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Personal Fireworks Banned from Independence Day Celebrations

Written by Janet Juroch

Garden Valley -- The Greater Garden Valley Chamber of Commerce had a meeting with the members to decide on the firework situations in Crouch on the 4th of July. Good planning and additional security last year made only a small difference in the chaos in the center of town. City leaders have taken a hard look into how to manage the use of illegal fireworks in the center of the City of Crouch.

There are divided feelings about the handling of a huge influx of people that grows to larger numbers every year. Literally thousands of people show up with loads of fireworks and alcohol. The unsponsored personal fireworks are set off in

the middle of town. This has been going on for many years with the idea of centralizing fireworks in town and having emergency resources close by. Over the years, word of mouth has turned this into an event of epic proportions. And safe and sane is no longer respected.

Some businesses, generally the restaurants and bars, thrive with the big influx of people on that one night. The majority of the people come to see the parade and then settle in around the designated area for setting off fireworks. This all happens after 6:00pm when other businesses are already closed.

Many mixed feelings have kept the 4th of July going in Crouch, but now the Chamber and local property owners

decided it was time to do something different before something serious happens. Diane Caughlin, President of the GGVCC says, "It is only a matter of time." Emergency responders will not have to be trying to manage the fireworks in town that usually last 3 to 4 hours. Instead all resources can concentrate their efforts to take care of the other emergencies.

Fireworks are set off in the center of town on Old Crouch Road. That road is *not* owned by the city. The Crouch Bridge to the stop sign at the intersection is owned by property owners of the businesses. These property owners do not want people trespassing on their property and setting off the fireworks any longer. Property owners and city leaders along with the Sheriff's office will be working together to enforce the "no fireworks" decision.

Member of the Chamber agreed to work with private property owners and business owners to continue with chamber sponsored activities but NOT allow any fireworks in town. The only fireworks are the Chamber fireworks that are set off at dusk.



Fireworks in Crouch on the 4th of July. Photo by Janet Juroch

Plans for a media campaign will be in full force to keep the word circulating: "Don't bring your fireworks into our town".

The city council of Crouch is working on an ordinance following the Idaho fireworks law which is saying no illegal fireworks can be set off. That is law and it can be enforced with a city ordinance. Basically, by not allowing any fireworks in town, no one has to decide what is considered legal or illegal.

The effort now is to re-es-

establish firework rules following Idaho law. Members of the Chamber Board all agree this will be a big task but with the 4th being on a Tuesday, they feel it is a good time for resetting rules for the purpose of safety. What was once a simple idea...to set off personal fireworks in town and keep them out of the forests has turned into a chaotic event. These new plans can deter excessive use of illegal fireworks and alcohol and bring back a more family style tradition to celebrate Independence Day in Crouch.

Happenings

Horseshoe Bend - Thursday, March 16, Community meeting-Volunteers needed to help save the 21st CCLC (HSB Afterschool Program) HSB Middle School (Pearl room) 6:00 p.m.

Horseshoe Bend - March 20 thru 23, HSB Schools Art Show-Monday, Tuesday, Thursday noon-3:45, Wednesday noon-7 p.m. HSB High School Gymnasium

Horseshoe Bend - March 22, HSB Middle/High School Parent/Teacher Conferences 4 p.m. - 7 p.m.

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

Idaho City Food Pantry: At the Senior Center every 2nd and 4th Wednesdays from 11:30am to 2:00pm.

Garden Valley Food Pantry: Open 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month from 4- 5 pm, located at the Calvary Chapel Church on the Middlefork Road in Crouch. Donations can also be made at the GV Market where there is a barrel at the front of the store. Volunteers are always welcomed. Contact Toni at 462-6929 or 462-4620.

Horseshoe Bend: Pantry is open on the 2nd & 4th Friday of the month, located at the Annex, by the Horseshoe Bend School.

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.

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Mountain Bluebirds consider nesting, hopeful for the coming of spring. Photo by Eileen Capson

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GARDEN VALLEY SENIOR & SOCIAL CENTER NEWS

By Al Scharf

Granny Ruth informs us that: "Two big, time-consuming tasks were looming ahead to be done at the Garden Valley Senior Center and Granny's Closet. Without Ruth saying anything to anyone, two ladies stepped up and offered to, in one case, head up an event and basically planning and doing the major work, and the other called and offered to take on a major manual labor task, "volunteering" her husband to help. In both cases, these were major tasks above and beyond the regular workload. What a difference this has made for Ruth's workload, and I know in both cases these ladies will get the work done and get it done well!"

Each and every person in our community has the "power" to help someone else who has a need. It might be something as simple as shoveling a walkway or helping to repair something that got broken from snow loads, it might be something for which the volunteer person has expertise in what is needed, or it might just be an extra set of hands to "get 'er done!"

Granny Ruth wants to be sure these two ladies know how very grateful she is for their selfless giving!

Meanwhile we had a young lady from the school stop in and ask if she could do some work at the Senior Center or Granny's Closet. It took a bit of time to figure out when that would be able to happen but she showed up in a timely way and went right to work with the jobs assigned to her, doing them very thoroughly and very well, and then went asking for more. Who could find a better volunteer than that? Her parents are to be commended, and I'm sure the Garden Valley School and its teachers also deserve credit, but most importantly, the young lady herself who surely had lots of other things she'd have enjoyed doing much more than cleaning cupboards, washing laundry, wiping down tables, etc. (and we think she plans to come back a few more times) just outstanding!

It is encouraging in today's world to encounter young people who are willing to step up and volunteer to help others.

Granny's Closet continues to operate on Friday & Saturday, 11:00AM to 5:00PM both days. They have bargains galore and have Easter items out for you to peruse.

Bring Your Appetite to the Spot



A view of The Spot tucked away in the cozy corner of the Merc in downtown Crouch. Photo by Janet Juroch

Written by Janet Juroch

Garden Valley -- A new business has moved inside the Old Mercantile Exchange where breakfast and lunch can be a treat. *The Spot* may not be those "gourmet" sandwiches, but they instead offer up the kinds of sandwiches you would love to make at home but just don't have time to make. The generous proportions will fill you up.

