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HSB Elementary Scores a Blue Ribbon!



Written by Lynn Maxwell

Horseshoe Bend: In 2013, the Elementary was a 2-star school. A very low, discouraging ranking by the State of Idaho. This ranking was based on low scores in reading, math and English/language arts. Horseshoe Bend Elementary has just joined the ranks of the outstanding, with a concerted effort of parents, teachers and students.

The State Department ranked them 2-stars out of 5 only 4 years ago, but now they have been nominated as one of 2 schools in the entire state to be a BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL! This acknowledgement as a Blue Ribbon School in Idaho, means they were nominated as a US Department of Education National Blue Ribbon School.

Title 1 and Elementary Lead Teacher Cora Larson said,

"This is a really big deal, the state could choose up to 3 schools, but only 2 met the criteria, these scores are across the board of ALL children attending the elementary program which is significant." She went on to say, *"This is a real underdog story of a dramatic turnaround for our elementary."*

In the State Department press release it says, "The National Blue Ribbon Schools program recognizes schools based on overall academic excellence or progress in closing the achievement gaps among student subgroups. Idaho's two school nominees were submitted in the category of Exemplary High Performing Schools. [The other school nominated was in Moscow, Idaho.]

The criteria for nomination is very stringent, the selected school must be in the top 15% of all schools in the state in reading/English language arts and math. They must also be in the top 40% with ALL

students' scores included. At least 40% of the students must be from disadvantaged backgrounds, which in Idaho means eligible for free/reduced lunches.

Larson said, "We recreated the infrastructure, using a data driven approach, we identified what *each* student needed and we honed in on those areas. We were all working hard, but it was more of a broadcasting seed approach, now we directly intervene where each student needs it. We changed how we use our classified staff, each student has intervention every day. That be-

came our priority. In the past, intervention was for the low performing student, now each and every student has intervention. The growth in all abilities levels has been tremendous."

Superintendent Dennis Chesnut said, "I see how hard the staff and students have worked. We asked a lot of them in the last years. This award is testament to the teachers and the kids, we increased the rigor all around. We were able to focus and direct our resources to where

they are needed for more targeted intervention. It's amazing to have made the types of growth and achievement we have in this short a period of time."

Earning this Blue Ribbon Status for an elementary school in Idaho is a very high honor. For Horseshoe Bend to have been able to take the K-6 from a 2 star to Blue Ribbon in less than 4 years deserves huge kudos to the staff, students and their parents.

EXCELLENT JOB!!!

Snow Groomers have Taken a Hit

Written by Eileen Capson

Boise County - There are two Snowcats used to groom snowmobile trails in Boise County. They are located in Garden Valley and Idaho City. However, *both are now out of commission.* A few weeks ago, Garden Valley had their shed collapse, onto their groomer, and they are now awaiting insurance claims to come through, says Idaho City Coordinator, Greg Davis. On February 1st, the Idaho City groomer also had its take of misfortune when it became stuck in a canyon, in deep snow, after sliding down from a groomed trail.

Tom Gerany, Snow Groomer for Idaho City over the past 7 years, recounted the events leading up to the slide off, "I was operating the Snowcat, grooming the snowmobile trail from Mores Creek Summit towards Pilot Peak. I went around the corner from Bird Feeder to Abby Corner. As I went around the corner of the snow ledge, it gave way and slid down the mountain about 100 feet with me. My passenger, Bob Quarles, and I immediately called into the Sheriff's Office requesting aid. Within an amazingly short period of time, Sheriff Kaczmarek and his Deputies [Steve Dorau and Chris Lampson] arrived and dropped a rope down so that we could climb up the approximate 100-feet to the roadway."

Greg Davis reported on the progress of the Idaho City groomer, "We haven't got it out yet, but we've really been trying!" Several agencies have offered to help, including the U.S. Forest Service, Parks & Recre-



The snow groomer went for a very unnerving sideways slide down the mountainside near Pilot's Peak on Feb. 1st.

Photo by Tom Gerany

ation, and volunteers from the Boise Snowmobile Club.

Gerany recognized, "Todd Wernex and his crew, Brian and Troy, and myself worked for days to get the Snowcat out with no success. Fortunately, there were no injuries, but it's important for everyone to know the potential dangers of the backcountry and that when you need it, *good help is there!* I again want to say a *big thank you* to the Sheriff's Office for their quick response, and to Greg Davis and Todd Wernex." A great deal of thanks also goes out to Reed Young, Troy Elmore & Dave Claycum.

"It's gotten out of hand," explains Davis about the snowfall this winter and collapse of the Garden Valley shed. *"The groomers are having a rough winter! It's a stressful year."*

There are several groomed trails closed this year, because all the diamond signs, that assist snowmobilers with direction, burned up in the Pioneer Fire. However, 2 yurts remain open - the Stargazer and Ban-

ner Ridge.

The groomer in Garden Valley normally grooms up to the hot springs, around Garden Valley and the Terrace Lakes area. The Snowcat is currently damaged from the shed collapsing and is awaiting repairs.

Davis clarified regarding the designated snowmobile trails, "We don't groom the same trails, we're in different areas. We don't overlap anywhere." He added, "The biggest thing that stops the snowmobilers is the downed trees. Our grooming program is almost like a *logging program.*" Davis explained, "Mainly what we're doing is cutting out, pushing trees out of the trail. Once we get that out of the way, then people can ride them." The crews carry chainsaws and will drag trees out of the way with these fully tracked Snowcats.

Gerany stated, "I don't think anybody really knows what it takes to open these trails." The Snowcats are usually grooming trails 4-days a week, just to

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Happenings

Placerville: Boise Basin Boosters is sponsoring their annual Chinese Lantern Festival on February 11, 2017 at 7:00 PM at Placerville Park. Please bring a jar of peanut butter which will be donated to a local food bank or \$1.00 for each lantern.

Idaho City: Community Club flea Market and Craft Bazaar Febraury 10, 11 & 12 -- Friday 4pm to 7 pm, Saturday 10 am to 6 pm, Sunday 10AM to 4pm at the Ray Robison Community Hall. Enjoy a day in the snow country, sun and great gifts for your Valentine and treasure you can't live without.

Gem/Boise County Fair: The fairgrounds is hosting a fundraiser on February 11. Cowboy Ball - CATERED Dinner with Dessert starting at 7pm in the 4-H Building. Silent Auction, Raffle, Live Band - Dusty and the Rocky Mountain Riders starting at 8pm. Call the Gem County Fair Board Office for more information or to pick up tickets. (208) 365-6828.

Idaho City: Annual Chili Cook Off on Saturday, Feb. 18, from 11am to 3pm, judging at noon! Live music, HUGE raffle, food, and more! Only \$5 per person and \$3 for children 12 + under. Sign up to compete in the chili contest at idahocitychamber.org

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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WEST BOISE COUNTY

Garden Valley Senior and Social Center News

By Al Scharf

The Garden Valley Senior Center has a few ideas for resisting those winter doldrums that may be getting to you. If you have a touch of cabin fever, or if you are missing out on communicating with others and having some good laughs, and feel like you would like to be helpful and accomplish some goals? If any of these describe how you are feeling about now, think about volunteering. Stop in at the library or the City Clerk's office, or the school, or the Senior Center to see if there are any volunteer jobs you might do. Any of those organizations always have lots going on and need volunteers. They also have great people around to chat with and lift one another's spirits. Many folks possess some special and unique skills, and your expertise and willingness to help for a good cause can make you feel special and needed.

If you're a homebody and just want to read some good books or put together some puzzles, Granny's Closet always has a large selection of these items for rock bottom prices.

