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## Unforgettable Smiles at the Special Olympics Winter Games Hosted by Terrace Lakes Resort

Written by Janet Juroch

**Garden Valley** - "What a great venue for this event" was the common factor voiced from visitors of the Special Olympics Winter Games in Nordic Events held at Terrace Lakes Resort this past Saturday. The competitive spirit showed but more than anything there was complete and utter joy beaming from the participants. Big smiles were on the faces of all the competitors from the time they started the competitions to when the awards were handed out.

Terrace Lakes Resort hosted the Nordic winter events of cross-country skiing and snowshoeing. Sean Wardle, General Manager at Terrace Lakes Resort, commented on how he was "so pleased to be a part of bringing this event to Garden Valley and Terrace Lakes." He enlisted many volunteers and helpers to set up for the event which culminated at the Pavilion by the Pool. Everyone was treated to gallons of donated homemade chili while Terrace Lakes provided the beverages and snacks.

One local competitor was Gage Winters. He won two gold medals and could hardly

contain his excitement. He won the 1K and 3K cross-country competitions. He also was the designated person to carry the Winter Games Torch. Gage's mom, Deanna Winters said, "It was such a fun day and always amazed by the support. Thanks to the whole community of GV & Terrace Lakes Resort!"

Competitors ranged in various ages with the oldest being 80 years old. Every competitor was excited as the medals were placed around their necks by Patrick Calley, an Ada County Sheriff. He announced the medalists and was in part of the winning photos. He knew the all the competitors from his ongoing work with Special Olympics.

Many participants were not new to Special Olympics competitions. Many have competed in previous summer and winter games. For some, this was the first time they put on snowshoes. The coach for the Winter Games was Pam Kerr, who was always encouraging the competitors and had hugs for all of them.

One participant, Ian Bott from Boise, was excited at winning first place in the snowshoe relay with three others. He was

anxious to be interviewed. Ian enjoyed talking about his accomplishments. He explained that he currently works at Albertson's in Boise. He is involved in the community and likes to do leadership activities. Ian says, "I am planning to graduate from Boise State University in the fall and I want to start a non-profit." He also said, "Coming to the Winter Games at Terrace Lakes is like a vacation."

Some giggled that the bus driver got a little lost trying to find Terrace Lakes, but the kids agreed, "He had a great sense of humor about it and played great music along the way." All the participants showed excitement

to be in the snow. Parents and staff also commented on how "wonderful the snow was at Terrace Lakes and how

friendly everyone was."

Wardle refers to the best things about Garden Valley and events like this saying, "It



Patrick Calley (left), Ada County Sheriff and Special Olympics volunteer, announced a gold medal win for Garden Valley athlete Gage Winters on right.  
Photo by Janet Juroch



Special Olympics Winter games athletes and volunteers gather for a group photo at Terrace Lakes Resort with memories and more.  
Photo by Janet Juroch

never ceases to amaze me how well this community of ours can band together and put on an amazing event! Today we hosted the Nordic events of the Idaho Winter Special Olympics. So thankful for all of the volunteers but most of all, so proud of these sensational athletes. Hopefully we can make this a yearly celebration for these incredibly talented individuals!! Kudos to everyone involved!!"

## Happenings

**Idaho City:** IC Historical Foundation's Annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner. March 11, 2017; Ray Robison Community Hall, 6:00pm, doors open at 5:30pm. Featuring Trudy's famous Corned Beef Dinner, Music, and Silent Auction. Great food, fine music, and conversation! Featuring Boise Basin Gold Miners' Logger, brewed with local hops. All proceeds go to the preservation of the History of Idaho City and the Boise Basin. Tickets: Trudy's Café, ICHF Board members, or call 392-6624.

**Crouch/Garden Valley:** March 4th is the Annual Kid's Art Show. The Gallery uses a portion of proceeds from memberships and art sales to fund scholarships for students participating in art classes. For more information call/email: 208.462.6860 or gvca.gv@gmail.com

**Horseshoe Bend:** Vote on the School Levy, March 14 at the Ladies Club from 8am to 8pm.

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

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## CuMo Mining Proceeds to Secure New Investor



The Idaho CuMo Mining Corporation is moving forward with a new investor. According to the Canadian based company, the project has created quite a stir in the market of investors. The terms reached with the Chinese company, back in November of 2016, has defaulted. However, another company based in Singapore and Jakarta, Millennia Minerals, is now funding the project with approximately \$1.5 million invested since June of 2016.

Trevor Burns, Chief Financial Officer & Director, is encouraged by this new venture and expects that the company will move forward with test drilling this summer. He says there is a benefit in working with this company.

They have extensive knowledge in mining, but *they also speak the same engineering language*. Their ideas for production are more similar than those of the Chinese.

CuMo Mining Corporation is acquiring more private land, 14 miles northwest of Idaho City, to eventually mine the largest deposit of molybdenum in the world. Terms are still being outlined through an MOU between CuMoCo and Millennia, with a Definitive Agreement expected on or before March 10, 2017.

Shaun Dykes, President and CEO of CuMoCo, stated, "We believe that this development in our relationship with Millennia marks a significant step forward for CuMoCo. The principals of Millennia are hands-on industry veterans with significant international

natural resource development experience."

Burns added, "Idaho CuMo is committed to developing strategic partnerships that advance the Company's projects in a responsible and sustainable manner. As relationships develop, we will provide timely and transparent updates."

The Idaho CuMo Mining Corporation is now taking on two projects in Idaho, the CuMo Mine Project in Boise County and the Calida Gold Project in Lemhi County. Each of which are said to be attracting many qualified and enthusiastic investors. Millennia Minerals is expected to partner on or before March 10th, 2017, arranging for \$200 million in new capital. This procurement is anticipated to advance the CuMo Mining Project and the Calida Gold Project.



# WEST BOISE COUNTY

## GARDEN VALLEY SENIOR AND SOCIAL CENTER NEWS

By Al Scharf

Evidently there's been a flurry of articles written of late in the Idaho Statesman about senior centers in Idaho. If you're not a regular visitor to a senior center, you probably wouldn't be aware that all of them, and not just in Idaho, have been struggling the last four years or so because of government cutbacks on funding.

Four years ago the GVSC Board at that time presented to the voting membership the dilemma we found ourselves in, with three paid employees for which there would no longer be any government funding, and the best we could hope for at that time, and still is today as far as we know, was some kickback in funds per individual meal served, and only senior citizens qualified for us to obtain those funds. At the time with less than 20 people averaging attending our meals, the maximum we could get would have been just over \$2.50 per person per meal. Of course, there's no way that would begin to pay for a meal.

The suggested donation at that time was \$6.00 per meal, most paid but there's never been a "have to" for paying, and we've always wanted people to come and join us whether or not they could pay. We were having dinners twice a week and breakfasts once a week at that time.