Tell them your preferences of bread, meats, cheeses, other vegetable fillers and tasty condiments. This is a complete "build your own" sandwich with anything you want or choose from a already planned sandwich. Get them toasted or not...decide what fills your spot.

Marcie and Steve Turnbull are the owners of *The Spot*. They are getting to know the Garden Valley crowd. Steve

retired from his job in Boise and decided to go into the deli business with his wife. Marcie still works in Boise during the week. They are looking at building a more unique business in the long haul and not just do the sandwiches.

Marcie makes a big meatloaf and this has impressed those that turn their noses up to meatloaf. They use the meatloaf for sandwiches and breakfast burritos. Oh yes, breakfast burritos with eggs and potato and whatever else you want on it. They also have breakfast bagels and will build it to your liking.

They have plain coffee and hot chocolate but will not be trying to compete with every-one else that has specialty cof-

ees. They create smoothies, milkshakes and energy drinks. These will be great for post work-outs or breakfasts on the run or just a treat, too.

Looking ahead, the Turnbills plan to add hotdogs to the menu with the same build your own concept. From chili dogs to a NY style hotdog with all the trimmings, they want to please a variety of tastes. They also have different soups and stews.

Anticipating a busier season starting up, they will be taking applications for part time help. The work is not hard and it is more about good customer service. Students are encouraged to apply, especially for the Friday, Saturday and Sunday timeslots.

Peregrine Capture Permit Application Period to Open



Photo courtesy of Idaho Fish & Game; taken by Kevin Cole.

Idaho Fish & Game Boise County -- In January 2016, the Idaho Fish and Game Commission adopted seasons and rules to continue annual capture of up to two nestling or juvenile wild peregrine falcons to be used for falconry. The 2017 permit application period is open March 15 through April 15.

Two permits are available - one statewide permit for either a nestling or recently-fledged

juvenile peregrine, and one permit limited to nestling take only in Lemhi and Custer counties or a recently-fledged juvenile peregrine statewide.

Idaho resident falconers must have a master class license to apply, and may apply for either permit, but not both. Successful applicants will be notified by April 25. Successful permit holders must wait two years before applying for another capture permit.

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The capture season runs from May 1 to August 31. The application and rules for capturing peregrines for falconry are available on the Fish and Game website at: <https://idfg.idaho.gov/hunt/rules/upland-furbearer-turkey>.

The Garden Valley Preschool/Kindergarten screening will be held on Friday, April 21, 2017 for 3, 4, and 5 year olds from 10 AM to 12 PM. Please contact Melea Hileman at 462-3756, ext. 1050 or email mhileman@gvgsd.net to schedule an appointment. Please bring an updated immunization record and a copy birth certificate to the appointment. Anyone who has a child 3 or 4 and is concerned about their development may also schedule an appointment for screening.

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Snowshoe Track Team?

Written by Coach Julie Randolph

Idaho City - Snow doesn't stop Idaho City track team from getting in some miles!

Despite the vast amounts of snow, gloomy clouds, fog and rain, Idaho City runners find a way to log in a few miles. When ice prevented runners from going out the team came up with a solution to their need to be outdoors. Thankfully the school and Sarsaparilla's helped supply those runners who had no gear. For some this was the first time, for others it was the first time since the 4th grade outing, and others were veterans. Way to solve a problem, team!

Photo: (Right - from left to right) Tori Billings, Alex Davis, Kaitlynn Barber, Olivia Barber, Aletha Fairbank, Felicity Dodge, and Gabe Donahue (front). Submitted by Coach Julie Randolph.



Off to the races! Photos submitted by Coach Julie Randolph

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City Council Sorts Out Road, Water Well and Private Property Issues

Written by Janet Juroch

Garden Valley -- A regular Scheduled Meeting of the Crouch City Council was held on March 8, 2017. All members were present.

The new City Well still has steps to complete which include the water transfer agreement. City Clerk Vickie Chandler and Council Member Wendy Bates had a committee meeting with Mike Woodworth of Mountain Waterworks. Three options were presented and Mountain Waterworks will isolate the costs of each option for the city to review.

Option 1 is to hook up the 24 available hookups now. Op-

tion 2 is that the new well and additional infrastructure to be paid by grants or in water fees. A loan would be needed so a bond election would need to be held. This would not be a tax, as the user fees will pay the loan payment. Option 3 is to regionalize the Water Project. This is the most expensive option but would connect to the GV Ranchettes, The Edge Resort project and the City of Crouch. Funds would come the same way through grants, and loans paid by user fees.

Council members had a lengthy discussion with Water Master Terry Tucker about moving forward with the water

project and applying for grants. It was advised to seek a Project Administrator who is familiar with grants. The city will advertise in for this position. The PA will be at no cost to the City.

In completing the water transfer agreement and finishing water rights, the well needs to be certified as Municipal. Mayor Bob Powell will sign the document for the change to Municipal. Woodworth will get the water rights owner to sign that document as well. A survey needs to be done before there is a lot split which can't be done until more snow melts. That will finalize the Water Transfer Agreement.

The Water Master Report was given by Terry Tucker. He explained that the transducer in the tank was pulled loose due to ice. He said he will have to run it manually until we get into some project funding. The transducer sensor measures tank depth.

New business covered the topic of sale and use of illegal fireworks in the city during the 4th of July celebrations. After much discussion, the city agreed to back up either proposed plans the Chamber of Commerce and property owners decide on to eliminate personal fireworks in town. The Council considered the plans to be excellent ideas going forward.

Attorney Tony Pantera explained a possible solution to the snow removal problem would be to create an ordinance. Old Crouch Rd. is owned by 4 property owners. There was a concern that property owners are not doing the best snow removal this year and there were safety issues. Consensus of the Council was to look at an ordinance will insure safe and timely snow removal.

Garden Valley Center for the Arts report was given by Greg Simione. He reported that the March Youth Art Show is

on. This includes GV, Horseshoe Bend and Home School student's art. He announced Spring Fling is May 6th. He will be a meeting with an event planner to help GVCA, Library, Museum, etc. to create a plan for a major James Castle Festival in the fall.

