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Rim Ranch Garage Fire, Volunteer Firefighters to the Rescue

Written by Eileen Capson
Rim Ranches - Fire broke out at about 2am on Wednesday, December 21st, in a garage located at the Rim Ranches. Camille Wassom, Assistant Chief for the Robie Creek Volunteer Fire Dept., stated, “The roads were in *horrendous shape up there*. So, it was kind of a circus act trying to get all the engines in there. By the time we finally got in there, the garage was pretty well destroyed, but we were able to save the woodshed that was only a few feet away from it.” There had been about 6 cords of wood stored in this shed. Idaho Power was quick to the scene to address the underground power issues. Robie Creek VFD was

assisted by Wilderness Ranch and Clear Creek Volunteer Fire Departments (VFD). Sam Bonovich, Fire Chief for the Clear Creek VFD, said, “The worst part was he had a brand-new truck in there, that was only 3-months old, *and that it burned to the ground.*” Wassom was amazed by what remained of the truck, “Clearly, the new ones are not made of much metal, because there was literally *2 bumpers, the motor and seats!* That was all you could see sitting there.” The owner of the home located on Joy Lee Circle had stated that he was insured for the truck and the building. Assistant Chief Wassom credited the family’s dog with

alerting its owner. She continued, “The dog actually told them there was a fire, because the dogs never *ever* bark. *The dog was barking like crazy!*” The owner thought there were likely elk in his yard, at 2am, so he grabbed a leash for the dog. However, “when he looked up, the whole garage was aglow,” recounted Wassom. Chief Bonovich stated: “The house was far enough away. *Robie [VFD] actually did a really good job*, because you had a woodshed like 3-feet away.” The shed had blackened on the back from the heat, but the volunteer firefighters kept it from catching on fire. The garage, metal sided building, stood approximately 24’ x 30’.

The fire trucks were required to be chained up, to get into this location. This hair-raising adventure was described by Assistant Chief Wassom: “It’s a straight decline down, and then you have to make a hard left. Neil from Robie-- *he was able to just slide down sideways, and kind of an uncontrolled slide, just turned and made it in there!*” The weather was more favorable than most nights, dipping down to only 18-degrees. Water is still likely to freeze and it’s a concern that equipment may seize up. “You’ve got to keep all of your pumps circulating. If you freeze up your pump, you’re useless.

It’s hard to work when it’s colder out,” explains Chief Bonovich. Some of the newer water tenders have heaters built to blow from the radiator. Fighting fires in the winter can also bring on concerns for frostbite, should firefighters become wet. “You can get frostbite real easy,” warns Bonovich. At about 5am, it began to rain, which helped with fire mop up efforts. The garage had not been heated. At this point in the investigation, it was assumed by firefighters to have originated from an electrical fire. “No other structures were threatened,” said Wassom. The fire was contained to the garage, which was considered a total loss.

City Council in HSB Consider Applicants for Mayor

Written by Lynn Maxwell
Horseshoe Bend: The December 21st meeting started with tabling the public hearing on Toddler Town. There were 4 letters of intent received by the Council for the vacant mayor position. The person chosen will have to run for office at the next election. The applicants were Lin Jo Ashbrook, Pat Goff, Stephan Chartier and

Duane Brothers. The city set a special meeting for January 3 at 6:00 for the public to address these candidates. The meeting will be followed by an executive session that will result in choosing a mayor. The bill owed the city by Jon Dufresne, which was mediated by his attorney, is in excess of \$4,500 and due on December 30th. Dufresne requested he be

allowed to make payments. The council unanimously voted to hold him to his attorney’s agreement of payment on December 30th. City Liquor Licenses were approved. EMS Director Judith Huton presented her report, which included the resignation of both Frank Fenton and Sandy Fenton from the EMT staff. Council officially accepted their resignations. She explained that the manner in which the resignations were submitted left the city with no ambulance service for the night of the 16th. So, she had to coordinate with the Sheriff’s office to alert them if there was an emergency; it would be up to them to call in the air ambulance. Thankfully, that was not necessary. The city accepted Michelle Brother’s request to amend her

leave from the EMTs to be available to drive. Huton explained that things are in flux. She had discussed the mutual aide agreement with Garden Valley (which Garden Valley withdrew from because of the runs to Horseshoe Bend that resulted in turnarounds) and will see how Horseshoe Bend does in the next month. Huton requested clarification from the council, as the policy manual is contradictory on the process for new EMTs hired. She was told that once a Mayor is selected, they can meet and iron out the discrepancies, and amend the manual. The manual has been amended, per city attorney, on the driver requirements, as neither ICRMP (insurance company) nor the State EMT department has any require-

ment like what was in the local manual for driver certification. Four drivers will attend the Garden Valley driving certification program on Dec. 28. Public works have installed new computers in both the water plant and the sewer plant. Michelle Brothers reported that the switch over went smother than expected. Jobi Catherman stated that the plowing will begin when the snow reaches 3 inches and hoped that the concerns raised from the first plowing had been addressed. He also stated that he will be posting city information on the Facebook page [Horseshoe Bend Community Happenings](#). There were no reports from the Civil Engineer, quiet month, or the attorney. The meeting adjourned at 7:41pm.