With funds enough from the government stipend and the donations for the meal, we probably could have paid for the food. However, there were no funds to pay for employees and it was highly unlikely that we could find one person, let alone two or

three, who would be willing to volunteer their time to prepare meals for those three times per week. Further, we had so few people coming then, it seemed like a futile effort.

It was decided at that time by the Board in office, and supported by the voting membership, that we would try to do a meal once a month, receiving no government funds (lots of paperwork involved plus strict guidelines, not necessarily nutritious ones, for what had to be served at the meals), asking local organizations to volunteer to prepare the meals, and we would help pay the costs of the food plus the \$6.00 donations made by the partakers.

We had done several meals that way with significant success when Chef Ruth Woods walked into the Senior Center, said something to the effect of "one of the reasons we moved to Garden Valley is that you have a senior center and I was hoping to volunteer to help prepare the meals." Imagine our gratitude and the wonderful coincidence of timing that was!

We still ask other organizations to volunteer to prepare meals for us when Chef Ruth and husband Greg are not available, and we've found several groups that are willing to do this for us. Chef Ruth over the years has established a great all volunteer kitchen staff, who willingly give the time it takes to prepare the meal and then to do the clean-up that follows. If you've not taken the time to thank EVERYONE in that kitchen for what they do for us, please do so at our next meal.

Even at the increased suggested donation of \$7.00, the meals do not always com-

pletely fund themselves and we sometimes find that we are \$100-200 short for a particular meal. Besides the purchase of the food, there are all those other staple items that are needed in a kitchen like paper towels, necessary equipment, napkins, things like salt and pepper that have to be replaced from time to time, or a big bag of flour.

This is where Granny's Closet comes in; Granny's pays "rent" of \$500 per month to the Senior Center; while Granny's Closet is part of the Senior Center, it seems fair that the thrift store portion needs to pay its fair portion or more of the utilities, cleaning, toilet paper, floor cleaner and such.

Like everyone else in Garden Valley, this year we've had some big bills to pay for snow removal and higher heating bills, boarding up windows on the south side of the building, and having Granny's funds there to take care of the extra expenses over and above what we might normally anticipate is comforting to the GV Senior Center Board.

We've had a significant expense with our freezer when it wasn't cooling properly, the hood over the gas stove was in serious need of being cleaned, the fire extinguishers needed to be recharged, and the list goes on.

Without Granny's Closet, the Center would be in dire straits. We note from the articles that other senior centers have to seek grants whenever they need any extra funds for new equipment like stoves, dishwashers, freezers. Grants take a lot of effort and time on someone's part, usually several people have to be involved in

order to get the paperwork in proper order, we tried in fact to get some type of grant for our asphaltting of the parking lot, but were unsuccessful.

As the article we read states, "This is our story, but I would hope that all would think about seniors and senior centers in their own areas, listen to their stories and offer support, guidance and time." We have less than 20 volunteers who run our kitchen, giving a number of hours/days prior to the day of the meal, or who volunteer at Granny's Closet. Some volunteer in both the kitchen and at Granny's. Our volunteers average anywhere from two hours to well over 150 hours per person per month. It's a tremendous amount of work that is done faithfully week after week. We all enjoy our volunteering but also find ourselves very challenged to maintain the pace; most of us are senior citizens, some with major health issues.

We offer great services that in one way or another can and do benefit virtually everyone in Garden Valley as well as folks who come from other communities. Let's hear it for Volunteer Appreciation Week!

If you find yourself sitting around with a lot of time on your hands, why not come down to the senior center and lend a hand? There is a lot of interaction and fun among the volunteers, and you would be doing a great service for your community.



Redwing Blackbird returns.  
Photo by Eileen Capson

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# EAST BOISE COUNTY

## Local VFW is Seeking New Members

**Idaho City** - Boise Basin Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 142 located in Idaho City is actively recruiting new members. The post has been very active for several years and has made many contributions to the community. While it's focus is helping veterans, it has assisted other community organizations, local schools and businesses.

On the state and national level, the post is involved with promoting VA health care, VA benefits, women veterans issues, education and employment, suicide prevention, national defense and Homeland Security.

As the WWII, Korea and Vietnam veterans age, the VFW is reaching out increasingly to the younger veterans.

Post 142 meets on the 3rd Saturday of the month at 10 am. The meetings are held at the Boise County Sheriff's Office conference room.

**Inquiries should be directed to Post Commander Jim White at 350-3780.**



The VFW in Idaho City meets monthly and welcomes veterans of the United States Armed Forces.  
Photo by Eileen Capson

## Idaho City Historical Foundation's St. Patrick's Day Dinner

**Written by Eileen Capson**  
*Idaho City: May hearts be as light as a song, with a lilt of laughter among friends, sure to last the yearlong.*

Everyone is invited to attend this year's St. Patrick's Day Dinner, held on March 11th, 2017. Gather at the Ray Robison Community Center for a traditional corned beef & cabbage meal. This event helps to insure history preservation within the Boise Basin, and hosted by the Idaho City Historical Foundation. There will also be live music, dancing and Boise Basin Gold Miners' Logger made with local hops!

Festivities begin at 6pm, but an early arrival is advised for seating purposes. Trudy Jackson will be serving up tender corned beef & cabbage, along with bread pud-



Join in the fun and tradition of Idaho City's St. Patrick's Day Dinner!  
Photo by Eileen Capson

ding. Tickets are available in advance at Trudy's Kitchen, reserved at [president@idahocityhf.org](mailto:president@idahocityhf.org) or by calling 392-6624 -- Adults \$25, Members \$20 and Kids \$10.

"The Idaho City Historical Foundation's St. Patrick's Day Dinner is a decades-long Idaho City tradition, the larg-

est annual reunion of the Idaho City community, featuring the best Corned Beef Dinner in the region—and always sold out!" says ICHF board member Rosemary Ardinger. "And the proceeds from the dinner and silent auction go to a great cause, the preservation of our historic buildings."

## Idaho City Police Department



Caine Ries



Morgan Franklin

**By Chief John Krempa**  
**Idaho City** - On February 25th Idaho City Police Officer Knieter made a traffic stop that led to the arrest of two individuals Caine Ries and Morgan Franklin. While conducting the stop Officer Knieter learned the Ries had an arrest warrant. After searching Ries, Franklin, and their vehicle approximately

2 grams of Methamphetamine were found along with various paraphernalia including pipes and hypodermic needles. Idaho City Police Chief Krempa would like to thank Officer Knieter for his hard work and remind folks that methamphetamine is a very dangerous drug and Idaho City Police will actively pursue those who use it.