Garden Valley Visitor's Center was reported by Janet Juroch. She plans to move in some office furniture and is looking for a flooring donation to replace the old, worn out carpet. Janet also explained where she is at in the process of creating a tourist map and how it will be a source of revenue. Doug Laber is crafting signs for the VIC, and directional signs display for the businesses nearby the City Hall. He is also refurbishing the weathered City Hall and Museum signs.

The Clerk reported that there are now 100 business licenses completed which includes the Old Merc and the Flea Market. She also reported that furnace in the Community Hall wasn't working. It needed new filters, a new fan and new condensation pump. Repairs are completed.

The next City Council meeting will be at 6:30pm on April 12, 2017 at City Hall.

"Stayin' Alive" CPR Class in HSB



Jo Ashbrook demonstrating infant CPR.

Written by Tracy Koslosky

Horseshoe Bend -- Horseshoe Bend just got a little bit safer thanks to Jo Ashbrook. On March 10, Ashbrook led residents through a first aid & cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) course in the council room of Horseshoe Bend City Hall. The class learned the basics of first aid and how to assist in medical emergencies pertaining to falls, bleeding, choking (Heimlich maneuver), insect bites, allergic reactions, and EPI (epinephrine) pen usage. During the CPR portion of the class Ashbrook demonstrated the procedures leading up to initiating CPR. Step 1: Shake & shout to determine the victim's medical status. Step 2: Look, listen, & feel to see if the person is breathing. Step 3: Call for help. CPR can then be started if a person is experiencing cardiac arrest.

"The importance of CPR is to keep the brain alive", explained Ashbrook. When the brain is deprived of oxygen death can occur in minutes unless CPR is started. CPR is comprised of rapid compressions to the chest at a rate of 100 per minute. With the help of bright blue CPR prompt manikins which oddly looked like sleeping members of the Blue Man Group, class participants took turns practicing the skills that retired medical assistant Ashbrook has been teaching to EMT's, high school students, the middle school outdoor class, & community members for several years. Ashbrook suggested to students that they count compressions out loud and try to "keep a rhythm to the beat of the Bee Gees' Stayin' Alive". The nine resi-

dents that participated in the class all left as certified CPR providers. That's good news for this community because with approximately 400,000 people in the United States suffering from cardiac arrest outside of a hospital setting each year, more people are needed to learn this life saving procedure. According to Harvard Medical School "Of the Americans who go into cardiac arrest outside of a hospital every year, only 6% survive the crisis. That low percentage might have something to do with the fact that only 3% of Americans learn how to do CPR each year." With Ashbrook's assistance Horseshoe Bend just added a few more people willing to help administer this life saving skill.



Jo Ashbrook observing students administering CPR to manikins. Photos by Tracy Koslosky

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ROUGH WINTER TRAVEL, BACK IN THE DAY

Written by Jerry Branson, *Historian*

Winter travel was unlike travel at any other time of year. Wheeled transportation had brakes, sort of. That option was not available with winter travel. Going was one thing. Stopping was another. But going was also troublesome. The big help was that fewer people traveled very far in the winter months, even to Boise or on travel to Oregon or Washington. Thus smaller conveyances were used. Also, stage stops and overnight facilities were scattered along the routes except within the Grimes Creek area as distances were relatively short. The longest was from Centerville to Pioneer City, a distance of nine miles by the old toll road.

We often vision stage coaches from the perspective of summer when the ground is bare and dry. But winter and spring mud were often disasters waiting to happen. That included washed out sections of roadways from spring runoff. We also need a picture of what the roads were like to begin to grasp the difficulty of travel in winter months.

Roads were a major part of the problem for conveyances. That is why I am making much ado about the roads. The toll road to Boise was hindered by steep roadway grades in many places, such as Steirman Grade and the road down from the mesa across Mores Creek at Robie Creek. The toll road often remained up on mesas away from Mores Creek due to flooding. Also, snow melted off the flat mesas quicker.

The toll road from Placerville to Horseshoe Bend to Emmett but was much better west of Horseshoe Bend toward the ferry near the Pickett coral. Snow was far less a factor. In fact, sometimes regular stage coaches could operate from Horseshoe Bend to Farewell Bend. But in actuality, few did. Stage coaches did operate most of the time from Rock Creek east of Twin Falls to La Grande, Oregon all winter.

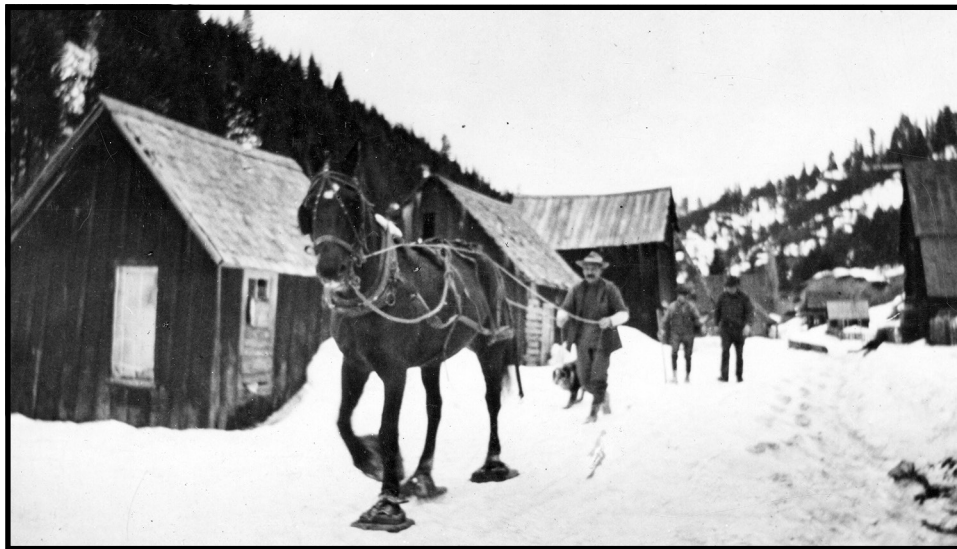
From Placerville to Upper Payette, now called Garden Valley, was often in a steep canyon with little sunshine to melt off snow. Roads were very steep over much of the route. No stage coaches ever operated on this route so wagons, buggies and sleighs were the only transportation no matter the season.