Happenings

Idaho City: Friday, Dec. 30, a funeral to be held for Byron "Bryan" C. Bidegain at 1pm, held at the Idaho City High School. A Memorial Fund has been set up in his name at Cap Ed.
Bidegain's untimely death resulted from an accident, while working for the Idaho Transportation Department and clearing the Park N' Ski on December 13th.
Horseshoe Bend: "Optimist Fireworks Sale"; Dec. 26 - 30th (Monday thru Friday) from 4pm to 8pm. Dec. 31 (Saturday) from 10am to 8pm at the American Legion Hall on West Boise Street.
Crouch/Garden Valley: Nov/Dec Art Show at the Garden Valley Center for the Arts presents the Annual GVCA Christmas Sale. Open Friday through Sunday from 11:00am to 5pm. For more information call/email: 208.462.6860 or gvca.gv@gmail.com

Crouch: Al-Anon support group for friends and family of alcoholics meets weekly at Crouch Community Church on Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m. in the library.

NOTE: The Happenings section covers non-profit events in Boise County

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The Time Has Come, Bridge Replacement

Written by Lynn Maxwell
Horseshoe Bend: The Highway 55 bridge on the south side of Horseshoe Bend is going to be replaced. The existing bridge was built in 1934 and is sadly lacking in meeting width and weight standards. Anyone who has met a semi on this bridge has experienced a *gasp*. *The new bridge will meet all standards, improving safety for everyone.* Of course, new approaches will be installed, these approaches will affect the businesses and residents on the north side of the bridge the most. The

anticipated construction would begin in late fall of 2017, with the new west half of the bridge built during the winter, because of the low water. The second stage will involve routing traffic onto the new east side and demolishing the current bridge. It is anticipated that each stage will take between 5 and 6 months, with the completion in one year. At no time, will the bridge be blocked to traffic. An open house informational meeting will be held

by staff, with displays, at City Hall on January 5, Thursday, from 4pm to 7pm. *The public is encouraged and invited to attend.* Public comment will be taken through January 26. Comments can be e-mailed to adam.rush@itd.idaho.gov or mailed to the Idaho Transportation Department, Attn: Adam Rush, 3311 W. State Street, Boise, ID 83705 or faxed to 208 334-8563.

WEST BOISE COUNTY

Garden Valley Senior and Social Center News

By Al Scharf

The Garden Valley Senior Center Board wishes everyone a very Happy New Year with lots of good things in your future, peace and good will to our fellow citizens, and that together we can accomplish a lot.

Have you noticed in your home this winter that you kind of get that dried out feeling that comes from the place being closed up, a wood stove burning or even just a furnace running? One way you might try to counteract that is with a houseplant. Ferns, palms, snake plants, and spider plants protect your health by absorbing those toxins from your woodstove and such, but they also are purifying the air, may help your HVAC work a bit more efficiently and extend the life of your air filters. These plants also add humidity to the air perhaps letting you set your thermostat a bit lower to save some money, and you might just feel healthier and more comfortable this winter.

We hear that the Fit & Fallproof Class may be starting up again in early January. If so, you might want to think seriously about joining this group on Tuesdays and Thursdays for a healthy bit of exercise no matter what physical problems you might have, but it's also an opportunity to get out of the house and socialize. Both the exercise and the time with other folks is well spent and helps

alleviate that Cabin Fever syndrome.

Coming up in late February will be the annual Garden Valley Senior Center Talent Show. Many of the folks who participate really have wonderful talent and some of the others are up there on stage giving us a good old belly laugh! Think about participating but for sure plan to come and join in the fun on Saturday, February 25th. You can call Allan Scharf, 462-2902, Committee Chair, for further information or to get on the program.

Granny's Closet is ending the year on a high note of a very successful year, thanks to our wonderful community that just keeps giving and giving, shopping, and generally being supportive. Our many volunteers take great pleasure in making Granny's the place to stop on weekends! This last weekend of 2016, we will still have the remainder of our Christmas items out for you to make a donation of your choosing and take away for next year's Christmas. You might consider a whole new wardrobe for the New Year; at Granny's prices, you can afford to throw out the old and get on with the "gently used." We also have items for your New Year's Eve party plus that special piece of clothing for the party!

Happy New Year to one and all!

EMT Restructure Continues in Horseshoe Bend

By Lynn Maxwell

Horseshoe Bend: On December 20th, Bruce Cheeseman, State EMS Director, John Roberts, Boise County Emergency Manager, Nate Howell, Horseshoe Bend Fire District Chief and Judith Huton, Horseshoe Bend EMS Director meet with local EMTs and interested parties to discuss the plans to keep the Horseshoe Bend Ambulance license active. Current EMTs, soon to be re-certified people, future drivers and people wanting to become EMTs were in attendance. Driver certifications, with the assistance of the Garden Valley Fire/EMT department were discussed, 4 people will take that driving class on December 28 and new EMT classes the first of the year were discussed.

Roberts offered assistance from the East Boise County Ambulance in whatever form would help. He discussed the possibility of creating an Ambulance taxing district for the Horseshoe Bend City Ambulance, if that was the direction the city chose to take. He does not want the county to have to take over Horseshoe Bend's EMT services.