And then there's the annual Garden Valley Senior Center-sponsored Talent Show coming up on Saturday, February 25th. You can share your talents, real or imagined, find a partner to do a skit or someone to accompany you while you sing or maybe put together a quartet or other sing-

ing group. No matter what, you will want to ATTEND the Talent Show which is guaranteed to lift your spirits. Call Allan Scharf (462-2902) or Ron Richter (462-3442) if you would like to participate. The doors open at 6:30PM, Show starts at 7:00PM. There is a small donation fee for admission and there will be a limited supply of soft drinks and snacks available for purchase.

Valentine's Day is just around the corner and Granny's Closet has all kinds of nifty, low cost items that your honey or sweetheart might love to receive. Granny Ruth was just shelving some books that a man would really enjoy receiving and there are some other items for men that definitely hit the mark of a thoughtful gift. Of course, women are much easier to find things for since women like a wide variety of items and you can hardly go wrong with the broad selection of items to choose from ... or just ask for a gift certificate for Granny's Closet when you come in to shop, and let her pick out her own gift.

We just heard that the "Official Groundhog" saw his shadow today (Feb. 2nd) which portends another six weeks of Winter. Think Spring. And, if you live in an area close to the river's elevation, think sandbags!!!

that matter. Getting a chocolate gift through the annual auction has been a crowd favorite each year. The proceeds from the auction go to the Arts Education budget. The GVCA has been instrumental in having music, book and dance programs for education in the community and particularly to the Garden Valley School Students.

Anyone can help by donating their favorite chocolate creation. All that is required is to have the item(s) ready to bring to the GVCA Gallery between 5-5:30pm the day of the show. The items will be ready for the auction immediately following. This is always an enthusiastic and competitive event.

Pushing the Limits of Knowledge, Nature, Survival and Connection

Written by Janet Juroch

Garden Valley - The National Science Foundation has an initiative to fund 110 rural public libraries with a program to bring about discussion of how science is part of the human journey. *Pushing the Limits* is a program using books and videos promote discussions of the imagined and the achieved ways to push the boundaries of the physical world. There is no cost to the participants and is from 4:30-6:00pm at the GV Library.

Garden Valley Library was one of those 110 nationwide libraries to host the four part series. A team of library professionals, scientists and filmmakers developed this program. This included organizers of Dartmouth College, the Association of Rural and Small Libraries, the Califa Group, Dawson Media Group and Oregon State University.

This is a four part series for adults that are interested in exploring the way science is used in everyday lives and to gain an understanding of the everyday science world. Libraries are including more informal science events with usage of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) projects. As providers of these

projects, programs such as *Pushing the Limits* will facilitate librarians to continue to host science themed events.

The very first program will discuss references to the book by Jean Auel titled *The Land of the Painted Caves* and the concept of human knowledge. There is a short video on Chef Sean Brock which he discusses how he uses science in everyday life. The "science of chocolate" and eating chocolate will top off the discussions for that first program.

With the collaboration efforts of authors, scientists and everyday people *Pushing the Limits* explores the natural world. A different book will be read every two weeks. The discussions center on video and books. Short videos will be presented that has interviews of "regular people" and authors. Kerri Hart, Garden Valley Library Director, informs everyone that "this is not a class but says this way for people to talk informally about how we use science in everyday life." She says, "It is more like a book club, though participants are encouraged but not required to read the books."

Here is schedule of the events to sign up for:

February 14th is *Pushing the Limits of Knowledge*. The discussion will center around themes about knowledge and the science behind chocolate making followed by chocolate tasting.

February 28th is *Pushing the Limits of Survival*. The book used as reference is *Arctic Drift* by Clive Cussler. The video will be interviews with famers and inventors Cory and Julie Shrum.

March 14th is *Pushing the Limits of Nature*. The book included for discussion is *When the Killing's Done* by T.C. Boyle. The characters in the book questions balance of nature and naturally occurring events. A video interview with a triple amputee and adrenaline junkie Cameron Clapp will be part of that discussion. He will explain how to push our own limits.

March 28th is *Pushing the Limits of Connection*. *Thunderstruck* by Erik Larson will be the book noted and video interview will be with a sculptor named Roxanne Swentzell.

Sign-up and more information of the programs available by contacting Kerri Hart at GVDL by phone at 462-3317 or email director@gvlibrary.org.

GVCA Chocolate Auction Benefits the Arts

Written by Janet Juroch

Garden Valley - The Garden Valley Center for the Arts has been ramping things up for February. First, the January Fiber Arts Show will continue for the month of February. Second, the Gallery is continuing the always highly anticipated and competitive Annual Chocolate Auction. This Chocolate Auction will be on Saturday evening on February 11th at 6:00- 8:00pm at the gallery. Complimentary food and drink will be available for your enjoyment as with any of their galas.

February 14th is around the corner. The chocolate auction is a place where people meet the need for chocolate on Valentine's Day, or any day for

Garden Valley School District will be in session on February 20, 2017. GVSD is required to make up the hours lost from school closures. February 20th will be a regularly scheduled school day 8:02-3:49 for Elementary and 7:58-3:52 for Middle School and High School. Garden Valley School District recognizes that attendance is critical to a child's education. School funding is tied to student attendance, and students need to be in school each day in order for us to receive full daily attendance (ADA) funding from the state. We look forward to seeing all students on Monday, February 20th.



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GVCA Director Lois Hefernan says, "For those of you that have not had the chance to see the Fiber Arts Show, then coming to the Chocolate Auction will be a great excuse to kill the proverbial two birds with one stone."

Submission Deadline is 5:00 PM Friday.



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EAST BOISE COUNTY



Elk, which normally do not winter in this portion of eastern Boise County, struggle through the deep snow. Photo by Eileen Capson

Boise Basin Senior Center has Help in the Kitchen

By Georgene Thomas
Idaho City - The Boise Basin Senior Center has a new assistant cook, to help prepare meals and visit with patrons every week. Angelia Bedal, a local resident from Centerville, has just been hired to help Kimberly Hardy, create and cook meals twice a week. Ms. Bedal said, "I am very excited to be at the Senior Center, I like to hang out with the elders of our community and learn history and valuable information from them."

She has been cooking most of her life, she started at age 15 working at a Taco Bell and now she has the opportunity to cook at the Senior Center and visit with all the people.

In her spare time Ms. Bedal enjoys the outdoors, fishing, camping and spending time with her children. She has one son, and 3 daughters.

BOISE BASIN SENIOR CENTER MENU FOR FEBRUARY:

February 9: Reuben Sandwiches, Fried Red Potatoes, Ambrosia Salad, Rye Bread,

Rice Krispie Treats

February 14: Chicken Tamales, Refried Beans, Corn, Spanish Rice, Sopapillas

February 16: Roast Beef, Baked Potatoes, Carrots, Pears, Corn Muffins, Scones with Honey Butter

February 21: Glazed Ham, Scalloped Potatoes, Green Beans, Fruit Cocktail, Biscuits, Apple Strudel

February 22: Food Pantry 11:30 to 2:00

February 23: Salisbury Steak, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Grilled Zucchini, Dinner Rolls, Peach Cobbler

February 28: Baked Chicken Breast, Tater Tots, Corn Casserole, Focaccia Bread, Pie and Ice Cream



Angelia Bedal -- New Assistant Cook at the Boise Basin Senior Center makes delicious meals for you! Photo by Georgene Thomas

Soup is available each day at 11:00. Lunch is served at noon. Beverages include water, coffee, tea, and milk. Our salad bar includes tomatoes, garbanzo beans, kidney beans, lettuce, cottage cheese, beets, olives, cucumbers, deviled eggs, and Jello with fruit. The Senior Center offers free haircuts and a bus ride to Boise on scheduled dates. The Board Meets this month on February 9th at 1:00 p.m.

