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CuMo: U.S. Dependent on Foreign Metals?



Lisa Anderson, V.P. of Government Relations for CuMo, meeting in Idaho City, 1/15/2019.

Written by Eileen Capson
IDAHO CITY -- “We are a junior mining company, which means we solely look at exploration projects,” explains Phil Bandy, VP of Operations for CuMo. In an effort to define the project area of approximately six square miles, there is a need for two more seasons of exploration. The season extends from April through December, depending on weather conditions. The company would like to use many of the same drill pads to drill at different angles,

with a three inch diameter core sample up to 3,000 feet. The holes are gradually backfilled with benign material while the sample is removed.

Lisa Anderson, VP of Government Relations pointed out: “There are 35 critical minerals that are listed that our United States needs to function, especially on a defense level. Back in the late 70s, we were only dependent on five of those, and now we’re 100% dependent on all of those, but two. The green technology that’s out there,

we need cobalt, we need tungsten, we need rhenium. These are things that we utilize every day.” Anderson continued, “I’m one who feels that we need to be as self-sufficient as a nation. As far as this goes, we do need to know what is up there. Whether they decide to actually put it into a producing mine, that would be decided within a few years from now, but we do need to know what’s there. The United States should inventory all of their mineral deposits, especially big ones,

like this one. So, if we need to access it, we have that ability. We don’t know what’s there.” She emphasized that if those critical minerals were cut-off, “There’s a lot of countries that are not too happy with us, and a lot of those countries we get a lot of our strategic minerals from. Just think about that a little bit, be thinking about exploration. We should do exploration, so we know what we’ve got in our own country.”

Horseshoe Bend Fire Department Training

Written by Tracy Koslosky
HORSESHOE BEND -- The Horseshoe Bend Volunteer Fire Department invited the community to help “Fill the Boot” on Saturday, January 12 during their training exercises. The all-volunteer department

was being filled with smoke. To simulate fire, several lights were set up inside the smoke-filled firehouse. A makeshift dummy hidden in the station was a stand-in for a victim overcome by smoke. The exercise was set up so that two firefighters went in to find the “victim” while 2 remained out to maintain the scene. After all firefighters engaged in the drill, the participants began training as Rapid Intervention Teams (RIT). The RIT’s were trained in the rescue of a downed firefighter. Members of the department recently participated in training at the



Members of the Horseshoe Bend Volunteer Fire Department pose for a group photo prior to the beginning of their training exercises on Saturday, January 12. Pictured from left to right: Captain Jordan Jones, Assistant Fire Chief Carter Duke, Rookie firefighter Mark Aldridge, Fire Chief Nate Howell, Lieutenant Curtis Corvinus, firefighter Tasha Spears, Captain Jason Gifford, Lieutenant Justin Gifford, EMT Loria Kalac, ambulance driver Ryan Lindstrom.



HSB firefighters, Captain Jordan Jones (in the lead position) and rookie Mark Aldridge (in the rear) enter the smoke filled HSB Fire Station during a search and rescue drill. Assistant Chief Carter Duke stands by at the entryway to receive radio transmissions from the team.
Photos by Tracy Koslosky



Horseshoe Bend Fire Department Captain Jason Gifford assists rookie Mark Aldridge with his gear during recent training exercises.

Mountain Home Fire Department which was sponsored by the Idaho Volunteer Fire and Emergency Services Association, including rookie Mark Aldridge. Aldridge, who relocated to Horseshoe Bend via Oklahoma last year, works for the Federal Aviation Administration as an aviation Safety Inspector. After meeting and speaking with Assistant Fire Chief Carter Duke, Aldridge joined the HSB Volunteer Fire Department. Aldridge sees it “as an opportunity to give back to the community”. The department was also accepting monetary donations by way of

a “fill the boot” fund raiser for the Burn Out Fund. The Burn Our Fund helps community members who have suffered a house fire by way of short term help with shelter, clothing and food. Those wishing to donate to the HSB Burn Out Fund or to donate supplies to the fire department (donations of Gatorade, Powerade and water are always welcome) can contact Fire Chief Nate Howell (208) 996-4414, Captain Jordan

Jones (208) 860-0718, or send a direct message through their Facebook page at www.facebook.com/wivesofHSBfire/ or may make direct donations at The White Horse Grocery & Mercantile located at 388 Highway 55 in Horseshoe Bend. Self-motivated members of the community over the age of 18 who are interested in joining the department can contact Howell or Jones for more information.