Cheeseman discussed the absolute necessity to keep the ambulance in service, as 2 waivers had been granted in the past and a third was questionable, unless a solid

plan for change was being implemented. The amount of time the ambulance was being 'out of service' for the last few months is what brought HSB to his attention. "An ambulance cannot be out of service 48% of the time and be considered effective." He went on to explain that he had to see change, soon or the license would be cancelled." He also said there was fresh grant money for instructors to make training available and he would do everything he could to help Horseshoe Bend get as many people trained and certified as possible.

Huton stated that she needed 14 EMTs for full coverage with each one having a 24 hour shift 2 times a month. Currently the 6-8 EMTs are stretching themselves and making it work. Once more drivers are certified, the EMTs will be relieved of driver duty and act only as EMTs, which will decrease the burden.

Roberts asked what it would take for more people to step up and volunteer. Cheeseman said the active EMTs have to have a welcoming attitude and act to include the new people as team members. He went on to say that Donnelly has created a culture to get the 20-30 year-olds to join which has necessitated some adjustments in the standard program. Huton said she would like to offer classes in the high

school starting at 16 so that by the time the interested students were graduated they could be EMTs, this would require a change in the current city policy.

Howell, HSB Fire Chief, said that there a a number of firemen that want to be cross trained as either drivers or EMTs and he has a strong desire to have both departments work as one unit. He wants to work with Huton to stop the separation of fire and ambulance. Huton agreed and had set up a meeting with the two of them and Garden Valley (where both fire and ambulance is under one roof) for the following day.

The ability to pay stipends was discussed by Roberts and the confusion on whether on call but not responding to a call cancelled the stipend. He suggested the City attorney, County attorney and he meet to iron it out. He also discovered how HSB radios worked, to his dismay.

Questions and answers covered a wide range of topics, with very frank discussion. Some confusion was cleared up and defined. The attendees left the meeting expressing gratitude and high hopes that the system is now on solid footing with the approval of both Bruce Cheeseman, State Director and John Roberts, County Emergency Director.

Stay Tuned...

Garden Valley Radio

Garden Valley's Community Radio Station, KXGV-LP, 98.5FM is moving on Dec. 28th. We will be just across the street from our old location on "The Boardwalk" where the old Raven's Nest boutique shop was located.

KXGV-LP, 98.5FM is your community radio station, manned entirely by volunteers. We are licensed by The Federal

Communications Commission as an "emergency radio station". We have been licensed and broadcasting in Garden Valley in this capacity for the past three years. (Our license limits our broadcast area to approximately the Crouch, Garden Valley and the Placerville areas.)

We interact with the Garden Valley Fire Department, The Boise County Emergency Management Office and the Sheriff's Office. In the event of an emergency such as the large fires during the past summers, we also interact with The Incident Command Teams that control the fire fighting efforts. (The Incident Command Information officers have been coming in daily during those events to broadcast updates.) As far we know, we are the only FCC licensed radio station to broadcast in Boise County.

KXGV-LP is your source for emergency instructions, evacuation routes, warnings, etc.

Our new address is 15 Market St., Garden Valley, ID, 83622. Phone number remains the same 462-4350. If you are a "Facebook" user, you can also access our page on that site.

During non-emergency periods, we broadcast music, weather up-dates on the half-hour and announcements regarding community events at the top of each hour. Tune your radio to 98.5FM to stay abreast of happenings in Garden Valley, and to hear some great tunes.

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Chubby quail huddle in the snow. Photo by Eileen Capson

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BOISE COUNTY

Ditches & Disaster, A Tale of Boise Basin History

Written by Jerry Branson

The disaster that caused a great exodus in miners from the Basin was not fires or crime or the lack of gold. It was water, or the lack of it. One incident occurred at Idaho City and the other one occurred at Centerville. I have alluded to both in past articles but did not provide details, which are interesting stories.

Beginning at Idaho City in 1865, a lawsuit was instigated by the creek miners on Mores Creek and Elk Creek. Hydraulic mining required long ditches that took water out of drainages far from town. By 1865 there were four ditches out of Mores Creek on the west side of Mores Creek that went to all of the hydraulic mining on East Hill, Gold Hill, West Hill, Buena Vista Bar, Last Chance Bar, flats along the south/east side of Mores Creek from Boulder Creek to Grayback Gulch. Also impacted were the lower flats and creek beds of Elk Creek from Deer Creek to Idaho City. The creek miners had had enough of the water reduction of the major streams that left them basically without water before the end of June. Therefore their mining season was reduced to mid-March through mid-June or near the end of it while the hydraulic miners using ditch water usually was successful until late July or even into August. But the creek miners were limited to such basic mining equipment as shovels, gold pans and rocker boxes. Therefore, gold production was at a considerably lower and slower rate. While some worked larger claims together, most worked a single claim by

itself. Their capacity for production was considerably less than hydraulic mining. Therefore, they were losing about two months of mining ability (40%) out of a total of five months for all placer mining. By the spring of 1865, the creek miners had had enough of losing water so early. Four ditches were on each side of Mores Creek by then. Two ditches occupied each side of Elk Creek as well.