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BOISE COUNTY

# Park & Trail Improvements Discussed

## as the Weather Improves

**Written by Janet Juroch**  
**Garden Valley** - The meeting of the Garden Valley Parks and Recreation District discussed many things that will be going on in the coming year. One urgent item they have addressed is the need of a secretary. They are looking for someone that has a desire to see the vision and need for the park and on-going activities. This would be a volunteer position.

The Garden Valley High School track team is going to have a special fundraiser race event and asked to use Weilmunster Park for this event. It will be a *Color Run* race with proceeds to help the track team. This is an untimed race but the fun is getting a “colored” shower at different stations of the run. The takeaway

is the unique color print on the clothing as a memory of the race. This is colored powder which is made from food-grade corn starch and is safe for the participants and the environment. The race will be on April 22nd from 8:15am to 9:15am.

Other topics at the meeting were park maintenance. They are discussing looking for bids from an individual or a company to contract out work at keeping the park clean and mowed. Further discussion will be at the next meeting to decide what tasks need to be set in place for the bid.

Trail improvement is also high on the wish list. A plan to pave the trail is being discussed so that people can ride bikes on it and have a better surface than gravel. There was discussion

of proposing a sponsorship of sections of the trail to help pay for portions of the trail. This would assist in paying for the blacktop on the whole trail.

Plans to stain the park pavilion as soon as the weather warms up is on the agenda. The Board also wants to develop a park entry to keep cars from going onto the grass. With new irrigating plans, they would not want people driving onto the grassy areas. Another plan is to erect a flagpole with lighting by the Weilmunster Pavilion. Picnic shelters are also being discussed. The park gets a lot of use in the summer and addition of more picnic sites would enhance the usage. Twenty-five more trees are to be planted in the fall which will create a more “park-like setting”.

The Northfork Championships in June utilize the park and have asked the Board for allowing camping of the vendors so that they can keep watch of their businesses during that weekend. The Board has mixed feelings on the effects of allowing camping for this group. There are plans to curtail NFC weekend camping next year since the park will have the additional trees. The park is not generally allowing overnight camping.

Parks and Recreation meetings welcome new ideas and invite people to join in at their meetings held every 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month at the GV Library meeting room at 6:00pm.



Photo by Janet Juroch

## Obituary



Mary Elizabeth Conn  
July 7, 1928 - Feburary 13, 2017

Mary Elizabeth Corder was born July 7, 1928 in Linn County, Kansas to proud parents of Clarence L. Corder & Minta B. Corder she was the youngest of four children. She had two brothers, Estel “Bud” Corder & Robert “Bob” Corder and one sister Ellen “Corder” Rose they all three passed away prior to Mary’s passing. They all came to Idaho from Missouri where they lived in Banks, Idaho until they purchased a farm in Arena Valley, Idaho & Mary attended High School in Parma, Idaho.

In May of 1947 she married Freman L. “Doc” Conn. He passed away in November of 1973 leaving her a widow. They had three children together beginning with Sarah “Jane” (Conn) Ross, Billy Ray Conn (deceased), Barbara Sue “Barbie” Conn. They lived in various locations in the Treasure Valley including a 40-acre farm in Wilder, Idaho. Mary leased a café named Bicandi’s in Homedale, Idaho where she made many friends & served some great meals including

some of the best pies ever; one of which was her peanut butter pie. After 8 years she gave up the lease and after a short vacation to Canada and back they decided to settle in Crouch, Idaho where they purchased property. After Doc’s passing she continued to live in Crouch with her sister, Ellen, for many years. While Doc was still alive they also leased a café (The Yacht Club) in McCall, ID while still maintaining the property in Crouch. Once again her cooking skills became very popular among the locals.

After Doc’s passing, she went back to her home in Crouch where she wowed the locals with her homemade cinnamon rolls and bread at the Longhorn Bar & Grill which was more commonly known as “The Joint”. After she retired from “The Joint” she began selling homemade candies, pies, jewelry and miscellaneous crafts from home. You could always go to Mary & Ellens to get a last-minute gift or just pies for the holidays and if needed gift wrapped as well.

Eventually, she moved in with her youngest daughter, “Barbie”, in Emmett, Idaho. She attended church with Barbie and went to Seniors on a regular basis enjoying both Bingo and Pinochle. Even then she had to stay busy.

She was known for her cooking skills and her ability “to tell it like it is”. She was and is loved by many.

Mary is survived by her

daughters, Sarah “Jane” Ross and Barbara Sue “Barbie” Conn as well as her grandchildren Tanya (Gilbertson) Chin, Randy Gilbertson, Summer Hutchens, and Mary (Hutchens) Baigrie, Brian Ross, Anthony “Scotty” Ross, & Samantha (Ross) Jensen. She also has great grandchildren Beau Scott, Jesse Scott, Devon Howell, Becca (Scott) Jack, Josie Layne, Taylor Layne, Brandon Ross, Billy Jensen, Jenny Jensen, Becky Jensen and Trinity Ross. The grandson’s and great grandson’s will be honorary pall bearers. She lived the 88 years of her life to the fullest & her family was always the most important thing in her life. If you knew her you knew she was always there for her loved ones when they needed her the most.

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### Letter to the Editor

Since when is it required that you make an effort to get along with your neighbors before you’re allowed to utilize your own property? I understand many of the concerns mentioned about the hunting preserve in Gardena (Which I am neither for or against as it will not impact me much) BUT if planning and zoning gave them stipulations that they must meet before they would be approved, and they agreed to adhere to those stipulations, then why would it not be approved? What exactly was the reason

for the no vote because of the planned rv spaces? If they’re up to code and approved by the health dept, then I’m confused why that would warrant a rejection? And more importantly, to me, the 2nd no vote being because they haven’t made an effort to get along with their neighbors.....? Really?!? I’m sure glad I don’t plan to bring any business to Boise county if that’s a reason for rejecting a proposed new source of income and tourism to the county. Is that even a legal reason to reject someone? Are all prop-

sed businesses required to be friends with their neighbors to get approval? Or is there just a bias against this particular one? Clearly I don’t understand! Someone feel free to fill me in if I’m missing something. While this proposed hunting preserve has no impact on me and I could care less whether they get approved or not, playing favorites, and small town politics clearly not treating everyone equally is Bull.

Jessica Fyfe  
Horseshoe Bend



AS THE WORLD TURNS

WHAT WOULD ABRAHAM LINCOLN SAY TO DONALD TRUMP?



Photo by Eileen Capson

**David H. Leroy spoke in remembrance of Abraham Lincoln's birthday, held at the Idaho Historical Society in Boise. Leroy has served as an Ada County Prosecuting Attorney, Idaho Attorney General, Idaho Lt. Governor and is Idaho's Lincoln Historian.**

"Since 1989, each outgoing American president has left a private letter of comments and advice in the Oval Office for their incoming successor. What a treasure trove of history the Nation would have if this tradition had started with George Washington, instead of Ronald Reagan. Even Better it would be, if a far-past president of unique and relevant experience could whisper in the ear of a future Chief Executive in chal-

lenging times."

