the Mayor and City Council this 12<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2018.

City of Marsing Owyhee County, Idaho James Ferdinand, Mayor Janice Bicandi, City Clerk 12/19/2018

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AMENDMENT TO PRELIMINARY PLAT MEADOW BROOK SUBDIVSION

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Marsing City Council will hold a public hearing at City Hall, 425 Main Street, Marsing, Idaho on January 9, 2019 at 7:00p.m. for the amendment to the Meadow **Brook Subdivision Preliminary** Plat. GENERAL LOCATION: The property is located south of Thompson Road and west of Bruneau Highway. LEGAL **DESCRIPTION:** Parcels. This Parcel is situated in a portion of the N.E. <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of the N.E. <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, and the S.E. <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of the N.E. <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of Section 33. The S.W. 1/4 of the N.W. 1/4 and the N.W. 1/4 of the N.W. 1/4 of Section 34, Township 3 North, Range 4 West of the Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho, more particularly described as

**BEGINNING** at the northwest corner of said N.E ¼ of the N.E. ¼; thence along the north boundary of said N.E. ¼ of the N.E. ¼.

• S.89°01'26"E., 472.59 feet to a point on the northeasterly vacated right-of-way of the Homedale Branch of the Oregon Shortline Railway as shown on Record-of Survey Instrument No. 286643, records of Owyhee County; thence along said vacated right-of-way,

• S.32°23'43"E., 1539.39 feet to a point on the west boundary of said N.W. ¼ of the N.W. 1/4; thence continuing,

• S.32°23'43"E., 35.52 feet to a point on the north boundary of said S.W. ¼ of the N.W. ¼; thence leaving said vacated Right-of-Way,

• N.89°05'55"W., 19.21 feet to the northeast corner of said S.E. <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of the N.E. <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> as shown on said Record of Survey; thence along the north boundary of said S.E. <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of the N.E. <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>,

• N.89°06'48"W., 747.15 feet; thence leaving said north boundary,

• S.00°25'53"W., 270.90 feet; thence

• S.15°23'59"E., 368.29 feet; thence,

• N.57°36'09"E., 769.95 feet to a point on the west boundary of said S.W. ¼ of the N.W. ¼; thence continuing,

• N.57°36'09"E., 125.21 feet to a point on said vacated right-ofway; thence along said vacated right-of-way, • S.32°23'43"E., 724.82 feet;

• S.32°23'43"E., 724.82 feet; thence leaving said vacated right-of-way,

• N.88°28'05"W., 497.36 feet to a point on the west boundary of said S.E. ¼ of the N.E. ¼; thence continuing,

• N.88°28'05"W., 1184.32 feet to a point on the centerline of the "C" Canal; thence along said centerline,

• N.28°55'34"W., 253.39 feet to a point on the west boundary of said S.E. ¼ of the N.E. ¼; thence leaving said centerline and along said west boundary,

• N.00°25'54"E., 500.30 feet to the southwest corner of said N.E. <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of the N.E. <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>; thence along the west boundary of said N.E. <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of the N.E. <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>,

• N.00°25'54''E., 1317.37 feet to the **POINT OF BEGINNING.** 

All as depicted on the Survey Recorded Instrument #286643 Murphy, Owyhee County, Idaho Recorders Office. All persons desiring to be heard should appear at this hearing. Written testimony may be sent to the City of Marsing, P.O. Box 125, Marsing, Idaho 83639, but must be received by January 9, 2019. You can e-mail your response to jbicandi@marsingcity.com. Written testimony received after this date will not be entered into the record or read at the public hearing. A complete file on this matter may be reviewed by the public at Marsing City Hall. If you need further information, please call our office at (208) 896-4122

**DATED this** 14<sup>th</sup> of December, 2018 Publish: December 19, 2018, and December 26, 2018. 12/19,26/2018

#### NOTICE

The annual meeting of the Bruneau Buckaroo Ditch Company will be held at the Bruneau Emergency Center on Monday, January 7, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Chris Alzola Secretary 208-587-2789 12/19/2018



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**NOTICE** OF SHERIFF'S SALE CASE NO. CV-2017-1394 IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF **OWYHEE** 

NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC. Plaintiff, vs. BOYD R. EOFF, BETTY R. EOFF; JOANN FAYÉ EOFF; KELLÝ GENE EOFF; TAMRA SUE EOFF; CORAM DEO, LLC DBA CTR - CLEANUP AND TOTAL RESTORATION; ROBERT W. PAASCH; STATE OF IDAHO; DOES I THROUGH XX, AS INDIVIDUALS WITH AN INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY; Defendants.

Under and by virtue of an Order for Sale of Foreclosure executed on March 15, 2018 and entered with the Court on March 16, 2018 and Writ of Execution issued on October 3, 2018 out of and under the seal of the aboveentitles Court on a Judgment and Decree of Foreclosure recovered in said Court in the above-entitled action on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2018, in favor of the above-named Plaintiff, I am commanded and required to proceed to notice for sale to sell at public auction the real property described in said Order for Sale of Foreclosure and Writ of Execution and to apply the proceeds of such sale to the satisfaction of said Judgment and Decree of Foreclosure with

interest thereon and my fees and

The property directed to be sold is situate in Owyhee County, State of Idaho, and is described as follows, to wit: LOTS 11 AND 12 OF BLOCK 53 OF THE AMENDED TOWNDITE PLAT OF HOMEDALE, OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO, ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL PLAT THEREOF FILED AUGUST 9, 1911 AS NO. 7284 ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER FOR OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO. The above described property is commonly known as 124 West Washington Avenue, Homedale, ID 83628

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on the 7th day of January, 2019, at the hour of 10:30 o'clock a.m. of said day, at Owyhee County Courthouse, County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, I will attend, offer and sell at public auction all or so much of the abovedescribed property thus directed to be sold as may be necessary to raise sufficient funds to pay and satisfy the Judgment and Decree of Foreclosure as set out in said Order for Sale of Foreclosure to the highest bidder, for each or certified funds in lawful money. The time period for redemption of the above property is six (6) months from the date of this sale herein.

The Sheriff, by a Certificate of Sale, will transfer right, title and interest of the judgment debtor in and to the property. The Sheriff will also give possession but does not guarantee clear title nor continue possessory right to the purchaser.

DATED this 11th day of December, 2018.

Sheriff of Owyhee County s:/Perry Grant, Deputy Sheriff 12/19,26,01/02/2018

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No: ID-18-839806-BB

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on 4/3/2019, at the hour of 9:00 AM of said day, In the Lobby of the Owyhee County Courthouse, located at 20381 Highway 78, Murphy, ID 83650, said Trustee will sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash in lawful money of the United States of America, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property situated in the County of OWYHEE, State of Idaho, and described as follows, to-wit: Parcel I: Lot 16 in Block 2 of Canyon Estates Subdivision, according to the official plat thereof, filed as Instrument No. 225491, records of Owyhee County, Idaho. Parcel II: An easement for ingress and egress and utilities over Lot 18, Block 2, Canyon Estates Subdivision, according to the official plat thereof, filed as Instrument No. 225491, records of Owyhee County, Idaho. The current trustee is Robert W. McDonald, Esq, whose address is 108 1st Ave. South, Suite 202, Seattle,

Washington 98104 and who can be reached by telephone at (866) 925-0241. The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above-described real property, but for purposes of compliance with Idaho Code Section 60-113, the Trustee has been informed that the street address of 5832 STAGE COACH DRIVE, FKA 5866 STAGE COACH DRIVE, HOMEDALE, ID 83628 may sometimes be associated with said real property. Said sale will be made, without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances, to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust made and entered into on 7/25/2007, by and among CHARLIE WILSON, A MARRIED MAN AS HIS SOLE & SEPARATE PROPERTY, as Grantor, and FIDELITY NATIONALTITLEINSURANCE CO, as Trustee, and MORTGAGE **ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION** SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE FOR COUNTRYWIDE BANK, FSB., ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, as Beneficiary; said Deed of Trust having been filed of record on 8/1/2007, as Instrument No. 261946 Official Records of OWYHEE County, Idaho. The naming of the above Grantor(s) is done to comply with Idaho Code Sections 45-1506(4)(a); no representation is made as to the responsibility of Grantor(s) for this obligation.

The default for which this sale is to be made is: The monthly installment of \$1,341.22, which may include principal, interest and escrow, due on 11/1/2017, and all subsequent installments of principal and interest through the date of this Notice, plus amounts that are due for late charges, delinquent property taxes, insurance premiums, advances made on senior liens, taxes and/ or insurance, trustee's fees, and any attorney fees and court costs arising from or associated with the beneficiaries efforts to protect and preserve its security, all of which must be paid as a condition of reinstatement, including all sums that shall accrue through reinstatement or pay-off. Nothing in this notice shall be construed as a waiver of any fees owing to the Beneficiary under the Deed of Trust pursuant to the terms of the loan documents. The balance due and owing as of the date hereof on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is the amount of \$188,612.65 in principal; plus accrued interest at the rate of 4.0000 percent per annum from 11/1/2017 adjusting, if at all, pursuant to the terms of the note; plus service charges, late charges, and any other costs or expenses associated with this foreclosure as provided by the Deed of Trust or Deed of Trust Note, or by Idaho law. Dated this 26th day of November, 2018. Robert W. McDonald, Esq, Trustee 12/5,12,19,26/2018

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### Wrestling: Trojans welcome female assistant coach as program solidifies

goal medal with three pins.

Her longest match was her last as she needed 2 minutes, 21 seconds to beat Danika Cole from Minico.

Kaydince's tournament began with a pin in 1:02 against

Ontario's Karla Solis.

She put Miriam Mendez of Kuna to the mat in 44 seconds in the second round of bouts.

Janae Volk was unbeaten in a 104-109 championship run.

The pivotal match was an

Peralta in the opening round. Peralta would be runner-up.

It was the only match to go the distance for Volk, who pinned Ridgevue's Perla Alvarado (2:25) and Minico's

11-6 win over Kuna's Jade Ashanti Vega (1:15) to close out her tournament.

> Amber Allen was runnerup at 93-104 after nipping Minico's Beyonce Tellez, 6-5, in the second round.

Kya Grigg won the division

title with a pin at 3:02 in her final match against Allen.

The Homedale program now has a female assistant coach. The school board approved wrestling mom Malorie Turner as a coach on Dec. 10.

### Rimrock: Raiders rack up a pair of 20-plus-point quarters against GFA

open the conference season.

Sintia Varela reached double game in a row, knocking Greenleaf Friends Academy down a pair of three-point on Dec. 8.

goals as part of her 13 points. She scored 17 points in the in the win over Compass digits for the second 1A WIC Raiders' 50-34 win over Charter with 17 points.

Mylee Meyers led all scorers through the first quarter.