Travel within the Grimes Creek area fared better than

most but had some steep grades as well. The toll road between Centerville and Pioneer City had serious steep grades across Clay Gulch, Coughanour Gulch and Paul's Gulch along with the road over the ridge from Paul's Gulch to Swede Gulch. The toll road did not follow up Grimes Creek as it does today. But the steepest grades were the toll road from Idaho City to Centerville. The road up Spanish Fork was very steep and long. But the toll road down from the summit to Henry Creek was a single extremely steep grade for miles. It was a challenge even in the summer. Brakes on stagecoaches and wagons were not adequate. Poles or 2x4's were used through the wheels under the body of the conveyance, actually locking up the rear wheels. But that does not work at all on snow. Generally snow depth in Grimes Creek/Granite Creek areas were from three feet to six feet to a little more. Snow level on Harris Creek Summit was as much as eight feet deep. Snow slides, which are smaller avalanches, were also a nuisance at times as roadways had to be cleared by manpower using shovels.

The toll road from Idaho City to Boise also had steep areas and the road from Mores Creek up and over Aldape Summit was one long steep grade on both sides. The final grade up to Aldape Summit was and is, a very steep grade even for off road vehicles today. Fortunately the snow level was less from the mouth of Robie Creek up to close to Aldape Summit. Still, small snow slides were often a nuisance. The road between Smith Creek and Dunnigan Creek was also plagued with snow slides as well and washouts as Mores Creek rose in the spring.

The toll road from Idaho City to Banner was total disaster, in terms of steep grade for much of it from Twelve Mile Creek to Crooked River. Add to that the additional snow level over Mores Creek Summit. Snow on the ground in Idaho City was generally between two to five feet deep. But snow depth on Mores



Some horses were even fitted with snowshoes for travel over deep snow.
Courtesy of the Idaho State Historical Society

Creek Summit and eastward was on the order of twelve feet deep. Furthermore, avalanches were common. Shoveling snow was a major chore but had to be done, sometimes even in areas of no avalanches. This was the most difficult section of road for winter travel anywhere in the entire county. A few houses and barn was located near the

adequate sine sleighs on snow provided much less traction.

What sort of conveyances were used? Not stage coaches. They were too heavy and the height often could be disastrous due to the fact that coaches could overturn easily. Options were few. Regular freight wagons we used, generally. The wheels either had



Men out on a winter sleigh.
Courtesy of the Idaho State Historical Society

top of Mores Creek summit on the east side.

Most of the winter travel was from mail and freight wagons. But Mose Kempner was a seasoned veteran of travel in the areas since he lived on Crooked River from 1864 onward.

A toll road from Idaho City to Rocky Bar also existed but winter travel was seldom possible due to snow and horribly steep terrain with avalanches being a major restriction. Travel was limited to mail carriers only from December to April. Mail carriers were a story all their own.

Horses can wade through as much a three feet of snow, especially on level ground. But pulling a conveyance with six or more people in it quickly wore down the horses on steep grades. Adding more horses was a necessity in some areas but by no more than two. However two were generally

skis attached to the bottom of the wheels or the wheels were replaced with sled runners. The latter was preferred as it moved the conveyance closer to the ground so that side hill travel was less likely to tip the conveyance over... The wagons were lighter, had smaller wheels and weighed much less. They did not tip as easy as a stage coach. But wagons did not have weather protec-

tion and were open air, and extremely cold riding. Since they lacked seats, blankets, pillows and cushions were used to "improve" passenger "comfort".

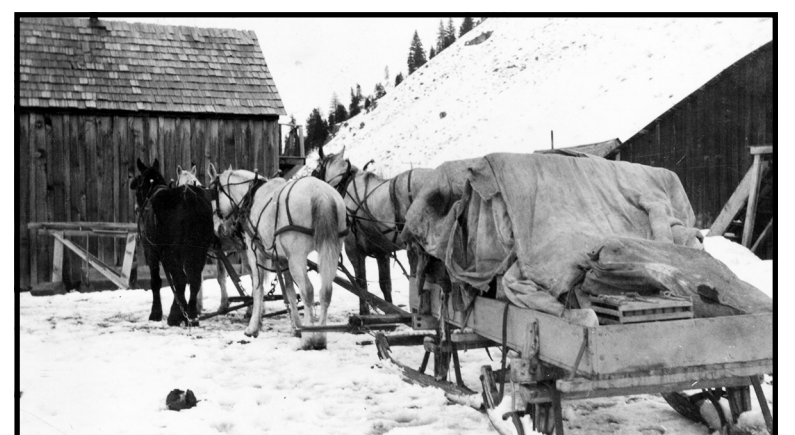
The other mode of transportation was by sleighs, large enough to hold at least four people and ran on blade runners like sleds.

But deep snow was still a problem to solve. What could be done for the horses to travel through deep snow? The answer is, what did people use? Snow shoes. Back up and read this again. Snow shoes for people, snow shoes for horses. The framework was wood. Canvas or rope mesh was used in the interior of the snowshoe. They worked quite well in deep snow. *Really! See the photo.*

How to stop was the big issue. Brakes were of no help. Any conveyance used would simply run away when on runners or skis. But the tongues were extra long and had fittings for attaching rope or cable or chains from the horse's harness and rigging to the wagon tongue. The horses literally held the conveyance, whether wagon or sleigh, from running away, since no brakes would work. An alternative was to drag a log behind the wagon on a chain. But basically the horses broke the trail for the wagon on runners or skies to follow and thus were not as free-wheeling as people may think. Where there is a will, there is a way. Do the photos reveal genius? No. Do the photos reveal ideas that worked? Yes. Aren't you glad you live in an area among people who can make things work?