Letter to the Editor

I called on Saturday, February fourth, and asked if it was possible to get a wellness check for my companion. He had a bleeding issue that concerned me. Dispatch said yes and took the information, indicating there would be someone here soon. After a seemingly long wait, which it was, I got a call that the ambulance was having a hard time finding us. Then dispatch said they would be here shortly, that they found us. Waited and then finally walked down to Elk Creek Road and saw the ambulance parked across from where we live. Was told that the rig they were in barely made it up Elk Creek and could definitely not make it up the access road to our residence so they were waiting for

another rig that would make it. The EMS followed me and we walked back up.

My question is this. Why do we not have ALL rigs capable of accessing where they need to go? If this was a life threatening emergency I shudder at the possible outcome. The young man who assisted, along with Police Chief John Krempa, felt as I did, that medical attention was needed. I have no complaint about the human factor. Everyone was kind and professional. My concern goes back to the equipment. There are areas that are less maintained.

I am sure there is not a satisfactory answer with or without the usual rhetoric.

Carolyn Garrison
Idaho City

Stuck Snowcat

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keep them open.

"We've been stuck before and we've sat in that cab for up to 8-hours!" However, the Sheriff and his deputies were there within an hour. "I've lived up here a long, long time and I was just ecstatic! We weren't getting out of there. We were going to sit there until somebody came up to help us." The Snowcat had slid

sideways down the mountain. "Luckily, it didn't roll, because if that Cat would have started rolling, we would have gone to the bottom. It wouldn't have stopped," Gerany said soberly. He reiterated that he was very thankful for the new Sheriff. There had been no reason to send Search & Rescue, once the Sheriff got there and threw a rope down, "We were able to get out! It was the Boise County Sheriff's Office that got us out of there."



Still trying to dig the Snowcat out on Monday, Feb. 6th. Photo by Tom Gerany

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BOISE COUNTY

Public Comment Sought for North and South Pioneer Fire Salvage and Restoration Projects



Boise, Idaho- The Boise National Forest is seeking public comment on the proposed actions identified as the North and

South Pioneer Fire Salvage and Reforestation projects. Formal scoping comment opportunities will be available through Feb. 27, 2017.

The primary action of both proposals is public safety,

which involves mitigation of hazard trees, salvaging merchantable dead or dying trees, decommissioning unauthorized routes that cause resource damage and the planting of seedlings in portions of the

2016 Pioneer Fire area.

The Forest is hosting three open house meetings to provide those interested in these projects an opportunity to ask questions and provide comments in an informal setting. Project team members will be present to answer questions and share maps and other materials. "We make better decisions when all parties interested in our projects participate in the process" said Idaho City District Ranger Brant Petersen.

The Specific locations and dates are:

Feb. 8: Boise, Best Western at the Airport, 6-8 p.m.

Feb. 9: Idaho City, Boise Basin School Cafeteria, 6-8 p.m.

Feb. 10: Garden Valley, High School multipurpose room, 6-8 p.m.

Additional information about these projects and other Pioneer post-fire activities is available at: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/boise/home/?cid=fseprd530485>



A woodpecker eats seeds from a pine cone. Photo by Eileen Capson



Logging operation near Pioneerville, Idaho.

Photo by Eileen Capson



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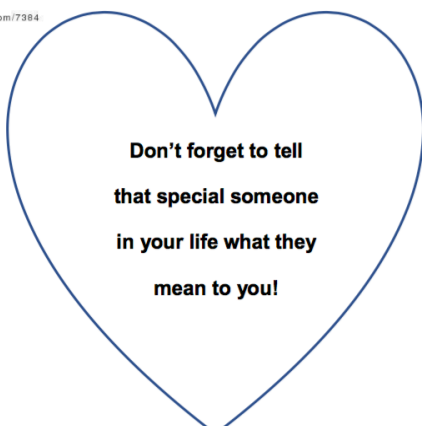
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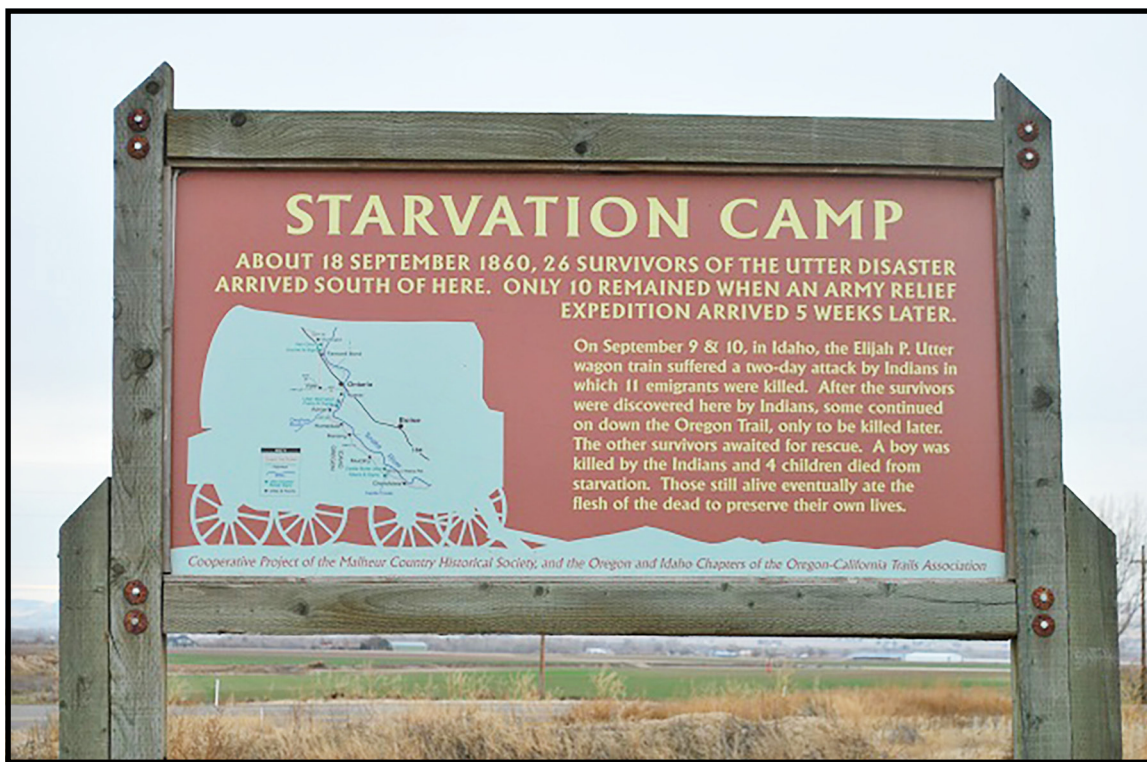
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BOISE COUNTY

A SAD TALE OF THE STARVATION CAMP IN 1860

Written by Historian Jerry Branson



This is a sign Oregon State Highway 201, which Branson helped to erect in 2002. He also had a hand in writing this historical marker, with another Idaho historian. Photo by Jerry Branson

My normal articles are on the positive side of what our past holds. But there are some dark stories as well. This is one of them. This is perhaps the worst tragedy that occurred on the Oregon Trail except for the Donner Party in Nevada. But it is a very clear picture of what people in those days encountered. It was the result of a wagon train attack by rogue Indians west of Castle Butte about two miles in a narrow, but shallow drainage on September 9, 1860 and pursued the wagons down onto a flat. That was at Henderson Flat in Owyhee County. A group of about 60 likely non-local Indians attacked the wagon train because it was a small one that they could overwhelm. It numbered 44 people, but several were children. The wagon train was known as the Utter train because Eliza P. Utter was the leader of it. Four of the men were soldiers who had been discharged, maybe, made a "supposed" escape for help. They were said by some to be deserters. They fled during the attack on the wagon train, depriving the pioneers of much needed firepower. In all, eleven were killed in the attack including the leader, Utter, and his wife as well as their oldest daughter, but the Indians seemed to be after the horses and provisions in the wagons with little attention to the people. The wagons were set on fire after the Indians took what they wanted. They did not pursue the survivors, who fled down the Snake River to the mouth of the Owyhee River, just across the Snake River from old Fort Boise, which was no longer in use. Why burn the wagons? Metal parts of the

wagons were highly prized by the Indians for knives and projectile points.