The creek miners entered into a joint agreement and filed a lawsuit against the ditch owners. This was big news in Idaho City to be sure. A court date was set and the lawsuit progressed. But the lawsuit quickly brought forth the advantage of the ditch owners. After the initial construction of the ditches and the cost of them, all done by hand labor and basic horse drawn plows, ditch owners simply had the cost of ditch cleaning each spring along with some increases in ditch volume and the occasional breaks. They feasted off the hydraulic miners who were in greater numbers than were the creek miners and were reaping much larger profits. Those hydraulic miners were also a part of the lawsuit. The total finances of the hydraulic miners and ditch owners far exceeded the resources of the creek miners. The ditch owners had the foresight to make sure they had all the attorneys in the entire area in their back pockets. The attorneys were: George Ainslee, E. D. Holbrook, also a territorial legislator, George I. Gilbert, E.F. Gray and judges such as J. M. Shephard. There were several other lesser known attorneys in Idaho City but most did not have interests in ditch

companies. Even some influential medical doctors such as Doctor W. B. Noble had influence in favor of the ditch owners. So did wealthy J. Marion Moore. Therefore the creek placer miners were up against a stacked deck. The lawsuit went nowhere. Needless to say, the ditch owners prevailed.

That left the creek miners short on water for good. Many were nearing exhaustion of their claims and no new areas were being developed for them to utilize. By fall, many began to leave the Basin. Some stayed into 1866 but they were forced to quit as well. The fire in Idaho City in 1865 decimated most of the town and left them short on shopping and supplying themselves and their families. By the fall of 1866, the population of Idaho City had plummeted by nearly 50%. During the last half of 1865, sheriff's sales were a common item in the Idaho World.

However, all was not lost. Many hydraulic miners purchased some claims while still others went up on the auction block as sheriff's sales dominated the newspaper. Even some of the town's merchants bought up creek claims at auction and sold them to prospective miners that remained who had money to invest and turn many creek claims into hydraulic mining claims. Then came an influx of Chinese into the Basin beginning in late 1865 and continuing into 1866. They began to buy up creek claims and even "exhausted" hydraulic mining claims. Numerous quartz mines also added more mining work.

Grimes Creek went the same route but in a different fashion. Ditches proliferated on Grimes Creek from as far upstream as Grimes Pass. Ben Wilson had a big ditch from where the present Grimes Pass road crosses Grimes Creek down to Big Muddy, Little Muddy and Dry Muddy west of Pioneerville originally. He has also built a ditch from Clear Creek to the previous ditch on Grimes Creek about a mile north of town. Two others built a ditch from Smith Creek down the east side of Grimes Creek to Whiskey Gulch, although it was a relatively small ditch. Still sufficient other side streams produced sufficient creek mining all the way down Grimes Creek.

Enter the disaster in 1864. Two parties consisting of several owners entered the picture

at Whiskey Creek. On the west side of Grimes Creek, a group of investors began construction of a ditch from Whiskey Gulch down to Slaughterhouse Gulch at Centerville in 1863 and extended it to Boston Gulch by 1865. Those investors were: Samuel Goldtrap, M. B. Gay, M. J. Jenkins, Charles Murnan(e) and R. W. Pinedall.

Meanwhile, another group of investors: G. W. Thatcher, B. F. Channel, David Bridger, A. E. Calloway, and a Mr. Dean, had surveyed for a ditch on the east side of Grimes Creek from Whiskey Gulch to Henry Creek. The east ditch route was not built until 1866.

The issue here is that ditches were surveyed from the elevation where the water was to go, upstream to the water source. When the two ditches were discovered to be on the same source at the same location, the plaintiff group filed suit against the defendants. The trial dragged on and jury was deadlocked on the lawsuit so the two sides went together and built a dam across Grimes Creek just below the mouth of Whiskey Gulch to provide water to both ditches.

That took most of all the water in Grimes Creek downstream Gulch so that most of the water in Grimes Creek was channeled into the two ditches. All of the creek miners from

Whiskey Gulch downstream to Granite Creek were virtually out of water all through the mining season for a distance of about eight miles. Ditches on Granite Creek had also greatly reduced summer water on Granite Creek as well. Therefore the entire creek mining effort was devoid of sufficient water all the way to the confluence of Grimes Creek and Mores Creek, a distance of an additional eight miles. In total, some sixteen miles of creek mining was brought to a halt.

Given the loss of water to creek miners on Granite Creek from just below Quartzburg, creek mining was finished except above Whiskey Gulch on Grimes Creek. Grimes Creek and Granite Creek were very extensive creek mining areas since they were the first of the creek mining operations. Therefore many more of the creek miners left the Basin, reducing the population from 20,000 1863 to 7000 by 1870. That led to many more sheriff's sales claim sell-outs or claim jumping. But mining would last in Boise County until 1957. That is a 95 year history of mining in the area.

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The ditch photo is the Goldtrap ditch just east of Centerville. Just the two ditch events caused a massive reduction in population. The huge fire in Idaho City in 1865 and again in 1867 did not help. It was odd that both fires occurred on the same day of the same month, but two years apart.

Photo by Jerry Branson

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59 Families Receive Gifts of Food

Idaho City, ID, December 20, 2016 – Fifty nine less fortunate families received gifts of food on Saturday, December 17th to brighten their holidays and provide for kids that will be unable to receive meals at school through their holiday break.