Emergency Medical Technician Lori Kalac is unable to revive the HSB training dummy/victim during the fire department’s training drill.

Photos by Tracy Koslosky


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Garden Valley Senior & Social Center News

By Janet Juroch

Granny's Closet is still full of great barely-used clothing and apparel. In order to make more room, a clothing sale is continuing at fifty cents apiece. That is right, two quarters will do it. The stock is changing and moving out, so keep stopping in for a look at what else is for sale.

Metro Meals on Wheels is on Tuesday and Thursday at noon at the Senior Center. For a cost of \$4.00 for those 60 years old and older, and the crowd under 60 years old only \$6.00, there continues to be wonderful, yummy meals. As this program grows, the goal is to have enough people involved to bring meals to homebound people who cannot get out to the Senior Center.

MMOW upcoming menus: Thursday, 1/24/19 will be Peppered Steak over Noodles, Caribbean Vegetables, Spiced Apples, Bread and Milk. Tuesday, 1/29/19 is Chicken and Dumplings, Dilled Carrots, Baby Lima Beans, Fresh Orange and Milk. Thursday, 1/31/19 menu is Meatloaf with Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Glazed Carrots, Ice Cream, Rolls, and Milk.

Events coming up include the Garden Valley Center for the Arts sponsored Chocolate Auction. This year they will be having this event at the Senior Center on February 9th. Check with Garden Valley Center for the Arts website and Facebook for details and if you are interested in bringing a chocolate

item for the auction. The Annual Talent Show is coming on Saturday, February 23rd and spots are filling up. Contact the Senior Center, or any Board member, if you are interested. The Senior Center will be hosting this event at the Crouch Community Hall, so mark your calendars now. The talent is unbelievable in this area and the Senior Center would love to showcase your talents and have fun while doing so.



"Rock the Bald" and show solidarity with children who are going through cancer, March 16 at 1pm at the Senior Center. This is a fundraiser to bring awareness and funds to childhood cancer research. The money goes to research, and not so much to the administrative costs. The website

www.stbaldricks.org will explain so much more than can be done here. The idea is to gather sponsorships of people that want you to shave your head. Look for "Garden Valley St Baldricks" and register as a volunteer or a sponsor.

The day of the event there will be full of fun and encouragement as people get shaved. This can be a challenge or a dare, but any way you slice it, it is all for a good cause. Past participants have embraced the bald head, if only for a little while. Others started to prefer it that way. Nonetheless, it is a good time to share in a fundraiser to bring awareness for children who have this devastating disease and become bald through no fault of their own, but because of treatments. Be Brave and Be Bald for a great cause.



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If you would like more info on this or other listings in the area, please contact Toni at 462-4620 or tonip@gardenvalleyproperties.com

EAST BOISE COUNTY

Senior Night ~ Idaho City Wildcats Basketball



The Lady Wildcats celebrated their senior players on Tuesday, January 22nd. Photo by Erin Capson

Idaho City Ranger District: GRANT PROPOSAL

Idaho City Ranger District of the Boise National Forest Intent to submit Grant Proposal to Idaho Department of Recreation.

IDAHO CITY -- The Idaho City Ranger District is applying for grant funding from the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation to assist in the purchase of a Snow Mobile and Four-Wheeler.

The Application will request funding from the Off-Road Motor Vehicle Fund. This fund requires a 50 percent funding match from the applying agency.

The equipment will be requested and utilized by the Law Enforcement and Investigations branch of the Boise National Forest. The current equipment is used frequently

throughout the year and is in need of replacement due to age and mileage.

The primary use of the equipment will be general patrol of the Idaho City Ranger District, including education, search and rescue, and enforcement of laws and regulations within the forest.

Law Enforcement and Investigations will utilize the equipment to improve the visitor experience while in the forest, mitigate public health and safety hazards, as well as assist in emergency and search and rescue situations. Comments or requests for more information should be submitted to Clayton Albright, Idaho City Ranger District, 3833 HWY 21, Idaho City, ID 83631, or by calling 208-392-3730.

