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SEVEN SHOPPING DAYS UNTIL ...



Checking out scents for the season

Homedale High School track and field coach Bobby Christensen (right) looks on as his wife Edene samples a scented candle at Homedale residents Vance and Nikki Barowsky's Owyhee Candle Co. booth at the holiday market. The final Homedale Farmers Market holiday market will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., on Saturday inside the old high school gymnasium. Santa Claus will be on hand for photos beginning at 11:30 a.m.



Friends bazaar draws vendors

Homedale custom woodworker Steve Silva of Rock S Woodworks (right) was among about 30 vendors crammed into the Homedale Friends Community Church on Saturday for a Christmas bazaar.

Narrow vote increases Marsing mayor's appointment power

The Marsing City Council approved expanded mayoral appointments with a 2-1 vote on a new ordinance last Wednesday.

Mayor James Ferdinand, who is in the final weeks of his term before giving way to Chad Sevy, essentially has appointed city engineer Kirby Cook, deputy city clerk Kim Even, and public works director Joseph Heidt with the publication of Ordinance A-2 13 in this week's edition of The Owyhee Avalanche.

The ordinance expanded the

list of positions within the city government that the mayor can appoint.

Previously, by state statute, just the city attorney and city clerk were appointed.

Council members Tony Malmberg and Marie Herman voted for the ordinance. Council president Chris Even abstained from the vote because his wife is the deputy clerk.

Council member Rachael Percifield cast the dissenting vote.

— See Marsing, page 6A

Homedale mayor floats idea of more public works employees

Laundry list of projects prompts manpower observation

Expansion at Homedale's popular riverside RV park may be in the works, but it sounds like Mayor Gheen Christoffersen is skeptical in-house work can be pulled off at the current level of public works department manpower.

During last Wednesday's final regular city council meeting of 2019, public works supervisor Bret Smith

submitted a proposed design that would expand the camping area in Riverside Park to 22 sites.

In addition to adding RV spots, the plan would add two fire pits and also bring in an upgrade in electricity that Idaho Power Co., estimates would cost between \$3,500

— See Homedale, page 6A

Mtn. Home councilman will seek Dist. 23A nomination

Bundy joins Grand View woman in GOP race

A Mountain Home city councilman will jump into partisan politics and seek a spot in the Idaho Legislature.

Mountain Home City Council

president Matthew Bundy last week announced his bid for the Republican nomination for Dist. 23, Seat A in the Idaho House of Representatives.

Bundy's run for May's primary vote is an attempt to succeed Christy Zito (R-Hammett) as a representative for the district covering Owyhee County, Elmore County and the western portion of

rural Twin Falls County.

Bundy announced his candidacy with a press release and a post on his "Matthew Bundy, Mountain Home City Council" Facebook page.

"I will still focus on and do my council duties during the process," Bundy wrote on his Facebook page.

Grand View resident Andrea

Owens has announced her candidacy for the Dist. 23A position, too. Owens' hat has been in the ring since sometime in October apparently.

Zito has passed up a re-election bid to the Idaho House in an attempt to win the GOP nomination for the Dist. 23 state Senate seat



— See Dist. 23A, page 4A Matthew Bundy



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Marsing council delays proposed City Hall auction

The Marsing City Council has decided unanimously to hold off on selling City Hall. The decision came on the heels of a public hearing about the intent to sell the building at 425 Main St.

There was no public comment about sale parameters for the building, but council members discussed setting the minimum price (market value of \$106,500) and originally suggested that the advertisement for auction be advertised today and sealed bids taken until Dec. 26.

But it was ultimately decided to postpone the sale process until the remodel of the Sandbar Restaurant, where city offices would relocate, has been completed, or an estimated date for completion has been received. An architect already has begun redesign plans.

According to Mayor James Ferdinand, early tentative estimates place the project's completion date as sometime this spring.

"The thought process we've been going through is that the building will be done before May," Ferdinand said.

The remodel is expected to cost between \$130,000 and \$150,000 and funding will

come from the city's capital outlay budget. The council set the capital outlay line at \$447,000 for fiscal year 2020.

The city paid \$160,000 for the Sandbar building earlier this year, using the \$100,000 AMVAC Chemical Co., paid for city-owned land on Simpkin Lane as part of the funding.

City attorney Stephanie J. Bonney pointed out that if the city wanted to sell the Sandbar, it has a fairly limited market value because the building can only be sold for public use in the next two years.

"It can only be sold for public use, so to like another government entity," she said. "It is restricted, so you can't sell it for commercial or residential."

The city can sell the building to any interested party after two years when it absorbs the Idaho Community Development Block grant that Marsing Senior Citizens Inc., used to purchase the restaurant in 2016.

The city must keep the Sandbar available for community events to honor the intent of the block grant.

— TK

County businesses, students get a break for the holidays

Avalanche deadlines altered for Dec. 25, Jan. 1 issues

Christmas break begins this week for students in and around Owyhee County, and government offices will be taking a little time off, too.

On Thursday, Homedale's students from kindergarten to eighth grade will be released at 1:30 p.m., and the high school at 1:47.

Marsing, Bruneau-Grand View, Adrian, and Jordan Valley school districts will all begin their Christmas vacations on Friday.

All schools will get back at it on Friday, Jan. 6.

County government offices in Murphy will be closed on Christmas Day and New Year's Day. There will also be no Board of Commissioners meeting on Dec. 30, as it is the fifth Monday of the month.

City Halls in Homedale, Marsing, Grand View, Jordan Valley, and Adrian will be closed both holidays.

911 emergency dispatch, including law enforcement, emergency medical, and fire responders, will be available.

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

U.S. Bank branches in both Homedale and Marsing will

be closed both holidays. Additionally, both branches will close at 1 p.m. on Christmas Eve.

Homedale City Library will be closed on Christmas Day but will be open on New Year's Day.

The Eastern Owyhee County Library in Grand View will be closed from Tuesday to Friday, Dec. 27. It will be open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., on Saturday, Dec. 28 and from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., on Dec. 30. The library will close for the New Year's break between Tuesday, Dec. 31 and Sunday, Jan. 4.

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

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

Homedale Senior Center will be closed next week, reopening on Tuesday, Dec. 31 before closing for New Year's Day.

Rimrock Senior Center will be open for its free community Christmas dinner next Wednesday but will be closed on Dec. 26 and Jan. 1.

The University of Idaho

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

Westtowns Disposal Inc.'s garbage service will be delayed by one day for both Christmas and New Year's Day.

Logan's Market in Marsing will close at 6 p.m. on Christmas Eve and will be closed Christmas Day. The store will be open its normal hours, 6 a.m. to 9 p.m., on New Year's Day.

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

Homedale Drug, and the state liquor store inside, will be closed both Christmas and New Year's Day.

The Owyhee Avalanche office will be closed both holidays.

Classified ad deadlines will be 3 p.m. on the next two Fridays for the Dec. 25 and Jan. 1 editions, respectively.

Display ad deadlines will be 3 p.m. on each Thursday, while legal notices must be submitted by noon on each Friday.

Letters to the editor and non-breaking news items must be received by noon on Thursday for the next two weeks.

On-time delivery of The Owyhee Avalanche may be affected by the holidays.

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Homedale Police look into recent burglaries

Chief reminds citizens of package protection program

The Homedale Police Department is investigating cases of theft from earlier this month.

Two burglaries took place on Dec. 7 on opposite sides of town.

Homedale Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller said a shotgun was stolen from a residence in the first block of North 1st Street West on Dec. 7.

During the early-morning hours of the same day, a “smash-and-grab” burglary took place at a business near the corner of U.S. Highway 95 and Industrial Road.

Eidemiller said Thursday that authorities are still combing through video footage and other evidence to identify the “young man” involved in the cash theft.

Eidemiller asked anyone with information on these incidents to call the police department at (208) 337-4642 or the Owyhee County dispatch at (208) 495-1154.

- A black 1998 Chevrolet S-10 pickup reported stolen

from in front of the Family Dollar Store on Dec. 3 has been recovered, the chief confirmed Monday.

- As a public service to deter “front porch pirates,” HPD will accept mail shipments that folks deem sensitive. Citizens can call the department and set up a parcel shipment to City Hall instead of their home address and also schedule a time to pick it up from police custody.

Although the service was advertised on social media for the Christmas shipping season, Eidemiller said the department is willing to provide the service year-round.

Folks picking up packages must present a driver’s license or identification card with photo to claim the shipment, Eidemiller said. — JPB

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Early food delivery in Jordan Valley for Christmas

With Christmas around the corner, the monthly food bank delivery at the Jordan Valley Lions Hall will be held Thursday.

Southeastern Oregon Food Bank personnel will distribute food items from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., on Thursday at the Lions Hall, 902 Bassett St. (U.S. Highway 95).

Food bank distributions typically are made on the fourth Thursday of each month.

The schedule does depend on holidays, weather and road conditions from the food bank’s Ontario, Ore., location.

For information or schedule updates, call the food bank at (541) 889-9206 or Bobbi Stoddart at (541) 586-2562.

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Senate PILT funding bill moves forward

A key piece of legislation to provide security to Owyhee County and other governments that rely on federal property tax replacement programs has moved out of committee.

The Small County PILT Parity Act, co-sponsored by Idaho U.S. Sens. Mike Crapo and Jim Risch, was reported out of the Senate Committee of Energy and Natural Resources.

Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) provides revenue to Owyhee County each fiscal year in place of the money lost because of a large swath of federally managed (and tax-exempt) lands.

“Idaho is almost two-thirds federally-owned, severely limiting our tax base for roads and schools because federal lands contribute no property taxes,” Crapo said. “These county payments programs are critical for Idahoans.”

Owyhee County is about 70 percent Bureau of Land Management public lands.

The Secure Rural Schools legislation for forested counties also moved out of committee.

Additional revisions were secured to make the programs more timely and reliable.

Sponsored by Crapo with co-sponsorship from Risch, S. 430 would reauthorize the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000, securing payments for two years. SRS payments expired in 2018.

S. 2108, the Small County

PILT Parity Act, is sponsored by Sen. Steve Daines (R-Mont.) with co-sponsorship from Idaho’s senators. This legislation would modify the current PILT formula to increase the amount of funding counties with fewer than 5,000 people can receive.

The bills now move to the full Senate for consideration.

In the meantime, Crapo, Risch and Democratic Sens. Ron Wyden and Jeff Merkley of Oregon announced Monday that a two-year authorization of the SRS program is included in the year-end funding that Congress will consider this week.

Risch worked with committee members to incorporate language into SRS to create a pilot program for Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) appointments to improve the timeliness of disbursement of funds and discontinue the annual decrease in SRS payments.

“Idaho’s rural counties deserve stability and relief. They shouldn’t be subjected to the annual guessing game of whether they’ll be able to provide critical county services like road maintenance and education,” Risch said. “Insufficient or delinquent SRS and PILT payments aren’t simply an inconvenience for these communities. It threatens their entire way of life.”

“Congress must support our rural communities and reauthorize SRS and PILT.”

From page 1A

✓ Dist. 23A: Elmore, Owyhee Republicans set to battle for House seat Zito will vacate

currently held by Bert Brackett (R-Rogerson). Brackett will not seek re-election.

Former Owyhee County Treasurer Brenda Richards, a Reynolds Creek rancher, also has announced a run to succeed Brackett.

According to Bundy’s press release, the candidate has extensive experience in Mountain Home’s local government and other civic boards.

The retired Air Force veteran is an Urban Renewal Agency Board commissioner and is also active in the Military Affairs Committee, Mountain Home Chamber of Commerce, American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Bundy moved to Mountain Home more than 20 years ago and completed a 20-year military career there.

Serving on the B-52 then the B-1 Bomber during his career, Bundy deployed to the Middle East with the 366th Wing at Mountain Home AFB after the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks.

After his military career, he has become active as a coach and educational leader at Mountain Home High School, earning various awards and accolades. He also has been active in Scouting.

“My local government experience will help in

determining which issues are best addressed at the state level and which issues should be reserved for local communities,” Bundy said.

He taught English in Mariupol, Ukraine as part of a foreign teacher exchange through the State Department. He also taught in South Korea, Germany and Jordan.

Bundy thinks his expertise in public education gives him unique insight into educational choice, funding and advanced educational opportunities.

Bundy was the first high school teacher associated with Boise State University to have his American Government class recognized as a college-level concurrent credit class. He continues to be a proponent of state-funded advanced learning initiatives.

Additionally, he said his military background will be a factor in continuing the

positive relationships with local military facilities and personnel.

According to his press release, Bundy subscribes to the Republican ideal that government is of the people, by the people and for the people.

He envisions his role as a state lawmaker to protect liberties and freedoms and to legislate in a way that enhances citizens’ ability to choose their own endeavors and be successful.

“I love Idaho,” Bundy said. “The support I have received while making this decision to run has reinforced my desire to serve at the state level of government.”

“I have also been working with constituents from all three counties, and I feel I have the background that will represent all three counties in a very positive way.”

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✓ Marsing: Councilperson calls move “favoritism”

Percifield said that she voted against the ordinance because she felt that it could potentially tie the hands of future mayoral administrations.

“I don’t think it was for the continuity of the city,” she said, referring to the stated reason for the ordinance.

“It seems like, since the deputy clerk is not a supervisory or department head position, it feels like favoritism for the councilman’s wife.”

City attorney Stephanie J. Bonney made the suggestion that, because the positions are already occupied, a motion be made to appoint those individuals when the ordinance is published.

New water hookup testing fees adopted

The city council passed a resolution amending water-testing fees for new hookups. Previously, the property owner would pay for the initial testing of water quality in new lines when they paid meter hookup fees. If the test failed, the city would pay for subsequent analyses.

The tests look for *E. coli* and other coliform bacteria in new or extended water hookups.

City clerk Jolyn Green recently said that the desire was to put that expense back on the owner and not on the taxpayers.

According to Heidt, the test runs about \$20, but it costs the city considerably more because of manpower and transportation of the water sample to a Boise lab for analysis. He recommended a fee of \$100 for subsequent testing to cover the city’s costs.

He had originally suggested an escalating fee for subsequent failures, but Bonney pointed out that the fee can’t be punitive. The city can only charge what can be established as necessary to cover its cost of testing.

“A hundred dollars is not actually covering the cost, when you consider that there’s probably five hours of somebody, including a vehicle ... Including everything involved, \$100 is not covering the cost,” Heidt said. “It’s probably more like \$200.”

Mitigation includes flushing chlorine through the pipe.

Heidt said that after a third failed test, the owner has to take the line apart and redo it.

— TK

✓ Homedale: Council approves purchase of machine to stripe town’s crosswalks

and \$4,200.

“I like it,” Councilman Steve Atkins said. “Let’s move forward.”

No authorization vote was taken. Smith brought the design to the council in the latest step to plan for the spending.

Smith brought two options regarding the park’s septic dump to the council. One would call for the realignment of the curb on the south side of the park to allow a larger turning radius, and the second option would be to move the dump altogether.

Smith also said that water lines would have to be rebuilt to connect to the water system on the west side of town. Right now, there are two dead-end service lines running into the park.

Smith suggested a 6-inch water main and adding fire hydrants at 500-foot intervals as required by code. The main would tie into West California Avenue’s water infrastructure or a line could be run from the 12-year-old 6-inch main near the Riverside softball field.

Smith told the council that the job would take six to eight weeks.

“Bret, I’ll be honest with you, we don’t have the manpower for a six- to eight-week project,” Christoffersen said.

The mayor pointed out that there are other projects in town that are being completed slowly, including the playground equipment in another part of Riverside Park. The project has inched forward since the city bought the equipment with a High Five Initiative! grant in March 2017.

Smith said last week that the playground work is nearly finished (there was some donated labor from the city’s police officers earlier in the progress), but the council will have to decide what type of surface (bark or a rubber product) it wants for the area. A two-year-old estimate put the cost of the rubber at \$20,000, Smith said.

Regardless of what work is upcoming, Christoffersen implied more public works hires would have to be made.

“If we’re going to do more projects like this, we’re going to have to give more manpower to that department,” the mayor said.

Councilman Mike Aebischer acknowledged that the RV park project would be expensive, but it would also mean more money with additional camping rentals.

“With the added revenue ... yeah, it’s going to be expensive ... (but) it’ll pay for itself pretty quick, even if we have to get a contractor,” Aebischer said.

Christoffersen pointed out that the construction boom in the Treasure Valley has made contractors less inclined to take on “small jobs.” Contractors will bid the job, but they’ll place a prohibitive price on the work, the mayor said.

“The reason we bring up the big-picture items is because we want to get these spots in before spring,” Smith said.

Christoffersen said not all the proposed spots would have to be built at once, but they could be added as the city gets more infrastructure installed.

• In another public works issue, Christoffersen brought up the idea of paving the areas in front of some of the newer hangars at the municipal airport.

When the airport was expanded and new hangars built, only gravel was put down in the new area. The mayor pointed out that pilots who own the newer hangars at the airport run the risk of damaging props and engines while taxiing to the runway because the force of the propeller can suck gravel into the aircraft’s engine.

Asphalt could cost between \$20,000 and \$150,000 depending on whether the work is done in-house or contracted out.

Councilman Aaron Tines said that a new cycle of FAA grants will be open soon, but the city has to have an engineering firm with an aviation background to qualify.