Raiders' rollicking 25-4 run

Meyers scored nine in the quarter with nine of her 11

Holly Harbison and Richael Laura Gasper sparked Amanda scored six points each Rimrock's 21-point third for the Aviators, who closed the game with six points in the fourth quarter.

### **SRV:** Trojans enter tournament as top seed after ruling regular season

group," Smith said.

Smith said he decided to accept the seventh-grade coaching job after working with some of the players in the

"I'm very proud of this spring on an AAU team.

"I believe and trust the work ethic in this group, and it shows by winning the championship," he said. "I'm very proud of them, and it was a great experience and I'm very excited that we accomplished our mission this year."

Semifinal: No. 1 Homedale **36, No. 4 Weiser 15** — Zayne Hall led the Trojans with 12

points in the team's tournament

Olivia Asumendi and Rylee Northrup added six points, while Carli Moore kicked in four points.

"The girls played well and took care of the basketball. They minimized turnovers," Smith said. "They played well on the defensive side of the ball."

### Marsing: Seniors provide points as Huskies challenge top in conference

junior Autumn Bennett, who finished with 11 points, six rebounds and three steals.

Senior Ashley Loucks added 11 points and an assist, and Emily Loucks contributed seven points and three rebounds.

Senior Monse Ponce added two points and nine rebounds in the loss.

Saturday: Cole Valley Christian 56, Marsing 18 — The Chargers rolled on the Huskies' floor to maintain its piece of the conference lead.

Statistics and other information were not

Heading into Tuesday's

third night of 2A WIC games, Cole Valley Christian was in a three-way tie at the top of the conference with Nampa Christian and Melba.

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January 4th, 2019.

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# Annual Owyhee Avalanche Christmas Gift Project for Residents of Owyhee Health & Rehab Center

Residents have included several gifts on their wish lists, but local "Santas" need only to select one item. Gifts may be gift wrapped and tagged with the number and item selected

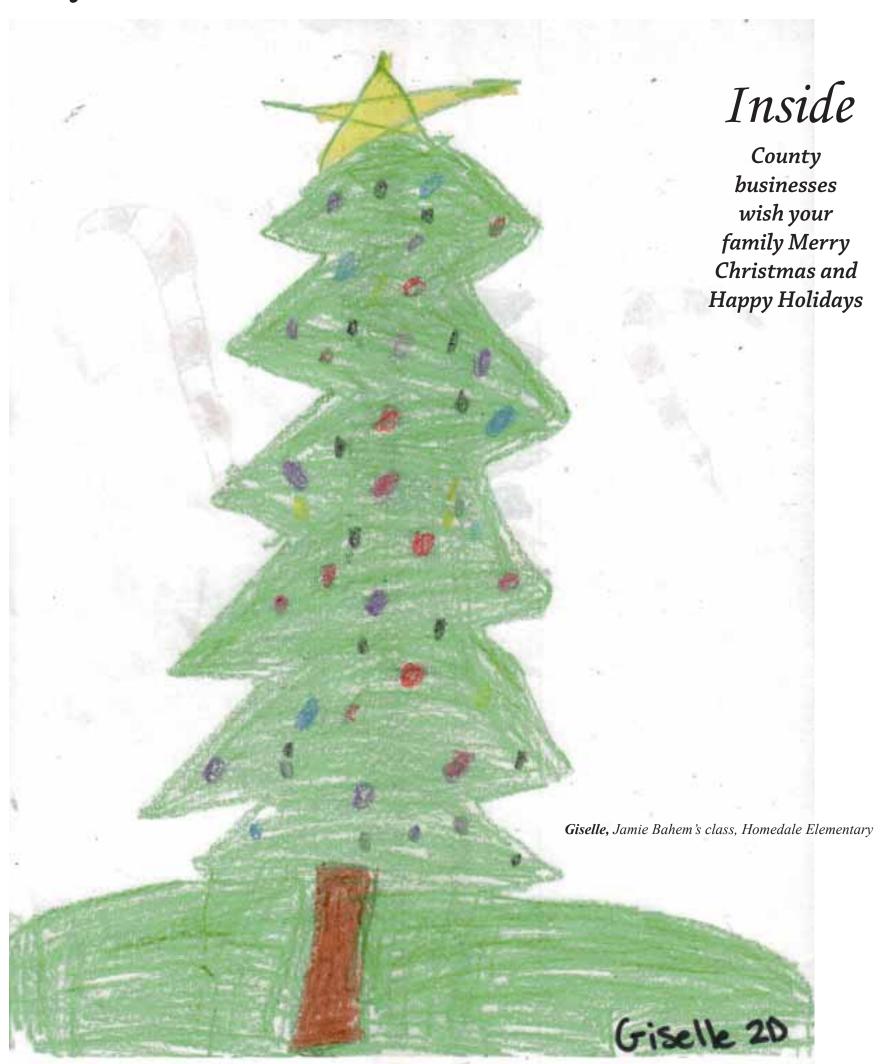
### **Gift Drive Ends December 20**

(Male #1)	Electric Razor, Extra large socks, Old Spice cologne/deodorant						
(Male #2)	Sweet Parts Warge (blace/black/grey) Long Sleeve Shirts (pull-over) size 2X Hersheys candy bars, Gillette razors						
(female #1)	Womens boot style slippers, size 10 Jewelry (necklaces/bracelets) Throw Blanket (red)						
(female # 2)	Sewing kit, Material (flannel, for sewing) MuMu dresses size Large, fuzzy socks/slippers size L						
(male #3)	Servest Pants (211) Long Sleeve pull over shirts (3X) BSU hoodie (4X) 3-fold weather wallet						
(female #3)	Pull over blouses/sweat shirts size 3X Sweat pants (cuffed bottom) Size 3X Slip on boots (slipper style) size 8-9 Pajamas 3X						
(female #4)	Vanilla perfume, Blouses long sleeve (button up) size 3X Dress pants 3X 20" necklace (simple with a stone), word search puzzles						
(male #4)	Conway Twitty's greatest hits (CD), Levi Overalls XL, Flannel Pajamas XL, sweat suits XL						
(female #5)	Great parts (stretch, parts or slacks) WE (loves pink) XL slippers (boot style-extra wide) Button Up Sweater (XL)						
(female #6)	Sweater Size L, (red), Blouses Lrg, Large dress pant. Bath and body works (any scent), small pet bed for her dog						
(female #7)	Large pull over blouses/long sleeve, Medium long skirts, Warm fuzzy socks, plush stuffed animal/plush pillow						
(female #8)	Button up long sleeve blouses and dress slacks (size M), bath and body works lotion (Japanese Cherry Blossom) Pajamas size M, Ankle socks, Hershey bars						
(female #8)	Dangle style earrings, Throw Blanket, Aplets Candy						
(female #9)	Sweat suit (3X, red) Plush throw pillow, York peppermint patties						
(female#10)	Stretch pants (XL), Long sleeve blouses (XL), bath and body works lotion (any kind), Large Slippers						
(male #5)	Long sleeve shirts w/pockets (3X) Sweat pant (2X), Old Spice Cologne/after shave, Wireless Head phones for television						
(male #6)	Polo Style Shirts 3X, T-shirts 3X, Sweat Pant (2X), Western/Cowboy wall decor, English to Spanish translating book or audio device						
(male #7)	Spanish western movies, Plush bright colored blanket (twin sixze), Sweat suits, size L, baseball caps (any kind)						
(male #8)	XL underwear, 4X polo style shirts, Sweat pants 2X, Cat pointing or calcular, sports books (baseball)						
(male #9)	Cologne (any kind), Wireless Head phones, Candy						
(female #11)	Slacks with elastic waist size L, button up blouses size L, Button up Sweaters size L Jewlery, Lotion (bath and body works)						
(female #12)	Wrap around shawl/sweater (Red) size L, Blouse with butterflies size L, Stretchy pants, Size L, Bath and body works lotion and body spray (Sugar Plum)						
(female #13)	Stuffed Animal, hair accessories, Blouses 2X, Pants/slacks 2X, Sweaters button up 2X, soft plush blanket/throw pillow						
(female #14)							
(male #10)	Aqua Velva after shave, Plaid flannel pjs XL, Idaho spud candy bars						
(female #15)	Rubber Crocs size 10, MuMu style dresses XL, Scarf/gloves, Sees candies						
(female #16)	Sweat pants or clacks size L, long sleeve pull over blouses size L, Vest (L),						
(female #17)	Button up blowers size (L), plain tehinte (L), Sheately jeans sleetie weist (L), Sheatelete/energe or nephant, Steller, Three Blooket, Coffee Mag						
(female #18)	Sweat pants XL, Leggings XL, Soft Vest XL, Blanket, Jewelry, Body Lotion or perfume (any kind),						
(female #19)	Solid color vest (blue) size L, FANTA, Pepsi, Large Poncho, Throw blanket/plush pillow.						
(male #11)	Jeans 42X36 Stretch to fit (wrangler, levi or cargo), Candy/chocolate chip cookies, Therapeutic stress relievers for hands, DVD player/western movies						
(male #12)	Levis 32X30, Long sleeve flannel shirts Large, Flannel Pajamas Large, Inspirational Bible Verses, Kindle						
(female #20)	Sweat pants/suit XL, (likes blue), Flannel Jacket XL, Jeans wrangler relaxed fit 44X32,						
(female #21)	1-pad, Vanilla bean body spray/lotion, Magnifying Glass (for reading), hand held label maker, Hooded Zipper Sweatshirt 4X						
(male #13)	Rodeo cut Wrangler Jeans, 36x34, Hoodie with zipper XL, Coke Cola, Socks XL, Boxer briefs 36-38, Back scratcher, Heavy coat XL, book on guns, Blues music CD						
(male #14)	Hanes T-Shirts XL, socks L, Stetson Cologne, Western Books						
(male #15)	CD player with headphones, Vans or Airwalk (skater shoes, size 12), Old country CDs,						
(female #22)	Fuzzy Socks (L), Indian Print wall hanging, Soft plush blanket for bed						
(female #23)	XL pull over blouses, XL dress pants, scarf, Word Search puzzles,						
(male #16)	M western shirts, western Music CDs, western movies						
(female #24)	Jewelry (necklaces, bracelets, beaded), Interactive stuffed animal, socks (favorite color is blue), Throw Blanket						
(female #25)	Dress pants (elastic waist size L), Perfume (fruity scents), bath and body lotion (any kind),						
(female #26)	ic style long-sleeve tops size L, adult color book and colored pencils, Bath robe Large, Purple or pink sweat/jogging suit size Large						
(male #17)	Training sacket AL, Sweat Shirts AL, Sweat parts Large, back scratcher, CD prayer with country western music CDS. DOO basebair cap						
(female #28)	Dress pants size M, blouses size M (long –sleeve, button up), socks M, Sweater Size M, perfume/body spray (any kind)						

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

# Letters to Santa

Owyhee schoolchildren share their wish lists



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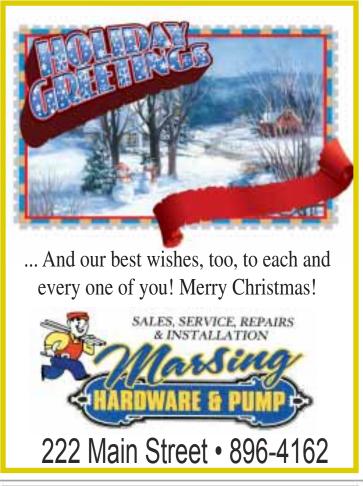
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### Jamie Bahem's second-graders

#### **Dear Santa**

Is it hard to git around the world in one nigt? How are you I have help my littel sister win she gest hurt. Can I have a Nintendo switch

Love Skyler B.