Three of the immigrants, the Reith Brothers and Charles Chafee, sought to go get help. After the three left, Goodsell Munson, left after the Reiths left. The men found the Oregon Trail a short distance from the Owyhee River camp. They had no food but did have rifles for shooting game. They walked all the way to Walla Walla, Washington. But they made a wrong turn at Willow Creek near Vale and went west across the desert land until they reached the Malheur River where they lost the trail. They then doubled back to Willow Creek near present and went north on the Oregon Trail. They soon found Goodson, nearly starved to death. Chafee decided to stay with him so the Reith brothers continued onward. The journey took about a month. They reached Fort Walla Walla on October 19. The soldiers assembled a rescue team with wagons and went south to rescue the stranded pioneers.

Meanwhile, the small group of people at the Owyhee River camp had to endure. For awhile, a local group of Shoshoni caught fish to help the starving people. But by the end of September, they moved on to their winter camp on Indian Creek where present day Mayfield is located, leaving the stranded camp without a food source. The Shoshoni did not show any of the stranded survivors how to catch the fish nor did the survivors find the fish traps the Shoshoni used.

One family, the Van Ornums, that had two boys and two girls, left to go for help since

nearly a month had gone by with no return of help from the two soldiers. They got as far as the ridge top between what is now Farewell Bend and Huntington, Oregon. They were attacked by Indians returning from the Indian Council on the Weiser River. The father had only a pistol with no extra ammunition. The Indians quickly overcame him and killed him, his wife and oldest son. They took the youngest boy and the two girls and continued their journey south. They did not find the rest of the survivors as they apparently crossed the Snake River upstream. What happened to the children is a different story too long to tell here.

Back at the camp, food was difficult to find. They had already killed the one cow they had taken with them for milk for children. Most of the remaining people, now down to about 30, ate insects, rabbits, grass, leaves and basically scrounged for food. Since some would not help the fewer numbers were often inadequate to surround jack rabbits and club them. That reduced a food source. The weather was turning cold at night which did not help because they had little in the way of clothing and no bedding. They lost all those provisions when they had to abandon the wagons. Conditions were deplorable at the very least and were certainly life-threatening. Still, they persisted. But a few refused to participate in scrounging for something to eat. Soon four very young girls died and then an elderly man, whom they buried. When those who did not work at getting food were absolutely desper-

ate, the non-workers dug up the five that had died and the people resorted to cannibalism out of desperation. Thus, with the cannibalism, the camp became known a Starvation Camp.

Finally, on October 24, 1860, the soldiers from Fort Walla Walla arrived with food and blankets. They collected the survivors and then began the arduous trip back to Fort Walla Walla. But to do so, they had to cross the Blue Mountains. The journey was very hard on everyone as the Oregon Trail up and over the Blue Mountains is very steep. They also encountered some snow. Having been there, I know about snow and also the very steep grades up onto the summit at Meacham and down the far side to the Umatilla River. But finally they reached Fort Walla Walla on November 7. Only 10 of the 40 on the wagon train remained alive. When they regained their health, some moved on to Oregon City and some remained in the town of Walla Walla.

Ironically, the Reith brothers formed a small community that exists today. It is Reith, Oregon, two miles south of I-84 at Pendleton on the Umatilla River.

Too often we find stories of what took place along the Oregon Trail that glamorize it. In reality, those who came to or through Idaho endured a lot of tragic events. Yet they carved out a place in history by their own hands and sweat. We have a very rich but sometimes disturbing history for which we can be proud. But it came about from some very unpleasant and sad times. In spite of the very hard times we had a people who never gave up and who built up the heritage we inherited. Our history is so amazing I cannot leave our past escape us without sharing the amazing feats of our past people.

The only other wagon train to resort to cannibalism was the Donner party in Nevada. This one was on the Idaho border just across the Snake River, on our very door step. But this disaster and that of the Donner Party were not the first such incidents. Just this year archeologists and forensic scientists determined that the first act of cannibalism by white people in the US was the winter of 1608-1609 at Jamestown, Virginia. They have been able to reconstruct a girl the scientist named "Jane" out of clay based on historical forensics of the archeological work in finding sufficient remains of the girl's skull. Numerous cut marks made by knives tell the story.

In the summer of 2003, as a member of the Oregon Trail Society, I helped to transport and place the signs concerning the massacre and hardships from Henderson Flat where the massacre by the Indians occurred, the Starvation Camp, the confluence of the north and south routes of the Oregon Trail at the mouth of the Boise River (signs on the Oregon side) and the Van Ornum family graves on the slope above Huntington, Oregon and at Farewell Bend. Photos of the campsite near the mouth of the Owyhee River and some of the signs are included. That makes this story very real to me. Something as small and insignificant as fish hooks could have saved them. Sadly these folks had none.

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The three Van Ornum children were taken. However, later on, the little boy was a major factor in the army's ambush of the Shoshoni/Bannocks at Bear River. This led to the single worst killing of Native Americans in US history. Photo by Jerry Branson

BOISE COUNTY

Idaho Fish & Game Address Winter Feeding of Wildlife

Written by Eileen Capson Boise County - "We are experiencing a winter that we haven't experienced in about 20 years, with snow depths accumulating," said Ed Schriever, Deputy Director of Operations. "The Fish & Game have a policy on winter feeding that is done only on an emergency basis. We want wildlife to depend on natural food supplies to the extent possible, but extenuating circumstances call for extenuating actions and we are taking those actions." The criteria that initiated the winter feeding included animals congregating on the roadways,

damage to farmer's crops, a large amount of snow with crusting and the fact that there was a fire that reduced food in their winter range.

The Idaho Fish & Game first initiated the emergency feeding in eastern Idaho, in the Henry Creek Fire area. A quarter of a million dollars was used in this effort, said Schriever. "We basically used our entire winter feeding budget before we actually had a winter-feeding emergency across the state."

Legislation was approved within the past week to spend an additional \$400,000, for this emergency feeding, totaling

\$650,000. New feeding sites are being added weekly and there are over 100 sites. The Fish & Game estimate they are feeding over 10,000 deer, almost 10,000 elk and about 100 pronghorn. This is about 7% of the population.

Jon Rachael, State Game Manager, spoke about radio collars on mule deer. In capturing the animals, they saw that they were in average or in slightly below average condition, going into the winter. "Deer did not come in the greatest shape, so we are anticipating to experience some mortalities, despite our intensive

efforts to feed deer." He continued, "We are anticipating we are going to lose a significant number of our fawns." However, Rachael did add that they are seeing higher numbers of deer and elk than they have seen in decades.

All the money used for the emergency feeding program was provided by sportsmen -- 75¢ of every deer, elk and prong horn tag.

Weekly updates are on the Idaho Fish & Game website.



Ed Schriever, Deputy Director of Operations with Idaho Fish & Game.
Photo by Eileen Capson

COMPLICATIONS OF THE S-CORP OPTION

Written by Attorney Rick Murray

In my last article I introduced the taxing options of a corporation under Chapter "C" or Chapter "S" of the tax code. Most small businesses, if they qualify for S-Corp status, elect to be taxed that way because it creates what we call a "pass through" so profits pass through to the owners individually and taxes are paid at the individual owners' tax rate. This means that profits are not taxes at the corporate level, as with the Chapter "C" corporation.