• Even while discussing the workload for the city’s maintenance crew, the council unanimously approved \$7,000 to buy a paint striper so the crew can reline crosswalks and parking spaces around town.

“The more we do, the more we take our guys off other projects,” Christoffersen reiterated. “It will sure be nice to have if we have an intersection that needs done.”

Atkins saw the acquisition as a chance to improve pedestrian safety, especially for the town’s youth.

“We could keep the crosswalks at the schools plenty visible,” he said.

The city typically spends \$3,000 to \$3,500 annually for painting contractors.

“It’s the convenience of getting stuff done when it needs done instead of waiting to schedule a larger project,” Atkins said.

City Clerk and Treasurer Alice Pegram said she was able to negotiate 25 gallons of white paint (10 more than the dealer had originally offered) and a 50-pound bag of reflective beads when she called to finalize the sale the morning after the council meeting.

Smith also asked the council to start thinking about buying a newer small dump truck to replace the aging vehicle now in use.

— JPB

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HHS grad promoted during Army National Guard basic training

Alex Grant, a 2019 Homedale High School graduate, is due home Friday after completing basic training with the Army National Guard.

Grant finished basic at Fort Jackson, S.C., and is currently in a 20-week advanced individual training course in communications at Fort Gordon, Ga.

During basic training, the member of Bravo Company earned Soldier of the Cycle for her battalion, her grandfather, Robert Grant, said.

She received a promotion during basic, which Robert, said is uncommon.

Alex Grant

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Preschoolers go caroling along

Busy Bee Preschool students follow Teacher Erica (Erica Dines) during Friday night's Christmas concert at Homedale Middle School. Photo by Donna Lowder



Fourth-graders display musical talent

Homedale fourth-graders played "Jingle Bells" on recorders during Thursday's Christmas program. **From left:** Cy Purdom, son of Greg and Carina Purdom; Kris Slawson, son of David and Denise Slawson; Ethan Tamura, son of Kevin Tamura; Elizabeth Harper, daughter of Shane and Desiree Harper; and Porter Swan, son of J. Shay and Christi Swan.



Third-graders embark on cultural carol

Homedale third-graders perform "It's the Festival of Lights" around a "menorah" on Thursday. **From left:** Taylor Williamson, daughter of Shane and Kasandra Williamson; Isabelle Roseborough, daughter of Kenny and Kristie Roseborough; Delsa Koon, daughter of Clifton and Bree Koon; Claire Allen, daughter of Travis and Suzy Allen; Charlotte Marston, daughter of Derek and Chris Marston; Geovanni Sanchez, son of Maria Gomez; Joaquin Munoz Ramos, son of Joaquin Munoz and Iris Ramos; TJ Estrada, son of Thomas Neri and Trudy Estrada; and Kenzie Silence, daughter of Michael Silence.

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Calendar

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

Bible study
7 p.m., various age groups, Mountain View Church of the Nazarene, 26515 Ustick Road, Wilder. (208) 337-3151

Thursday

Foot clinic
8:30 a.m. to 11 a.m., \$20, walk-ins welcome, Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St., Grand View. (208) 834-2922

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

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

Teens & Tweens
5 p.m. to 6 p.m., Homedale Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228

Friday

Idaho Foodbank drop-off
9 a.m. to 11 a.m., First Presbyterian Church of Homedale, 320 N. 6th St. W, Homedale. (208) 473-9331

Saturday

Homedale Farmers Holiday Market
10 a.m. to 2 p.m., finale, Homedale High School old gymnasium, 203 E. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 840-0440

Sunday

Refuge Youth Group
7 p.m., seventh- through 12th-graders, Mountain View Church of the Nazarene, 26515 Ustick Road, Wilder. (208) 337-3151

Monday

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

Story Time
10:15 a.m., Homedale Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale.

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

No events scheduled

Thursday, Dec. 26

Teens & Tweens
5 p.m. to 6 p.m., Homedale City Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228

Friday, Dec. 27

No events scheduled

Saturday, Dec. 28

Catholic Mass
10 a.m., Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic Church and Oreana Community Hall, Oreana. (208) 466-7031

Sunday, Dec. 29

Refuge Youth Group
7 p.m., seventh- through 12th-graders, Mountain View Church of the Nazarene, 26515 Ustick Road, Wilder. (208) 337-3151

Monday, Dec. 30

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

Story Time
10:15 a.m., Homedale City Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale.

Tuesday, Dec. 31

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

University of Idaho Extension

4-H helps youth build character through behavioral expectations

A goal of the 4-H program is to provide opportunities for children and youth to build character.

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Janelle Thompson

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“I will keep my commitments.”

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“I will not use vulgar or abusive language or cause physical harm.”

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“I will be accountable by accepting responsibility for my choices and actions.”

“I will be responsible for any

damage, theft or misconduct in which I participate.”

“I will be fair.”

“I will be just, fair and open.”

“I will participate in events fairly by following the rules, not taking advantage of others and not asking for special exceptions.”

“I will be caring.”

“I will be caring in my relationships with others.”

“I will be kind and show compassion for others.”

“I will treat others the way I want to be treated.”

“I will show appreciation for the efforts of others.”

“I will help members in my group to have a good experience by striving to include all participants.”

“I will be a good citizen.”

“I will be a contributing and law-abiding citizen.”

“I will be respectful to the environment and contribute to the greater good.”

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— 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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School menus

Homedale Elementary

Veggie bar, fruit bar, and choice of milk and juice
Dec. 18: **Breakfast:** Choc. chip muffin **Lunch:** CHRISTMAS DINNER: Baked ham, mashed potatoes w/gravy, hot roll, fruit, pumpkin pie
Dec. 19: **Breakfast:** Strawberry pop tart **Lunch:** Chicken nuggets, steamed carrots, fruit roll up
Dec. 23-Jan. 3: Christmas vacation

Homedale Middle

Fruit & salad bar, choice of milk or juice
Cereal option each day
Dec. 18: **Breakfast:** Breakfast on a stick **Lunch:** CHRISTMAS DINNER: Baked ham, mashed potatoes & gravy, hot roll, mixed fruit with jello, pumpkin pie
Dec. 19: **Breakfast:** Apple breakfast bites, string cheese **Lunch:** Crispito or PB&J sandwich, string cheese, goldfish crackers, mixed veggies, rice krispie treat
Dec. 23-Jan. 3: Christmas vacation

Homedale High

Salad bar, fruit choice and choice of milk and juice
Cereal option, grab 'n' go items each day
Dec. 18: **Breakfast:** Sausage plate or mini pancakes **Lunch:** CHRISTMAS DINNER: Baked ham, mashed potatoes & gravy, hot roll, fruit, pumpkin pie
Dec. 19: **Breakfast:** Donut or yogurt parfait **Lunch:** Pepperoni pizza ripper or corn dog
Dec. 23-Jan. 3: Christmas vacation

Marsing

All main entrees include choice of milk, fruit juice & fruit/veggie bar
Middle/High School each day: Classic Grab-n-go line: PB&J Hot Grab-n-go line: Pizza
Cold Grab-n-go line: Wrap, sub sandwich, salad
Dec. 18: **Breakfast:** Mini donuts **Lunch sides or alternatives:** **Classic Line:** Holiday ham, loaded potatoes, mixed vegetables, whole grain roll
Dec. 19: **Breakfast:** Chicken waffle, yogurt **All Lines:** Assorted sandwiches, vegetable, fruit, chips ****Early Release****
Dec. 23-Jan. 3: Christmas vacation

Bruneau/Grand View

All meals: Milk and fruit offered daily
Jr.-Sr. high school: Salad bar, pizza offered daily
Dec. 18: **Breakfast:** Breakfast wrap **Lunch:** Orange chicken, oriental rice, stir-fry veggies
Dec. 19: **Breakfast:** Cereal **Lunch:** Hamburger on a bun, tater tots, baby carrots, dessert
Dec. 23-Jan. 2: Christmas Vacation

Senior menus

Homedale Senior Center

Salad bar available with each meal:
Lettuce, tomato, boiled eggs, peaches, apricots, salad dressing
Milk available each day
Roll available each day except Dec. 18
Dec. 18: Chicken patty w/lettuce & tomato on bun, fries, Brussels sprouts
Dec. 19: CHRISTMAS DINNER: Christmas ham, mashed potatoes & gravy, sweet potatoes, green beans, stuffing
Dec. 24-Dec. 26: CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS

Rimrock Senior Center

All meals are served with milk & fruit juice
Dec. 19: Spaghetti, green salad, peaches, pudding, garlic bread, cook's choice soup
Dec. 24: Tomato soup & grilled cheese sandwiches, green salad, apricots & cottage cheese, french fries
Dec. 25: **Free Community Christmas Dinner:** Turkey, ham, yams, mashed potatoes & gravy, green bean casserole, green salad, cranberry sauce, and rolls *meal at noon (please bring salad or your favorite dessert. Potluck dish is not required)
Dec. 31: Open face turkey sandwiches, mashed potatoes & gravy, green salad, beets, cook's choice soup, fortune cookie

First property tax deadline looms

2015 delinquencies not paid by Dec. 31 face deed process

First-half property tax payments are due at the Owyhee County Treasurer's Office on Friday.

But Treasurer Annette Dygert wants property owners to review their tax bills and assessment notices because of new software.

"This is the second year we have used our new program UADWEB, and we are still seeing some issues that haven't been resolved," Dygert said. "It is important to check your tax bills and also your assessment notices when they are sent out to ensure we have up-to-date and correct information in our program."

The treasurer's office mailed 2019 tax bills on Nov. 14, but Dygert said several bills have been returned because of incorrect addresses.

She said county property owners should call (208) 495-1158 or toll-free (833) 337-5522 to update their mailing address or to get tax bill questions answered.

Tax payments are accepted by mail, over the phone or by credit card at www.owyheecounty.net.

Credit card and debit card payments are processed by third-party Access Idaho, so there is a 2.5 percent fee.

A checking account can be used via phone by providing

the routing number and account number, but there is a \$1 fee, which is also collected by Access Idaho.

"When paying with your credit, debit or e-check please keep in mind your statement will show a charge from Idaho Gov," Dygert said.

She added that property owners can pay "the old-fashioned" way by mailing a check or visiting the treasurer's office at the Owyhee County Courthouse in Murphy.

"The two ladies on staff (Tami McGrew and Gentry Stoumbaugh) are a great asset to this office and are efficient and work well with the public," Dygert said.

"The office is running smoothly, and I invite anyone with questions to please call or come to Murphy. You are always welcome."

Payments must be in the mail by Friday, but Dygert said mail postmarked by Dec. 20 will be accepted as well.

Dygert also supplied a history of recent tax charges and how much has been collected. All figures are through Dec. 6:

2019 — \$7,753,544.88 tax charge on 10,194 parcels (14.5 percent received)

2018 — \$7,493,762.18 (95 percent collected with 419 of 10,177 parcels outstanding).

2017 — \$7,088,638.52 (96

percent collected with 268 of 10,388 parcels outstanding).

2016 — \$6,902,427.98 (98 percent collected with 178 of 10,373 parcels outstanding).

2015 — \$6,627,114.10 (98 percent collected with 61 of 10,365 outstanding).

Outstanding tax bills must be paid by Dec. 31.

Once the Dec. 31 deadline passes, the county will begin the tax deed process on unpaid 2015 taxes. Dygert added that property owners are making payments on the 2015 bills. That process could include an auction of the property to satisfy the tax lien.

"We also accept monthly payments for those behind on their taxes or those that want to pay monthly so they don't have a big amount due in December," Dygert said.

After the first of the year the tax deed process will add up to \$500 per parcel for advertising and research, Dygert said.

Only two parcels went to tax deed last year.

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Basque charities help local families

Caldwell Euzkaldunak members and friends loaded up 3.5 tons of meat and cheese from Logan's Market last Wednesday in Marsing. The food will be distributed to area needy families. **From left:** Jared Asumendi, Chris Clary, Logan's Market meat department manager Jeff Percifield, Tim Quintana, Paul Lodge, Simon Landa, Ric Uria, Kerry Harris, Randy Rowland, Keegan Harris, Gina Downen, Mr. and Mrs. John Hartman, Dan Swindell, and Brennan Gabiola. The group paid \$15,000 for the food after a 15 percent discount.

Food will be distributed to area charities, including the Giving Tree in Marsing, Hands Around Homedale, Hope's Door in Nampa, and others. Unloading this pallet were, **from left,** Tim Quintana, Keegan Harris, and Paul Lodge, while Kerry Harris carries a couple boxes to the trailer. Randy Rowland and Jared Asumendi head for another load.



Homedale students help out

Another Hands Around Homedale food drive culminated with food collected from all three schools being sorted and boxed into care packages last last week inside the Homedale Elementary School cafeteria. Students and adult volunteers turned out to organize the food items and get the boxes ready for distribution. Photo by Cam Long

Two men arrested for suspicion of DUI

A Nevada man was arrested on suspicion of driving under the influence after a sheriff's deputy followed up on a tip phoned into a Homedale Police officer last Wednesday. Someone near U.S. Highway 95 and Idaho highway 55 reported a possibly impaired driver heading toward Marsing. Owyhee County Sheriff's Chief Deputy Lynn Bowman said a deputy arrested Timothy Elordi, 40, of Elko, Nev., after locating the 2007 Toyota pickup parked at the Extra Mile truck stop west of Marsing. Bowman said Elordi admitted he had been drinking. The deputy also reported Elordi slurred his words, Bowman said. The man registered a blood-alcohol concentration of .113 percent. The legal limit in Ida-

ho is .08 percent. Elordi was booked into jail in Murphy on a misdemeanor charge of drunk driving. He bonded out Thursday and will be arraigned at 9 a.m. on Dec. 30 in the Magistrate Judge Shane Darrington's Murphy courtroom. • Matthew Landa, 34, of Homedale, was arrested Saturday night for misdemeanor DUI, after being pulled over for speeding in his 2002 Toyota passenger car. Bowman said Landa was also spotted driving in the wrong lane near U.S. 95 and Y Road south of Homedale. Landa blew a .170 BAC at the jail. He bonded out of jail. No court dates are listed on the state court's repository. — TK



Last chance to deck the halls

Students in the Homedale FFA floral class will be back at Saturday's final Homedale Farmers Market holiday market to sell last-minute Christmas wreaths. **From left:** Catherine Decker, Julie DeWitt, Amber Raine, and Jazmine Neil. Call FFA advisor Rachel Rheuby at the high school at (208) 337-4613 for information on the wreaths. Santa Claus also will make an appearance at the final market of the from 11:30 a.m., to 2 p.m. The market inside the Homedale High School old gymnasium will run from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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Courthouse report

Felony and misdemeanor dispositions recently completed at courtrooms in Murphy and Homedale. Infractions not included:

Dec. 9

Gavin C. Driskill, Napa, Calif. — Misdemeanor motor carrier fail to stop at checking station or submit to inspection, grading or weighting: \$118.50 in fines, \$160.50 in court costs

Emmanuel Miguel Duarte, Boise — Misdemeanor driving without privileges, operating motor vehicle without liability insurance, second offense (plea deal): \$231.50 in fines, \$330 in court costs. **Dismissed by prosecuting attorney:** Misdemeanor failure to appear citation

Juan Rafael C. Esquivel, Marsing — Misdemeanor marijuana possession, drug paraphernalia possession: \$600 in fines, \$398 in court costs

Paden V. Kempton, Heyburn — Misdemeanor inattentive or careless driving: \$25 in fines, \$160.50 in court costs

Ruger David Petersen, Terreton — Misdemeanor motor carrier violation, over weight (4,001 pounds or over), exceed allowable gross loads: \$483 in fines, \$157.50 in court costs

Scherri Swegle, Kuna — Misdemeanor marijuana possession, drug paraphernalia possession (plea deal): \$102.50 in fines, \$347.50 in court costs. **Dismissed by court:** Felony controlled substance possession

Dec. 6

Willie K. Rabey, Murphy — Felony accessory to Murder I (amended from Murder I conspiracy, destruction, alteration, concealment of evidence (amended from attempted destruction, alteration, concealment of evidence), failure to notify or delay notification of death, persistent violator enhancement (Rule 11 plea agreement): 11 years determinate, 15 years indeterminate in state prison (766 days served)

Dec. 4

Luis Dedios Hernandez, Caldwell — Misdemeanor driving under the influence (amended from misdemeanor excessive DUI): 180 days in jail (1 day served, 9 days to serve, 170 days suspended), 1 year supervised probation, 90 days driver’s license suspension, \$797.50 in fines (\$250 suspended), \$202.50 in court costs

Jess Elmer Percifield, Marsing — Misdemeanor fail to notify upon striking fixtures on highway (amended from fail to stop for or leaving the scene of a damage accident): \$100 in fines, \$157.50 in court costs

Daniel J. Seigel, Caldwell — Misdemeanor drug paraphernalia possession (plea deal): \$250 in fines, \$347.50 in court costs. **Dismissed by prosecuting attorney:** Misdemeanor marijuana possession

Rangeland partnership sets annual meeting

Registration is now available for the second annual Idaho Rangeland Conservation Partnership meeting.

Outcome-based land management, access and beaver dam analog projects are the chief topics on tap for the Jan. 13-14 meeting at the Riverside Hotel in Boise.