The families, identified by Basin School District and area leaders, received turkeys, hams, chickens, roasting pans, canned goods, oatmeal, soup, pasta, flour, sugar, produce, fresh dairy products, bread, snacks, laundry detergent, tooth brushes and much more.

Funds to provide the food, valued at approximately \$200 per family, were generously donated by: St. Joseph's Catholic Church, the Mormon Church, the Baptist Church, Mountain Life Ministries, the Boise Basin Booster Club, Idaho City Community Club, Idaho Power, Trudy Jackson and several of her vendors and many individuals. Trudy, once again,

was instrumental in organizing the event and storing the food as it was collected.

Trudy Jackson, Trudy's Kitchen, Brent Adamson, Mountain Life Ministries, Ineke Ashey, St. Joseph's Catholic Church and Georgene Thomas, the Mormon Church, were the key people in this effort that began three months ago with a series of organizational meetings. They solicited volunteers who shopped, hauled, stored the donations and then worked all day on Friday, December 16 at the Senior Center to pack multiple boxes customized for each family. Volunteers resumed work at 7:00 a.m. on Saturday, December 17th to finish the boxes and distribute them to the families who were unable to pick them up. The families resided from Wilderness Ranch to Placerville. Toys for Tots was incorporated into the event so that many of the less fortunate families with young

kids received toys for their children.

A big thank you to our local churches, donors, the Senior Center, the US Marines Toys for Tots program, Idaho City Grocery, Idaho Power and the volunteers that touched the lives of 59 families.



K.C. Johnson and wife, Hannah, help Trudy Jackson fill boxes for Christmas.

Photo by Georgene Thomas



Volunteers work to fill hundreds of boxes with food for local families.

Photo by Georgene Thomas

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Which Legal Entity is Right for My Business?

Written by Rick Murray

Early in the formation of any business the owner will face this question. In this article will provide an overview of the four options which are most popular with small businesses. As we go we will look at some of the pros and cons of each option and differentiate between the "legal entity" and the "taxing status" of a corporation.

The easiest business entity to form and run is the sole proprietorship. As long as you operate under your own name, there are no forms to file. You can just start your business and run it as informally as you want. If you operate under any business name other than your personal name you will need to file an "assumed name" or "doing business as" form with the Idaho Secretary of State. You may also have to obtain a business license and state sales tax license depending on your locale and the nature of your business. You will have to report income to the IRS and state. The IRS will require you to report all income and expenses on Form C and attach it to your individual tax return.

The simplicity of starting your business and the informality of operating your business are the primary pros of the sole proprietorship which some business owners find attractive. The cons of the sole proprietorship are significant. Your ability to raise money to operate your business will depend on the cash and assets you personally can put into the business and your ability to borrow money for the business is limited to the owner's credit worthiness. Perhaps the most significant issue is that as a sole proprietor, legally, you and your business are the same, so your personal assets are at risk

should the business be sued. Finally, should the owner leave the business for any reason, the business ends.

The need for capital, both equity and debt capital may cause a new business owner to seek partners and form a partnership. In the case of a partnership the assets all the partners can put into the business and the credit worthiness of all of the partners expands the credit available to the business. Partners are also seen as a way to bring other individuals, whose expertise may be critical to the success of the business, into the business.

Like the sole proprietorship, partnerships are not required to file any paperwork with the Secretary of State to start. Assumed name and tax requirements are the same as for a sole proprietorship. The tax reporting requirements become a little more complex in that the IRS requires a tax report for the partnership and then the division of profits to the partners is reported on a K-1 which in turn is reported on each partner's individual tax return. While it is not legally required, it is a really good idea to have a written partnership agreement that details the roles and responsibilities of each partner, each partner's ownership share, and how the partnership assets will be distributed if the partnership ends. Like the sole proprietorship when any partner leaves the business for any reason, the partnership ends. The remaining partners may continue the business but it is legally a new partnership. If the business is continued and the former partner's name is used, the partnership must file an assumed name. Likewise if a new partner enters the business you legally have a new partnership.

Like the sole proprietorship each partner is fully liable for the acts of the other partners and of the partnership as a whole. So once again your personal assets are at risk if the partnership gets sued. A discussion about limited partnerships is beyond the scope of this article.

Many business owners want to limit their personal liability should their business be sued. The traditional way to do that was to incorporate. As a legal entity there are two types of corporations, for-profit and not-for-profit. In this column, we will concentrate on the for-profit corporation since that is the entity chosen by most business owners.

The corporation is the most formal legal entity option a business can select. The formality starts with the requirement that the business must file articles of incorporation with the Secretary of State (SOS) and receive a corporate charter before it can start to operate as a business. The standard articles in the articles of incorporation are: 1) the corporation's name, which cannot be confusingly similar to another corporation chartered by the state, 2) the number of shares the corporation is authorized to issue, 3) the name and address of its registered agent, who must be a resident of Idaho, 4) the incorporator's name and address, and 5) the mailing address of the corporation. Additional articles are optional.

Some common issues with articles of incorporation include: the corporate name may not be so similar to another corporation registered in the state that the names are confusing so many business owners reserve a name with the SOS

so they are sure the name will be accepted when they file their articles. The number of shares authorized becomes important if the corporation sells more shares than are authorized, which sometimes happens with small businesses.