To be eligible for the "S" status a corporation must meet a number of technical requirements, otherwise it is, and must remain, a C-Corp. The first requirement is there must be 100 or fewer shareholders and none of the shareholders can be an ineligible shareholder. One example of an ineligible shareholder is a non-resident alien. Shares must generally be owned by "natural individuals" who are U.S. citizens or legal residents, not other corporations or LLC's. There are some exceptions for non-profit corporations and trusts. There can be only one class of stock. This means that all shares of stock issued, gives each shareholder identical rights to all distributions based on the number of shares they hold. This is not true, however, for voting rights. An S-Corp can have voting and non-voting shares. If an S-Corp doesn't continually meet all of these restrictions, it automatically reverts to a C-Corp.

The corporation makes the "S" election using IRS Form 2553, which all the shareholders must sign. By signing this election the owners agree to a number of conditions, some of

which are laid-out on the election form, and all of which are laid out in Chapter "S" of the IRS Code. At this point I must paraphrase a popular auto insurance commercial. "Did you read all 22 thousand pages of the Code? No! Only a tax attorney does that." Well unfortunately for the owners of the S-Corp, especially those who work for the corporation, there are some very significant conditions to which you agreed to get the "S" status. Since it isn't easy to find them you are likely to not know them and they are probably going to come back and bite you with a surprise tax bill.

The S-Corp. must file Form 1120S reporting the company's annual income, expenses, and profit or losses. In addition the corporation must file a Schedule K-1 for each shareholder stating their pro-rata share of the profit. Each owner then reports their distributive share on their individual tax form. In this way the S-Corp pays no state or federal income tax.

The S-Corp is required by the tax code to distribute accumulated earnings (profits) at least every three years, but is not required to make annual distributions. This leads us to our first S-Corp tax surprise, "phantom income." If an S-Corp. decides to not distribute profit in a given year, the owners must claim and pay tax on their pro-rata share of the corporation's distributive share even though the owners have not received what is called "constructive receipt" of any money. Further tax payments on these distributive share allocations must be made on a quarterly basis as estimated income tax

payments. If such payments are not made the owners could face late payment penalties and interest. Owners of S-Corp. shares should consider entering into an owners' agreement that at least the amount of tax owed on this phantom income be distributed to the shareholders each year.

A second, and much bigger surprise is what is called "reasonable compensation." While there is no law that says the owners of the S-Corp. must pay themselves a salary, subject to payroll taxes, the election to be an S-Corp. does stipulate that shareholders who own 2% or more of the issued stock of the corporation, and who work for the corporation shall be paid "reasonable compensation" for their services as an employee. The IRS caught on to owners paying themselves dividends rather than salaries to avoid paying payroll tax and closed that loop hole. The check for reasonable compensation is a high priority tax return audit issue for all S-Corps. The surprise comes in how the IRS determines reasonable compensation. Most owners would expect that reasonable is what they determine is reasonable. Not so! The IRS has a clear process that has been tested in both the tax and federal courts. Here's how it goes. The owner/employee must track their hours by activity, then using the Bureau of Labor Statistics' hourly labor rate data calculate a weighted average hourly rate for the combination of all their services and then multiply that rate by the number of hours actually worked for the corporation up to 2080 if the owner/employee is full-time. If the

compensation paid by the corporation to the owner/employee does not equal or exceed the reasonable compensation amount the IRS may reclassify any distributions made to the owner/employee during the year in question as compensation subject to the payroll tax. Since tax audits are performed after the tax year has ended the owner/employee is likely to be subject to the payroll tax, late payment penalties, and interest. This calculation must be made each year for each person who owns 2% or more of issued stock and works for the corporation. By the way every officer of the corporation is automatically deemed an employee of the corporation.

So how does this work, and what does it mean for owners of S-Corps? Let's say you elected to be an S-Corp and you have paid yourself \$2,000 per month for the year. Let's say that the IRS calculation for reasonable compensation for you is \$48,000 for the year. Your pay is 1/2 the reasonable compensation amount. If all you take out of the company is your salary, the \$24,000, you are OK. Now let's say you made a profit of \$50,000 after your compensation, and you have loaned the corporation \$100,000 to get started. You decide to take the \$50,000 profit as loan repayment. Since you didn't pay yourself reasonable compensation, \$48,000, the IRS, on its own, can reclassify \$24,000 (the difference between the reasonable compensation calculation and the salary you actually paid yourself) of that loan repayment as salary and, surprise, you now owe payroll tax, late payments,

and interest on that reclassified \$24,000. While this may not seem fair this action has been taken to tax court and federal district courts and the IRS has prevailed in both settings.

Another potential tax surprise that owners S-Corp's face are that the payment for health insurance premiums and contributions to Health Savings Accounts are considered compensation subject to employment tax and must be reported annually on a Form W-2.

Many small business owners make loans to their businesses. Regardless of the type of business entity, repayment of loans made to the owners must incur interest. If the loan document is silent about interest, or more likely for most small businesses doesn't exist, the IRS "imputes" interest at the market rate. That is the interest you would pay if a bank made the loan rather than you the owner. That interest is to be reported as investment income for the year in which the repayment (with interest) occurs. Should this interest not be calculated and reported the owner again faces a tax bill with late charges and interest.

My generation used to call accountants "bean counters" but I think you can begin to appreciate that BEAN COUNTERS RULE!

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BOISE COUNTY

What is the County Prosecutor's Job?

Written by Prosecutor Dan Blocksom



Dan Blocksom, Boise County's Prosecutor discusses the duties of a prosecutor. Photo by Eileen Capson

The Criminal Prosecutor:

The county prosecutor has two very separate and distinct roles. The first role, the criminal prosecutor, is more exciting and glamorous, and should be somewhat familiar to you if you've watched any "Law and Order" or similar lawyer TV shows and movies. In Idaho, the county prosecutor prosecutes all felonies that oc-

cur within the county, and all infractions and misdemeanors that occur in the county when the arresting or charging officer is a state or county employee. Although TV shows might indicate otherwise, most of the time that a criminal prosecutor spends in court is not for heart-racing trials, but is rather for hearings that ensure that each defendant is adequately prepared to either agree to settle the case with the prosecutor, or

go to trial.

The challenges of being a criminal prosecutor are many. Witnesses and defendants may change their stories, reviewing the reports and video recordings takes endless hours, and accurate case law research is time-consuming. As a criminal prosecutor, I had a front row seat to watch people literally destroy their own lives and the lives of those around them, and I had only very limited tools to try to pick up the pieces and make things right. One of my greatest struggles was trying to figure out a way to be fair and consistent with all defendants, amidst the never-ending treadmill of cases. If a defendant with a certain criminal history committed a certain crime, I wanted to make sure that defendant received the same punishment as another defendant with a similar history who committed a similar crime. That was much easier said than done.

The Civil Prosecutor:

The other role of the county prosecutor is the legal advisor, or the "civil prosecutor," and this is the role that I usually play. This role is rarely shown in movies and TV shows because it looks rather boring and thus makes for lousy entertainment. The county prosecutor is supposed to give legal advice to the county officers, and thus functions like the "general counsel" of the county. The

civil prosecutor may work on personnel matters to ensure that the county complies with state and federal employment law. The civil prosecutor may review and draft contracts to make sure that if something goes wrong, then the county is protected, and that the appropriate parties have insurance. The civil prosecutor may also help the other elected officials figure out how to implement their ideas and policies in a legal way. Fulfilling these roles typically takes a great deal of researching, reading, and writing memos.