"Abraham Lincoln in 1861, elected with under 40% of the vote, inherited a politically divided Union. He was pushed into a Civil War with domestic terrorisms, propelled toward budget deficits and faced a balky Congress and a conflicted Supreme Court."

"Donald Trump in 2017, chosen by 46% of the ballots, faces the political division of civil unrest, a war with international insurgents, spiraling spending, a Congress which has too long delayed solving critical issues and a deadlock Supreme Court."

"To be sure, today's contrast between Red

States blockaded on both East and West by Blue States is not comparable to yesterday's catastrophic secession of Slave States in the South. Further, Lincoln and Trump are very different men. One, at age 70, has a fine college education and no political experience. The other, then 51, was a former state legislator and congressman with a first-grade level of formal schooling."

"The times too are vastly different. Modern communication for Trump is instantaneous on the internet. For Lincoln, it was the telegraph. It took Lincoln 13 days to journey from Springfield to Washington by rail as President-elect. Mr. Trump flew from New York in less than an hour."

"Nevertheless, Lincoln may well have valuable insights for Trump to prevent the current culture clash from erupting into a second civil war. Knowing that California may be on the verge of declaring itself a 'sanctuary state,' **Lincoln may well have written:**



Last life mask of A. Lincoln  
[Feb. 12, 1809 - April 15, 1865]

**The Executive Mansion  
Washington**

*Dear Donald:*  
*Though I left the Executive Mansion a Century and a half ago, custom permits me to leave a word of advice. The same gap of time between us permits you to freely disregard it.*

*You are a builder, I merely a lawyer. I suspect that your administration will commence with a flurry of reconstruction.*

*Strong cabinet appointments are a necessity. One might say I relied upon a team of rivals. I am certain that your choices, like mine, will be swiftly confirmed by the Senate.*

*I faced and surmounted a great Civil War. Circumstances have forced upon you a great civil unrest. Let not criticism deter you from a required path.*

*Prioritize the nation's needs, but be flexible, strategic. My only purpose was to save the Union. I would have freed some, all or none of the slaves to do that. In time, I accomplished both freedom and union.*

*Let Congress legislate, but fear not the issuance of Executive Orders. My edicts were the essence of saving a Nation: Draft calls to muster troops, suspending habeas corpus to preserve the peace, emancipation to win the war.*

*Take care to guard the Constitution – ultimately it, and the Declaration of Independence which enables it – are our gift to the world and ourselves.*

*If destruction be our lot, we must ourselves be its author. As a Nation of freemen, we will live forever, or die by suicide.*

*Issue not any proclamation in haste or heat of anger. While a bird may "tweet" with impunity, a President must preside, most often, above the fray. My custom of placing my "hot" letters in a desk drawer, "Never Sent," served the country well.*

*Finally, keep faith – keep your promises made to the electorate. We Republicans are a new and ever emerging party and must build, not dissipate the base. Remember always, this is a government of the people, by the people, for the people.*

*Yours Truly,  
A. Lincoln*

Garden Valley Middle School Boys Basketball



**Garden Valley Wolverines came into the Boys Middle School Basketball Semi-Finals undefeated in the season! They played in a nail biting game with Ambrose Archers all the way to the end. The Wolverines were defeated by a score of 62-54, ending the chance for a berth into the Championship game.**

Photo by Janet Juroch



# BOISE COUNTY HISTORY

## ABRAHAM LINCOLN IS ASSASSINATED

PUBLISHED IN THE IDAHO WORLD ON APRIL 29, 1865



*News traveled by telegraph and horseback in 1865. It took over 2 weeks for the news of the President's death to reach Idaho City. This bust of Abraham Lincoln can be viewed at the Idaho Historical Society Library in Boise, within the personal collection of David Leroy.*

### DATES TO APRIL 16th.

**WASHINGTON, April 15** – The Provost Marshal General has issued a circular which says : It is believed that the assassins of the President and Secretary Seward are attempting to escape to Canada, and a thorough examination of all persons attempting to cross from the United States, is ordered. The assassin of the President left behind him his hat and spur. The hat has been identified as belonging to the suspected man, and is accurately described by other parties who were not allowed to see it before describing it; the spur was dropped on the stage, and that is also identified as one procured at the stable where the same man hired a horse in the evening. Two (?) gentlemen who went to Secretary Stanton's house to apprise him of the attack on the President, met near his residence a man muffled in a cloak, who, when accosted by them, hurried away. It seems to have been the evident intention of the plotters to paralyze the people by at once striking down the heart and arm of the country.

As soon as the dreadful events were announced in the streets, Richards, the Assistant – Provost Marshal General and his assistants, with the telegraph, had aroused the whole police force in the city, and every precaution was taken to preserve order. All the streets were patrolled by troops, and every road leading from Washington was strongly picketed.

The steamboats about to depart down the Potomac were stopped, and the awful news immediately telegraphed to Baltimore; the cavalry there were put upon active duty, and every road picketed; other means were taken for the arrest of the assassins.

The President's remains were removed from the private residence opposite Ford's Theater, to the Executive Mansion at half past nine o'clock, in a hearse wrapped in the American Flag, escorted by a small guard of cavalry.

The Evening Star says the President breathed his last at 7:30 this morning – closing his eyes as if going to sleep, and his countenance assuming an expression of perfect repose. There were no indications of pain. The Rev. Dr. Gurley of the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church, immediately on its being known that life was extinct, knelt by his bed and offered an impressive prayer, which was responded to by all present. Dr. Gurley then proceeded to the front parlor where Mrs. Lincoln, Capt. Robert Lincoln, Mr. May, his private Secretary, and others were in waiting, where he again offered up a prayer for the consolation of the family.

The President's remains were removed from the private residence opposite Ford's Theater to the Executive Mansion at half past 9 o'clock, in a hearse wrapped in the American flag, escorted by a small guard of cavalry. Gen. Auger and other military officers were on foot, and a dense crowd accompanied the remains to the White House, where the military guard excluded all but the persons of the household and the family friends of the deceased. The body was to be embalmed with a view of removal to Illinois.

**WASHINGTON, April 15** – Reports are in circulation that J. Wilkes Booth has been captured, but they lack confirmation.

A sympathizer at Washington was shot dead by a soldier for rejoicing over the death of Mr. Lincoln, and the soldier was not arrested. George Wells was arrested and sent to the penitentiary in New York City for the same offense. Another man, a Wall Street gold broker, gave

vent to succession sentiments, and preparations were immediately made by a crowd to hang him to a lamp post, but he was rescued by the police. Three rebel prisoners were hung at Indianapolis for expressing their gratification at the success of the assassins.