#### Dear Santa,

Is it hard to get around the world in one night? Is Rudolph practicing flying? How is the toy bwiding going? I help my Dad put up the light at home. I'd like video games and slime. I love Chrisms because its abowt famliy not gifs and toy, it is really fanliy and the fanliy memers at are I resek them a lot and love a lot I love my fanliy lot and you santa.

Your friend, Avery C.

#### Dear santa

How is Rudofes flying going? Is it not going so well? How is Mrs. Clase? Is she sick or bakeing cockeis I'v been doing my chorse and hellping. Allso i'v been busy fixing stuf and cleaning. I read to my siblings and help them on speling hard words and draw picshrs with them. may i please have paper glue, sisers and a box of pencils and crans because i love to make crafts. I hope you have a safe trip.

love Marshall, E.

#### Dear Sata,

How are the elves? How is Rudolph? Have you seen me sleep at home in bed? I have been good by doing my chores. I want a RC car and a jron and a susbox and a game Grant Thet Auto. Please be careful on the roof.

Your Friend, T.J. E.

#### Dear Santa,

How are you and roodof? Is roodof ready for Chrasmas? And I want to say thank you. I know you are a hard worker. Is roodof's nose glowing fine? Maybe I have done a cuple bad things, but not everyone is perfedt besids that I'v bin good. Can I please have a fortnite gift card and a roblox gift card. Some nirf guns and mony an a hover bord please? I hope mrs. clous gives you cookie.

Sincerely, your friend, Conner G.

#### Dear Santa,

How is Mrs. Claus? Is she baking cookies? How are the elves? I have been good and nice to my sister and my baby brothe. I lisin to my Mom and my Dad. I want a real mini pig because I can play with it. Merry Christmas! I hope you have a fun time delvring stuff to the kids. I hope you get some cookies. Ho Ho Ho Merry Christmas

Lovz, Baylee H

#### Dear Santa,

Is it hard to get around the world in one night? Is Rudolph practicing flying? I've been good and bing nise to my famle. may I ples have a phone and Pokemon.

Love Julian H.

#### Dear Santa,

How are you and the elves speaking about elves can you say hi to Chelsy for me thanks. How hard is it to go around the world in one night. Do you think Chelsy will get out in a snowstorm? I love what you got me last year. I bet what you get me this year is as good as last year. I have been very good this year this morning I tured on the coffee pot for my mom. I also did my chores. I want a hoverbourd because my sister and I made a deal when I ask I can ride it but when I ask she said NO! In a mean voice. I alsso want a paw patroll marshall utumit rescue truck. Thank you. Good bye marry chistmas.

Love, Miah H.

#### Dear Santa,

Is it hard to get around the world in one nght? is it egsosting? Is it eysy? is it fun or Boring? is it osom? is it cool to see the world Bealow you? I have Been a littl good an a littl Bad. Santa I want a Colering set.

love, Carmen J.

#### Dear Santa,

Is it hard to get around the world in one night? How are you doing this year? At home I helped my sister hang up her clous. I want an ex box one. The resin I want this is because I can play mineraft

Julian Z., Jamie Bahem's class, Homedale Elementary name you can't on a phone or iny thing but one thing pc or ex box one. Mary Chrismas have a good year. have a good day.

Love, Jaxson K.

#### Dear Santa,

How are you Santa are you happy is it hard to get around the world in one night. Is it cold in the North poll. I want a Lego. The lego I don't have.

Love, Roberto

#### **Dear Santa Clous**

How is the toy building?

and choose my skin and my I hope it is going good How cold is it in the Noth pole How is Mrs. Cous? How are you? How is rudohp? I hope you are good I've been good this year. I've done chores helping home wore can you plese brang me a giutar so I can play muosic, a phone so I can lean to play muosic I hope you are safe

Love, Betty M.

#### Dear Santa,

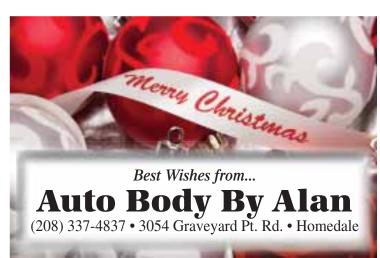
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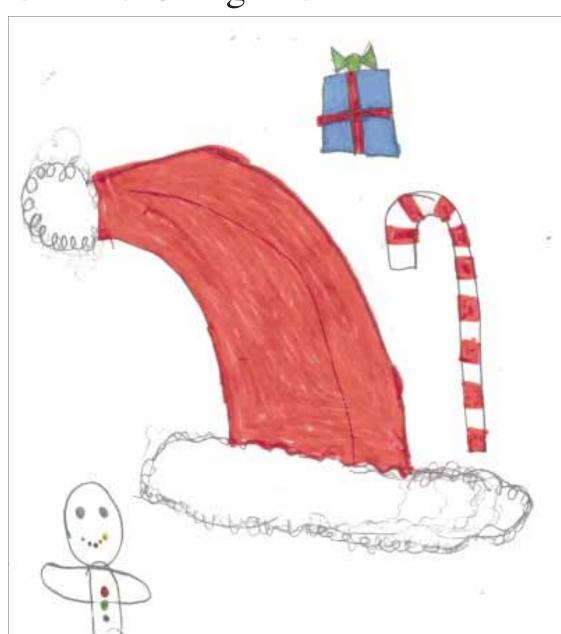
bed and all of my other chors. I clean my room. I help my frends when they need help. I help my mom when she needs help. I do a lot for my mom. I do a lot of work. May I have a stuff uncorn santa beacaus is will go well with my other uncorn. Mat I have a middle size roking chair cus i can rock in it. Have fun makeing toys. Merry crismes to you santa. I hope Mrs. Claus give some cookies. have a good year. can't wait for crismas.

love Charlotte M.

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### Laura Eubanks' second-graders

#### Dear Santa,

Hello santa! how are you santa? How duse it look like in the toy shope? I am 8 years old I have been good this year. I was helping my mom wash the dishes. santa can you please bring me a coputir and some head pondes? How are yore reindeors? Merry Christmas.

#### Yore friend Fabian M.

#### Dear Santa,

how are you santa? are your randers okay? are your elves okay too. I was a little nate with my Brother I chrid to be nise this year. for Christmas I hop you can Bring ne a apple wach and a huvrbord. I also need shoos. I hope you have a safe vicashon santa and Mrs. clas. Merry Christmas.

#### your friend, Cristal R.

#### Dear Santa,

Do you yell "on Dasher on Pranser on Qupon?" Santa how do you get around the world? I've been really good this year. I've done the dishes. I've helped my grandma. It would be a thril to have a B-B-8 app toy and a B-B-9 app toy. Mery Crismas Santa.

#### Your friend, Jackson N.

#### Dear Santa,

Hello Santa how are the reindeer? how are you and Mrs. Claus? I have been very good girl this year. I have been nive to my brothers and sisters. I hpoe I git pastels and fake nels for chrismas I would

like a long sleve shert. I hope you and Mrs. Claus have a good Chrismas.

Love, Bavlie B.

#### Dear Santa,

Do you have a new reindeer? How big is your sleigh? I have been good and bad this year. I have been good by keeping thots to myself, helping others, and being a good listener. I want a football and a basketball because I like sports. I want a water bottle for sports please and thank you I need a blanket. I wish you have a good Christmas, no trobbles! And a break after Christmas!

#### Happy Holidays, Drew H.

#### Dear Santa,

What are you doing? How do your reandeer fly? I try to be good. I read. I feed my dogs. I pick up the yard. I want a Xbox and a Nintendo. I wish you a mary chrstmas.

From Malachi S.

#### Dear Santa,

How is Ms. claus and how are the riendeers? I clean my room and help my mom clean the yard. For chrismas I hop you can bring me a cumputer and a huverbord and I need shoes. I hop you have a nice vacashen. Safe travels.

Your Friend, Brianna A.

#### Dear Santa Claus,

How are you santa and Mrs. Claus? are the raindearears and elves okay? I have been



Drew H., Laura Eubanks' class, Homedale Elementary

good this year by they teling me to do. I want a nike coat for the rain in black and white size 10/12. I want some kyrie shoes in black size 4-5. I hope you and Mrs. claus have a safe trip.

#### Merry Christmas, Bryan C.

#### Dear Santa,

How are the reindeer? How are you with youre reindeer? I have ben a good girl because I helep mi mom. Santa can I have a barrel racing horse? I wish you have a Merry Christmas.

Love Abbi M.

#### Dear Santa,

How old are you? How many elves do you have? I have been a good boy this year. I listen to my mom and dad. I do the dishes with my sister. I clean my room. I need some colthes and shoes. I want a phone, a spartwach, and head phones. I hope you don't get bst. I hope you don't crash.

Safe travels, Evan T.

#### Dear Santa,

Hello Sanata! How are you and Mrs. Clause doing? Santa tell me about those elves. are they working hard? Is rudolph leading the sleigh? I really try to be good all years long. this year I helped with to friend this year. I hope I am on your good list Santa. I really need a pair of gluvs and a pair of legeings to. You could also bring me a toy jump rope. I would be so happy if I get a jump rope. Merry Christmas to you all at the North Pole.

Your friend Josie W.

#### Dear Santa,

Does Rudlph only cam whin it's fogy? Where do you go whin it's not Chrismas? I lisen to my mom and dad. I help my brother read. I want a puppy husky and a Ben 10 watch and maby a baskaball too. I whish you a merry Chrismas. I hope you get back safe.

Your Frend, Drake G.

#### Dear Santa,

huw are your elvs doong? I have ben good this yere. Will you breang me a rc car?

from, Jakob G.

#### Dear Santa,

How are you and the raindeer doing? How is it at the North Pole? I have been hleping my sisters. I have been yousing my maners. I have been good at school. I hope you make it to my house. I would like a pokemon plushe. I also a bike and I need shors.

your friend, Anthony G.