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A winter cargo sleigh.
Courtesy of the Idaho State Historical Society

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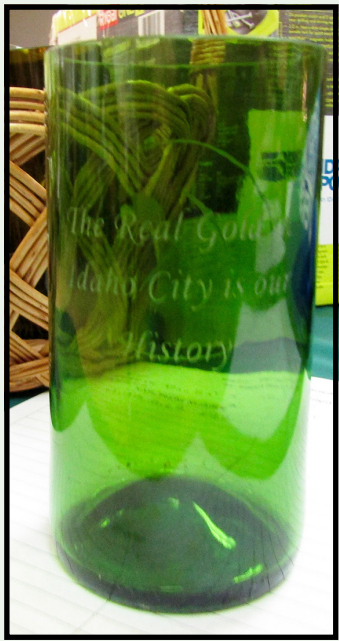
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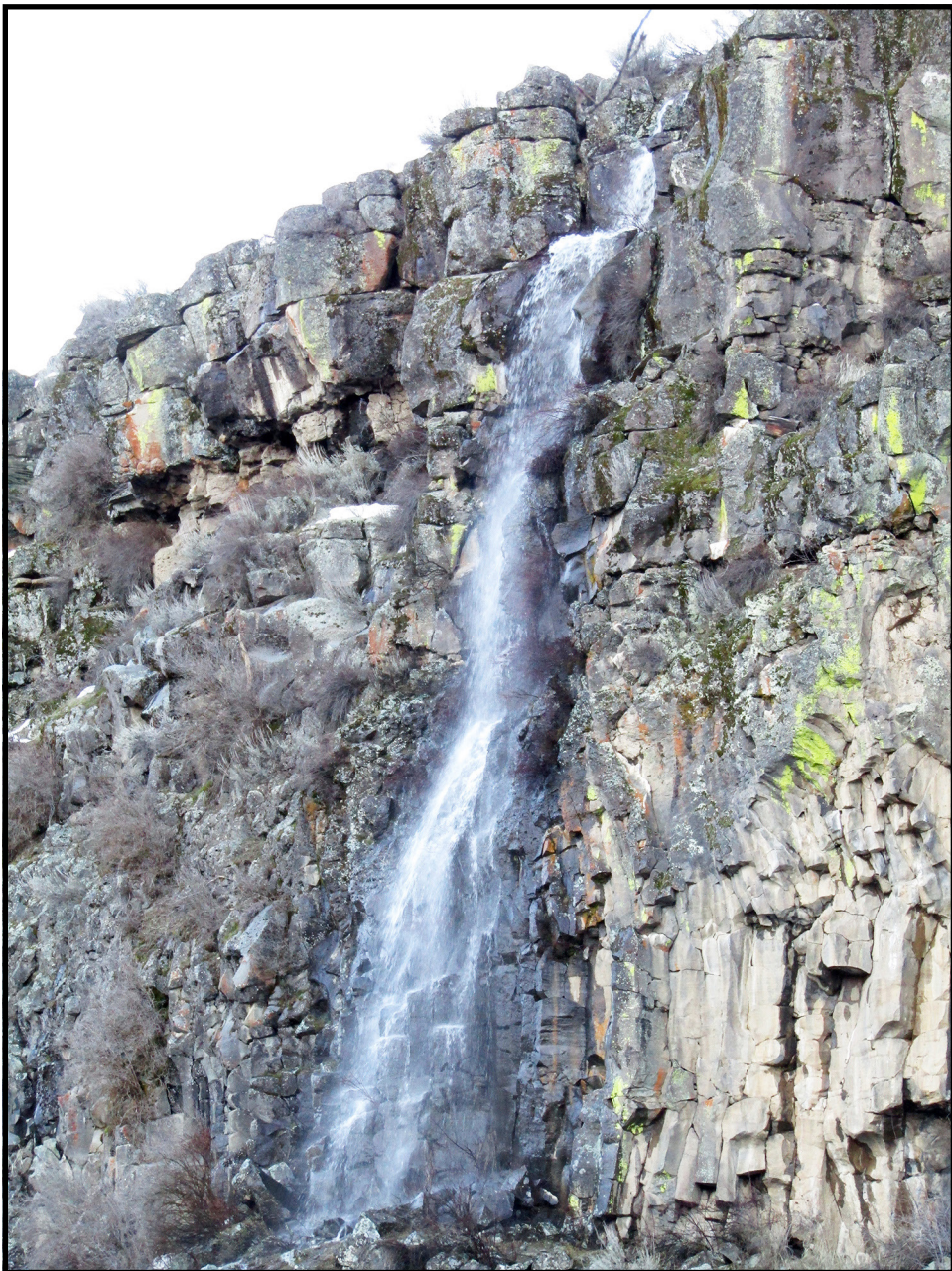
Warmer Weather Brings High Water and Waterfalls to East Boise County



High waters come close to flooding and further erode around bridges. This bridge is located on Robie Creek Road and serves as a load bearing bridge for large trucks.



Beautiful waterfalls adorn the mountainside along Hwy. 21 with spring runoff.



Cascading waterfalls along Hwy. 21 are a sheer treat for travelers and residents.



A vibrant full moon rose over a waterfall, which emptied into Mores Creek. Photos by Eileen Capson

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THE CHINESE IN THE BOISE BASIN

Written by Eileen Capson

In the early 1870s, Boise County attracted more Chinese immigrants than any single county. In its heyday, there were nearly 1,800 men from Canton, southern China, that settled in the area. Mining camps stretched from Centerville, Pioneerville, into Idaho City and Buena Vista. In these areas, the Chinese developed sizable communities and stayed for a half century. When the mining industry declined in the region in the 1910s, the Chinese left for Boise City, other states or went back to China.

In Boise County, a majority of the Chinese were either independent miners or free laborers, looking for quick economic gain. According to tax records and the census reports, the Chinese often invested in land and property ownership, while others saved thousands of dollars to take back to China. They also competed quite well with other immigrant groups.

The Chinese still faced ethnic persecution, although Idaho was considered to have had a relatively mild political climate. They found ways to dodge taxes, partook in bribing sheriffs, and even threatened judges. There were also occasions documented that showed that they weren't above shooting their enemies or destroying their property, and did so among themselves as well. Within the first few years of the discovery of gold in the Boise Basin, Chinese became victims to frontier violence. However, they quickly learned to arm



Loke Kee and his family accumulated a fortune, estimated between \$60,000 and \$90,000. This portrait was taken in 1905. Courtesy of the Idaho City Historical Foundation.

themselves with a Bowie knife or Colt revolver, causing perpetrators to think twice before attacking them. *The Idaho World* stated, "A Chinaman is slow to deeds of desperation but when he starts in, he generally means business."