Registration can be

obtained online at <https://www.eventbrite/o/brenda-richards-ircp-coordinator-18322871521>.

For information or an agenda, visit www.idahorc.org.

Contact the IRCP at P.O. Box 3, Murphy, ID 83650, by phone at (208) 880-3558, or by email at brichards@idahorc.org.

Homedale Laundromat project OK’d

A Boise-based real estate developer has the green light to revamp the old Homedale Laundromat.

The city council unanimously approved a mixed-use permit for JADE Investment Group LLC, after last Wednesday’s public hearing.

Company principal Jesse Denton said the plan is to test the existing footings in the building on the first block of West Owyhee Avenue to make sure they can withstand the addition of a second story. There are also drainage issues near the building’s frontage.

He said his firm would move forward with engineering after the approval of a special use permit. A permit is required because city code prohibits mixed-use buildings.

The plan is to build three 500-square-foot apartments upstairs from a separate commercial space, Denton said.

Denton said there is much work to be done in preparation to creating a space that would include “affordable, nice housing.” He said the proposed one-bedroom apartments could each rent for \$500 to \$600 per month.

No citizens spoke up during the public hearing, and City Clerk and Treasurer Alice Pegram said her office received no negative comments about the proposal.

Library update

Craig Erickson from Great

West Engineering arrived from Montana to tell council members that the new city library building is nearly complete.

Erickson, Tony Tenne from the Idaho Department of Commerce, library administrator Sharla Jensen, and Mayor Gheen Christoffersen toured the library before last Wednesday’s meeting.

“And it looks great,” Erickson said.

Among the “loose ends” needing attention before closing the grant is meeting Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements, including a survey of the city’s assets for compliance. A self-evaluation is part of the ADA transition plan, Erickson said.

Pegram was appointed the city’s ADA coordinator. Erickson said her job is to field community complaints about the lack or hindrance of access to the town’s public buildings.

The city must also notify the town’s residents of their rights under the ADA, and also review a grievance process that will be adopted.

Erickson plans to present the council at completed ADA plan for adoption at its Jan. 8.

Erickson also said that a discussion with Tenne and Jensen revealed that there will be some money left in the city’s Idaho Department of Commerce Block Grant with which fixtures for the new 3,900-square-foot library can be purchased.

He speculated that the project would be closed out no later than February.

Erickson congratulated the council on the community’s ability to parlay the block grant with in-kind work and more than \$120,000 in private contributions. The family of longtime library board member Gypsy Jackson donated \$100,000 (the new library will bear the late Homedale resident’s name). The family of Opal Nash contributed \$20,000 (a children’s reading area will be named in her honor).

“It’s a great community effort,” Erickson said. “There’s been a lot of people who helped out.

“Homedale can be proud of the library.

“The Community Development Block Grant was an important part, but there was a 25 percent match and the community contributed to that.”

During last Wednesday’s meeting, Councilman Mike Aebischer announced that Homedale concrete contractor Matt Shaffer will donate the labor and material to complete stairs in the front section of the new library that apparently weren’t included in the original plans.

“It’s a great project,” Erickson told council members. “It really looks nice.

“I thought the old library was small, but the new library seems just massive compared to the other one.”

— JPB

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CALHOUN CLASSIC

Huskies' Arriaga nabs historic title

Two Trojans
capture medals
in Oregon

Local wrestlers came away with three medals at the weekend's Calhoun Classic in Nyssa, Ore.

Marsing High School junior Isai Arriaga walked away with a gold medal in the 170-pound division Saturday.

Arriaga capped a 3-0 weekend with an 8-4 championship match victory over Dominic Bush-Bly of Vallivue.

Arriaga sailed into the final with pins against Baker/Powder Valley's Gauge Bloomer (5 minutes, 40 seconds in the semifinals), and Deano Rodriguez of Payette (4:11 in the quarterfinals).

Jon Nelson, who is in his ninth year as Huskies



Marsing junior Isai Arriaga holds his medal and framed bracket after winning a Calhoun Classic championship. Photo by Kelly Ineck

coach, said he believes this is the first time any of his wrestlers has won a Calhoun championship.

Two Homedale wrestlers reached their third-place match in their respective weight classes.

Sophomore Willie White routed Caldwell's Ezra Hernandez, 13-5, for the bronze medal at 160 pounds.

White rode two pins into the semifinals then fell into the consolation semifinals. He pinned Carter Torres of Kuna in 3:43 to reach the third-place match.

Homedale junior Joseph Egusquiza finished fourth at 145 pounds.

He rolled into the semifinals with a technical fall (17-1) against Braigen Hansen of Borah and a 29-second pin against Hector Dominguez from Baker/Powder Valley.

Egusquiza staved off elimination in the consolation semifinals by beating Melba's Zane Helm, 9-3.

McCall-Donnelly's

— See Title, page 15A



The referee raises Savannah Turner's arm in triumph. The Homedale High School junior won a tournament championship for the second time in as many weeks Saturday in Nyssa, Ore. Photo by John Braese / EasternOregonSports.com

Trojans' Turners split title tries

Savannah Turner coasts
in girls' tournament

Homedale High School's Turner sisters wound up in championship matches at the inaugural Calhoun Classic girls' wrestling meet.

Savannah Turner pinned Payette's Arimiah Egner in 2 minutes, 58 seconds to win the 125-pound championship in the girls' tournament in Nyssa, Ore.

Kaydince Turner was runner-up at 135,

losing the title bout by pinfall to Caldwell's Marissa Jimenez. Jimenez prevailed in 2:29.

Savannah's road to the final included a 21-second pin of Ontario, Ore.'s Amy Cerezo in the semifinals, and it began with a pin in 3:17 in the quarterfinals against Cerezo's teammate Jordan Barrett.

Kaydince racked up three pins to reach her championship chance.

She beat Kaitlyn Lemmon of Echo/

— See Trojans, page 15A

HHS win over Melba ends two streaks

Homedale High School's first boys' basketball victory of the season ended Melba's five-game winning streak.

Senior Daniel Uranga led all scorers with 18 points during the Trojans' 61-57 triumph in a non-conference game played on the Mustangs' floor.

Henry Clark led the Mustangs (5-1 at week's end) with 16 points.

Homedale (1-4) put three players in double figures to offset a deficiency in free-throw attempts. Joining Uranga were senior Arnulfo Llamas with 15 points, and freshman Mason Strong with 12 points.

Llamas connected on six of eight field goals and two of three foul shots.

"There were lots of

contributions from so many guys tonight on offense and defense," HHS first-year coach Cam Long said. "They played tonight how I envisioned them playing. I'm just so proud of all them."

Melba players were successful on 15 of 24 free throws, while the Trojans went 9-for-20 from the line.

Melba's Joe Reiber reached double digits with 13 points after dropping four of six shot attempts. Teammate Easton Bunnell grabbed eight rebounds.

Strong and Ricardo Hernandez nailed two three-point goals each as the Trojans drained six as a team.

— See HHS, page 15A

Nampa Christian hits shots down stretch, beats Homedale boys

A late scoring drought doomed Homedale High School in a boys' basketball showdown against Nampa Christian.

Nampa Christian went on a 15-5 run through the fourth quarter to secure a 45-35 non-conference victory Dec. 10 in Homedale.

The teams played even through 24 minutes. Homedale forged a 21-21 deadlock at the break, and the score was tied, 30-30, after three quarters.

Homedale missed all eight of its three-point attempts in the second half, and Nampa Christian made the most of its foul shots, going 5-for-7.

Nampa Christian was 9-for-13 from the free-throw line in the game, while Homedale went 12-for-23.

Nampa Christian's Russell Vander Woude was 5-for-6 from the charity stripe and led all scorers with 15 points.

Nelson Lomeli hit half of his eight free-throw attempts, but was 1-or-11 from behind the three-point line. He led Homedale with 11 points.

Hayden Kincheloe grabbed a team-high nine rebounds and was 5-for-7 on free throws. He scored seven points for



Homedale senior Daniel Uranga (right) jumps for the opening tip against Nampa Christian's Joe Ihli.

Homedale, which also received eight points and four steals from Spencer Fisher.

Sports

State returners, wrestlers restarting careers fuel Trojans

State champ, heavyweight seek more medals

Football success may slow Homedale High School's wrestlers to start the season, but coach Jake Levinski hopes his charges can build on the momentum.

"When the football team makes it to the state championship game (as they have the last two years), the football players that also wrestle miss the first week of the wrestling season," the coach said.

Then again, with 120-pound 3A state champion Joseph Egusquiza leading five returning state qualifiers, the Trojans may have perpetual motion on their side.

"I'd love to take more wrestlers to the state (tournament) than we did last year," the fourth-year coach said. "Each consecutive year I've been the coach, more wrestlers have earned a state berth.

"That tells me the kids are getting better, and the program is growing as well."

Senior 285-pounder Gage Northrup, a football player, returns after finishing fourth in February's state tournament.

Fourth-place 145-pounder Jaegar Rose graduated as did another four-time state quali-



Homedale's Jose Flores battles Fruitland's Gaige Smith in a 160-pound junior varsity consolation match from the Calhoun Classic. Chase Cooper was the Trojans' only medalist, placing third at 160 pounds. Photo by John Braese / EasternOregonSports.com

fier, Jorge Vega, and three-time qualifier Robert Nix.

Joining Egusquiza and Northrup as state qualifiers in the wrestling room are sophomores Willie White and Rhyalee Nix, and senior Brady Trout — three more football players.

Trout and Egusquiza are two-time state meet qualifiers.

Levinski describe Egusquiza, the son of HHS assistant coach Joe, as "natural leader" who is a "talented hard worker."

Trout carries the team concept that permeates the football program over into what many see as an individual sport.

"He has a big heart and cares for his team," Levinski said. "He's a good leader and has a great attitude."

White is the son of sec-

ond-year assistant coach Josh White.

"Willie is hungry, energetic, has a tough mentality and wants to learn everything," Levinski said. "He doesn't give an inch — ever."

Junior Jace Love is another gutsy wrestler in Levinski's stable.

"He came back this year on a mission to find more success," the coach said. "He had a difficult year as a sophomore but stuck it out.

"When there's a kid in the room with heart, and he/she can't seem to get a break but keeps getting up, no matter how many times he/she has been knocked to the ground, that's Jace."

If Love is the picture of determination and grit, junior

Owen Houser is a relaxing presence with his wit.

"Owen has improved greatly here at the varsity level," Levinski said. "He's funny. He'd be our team clown. He's always making people laugh."

There are freshmen and first-year wrestlers or athletes returning to the wrestling after a few seasons off.

Senior Jose Flores is back on the mat for the first time in two years.

"He seems hungry in the practice room," Levinski said. "His technique is coming back quickly."

Senior Gus Bromanter, a Swedish exchange student, is transitioning from the cross country team. Levinski calls him coachable, adding that he's calm, eager and learning quickly.

There are more ninth-graders out this season, including

• Brayden Rosa, whose long frame will make him a challenge on the mat, Levinski said

• Gabriel Hurtado, who is the smallest wrestler in the room, but Levinski warns, "Don't judge him by his size. He's vicious. It will be exciting to watch this kid wrestle kids his weight."

• Levi Jamison: "This kid is mentally tough. He comes in the room everyday works hard."

• Chase Cooper: "He's the biggest and strongest freshman I've seen in the room ever. When his technique catches up with his strength, he should be unrelenting."

"I want these young wrestlers to learn that internal worth doesn't come from how you performed in the last match," Levinski said. "I want them to learn that they are important because of who they are.

"When the team knows they are important, an environment of hard work and trust is fostered and success is obtained more readily."

Levinski concedes that Homedale will struggle to score points in dual meets because there aren't wrestlers in every weight class. But he also says the Trojan Way is about more than Ws and the final score in a dual.

"I want to instill in my kids that they have value because of who they are, not by how they performed," Levinski said. "I want my team to come together and find strength in unity.

"I want my team to make goals and strive for them. They need to get up when they fall, and bask in the glory while it is there and before it fades away. I will do all in my power to coach, support and love each one of the kids that I've been blessed with in our program."

— JPB

Homedale Trojans

Athlete Spotlight

Boys' basketball
Daniel Uranga, sr., G
Averaged 10 points, 5 rebound in 2 games

Girls' basketball
Silvia Cherchi, sr., W
Italian exchange student playing 2nd HHS sport

Wrestling
Kaydince Turner, jr., 135 pounds
Runner-up in Calhoun girls' tourney

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Boys' basketball Varsity
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If win: Friday, Dec. 20 vs. Columbia or Wood River, Columbia H.S., 6 p.m.
If lose: Friday, Dec. 20 vs. Columbia or Ontario, Ore., Nampa H.S., 6 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 21, game at either 10 a.m. or 1 p.m., at Columbia H.S., Nampa H.S. or Skyview H.S.

Girls' basketball Varsity
Today's Dentistry Holiday Classic, Nampa
Thursday, Dec. 19 vs. Ontario, Ore., Columbia H.S., 6 p.m.
If win: Friday, Dec. 20 vs. Columbia or Wood River, Columbia H.S., 6 p.m.
If lose: Friday, Dec. 20 vs. Columbia or Ontario, Ore., Nampa H.S., 6 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 21, game at either 10 a.m. or 1 p.m., at Skyview H.S. or Nampa H.S.

Boys' basketball Varsity
Today's Dentistry Holiday Classic, Nampa
Thursday, Dec. 19 at Columbia, 4:30 p.m.
If win: Friday, Dec. 20 vs. Capital or Wood River, Columbia H.S., 7:30 p.m.
If lose: Friday, Dec. 20 vs. Capital or Wood River, Nampa H.S., 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 21, game at either 11:30 a.m. or 2:30 p.m., at Columbia H.S., Nampa H.S. or Skyview H.S.

Girls' basketball Varsity
Today's Dentistry Holiday Classic, Nampa
Thursday, Dec. 19 vs. Wood River, Nampa H.S., auxiliary gym, 6 p.m.
If win: Friday, Dec. 20 vs. Columbia or Ontario, Ore., Skyview H.S., 6 p.m.
If lose: Friday, Dec. 20 vs. Columbia or Ontario, Ore., Nampa H.S., auxiliary gym, 6 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 21, game at either 10 a.m. or 1 p.m., at Skyview H.S. or Nampa H.S.

Freshman
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Sports

Trojans, Huskies, Antelopes lock horns on Marsing mats



Above: Marsing’s Jacob Goins works during his victory against Nampa Christian’s Evan Schreiner. *Below:* Adrian’s Chase Andrade gets the upper hand against Homedale’s Gustav Bromanter.



Early in the 2019-20 wrestling season, both the Marsing and Homedale high school squads have shown they have reason to be hopeful.

The two schools met last Wednesday as part of a meet that also included Adrian and Nampa Christian at Marsing High School.

In head-to-head competition, Homedale walked away with a 60-24 dual-meet victory against Marsing.

The Trojans recorded seven pins:

- 132-pounder Savannah Turner at 3 minutes, 25 seconds over Matthew Goins
 - Kaydince Turner (138) in 24 seconds over Jaristian Fuentes
 - Jace Love (145) at 5:22 over Jonathan Ineck
 - Joseph Egusquiza (152) in 24 seconds over Justin Ineck
 - Rhyalee Nix (182) at 56 seconds over Harlee Liles
 - Obed Palacios (285) in 46 seconds over James Lafleur
- The Huskies tallied four pins:
- Troy Miller (120) in 2:57 over Brayden Rosa
 - Evan Miller (126) at 41 seconds over Elizabeth Hergesheimer
 - Isai Arriaga (170) in 2:55 over Willie White
 - Jedidiah Fuentes (220) in 1:34 over Owen Houser

Homedale 66, Adrian 12 — The Trojans got two pinfalls: Gracie Rotter (106) at 1:21 over Virginia Tolman; and White over Lincoln Lovitt in 57 seconds.

Homedale scored the majority of its points with forfeits. But Adrian did pick up two victories — Toby Clow over Houser (5:10); and 152-pounder

Chase Andrade over Gustav Bromanter in 3:14.

Homedale 65, Nampa Christian 12 — Rosa, White, Nix, Houser, Palacios and Julian Ramos got pinfalls.

Egusquiza took down his opponent in a 17-1 technical fall at 3:18.

The only Trojan losses were by Savannah Turner, who fell to Zane Dalton (5:09) and Levi Jamisen, who lost to Daniel Thompson in 2:43 at 138.

Marsing 44, Nampa Christian 15 — The Huskies’ Justin Ineck edged Titus Carson, 11-10.

Other wins came from:

- Troy Miller with a 16-1 technical fall at the end of the first round against Blake Forrey
- Evan Miller pinned Dalton, 2:17.
- Jonathan Ineck stopped Zach Merritt at 3:10.
- Arriaga pinned Trey Stokes, 3:10
- Jedidiah Fuentes pinned Gabe Bowlin in 2:11.
- Jacob Goins lost a 13-6 decision to Reggie Lucarelli.
- Fuentes lost to Daniel Thompson in a fall at 2:31.

Marsing 48, Adrian 15 — Trayton Jacobi pinned the Antelopes’ Lincoln Lovitt in just 19 seconds, and Jedidiah Fuentes took care of Clow in 1:05.