#### Dear Santa,

Santa do you have a mial name? How many reindeer? Thank you for the presents last year. I have been good becaues I am nis to my siders. Santa I wot a puppy and a hat. I need a lesiblak. I wish you a Merry Christmas.

Your friend Hunter B.

Dear Santa, Hello Santa! How are you and your elvs doing? How cold is it down there in the winter? Is Rudolph leading your sleigh this year? My name is Amber. I am 7 years old. At scool I held the door open for a teacher. I really need some pajamas and I want

a nintendo a some legings.

Your Friend, Amber L.

#### Dear Santa,

What is it like over there? How are the reindeer? Do you ever get lonlye? I hav been good this year by helping my mom clean the house. Allso I hellped a frenid clean there homes. I hope you can bring me a phone please. Allso I hope for a tablit that wrckes. Safe travels Santa,!

Rylee A.

#### Dear Santa,

How is Mis. Clause doing? When are you coming to Idaho? I reed when my mom and dad do not ask. I cline my room when they do not ask. I would like a pink jacket that is fluffy.

Love, Meadow S.

#### Dear Santa,

How am yoar elves doing? Is the Nerth Pole really dusty? I am really resctful. I behave but I have a little trouble my brother. Please ma I have fun D2. I like the super Mario game. Have fun having Christmas.

From, Anna E.

#### **Dear Santa**

Hello Santa how are you and Mrs. Claus doing? Tell me about is Rudolph leading your sleigh? I really try to be good. This year I helped with cleaning up my house. with the luandrie and the dishes and the trash. Santa may I have a nitendo switch and a iphonex but what I really need is nike shoes and a trojan hat. I hope you guys have a happy cristmas. Merey Cristmas.

from, David C.



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### Kristi Uria's second-graders

#### **Dear Santa**

I was wondring What your favorite Christmas Song was. do you go hohoho Marry

christmas or is that just a

Santa I love how you give people christmas presents it Fills my hart with joy.

You are the only one how stay up to give people presents. We have one of your elves.

Santa I know I all Read called you but heres my christmas list just incase you forget 1. makeup. 2. xbox. 3. manakin. 4. BaBy goat. and thats all

> Love you Santa Bella S. home Dale Idaho Elamentry

#### **Dear Santa**

I was wundering if your raindeer are doing well? I am ckireaes How you choose How is on the good list and they Notea List.

I have been very good. I help my mom mack her coffee. The second nice thing I did helpt I will tell you what I want for My dad with the wood.

I even held a door for a lot of peeple I have been a kind kid.

Santa if you do not miend Iwud ilke three thing large or small Why do you choos? I want a perof show doors for chrismis. please can I allso have a pokeamon Book for Now? can I have a PS4 and a spider man Games Please? can you get me one of these tings?

I hope you have a saeff Trip Tonite.

> Your frind Bentley W. homedel Idaho

#### **Dear Santa**

How are the Raindeer? Pole? are the elves doing good? What is your favorite cookie Santa?

I should be on the nice list because I help unload the

dishwasher. AND take care of MY baby brother AND Never fight whith my sister.

Santa May I have a RC Car AND tall brown boot that zip May I also have dark denim Jeans AND a knew par of Nike Shoes that are a Size 3.

have a safe flight to Idaho this year.

> your friend Ely O. homedale, Idaho

#### **Dear Santa**

I am wondering how Sparkels is doing? How are you doing? how is Rodoth doing?

Santa I have ben good this year. first of all I asked a Littel girl at reces to play with me wen she had no friends to play with. the second thing I did was at school I asked a boy if he was okay at the playGround wen he fell. I know these are only ones I can think of right now but I have way more.

Hey Santa if you dont mind Chrismas. I would like a my Little pony makup set because I want to Look prety wen we go shoing with my mom to buy present for chirmas the Second thing I want a unicorn chater book to read so I can go to sleep every night. Id also like pink ear muths or uincorn ones. If it isent to much. Can you bring one of these thing? if you could that will be amasing.

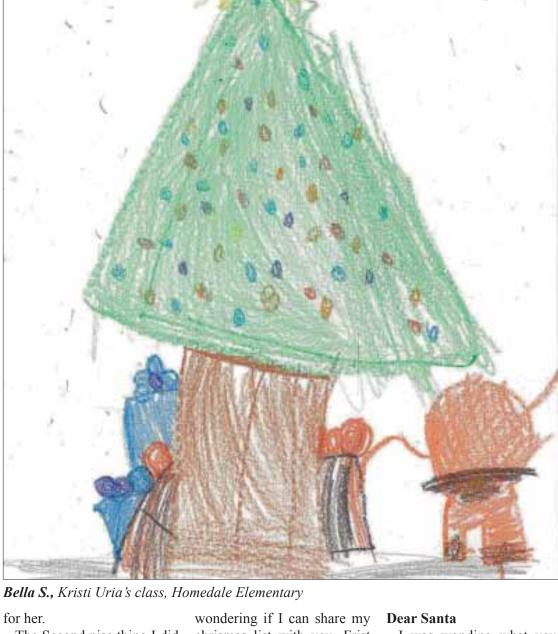
thank you so much for reading my letter. I hope you have a nice trip.

> you friend Selena charlien B. Wilder, Idaho

#### Dear Santa,

I'd like to know how you Santa, is it Cold in the North make toys and who's the head

> How old are you? When's your birthday? Santa, I been prett good this year I hlep a strnager by picking her mony



The Second nise thing I did is doing the dishis Without being ased. I even did the shoes. As you can see I am a good kid.

santa, I know that you are busy this year. but, I was

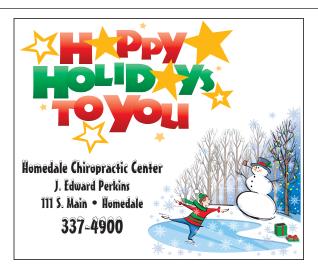
chrismas list with you. Frist fo all I would like a motorbike something esle I like is a Herry potter Book. last I like is a remot croncher rasecar. Have a safe trip to Idho

Braydon B., your freind.

I was wonding what your favorite christmas ornament is. How many elves to you have. Santa

I have been very good this

See Kristi Uria, Page 12B





## Tina Uria's second-graders

#### Dear Santa,

How cold is the North Pole? What are your favorite cookies Santa? I ate all of my food. I want a sniper nerf gun please and thank you! I hope you stay warm. Merry Christmas.

Nathan L.

#### Dear Santa,

Do you like me? Have I been bad or good. My dad told me to get off the phone and clean so I did. I'v been nice to my frends. I want the movie The Meg and high hill boots and a puppy. I hope you have a good day on chrismas.

Your friend, Lakota M.

#### Dear Santa,

Do you wunt cocucola or do you wont milk with cookies? Mi mom wos sik and I help her and now she is better. I would like a marshmallow mask a 2DS and a tablet with wifi. I hope you travel safely. Merry christmas.

Aaron A.

#### Dear Santa,

How are you doing? What Dear Santa, kind of cookies do you like? I'm nice to my frends. And I cleen the hous. And I help my brothr and sistr. I would like a phone for Christmas and a

pup. I hope you travil safly. I hope evry one at the north pole has a merry christmas.

Your friend, Keeley W.

#### Dear Santa,

What are you doing? What do you eat? I have been good by keeping my room klen and rakeing the leaves. I make my bed. I wold wont a tablit, john wayne picher and a remote control car. How are your randeer and elves have a mery cristmas and you too.

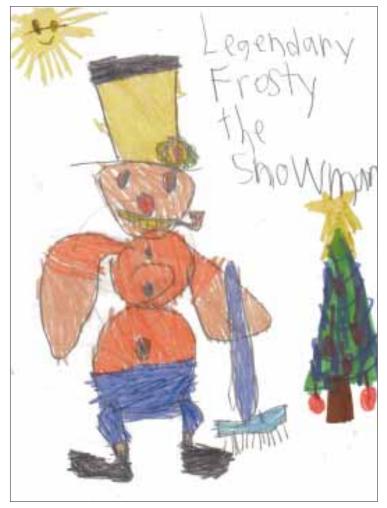
Happy Holidays, Emmett

#### Dear Santa,

How are you doing? do you like cookis? I do my landrey. I make my bed. I clen my bed room. and I lisen to my parents and I am a good team mate. I wont a phone and a Blak bute toy, and a Blak Bute and the run away horse toy, and a horse uoniform to, and a cedr letar uoniform ples! I hope you travl safely.

Your frend, Mariana G.

What kind of cookies do you like? What are yor reindeer's names? I lisin to my famle bekus I love them. I want a phone and a wach with



**Quinten G.,** Tina Uria's class, Homedale Elementary

a tablet please! I hope you travel safely. I hope everyone at the North Pole has a mery Christmas.

happy Holidays, Zavier C

#### Dear Santa,

How have you been? I make my bed. I would like a phone. I hope you travel safely.

Happy Holodays, Jose M.

#### Dear Santa,

How have your rander bine doing, are you goying to eat my cookes. my Dad touled me to come home and I went. I would like a nerf gun and I would like redskins Nfl and fortnight on xbox. I hope you travel safele. Happy Holiday from your friend, Calvin L.

#### Dear Santa,

What kind of cookies do you like? How many elvs do you have? I have been good this year. I lawn mode. I raked the leaves. I wead wact. The things I wawnt this year. Boston Res Sox hat, i pod, new pocket knife. I hope you travel safely. Happy holidays

From your friend Aayden Y.

#### Dear Santa,

What kind of cookies do you

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by Ethan P.

#### Dear Santa,

How are you doing? I do my home work. I realy would like a fit bit and a new back pack. I hope you travel safly.

Happy Holidays. Jaime O.

#### Dear Santa,

What kind of cookies do you like? how cold is it? I take out the laundry out of the dryer. I change before I go to school. I want a Drew Brees gersey and a Ben Roethlisberger and a Mark ingram gersey. I hope everyone at the north pole has a fun christmas.

Your friend, Andrew J.

#### Dear Santa.

Do you have a dog? Do you have nine reindeer? I help my mom get groceries out of the car trunk. I would like some legos and some clothes for Christmas please. I hope everyone at the north pole has a merry Christmas.

your friend, Quinten G.

#### Dear Santa,

How are your reindeers? Do you like pie? I listen to my techers. I help my mom. I help my sister clean my room. I whould like a phone, tablet,

pompoms, hachumles, rabbit, clothes, piano, tv and arts and crafs. Please! I hope you travel safely. I hope everyone at the north pole has a merry christmas.

Happy Holidays, Delsa K.