One of the most challenging parts of the civil prosecutor's role is that I must try to anticipate every possible way that the county could get sued. This is an impossible task. After trying to anticipate those areas of county liability exposure, I then must prioritize those areas in order of highest to lowest liability exposure in hopes that I get to all of the areas before any serious lawsuit comes knocking. This is also difficult.

In my experience of having provided civil legal advice to four different counties, county elected officials and employees usually have good intentions and do not want to break the law or create liability. The problems usually arise because of a lack of information and training, which can result from under-staffing, heavy workloads, constant personnel turnover, and a break-down in trust in the attorney.

Not Free Legal Advisor for Everyone:

Although the county prosecutor does many different things, the prosecutor cannot represent you in a private matter or provide legal advice to you as an individual. For example, if you have a dispute with your ex-spouse about the custody arrangements of your child, or with your neighbor about the terms of your HOA agreement, unfortunately the prosecutor cannot advise you and you typically will need to hire your own attorney. Not only does the prosecutor's office not have the resources to help you with these issues, getting involved in these private civil disputes can create problems for the prosecutor's office under the Idaho Rules of Professional Conduct.

For More Information:

My office takes both of its roles very seriously and strives to do its best. For more detailed information on the roles of a county prosecutor, feel free to contact our office, or read the County Elected Officials handbook, which is available on the Idaho Association of Counties website (<http://idcounties.org/documents/iac-publications/>).

Boise County Courts & Trial

The **Rana Klingner** trial has been delayed due to renovations at the County Courthouse. The new schedule has a jury selection of two days, on February 9th and 10th, with the actual trial beginning on February 13th. There are currently two charges of grand theft, dating back to 2013 and 2014, against Ms. Klingner. Many present or former employees of Boise County have been subpoenaed to testify in this case.

Brandon Granum was recently released from jail after being charged with burglary and destruction of property of a Lowman cabin. He spent 1 year and 1 month in custody and will remain on probation until 2024. District Judge Pat-

rick Owen ordered Granum to pay \$11,000 of restitution and will be subjected to drug testing. He was also ordered to not have any contact with the victim or family, and to stay at least 1,000 yards away from the Lowman address.

Kathryn Brookes was recently charged with unlawful entry, resisting arrest and battery of an officer. The 57-year-old woman explained in Judge Cockerille's Magistrate Court that she had come up to Idaho City to help a friend move and then partook in drinking hard liquor. She had planned on not driving, so booked a room at a local hotel. Brookes claimed that she went to look for a bathroom at the hotel. How-

ever, she entered a home down the street, where she assumed the gentleman inside was an intruder. She proceeded to hit and bite the visually impaired, blind man. Law enforcement was called by his teenage daughter, [according to the mother, who was not present during this altercation]. Brooks was sentenced to 30 days in jail, 29 days suspended, and credited one day for the time she had served. No restoration was ordered, but she will serve 20 hours of community service and pay court fees. Brooks was ordered a probation term, of unsupervised probation, of 2 years. Kathryn Brooks stated, "I wish to apologize to that gentleman and to the police officer I was so mean to."



"Dispensing justice," as coined by Idaho City Prosecutor Richard Linville. Magistrate Judge Roger Cockerille sits behind the bar in the Commissioners' Room in the Miner's Exchange. Court was held here while renovations could be completed on the Courthouse across the street.

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BOISE COUNTY

Lady Wildcats Score at the Buzzer to Win!

Coach Monica Cockerille
Idaho City - The Idaho City Girls Varsity Basketball team began their District Tournament play on Thursday night with a close win against the Ambrose Archers, 33 to 32. The team had a strong season, finishing 4th in Conference with an overall record of 15-7, and a Conference record of 6-4. The team lost 4 strong seniors last year including Margaret Anderson and Joy Billings, who had consistently been the top point earners in the last 3 seasons, but through hard work, determination and discipline, the team found their rhythm as the season hit its peak. The Wildcats led the #5 Archers most of the game, giving up the lead late in the 4th quarter but playing relentlessly until the final game winning shot from Senior, Kaylene Gallegos. The Wildcats moved on to the second round of District play on Saturday, playing the undefeated #1 seed, Liberty Patriots. The teams were neck and neck most of the game until the Patriots took an 8 point lead in the 3rd quarter. The Wildcats fought back in the 4th and defeated the Patriots 47 to 45, earning a spot at the State Tournament and the chance to play for the District Championship on Thursday, February 9th at 730pm at Columbia High School. The Wildcats will face Horseshoe Bend.

In terms of my coaching, yes, this is my last year. It has been an absolute honor and privilege to coach the last 9 years at Idaho City High School. We have improved so much since



The Idaho City Lady Wildcats played a nail biting game on Thursday, Feb. 2nd. The crowd erupted when Kaylene Gallegos shot the winning 2-pointer.
Photo by Eileen Capson

that first season when we won a single game. We now consistently compete for that top spot every season. And we would not have come so far without the outstanding young women who year in and year out have given me their all, believed in my goals, and worked to meet my expectations. They have changed my life and I can only

hope that I have made a difference in theirs. I am grateful for the tremendous support I've received from administrators, parents, teachers, staff, students, and the Idaho City community. I will miss coaching, but mostly I will miss watching and learning from these amazing young women.

Middle School Boys HSB vs. IC



The Middle School Boys were matched up for an intercounty basketball game on Thursday, February 2nd. These closely matched teams came right down to the wire. However, Idaho City B-Team just beat out Horsebend, but then flipped with Horseshoe winning with their A-Team.
Photo by Eileen Capson



Apparently, some deer read signs, looking both ways before crossing in the designated area. Crossing single file, only when it is safe to do so, to avoid collisions. Deer were casually crossing Hwy. 21, to make it to the other side of their migratory area.
Photo by Eileen Capson



BOISE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14TH, 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
(because executive sessions are listed, does not necessarily mean that they will be engaged)
- 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
- CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS/GRANTS/RESOLUTIONS Clerk Prisco
- DEMAND WARRANTS Clerk Prisco
- INDIGENT - EXECUTIVE SESSION exempt records
- PA Issues - Prosecuting Attorney's Office
- EXECUTIVE SESSION per I.C. 74-206(1)(f): Pending Litigation
- EXECUTIVE SESSION per I.C. 74-206(1)(b): Personnel
(because executive sessions are listed, does not necessarily mean that they will be engaged)
- 10:30 a.m. TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE MEETING BOCC/DH/EO
- 11:30 a.m. WAIVER REQUEST: PENALTIES/INTEREST James Nicholson
- RECESS FOR LUNCH**
- 1:15 p.m. SHOW CAUSE HEARING: NON-COMPLIANT BUILDING PERMIT: SCOTT DAVIS P&Z Admin Canody/BOCC
- 2:00 p.m. UNIFIED LAND ORDINANCE AMENDMENT PUBLIC HEARING BOCC/P&Z Admin Canody
- 3:00 p.m. MISCELLANEOUS & CORRESPONDENCE Commissioners
 Commissioner Discussion/Committee Reports
 Future Agenda Topics Review

RECESS REGULAR MEETING UNTIL TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21ST, 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.

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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 high school 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.

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Mores Creek Recreational Foundation is looking for someone who may be interested in being the Parking Attendant out at Steamboat Gulch tubing hill. For more information, please contact Jackie Bridwell at 392-4281. (This job would require working weekends & holidays during the wintertime.)

BOISE COUNTY DEPUTY COURT CLERK: The Boise County Court system has an opening for a full-time Deputy Court Clerk. The principal function of this position is to receive, post and monitor payments within the court system, while correlating them to the appropriate payment agreements. The position requires great attention to detail and accuracy, and reports to the Supervising Deputy Court Clerk.

Qualifications include a minimum of a high school diploma (or GED) and a clean criminal record. Prior experience in the court system or legal field is desired but not required.