Once the articles are accepted and you have your charter business may begin. Well, not so fast. Corporations operate using By-Laws so that's next. And usually the By-Laws call for a Board of Directors elected by the stockholders, Corporations are required to maintain some more paperwork associated with the Board and stockholders. The corporation must maintain a stockholder registry listing the names, addresses and number of shares of stock for each shareholder. The corporation is required to have at least annual meetings of the Board and shareholders (2 different meetings) and to document those meetings with minutes. So you can see it's getting rather complicated and you haven't even made your first sale yet.

Speaking of sales let's talk a little about taxes. As a corporation you can elect to be taxed under Chapter C or Chapter S of the IRS Code. As a Chapter C corporation you will have to pay state and federal taxes on all the profits you make. So many small business elect Chapter S so you can get a "pass through" of profits and avoid having to pay corporate tax to the state and feds. We'll talk more about "S-Corps" in another article.

What a mess, there has to be a simpler way! Good news, there is, and it's called a Limited Liability Company (LLC). Like corporations an LLC must file a Certificate of Organization

with the SOS. The certificate asks similar questions as the articles of incorporation including the name of the LLC, the name and address of the registered agent, the name and address of at least one "governor" also called member manager, and the address of the LLC. Since there is no stock you may have as many members/owners as you wish. Like a partnership it is not legally required to have an operating agreement that outlines how the business will operate but it is a really good idea to write one when you start the company. You are not required to have a Board or annual meetings of the Board or members/owners, but member meeting are a good idea. Of the two legal entities that have the possibility of limiting personal liability for the acts of the business the LLC is much less complicated than a corporation.

Disclaimer: *This column is intended for the general knowledge of the reader and not as legal or tax advice and as such may not be relied upon for such advice. Individuals with legal or tax questions should seek advice for their particular situation from a competent licensed individual.*

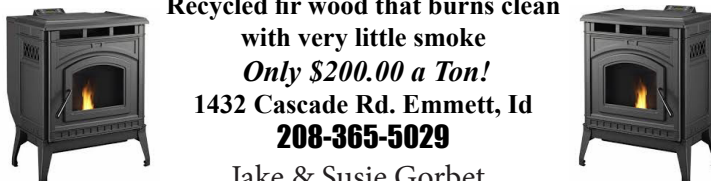


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Applications will be accepted until the position is filled and may be obtained from the Boise County website www.boisecounty.us, or Boise County Dispatch Center/ PO Box 189/ 3851 Hwy 21, Idaho City, ID 83631/ 208-392-4411.

Basin School District is looking for substitute teachers.

Applicants must have a highschool diploma and pass a background check. If interested please contact Laura Shields at 208-392-4183 for additional information.

Harlow's Bus Company In Garden Valley is hiring for PT school bus drivers. Pay depends on the experience. Need to have a CDL and if not drivers can get it , stay with the company 90 days then cost will be reimbursed. Must be able to pass a drug test and background check. Also a job opening for a PT Technician. Pay DOE and pass drug test and background check. Call Phil or Anna at 462-5085.

The Boise Basin School District is looking for part time school bus drivers to start in the fall. A CDL Class b is required and pay is dependent on years of experience. If you are interested, you can pick up an application at the high school office.

Trudy's Kitchen is hiring servers. Apply in person. Located in Idaho City.

Coordinator needed for Boise Basin Senior Center. Please stop by the center on Tuesdays or Thursdays to pick up an application. For questions, please call 392-4918.

Obituary

Bryan Craig Bidegain

(Nov. 13 1954 - Dec. 13, 2016)



Bryan Craig Bidegain was born November 13, 1954 in Burley, Idaho. He spent 4 years in France as a child with his Basque Grandparents and spoke French fluently. He went to school in California, and Joined the

Marine Corps as a young man. He served in Viet Nam. He was always proud to be a US Marine.

He had a daughter, Tawny, in 2000 and married his wife, Sharon, in 2012.

He died on December 13, 2016 and is survived by his daughter and wife, his mother, 3 sisters, 4 step-sons, several brothers, various aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and in-laws, friends, coworkers, and an entire community who found him to be an absolute character.

He will be missed.

Letters to the Editor

Many thanks and much gratefulness to Nathan Shepherd for coming to the rescue of four senior citizens trying to do a good deed of delivering food to a person in Garden Valley who was not able to get out of his house. We couldn't get in to deliver the food because of the massive snow berm left by the snow plow plus the driveway wasn't plowed, Nathan came along, and with a big smile on his face said, "sure, I can plow that out for you." He did the whole job including the driveway when we'd only asked him if he could do the berm, and we were able then to deliver the much-needed food. Once again, the Garden Valley citizens show

their true colors... that everyone is, indeed, very generous and willing to stop whatever they're doing and help someone else in need. What a very special community! Thanks, Nathan!

**Ruth Richter
on behalf of the Garden Valley Senior Center**

Thanks to Donna & Skip. You will be missed by many. Here's to your health and happy travels.