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Payette Forward Moves Onward and Upward

Written by Ruth Richter, Manager

GARDEN VALLEY -- If you stop in at *Payette Forward* on a Monday, as you're welcome to do you'll see twenty plus worker bees as if they're in their hive making honey, but in reality they are going through bag upon bag of donations. You might hear them moan or groan a bit over the amount of stuff that can be in just one big bag, but you're just as likely to hear them get rather excited about something they find in a bag or box! I've not counted the number of bags and boxes that come in to us every week, but a guess would make it something well over 50! That's phenomenal

and also means there's always lots of new stuff out there on the shelves and racks every week, organized and ready for all the shoppers.

You might find it interesting to know that all those volunteers, not a single paid person in the shop, are giving between 400-500 hours per month to make *Payette Forward* as great a place as it is. All of that wonderful volunteer service has given us the ability to donate lots of funds back into our great Garden Valley community as follows: Garden Valley School Football Program \$350, Garden Valley Chamber of Commerce \$500, Garden Valley Fire/EMTs \$4,850, Garden Valley

School \$3,300, Garden Valley Library \$2,500*, Crouch Community Church \$3,000, Silver Creek Volunteer Fire Service \$1,000, Garden Valley Fire/EMTs \$3,500.

Did you notice the * after the library amount? That's because they have graciously invited our volunteers, spouses, family, friends, and people in the community to come and enjoy a movie on the new equipment we helped to provide for them. If you've not seen the movie, "Calendar Girls," which we think is the risqué version of our volunteers, or if you have seen it and would enjoy seeing it a second time, come join us **Wednesday evening, 7:00 p.m., January 23rd.** No charge,

but lots of laughs!

Besides giving cash donations, we are regularly in touch with school administration and they know we're happy to help them with clothing needs and other items we might have on hand ... or our generous volunteers have willingly gone out and spent their own funds to get the items we simply don't have or that shouldn't be passed on secondhand. We hope to help the school for the next school year with supplies of notebooks, pencils, crayons, paper, whatever items the teachers want their students to have but for which some may not have the additional funds to provide. The teachers at the school know to come in and shop for their classroom needs free of charge ... but that new blouse they've been eyeing, they have to pay for it!

You know, however, the reality is that every week we marvel at the generosity of this community, as well as we must have the neatest folks around who are constantly cleaning out closets and cupboards so they can donate more! One way or another, every item donated gets a second life, a new home, or travels to another thrift store in Boise where such items might be more in demand.