#### Dear Santa,

How many presents do you deliver every Christmas? What did you do in the summer? I have been good by being nice to my family and firends. I keep my room clean. I am a good listener. I would really like a phone, a tablet, and a computer for Christmas. I hope you and Mrs. Claws and the reindeer and the elves get a present too. Merry Christmas Santa Claws.

Annie T.

#### Dear Santa,

How is the weather at the North Pole? What kind of cookies do you like? I have been good by listening to the teacherin school. And by helping my mom make dinner. I would like a piano, a phone, and a tablit for Christmas please. I hope you travel safely. And I hope you have a good Christmas eve. And I hope your workshop has a good Christmas night.

your friend, Willow A.

#### Dear Santa,

What kind of cookies do you like? How is it at the North Pole? I have been good this year by helping my mom with my baby sister. I would really like a toy horse, a watch, and a lego set. I hope you and the reindeer traval safley. I hope you and the elves have a very good Christmas.

Happy Holidays, Mckenzie

#### Dear Santa,

How are you doing? I make my bed. I would like video games. I you travel safely Happy Holidays.

Isaac N.

#### Dear Santa.

How are you and your elf friends? Where do your elv's go when they are done? I help my mom with dish washing. I make my bed. I would like a worry rock so if I am worryed, and a tablet and a real puppy. I hope you have a good Christmas. I hope you and your elf friends and reindeer travel safely. Merry Christmas.

Zariah P.



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# Marsing Elementary

# Dorothy Hucthings' second-graders

#### Dear Santa,

How are things in the North Pole? For Christmas may I have a Barbie, a sequin pillow and a bike? Merry Christmas, santa.

Your friend, Kayeh

#### Dear Santa,

How are you? For Christmas may I have a drone, a tablet, and a dirt bike? Have a very Merry Christmas.

your friend, Charlie

#### Dear Santa,

How are you and Mrs. Claus? What have you been up to? For Christmas may I please have new head phones, doy shoes, and crayons. Have a good trip on Christmas Eve.

Your friend, Carlie

#### Dear Santa.

Are you ok in the North Pole? May I please have a board game, pajamas, and a globe for Christmas? I am thankful that you give presents to us.

your friend, Madelyn

#### Dear Santa,

How are you and Mrs. Claus? For Christmas may I please have a pet fox, fourwheeler, and a pillow? Have a Merry Chrismas.

your friend, Aliya W.

#### Dear Santa,

How are you and Mrs. Claus? What weather is it in the North Pole? For Christmas can i have a lego set, a new bike, and Lebron James shoes. Have the best Chrismas you can.

Your freind, Romeo

#### Dear Santa,

How are you and Mrs. Claus making all the toys? How are things in the North Pole? For



Jazmin M., Wendy Stansell's class, Marsing Elementary

and a doll. Have a nice trip.

Your Friend, Patricia

#### Dear Santa,

How are you? I,d like lego dc super villains, pajmas, and a crayon melter for Christmas. Be safe traveling Santa.

Your friend, Austin

#### **Dear Santa**

How are you? For Christmas may I please have two boxes of hot wheels, an i phone, and five packs of hot wheels. Merry Christmas Santa.

Your friend, Ezekial

#### **Dear Santa**

How are things in the North Pole? For Christmas may I please have a four wheeler, a drone, and a 22. I hope you have a Merry Christmas.

your friend, Jace

#### Dear Santa,

pole? How are you and Mrs. Claus? For Christmas I would like Barbies, a nintendo, and soft socks. Have a safe trip on Christmas Eve.

Your friend, Mariah

#### Dear Santa,

How are you and Mrs. Claas? For Christmas I would like a Barbie house, fox pajamas, and a tablet. Have a Merry Christmas. Have a safe trip on Christmas.

You friend, Aliya C.

#### Dear Santa,

How are you and Mrs. Claus? For Christmas may I please have a tablet, a drone, and a Barbie house Marry Christmas, Santa.

your friend, Stella

#### Dear Santa,

How are you and Mrs. Claus? For christmas I would

and a drone. I hope you have have a Merry Christmas. a Merry Christmas.

Your friend, Isaiah

#### Dear Santa,

How are things at the North Pole? For Christmas may I have a Hulk toy, a Thor toy, and a little Iron Man? I hope you have a Merry Christmas.

Your friend, Hardin

#### Dear Santa,

How are you and Mrs. Claus doing? May I please have a dirt bike, a helmet, and a drone for Christmas? Merry Christmas, Santa.

Your friend, Kaison

#### Dear Santa.

How are you? For Christmas may I have a dirt bike, a snow globe, and an elf? I hope you

Your friend, Konnor

#### Dear Santa,

How are you and Mrs. Claus? For Christmas I would like a LOL surprise, tablet, and a barbie. Have a safe trip on Christmas Eve.

your friend, Susan

#### Dear Santa,

How are you? For Christmas I wish for a Barbie home a tablet, and pajamas. Merry Christmas, Santa.

your friend, Shekihah

#### Dear Santa.

How are you? For Christms may I have a Nintendo, Sonic the Hedge hog shirts, and \$100. Merry Christmas, Santa.

your friend Drexler





# Marsing Elementary

# Wendy Stansell's second-graders

#### Dear Santa,

How are you and Mrs. Claus doing in the North Pole? I'm asking for a pellet gun. re mote control helicopter, and a re mote control grave digger I am thankful for my mom and dad.

Fly safe Parker S.

#### **Dear Santa**

How are you? I am asking for a stress toy, a toy unicorn, and an elf on the shelf I am thank ful for Jesus.

**Merry Christmas Jazmin** 

#### **Dear Santa**

How many elves do you? I am asking for colored pencls, a phone, and books. I am thakful for my family.

Love Yaneli

Garage full? Sell it in the Classifieds 337-4681

#### **Dear Santa**

Are your elves nice? I am asking for LoL Doll, a M necklace, and Shopkins. I am thankful for my birthday.

friends, Millie C.

#### Dear Santa,

How are you magic? I am asking for a yoyo, a slinkey, and super hero girl Lego's. I am thankful for my family. I will leave you milk and cookis.

Sincerely Henley M.

#### M. Dear Santa

How many elves do you have? I am asking for dragon sculpture, a remonte control car, and a phone. I am thankful for my family.

Sincerely, Clancy M.

#### **Dear Santa**

How do you go to all the houses? I am asking for a drone, a lego set, and a remote control car. I am thankful for my family and God.

fly safe, Landon

#### Dear Santa,

How is your sleigh magic? I am asking for a baby kitten,

a barbie house, and to see my dog. I am thankful for my teacher and my family. I will leave you milk and cookies.

Sincerely Bella W.

#### **DEAR SANTA**

How many reindeer do you have? For Christmas I am asking for a L.O.L. Doll pajamas and a Santa Claus book I am thank ful for my mom and dad.

your friend, Bria Q.

#### **Dear Santa**

How many houses do you get to? I am asking for a lego set, a dragon, and a dinosaur I am thankful for my family I will leave you a plate of cookies.

Fly Safe Wade P.

#### **DEAR SANTA**

How do you and the elves make so many toys? I am asking for movies, remote control boat, and chapter books. I am thankful for all the gifts.

Stay Jolly Kody S.

#### **DEAR SANTA**

How are you? I want a Lego

set, movies and a remote control car. I am thankful for my school and my family.

See you soon Bruno

#### **DEAR Santa**

Do you like giving toys to other people? I am asking for toys, A LOL surprise doll, and make-up, I am thank ful my family.

Love Sonia A.

#### Dear Santa

Why do the elves on the shelf watch us? I am asking for a trampoline, fuzzy socks, and a jacket. I am thankfel for my family.

> Merry christmas, Koraleigh N.

#### Dear Santa,

Do you ho ho ho people at night? I am asking for metal bat, a Elite Kane fugure, a Harcore playset. I am thankful for my family.

Fly Safe, Danny F.

#### Dear Santa,

How are the reindeer magic? I am asking for a Jojo Siwa doll. a pretty necklace, and clothes. I am thankful friends

and family.

Sincerely Jakel F.

#### **Dear Santa**

How do you deliver all the gifts in one night? I am asking for a phone, a magical unicorn, and a car I can drive I am thankful for Jesus.

Love Crystal G.

#### **DEAR SANTA**

How do you deliver the presents? I am asking for a pony, lipgloss and i pad I am thankful for a home.

Love Beatriz H.

#### Der Danta,

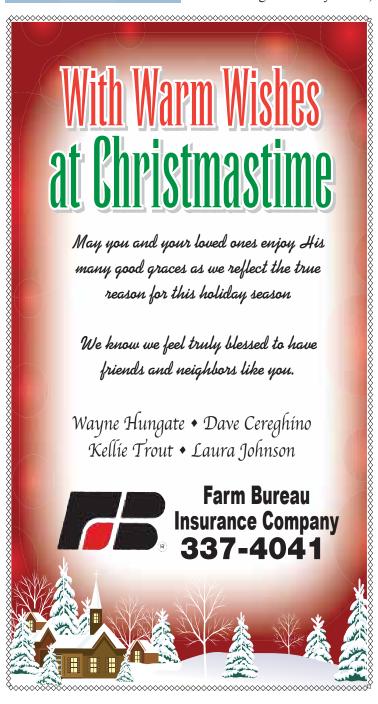
I love you Rudolph and Mrs. Claus, I am asking for a pellet gun and go cart. I am thankful for Santa, Mrs. Stansell, Landon, Wade, and Cody.

> **Merry Christmas!** Cohen L.

#### Dear Santa,

How do you make toys? I am asking for a coat, gloves, and a car. I am thankful for my baby brothher.

Merry Christmas, Lexinee P.





# Marsing Elementary

# Mary Westrand's second-graders

#### **Dear Santa**

How are you doing Mrs. Claus and Santa Claus? I want a LOL Surprise doll. Color pencils, and tablet. Merry Christmas to you Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus.

**Sincerely Hennessy** 

#### **Dear Santa**

How are you doing in the North Pole? I want a minecraft game for a Nintendo switch, and a bike. I hope you have a good Christmas.

**Sincerely Randel** 

#### Dear Santa,

Haw is Rudnph? I want a toy train, Nintcado Switch, and a drone. Have a nice Christmas.

Sincerely, Jesus

#### **Dear Santa**

How are you? for Christmas I want a new PS3, a Nintendoe Switch, and headphones. have a good Christmas.

**Sincerely Declyn** 

#### **Dear Santa**

How is the weather up at the North Pole? I want a fuzzy heated blanket, a new ipod, and a basket ball. have a great time a Merry Christmas and don't be cold.

Sincerely Zoey

#### **Dear Santa**

How are you Santa? I want Pokemon card, a Nintendo switch, and a dog. I love you santa.

**Sincerely Jonny** 

#### **Dear Santa**

How is Mrs. Claus doing? I want a LOL doll, electric blanet, and new piair of boots. Have a good Christmas.