Today no one is allowed to leave the city by rail conveyances or on foot, and the issuing of passes from the headquarters of the department at Washington has been suspended by Gen. Augur.

**NEW YORK, April 15** – The Post's Special says: The Messenger of the State Department who was in attendance on Secretary Seward, is dead. Mr. Seward is in a very precarious condition. Another dispatch says his wounds are bad but not mortal. He does not complain, but has lost much blood; no arteries were cut. Fred Seward's skull is fractured badly in two places about the temples; he is insensible, and fears are entertained that he will not recover.

Among the letters found in Booth's trunk tending to criminate him, was one, apparently from a woman, supplicating him to desist from his plans in which he was about to engage; that the time was inauspicious, and the mine not yet ready to be sprung.

It is evident that the scope of the plot was intended to be much more comprehensive. The Vice-President and other members of the Administration were particularly inquired after by the suspected parties, and precise locality acquired, but in their case the plan miscarried.

**WASHINGTON, April 15** – Official notice was given of the death of the President by the Heads of Departments this morning to Andrew Johnson, Vice-President, on whom, by the Constitution, devolves the office of President. Mr. Johnson appeared before Hon. S. P. Chase, Chief Justice of the United States, and took the oath of office as President and assumed the duties.

### SORROW THROUGHOUT THE NORTH.

**New York, April 15** – Places of business are closed, the streets assuming a somber hue – and all hotels, public offices, stores and banks are draped in mourning. Suitable resolutions were adopted at the Corn Exchange Gold Room by the

Board of Brokers, which then immediately adjourned.

An immense meeting was held in Wall St., this evening, which was addressed by Gen. Butler and Daniel S. Dickinson and others, and appropriate resolutions were adopted.

A committee of eminent merchants and citizens were appointed to go to Washington to attend the funeral.

The Governor has issued a proclamation revoking the proposed thanksgiving on the 80<sup>th</sup>, for recent victories, and changing it to a day of humiliation and prayer.

**NEW YORK, April 15** – Several impromptu street meetings were held today, and addresses made by prominent gentlemen, the unanimous expression being to hold the rebel leaders to a just account for their crimes. – two men who expressed a respect for Jeff. Davis, were driven out of a newspaper counting room and hunted by the crowd, they seeking safety in flight. The steamer Asia sailed at 5:00 P.M., with full official dispatches to our Ministers at foreign ports from Washington. An official dispatch was also sent out by the Nova Scotia from Portland. Bishop Potter was issued an address to all the clergymen, appointing appropriate payers to be made tomorrow, recommending the clothing all the churches in mourning. A Committee of the Chamber of Commerce, the City Council, the Board of Alderman, and other public bodies has been formed to arrange for public obsequies.

The dispatches which have been received from all parts of the country are expressive of the grief of the people at the National calamity. The Herald this morning makes no editorial comment on the assassination of the President. The Times makes no comment.

**SAN FRANCISCO, April 15** – Immediately upon receipt of the intelligence of the assassination of President Lincoln and probable assignation of Secretary Seward, the business places were closed and draped with mourning. The streets were soon crowded with grief-stricken citizens, panting for some object upon which to wreak their vengeance. About two o'clock someone suggested the destruction of all anti-Administration newspaper offices. The crowd imme-

diately ran to the office of the Democratic Press, which, with its contents, was soon gutted. Thence they went to the Monitor Office, which they served in a like manner. By this time, Chief Burke and posse were on hand, but the crowd was too strong for them. The next office to be gutted was that of the News Letter, where they found nothing but some papers, the printing being done elsewhere. The Occidental, published by Zach Montgomery, suffered the fate of the others. All the printing cases, type, &c., were burned in the street. The crowd then broke for the Ecco du Pacifique, which office is on the floor with the Alta California. The Alta office closed their iron doors to keep them at bay, while Mr. McCrellish addressed them from an upper story window. They were thus detained a few minutes, until Chief Burke, with a detachment of armed police and a detachment of regular soldiers arrived, who cleaned the crowd away from the door, and have kept them at bay since 3 o'clock. They have agreed to disperse if the Alta people will pass out the type boxes, &c., of the Echo du Pacifique, which McCrellish has agreed to do as rapidly as possible. Fears are entertained that the populace, maddened as they are with rage and excitement, may commit some more overt acts before midnight. All the streets leading into Montgomery Street are guarded by soldiers. No person is allowed to enter the street without permission from the officer in charge.

**SAN FRANCISCO, April 16** – The city was quiet last evening. The troops from the Presidio and Alcatraz, together with the militia, stood on guard nearly all night and are patrolling the streets today. There are over 3,000 men underarms. Captain Ulio, of the Provost Guard, last night seized the Press, Monitor, and Echo du Pacifique offices and place a guard over each. Beriah Brown, of the Press, skedaddled to San Leandro yesterday afternoon. His life would not have been worth a straw had the people captured him. There is scarcely a building in the city that is not draped in mourning. Appropriate services are being held in all the churches. There will be little or no business transacted tomorrow.



# BOISE COUNTY HISTORY

## THE CIVIL WAR IN IDAHO, 1862 - 1870

Written by Historian Jerry Branson

The Civil War had an impact on Idaho as a rising Territory in the western US. The people were divided in Idaho during that time. The impacts were felt from northern Idaho to the Boise Basin. For example, the town of Warren was called Warrens from its inception in 1874 to 1870. The name came forth as the places was not one mining camp but two. One was Yankee Camp where those who were form northern state lived. Most were Irish from Minnesota, Wisconsin and Michigan. The other camp was Confederate Camp and those from southern states lived. While the Civil War ended in 1865, many were adamant about which side they supported. But after the war, they tended to calm down and eventually Warrens became Warren by 1880.

While the Basin never got into such disputes over who lived where, the war issues were prominent. One clear example of that was the shoot-out between ex-Sheriff Sumner Pinkham and a killer from Oregon, Ferd Patterson. Sheriff Pinkham was elected in 1863 to that office and ended up losing out in the election of 1864. Because the sheriff was also the tax collector, they were not held in high esteem. No sheriff got re-elected until statehood in

1890.

Pinkham was a very arrogant person and a staunch supporter of the North during the Civil War. For some reason, he found out Patterson was a southerner and housed him constantly about his southern past. Patterson had no desire to seek a fight with Pinkham because he had killed a law enforcement officer in Portland previous to coming to Idaho City. But Pinkham was persistent. Finally, on September 9, 1865, Patterson and Pinkham happened to meet at the Warm Springs pool and saloon. The two drank for a while with Pinkham consistently belittling Paterson for being a Southerner. The two got very drunk after awhile. Patterson took offense and made some negative remarks to Pinkham. Pinkham got angry and drew his gun on Patterson. Pinkham fired at Paterson at point black range but missed. Patterson then drew his gun and fired at Pinkham at close range and he also missed. Pinkham then fired again and missed a second time. Then Patterson shot again and killed Pinkham.