Early Idaho law required foreigners to pay extra taxes, approximately \$4 a month for mining. However, the Anglos, in general, treated the Chinese fairly, despite a few racial incidents in Boise County. The services the Chinese offered were relied on heavily, such as housekeeping, cooking, and washing. Many also owned their own mining claims, which provided a better working climate.

The Chinese children in Idaho City were never segregated in school and were offered the same opportunities. The city had long honored the Chinese contribution to the

community, even into the early twentieth century and would annually celebrate the Chinese New Year by decorating their classrooms and wearing Chinese ornate costumes.

Chinese gardeners brought fresh produce to the Basin, which included corn, tomatoes, Chinese cabbage and beans. Earlier, miners frequently suffered from scurvy. This local production brought lower prices to the miners

They often gathered fresh vegetables from their gardens in the morning and peddled them on the streets or went door-to-door. Immigrants later set up stores in the 1870s and 1880s, like the Pon Yam House in Idaho City, to sell "China goods." They sold everything from fresh vegetables to rice, and even firecrackers.

The Chinese mining laborers in the Basin earned about \$2.25 to \$2.50 a day in the late

1880s. This was an above average wage for any worker in the eastern United States.

Bibliography –
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A Chinaman's Chance by Li-ping Zhu, 1997.



Idaho City man who grew and peddled his own vegetables. Photo taken in 1898. Courtesy of the Idaho State Historical Society.

Basin Elementary Honor Roll for Idaho City's 2nd Trimester, March 2017

Highest Honors–

4TH Grade

Tyler Callagy
Eliza England
Ashlyn Porter
Jasper Gluck
Trey Martiny

High Honors –

4TH Grade

Jasmyn Gravatt
Rafe Grant
Logan Williams
Makayla Barber
Charlie Culver
Jaxon Erbe

Mary Plumlee

Christopher Ringuette

Highest Honors–

5th Grade

Dax Olvera
Chase Cunningham

High Honors –

5th Grade

Kaya Brown
Lance Caward
Selena Exon
Aleigha Jones
Brennin Kerr
Aubrey Pecora

Kasey Pontius

Jonah Young

Highest Honors –

6th Grade

Liam Barber

High Honors –

6th Grade

Zach Evans
Levi Kindelberger
Tayloranne Lindquist
Justin Neville
Tatum Wilson
Ravon Tramel

BOISE COUNTY

A Look Back in **THE IDAHO WORLD**: March 16, 1877

Local News.

The snow has disappeared from the south sides of the foot hills.

The Payette river was rapidly rising when Mr. Pierce left there last Sunday.

The farmers at Horseshoe Bend commenced plowing nearly three weeks ago.

The creeks were very high last Tuesday, but have been steadily falling since.

Reel & Karkey are getting along well at ground sluicing. They have all the water they can use.

The bridge across Grimes creek at Centerville was carried away by the flasket last Monday night.

The miners are beginning to scatter through the gulches and making preparations to commence work.

Deer are scarce in the valleys this winter, the weather having been so mild that the remained in the mountains.

We acknowledge a pleasant call from Rev. W.G. Simpson, of Boise City, during the week. He was up on a visit.

S.J. Pierce came up from Horseshoe Bend last Monday. He is lame yet from the effects of having his ankle sprained two or three weeks ago.

Preparations are being made for a grand time at the ball tonight. The tables are to be set in Good Templar hall. The very best music has been secured, and everybody and his sweet dulcina are expected to attend.

The Gold Hill mine was filled

with water by the creek breaking through on of the stopes Monday night. Two thousand feet of tunnel and the shaft were filled, but the water has all been bumped out and work resumed.

Mr. Passmore and an Indian have discovered two quartz ledges at the head of Willow creek, six miles south of Horseshoe Bend. They are narrow, but prospect well. It is thought that there are many more ledges in that vicinity.

Charley Kingsley met with a painful and serious accident yesterday morning. While whittling kindling across his leg the knife slipped, cutting a gash two or three inches long just above the knee. Dr. Zipf sewed it up.

William Abbott arrived here from Atlanta last Tuesday over the Banner route. Snow on the Middle Boise is eighteen inch-

es deep, at North Boise two feet, and at the head of More creek five feet. It is solid and heavy. Billy came all the way on snow-shoes.

Oca citizens have been talking a good deal about the proposed new route for the Atlanta road, during the last few days, and all appear willing to extend aid. Two or three have already offered \$200 each. We will have something to say about

the general opinions of mountaineers in our next issue.

The Basin mail was carried, last Tuesday, on horseback, the roads have been so badly damaged beyond the summit that it was impossible for the coach to pass over them. The roads have been repaired and the stage now makes its regular trips as far as Placerville.

Charges Will Proceed to District Court

Idaho City -- Evidence was presented in Magistrate Court last week in the case of Jeffery Gibson, former Idaho City Council Member. The Magistrate Judge, the Honorable Lamont Berez, came from Canyon County, and was asked to preside in this case. The judge heard the testimony from two witnesses that were called and determined that there was enough evidence to move forward in this case. It will further be heard in Federal District Court. The case is currently closed, per "court rule or judicial order".

The count of "burglary" was added. Judge Berez advised the defendant, Gibson, that two charges had been struck, including unlawful entry and an additional aggravated battery. The remaining charges include: Count 1 - Aggravated Assault, Count 2 - Aggravated Battery, and Count 3 - Burglary Charge.

Jeffery Gibson had served as



Jeff Gibson

an Idaho City Council Member, but has since resigned. In a letter dated December 15, 2016, he wrote, "Dear Mayor and Council,

"I regret to inform you of my

resignation from city council. Due to personal reasons, I feel it would [be] the best for the city to do so. Thank you for my time as council member and wish all good luck down the road."

Judge Berez found probable cause in counts 1 & 2. He then said that evidence suggested "this wasn't a social call," and found that all 3 counts had been met. The judge bound this case over to District Court for arraignment, to be held on May 11th at 10am. A "no contact order" will remain in place and Mr. Gibson will continue on a \$5,000 bond.