Joan Pelley & Mark Wedemeyer of Idaho City

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Permits will be subject to all prior water rights. For additional information concerning the property location, contact Western Region office at (208) 334-2190; or for a full description of the right(s), please see www.idwr.idaho.gov/WaterManagement/WaterRights. Protests may be submitted based on the criteria of Idaho Code § 42-203A. Any protest against the approval of the application(s) must be filed with the Director, Dept. of Water Resources, Western Region, 2735 Airport Way, Boise ID 83705 together with a protest fee of \$25.00 for each application on or before 1/9/2017. The protestant must also send a copy of the protest to the applicant.
 GARY SPACKMAN, Director
 Published in the Idaho World on 12/21/2016 and 12/28/2016

NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING
LEGAL NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
 That the Planning & Zoning Commission will hold their regular meeting on January 19, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. in the Garden Valley School Multi-Purpose Room, 1053 Banks Lowman Rd, Garden Valley, ID, to hear the following: 1) CUP #2017-002 - 3 Springs LLC; and 2) CUP #2017-003 - The Edge Resort at Garden Valley.

All interested persons are invited to attend this meeting. Special accommodations for persons with disabilities will be provided upon advance request to the Planning & Zoning Office 208-392-2293

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BOISE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS CONDENSED MINUTES
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13th, 2016-Miners' Exchange Building, Idaho City, ID 83631
 Chairman Ward called the meeting to order and the pledge of allegiance was recited. Present: Chairman Ward, Commissioner Jackson, Clerk Prisco, Deputy Clerk Coffelt, Deputy PA Blocksom, Community Justice Administrator Leader, Sheriff Kaczmarek, Emergency Management Coordinator Roberts, Planning & Zoning Administrator Canody, Solid Waste/Noxious Weeds Superintendent Bottoms. Absent: Commissioner Baker. The minutes for Tuesday December 6th, 2016 were approved. The reclassification of the CJ Administrator has been resolved. Ms. Leader reviewed with the Board the Valley County Juvenile Detention Center Inspection Report & the IAC Adult Misdemeanor Probation Report. A discussion ensued concerning the County Vehicle Use Policy. The pricing for Shred It for record destruction was discussed. Ms. Canody received a request for a road name change from Mr. Simione to Tacoma Place, which was approved. Assessor Juszczak discussed with the Board that the County will no longer be able to charge for GIS fees. Resolution 2002-10 was rescinded for the GIS fees. An update on the audit was given by Clerk Prisco. A 45 day notice for the expenditures out of Title III funds was discussed. Mr. Bottoms attended the Five County Land Fill meeting. One demand warrant was approved. Director Dill gave an update to the Board. Mr. Rudy Patrick

Letter from the Owner/Publisher

This is a very difficult time for the small newspaper industry. Many historic newspapers have been forced out of business, due to increased postal and printing costs. This newspaper is no exception to these rising costs, but we are proud of the fact that we have not raised our 50 cents a copy issue price since 1991, (25 years ago!). It is our strong desire to continue this publication as the oldest continuous newspaper, first printed in 1864, in this great State of Idaho.

In order to continue to provide the news and the service to the communities of Boise County, in January we'll be increasing our single price copy to 75 cents. Our yearly subscription price to in-county residents has increased to \$30 to deliver to your mailboxes, a savings of \$9.00 off the single

price copy. This price is still well below the national average for weekly county newspapers. The Idaho World is merely seeking to continue this historic newspaper in Boise County, in spite of a myriad of rising costs.
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Eileen Capson, Editor-in-Chief

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(Published Advertisement)

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More's Creek Rim Ranches Water District is applying for federal assistance to fund the project.

A copy of the RFP may be obtained from the Water District at the following address:

More's Creek Rim Ranches Water District
 1 Paloma Drive
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Proposals will be evaluated and ranked on the following criteria. The maximum point value of each criterion is shown in parentheses:

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- Qualifications of Project Team (25)
- Project Approach and Schedule (25)
- Selection Committee Interview (100)

Proposals are due in the Water District office at the following address:

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 (208) 391-2600

Proposals must be postmarked by **January 12, 2017**. Please submit 7 copies.

This solicitation is being offered in accordance with OMB Super Circular 2 CFR 200 and the Idaho statutes governing procurement of professional services. The More's Creek Rim Ranches Water District reserves the right to negotiate an agreement based on fair and reasonable compensation for the scope of work and services proposed, as well as the right to reject any and all responses deemed unqualified, unsatisfactory or inappropriate.

Heather Lince
 Board Chairman

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Meet Boise County's Prosecutor



Dan Blocksom was congratulated and chosen by the Board of Boise County Commissioners to replace voted in Prosecutor, Ross Pittman. He was sworn in on December 13th. During the interview process, Blocksom said he was committed to being a prosecutor for the county for the duration of the term, which is 4 years.

Photo by Eileen Capson

Dear Boise County,

My name is Dan Blocksom, and I have the pleasure of being your newly appointed prosecuting attorney. I was born and raised in Kyoto, Japan. My American father started and continues to operate an international school there, and I attended that school until I graduated from high school.

Upon graduating from high school, I moved to New Plymouth, Idaho, to live and work

with friends in corn fields for a summer before starting college at Stanford University. I never forgot Idaho. After getting my economics degree and law degree from Stanford, I moved back to Idaho with my wife, and started working as a deputy prosecutor in Canyon County.