The Huskies scored six forfeits. Jonathan Ineck lost a 10-4 decision to Andrade, and Mats Ollenhauer pinned Lafleur in 26 seconds.

Nampa Christian 39, Adrian 24 — The Antelopes got three wins on the mat — Andrade pinned Carson (54 seconds), Clow recorded a fall over Evan Shreiner (22 seconds), and Ollenhauer topped Bowlin (1:25). — TK

MARSING HUSKIES

ATHLETE SPOTLIGHT



Boys’ basketball
Roger Valadez, jr., G
8 points, 3 assists in loss to Liberty Charter



Wrestling
Isai Arriaga, jr., 170 pounds
Two pinfalls in Marsing Duals; Calhoun Classic championship



Girls’ basketball
Jessica Sevy, sr., P
Third-year varsity starter

Girls’ basketball
Varsity
Thursday, Dec. 19, home vs. Nampa Christian, 7:30 p.m.
Junior varsity
Thursday, Dec. 19, home vs. Nampa Christian, 6 p.m.

Wrestling
Wednesday, Dec. 18, home for Marsing Duals, 6 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 21 at Mile High Duals, McCall, 10 a.m.

Go Huskies!

Boys’ basketball
Varsity
Truckstop.com Christmas Tournament (The College of Idaho, Caldwell)
Thursday, Dec. 19 vs. Ontario, Ore., 5:30 p.m.
If win: Friday, Dec. 20 vs. Nyssa, Ore., or Soda Springs, 8:30 p.m.
If lose: Friday, Dec. 20 vs. Nyssa, Ore., or Soda Springs, 2:30 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 21, games at 10:30 a.m., 4:30 p.m., or 7:30 p.m.
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Saturday, Dec. 28 at Homedale, noon



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Sports

Huskies bring experience to mat

Medalist among
7 returning state
qualifiers

Marsing High School brings back a great deal of experience from the squad that placed 21st of 32 teams at the 2A wrestling state championships in February at Pocatello’s Holt Arena.

Ninth-year coach Jon Nelson lost just one athlete to graduation this spring, 160-pounder Kadin Goins. Goins missed a large chunk of the season because of a concussion he suffered in January.

This year’s team of 15 features three seniors: Justin Ineck (138), Jedediah Fuentes (220), and newcomer James Lafleur (285).

Lafleur’s younger brother, sophomore Solon (106), wrestled as a freshman and enjoyed some success in the 98-pound class, splitting four matches at State in February.

Nelson expects a strong season from his group, particularly brothers Evan (126) and Troy Miller (126) and Isai Arriaga (160), all of whom are juniors.

Arriaga medaled at the state tournament in the 170-pound class, finishing with a 6-2 decision in the fifth-place match against Wendell’s Kyler Lukesh.

Arriaga, Solon Lafleur, Ineck, Fuentes (wrestling as Jedediah Crandall), Edgar Flores, and the Millers all represented the Huskies at last season’s state tournament.

In addition to James Lafleur, the Huskies have first-time wrestlers in juniors Domminik Dreyer and Harlee Liles.

Nelson said that sophomore Jonathan Ineck is on course for a good season, too. Jonathan is the younger brother of senior Justin, and wrestling alum Joseph, who graduated in 2018.

The coach also looks for a repeat for Arriaga this season,

perhaps with a deeper run at the state tournament.

“Isai is looking to better himself at State,” Nelson said.

Nelson said that he is really looking forward to the three dual meets that the team will host this season. The first one was last Wednesday; the other two will be held tonight and on Jan. 22.

“We’re also really looking forward to the Magic Valley Classic (Jan. 17-18 in Wendell) to see how we stand as a team,” he said.

Nelson is assisted by Jake Ryska, who is in his first year with the high school squad and second with the middle school, and 2014 Marsing graduate Austin Williams.

Other 2019-20 wrestlers include junior Jacob Goins (195), sophomores Trayton Jacobi (170), Edgar Flores (195), and Jaristian Fuentes (140), and freshman Matthew Goins (120).

— TK

Melba girls stretch streak to 6 games

Four basketball players scoring in double figures lifted Melba High School’s girls to their sixth consecutive victory Thursday.

Kate Clark scored 12 points as the Mustangs routed Weiser, 52-21, in a non-conference game played in Melba.

Owyhee County resident Jordan Dayley scored 11 points

and picked up six steals for the Mustangs (9-1 overall).

Kendall Clark added 11 points and five rebounds, while Keylee Wilson tossed in 10 points.

Maddi Erickson led the Wolverines with eight points.

Last Wednesday: Melba 57, McCall-Donnelly 33 — Kate Clark poured in 23 points

and snagged four rebounds in the Mustangs’ home-court 2A Western Idaho Conference win.

Melba (2-0 in conference) also received 11 points, five rebounds, three steals and three assists from Kendall Clark.

Junior center Jaeda Moyer led the Vandals (5-3, 2-1 at week’s end) with 11 points.

Mustangs trounce 3A SRV foes

Melba High School’s defense became stingier early last week.

The Mustangs held two non-conference opponents under 40 points to establish new season-low point totals allowed in boys’ basketball.

Thursday: Melba 68, Weiser 36 — Joe Reiber scored 15 points, and Henry Clark added

13 as the Mustangs crushed the host Wolverines from the 3A Snake River Valley conference.

Ande Jensen led Weiser with 12 points.

Dec. 10: Melba 55, Parma 38 — Reiber scored 15 points, and Michael Huntsman pulled down 10 rebounds for the host Mustangs.

Kyle Powers scored a game-high 18 points, and Panthers teammate Joe Shaw added 10.

✓ Title: Melba wrestler gets three pins

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Gideon Lowen ended Egusquiza’s tournament with an 11-4 decision in the third-place match.

One other Homedale wrestler picked up a victory:

Julian Ramos, 145 — He beat Vale, Ore.’s Colt Cummings, 16-9, in the second round then saw his tournament end when Helm came up with a pin in 3:45.

Marsing’s Miller brothers accounted for four wins:

Troy Miller, 120 — Miller went on a run after losing in the quarterfinals. He pinned Emmett’s Mason Yancy (1:57) and edged Vale’s Logan Cox, 8-6, before losing to Middleton’s Brody Kemble. Miller reached the quarterfinals with a pin of Middleton’s KC Osmus (2:31).

Evan Miller, 126 — Miller

went 0-2 after reaching the semifinals by injury default against Baker/Powder Valley’s Isael Duran.

Helm posted three consecutive pins in the 145 consolation bracket before running into the Trojans’ Egusquiza.

Helm pinned Middleton’s Bowdy Heck in 2:20, Homedale’s Julian Ramos in 3:45, and Borah’s Braigen Hansen in 2:40.

Liberty Charter trips Marsing boys on road

A bevy of missed shots and a rough first quarter led in large part to the Marsing High School boys’ basketball team dropping its first game of the year.

Host Liberty Charter (2-3) burst out of the gates, dropping 21 points on the Huskies in the first eight minutes of a 42-32 non-conference victory Thursday in Nampa.

It was the Huskies’ lowest point total since a 38-31 loss to Bear Lake in the 2A Real Dairy Shootout consolation final in March. It was the lowest combined point total for a game involving Marsing since the Huskies’ 36-31 win over New Plymouth in February.

Marsing struggled with tempering the Patriots’ energy, Huskies coach Tim Little said.

“(The team) had a difficult time matching the intensity Liberty set right off the start of the game,” Little said.

The Huskies (3-1 overall) topped the Patriots (2-3) to open the season, 47-35.

Marsing junior post Jacob Ankeny struggled with his shot, hitting 33 percent of his

shots (4-for-12) from the floor, finishing with eight points. He went 0-for-5 at the free-throw line.

Ankeny did pull down 11 rebounds to go with a pair each of assists and steals.

Senior wing Merrick Hall led the Huskies with 12 points. He also added six boards and a pair of assists and steals.

Roger Valadez added eight points, including the team’s only successful three-pointer in 13 tries. He also led the squad with three assists.

Senior post Cash Sevy sank a pair of foul shots and accounted for six boards, three from each end of the floor.

“I will break down film, and we will work on issues to get ready for league,” Little said.

The Huskies opened 2A Western Idaho Conference play Tuesday after deadline against visiting McCall-Donnelly.

The team will tip off the three-day Truckstop.com Christmas Classic with Ontario, Ore., at 5:30 p.m., on Thursday at The College of Idaho in Caldwell.

— TK

✓ HHS: It all clicks during Trojans’ first win of season

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Uranga struggled from the free-throw line, hitting just one of six attempts, but he kept possessions alive with three offensive rebounds. He had a team-high six boards overall.

Melba rallied in the second half with a 56 percent field-goal percentage, but Homedale’s defensive rebounding helped

keep the Mustangs at bay. All of Strong’s five rebounds came on the Mustangs’ glass as Homedale held a 16-10 edge on Melba’s end of the court.

Homedale built an 18-11 lead after eight minutes.

“It was multiple guys stepping up that made the difference,” Long said.

✓ Trojans: Hergesheimer starts tourney with quick pin

From Page 12A

Stanfield in the semifinals (4:01), dispatched Vale, Ore.’s Maycee Delong in 47 seconds in the quarterfinals, and stopped Nyssa’s Vanessa Ruiz in 3:48 of their second-round match.

Gracie Rotter finished fourth after losing the third-place match at 105 to Caldwell’s Jocelyn Bautista, who prevailed in 1:13.

Rotter reached the bronze-medal bout with a pin in 2:03 against Nyssa’s Neveah Ortega

in a consolation semifinal.

Lizzy Hergesheimer cruised in her three victories but saw her tourney end in the consolation semifinals.

Hergesheimer pinned Nyssa’s Monica Ibanez in 46 seconds to start the tournament then followed that up with back-to-back pins in the consolation bracket. She put Nyssa’s Dyandra Pack on the mat in seven seconds, then needed just 13 seconds to defeat Ontario, Ore.’s Angelica Scott.

Sports

Jordan Valley squads reach Badger tourney title games

Jordan Valley High School rolled into the final of the Badger Girls' Basketball Tournament.

The Mustangs fell to Joseph, 51-34, in Saturday's championship game at Powder Valley High School in North Powder, Ore.

Jordan Valley (4-2) continues the season Thursday afternoon against Elgin, Ore., to start the three-day Union Bobcat Classic.

Saturday: Joseph 51, Jordan Valley 34 — The Mustangs made it to the free-throw line only three times and were held to just 35 field-goal attempts. The team committed 24 turnovers.

Tayler Eiguren led the team with 10 points and shared the team rebounding lead with Kelsey Gluch at five boards apiece.

Gluch added five points, and Kiana Quintero chipped in six points.

Friday: Jordan Valley 41, Echo 26 — Quintero (five steals) and Kelsey

Gluch (four steals) led an opportunistic defense in the semifinals.

Cassity Gluch led the way with 13 points, and Eiguren added 11. Quintero tossed in nine.

Eiguren had six of her team-high nine rebounds on Echo's end of the floor.

Kelsey Gluch had six defensive rebounds as Jordan Valley held a 19-7 edge on Echo's glass.

Thursday: Jordan Valley 49, Imbler 10 — Quintero poured in 19 points and swiped nine steals in the tournament opener.

Kelsey Gluch chipped in 10 points and six rebounds while coming up with five steals.

Jordan Valley defenders came away with 23 steals, and the team held an 11-3 rebounding edge on Imbler's backboards.

Eiguren added nine points and seven rebounds.

Blaise Warn has emerged as Jordan Valley High School's scoring leader after three games in the Badger Tournament.

The Mustangs (3-3) lost in Saturday's championship game, 58-43, to Joseph at Powder Valley High School in North Powder, Ore.

Jordan Valley continues the boys' basketball season Thursday to start the three-day Union Bobcat Classic.

Saturday: Joseph 58, Jordan Valley 43 — Warn connected on all five of his shots from within the three-point line and finished with 16 points.

He also had eight of his team-high nine rebounds on the defensive glass.

Joseph stymied second-chance shots, holding a 17-3 rebounding edge on the Mustangs' backboard.

Kort Skinner added 13 points for Jordan Valley.

Friday: Jordan Valley 58, Echo

20 — Nearly every player that got on the floor contributed to rebounding as the Mustangs buried Echo in the semifinals.

Skinner had nine points, just missing a chance to give Jordan Valley four scorers in double figures.

Birch Eiguren led the way with 13 points, while Jace Grenke counted three three-pointers among his 11 points, and Warn added 10 points and five defensive rebounds.

Trevor Fillmore led the way with six of the team's 30 rebounds.

Thursday: Jordan Valley 60, Imbler 55 — Warn connected on 12 of 17 shots and carried the Mustangs with a double-double of 26 points and 11 rebounds. The rest of the squad took 31 shots total.

Quinton Collins and Don Youren scored six points each, while Skinner added eight and Trevor Fillmore seven.

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Jordan Valley recognizes fall athletes

The Jordan Valley High School fall sports awards were handed out on Dec. 3.

Middle school football players and volleyball players from the middle school and high school teams were recognized during the potluck dinner.

High school volleyball coach Katelyn Moore celebrated her team's season, which concluded one victory away from the 1A Oregon state tournament.

"I am so proud of my girls for their determination and grit this season. We put together a tough schedule against the best teams all over the state, and they played with a ton of heart and passion," Moore said.

"Qualities like that are a dream come true since they cannot be coached into a player."

The team finished third in the 1A High Desert League and parlayed that No. 3 seed into a runner-up showing at the 1A District 8 Tournament.

Senior co-captain Baylee Davis earned the team's Best Defense award for her work at libero, and fellow senior and co-

captain Becky Mackenzie was named first-team all-district tournament and second-team All-1A HDL.

Moore said the team's three seniors — Davis, Mackenzie and Sandy Brown — "each had a fantastic year."

Tayler Eiguren was named to the all-league first team, while fellow sophomore Kelsey Gluch was a second-teamer.

Honorable mention went to junior Kiana Quintero and sophomore Cassity Gluch.

Kelsey Gluch joined Mackenzie as first-team all-district players, and Eiguren was a second-teamer.

The Mustangs earned the sportsmanship award at the district tournament, too.

"It was so rewarding to watch each member of the team grow and mature together while honing their skills to peak performance," Moore said, adding that she and the players are thankful for the community's support.

"I'm honored to have been a part of this team and am excited to watch them in the future as they continue to grow and mature as all-around athletes

and become competitive young adults."

Rounding out the varsity team awards were:

Most valuable — Eiguren
Best offense — Kelsey Gluch

Most improved and most inspirational — Jill Gammett

Team spirit — Quintero
The middle school football team awards included:

MVP — Bode Johnsrud
Best defense — Ross Eiguren

Best offense — Matthew Stoddart

Most inspirational — Lane Jewett and Alex Williams

Coach's Award — Thayne Stoddart

Hatchet Award — Jayden Skinner

Rookie Award — Zayne Keller

Each middle school volleyball team member was recognized, too:

Ella McConnell, Kendall Matsler, Shailee Rutan, Zoey White, Kyndra Williams, Claire Collins, Jalee Maestrejuan, Lacey Gammett, Meg Eiguren, and Maci Lane.



Three Creek School ready for Christmas program

Three Creek School has packed a lot of learning and analysis into the first few months of the school year.

Upcoming is the annual Christmas program at 6 p.m., on Thursday.

The PTO will serve ham, hot rolls and mashed potatoes during the program. Guests are asked to bring a side dish or a dessert to share as well as an item for the silent auction fundraiser.

The Three Creek School scrapbook will be on display, and PTO members will take orders for those who would like to be a copy.

The students embarked on a fun and educational field trip to the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls.

Some of the educational highlights included learning about embryonics and dissecting

a calf as well as identifying the bones on a horse.

In her monthly newsletter, teacher Dena Pollock also reported the children visited CSI's technology department and watch 3-D printing using both metal and plastic. The students brought home artifacts from the visit.

The field trip also included a museum visit while the Three Creek teachers were in training on campus.

- Three Creek School earned \$215 when the teachers participated in an Idaho Lottery Scratch for Schools on Oct. 23.
- The children wore T-shirts adorned with hand-painted, glow-in-the-dark skeletons when they danced during the school's Harvest Festival on Oct. 24.

The children also played

basketball, corn hole, Indian corn toss and pumpkin ring toss. Pollock thanked Samantha Brackett and Marc Seamans for the games.

- Halloween was celebrated in class with the story "It's the Great Pumpkin Charlie Brown" by Charles Schulz and the movie by the same name. The children also watched "The Haunted Mansion" starring Eddie Murphy.
- "Student-led conferences were a great success," Pollock reported. "Our new kindergarten students were able to show their parents what they had learned."

"Other students had some great things to share from our map-making in September at Newcrest (Mining Co., in Jarbidge) to their Fantasy Maps of lands they created from their imaginations."

- To mark Veterans Day, the children learned how to fold the American flag during a Nov. 14 visit from veterans from Jerome. The children also learned about flag etiquette.
 - The PTO announced that a new cellphone app is available for the "Box Tops for Education" program. To use the app:
 1. Download the Box Tops
- for Education App from the Apple Store or Google Play
2. Enroll in the program — Choose sign up free and pick a password
 3. Designate the school — Three Creek Elementary (choose this name exactly)
 4. Begin scanning in receipts that have box top purchases. Open the app, press scan and follow the instructions.