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Drinking Water WARNING in IC

Written by Eileen Capson Idaho City -- A notice has been given to Idaho City residents of a Boil Water Advisory, due to turbidity, or cloudiness of the water. A high amount of spring runoff into Elk Creek has made it very dirty and the sand filtration plant is having a difficult time producing drinkable water for the residents of Idaho City. It has been recommended that folks boil their water for one minute, prior to consumption. This includes all drinking water, ice making, dish washing, water used to brush teeth, and in food preparation. This advisory is in effect until further notice.

Organisms remaining in the water could potentially put people at risk, due to the presence of bacteria, viruses and parasites. This dirty water could result in nausea, cramps and diarrhea. Those with a severely compromised immune systems, infants, and some elderly may be at an increased risk. If individuals experience these symptoms, they may want to seek medical attention.

The Idaho City Water Department and Department of Environmental Quality are working together to monitor the levels of turbidity and will inform the public when the threat no longer poses a problem for human consumption.

For more information, please contact Nancy Ling, City Clerk, at (208) 392-4584.

Correction: Sheriff's Corner listed the month end reports, however, the list for February were incorrect. Those numbers have not yet been calculated. The numbers present were the totals in each category, from October thru January.

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Boise Basin Library in Idaho City is accepting applications for a full-time Programming Coordinator position, 40 hrs/wk, Tues-Sat. Qualifications include: high school diploma (or equivalent), computer skills, experience with library practices.

A full job description and application form are available at the Boise Basin Library upon request. Salary DOE,

Veteran's Preference and the Boise Basin Library is an EOE.

Please call 208.392.4558 for more information.

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

WANTED: Boise County Deputy Sheriff's uniform and badges from 1970 - 1980 for display. (Looking for blue or light green color.) Top dollar paid, depending on condition. Call Mike at 208 863-0000.

CLOSED: Steamboat Gulch Sledding Hill is now closed for the season. Thank you for supporting the Mores Creek Recreational Foundation! Interested in becoming an attendant next winter? Contact Jackie at the Sheriff's Office.

Basin School District is accepting bids for a 2000 Thomas/freight liner bus 72# capacity. Caterpillar engine model 3126 171.5 HP. Manual transmission. Mileage 185749. New clutch package installed last year. All filters and oil changed at



185571. Annual inspection completed 8/2017. Bids starting at \$2500.00. If you are interested bring your bid to Cindy Hunter in a sealed envelop at the Idaho city high school to be opened at the 3/21/17 board meeting. If you want to see the bus call 392-6747.

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LEGAL NOTICES

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

The City of Crouch is requesting proposals from qualified consultants for the planning, development, grant writing, and administration of a water system improvement project.

The City of Crouch anticipates applying for federal grant assistance to fund the project.

A copy of the RFP can be obtained from the City Clerk at cityofcrouch@frontiernet.net

Proposals will be evaluated and ranked on the following criteria. The maximum point value of each criterion is shown in parentheses:

- Capability to Perform Project (25) pts
- Relevant Project Experience (30) pts
- Qualifications of Project Team (30) pts
- Project Approach and Schedule (15) pts
- Selection Committee Interview (30) pts

The relative importance of each area is shown in parentheses.

Proposals are due in the City Clerk's office at the following address:
City of Crouch
342 Village Circle
Garden Valley, ID 83622

Proposals are due on or before March 29th, 2017 by 3pm.

The City reserves the right to reject any and all proposals.

Mayor, Bob Powell
Published in the Idaho World on 3/15 and 3/22/2017.



BOISE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS CONDENSED MINUTES TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21st, 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, Deputy Clerk Coffelt, Prosecutor Blocksom, Community Justice Administrator Leader, Sheriff Kaczmarek, Assessor Juszcak. Commissioner Jackson-via phone. Absent: Commissioner Baker & Clerk Prisco. PA Blocksom discussed a few budget related items, an employee payroll change which was approved and the addition of employees to the office with the Board. A grant reimbursement for the 2-forks recreational water & sewer district was discussed and approved. A demand warrant for the road & bridge department was approved. A request for a show cause hearing was discussed between the board & P&Z administrator Canody, which was approved. A certificate of residency was approved. An FYI from the CuMo mine was discussed. Issue Tracking was reviewed, discussed and updated. Chairman Ward and Sheriff Kaczmarek attended a meeting, the 4th of July festivities were discussed for Crouch. Future Agenda Topics were reviewed and discussed. Adjourned. Approval, Chairman Ward. Attest, Clerk Prisco, Clerk to the Board.

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Community Justice Administrator Leader, Sheriff Kaczmarek, Assessor Juszcak, Deputy Clerk Loya (Elections), Treasurer Hutchings, Road & Bridge Superintendent Jones, Road & Bridge Assistant Superintendent Morgan, Solid Waste/Noxious Weeds Superintendent Bottoms. Absent: Commissioner Jackson. The minutes for Tuesday February 14th were approved. P&Z Administrator Canody presented two orders of show cause orders, one was approved and one was tabled. CJ Administrator Leader spoke to the board concerning the Millennium grants and the HSB Mill Pond. A payroll change for the Road & Bridge department was approved. A payroll change for the PA office was discussed. Sheriff Kaczmarek gave an update. Resolution 2017-17 & 2017-18 was adopted. The department heads and elected officials gave updates on their departments. Assessor Juszcak brought the tech meeting to order, the computer in the commissioner room was discussed. A discussion with Mr. Mitch Cromwell and Robert McCracken from Computer Arts Inc. ensued. Tech meeting adjourned. Mr. Scott Brown discussed with the board a homeowner's exemption as well as a request for waiving interest and fees on taxes. Ms. Canody spoke with the board concerning address corrections per the ULO and were approved. The board interviewed Mr. Paul Rekow for the emergency management coordinator position. A tax cancellation was approved. A termination letter per Persi requirements for Mr. John Roberts was approved. Ten certificates of residency were approved. The bills were approved. Chairman Ward has been continuing to work on the Banks/Lowman Road as well as gave an update on the purchase of the parcel near Lowman. Future agenda topics were reviewed and discussed. Adjourned. Approval, Chairman Ward. Attest, Clerk Prisco, Clerk to the Board.

Published in the Idaho World on 3/15/2017.