After doing both criminal and civil work in Canyon County for three years, I worked for the Idaho Association of Counties (IAC) for a couple years, working on legislative matters of importance to counties and preparing trainings and manuals for county officials. Then, during the summer of 2016 while I was with IAC, my friend Ross Pittman asked if I'd be willing to be his civil prosecutor in Boise County. I said yes, and you know the rest of the story.

The past few months with Boise County have been busy but rewarding. I have had the privilege of working with county officials who are genuinely doing their best to make Boise County a better place. I'm excited to be part of that team effort and to watch what we accomplish during these next four years together.

You may wonder what exactly it is that I spend my time doing. Most people know that prosecutors prosecute criminal charges in court, but most do

not know that prosecutors in Idaho have "civil" (i.e. non-criminal) responsibilities as well. In some ways, the prosecutor is the "general counsel" for the county, and provides legal advice to the county officials on a wide variety of issues, such as contracts, employment law, law enforcement liability, and zoning law – these matters are where I spend most of my efforts. Although often not noticed, the civil work of the prosecutor's office can ensure that certain legalities are followed and liability exposure is minimized, thus preventing valuable taxpayer dollars from being paid out unnecessarily.

My goals here in Boise County are (1) to reduce the County's liability exposure, and (2) to pursue justice by thoughtfully seeking the most cost-effective ways to keep our families safe and to prevent individuals from turning to lives of crime.

I welcome any suggestions or questions that you may have. Our office's number is 208.395.4485, and my email address is dblocksom@co.boise.id.us. Thank you for the opportunity to serve your community.

Best,
Dan

BOISE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TUESDAY, JANUARY 3rd, 2017 BOISE COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S ROOM AGENDA

- 9:00 a.m. CALL TO ORDER Chairman Ward
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- PA ISSUES Prosecuting Attorney's Office
- EXECUTIVE SESSION per Pending Litigation, Personnel Issues, Exempt Records
- 9:30 a.m. CONVENE TO REGULAR SESSION
- AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA Commissioners
- CONSTITUENT INPUT (each member of the public will be allowed 3 minutes only to speak)
- MINUTES Clerk Prisco
- DEPARTMENTAL ISSUES Elected Officials/Dept. Heads
- P&Z-Request approval of a correction to addresses per ULO, Section 3.5.F.1, R&B-Gardena Bridge Replacement Federal Aid Application, CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS/GRANTS/RESOLUTIONS Clerk Prisco
- DEMAND WARRANTS Clerk Prisco
- INDIGENT - EXECUTIVE SESSION per I.C. 74-206(1)(d): exempt records Deputy Clerk Loya
- PA ISSUES Prosecuting Attorney's Office
- EXECUTIVE SESSION per Pending Litigation, Personnel Issues (because executive sessions are listed, does not necessarily mean that they will be engaged)
- RECESS FOR LUNCH
- 1:15 p.m. EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR APPLICATION REVIEW BOCC
- 2:00 p.m. CONSIDER CANCELLATION OF SOLID WASTE FEES BOCC/Trudy Jackson/Assessor
- 3:00 p.m. MISCELLANEOUS & CORRESPONDENCE Commissioners
- Commissioner Discussion/Committee Reports
- Future Agenda Topics Review
- RECESS REGULAR MEETING UNTIL TUESDAY, JANUARY 10th, 2017

Miscellaneous & Correspondence and Future Agenda Topics Review times may be changed to fill in gaps, if the Board chooses to do so. The Board reserves the right to enter into Executive Session when necessary. Any person needing special accommodations to participate in the above noticed meeting should contact the Boise County Clerk's office two days prior to the meeting at (208) 392-4431, 420 Main Street, Idaho City, ID 83631

Send Up a Wish for the New Year & Support Scholarship Dreams

By Janet Juroch

Garden Valley – A New Year's tradition in Garden Valley has been gaining momentum every year with the *Lighting of the Lanterns* at Weilmunster Park. The event starts at 6pm and is sponsored by the Garden Valley Chamber of Commerce. This is a fundraiser to help with scholarships for Garden Valley School seniors.

Get lanterns early and write customary wishes at the bottom of a lantern. Lanterns can be purchased early at Garden Valley Properties office on Middlefork Rd., or the Garden Valley Market for \$4.00. Purchases can be made at the event for \$5.00 per lantern. Many people who came to the event last year claimed what a "beau-

tiful sight" it was to see the glowing lanterns float through the sky by the hundreds.

Lighting at the park has now made it easier to see. There will be devices available to light the lanterns if needed. Several fire pits make warm places to gather with friends. Bring a hot beverage and bundle up in frigid temperatures. Wear appropriate shoes in snowy conditions.

The lanterns work much like a miniature hot air balloon with a pre-attached waxed fuel cell that sits in the center. Once lit, heat lifts the lantern. The paper material on the frame is fire retardant but bio-degradable. Once the fuel cell burns out the material will not harm where it lands.

It is believed that the longer

a lantern could float the better your chances that the request would be answered. No matter, the launching of the sky lanterns is a perfect New Year's Eve event. Send up a wish or just make a New Year's Resolution and launch it with a lantern.



Photo by Janet Juroch

Terry Peterson - Boise County Resident

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