Since Pinkham was a popular person, they demanded that the sheriff arrest him, which he did. A Grand Jury was held in Idaho City on October 8, 1865.

As usual, the witnesses were as drunk that night as the combatants. Furthermore, the judge ruled that the territorial Legislature had not provided any punishment for convicted people. The result was that Paterson was acquitted. He left town shortly after that, even though he owned property, the Magnolia Saloon on Main Street. Please do not confuse this with the Magnolia Saloon in Placerville. Patterson went to Walla Walla. He was shot and killed while sitting in a barber chair on February 24, 1866, by a relative of the officer he had killed in Portland before going to Idaho City.

Ironically, in December, 1865, the Territorial Supreme Court ruled that the ruling in Idaho City was upheld due to the shortcoming of the Territorial Legislature. The ruling coincided with the famous killing on the Placerville road to Centerville in 1865. Those three fugitives were also set free.

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### ABRAHAM LINCOLN

Abraham Lincoln was the 16<sup>th</sup> President succeeding James Buchanan in 1861. While Buchanan was a Democrat, he was not up on the differences between the North and South. He lasted only one term.

Abraham Lincoln ran on the new Republican ticket in 1860 and won. He was born and raised in Kentucky and was

supposedly a supporter of abolition. But he was not. He did not like slavery and his strong will behavior led to the succession of the southern States. He immediately fell into disfavor with the southern states which then seceded. He took the country to war to solidify the US as one country which he believed would be much stronger as a nation than divided. He was also a capable military man at least when it came to leadership. His first generals were dismal so he single handedly kept the North in the battle long enough to finally get some competent generals. The tide changed and the War ended. He saved the nation and kept it together. He also got rid of slavery. But Lincoln was, of course, assassinated a week after the war ended on April 9, 1865. Lincoln's history has been written many times over. I am not going to repeat it. Suffice it to say that the war had a direct impact on Idaho. We produced a huge amount of gold that the federal coffers badly needed. Idaho came along at precisely the right time. Our fortunes increased from the beginning to the end from 1861 to 1865. The Idaho gold rush lasted longer than any other. It produced more gold that any other. It lasted many times longer than any other. This is fact, not boasting. Some 2 million ounces of gold was produced between 1861 and 1865 at a rate of \$16 = \$32 million for



Portrait of George Washington by Gilbert Stuart, 1797.

the federal coffers. That was a buck or two on those days. Add in northern Idaho and the Owyhee mines. A whole lot more money flowed into the federal treasury. In essence, Idaho saved the nation financially. No other state can make that claim. Not bad for us hicks in the sticks.

### GEORGE WASHINGTON

The history of George Washington and the Revolutionary War is endless. But there is one disputed fact not generally known. History records that Lord Cornwallis surrendered to George Washington at Yorktown. While that was the result of the surrender it was not factual about the ceremony itself. On the eve of the surrender, which was to be the morning of October 19, 1781, Lord Cornwallis sent a note to Washington that he was ill and was sending his second in command to the ceremony and the exchange of the surrender documents. Washington was offended at this turn of events so he sent his second in command, ironically, a General Rush B. Lincoln. (No relation to Abraham Lincoln that I am aware of). Neither Lord Cornwallis nor George Washington was at the surrender at Yorktown. Oh well, so much for history books. Wikipedia has partially corrected this story but not totally.

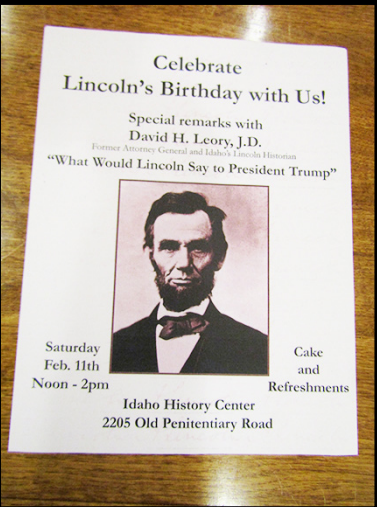
## East Boise County Ambulance Report

Written by EBCAD Director, Angie Dill

**East Boise County** - We have some exciting news at East Boise County Ambulance District. Last year we were awarded a grant for a rescue vehicle. A few weeks we were able to order the vehicle and start the process of building it. This will be a 2017 Ford F-250 with 4 doors, there will be a canopy shell on the back to cover a large slide out capable of carrying a large amount of medical, rescue and miscellaneous equipment. This vehicle will aid in our continued effort to provide excellent patient care, one of those aspect being access. This has been a difficult winter due to the amount of snow that we have had fall in Boise County, this has unfortunately posed the occasional

issue of access for the ambulance. It is difficult to get a very large and heavy vehicle up a private drive that is narrow or slushy. This vehicle will provide better access to patients when it just isn't possible to get a large heavy ambulance to a home.

East Boise County Ambulance has also been working closely with the local fire departments for CPR and first aid training. There have been several classes for Clear Creek, Wilderness Ranch and Valley of the Pines with upcoming classes for Idaho City Fire as well as Centerville. These classes have been extremely well attended and we are very excited to grow in our continued effort to work closely with all the emergency departments within our large coverage area.



Lincoln's Birthday was celebrated at the Idaho State Historical Society in Boise on Feb. 11th, one day prior to his actual birth date. [Feb. 12, 1809 - Apr. 15, 1865]

Photo by Eileen Capson



A. Lincoln when he first took office. Brass bust part of D. Leroy collection.

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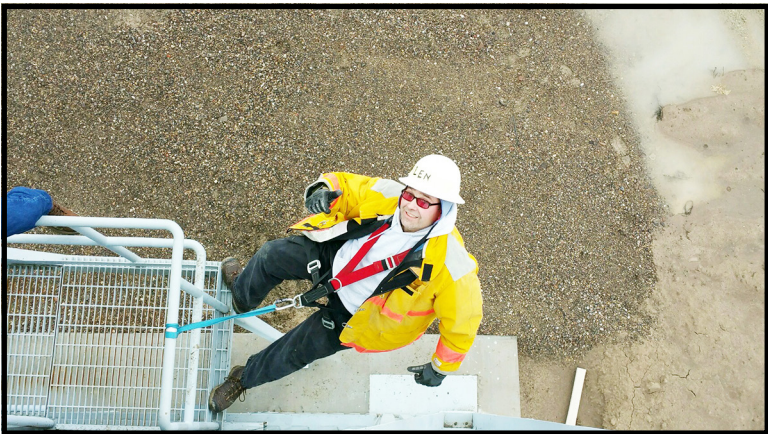
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BOISE COUNTY

Placerville VFD Receives Training

By Dan Gasorowski  
Placerville - Seven members of the Placerville Fire Protection District attended the Southwestern Idaho Fire Academy in Burley, Idaho, from February 17<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>. In depth courses on the ICS System, along with EMS, and rope rescue courses were taken. These courses help to increase firefighter’s knowledge and there were some good contacts made, in case the future requires the use of this training.