BOISE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS CONDENSED MINUTES TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28th, 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 Baker, Deputy Clerk Coffelt, Clerk Prisco, Prosecutor Blocksom, Planning & Zoning Administrator Canody,

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
LEGAL NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
That the Boise County Board of County Commissioners will hold a Public Hearing on April 4, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. in the Commission Chambers in Idaho City regarding an Appeal on CUP #2017-003 The Edge Resort at Garden Valley. All interested persons are invited to attend this meeting. Special accommodations for persons with disabilities will be provided upon advance request to the Clerk's Office 208-392-4431.

Published in the Idaho World on March 15 & 22, 2017.

**BOISE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, MARCH 21st, 2017
BOISE COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S ROOM
AGENDA**

- 9:00 a.m. CALL TO ORDER Chairman Ward
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- PA ISSUES Prosecuting Attorney's Office
- EXECUTIVE SESSION per Pending Litigation, Personnel Issues, Exempt Records
- 9:30 a.m. CONVENE TO REGULAR SESSION
- AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA Commissioners
- CONSTITUENT INPUT (each member of the public will be allowed 3 minutes only to speak)
- MINUTES Clerk Prisco
- DEPARTMENTAL ISSUES Elected Officials/Dept. Heads
- 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 Pending Litigation
- EXECUTIVE SESSION per Personnel (because executive sessions are listed, does not necessarily mean that they will be engaged)

RECESS FOR LUNCH

- 2:00 p.m. PARTIAL PLAT AMENDMENT TO JOE LEWIS SUBDIVISION BY STANLEY ERSKINE:
P&Z Administrator Canody
- 3:00 p.m. MISCELLANEOUS & CORRESPONDENCE
Commissioners, Issue Tracking, Commissioner Discussion/Committee Reports
Future Agenda Topics Review

RECESS REGULAR MEETING UNTIL TUESDAY, MARCH 28th, 2017

Miscellaneous & Correspondence and Future Agenda Topics Review times may be changed to fill in gaps, if the Board chooses to do so. The Board reserves the right to enter into Executive Session when necessary.

Any person needing special accommodations to participate in the above noticed meeting should contact the Boise County Clerk's office two days prior to the meeting at (208) 392-4431, 420 Main Street, Idaho City, ID 83631



Canada Geese fly home to Idaho City in the light of a full moon.

Photos by Eileen Capson

BOISE COUNTY

Spring Sports in HSB

Written by Tracy Koslosky Horseshoe Bend -- With winter still underway, the athletes at Horseshoe Bend Schools are anticipating spring by embarking on the sports usually associated with that season. Starting their training under mostly gloomy skies with either snow or rain falling during their first week of practice these young athletes have been gearing up for a great season of spring sports. Track is off to a running start led by coach Jason Graham with assistance from his wife, Kimarie Graham. 18 students are participating with majority from the middle school. The track team plans to take on competitors at meets off campus this year. The varsity softball team can be seen on the field with their bright yellow balls flying through the air as the team practices with hopes for another shot at the top spot in the Idaho State Championship Tournament where they fell to Genesse in the final game in 2016 for a second-place finish. This year's team consists of 13 players, 4 are returning seniors. With the team's dedication to the sport and the assistance of coaches

April & Ryan Renfro as well as Brooke & Craig Elliott this team has all the makings to rise to the top. Come out this month and root for the team in this month's home games as they take on local rivals Garden Valley on 3/16 and Nampa Christian on 3/20. Both games start at 4:30 p.m. On the field, adjacent to the softball team the varsity baseball team is also hard at work trying to make it the Idaho State Championship again. After losing both their games at last year's championship in Caldwell the team hopes to be making the long ride to Orofino to compete in this year's tournament. The team has a few more challenges this year with only 2 returning seniors on their roster of 13 players. This young team is headed in the right direction though with the help of coaches Jason Hennig & Chris Koslosky. You can watch the team in action at their first home game versus fellow conference team Glens Ferry on 3/31 in a double header that starts at 3:00 p.m. Go to www.hsbschools.org for complete spring sports schedules.



(L-R) Philipp Theis (senior) & Angelo Koslosky (sophomore) Photo by Tracy Koslosky

Kids in HSB ~ Adopt-a-Pilot



Captain Boyter lead students in Southwest Airlines' aviation-themed program with activities related to science, math, and writing. Photo by Tracy Koslosky

Written by Tracy Koslosky Horseshoe Bend - In 1997 Southwest Airlines created it's Adopt-A-Pilot program, designed to teach life skills based on aviation principles. Adopt-A-Pilot is in 1,500 classrooms all across the United States. The 17 students Brandi Naragon's 5th grade class at Horseshoe Bend Elementary School is experiencing Adopt-A-Pilot first hand from one of the programs original creators, Captain Mark Boyter. A pilot for Southwest for 30 years, Boyter has been involved with the program since its inception and this is his 3rd year teaching the class at Horseshoe Bend Elementary. Boyter says the program has always been geared for 5th grade students because that age group is "old enough to get the concepts involved in choosing

a career and they still respect authority." Adopt-A-Pilot consists of nine lessons which Captain Boyter presents to the class every Thursday. The lesson plans revolve around the following four tenets: Stay in school, get good grades, stay off drugs, and do something you love, which the students can recite when prompted. Students have also learned a mnemonic for **FLIGHT: Fearless, Leadership, Imagination, Gratitude, Honesty, and Tenacity**, the program's basic principles. The lesson plan (5th in the series) on March 9 was Communications. Students retrieved their Adopt-A-Pilot folders, adorned with a large image of an airplane, and began studying the phonetic alphabet utilized by the International Civil Aviation Organization since 1956. Boyter uses this lesson to teach the students to "communicate thoughts and

ideas so someone can understand." The students, led by Captain Boyter, went through a series of exercises that began with learning hand signals used by airport ramp agents and concluded by using walking talkies to relay messages to their peers utilizing the phonetic alphabet. Students took turns using hand signals to help students acting as airplanes navigate their way to imaginary landing ramps. Captain Boyter explained throughout the lesson the "importance of communicating effectively." The class then split into groups to practice their new-found knowledge of the phonetic alphabet by sending messages such as "cats meow" and "can you hear me". The students seem to really enjoy Captain Boyter's lessons as evidenced by their laughter as he delivered his serious message in a fun, relatable way.

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