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Other scores Boys' basketball

Rimrock (1-3, 1-1)
Wednesday — Raiders 55, Idaho City 40
Note — Team snaps 16-game losing streak; 7th win since 2015-16
Friday — Jackpot, Nev., 44, Raiders 29
Saturday — at Jackpot, Nev., tournament (no report)
Monday — vs. Wilder (after deadline)
This week
Friday — vs. Castleford, 7:30 p.m.

Adrian (3-2)
Badger Tournament, North Powder, Ore.
Thursday — Joseph 63, Antelopes 52
Friday — Antelopes 58, Imbler 40
Saturday — Antelopes 53, Bickleton, Wash., 41
This week
Truckstop.com Classic, Caldwell
Thursday — vs. North Star Charter, 10 a.m.
Friday — Opponent TBA
Saturday — Opponent TBA

Girls' basketball

Marsing (0-10, 0-3)
Dec. 10 — New Plymouth 67, Huskies 15
Friday — Vision Charter at Huskies (not reported)
Saturday — Cole Valley Christian 81, Huskies 14
This week
Thursday — vs. Nampa Christian, 7:30 p.m.

Rimrock (5-0, 1-0)
Wednesday — Raiders 69, Idaho City 14
Friday-Saturday — at Jackpot, Nev., tourney (no report)
Monday — vs. Wilder (after deadline)

Adrian (2-3)
Badger Tournament, North Powder, Ore.
Thursday — Joseph 51, Antelopes 32
Friday — Antelopes 36, Imbler 29
Saturday — Antelopes 43, Council 42
This week
Nyssa (Ore.) Christmas Tournament
Thursday — vs. Payette, 6 p.m. MST
Friday — vs. Orofino, 5:30 p.m. MST
Saturday — at Nyssa, 7 p.m. MST

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Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM

On the edge of common sense
Little Christmas Cowboy



He got his first horse at Christmas this year from good ol’ Uncle Stephen.
For Wrangler-in-Charge, he looked pretty young, but looks can be deceivin’.

He topped out his bronc ’fore cook lit the fire with lots of loud Ty Yi’ in’
And if he laid off or slighted the horse it weren’t for lack of tryin’.

He rope broke him quick and taught him to back and hold tight any bad actor.
No critter escaped the reach of his loop; Pooh, Big Bird or the tractor.

They covered the range from sofa to rug and ruled the carpet nation.
The dog and the cat soon gave him wide berth, such was his reputation.

Sometimes he would take his quiver and bow and wear a turkey feather.
“Me Indie,” he’d say and chased buffalo. The plains went on forever.

When Sonny would buck, and he could sure buck, the kid might come unseated.
“Me rodeo, Dad,” then get right back on, scuffed up but undefeated.

Last night after chuck he readied for bed but since he’d not unsaddled
He patted his horse and asked, “Okay, Dad, me, Sonny, check the cattle?”

I mighta been green but I could detect a sucker play unfoldin’.
Just any excuse so he could stay up, each second saved was golden.

“Sure, git on yer horse,” I prompted the kid. He sorta hesitated.
He wasn’t quite dressed to mount up and ride, his inner mind debated.

He gathered his rope and steadied the horse then looked back for permission.
The boss held his gaze, then gave him a nod. He swung into position.

He let out a whoop and rode off to give the herd a quick inspection.
To be a top hand you go by the rules, the height of circumspection.

He’d already learned that young buckaroos must check in with their mamas,
’Cause she’d always said that real cowboys don’t ride in their pajamas.

Letters to the editor
Remember what is important this time of year

How lucky we are! Christmas is coming, kids out of school, college kids home for the holidays, big Christmas dinner, with ham and turkey and five side dishes.
What a glorious time of the year! Just in time for news from the United Nations World Food Program. In Zimbabwe, one of the poorer nations, 2 million are facing starvation, 70 percent of children younger than 2 suffer from anemia, the nation faces its 10th year of drought and famine, they have food and water shortages, high unemployment and a 490 percent inflation rate. And the hardest hit — the elderly, women and children.
Perfect time for a Christmas story. How about a modern adaptation of the Gospel of Luke or what it called the Mary-Martha dichotomy?
Jesus is in the house of Martha having Christmas dinner. Well, no — it would not have been Christmas dinner. Back then — maybe Passover? Or better yet Hanukkah, which comes in December. Anyway, Martha is in the kitchen laboring over a hot stove, and

Mary is in the front room listening to Jesus.
Visibly wrought, Martha comes out and says, “Lord, don’t you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me.”
Jesus answered, “Martha, Martha! You are worried about many things, but few things are needed — indeed, only one. Mary has chosen what is better.”
Does Martha go back in the kitchen? Or does she stay and listen to Jesus?
If she stays, the turkey will burn, the gravy will boil over — who wouldn’t rather stay in the front room and listen to Jesus?
That ending has always bothered me. How about you? I will let you write your own ending to this story. Maybe talk about it over giblets and gravy.
Meanwhile, back in our own Owyhee sheepherder’s cabin, have a very Merry Christmas and a happy New Year.
Ray Heidt
Homedale

Steps can be taken to improve Idaho Ave. pedestrian safety

I share the concern of another reader about the street crossing at Homedale High School at the corner of Idaho Avenue and 2nd Street. (“Motorist worried about pedestrian safety near HHS,” The Owyhee Avalanche, Dec. 11).
Around noontime during the sunniest summer/fall seasons, the crosswalk and students using it become nearly invisible on Idaho Avenue to eastbound drivers who are moving from sunlight to deep shadow

over such a short distance. Out-of-town visitors just passing through must find this hazard point an unexpected shock.
It would help to assure student and adult pedestrian safety to trim back overshadowing trees so the crosswalk remains in fully visible daylight.
Evie Olsen
Central Cove

Oscar Evans, Homedale resident

Impeachment
Legal leaps without bounds



I’ve read the transcript of the phone call between President Trump and President Zelensky. I don’t see any ties or even implications of America being willing to assist President Zelensky only if he helps President Trump with any specific actions.
The only time aid is mentioned relates to the European Union’s apparent lack of support for Ukraine and a reminder that the U.S. is very supportive of Ukraine. It is widely believed that President Trump wanted the EU to pay more of its share of aid and that he was waiting for evidence of that before releasing the full amount of U.S. aid. That is a common tactic in U.S. foreign policy.
So, in order to make a case for impeachment beyond hearsay, personal opinion and sheer hatred of President Trump, I believe Congress must be able to prove that the president illegally or maliciously 1) withheld foreign aid, 2) did so in exchange for cooperation with an investigation into potential corruption involving a former U.S. official and ... 3) that the president wanted that cooperation only because the subject was a potential political opponent.
All three of these elements must be true AND such egregious violations of the powers of the president that they rise to the level of high crimes and misdemeanors that result in his removal from office.
Let’s start with the first. Did he withhold foreign aid? Congress approves foreign aid for a certain fiscal year. This makes the deadline for disbursement Sept. 30, 2019. I think the president usually has some discretion as to when to release the actual funds within the

fiscal year. There are usually conditions and criteria established by Congress that have to be met for the funds to be allocated. But beyond conversations and expectations, if the aid is distributed before Sept. 30, 2019 it is not actually withheld. This should be the end of the story, but ...
The second element is that the president withheld aid in a *quid pro quo* exchange for Ukraine’s cooperation with an investigation into potential corruption by a former U.S. official. The irony of this is that the alleged corruption involves a more obvious *quid pro quo* by former U.S. Vice President Joe Biden, who appears to have secured a multi-million-dollar board position for his son using his power of vice president. But nowhere in a phone call transcript, communication or other medium is there verifiable evidence of withholding foreign aid in exchange for any special personal or political favors.
The allegation that the president wanted cooperation into the corruption investigation requires confirmation or affirmation of intent — not just that he wanted cooperation, but that he wanted that cooperation for his own personal gain. It should require Congress to prove that the President of the United States was concerned about a U.S. official using his position to enrich himself or his family ONLY because that same official is a potential political opponent.
The real question isn’t whether President Trump requested or desired cooperation from Ukraine’s new president because that’s a fair and reasonable

Commentary

Financial management Budget for Christmas to avoid debt, layaway



DAVE Says
by Dave Ramsey • www.davesays.org

Dear Dave,
I’ve never heard you talk about store layaway programs. With Christmas coming, I wanted to ask your opinion of using layaway for buying gifts.
— Meg

Dear Meg,
If you know me, you probably have a good idea what’s coming next. I’m not a huge fan of layaway programs, because they’re not the answer to a problem. I mean, Christmas comes at the same time every year. It’s not like it snuck up on you. What’s wrong with just

saving up money for Christmas ahead of time?
Here’s a good rule of thumb: If you don’t have the money on hand, you can’t afford it. Now, sometimes there are instances when certain popular items are on sale, and you can take advantage of them through layaway if you don’t have enough cash at that very moment. I don’t have a huge problem with this sort of thing, as long as it’s not habitual behavior, and you’re already saving money and living on a budget. Still, I would never, ever recommend using a layaway

plan with fees attached.
It may be too late to budget for *this* Christmas, but I want you to make plans to start living on a written, monthly budget in January. Make it a resolution! Give every dollar a name, on paper, before the upcoming month begins. You can include Christmas spending in those monthly budgets, too. If you set aside a little bit each month from January until next December, you won’t have to worry about layaways or Christmas debt.
Remember, Christmas is about God, and it’s about love.

There are many, many ways to bless people and make them happy without overextending yourself financially!
— 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 16 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](https://twitter.com/DaveRamsey).

✓ Legal: Case against Trump built on flimsy foundation of biases

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expectation by any U.S. president or diplomat involved in foreign relations. It’s whether he did so in exchange for foreign aid AND for cooperation expressly for a certain investigation AND for the express purpose of pursuing a potential political opponent. All of these elements (should) have to be true and proven for the case for impeachment to proceed. The entire case appears to be built on the opinions, assumptions and large leaps of logic by some very biased staffers and bureaucrats.
I’m just a private citizen and political observer with no legal training. I write this because almost all of the analysis by so-called journalists and paid observers seems to follow the typical establishment bread crumb trail that continues to march to the beat of the drum that simply hates Donald J. Trump. And that, my friends, seems to be the best case for impeachment... all in unison because he’s not supposed to be president in the first place.

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Glenn Mollette, syndicated columnist

Handling the holidays Keep a healthy, good-hearted focus this Christmas season



The holidays can be glad, sad or bad. Take your pick and choose a direction.
I choose glad. Who wants to be sad and who needs bad? I don’t want either one, and neither do you. There is enough in life that confronts us every day that has the propensity to get us down.
Don’t go crazy eating this holiday. I hear every year from people who say, “I’m going to eat whatever I want during the holidays, and I’ll change in January.” These are the people who gain five to 10 pounds between Thanksgiving and New Year’s Day. There are reports that some people only gain a pound during the holidays. You and I know better. I know personally that I have gained 10 pounds during the holidays. My scale might be off a pound or two, but it does not lie. The sad, staggering number tells me what I don’t want to see, and there have been times it has been bad and sad! Who needs to start January 2020 10 pounds heavier?!! You don’t need it! Who does?
People literally go crazy eating during the holidays eating “pounds” of candy, cookies and eating the dining room table. You don’t have to eat the kitchen just because you can. Make a determination now how you are going to conduct your eating this holiday. You can have a good plate of food and even splurge on a dessert without busting your waistline. You don’t need three plates of food and four desserts. You’ll be glad if you approach the holidays with some

discretion or you will be sad and feel bad in January if you eat your head off. Now, don’t be mad at me, because you have total freedom on what you put in your mouth.
Participate in Christmas. It’s more fun if you participate in life. Visit some elderly people who can’t get out much. Visit the nursing home. People are lonely in those places. Last Christmas Eve, my wife and I went to the local nursing home and visited the residents. Not one room in that nursing home on Christmas Eve had any family or visitors. It was a very sad, lonely place. If you want to feel good, do good. Take some of your food and give it away before Christmas. Don’t take people leftovers. Maybe there is a family or two that you might help in some tangible way? Think about it, and God will lead you with some good charitable ideas.
This year, remember who and what the seasons are about. Focus on joy, peace and goodwill toward all. Say good words to people. Be kind. Wish the best for others. Help others if and when you can. Don’t say bad things about people, and give people second chances.
Make your holiday strategy today for a season of gladness.
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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	Long Sleeve 3X Tall Shirts (Red or blue), compression socks (shoe size 12) Cologne (any kind)
Male # 2	Old spice, heavy blanket, country gospel music CDs, sweat suit Size Lrg.
Female #1	Hoodie Sweat Jacket 3X, BSU Sweat Shirt 3X, Obsession perfume
Female #2	Small black slacks, sm long sleeve blouse, sm vest (likes blues/purple/reds), slippers Size 7-8, Bath and body works spray and lotion (any scent)
Male #3	Long Sleeve Shirts Tall 3X (blues and greys), Sweat pants 3X, country western CD/DVD likes western movies and music.
Female #3	CD player, music from the 50s and 60s, Old country music, Head phones, bath and body works lotion/body spray (any scent)
Female #4	Sweat suit size 3X (green), Word Search puzzles, Dark Chocolates, Subscription for Reader's Digest. Mumus size 3X
Male #4	Long tube socks (size 10) , Old Spice Cologne, Book: The Unique States of America. Jogging pants L, Long sleeve knit pullover shirt size Xlrg
Male #5	Men's cologne (any kind), Electric Razor, Air Force poster, M sweat suit greys or blacks
Male #6	Electric Razor, Sweatsuit (2Xbottoms, 3Xtops) Socks 10-12.
Female #5	Camis/Undershirts size Lrg, New Born for Real Baby Alive (80+functions), Fashion Sunglasses, Boot style slippers (size 8 Wide)
Female #6	Bath and Body Works Lotion/Body Spray (any scent) Sweat Suit Size 3X (red, blue or pink), Lady's watch. Chocolates.
Female #7	Slacks (size 10), Long Sleeve Blouse (large), Sweater (large), likes reds and blues. Undershirts/camis, Slippers size 10, Pajamas
Female #8	Adult Color books, colored pencils , Pull Over sweaters size 2X, Slacks Size 2X, Hair access, Bath and body lotion/body spray (any scent)
Male #7	Old Spice after shave, History Books,
Female #9	Bath and Body works Rose scent lotion and spray, Fleece night gowns 3X,
Female #10	Baby Wipe Warmer, Blouse and slacks Large, For real baby alive newborn (80+functions), Bath and body works any scent.
Male #8	Electric Razor, Tube Socks size 12, Dak Prescott Jersey (Cowboys) size 2X tall, Subscription for racing/car magazine.
Male #9	Sweat Suit Size 3X, grey/black/dark blue, Old Spice, Electric Razor, Men's slippers Size
Male #10	Cowboy Hat size large (Black), Western Movies, Men's Cross Necklace, Fleece Jacket (2X)
Female #11	Snow Boots (Size 8), Pajamas 1X, Leggings large with long dress/blouse Xlarge, scarf
Male #11	Electric Razor, Aqua Velve after shave, Socks size 9 , Levi's 501 size 31/31, Western shirts Size M.
Female #12	Slippers size 8, bath and body works lotion/spray (any scent) Blouse size large, pants size 8 or M.
Female #13	Sweat Shirt Xlarge, Ipad, Moisturizing Bath Soap, Word Search
Female #14	Ladies Watch, Slacks 2X, Blouse 3X, Pink Teddy Bear, Night gown 3X(cotton)
Female #15	Country music CD, Gospel Music, Bath and body works lotion/spray (any) , Sweatsuit (pink 4X), Grey purse with long strap, Large fuzzy socks.
Female #16	Long Sleeve Button Up blouse 2X, Sweater (button up 2X), Slippers M-9, Compression Socks M-9, Skirt 2X, Dresses 2X
Female #17	Long Sleeve Blouses 3X, Loose knit/stretchy slacks 3X, Slippers 9, Night Gown 3X
Female #18	Hat/Glove and Scarf, Socks M, Bath and Body works lotions/spray, Blouses Size large, slacks Size large.
Female #19	Plaid Flannel Shirts Size Large (36), Socks size 8, Denim elastic waist pants Size Xlarge, Caramello Chcolates
Female #20	Undershirts large, blouses and pants size large, Baby Alive for real newborn (80+functions), bath and body works lotions/sprays
Female #21	Craft Kits, knitting needles, yarn, word search puzzles , Lipstick (light colors), Floral scent perfume, hand held gambling machine
Male #12	CD player, music from 50s/60s, Fleece Jacket 2X,
Female #22	Sweatsuit Size Xlarge, Pajamas Size Xlarge, Women's Fleece Jacket Xlarge.
Female #23	Flannel Plaid Shirts 3X, Zip up hoodies 3X, salt and pepper shakers, Word Search puzzles , cards.
Male #13	Electric razor, cologne, etc
Female #24	3X night gown, sweatsuit 3X (reds or blues), Heavy wrap/shawl, Non-skid socks
Male #14	Electric Razor, Western Boots Size 10,
Female #25	Music Box, Jewelry (Gold Necklace w Cross), Floral scent perfume, Gospel music CDs with headphones and player, Slippers 8-9, warm wrap/shawl
Female #26	Subscription for Guidepost, Mirror on a stand, Skirts size Xlarge, Blouses Long Sleeve Xlarge
Female #27	Zip up hoodie large, women's sweatsuit Size large (blues, greys and blacks),
Female #28	Blouse M and slacks Large, Ladies watch with a pink band (similar to a square smart watch), Camis size M, Chocolates, Beaded necklaces
Female #29	Night gowns size Large (cotton), Chain for her glasses, Blouses M, slacks Large
Female #30	Elec toothbrush, black knee high socks, skirts/dresses size large (pinks, floral, peach, white and navy), Mirror on a stand, pearl dangly earring and necklace.
Female #31	White hat, scarf, gloves, Slippers size M, bath and body works lotions/body sprays, Flannel night gowns size Large
Male #15	Leather Belt size L, Digital Watch, Flannel Shirts Size Xlarge, Vest Xlarge
Male #16	Suspenders, Button up long sleeve shirts 2X Tall, ball cap (outdoors/camo), Hand held fishing video game
Female #32	Sweatsuit (large pant, Xlarge top), Fuzzy socks 8-9, slippers 8-9, Word search , chocolates
Female #33	Large Silk Pajamas, Word search , Unscented lotions, Hershey bars, undershirts/camis Xlarge

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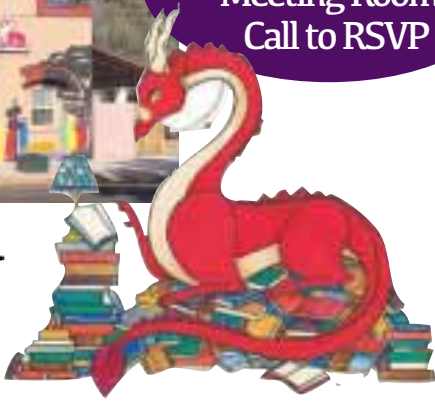

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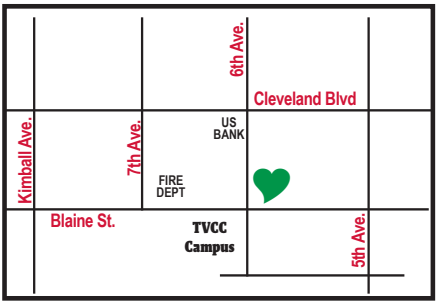
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Dear Santa
SaNTa caN you fly? i Bin good. The toy batman a Toy Gun. i want u To be my friend.
Angel A-R.