A thumbs up on his way down, Len LaTour practices his decent.  
Photos submitted by Dan Gasorowski



Lowering down an injured person from a tower.



An intense scene involving a school bus accident. Firefighters respond and train for this scenario "School Bus Rescue."



(Above) Another scenario involving a staged horrific auto accident.  
(Right) Len takes a ride down as an injured person.



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Talented Performers Shine in  
the Local Variety Show!



**Written by Janet Juroch**  
**Garden Valley** - The 5<sup>th</sup> annual Garden Valley Talent and Variety Show was another big successful event. There was standing room only as the event started. A professional sound system that was set up by Cunningham Audio made a difference in the quality of the performances this year. The GV Senior Center sponsors and organizes the event that has grown in popularity every year.

Talented people come out of seemingly nowhere and are able to show off their talents ranging from vocal performances to skits to music to even some cowboy poetry by Allan Scharf. There were bagpipes played by Bill Augsburger and an accordion performance by Marcia Hefner and friends. Age did not stop the talent performance from 4<sup>th</sup> grade student Ophelia Ross to the “Grannies” of the local thrift store.

Some performers, like guitarist Skip Bean, already have CD’s for sale. Others create music in keyboard performances from John Rich. High school students, Martin Monteiro, Daniel Nuzum and Nickolas Monteiro showed remarkable musical creations on their keyboard, electric guitar and drums. Patrick Wampler, an eighth grade student at GV School played the keyboard and left everyone speechless as he performed his own music. Skits from the Garden Valley Youth Leaders, the Grannies and the DJ’s from the GV Community Radio station made everyone laugh at their creativity. Vocals from young students showed noteworthy talent and is a testament to the school’s music department and

*Grannie’s Closet, a local thrift shop, had a fashion show at the Talent Show. Ruth Richter explains the gardening fashion style worn by Anita Sherwood. Photo by Janet Juroch*

music teacher Kelly Hughes. Katie Wentz, Lilly Asher, Sara Jane Fields and Marina Simpson all had vocal pieces they shared with the audience. Richard Wilson started the event with a patriotic song. Ramon Fry went for a very operatic approach. The “variety” continued with a cowboy song presented with guitar and vocals of Doug Haines and Rich Wilson. Local chef, Rob Harold sang some blues accompanied Don Cunningham at guitar and John Rich on keyboard. Performances were varied and balanced with a little of bit of something for every taste. The Variety Show grows every year and inspires people to chatter about planning to join the show next year.



*Ramon Fry’s voice fills the room with his opera style vocal. Photo by Janet Juroch*



*A silent skit was performed by the “Education Crew” of GV School and silence can get a little wild on stage. Photo by Janet Juroch*



BOISE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
TUESDAY, MARCH 7th, 2017  
BOISE COUNTY COMMISSIONER’S ROOM  
AGENDA

- 9:00 a.m. CALL TO ORDER Chairman Ward  
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE  
PA ISSUES: HR Director Schiffer  
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 per exempt  
records Deputy Clerk Loya  
PA Issues Prosecuting Attorney’s Office  
EXECUTIVE SESSION per Pending Litigation  
EXECUTIVE SESSION per I.C. 74-206(1)(b): Personnel  
11:45 a.m. IDAHO DEPT. OF JUVENILE  
CORRECTIONS Jason Stone  
RECESS FOR LUNCH
- 1:15 p.m. SHOW CAUSE HEARING: NON-COMPLIANT  
BUILDING PERMIT: SCOTT DAVIS  
P&Z Admin Canody/BOCC
- 1:45 a.m. EMERGENCYMANAGEMENTCOORDINATOR  
INTERVIEW: KEVIN COURTNEY-BOCC  
EXECUTIVE SESSION per to hire an employee
- 3:00 p.m. MISCELLANEOUS & CORRESPONDENCE  
Commissioners  
Commissioner Discussion/Committee Reports  
Future Agenda Topics Review

RECESS REGULAR MEETING UNTIL  
TUESDAY, MARCH 14th, 2017

*Miscellaneous & Correspondence and Future Agenda Topics  
Review times may be changed to fill in gaps, if the Board chooses to  
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*Patrick Wampler, an 8th grade student, stunned the audience with his keyboard abilities. Photo by Janet Juroch*



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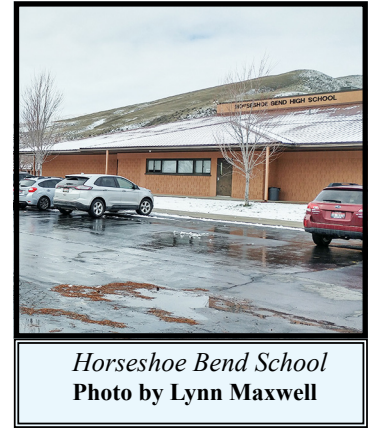
**The Boise Basin School District is looking for part time school bus drivers to start in the fall.** A CDL Class b is required and pay is dependent on years of experience. If you are interested, you can pick up an application at the high school office.

HSB Levy Needs to be "Renewed"

**By Lynn Maxwell**  
**Horseshoe Bend** - The supplemental levy that earned voter approval is expiring in July of 2017. The reason local schools, *yes all Idaho schools*, need to pass local levies is because the Legislature cut funding in 2009. They have been able to restore the funding level, even back to the level it was at in 2008. The funding then was \$2.13 million. However, last year, the school was only funded \$1.75 million. In addition to this loss, the U.S. Federal Forest Funds for rural schools has not been restored, *nor does it look like it will.*  
Superintendent Dennis Chesnut says, "We know that levies are a financial burden on the community, and we are hopeful the state will begin to fund schools at an appropriate level, particularly rural schools with limited resources. We are

working hard every day to ensure that our students receive a high-quality education, and levy money certainly goes a long way in helping us provide our students with what they need."  
The funding is needed to maintain staff, programs at their current levels, provide for needed technology and keep it upgraded. It also provides for security, safety needs to improve the campus and athletics are funded through this income. These funds provide needed curriculum and student's materials. There is also the issue of maintaining and/or making improvements of the buildings.  
**What Will the Levy Cost Me:** A home valued, *with a homeowner's exemption*, at \$100,000, is currently paying \$151 a year. This new levy, *at the same amount*, would

only be \$130 a year. This levy would not go into effect until July of 2017.  
**What Does the Levy Cover:** It has provided preschool, full-day kindergarten, has fully funded athletics, the mini house project, and robotics club. It has also maintained staff levels, additional paraprofessionals have been hired, and the school was able to purchase a new bus. The Horseshoe Bend School has increased class offerings in both the middle and high school, replaced the cafeteria roof, purchased mobile computer labs and new playground equipment. They have also created a state required contingency fund. Keeping this level of instruction and opportunity for the students of Horseshoe Bend is important. The current supplemental levy is expiring June 2017.  
**Accomplishments:** This level has made it possible for some outstanding accomplishments for our schools and students, as well as provided a positive fund balance. Horseshoe Bend Elementary was picked as only one of two schools in the state for Blue Ribbon Status for growth and outstanding performance. High school students are earning multiple college credits, the graduates of HSB are attending college at a rate higher than the state average, and test scores have improved across the board! In short, *the*