Interested candidates are requested to submit both an employment application and a resume. Applications can be printed from the Boise County website www.boisecounty.us or picked up from the Clerk's Office at 420 Main Street, Idaho City, ID 83631. You may also submit completed applications and resumes by email to mprisco@co.boise.id.us.

The deadline for submitting an application to the Clerk's Office is February 3rd, 2017, at 5:00 PM or must be postmarked by that date. Boise County is an Equal Opportunity Employer and gives Veteran's Preference in its hiring practices.

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- Flexible professional able to work with a variety of personalities
- Organized and able to work independently and with a high degree of accuracy
- Intermediate to advanced knowledge of Excel and Word software

Education: High school degree required, additional education beneficial.

Experience: Two years or more of financial accounting experience is preferred.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

In accordance with Idaho Code and Horseshoe Bend City Code 9-5-14 Table 1A, the City of Horseshoe Bend City Council will hold a public hearing on February 22, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. to receive comment from interested persons regarding the application submitted by Acacia Fisher for a Planned Unit Development (PUD-01-17) to allow a day care for children named "Toddler Town" to be established in a Residential 1 zone located at 101 Locust Lane, Horseshoe Bend, Idaho. Draft copies of map, plans, ordinances and all documents required by ordinance are available for review by the public at Horseshoe Bend City Hall, 112 Ada Street, Horseshoe Bend, ID during regular business hours.

Public Comment: The public hearing will be held at 7:00 p.m. on February 22, 2017 at Horseshoe Bend City Hall, 112 Ada Street, Horseshoe Bend, ID. Comments regarding the application will be taken at that time or may be submitted in writing for consideration. Written comments must be post-marked to Horseshoe Bend City Hall, P.O. Box 246, Horseshoe Bend, ID 83629 or delivered to City Hall no later than February 17th, 2017. Comments will be read into the record at the public hearing.

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LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Crouch City Council will hold a public hearing at Crouch City Hall, 342 Village Circle, Garden Valley, Idaho on the 8th day of February, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. to consider whether to adopt Resolution 17-01R thereby establishing reasonable fees associated with the required inspection of new buildings.

Any and all persons desiring to comment may appear and be heard at the appointed time. Written comments accepted at City Hall, 342 Village Circle, Garden Valley, Idaho, until 5 pm on the 8th day of February, 2017.

Any person with a disability may request a reasonable accommodation to make it easier to use City facilities or programs, or request that the City provide information in a different way. Any person needing special accommodations to participate in the above noticed meeting should contact Crouch City Clerk, Vickie L. Chandler, telephone: (208)462-4687 (Tuesday through Thursday from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.), two (2) days prior to the meeting.

Vickie L. Chandler, City Clerk
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follows: Commencing at a steel pin monumenting the Southeast-erly corner of said Lot 54, said pin being the real point of beginning; thence along the boundary of said Lot 54 the following courses: South 78 degrees 35'29" West a distance of 207.90 feet to a steel pin; thence Northwesterly a distance of 132.13 feet along the Arc of a circular curve concave to the Southwest, said curve having a radius of 175.00 feet, a Central angle of 45 degrees 15'34" and a long chord which bears North 5 degrees 40'47" West a chord distance of 129.01 feet to a set steel pin; thence leaving said boundary North 75 degrees 09'00" East a distance of 221.44 feet to a steel pin on the Easterly Boundary of said Lot 54; thence along said Easterly Boundary South 1 degrees 00'00" East a distance of 144.03 feet to the Real Point of Beginning. The sale is subject to conditions, rules and procedures as described at the sale and which can be reviewed at www.northwesttrustee.com or USA-Foreclosure.com. The sale is made without representation, warranty or covenant of any kind. Rapp, Gene A. Jr. and Amber J. (TS# 7023.117485) 1002.290044-File No.

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BOISE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS CONDENSED MINUTES
TUESDAY, JANUARY 17th, 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, Commissioner Baker, Deputy Clerk Coffelt, Clerk Prisco, Prosecutor Blocksom, Planning & Zoning Administrator Canody, Community Justice Administrator Leader, Sheriff Kaczmarek, Assessor Juszczyk. Mr. Brent Pflieger, an agent with Farmers Insurance in Boise, on behalf of Fredrick Call the owner of Diamond Lil's, spoke to the board concerning snow removal on Diamond Lil's and the County building next to it. The minutes for January 9th, 2017 were approved. Ms. Canody spoke to the board about a show cause hearing and date. Assessor Juszczyk thanked all who has been helping with the snow removal. A credit application for Commercial Tire was approved for the Sheriff. Resolutions 2017-10 through 2017-12 were approved. A demand warrant was approved. Mr. Howard King discussed with the board a grant to build a docking station for non-motorized boats at the Spring Shores Marina and a letter of support was approved. Director Dill gave an update to the board on EBCAD. Three bids for a command vehicle were presented to the board and discussed as well. A brief discussion was had on the commissioner calendar for the year. Dan Blocksom was appointed as the Prosecuting Attorney for a four year term. An FYI from the USDA was presented to the board. A letter concerning the power line project from Horseshoe Bend to Garden Valley was presented to the board. A certificate of residency was approved. Issue tracking was

reviewed, discussed and updated. Chairman Ward has been speaking with Idaho Fish & Game about the feeding program for the wildlife. Future agendas were reviewed and discussed. A motion was made to change the February 7th, meeting to February 6th, due to the Idaho Association of Counties conference. Adjourned. Approval, Chairman Ward. Attest, Clerk Prisco, Clerk to the Board.

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BOISE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS CONDENSED MINUTES
MONDAY, JANUARY 24th, 2017-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, Commissioner Baker, Deputy Clerk Coffelt, Clerk Prisco, Sheriff Kaczmarek. The minutes for January 17th, 2017 were approved as presented. Ms. Canody sent an amended ULO out for review to legal and the changes were discussed. EM Coordinator Roberts discussed with the board a public notice for Title III Certification. The Sheriff gave an update on the snow removal. Deputy Clerk Loya updated on upcoming elections. PA Blocksom discussed possible alternatives to the County's current email. The sheriff presented a grant for E911 equipment which was approved. Four demand warrants were approved by the board.

Obituary

Selmah M. Gatfield went to be with her beloved Harvey on Jan. 28, 2017. Selmah Phyrnne Mitchell was born the 2nd of seven children to John F. and Dimple G. Mitchell in Iconium, MO on February 21, 1922.

The family relocated to Amarillo, TX when she was a toddler. Her father worked as a postman during her growing up years. After high school Selmah worked at Woolworths then Newberry's where she clerked and dressed windows. She soon moved into the office as a bookkeeper and office manager. Selmah met a handsome Idahoan, Harvey Gatfield at a USO dance for the troops at the Amarillo Army Air Corps Base. They were married a month later, a marriage that lasted 64 years.

Harvey brought Selmah to the family farm in Idaho, October of 1945 where they raised their 3 children, Kathryn Gatfield Nevers (Royal), Boyd Harvey (Virginia) and Franklin J. (Delma), who with their spouses survive Selmah. She was active in the communities of Montour, Sweet, Horseshoe Bend and Emmett. Selmah held offices in the Montour

Ladies Club, Garden Club, Syringa Club and PTA. She served on the Walter Knox Hospital Board, worked as bookkeeper at the Gem Supply Co-Op, taught 4-H sewing and worked at the polls for elections. Selmah did chores like a pro, cooked huge meals for farm hands, sewed most of the clothes her children wore, raised and preserved their food.

After "retiring" from farming Selmah took up researching family history, area history, genealogy and quilting. She and Harvey traveled in their motorhome to do research in Kansas, Missouri, Utah and Idaho. They fished from Sekiu, WA for Black Sea Bass and Ling Cod. They often brought home their catch to host a Good Sam Club fish fry. Selmah and Harvey were active in the Horseshoe Bend Seniors. She took her job as cashier and kitchen helper very seriously. Selmah lived in the home she and Harvey built in 1978 until 2015.