Dere Santa
I wish you a merry christmas are the elf bisy are elfs Short I want a world war 2 set and a trip to hwiy and a kittin. I wish you a good flit!
Evan B.

Dear Santa,
How do you get place to place. How do you go around the world in one night? I go get the male. can I please have a real baby car seat thank you. I hope you get around the world safely. I Love you
Blakely B.

Dear santa,
wath is your fabret hous Wath is your favre food Wath is fabret holda Wath si Your fabret kid Wath is your fabret elf Wath is your fabret Wedr Merry Christmas.
Randy C.

Dear Santa
How are you feeling? Are you eating ms. closs cookies? I have ben good in class. Can I have Hachimols and Hamster toys. Hope you get all awand the word.
Ella C.

Dear Santa
Are the elf’s being good? are you being good? I deen good because I help my mom mack food. may I have a movie and tow LoL’s one Boy and One girl. I wish I have a good christmas.
Diana C.

Dear Santa
Can you not cacle Christmas are the elves all most done with the toy’s. I have ben doing what I am sopost to do. I would like the movie atrik strong and bock’s, pjamas and more movies.
Teddy E.

Dear Santu
I hoPe you and your elfs have a good crimis you are nise I rily won’t you to See you and your raneder.
Lynlee G-R.

Dear Santa,
Are the elfs big or small? And are ms. clos’s coockis Good? I have been Good by

Maddyn H., Jamie Bahem’s class, Homedale Elementary



cleaning the Hous. I woud like a dimeind ring plese and 2 Baby dolls That look real plese. I hope you are Safe when you are giving presin
Maddyn H.

Dear Santa
wut do you like for crismis to eat I been good for cleaning my room I can’t wate for my gifs I wiShes that you are flenge good
Ford J.

Dear Santa
How are you doing? are elvs done making toys I ben good by helping my mom cook Diner. I woud like a irnman and an irnspidr and a dinosor
Teagan L

Dear Santa
Are your riandee ok? I have been good dy bing good. Wate I want for crismis is a calling wach I hop you have a good day Kibs are expecting you to be thay good luck santa marry crismisse
Sabre L.

Dear Santa
How many elfs are their How many toys do you make I have ben good by not telling lies I donet care what you bring me santa 4 baby silicone 2 Boys and 2 grills with clothes Geat Jod Santa
Bridgett M.

Dear Santa
How do you go around the

world in one night? What are your Elfs name? I hoPe I’m on your good list because I’ve Been helping my mom with the diShes and Playing outside when She tells me to. Please can I have a PuPPy docter set and baby alive. good luck
Lilla M.

Dear Santa
wut bo you bo in summer? is the Elfs big or small ive been good doing the close can I hav a mincraft lago and a lago I wish you hav a good crismis
Eli P.

Dear Santa
Have you been eating mrs clows is cookies what are your raindeens names I have been good by helping my mom make diner I want a Dirt bike hoverBoard God luck santa
Winston S.

Dear Santa
how did you make toys and go in are houses and I lish to My trchr and I wont a Lago sete and a Tv I hope you a merry christmas
Akili T.

Dear Santa.
Is your Beard fluffy and what is your favorite kind of cookie’s i’ve been good Becase when my mom was working in the office on her cumputer I helped my dad clean the kitchen yesterday my gifts I would like 1. reborn

doll silicone wishes i wish you drive safe
Sophia T.
Dear Santa
How bo you see me is Rodof rell i ben God this yera i wont a Dort Bord for Chrismos Hav a God merry Christmas
Carson T.

Dear Santa
Whats your faveret Food? Whats your favret holday? I have cleen the hous whith my brothers and ben good in class room. I wot for crissmiss tolet paper Gun and a head set and a robot cleener that map shoot water and cleens I hope you get to evre hous.
Blaise U.

Dear Santa?
Santa How do you era the cooes? Santa are de good I to my did and dog I wot shopkini I wihes Santa has a good.
Laynee W.

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Laura Eubanks’ second-graders

Dear Santa,
I have a few queshens for you. How is Rudolf? Who is head elf? How is Mrs. Clous? I take care of my sister. I lissen to my mom. I clean my room. Thank you for last year. I like the bike Please give me a coler wing book. I hope you have a mary christmas
Aniyah B.

Dear Santa,
Hi Santa! How are you doing. How are your reindeers? Your reindeers are so cool. How are elves? Santa I will Start to be nice to my sister, brother, mom, and Dad. I will be nice to my dogs. I hope I’m on the nice list. Thank you last year you gave me a careomshing. Can I have a real puppy. I hope you are safe going to the Nothpole.
Mackie B.

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? How are your reindeer How is miss clause? I have ven nice all year I help my mom cook Breakfast I bin nice to my techer!! Thank you for the lunch Box and the shoes last year. I hope you bring me a Dog a real Dog I hope you Drive Safe.
Laci D.

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I’m wondering how Rudolf is. What do you like about Christmas? I hope I’m on the nice list. I help, play and read to my sister Addisyn. If someone gets hurt I help them. I’m good at school to. Thank you for all the candy and toys. All I want for Christmas is peace on earth and my sister to be happy. I hope you have a good christmas.
Mya D.

Dear Santa,
Wi I want to ask you some qwestons. how are you? Who is your Best elf. how Do you make presets I hope I’m on the nice list. I Play good with Hunter. I play nice with my sisters. I’m good at School. Thank you for the dress you got me. all I want for Christmas please can I have shall and shoes. Thank you Santa I hope you have a good Christmas.
Alejandra G.

Dear Santa
Who built your Slay? Does your Slay take gas? Where do the elves get the stuff to build the toys? When you were



Macy M., Laura Eubanks’ class, Homedale Elementary

littile what did you do? When people get hurt I help them. I say Please and thank you to the lunch ladys at school. I let people play with my toy’s. Thank you for chalk last year. I want a coupel things this year like a odell Beckam Jr Jersey, football, gloves, and football helmet. Thank you so much. And have a good christmas.
Krew G.

Dear Santa,
How many deer do you have? Who made a sleigh? What do elves do? I be a good Boy. I Be a good Boy with my mom. I Behave alot with my mom. I would like a skatebord. I would Like a Luig toys and Big mario kart. I hoPe elves helP you. I hoPe you Bring me Presents.
Cameron G.

Dear Santa
Who is favet Elf. Who is yaor raneder? Who’s yuor best frend. I chride hrd to be nis I have plad fer I sher. I be nise. thank kaw toy robot dinesor. Can I Please have a toy Erplan. I hope of you have a saf ride.
Mason H.

dear Santa
How R u Santa What R Rer favRet cookies. and can I Plece have a fortnite huverbord and I whot a fortnite computer How

meny elves do you have. O and do you have a dog and a cat.
Mason H.

Dear Santa,
Hi Santa! How are you doing? How is Rudolf? I did all of my chores and I listened to my mom. Thank you for getting me the turtle last Christmas. I want a toy ambulance with working doors on it. I also want a toy airplane. I hop you have a Merry Christmas!
Tate H.

Dear Santa,
How many reindeer do you have? How can reindeer fly? I help my mom with do work? I helP my Dad work with the tractors. will you bring me a Real dog and a LoL houes and a BarBie. Also I wold like a cat.
Evelyn J.

Dear Santa,
How do your reindeer fly? Woh is you head elve? How is mrs Claus? I help my SiSters with their chors. I am nice. I help my sisters win they are scard. Thank you for u giting me a brone I hope you have a good time at Home.
Caleb K.

Dear Santa,
I want to ask you sume Qwestons. How boes It get

uP there? How meny elves do you have? What Is your favret color? Will you Ples get me a foot dall, dackIt dall, and a sokor dall. I worked hard at Shool. and I help my dad at home. and I de kind to PePel around me. and I hoPe you have a saf triPe around the world. have a nice chrIsmas. and I hoPe you and miss. clas get a vacadIion after you had a long and crazyzy night.
Macy M.

Dear Santa,
I whondr if it is cool? your koming to my house right? how is your hows? I cleen my room I lesen to my dad I whont a rimot cantrell car. it will be good if you bring me a nintendio and a usP. I’m happy for you and your elves.
Roberto M.

Dear Santa,
How do your reindeer fly? who is you faferit elf? How are you doing? I wrock extru hrad. I am a good frend. I car for people. Thank you for the new shoos. can I ples have a netndo switch Lite that is blue and a puppy. and I hope you like the cookes.
Dylan M.

Dear Santa,
can I ask you some qestens. How cold is the nouth pool? How mutch reindear do you have? I help my sister clean up. I’m Safe by givinge a hand, I help my mom do londrey. Dear Santa may I have a fpone. I hope you have a nice trip.
Nathaniel M.

Dear Santa
how have you been ding What Do the reindeer eat? Do they eat candy kanes? How is Mrs claws? I am kind to my friends and family. I am kind to my grapa and gand muther. Thank you for my PS4 and a Chan. I hope you can give me a XBOXIS I hope you have a good time if you go on a vakashun.
Dalton M.

Dear Santa
Hi Santa! How are you doing? How are your reindeer doing? Who is your favorite reindeer? Santa I am going to try my best to be on the nice list. I will make my bed, listen to my mom and dad. I will also be nice to other kids in my class. Thank you so much for my presents last year. This year I want slime,

a kitten, and mint gum. I hop you get back to th North Pole safly.
Hadley P.
Dear Santa,
I was wondering How do you make all tha presents? how do the reindeer fly? I was good this year. I took trns on the slide. I was resPonsile. Could i Please get a train track car
Hunter P.

Dear Santa
Are you doing good ? How are the raneder ? How is Miss. Clos? I hope the randeer can make it to all the houses. I try so hard to be good at home and School. I try so hard to be nice and help people. I eat helthy food. Thank you for the candy last year. Can I have A huver bord for Christmas ? I hope the randeer can make it to all the houses this year.
Karlee S.

Dear Santa,
I have a few questions. How is Mrs claws doing? What is the main elf? All year I worch’d hard in Scool. I help my fireds learn math. I help my brother clean Stalls. Thank you for the candy last year. I wold like a new wach. I hope you have a safe trip.
Bradee S.

Dear Santa,
I want to ask you a few qwestions. How are the reindeer doing? who is the head elf? Are the presents ready? I always try to be nice. I give my mom hugs. I try to be relly relly nice. I sure hope I’m on the nice list. I try to be nice to my sister. Thank you for the tepy ucuple years ago. Can I please have a horse for my Amaracin gril doll. I hope you hav a good vacation.
Lizzie T.

Dear Sant
I want to asck you a few qwesteons? How do youer rander fly. How do you see us? Howd you make toys? Hi santa I helped my dad with wirk. I helped my mom by fiding dirty cuPs? Cood I have a PS4 and a Nirf gun and new shoos? I hope wen you com you drive safly.
Jesse W.

Homedale Elementary

Kristi Uria’s second-graders

Dear Santa
I like christmas i bin osm because ima nis to my calcc. and i also want to be good at rememebring to be good. i like bendy toys. i will be nis fr stae and my calcc.
Killian B.

Dear Santaclas
May I ask you a questions. SantaClas I was wandering what is yur favorite Christmas cooky? what does Mis. Clas do when you are gone dulivering present at people’s houses? Santa Clas I have washt the dishis when my MoM dinit even tell me I also helpt my breather when my dad dinit even ask me. For Christmas I Would like a pink huverbord with wils that glaw diferent color at the Same time. I would also like an L.O.L houses that is big and an L.O.L 4 omg dalls. have a Merry Christmas
Araya C.

Dear Santa,
Do You like delivering Presents for children? I am trying my best to be good this year. For christmas I want new Nikes that are red with black strings. Size 3 Please. One More thing. a new black jacket.
Damian C.

Dear Santa
I have 2 questions For you How much Preses do you make a year? How much randeer do you have I have bin a rock star at school I have bin haf haf Santa can I have a go Kart and a X dox too and I have a rc car? I hope you have safe flite. Thake you for reading my ledr
Trevyn F.

Dear Santa
Can i asc you a few cweshtins? how do you dlivr presins That fast? Do you like Snow cons, becuse I do. Santa, I have been so good This year by being rspectfol to my frens but They Jest push me away wen i try To help Them. For christmas I wuld like a huvr Bord That has lits Another gift I am wanting is an i phone. I hope you will consider bring me one of These reading my letter I hope you get a hape Christmas!
Sophiah M.

Dear Santa,
Wold you have some time to anser some questions? How do you get across the world



Adrian G., Tina Uria’s class, Homedale Elementary

in one nite? Do you like ice cream? Santa, I was a good boy this year. I gave my frend a cyaon this year. I always do the dishis for my Mom. For christmas, I want a computer that is rownd and has gold strips and is rite out of the box pleas. and can I have a new word srche volume 200? I hope You will give me a gift. I hope the snow bosn’t hurt your sled. Hav a mery christmas.
Michael M.

Dear Santa,
may I ask a few questions.? How many elvs do you have in your workshop? were do you get candy from? do you go to walmart to buy Presents? Santa I have been so good this year. First of all I have let the dog out without being asked second I have got my work done. For christmas I would like a black cat another gift i am wanting is a gold cat. thank you for reading my Letter!
Max M.

Dear Santa
I have some questons for you. How many cookies do you eat each year? I was wundering do like the snow? Santa, I think I am on the good List. Frist of all I picket room without being told. I also helped my bother when he fell down. For Christmas I want a Trojan Home dale foot ball that is black orange and white. I would also like a for wealar to. I hope you have good weather

and a mrrey Christmas
William M.

Dear Santa,
Can you ansr sum questions for me? How do your raindeer fly? Do you have a lot of kids on the Noty List? Santa, I’m sure I’m on the Nice Liist because I fed the horeses with out beeing toold. I also wotred the cavs without beeing toold. For christmas, I wonta a sorool hores a bloo huverbord that litse up and a noo set of Snacke Ranse. If you are able to giv it to me plees do if not plees do not. Thanks for reading my letter. I hope you have safe travouls on Christmis nite
Cash M.

Dear Santa,
Can I aske you some questons? I was wandering if you see any poler bears at the North pole. Do you have a Cristmis tree? Santa, I’ve been working hard to be good this year ! First of all, I helped my mom. I also been a charm in school! For Christmas, I would like a shiny rambo huver bord, A 3d pen and a real listic girl reaboren doll. I hope you at least bring me one of those things. Thanks for reading my letter and i hope you have a good Christmas !
Emma M.

Dear Santa
May I ask How many rian deer you have? What is your

favorit book? Santa I have been so good this year! Santa I’m sure I am on the nice list. first of all I take my trash out for my mom and ollso I go to sleep when my mom says. for christmasas would like a ktm elecher dirt bike please I also a sooper soft blakit can it be red or a akto blakit. Maery christmsi to you I hope you have a nice travel
Talon M.

Dear Santa
For Christmas I wanTa Monster High Doll thank you your friend
Page S.