Horseshoe Bend School  
Photo by Lynn Maxwell

*money was well spent.*  
**Nothing on the list can be overlooked --** *The facilities must be maintained, the technology must be keep current, the staff and school programs have to be provided, safety and security is needed, the curriculum and materials are necessary for the programs and the community is vested in the athletic programs.*  
**Questions:** If you have any questions or would like to sit down with someone, call your school board representative or email [chesnutd@hsbschools.org](mailto:chesnutd@hsbschools.org) or [larsonc@hsbschools.org](mailto:larsonc@hsbschools.org) This will put you in contact with Dennis Chesnut, Superintendent or Cora Larson. The web page is [www.hsbschools.org](http://www.hsbschools.org)  
**Vote on the Levy, March 14 at the Ladies Club from 8am to 8pm.**

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# BOISE COUNTY

## ROLES OF THE COUNTY ELECTED OFFICIALS

Written by Boise County Prosecutor, Dan Blocksom, PLLC

Previous articles over the past couple months described the roles of the prosecuting attorney and the sheriff. Based on my experience as an attorney for three different counties, as well as on the Idaho Association of Counties handbook, this article briefly summarizes the roles and challenges that the remaining county elected officials face.

### Board of County Commissioners

The board of county commissioners sets the budget, salaries, and general policies for the county, such as personnel policies and ordinances. Contrary to common misconceptions, outside of those primary responsibilities, the county commissioners do not have the authority to manage other elected officials, and thus shouldn't be blamed for the errors and mistakes of the other officials. The budget and salary setting responsibility, in and of itself, is a very trying and difficult task. The commissioners have to balance cutting salaries and staff against recruiting and retaining valuable employees. Assessing the return on the dollar for investing in the workforce is often difficult to do, and the impacts of both cutting or raising wages may not be immediately noticeable. The

commissioners therefore often face a no-win situation – they either end up (a) setting salaries too low (which might be more expensive in the long run due to retraining and associated liability costs); or (b) setting salaries too high (which is nearly always unpopular with voters). Capital investments represent a similarly difficult decision. For example, when choosing between maintaining an old facility and building a new one, the “right decision” in a two-year timeframe could be the worst possible decision in a ten- or twenty-year timeframe.

In addition to these major roles, the board also manages the road department (which maintains and clears the county roads), the planning and zoning department (which handles building permits and conditional use permits), the solid waste department (which handles trash), the noxious weeds department, and the community justice department (which handles probation, diversion programs, and community service).

### Clerk

The clerk wears the greatest number of hats of any of the elected officials. First, the clerk is the clerk of the district court, and therefore keeps records of court proceedings and

processes court filings. Second, the clerk is the clerk of the board of county commissioners, and therefore keeps records of the board's proceedings. Third, the clerk is the auditor, or the county budget officer, and thus keeps track of county expenditures, appropriations, documentation, and revenues. The clerk prepares the county budget each year, regularly double-checks numbers with the county treasurer, and prepares paperwork that allows the county to pay its expenses. Fourth, the clerk is the recorder, and therefore records, files, indexes, and maintains a great number of documents, such as deeds and marriage licenses. Fifth, the clerk runs the elections. The ballots, voting booths, voting locations, voter registrations, absentee ballots, and election notices don't magically happen – that's the work of your county clerk. Sixth, the clerk conducts the work of the county medical indigency program. Although it may seem odd, Idaho already has a universal health care system of sorts since 1992 when the Idaho legislature designed a system which required the counties to pay the medical expenses of individuals who do not have health insurance. Determining which individuals do and do not have the means to pay their own medical bills entails processing a great deal of paperwork, and sometimes results in litigation with hospitals.

### Assessor

The assessor's primary job is to determine the market value for all real property (land) and personal property (e.g. trailers, machinery) within the county.

Mapping the parcels, tracking ownership of the parcels, maintaining current and accurate information on property ownership, and preparing lists of property (known as property tax rolls) are all part of this role. The assessor has to undergo training and follow laws and guidance from the Idaho State Tax Commission to ensure that the valuations are done correctly. The common joke among county assessors that county governments would not exist without the assessors is actually quite true – if property values were not assessed, then the board of county commissioners would not have any property value on which to impose taxes. The assessor also handles the titling and licensing of motor vehicles and vessels in the county, and manages the county DMV.

### Treasurer

The treasurer is first and foremost the tax collector. The treasurer does not set the actual tax amount (the board does that) or the value of your property (the assessor does that) – the treasurer merely collects the taxes for the budget that was set by the board. When a property owner doesn't pay taxes, then the treasurer takes that property through the tax deed process. The treasurer also deposits all moneys coming into the county treasury, and allows money to be spent from the county treasury.

The lesser known role filled by the treasurer is that of the public administrator. Specifically, this responsibility entails handling the property belong-

ing to dead people who did not have a will or cannot otherwise be identified.

### Coroner

The coroner investigates certain types of deaths. Depending on the situation, the coroner must sometimes order autopsies to be performed, which can become quite expensive. One of the unique challenges of operating a coroner's office is that deaths rarely occur during the 8 to 5 business day. As a result, being able to recruit and retain individuals who (a) have the requisite training, (b) are willing to be on-call for long periods of time, but also (c) have another source of income that is flexible enough to allow them to leave in the middle of the day can be very difficult, especially on a limited budget.

### Appreciation

*All of these positions have one thing in common – they are all thankless. They are also usually underpaid, especially in the smaller, rural counties in Idaho. These roles don't get much widespread recognition and gratitude – the attention they do get is usually due to a mistake that is made on their watch, regardless of whether it was their fault or their intention. Inevitably, for each one thing that you may hear that they have done wrong, chances are that they have done countless things correctly that you will never hear about. If you haven't recently, please consider taking a minute of your time during this next week to thank them personally for their service to Boise County.*

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