In addition to her children, she is survived by 6 grandchildren, Branden (Darci) Nevers, Kris (Steve) Nevers, Trina (Matt) Saager, Brandon (Jennifer) Givens, Todd



Selmah M. Gatfield
Feb. 21, 1922 - Jan. 28, 2017

(Amy) Gatfield and Mindi (Robert) Wurster; 15 great grandchildren, one great-great grandson and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Harvey; sisters, Angelin and Joanne; brothers, Francis and Joe and son-in-law, Royal Nevers.

The family expresses our deep appreciation to Dr. Thomson, the staff of Meadow View Assisted Living, Heart 'N Home Hospice and Emmett EMT's. Services were held at the Potter Funeral Chapel February 1, 2017. Interment was at the Sweet Cemetery.

Three bids were reviewed for a command vehicle for EBCAD, the state bid was approved in the amount of \$31,572.79 and an upgrade to the vehicle was approved in the amount of \$22,162.43. The Board interviewed Mr. Robert Showalter for the Emergency Management Coordinator position. A discussion of waiving solid waste fees for various organizations. A public hearing ensued for the solid waste fee increases for extraordinary items. No decisions made at this time. Two liquor licenses were approved. Two support letters for the Idaho Power Project were approved. A certification

of Title III Expenditures was approved. The bills were approved. Commissioner Jackson discussed the relocation of snow within the city limits. Commissioner Baker met with the new Mayor of Horseshoe Bend. Chairman Ward discussed the snowgroomer building roof that had collapsed in Garden Valley. A brief discussion concerning the parcel near Lowman ensued. Future agendas were reviewed and discussed. Adjourned. Approval, Chairman Ward. Attest, Clerk Prisco, Clerk to the Board.

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BOISE COUNTY

BOISE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

Transcribed by Eileen Capson

Jan. 31, 2017

Present: Commissioners Alan Ward and Laura Baker

Absent: Commissioner Roger Jackson

Goals were provided by Department Heads in writing to the Commissioners. They were basically the goals that they had set at budget time. Chairman Ward asked, "Have you accomplished some of those goals? Have you taken any of those off since budget time?" The Planning & Zoning administrator said she had accomplished some of those items.

Chairman Ward spoke of the Planning & Zoning Commission and asked if they were still at four on their board. She agreed that they had "blanketed the Horseshoe Bend area with wanted posters." They are considering extending that area to take in a larger area, to provide a volunteer for that 5th commissioner member position.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: [Time 9:09am to 9:36am] Pending litigation, personnel and exempt records. Coming back into session, no action required.

MINUTES: The official meeting minutes were accepted for Jan. 24, 2016.

P&Z: There was a "failure to obtain the building permit," said the administrator. The owner had passed away in the

last year. Chairman Ward said the date was scheduled and posted properly. He motioned to approve the "show cause order, a failure for compliance for the building permit," per requested by Planning & Zoning.

SNOW REMOVAL: Sheriff Jim Kaczmarek said that he and others spent a little over \$500 on diesel fuel over the weekend for snow removal, by filling the county dump truck and backhoe. He asked where it would be appropriate to charge that fuel. Clerk Mary Prisco recommended taking it out of the General Fund and the General Operations. This fuel budget may get overrun. The Sheriff explained, "We're still, just taking time when we can, to move snow." He spent 10 hours each, on Friday and Saturday, to move snow. "We just continue to do that as we have time to do that. We're going to need to move it out of the Sheriff's Office eventually." Chairman Ward offered, "Deal with it as best you can."

MOTION FOR SHERIFF'S OFFICE: Commissioner Baker made a motion to sign the "traffic control agreement between Boise County and Boise Developmental Cycling Club." This is for this year's event. [Date(s) not mentioned] **MOTION:** Chairman Ward made a motion to approve a resolution to adjust the Boise County District Court fund/Community Justice Fund for the 2017 budget. [No amount stated]

DEMAND WARRANTS: Commissioner Ward asked Assessor Chris Juszczak to explain a purchase. Juszczak responded that in operating a backhoe, "I didn't want to

operate the machine without grease in it, so I went and bought a tube of grease for the backhoe." The amount of \$4.79 was motioned and approved for reimbursement.

Commissioner Baker made a motion to approve a warrant for Office Depot, for "color printer supply and post its" in the amount of \$66.25.

Chairman Ward made a motion to pay Chevron & Texaco Business Card in the amount of \$2,761.73, fuel for the Sheriff's Office. Clerk Prisco said they have a bill cycle that is twice a month.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: [Time - 18 minutes] The indigent case was approved and another was tabled.

EMERGENCY MANAGER: John said, "We had all 10 fire departments represented at the fire chief's meeting last night." He said that was the first time in 5 years. Commissioner Baker wanted to know names of those who issued the "stand downs" for emergency personnel in Horseshoe Bend, because it had happened 3 times over the weekend. She added, "The stand downs are frustrating because Garden Valley is already out."

PLANNING & ZONING: Rora Canody thanked the Assessor and Sheriff for "getting all the snow out." The snow between the courthouse and the P&Z building had been up to their windows. There was concern that there would be flooding in the spring. She said some of the boardwalk boards were broken.

She said they are trying to get the Unified Land Ordinance (ULO) on the website, but it is a very large document. The or-

dinance will be reviewed with the Board on Feb. 14th.

Canody stated that in her office, "We're staying busy."

ASSESSOR: Chris Juszczak said they got the "preliminary test results back from the State Tax Commission for our ratio studies, which help set values. It's not all the information that we look at, but it's a good sign," that they fall within the 10% of market value. He said the county had over 180 homes that sold this past year. "Everything is moving. Most of its selling for more," so values are expected to go up again. He added, "We're increasing at a half a percent per a month in what houses are selling for. It's a good market. It's not growing too fast. It's in good shape, so we're looking really good. I am happy with the work that the appraisers have done, and so is the State Tax Commission." Assessor Juszczak said they are expecting there will be some dispute come July for the Board of Equalization, "because we raised values, of course people are upset." However, he added that they had "plenty to back it up."

COURTHOUSE REMODEL: Assessor Juszczak reported that the remodel is complete.

ELECTIONS: The Election's Clerk stated that, "Idaho is second in the nation in voter integrity. Statewide, 144,000 people registered to vote on Election Day. Countywide, we had over 500." She added, "There is legislation in the works to make sure that schools are either closed or have an in-service day on election days to allow other polling places to be

set up at schools." Online voting is also in the works. "Right now, at the moment, we have 4,427 registered voters in our county."

SHERIFF: Jim Kaczmarek said that he was looking to replace the officer's body armor and that it has a life expectancy of 5 years. Building maintenance has been a problem and he is gathering proposals. They are conducting interviews for dispatch. They have had avalanches, snow slides, regular accidents and lost skiers from Bogus Basin that need Search & Rescue. "We have been working on actively getting ready for those."

JUVENILE JUSTICE: The administrator reported the department has received an "influx of cases from the valley that have been taxing on us." She also spoke about "electrical issues" on the building.

SHREDDING: The last shredding the county had was with the previous administration. The juvenile justice administrator got a quote that it would cost \$1,447 to shred 100 boxes.

TREASURER: April Hutchings said, "Pending issue of tax deed: Today is the last day for people to pay their 2013 taxes, before I turn them over." They are down to 45 properties. "Also, I wanted to let you know that we got done for that collection for the first half of 2016 taxes and we actually collected a little over half of the 2016. So, we were excited about that! Because, that is not a normal thing! Usually, it's less."

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