**Sincerely Myah** love you Santa.

#### **Dear Santa**

How are you doing? I would like a drone, a phone, and a solar powered toy. Have a Merry Christmas.

Sincerely Eli

#### **Dear Santa**

Are you having fun? Can I please have a LOL surprise doll, a horse, and a Hatchables. I love Santa and Mrs. Clus.

Sincerely Ezra

#### **Dear Santa**

How are you doing in the North Pole? I want a new x box 1 x, Legos, and a Nintendo Switch. I like you Santa Clause and Mrs. Clause. Have a Merry Christmas Santa and

and Mrs. Clause.

Sincerely Christopher

#### Dear Santa,

Is Mrs. Claus and Rudolph ok? I only want three things this year. A morph board, LOL suprise, and a princess Lego set. I hope you have a Merry Christmas.

Sincerely, Kallie

#### Dear Santa,

Are the elves doing good? What I want for Christmas ia a phone, remote control car and a pea shooter plush toy. I wish you a Merry Christmas.

**Sincerely Jacob** 

#### Dear Santa,

I was wndering if the reindeers are good. How is Rudolph? Can I get a robot, a Nintendo Switch, a new sled. Merry Christmas.

**Sincerrly Lauren** 

#### **DEAR SANTA**

How is Rudolph? I want a bunny slegh, and a net. Merry Christmas.

**Sincerely Adolfo** 

#### Dear Santa,

How are the elves doing and Mrs. Claus? I want a puppy, a LOL house, and LOL dolls. I hope you have a great Christmas.

Sincerely, VALERIA

#### Dear Santa

Do you have a son or daughter? I want a RC car. a X box, and a bike. I hope you have a Merry Chrismas.

**Sincerely Jace** 

#### **Dear Santa**

How is Rudolph? I want DS, a x box, and a morph board. I love you Santa.

Sincerely Stephen

#### Dear Santa

How are you? How is Mrs. Claus? I want rudolph toy, and robot dog, and candy. Thank you santa.

**Sincerely Patty** 

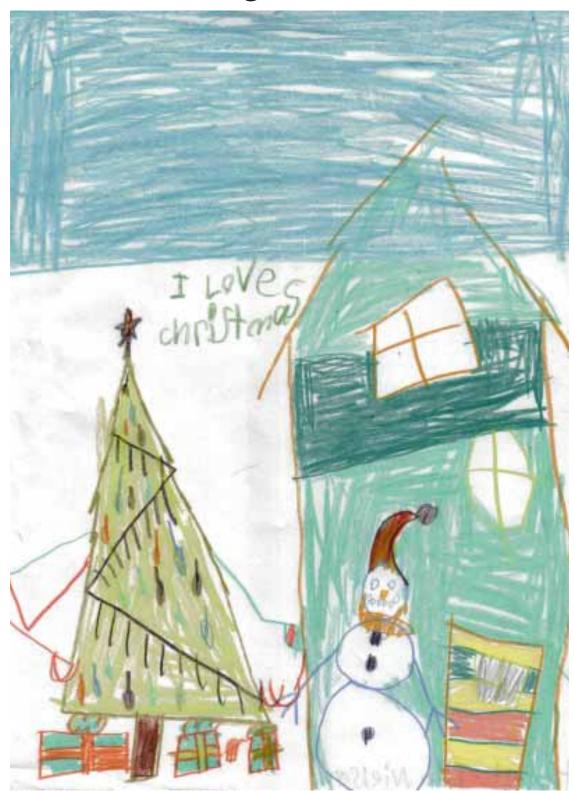
#### Dear Santa

Healthy? I want an xbox, a tablet and a control reemote car. Have a good flight.

Sincerely Noe

Buy it, sell it, trade it, rent it... in the

Classifieds!



Koraleigh N., Wendy Stansell's class, Marsing Elementary



# Grand View Elementary

# Mackenzie Spiering's class

Santa Claus 801 Christmas Lane North Pole, USA 88783

**Dear Santa,** I BIn nice I wunt for KrISMIS IS mak up and nelpolish and a FCW dold a kkucmsnen And a Wisol And A woow and a smelo LIpstIk and A Lot uz stuf.

Sincerely, Izzy P. Second grade

Santa Claus 801 Christmas Lane North Pole, USA 88783 Dear Santa,

I have been good all year.

I want a nintendo Switch for Christmas if you can not get a nintendo Switch I just want presents

Sincerely, Aleaha R. Third grade

Santa Claus 801 Christmas Lane North Pole, USA 88783

Dear Santa, I ben so good. Can you give me a Hiorye. I wont to go to the North Pole to see you SaNta claus and Mrs. Clau

You are the best Santa claus ever. and I will give you cookie and Milk to drink aNd eat. aNd can you give me a candy cane.

Sincerely, Jolie A. Second grade

Santa Claus 801 Christmas Lane North Pole, USA 88783

**Dear Santa,** I want a Nintendo Switch for Christmas and games

I have been a good girl in school and at my homes and a iPhonexr and Asa to be nice.

Sincerely, Addisyn F. Third grade

Santa Claus 801 Christmas Lane North Pole, USA 88783 Dear Santa,

For Christmas I want a ipad I'v been super nice This year I also want a xBox and The last Thing I want is a intend swich!

Sincerely, Ashlin R. Second grade

Santa Claus 801 Christmas Lane North Pole, USA 88783 Dear Santa,

I wont a new game for my XdoX1. And a nit sen

I wont the best yar.

Sincerely, Joshua C. Second grade

Santa Claus 801 Christmas Lane North Pole, USA 88783

**Dear Santa,** I have ben good this yer. I want a Lion, tiger, cheta, wolf.

A Nintendo swich. I want presents.

Sincerely, Bella A. I'm 3<sup>rd</sup> grade

Santa Claus 801 Christmas Lane North Pole, USA 88783

**Dear Santa,** I will leave to Mexico for cHRISMAS.

I'll be an An An Angel Forever please don't Get me coal For CHRISMAS! I'll be Gone for 1, or 2 WeeKs. You better Give All you'r cande and present,s.

> Sincerely, Merary R-H. Second grade

Santa Claus 801 Christmas Lane North Pole, USA 88783

**Dear Santa,** This Christams I want A horse set for

Chritams. Thank you Oh I also want Candy.

From, Adeline T. Second grade

Santa Claus 801 Christmas Lane North Pole, USA 88783 Dear Santa,

I wont a new game for my XdoX1. And a nit sen I wont the best yar.

Sincerely, Joshua C. Second grade

Santa Claus 801 Christmas Lane North Pole, USA 88783 Dear Santa,

I want a Lego batcar. When I get mad I get naughty but I'm mostly nice.

Sincerely, Joshua J.

Santa Claus 801 Christmas Lane North Pole, USA 88783 Oakley to Sant Dear Santa,

I want a naw makup set and I want a Base gols for crismas And I want Kharmi my llif fr crismes and my Lif das frr

crismes

Love pases 3<sup>rd</sup> grad
Oakley S.
Third grade

Santa Claus 801 Christmas Lane North Pole, USA 88783 Dear Santa,

I have been a good boy. I want a Xbox1. I nerf gun. I want a rifle. I want cookie And milk.

I want a Nintendo switch a IPhone.

Sincerely, Bradley W. Third grade

Santa Claus 801 Christmas Lane North Pole, USA 88783 Dear Santa,

I wan't Ps4.
I wan't a headset.
And I have been a good boy.
I wan't a air softgun.
I wan't a IphoNE8.

Nintendo switch

I want a new puppy.

Sincerely,
Ezra D.
Third grade

# Homedale Elementary

## Jamie Bahem's second-graders

From Page 3B

Dear Santa,

How is dasher doing? Does he help you? Is he eating or sleeping? Is he friendly or not friendly? Is he you favorit? Is he super fast? Santa I have been good this year because I help to wash the dishes and I do my bed. I do my home work and take care of my dog. I want a pack of Nacrasma Gx and a 3DS. Be careful not to let Rudolph sleep through the night on Christmas Eve. I cant wait for Christmas. Merry Christmas!

Your, friend Joaquin M.

#### Dear Santa,

Is it hard to get around the world in one night? Are your raindeer tierd so you can't get around the world quickly? Is the north pole cold? How do you see in the fogg? I've been good. I do my chores. I do not say no to my parents. I am nice to my family. I share

with my brothers. and I listen to my parents. Well I don't caere what you get me. Well the onli thing I do want is a since kit. Thats it. I wish you a merry christmas and a happy new year.

Sinserly, Blaze

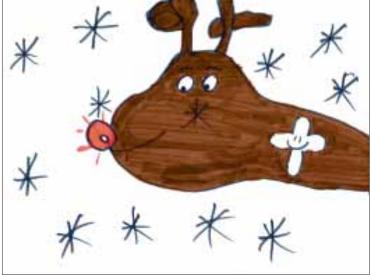
#### Dear Santa

Is frosty having fun at the north pole? Is Mrs clas backing cucies? is she happy? how are you I cant wait antil chrismas! Santa are you real or fack? I am not bing mean I've been good this year Ive been cleaning my hous and helping my sister I help my dad pack groshreies I wohd like an xbox, legos and infinity golent Marry chrismas and happy new yers

Love Elijah R.

#### **Dear Santa**

How are you Santa are you happy? How is Mrs. Claus, is she happy? so Santa do you



Joaquin M., Jamie Bahem's class, Homedale Elementary

like to deliver toys to kids and if the kids be bad do you reely deliver coil to bad kids I like your randeer i was a little good and a little bad I want my famile to be happy i hope you have a grate chismas

love, Isabelle R.

#### **Dear Santa**

How are you is it hard to get

thorw the nigt? How are the randeers have thay bin good? I hav bin a little good and a little bad I wood like some sttuf animals and sqishes I hope you hav a grate chrismas can't wait for chrismas.

Love Giselle V.

#### Dear Santa

How are you and the

reindeer and Mrs. Claus. how is rudolph? Well hello! I live in Homdale, Idaho I guess the North Pole is pretty cold. I've been really good. I want a nintendo switch I had a wii and a wiiu but the wii id from like 2012 and my wiiu is 2014. I think but i do not remember well good bye merry christmas! I hope you have a good and safe trip around the world

Sincerly, Julian Z.

#### Dear Santa,

How are you Santa? How is Rudolph? Is he flying or not? I hope Rudolph knows how to fly. I have been good this year. I help my cusens and my brother, my uncle. I help them clean the room. I want LoLs for christmas please. And a toy baby, a baby strollr and a baby bed. I hope you get some coces and melk.