Dear Santa clauls,
May I ask you two question? How many randers do you have? Do your elvs ever get a vacashin? Santa, I have been so good this year, I’m sure I am on the Nice List, Frst of all, I cleen my room without my mom telling me too do it. I also washed the table in our liveing room. For Christmas, I would like new snow boots, size 13, that are blue, pink, and purple. The tise are white and yelo. Also a new bike. It has a pink bell on it and traneeing weelse. I hope I am good unuf you will give me one of theres. Thank you for reading my leter! I hope you have a happy Christmas.
Mackenzie P.

Dear SanTa,
MayIaskyousomequestions? How much snow is in the north pole? What’s your ellf’s and rain dears names? Santa may I tell you how I have been good this year? I met a latty that is diffrent. I wrote notes to her and made her so happy. I help my dad stack wood for winnter! For christmas, I would like an Amaizing LOL box. Another presint is a meateyum pink forweeler with a unicorn horn on it, regyuler shape glittey weels, and a baskit on the front and a unicorn horn helmit. Thanks for your time. I hope you are safe when you fly in the sleigh!
Kassidy R.

Dear Santa,
can I ask you a question? I was wondering how your randeer eat? How does your efs eat? Do you feed them food? Sata I have been good this year. I go feed cows without being told. I go brand cow with out being told. For chrismas i wold lika blue

moder dirt bike and more toys like a cattle hauler truck and bull riding shutes.
Cooper R

Dear Santa Clos,
Haw mene deer do Yoo hav? Santa I worked so hord to be on The Nice List. I have bin Nice to tak The goat out. I klen my Dog PooP from The yord. For christmas I wou like Rodix Robux and Nintendo Swich. I hoPe yoo will consider bringing me one of these Presents. Thanks for reodg my letrr.
John S.

Dear Santa,
Can I ask you some queshtions? I was wonrdeing how many kids are on the Good List? I was wonrdeing how many randeer do you have? Santa, I shared my toy with my sister because she is nice to me. I am nice to my Sister, mom, and dad. and I take the chrash out. I’m sure I am on the Good List. I have been So good this year. For christmas, I want a new backpack with a uonuckone on it pink purple and bule. I want the uonuckone on the side. I also want a new bike with pink purple and bule on it. Last I would like Hi hels plese with black on them. Thaks for reading my letter. I hop you have a good christmas!
Jordan W.

Dear Santa
Can I ask you a questions? How are your ranedear? Are they being good? Do your elfs ever gita day off. How many Kids are on the Good List Santa I took owt the trach with out being asked and I did the dog pup! As you can see I’ve been very good! for Crismis I wont a xbox one with Fornite a scate bord thats red and a Endtl thats red and bluw. You dont have to Get ol ef the stuf thans for reading my letter I hope you have a safe flite
Joey W.

Dear Santa,
1. 12-2-19. 2. How many elves do you have How do you know if I am bad or good? 3. I em trieing my best to be good. 4. minecraft play set and minecraft lageos. 5. I hope that you Mrs Claus and Reindeer are having a wonderful year 6. your happy helper
Seeley W.

Homedale Elementary

Tina Uria’s second-graders

Dear St. Nick,

How are you? I help my mom cook i help my mom Bac cookies. I would really like for Christms a lot of leather anD faBric.

Billy A.

Dear Santa,

How have you been? What cine ave chookies do you licke? I have been good this year. I cleen my house. I wood licke a dragon ball super toys for Christmos. Im exciited to open that present. Have a mary chrismos santa.

Juan A.

Der Sata

How are do youthr? How many elves do you good I would relli liik Rad Pifull blad car for Christmas. Ples celebiste chrimas tis year. Plece truavel safely. Havae merry christmas!

Layne A.

Dear Santa

how are you I’m good how ma toys do you have how are you this year? I have been good this year I have been working around The house. I have been pulling weeds. and cleen around The house because I get presents. and I wat to de a good kid decause my Whon’t a newa viteo gan and I Whon’t a Jacket and an Eagles hat

Julien A.

Dear santa,

How are you doing? do you like marshmellose in your hot choclet? do you give the reindeers caret? do the reindeer stink? I have been helpful this year. I helped Whith my baby brother. I helped my mom put chirimas decrashens up. I droled a picture for my teacher. I would relly like a hoverdard, FluFy chair, mini pig, stroler, baby alive, carer for chirimas. I cant whate to open presents. I hope you have a good chrimas brown pink minipig horse black hoverard FluFy chair that is gray

Aubree A.

Dear Siant, Nick

How are you doing this year? do your riandeer like cotin candy? do you have pawers? how much elfs do you have. I have ben very nice, Good this year. The thing I want for christmas is two things a fuzzy pupy and a hoover board. invezubule

cape. if your wondering ware I Live it is in Wilder I.D. homedale make shore you share the cookies with your elfs.

Shane B.

Dear Sarta

Howd Tau git in my has I have been good. I wou’d lide a camera for christmas please Have a merry christmas

Yahir C.A.

Dear Santa,

What are your favorite cookies? How do yow read spanish How are you doing this year? I have been helpful this year, I cleaned I did the Laundry put dishis away, I take care of my pets nice to friends, I did chores. I would really like a hoverboard, unicorn, toy horse, family doll, green and blue hat, deer, frozen 2 toys and hatchimals. I’m excited to celebrate Christmas. Please travel safley. Have a merry christmas

Kynleigh C.

dear Santa

How R u Santa What R Rer favRet cookies. and can I Plece have a fortnite huverbord and I whot a fortnite computer How meny elves do you have. O and do you have a dog and a cat.

Cooper C.

Der Santa,

How have you been? Whot is yor favret coocki? I have been good this year. I take kar of my Pets. I would like a Play mobel ark for Christmas. I am excited For Christmas. Have a merry Christmas.

Violet F.

Dear Santa,

How are you. What is you’r favorite reindeer. How many marshmallows do you like in your hot coco. What are you’r favorite cookise. I have been nise this year. I have doing laundry. And takeing care of My puppy. I Woud realy like a drone and a phone and also a tickit to Hawaii. Please travel safely. Have a merry christmas!

Quinn F.

Drar Santa,

for chrisas I want a football gloves and football. How are you this year did Mrs. Clas give you peresis of christas! pleae travel safely Have a merry christas!

Adrian G.



Aspen V., Tina Uria’s class, Homedale Elementary

Dear Santa,

this is my second list I’m sorry if it is too much things but I have been helpful this year. I helped out with chores and I did kind things for Hunter and Maddie. These are some things I want for Christmas. 1. my own x box one 2. a skate board that is blue How are you doing this year? Do you like marshmallows in your coco? I am exited for Christmas this year. Please travle safely and have a Merry Christmas

Raevyn G.

Dear Santa

I want a hvrderd and a pokit nife and a fone. What is your randers name. I have ben nise to my bruht. I helpe bo The londre I help my bruthr whith his room. merry christmas

Colton G.

Dear Santa,

How are you doing? do like cooking? I w’d really like minekrafalego for christmas Im excixed to celebrate

christmas this year. Please travel safely. Have a merry christmas!

Kolten K.

Dear Santa,

How have you been? What is your favret coockis? I have been good this year. I help my mom to clen up the hose. I wood like LoLs and barbis and boots and a blanket for christmas. I am excited to open presents. travel safely.

Carina L.

Dear Santa.

How ane you this year? Hou many elves do. I have binn nis tis yera I would really like a rc car for christmas, PokemoN gakit tablet I’m excited to celebrate h day Homdell

Dallan M.

Dear Santa,

I hope you had a good year. How many elfs work with you? I’ve been good this year. I have done my chores. for chrstmas I want a ninja sword, ninja set, and Thor’s

ax. Have a fun Christmas with Mrs Claus.

Jayden M.

Dear Santa,

How are you this year? How many elves do you have working? I have been nice this year. I have helped my mom with dishes. I been helped take care of my cat and Dog. I feed my Dog and cat. I would really like a LoL and phone for christmas. I’m excited to celebrate christmas this year. Happy holiday. Homdell.

Erika S.

Dear Santa,

Haw ae yu dooeg was your favrit coocy I Bin gud. I HelPt clean. I wot a LoL Fussy Pet and a FluFy uoonucorn and a trangan.

Hapy crmis

Emily S.

Dear Santa,

How have you been? What do you fede you’er ranedr. I

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Marsing Elementary

Dorothy Hutchings’ second-graders

Dear Santa Claus

Hello, how are things going at the North Pole? For Christmas I would like a tablet, chocolate, and a new teddy bear.

Julian B.

Der Santa,

Hello, how are things going in the work Shop? I want a dirt biKe, iphone X, and a gun Scope for Christmas. I hope you have a great Christmas night.

Elias B.

Dear Santa Claus,

Hi, what have you and your elves been up to? For Christmas may I have a twisty pet, fluffy dog toy, and a big coloring book with markers, I wish you and mrs. Claus a Merry Christmas

Nadia C.

Dear Santa Claus,

Hi, how did you get so many reindeer? I would like Slime, gum, and a phone. I hope you have a good christmas,

Kenna C.

Dear Santa,

How are you and your rein deer at the North Pole? for Christmas may I have a teddy bear Slime, and a tree House? Have a good flight

Olivia C.

Dear Santa Claus,

How are you doing at the North Pole? I would like a tablet, teddy bear, and a coloring book.

Ariyah D.

Dear Santa Claus,

Hello, how are things going at the North pole? I would like a goodrem, RC car, and a PS4. I hope you have Safe travels on Christmas Eve

Dallas D.

Dear Santa,

Hi, what Have you and your elves been up to? For Christmas could I get my own hi-tech drone with a camera, a PS4, and an i phone X10?

Barrett E.

Dear Santa,

Hello, how are you doing? can I please have a coloring book, a Squishy and a lego Kit?

Elayne H.

Dear Santa,

Hi, I was wondering how you make presents. Please can I have a LoL Doll, phone,

and tablet for Christmas? I hope you can sread the world with presents.

Allyson J.

Dear Santa Claus,

Hello, how are your reideer? for Christmas mag I have a toy reindeer, reindeer, slime and a unicorn book

Emily A.

Dear Santa Claws,

Hello, how are things going at the North Pole? May I have a new camera, new color shoes, and new underwear for christmas? I hoPe your reindeer have speed on Christmas Eve.

Cooper P.

Dear Santa,

How are you doing at the North pole? For christmas I would like advances, a Puppy, and a R/C monster truck. I hope you have a nice Present delivered.

Joseph R.

Dear Santa Clous,

Hello, how are thing gornng at the North Pole? For christmas may I have takis, an a XboX with four controls, and the Incredibles game?

Ace S.

Dear Santa

Do you have a Christmas tree? I want a Squishy, slime, a star, and a doll.

Bella S.

Dear Santa,

Hi, I don’t want much for Christmas. I would like all the Black Lagoon books except number thirteen, a ballet outfit with flat tipped shoes, and most of all for my family to have a good Christmas. Merry Christmas.

Taylor S.

Dear Santa,

Hi what have you and your elves been up to? For Christmas may I have a no gravity car, a dirt bike, and a Marshmallow Sweat shirt? Have a good night delivering presents.

Brey S.

Dear Santa Claus,

How are you, your reindeer, and elves doing? I want a giant teddy bear and a Phone for Christmas.

Keven T.

Dear Santa Claus,

Hi how are you, Mrs claus,



Alicia W., Dorothy Hutchings’ class, Marsing Elementary



Olivia C., Dorothy Hutchings’ class, Marsing Elementary

and reindeer? For christmas may I have a squishy, LoL Doll and a giont bucket of Slime? Have a Merry Christmas

Fernanda V.

Dear Santa Claus,

How are you and your reindeer doing? For Christmas I would like a new jumprope,

umbrella, and a Christmas tree squishy. I hope you and Mrs. Claus have a Merry Christmas.

Alicia W.

Marsing Elementary

Wendy Stansell’s second-graders

Dear Santa,
how are you? I am thankful for my famliy. I would pleas like a hatch amal and a barbie truck.

Isabel A-M.

Dear Santa,
I have a question? How is Mrs Claus?, and am thankful for Jesus and my School, and can you bring me a new bike that is black and some new boots and a new math book, please Santa.

Adriana B.

Der Santa,
How is the poor Express? I am thankful for my family and my friends. may I have a puppee and a Lego Set for Christmas.

Cyrus B.

Dear Santa,
How is mrs claus? I am thankful for my family, my frends and Jesus. I want slime, squishgs, and a big Barbi castle. thank you

Jordyn C.

Dear Santa,
Are the reindeer working hard? I am thankful for my family, my scool, my friends, food and water, my pets, my teacher, and my house. Can I please have a lol dolls house, and lols, and games

Chloe E.

Dear Santa
How are you? I am thankful for Jesus I woud like a nintendo and a Phone.

Joseph F. Jr.

Dear Santa,
Are The rein deer Working hard? I am thankful for my Pets and Family and teacher. I Want a kitten. a game, a Pichu Plush.

Ashlynn H.

Dear Santa.
are the reindeer working hard? I am thankful for my family. and can I pease get Super mario Bros. wii and a 3D pen?

Jordan I.

Dear Santa
How is Mrs Claus? I am thankful for my school. May i have and Bopeep doll from Toy Story. plese. A Castle from frozen 2 and elsa and Anna dolls

Marka M-L.

Dear Santa,
How are the elves I am thankful for Jesus. can I a



Jordan I., Wendy Stansell’s class, Marsing Elementary

barbie house and a stuffed animal. Merry Christmas.

Aspen P.

Dear Santa,
How are you? I am thankfull for my theacher. i am whishing for is. a Lego Set, a drone, and Some pokemon cards Pleas.

Pablo R. Jr.

Dear Santa,
Are the reindeer working hard? I am thankful for My family, friends, house, food, pets, water, school, teacher. Can I please have lol dolls and lol house, games.

Kenzie R.

Dear Santa
How is mrs claus? I am thankful for my family christmas I want a Puppy, squshies some color books

Bambi R.

Dear Santa
are the feindeer working hard? I am thakful for friends and Jesus I would like like a tasleta a phone and a dirt Bike. merry christmas

Dominik T.

Dear Santa
How are you? I am thakful for my pets and my house. would you bring me a face mask please?

Andrew W.



Amelia M., Mary Westrand’s class, Marsing Elementary

Marsing Elementary

Mary Westrand’s second-graders

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? for christmas I want french brit necklace and a color changing color pollw that is colorful and head phones Have a good Christmas! Merry Christmas

Josslyn A.

Dear Santa,
How do you get into houses? I want a pretty dress and a few Barbies and a necklace. Tell Rudolph that I said hi. Thank you

Josephine A.

Der Santa,
How are the Elves doing in the workshop? I would like a phone and a tablet and earbuds for Christmas. Have a merry Christmas.

Kariah B.

Dear Santa
How is Mrs claus doing? I want a basketball hoop and a tablet. I also want a hoverboard, Have a Merry Christmas

Alyssa B.

Dear Santa
Are you real? I want a ear piercer, a electric scooter, and L.O.L dolls. Hope you have a Merry Chritmas!

June B.

Dear Santa,
How do the Elves build the toys. I Want for Christmas a nerf gun. I Want for Christmas a Computer and a dog stuffed animal. Have a good Christmas day.

Kestin C.

Dear Santa
I want a really Rad robot and, a Avencher Boat and a nerf gun. Thak you for the gifts.

Jeremy C.

Dear Sant
How do you get presents to The kids? I want a Bee keeper Barbie. I want a Pink Dress. I want a New Shoes. Have a good Day Santa.

Kris R. B.

Rosalba G.
Dear Santa
Are you real? Is the magic real? I want a OMG LOL doll, a Little arcade Game, and an electric globe. Hope you have a Merry Christmas.

Vienna G.

Dear Santa
How are you doing? For Christmas I want a doll, Jacket and a pillow Have a good Christmas day.

Genesis H.

Dear Santa,
Are you ready for Christmas? for Christmas I want a pop socket, scrunchies, and hoverboard. Have a good day.

Miray I.

Drar Santa,
How do make toys? I would like big toys, an Elf on the Shelf and a big pillow. Have a good ChrIstmas.

Breanna L.

Dear Santa,
Santa how do the Elves make toys? I would like a hoverboard, camera and a dog plushe. Have a good Christmas day

Amelia M.

Dear Santa,
How do you get to the homes so fast? Would you get me a Minecraft game? Would you get me a nerfgun? Would you get me a PS4? Thank you for the presents.

Benjamin M.

Dear Santa
Is Mrs Claus coming? I would like a boomerang, cars and a bearded dragon. I hope you have a good Christmas.

Jameson M.

Dear Santa,
Are your reindeer good? I want a hoverboard, an arcade and a nerf gun. Thank you for the presents.

Kris R. B.



Ace S., Dorothy Hutchings’ class, Marsing Elementary



Cyrus B.,
Wendy
Stansell’s
class,
Marsing
Elementary



Aubree A., Tina Uria’s class, Homedale Elementary

Three Creek School

Dena Pollock's students

12/5/19

Dear Santa,

This year I have been good and these are things my mom, dad and I would want for Christmas. My mom would like a Niel Diamond book for Christmas my dad would love a giant Yeti onesy to wear on Christmas this year.