Your Friend, Qamar

# Grand View Elementary

### Sarah Baker's class

#### Dear Santa,

I have ben helping my mom clean and I help my mom cook I clean my Room evey Day I Want a tablet and I want a Dog and I want a cat

> Love Maylee D First grade

#### **Santa Claus 801 Christmas Lane** North Pole, USA 88783

Dear Santa, I have been very good this year!

I help my mom wash dishis and I help fold and I clean my

My ChRistmaz wishes are pleaz can I have a rc bowt and a Dole tor my zetr retructor my bruthr

You enjoy the roo

Sincerely, Baylan W. First grade

#### Santa Claus 801 Christmas Lane North Pole, USA 88783

Dear Santa, I have done been very good this year

I have done these things

I help my Gramol with dith

I help my Gramol clen

I give my sistr a hug

My Christmas wishs are

I wont a neklis

I wont a Bocs

I wont a tablet

I hope Cookies a milk Love,

Harmony C. First grade

#### **Santa Claus 801 Christmas Lane** North Pole, USA 88783 Dear Santa,

I have been very good this year.

I did mi work

I clen the leven room.

I clen the Baskets.

My Christmas wishes are

I want a IPaD.

I want marvel mas.

I woin the Dfons.

I hope you enjoy the cookies and milk.

Mateo L. **Second grade** 

#### Dear Santa,

I have been very good this year! I have done these nice things:

I work nap kelwiF mom wif wush shoes

I klen wef mi sistr

My Christmas wishes are:

I want a urnikorn toy

I want a kat

I want a kin

I hope you enjoy the cookies and milk!

Love, Rubi R. First grade

#### Dear Santa,

I have been very good this year! I have done these nice

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I H P my brutttleh

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My Christmas wishes are:

I w t a coper

AiW Ata xBox One

Agrathp Foto

I hope you enjoy they cookies and milk!

Love, Ayden H. First grade

#### Dear Santa,

I have been vere good this

I have doNe tese Nice things

I helpt my mom not cri and I have my rom owase clene

For Christmas I want and I

wunt a BaBy puppy u lot or candy and I wunt

lots of presins.

#### Annabella B. First grade

#### Dear Santa,

I have been very good this year! I have done these nice

I help my mom finding her

I help hurt kids

I help my Gandma wif put and milk! her dishis A wawy

My Christmas wishes are:

Nerf Gun minGun

Robot dog

A new car for my mom I hope you enjoy the cookies

and milk! Love, Eli F.

#### Santa Claus **801 Christmas Lane** North Pole, USA 88783

Dear Santa. I want a Bord game like mario kart. I want a lost kite U I want a Count 4 bouce game I want a rarpot that allie thay dol I want Manio cpnzr sett I want a game like team sonk rac-ing.

Sincerely, Emilio M. Second grade

#### Santa Claus **801 Christmas Lane** North Pole, USA 88783

Dear Santa, I have Ben verey good this year! I have done the Most favers. I have Ben helping People When thay Wher left out.

I hope I get a tablet. I hope I get a unicorn.

I hope I get christMas cloth.

To: Santa From: Elysha

Sincerely, Santa Merry Christmas Elysha D. **Second grade** 

#### Dear Santa,

I have been very good this year! I have done these nice things:

I said ho ho ho to Wade!

I help Emilio get stuff.

I help with dishes and vacuuming.

My Christmas wishes are: I want train tracks.

I want Fire drill.

I want marble maze.

I hope you enjoy the cookies

Love, Chad K. Second grade

#### Dear Santa,

I helpt me mom with kooking the soop and I helpt my Dad with wooking, and feeadDing animls. Pleaes Second grade can Ihave a lego set and a BarBy set and a pupy and a fak kichen set and a Big stuft tetea Bear anD the last one isa the biggest fak horse with a prsen and a freechoos and a I wont a lovalap.

> Love Nattally A. First grade

#### Dear Santa,

Can I please have a nother big teal chair.

CanI please have a lego set. Can I please have a baride machan. Can I have the Bigest UNOCORN ever. I dervs this stuff because I have helped rera. I have played with our puppy like I have ben told. I have lisend to miss Baker an my parents!!!!

> Love, Zoey C. Second grade

#### Dear Santa,

I have been very good this year! I have done these nice things:

I helpt my mom

I helpt my Dad

I helpt my Jess

My Christmas wishes are:

I wot a RaBiT

I wot a pupy

I wot a art sppluy

I hope you enjoy the cookies and milk!

> Love, Ali C. First grade

#### Dear Santa,

I have been good this year.

I made a card for my mom. I will give a Christmas gift to my mom.

For Christmas I want a Mario clock and a Mario backpack. And a toy. And a robe because it will keep me warm and my mom and dad have one. And I have robe slippers.

> Love, Eduardo S. First grade

#### Santa Claus **801 Christmas Lane** North Pole, USA 88783 Dear Santa,

I want ryan to come back to Grand View School.

I want for Christmas a Squishy. And a lova lamp. I'v been realy good if you cant give me my Squishy then just get ryan back.

Sincerely, Mercedes M. First grade

#### Dear Santa,

can I please have a cowboy set. I bin good at helping my mom. I help her with dishis I don it a loing time ago.

I want a snw set. I want a SantA set. I bin good at doing My cats. I Bin Good at doing math.

> Love, Wade C. First grade

#### Santa Claus **801 Christmas Lane** North Pole, USA 88783

Dear Santa, I have been very good this year.

I have done very nice things My only things I want are My cat to came back I want a scrashy and I want my cat to come back to grand view.

Sincerely, Lacie R. First grade

# Three Creek School

# Dena Pollock's students

#### **Dear Santa**

What I want for Chrismas is a little chevy truck a blue one. I want a mortor cycle. barbies, dancing puppies, and doggy slippers.

Elli B. Kindergarten

#### **Dear Santa Claus**

I would like lego sets, LOL Dolls, American Doll cloths and I have bin good all year long.

Sincerely, Addy B.

Second grade

#### Dear Santa Claus,

I would like a stuffed horse for Christmas. I have been good all year long.

Sincerely yours, Sarah B. Third grade

#### **Dear Santa Claus**

I will want a horse and PS4 and a puppy and a Books. tha you Sant Claus

> Bryan R. Third grade



## Kristi Uria's second-graders

From Page 5B

year. I help make the fire. The second nice thing I did is feed the cats. I even mowed the lon. Wow! I shr have been good this year.

Santa I no you are so so bisy this year. can you do me a favor? can I please have two more XBox remots this year? can I please have a Juney B Jones Book and pokemon cards.

Thank you for reading my leter.

> your frend **Austin Love** Wilder, Idaho

#### **Dear Santa**

I am wondering if I'm on the good or bad list?

When is your birthday?

Santa I have been so good this year. First of all I help my grandma make her bed. The second nice thing I did is cook dinner. I even help my little brother read.

Santa I am just asking if I can have gray and white cat that walks with me and some food that the cat can eat in the morning. The next, thing I want for chrimas is a book called, Junnie be Jones Lost her tooth. Last thing I want for christmac is a Bear of pink gloves and a warm winter hat.

please and thank you.

I'm happy that you are reading my letter. I hope you have a safe trip to Idaho.

> Your friend, **Syrenity Rangel** Homedale, Idaho

#### Dear santa

I was wondering how you can fit down peoples chimnies and what the north pol is like.

I have been good this year by making my bed every morning. I have been doing chors like doing the dishwasher.

If you don't mind if I get someting for christmas this year it will be a nerf gun. It is called the Rinho blaster.

I hope you cod get me somthing for christmas this year.

I hope you can make it to every house.

> your friend Bradley G. Wilder idaho

#### Dear Santa Claus,

things going at the North ple? I hope they are going well. what chistmas song do you like the best?

Santa, I have been good this year. Frist of all my sister feal down and I helped her up. The second nice thing I did is I take the trash out side. I even helped my mom and dad feed and water my goats day and night. As you can see I have been a good girl.

Santa I want for ciristmas. First of all if you do not mithgnd what I want is hithg hilles. Nest, I want t read a book caned "It was the night before Cirstmas so I can read it at night. Last I need some more dreeses. If it isnit to much can you get one of

Thak you fo reading my latter.

> your frined Taylor Maree W. Homedale, Idaho

#### **Dear Santa**

I was wondering if ther is snow in the North Pole.

Santa I have been so good this year. First of all I clen the dish. Another nice thing is be a good boy by helping clean my brothers' room. As you can see I have been very good this year.

Santa I would like if you could give me a book or hats. I hope you have a good day

> Your friend Christopher R. Homedale, Idaho

#### Dear Santa,

in the North Pole.

What is your favorite music?

Mine is Jolly christmas. I listen to it all the time. I Did a nice thing to help mi papa to make a wood cabin for Rascale.

I also moved the lawn for my dad I have benn really good this year! Santa. I wut a xbox and remote controls. I wut a Fortnite gane for my

thank you for christmas! Your friend

Saige G. R. Homedale Idaho

#### Dear St. Nicholas

Is my elf Lucky all rite? I hope he comes this year. Do you still have Roodof? I I was wondering how are love him! He is my favorite

reindeer. What is your favorite reindeer? What is your favorite drink and mayde your favorite cookie? I'd like to know because I want to make a snack just for you.

St. Nicholas I'v been really good this year I gotta be on the nice list. I lay with my brother when he is sick. I rode my horse like my Grandpa told me to and told Mrs. Sonky she looked good.

Also, I picked up trash when I wasent told and helped my Grandma fined my lunch box. As you can see I'v been really good.

St. Nickolas I know you've worked so hard this year but if it is ok with you I am going to ask you for one thing to get me for Christmas. You can chose from these examples. First, maybe you could get me a robot mouse, cat, or dog, that will be my friend when my Mom and Dad are gone. It will be blue and make noise such as bark, meow, or make a sniffing sound. Somthing else I'd like for Chistmas is an art set with markers, paint, and color pencils and crayons.

The third thing is a bild-abear gift card please.

The last thing I would like is a big fluffy blue unicorn with a rainbow horn and a mini baby unicorn that looks just like it. And they say nay. I hope you have a safe travel!

> Your friend Claire Marie Allen Wilder, Idaho

#### **Dear Santa**

I was wondering how do you make the toys?

Is Roodat at the North Pole with you? Is their lots of Snow at the

North Pole? Santa I have been good this

First of all my baby sistry I read to her wen she is going to Slep. I water the flower every

I even helped my mom.

night and morning.

Santa, please cod you bring a black bloket? A osol a big remot car for Crismis Eve? a big red book to read at my house? Its cod Splat the Cat Sings Flat.

Thank you Santaclos. Thank you reaing my letter I hope you have a wundfull

> you friend Sammy David V.

**Idaho** 

#### Dear Santa Claus,

I was wondering how much snow do you have at the North Pol? Also, what is your favorite drenc?