I would like a Disney Lego Disney Train for Christmas please. And I love Rudolph so very much. Thank you Santa

Sincerely,
Addy B

3rd grade

12/5/19

Dear Santa,

I think I have been good all year. If it is not too much trouble, I would like a present for my mom, dad, and me. For my mom, I think she would like a necklace with a turquoise cross charm. For my dad, I think he would like a dark blue teacup. And for me, I would like a locket necklace with a picture of my dog, Charlotte. I hope it is not too much trouble. I really appreciate it.

Yours truly,
Sarah B

4th grade

12-5-19

Dear Santa,

I want a umm for Christmas for my friend.

Chayna

Kindergarten

12-5-19

Dear Santa,

I want a toy horse for Christmas.

Yours truly,
Lily

Kindergarten

12/5/19

Dear Santa

Big key slippers for me.
Fuzzy slippers for mom
Long underwear for dad please.

Ellie Bracker

1st grade

12-5-19

Dear Santa Claus,

You probably receive thousands of letters every year from children. I'm just guessing, but my dad would probably like warm Winnie the Pooh pajamas. His birthday is also in December. I have some really good advice: give all my siblings coal. Just kidding. I, myself, would like a puzzle book (I really like word searches and maze mazes). Thank you, I'd appreciate it.

Sincerely,
Bella B

6th grade

Grand View Elementary

Sarah Baker’s first- and second-graders

Dear Santa,
first I want a Kittin and a Dog. SeconD I want a snowflke toy. ThirD I want a Catboll. Last I want som reb Shoes. Merry Christmas!
Rubi R.

Dear Santa,
first i want a motercikel with a par of shos anb chlous to fib. secentnd I want a Kibs Buz fore cD? third I want a hoverBorB
Wyatt L.

Dear Santa,
I Whish to get a kiD woch, and geT LoLs sPris Dol and GTr and 2 Hachmols Spriziz
Reva W.

Dear Santa,
first I want a box ful of gum for my friend. Second I would like a exbox. third would you please bring me Some

Shoe’s. fourth I would lik a L.o.L sprise doll. Fifth I want a galc.ll. Sixth dalls with big dress’s. Seventh I would like Lagos. eth I want a i-Pad.
Harmony C.

Dear Santa,
First I want a big Lego Box. second I want a puppy. third I want a toy Lamd. firth I want a iPhone. fifth 100000 dolars. Sixth I want a watch. Seventh a car that has no batary. I want a Leperckon. I want a toy santa I want a real Plane.
Dominic O.

Der Santa,
I wot a LOL home. N uprl Beus he is ceot. I has a tay Beus he is. he has a gratd. he has a gratb.
Karely H.

Dear Santa,
I Wot a LoL homes. I Wot

a cat FoR Creses. I LoVe Satucloz you cute. I liKe your levs. Satucloz cod you Love.
Aramari M.

Dear Santa,
First i want a game Kaued call of duty warfair Second i wanT a ufo third i want a lamBoghini last i want a lot of hot weels!
Wyatt W.

Dear Santa,
I want A BarBy and A Barby camper. I wont as mene things that you can find That are Supise.
Ruby D.

Dear Santa,
first nrf gun. Second a ulecrik loder. third 10 gold fish. Fouth tank. Fifth a ulekrik cop car. Sixth a sled with ran ber. Sevith a ulekik brt Bike.
Easton L

Dear Santa,
first I want Legose. Second I would like A reeBorn. Third would you pleas bring me noow rolrBlades. forth I would like A nowBorn kittin A real one. fith I would like A huvirBorD. si6th I would like A ipaD.
Annabella B.

Dear Santa,
first I would like a toy car. Second I Want a train. tird I Would like a dig tetea Bear of Santa. forth I would like to give love to my family. fith I Would like a barby dream house. Sixth I Would like a cofe train for my mom and Dad to give my loVe to mom and dad and the teacher.
Nattally A.

Dear Santa,
My first I would like a toy tank. I want a xbox. I want a toy army truck. I want a

toy Santa and a Sled with rain deer. Would you please bring me a ulekik tank. My second I want a hoverbord. I want a box oF gold fish.
Wade C.

Dear Santa,
first I would like a toy tank. Second I want a toy loder that I can ride in. Third I want a toy truck that I can rid in. fourt I want a army truck. Fifth I want a iPad last I want a leprcon. I hoPe you bring me all of the stuf on the PaPer.
Baylan W.

Dear Santa,
First I want makup. Second I would like a huvrbord.
Ali C.

Dear Santa,
I wont a gam ckLbn selda. I wont a SLed
Eduardo S.



Jameson M., Mary Westrand’s class, Marsing Elementary



Lizzie T., Laura Eubanks’ class, Homedale Elementary

Shane B., Tina Uria’s class, Homedale Elementary



Josephine A., Mary Westrand’s class, Marsing Elementary

Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

25 years ago

Dec. 21, 1994

A Christmas Story...

Anonymous donors in Homedale make this Christmas a holiday to remember

Christmas almost didn’t happen for a number of underprivileged youths in Homedale this year.

Time was winding down before the local charities distributed food and gifts to area families, and some 35 tags were still waiting to be filled from the trees of the Wishing Tree Organization.

Fortunately for the kids, that’s when the Christmas spirit infected a pair of Homedale businessmen.

“I’d heard that their drive wasn’t going too well,” said one of the men, speaking on condition of anonymity, “that there was a lot of names left. I got on the phone with (the other businessman) and we got fired up.”

That afternoon the pair went from store to store in Homedale, collecting an estimated 20 Wishing Tree tags, then went on a whirlwind shopping trip in which price was no object.

“Yeah, well, it’s Christmas time,” they say. “We didn’t even really keep track. We just went on a wild shopping spree.”

Marsing residents to pay city for irrigation

A legal notice which appeared in the Dec. 14 issue of the Owyhee Avalanche may be causing some confusion among Owyhee County residents who used to pay bills to the Gem Irrigation District, Marsing City Clerk Janice Bicandi says.

The city of Marsing has taken over the district’s billing in Marsing and some of the surrounding area, and according to Bicandi, customers in those areas still need to send their payments to Marsing City Hall.

Barlow again leads Chamber

The Homedale Chamber of Commerce came under new leadership Tuesday, Dec. 13, and consequently may be heading in some new directions in 1995.

Kevin Barlow, owner of both the Homedale and Marsing locations of Ferdinand’s Pizza, was elected president at the group’s last meeting and will serve for a year, until elected vice-president Eric Wilson fills the position.

“We’re trying to make some changes, and they voted me in as president,” Barlow says. “In time we’re going to have some board meetings and get some direction about where we want to go.”

“We need to decide what we feel is most important to do in the community as a Chamber,” he states. “We’re trying to just bring it and make it a better thing.”

Extra board meetings in the coming months, he says, will help the group set its priorities.

Also, the Chamber president in 1993, Barlow says some of his early goals this time around will be to increase attendance at the group’s meetings (it now meets the first Tuesday of every month), and to help the organization keep a balanced point of view.

HHS hounds Huskies 89-45

Homedale was too tall, too fast, and too strong for a shorthanded Marsing Husky team Tuesday, Dec. 13, which lacked the stamina to keep up with the deeper bench and bigger bodies of the Trojans and lost 89-45.

“We were just tired,” Marsing coach Stu Barrus said afterward. “Our legs were gone.”

With their height and high-pressure defense, the Trojans put on quite a show, actually, making the Huskies pay for their fatigue on both ends of the court.

50 years ago

Dec. 18, 1969

New Homedale bridge well on way to completion

The new Homedale bridge was approximately 74 percent completed by Dec. 1, according to Dean Headrick, engineer for the state highway department.

He said the schedule calls for completion of the bridge contract except for painting by early March. Painting can be done later, even after the bridge is in use.

Work can continue through the winter of pouring concrete on the deck, although cold does pose a problem, he said.

The concrete must be kept above 70 degrees for three days after pouring, or above 50 degrees for seven days. Concrete was being poured this week in ideal fall weather.

Visqueen and plywood sheeting is used to contain heat around the concrete while it is curing. A high wind such as the one last Thursday whips the Visqueen to pieces and causes considerable damage, he said.

The bridge has an overall length of 687 feet, 2 inches, he said, with two 16-foot travelways and a 5½-foot sidewalk on the downstream side. Overall width is 41 feet, 2 inches.

The finished grade is 25 feet above the average high-water mark in the center of the bridge. There is a 1.4 percent slope from the north (Canyon County side) to the south (Owyhee County side).

Bottoms of the pier footings (center piers 2 and 3) are approximately 11 feet below stream bed, and set on blue silted clay, well compacted.

The steel bridge girders weigh a total of 708,600 pounds. They are 6 feet, 8 inches high. End spans 1 and 5 (Owyhee to Canyon) are 105 feet, 4 inches long. Spans 2 and 4 are 145 feet, 9 inches long, and the center span (No. 3) is 185 feet long.

Owyhee students find Boise State popular school

A number of students have attended Boise State College from Owyhee County during the fall semester. Enrolled from Homedale High School are:

Allen M. Bidwell, Frosh, social science; Clayton Brumett, Frosh, general business; Elaine J. Carpenter, Junior, English, secondary ed option; Rick D. Chandler, Soph; Karen A. Ford, Frosh; Barbara M. George, Frosh, nursing major (R.N. program); John A. George, Frosh;

Jeffery Glanzman, Junior, general business major; Mary M. Graham, Soph; Sylvia L. Hansen, Frosh; Jeffery L. Haylett, Frosh, physical education, secondary ed option; Claire L. Jemmett, Frosh, social science, secondary ed option; James M. Kelly, Frosh, physical education, secondary ed option; Debbie M. Kushlan, Frosh, elementary education – 4 year; Lister D. Leavitt, Frosh, auto body; Fred G. Levanger, Frosh, pre-architectural;

Fred J. Lukson, Soph, psychology; Anthony A. Maher, Senior, history, secondary ed option; Larry G. Maybon, Frosh, physical education; Jeanette Meininger, Frosh, general-liberal arts major; Kenny W. Nafsinger, Frosh, criminology major; Catherine E. Phelps, Soph, general-liberal arts major; Darlene C. Pline, Frosh, Spanish major;

Marcia L. Richards, Frosh, elementary education-4 year; Allen Search, Frosh, general-liberal arts major; Larry L. Search, Soph, general-liberal arts major; Robert T. Simon, Frosh; Michael Tracy, Senior; Raymond Tracy, Soph, elementary education-4 year; Richard L. Waite, Junior, elementary education-4 year; Dale G. Westby, Frosh, chemistry; Teri J. Wilson, Junior, biology, secondary ed option.

145 years ago

Dec. 19, 1874

Almost a Fire.

About half-past eight o’clock last night, Silver City was startled by that dreadful of all cries, “Fire ! Fire ! ! Fire ! ! !” and flames were seen bursting from the roof of Leslie’s photograph building adjoining the AVALANCHE office on the north. Fortunately the night was calm, and the crowd that instantly collected soon succeeded in extinguishing the flames before much damage was done. Had the wind been blowing as it frequently does here, the greater portion of our town would doubtless now be in ashes. The fire caught from the stove-pipe and was the result of carelessness in letting it fill up with soot which sooner or later was bound to burn out. If people will not be more careful, the expenses of a City Government had better be inflicted on our town in order that measures for mutual safety can be enforced. Silver City has had many miraculous escapes from the fire fiend, but will fall a prey to the devouring element one of these days, if something be not done to check the criminal carelessness that so extensively prevails.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS.-

The old Board of County Commissioners held its last meeting yesterday afternoon and accepted the official bonds of the incoming Sheriff, C. M. Hays, and of the Assessor elect, R. S. Miles. Several bills against the county were allowed, and an order made to procure firewood for the use of the Court House and jail. The new Board will hold its first meeting on Monday, January 5th, 1875

BACK AGAIN.-

That jovial old resident of Owyhee, Mike Phelan, arrived from Boise City on last evening’s stage. Since leaving here over two years ago he has visited nearly every camp in this Territory, as well as Utah and Montana, and at last, like most of those who go away, he has drifted around this way again, convinced that Owyhee is about as good a place to stick to as any.

THE TELEGRAPH PETITION.-

Platte Burr went over to the Capital this morning with the names of over 300 of our principal citizens attached to the petition praying for Territorial aid to extend the telegraph line from Silver City to Rocky Bar, Boise City, Quartzburg, Idaho City, and other points in the Territory. In signing the petition the citizens of Owyhee have again manifested the liberal spirit for which they are so justly celebrated. In common with all well wishers of our Territory, we sincerely hope the Telegraph Bill will pass.

MASONIC ORATION.-

J. L. Hall, of Silver City, has been chosen to deliver the oration at the public installation of the officers of War Eagle Lodge, No. 6, A. F. & A. M., in Masonic Hall, on Christmas afternoon. Few men are better posted on the history and workings of the Order than Mr. Hall, and a very interesting oration may be expected.

A JAILOR.-

Mr. Moore has given notice that he will introduce a bill to provide a Jailor for Owyhee County. It is to be hoped such a bill will pass, as it is to the interest of the county to have its Jail attended to whether there be any prisoners in it or not. It is small business to require a Sheriff to act as his own Jailor, and pay him a mere pittance, and that, too, only when there are prisoners in Jail.

Public notices

ORDINANCE NO. A-2 1 3
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MARSING, IDAHO, PROVIDING FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS; PROVIDING FOR A REPEALER; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
WHEREAS, Idaho Code Section 50-204 provides that the City of Marsing (“City”) may appoint such officers as may be deemed necessary for the efficient operation of the City; and WHEREAS, the City has determined that certain positions should be held by appointed officers for the efficient operation of the City; and WHEREAS, the City has determined that such positions do not require the filing of a bond.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARSING, IDAHO:
SECTION 1: That the following positions shall be appointed by the Mayor, with the consent of the City Council:
City Engineer
City Deputy Clerk
City Public Works Director
SECTION 2: All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.
SECTION 3: 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 11th day of December 2019.
CITY OF MARSING
Owyhee County, Idaho
s:/James Ferdinand, Mayor
ATTEST:
s:/Jolyn E. Green, City Clerk
12/18/19

ORDINANCE NO. 2019-003
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GRANDVIEW, PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF THE PLANNING AND ZONING ORDINANCE NO. 18 AND THE DISSOLUTION OF THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF GRAND VIEW; PROVIDING FOR THE ORDINANCE BEING EFFECTIVE UPON ITS PASSAGE APPROVAL AND PUBLICATION.
WHEREAS, there has been and City of Grand View Planning and Zoning Commission in existence for approximately 29 years; and
WHEREAS, Grand View Planning and Zoning has had very few issues to consider during the time it has been in existence; and
WHEREAS, at the most recent meeting of City Council on August 14, 2019 a majority of its members voted to disband the commission and assume full duties of administering Planning and Zoning for the City of Grand View.
NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GRAND VIEW CITY COUNCIL, IDAHO, AS FOLLOWS:
Section 1. That City of Grand View Ordinance No.18 be, and the same hereby is, repealed.

Section 2. Upon the adoption of this ordinance, the City of Grand View Planning and Zoning, is hereby dissolved and any duties of any person operating under such planning commission are hereby suspended.
Section 3. This ordinance shall become effective upon its passage, approval and publication according to law.
This ordinance was passed at a regular meeting of the City of Grand View held on this 11th day of December 2019
SANDY SKINNER – Mayor
ATTEST: Kathy Brown – COUNTY CLERK
12/18/19

NOTICE OF ASSESSMENTS DUE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT ACCORDING TO SECTION 43-707 IDAHO CODE, assessments for the Grand View Irrigation District 2019 Irrigation season are due and payable and will become delinquent at five o’clock p.m. on the twenty day of December 2019. Payment must be made in lawful money of the United States, negotiable bank draft or cashier’s check. Payment may be made in person at the Irrigation District Office or mailed to the District.
Dixie McDaniel
Secretary
PO Box 9
Grand View, Idaho 83624
Phone 208 834-2350
12/11,12/18/2019

NOTICE
The annual meeting of the Bruneau Buckaroo Ditch Company will be held at the Bruneau Emergency Center on Monday, January 6, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.
Chris Alzola
Secretary
208-587-2789
12/18/19

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 (Deceased) and the Unknown Heirs, Assigns and Devises of BOYD R. EOFF; BETTY R. EOFF (Deceased) and the Unknown Heirs, Assigns and Devises of BETTY R. EOFF; JOANN FAYE EOFF; KELLY GENE EOFF; TAMRA SUE EOFF; CORAM DEO, LLC DBA CLEANUP AND TOTAL RESTORATION; ROBERT W. PAASCH; STATE OF IDAHO; DOES 1 THROUGH XX, AS INDIVIDUALS WITH AN INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY legally described as:
LOTS 11 AND 12 OF BLOCK 53 OF THE AMENDED TOWNSITE 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.
Which may commonly be known as: 124 West Washington Avenue, Homedale, Idaho 83628, Defendants.
Under and by virtue of a Third Order for Sale of Foreclosure executed on September 17, 2019 and entered with the Court on September 17, 2019, and Third Writ of Execution issued on September 23, 2019, out of and under the seal of the above-entitled Court on a Judgment and Decree of Foreclosure recovered in said Court in the above-entitled action on March 16, 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 Third Order of Sale of Foreclosure and Third Writ of Execution and to apply the proceed of such sale to the satisfaction of said Judgment and Decree of Foreclosure with interest thereon and my fees and costs.
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 TOWNSITE 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.
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