Santa, I have been so good this year. First of all, I all ware read to my little brother. The second nice thing I did is taleng my big sister the trooth. I eve I turn on Mrakales Laybug on Netflix for my brother. As you can see I have been a very good girl. Santa Claus, I know that you are bizzy with duing your job, but I would like a toy. I don't care wich toy you give m. I need a nise worm cote. And a book, lol, Please. Thanks for spened some time reading my letter.

your friend, Thiana R. Homedale, Idho

#### Dear Santa,

How are you doing in then North Pole?

I hav bgud this eir. I hld the dor for a girl I pict up the erord for mi dad.

santta I want a xbox and teve for my room, please.

Hav a good trip this christmas!

Your friend, **Dustin F.** 

#### Dear santa,

I was wondering what your favorite animal is? What is your favorite coler?

Santa, I have been soo good this year. First of all I held the door for pepol at Jacksons. the second thing I did is do the lawngery. I even helped whith the Baby because I sang to her. See? I have been very good this year.

Santa I now that you are very busy but I would like to share my thouts whith you.

What I want, if you can, is I would like a big hatchomal because I alredy have on at my house If you dont Mind I need a new pair of stocking cap that is fuzzy on teal and a pair of gloves that are pink Thank you for reading my ideas. have a good trip to evry state in the world.

your friend. Kenzie S. Homedale Idoho.

#### Dear Santa,

How are the raneder? How is the NOrth Pole?

Santa, I have been so good this year. First of all I was gave you cookies. The Second nice thing I did help My dad work on our truck.

A gift I want is a 2DXL and I want a game so I be able to play with it.

And I want a book so I can read about dinesors. And I neet laptop.

I will be really happy with any of thes thing! thank you for reading my

letter have a Safe chip to Idho Your friend,

**Ryelee Burns** Homedale Idaho

#### Dear Santa.

Have you seen any polar bears at the North Pole? What colo is your sleigh?

I have been very good this year. After I take a shower. I clean my room I clean I hlep watch my baby sister.

Santa. may I ask you for some presents? I would like a DS nintendo and a charger for my other DS.

I hope you have good cookies when you come to my house. your friend,

Thomas B. Homedale, Idaho

#### Dear st. Nicholas,

I was wondering if I was on the Good List Also how much snow is in the North Pole? I have been so good this year I cud nock your socks off

Frst of all. I plade with my sister and tuk her on aride with on the lon more

The second nice thing I did is I hulp my sister and bertther if they fell down.

Santa. I nowe you are relea bisy in the North Poll with your elves, but can I tell you wat's on my Chrismas list? This year I would like a play ranjer for Cerismes. Can I have a tv it it to plleas? I would like to have four sets in it plleas.

Thank you santa. Next, I would like to have a book. If you would not mined cud I have a book that is Marry Popins?

I hope you have a grate Crismies.

Thank you for reading my letter. I hope you have a safe trip to Idaho

> Your friend, Gracie Jake J. Homedale, Idaho Но Но Но Но

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# Pleasant Valley School

### Alicia Bruce and Brandi Lisle's students

#### Dear Santa,

Do you have a dog? I love farming so I want feed bunks, a tire-roller, rake, swather, feed truck, and a rope for Christmas. Have you ever fallen out of the sleigh? What is the North Pole like? I hope you have a great Christmas.

> Love, Colby First grade

#### Dear Santa,

How is Mrs. Clause and the reindeer? I hope good. Thank you so much for the Lego set last year. I was wondering if you had any

strollers in stock? I want a rope. I hope that you have Just put a heat lamp over Jax a hammer. He will ruin one because I only have girl strollers. We have a new kitten and she plays with my headbands. She needs a toy! What I want most is a watch so I don't have to look at the clock. I can look at my wrist. Tell your family Merry Christmas.

Your Friend, Whitlee (Bob) Third grade

#### Dear Santa,

How is the North Pole? Can I have a picture of the work shop? All I want for Christmas is a keybord and

a safe trip.

Love, Houston B.

#### Dear Santa,

How are your reindeer? Is Rudolph's nose shining bright?DoestheLeprechaun work with you?

What I want for Christmas is a roping dummy, so I can practice roping. Also I want a rope. I would like a keyboard, too. Can I have come cowboy boots? Mine are too small. I'm

them. Put a kitten in there with them. Out of all those things I want a kitten and First grade rabbits. Thank you Santa. Tell Mrs. Claus hi, and feed the reindeer some carrots.

Yours Truly, Ruby Fourth grade

#### Dear Santa,

How many elves do you have? What I want for Christmas is a game boy and head phones and an IPad. We will be a Grammie's so make sure Scooter will still waiting for my rabbits. come. Please don't give

the walls. Hope you have a good flight.

> Love, Pace First grade

#### Dear Santa,

How's it going? Elves all right? Is the sleigh in tip-top shape? Well I hope so! So would you mind throwing in a nice rope? Also I'd like a 9mm pistol. Last I'd like a Nintendo Switch and a roping dummy. Thanks Santa.

> Your Friend, Lane Fifth grade

# Rockville School

# Sharon Green's students

#### Dear Santa,

I want a tablet. Baby Born and naoll pollish. But what kid uv cukes do you like? PS I oll so wot a makp kit.

Carlee

#### Dear Santa,

I would like a baby born, crayola kranes. Santa do you take a nap when you get home?

Frum Cecilia

#### Dear Santa,

I really really want a ping pong table to play with my sister. I would also like a C-3000 blood testing chemistry set. A new pair boots would be nice. I have been wanting a poster of the periodic tabal.

from Cooper

#### Dear Santa.

For Christmas I want a Baby Born, a i-pod and a new sled. A sleep over kit, nail polish and a laptop. I have a few questions for you. What kind of cookies do you like? Do you want hot cocoa or milk?

From Mesa

#### Dear Santa,

I have a question for you can I have Rudloph for a while? Could I have a miany dirt bike with ornge blazeing stripes down the side, helmet

**From Stetson** 

### Got News?

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# Jordan Valley Elementary

# Crissy Terry's students

#### Dear Santa,

I want the horse off TOY Story for Christmas. Santa, what is your favorite cookie? Santa, how many elfs are at the North pole? Santa, haw do you make it through the night without falling in the snow? Santa, how long does it take to make toys for everyone? Santa, what is your favorite thing? Santa when is your birthday? Santa, how old are you? Santa, how much snow do you get at the North pole? Santa, how long does it take to deliver all the presents? Santa, are your elfves wore out by Christmas Eve? Santa, I hope you have a Merry Christmas.

**Love Colby** Second grade

#### Dear Santa,

Thank you so much. This is what I want for Christmas, a toy show flane and I want guitar. I want a toy

> Love, Laynee Kindergarten

#### Dear Santa,

This year I want two bags of cookies one for me and my dad. and

Roan Tyler it is a tiger, and a guitar. I want a barbie and a another pocket knife.

> Love, Quincy First grade

#### **Dear Santa**

Tell Rudolph I said hi. What is your favorite food? Do you like candy? Hey santa I think you are

> Love, Parker Second grade

#### Dear Santa,

Merry Christmas! I want to know what your favorite cookie is. Don't you like chocolate chip cookies? I hope you like those kind because we are going to make those kind. You are the best santa ever.

Love, Deni **Second grade** 

#### **Dear Santa**

Merry Christmas! What I want is a kitten with all the stuff it needs. I'll be in Albany not Salem or Grants Pass this year. You might not get cookies but maybe you'll get doughnuts Don't forget Mochi

my cat will need toys too. SirOzlow dies last year you won't need to worry about him. I want LOL Dolls, Hatchimals, Squashmalows, candy canes, gum, perfume, skittles, a makeup compact, a drawing kit, and a craft kit.

> Love, Riess Third grade

#### **Dear Santa**

Merry Christmas! I want an Elf to make you a bed with a nice suit. You are the best Santa ever because you make the best toys ever. Do your elves want a new suit or a hat that matches your suit? Do you want a puppy?

> Love, Ryann Second grade

#### Dear Santa,

How are the reindeer?

**Love Paisley** Kindergarten

#### **Dear Santa**

I want a guitar. I want a scrrel pony I want a I pad to play games.

Love, Cy First grade

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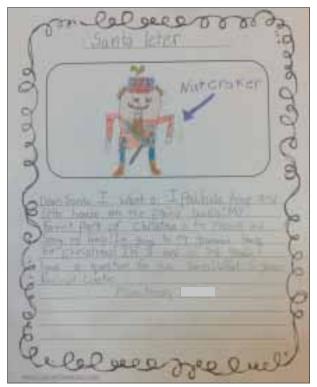
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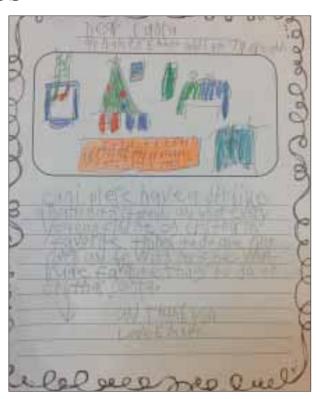
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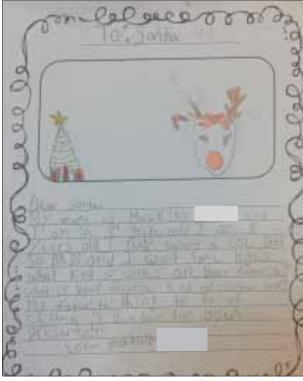
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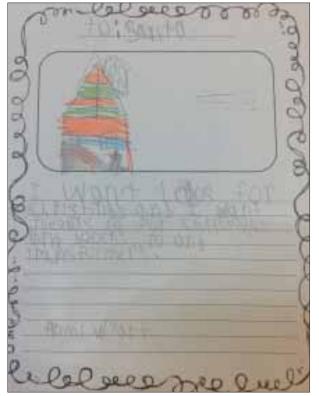
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# Bruneau Elementary

## Emilee Graham's class



Wyatt L., Second grade



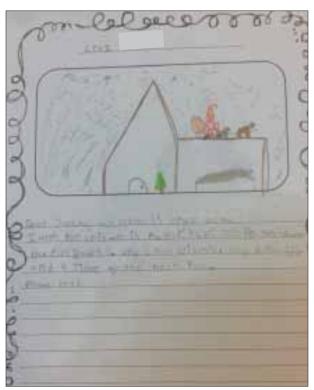
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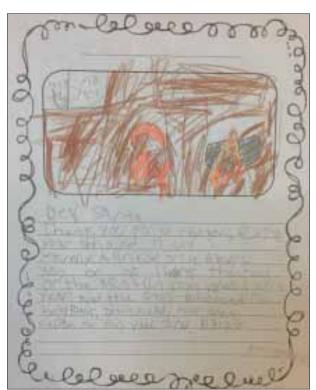
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