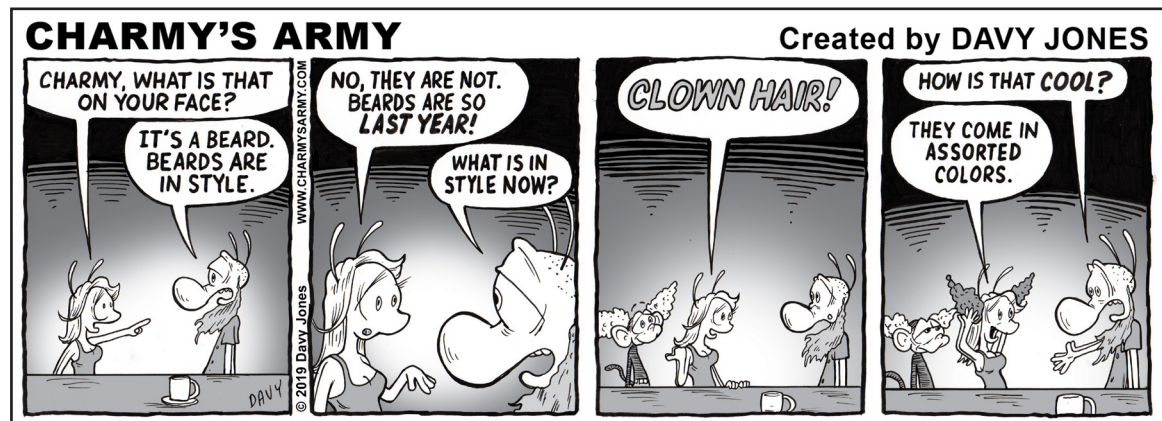
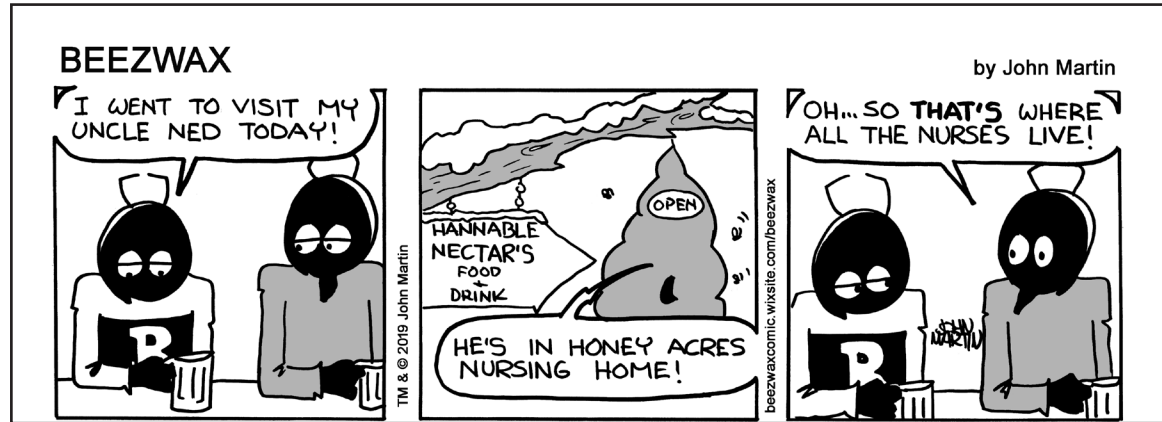
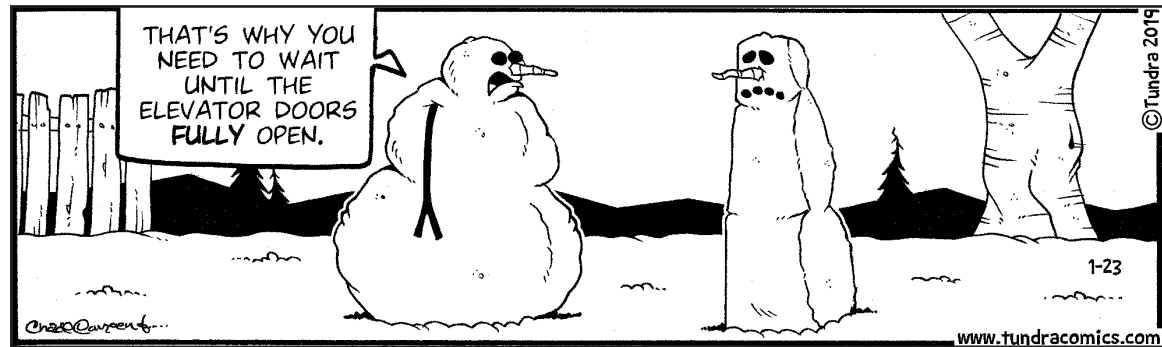
One little aside that makes this

writer smile are the funny coincidences that happen more often than one could possibly believe ... from the lady admiring our nicely organized shop and telling me she had managed a thrift shop and when asked where, she responded "at the military base in Seoul, S. Korea." Imagine my astonishment since I've been in that same shop many a time but the likelihood of anyone else in Garden Valley who has been is minimal. Then there were the two gentlemen from Boise, but who had a connection with Grangeville, who drove past and did a u-turn because, "hey, it's a thrift shop!" and ended up helping load and unload a whole lot of donations, and then-said they'd be back, first time ever in Garden Valley!

At this writing, we are working on a plan or idea to help out any people in our Valley or in Boise County who are currently furloughed because of the government shutdown. If any of those folks are reading this, please stop in at *Payette Forward* and let us know your needs. We'll make every effort to help you if we possibly can. We know this is not a problem of your making and we want to be responsible citizens who give wherever we can.

HSB JV Basketball

Teammates (from left to right) sophomore Caedmon Graham, freshman Keegan Smith, and freshman Decker Larson on defense during the Horseshoe Bend Junior Varsity basketball game on Saturday, January 19 vs. the Salmon River Savages. The Mustangs took a loss 28-48. Smith was the stat leader with 8 total points. Freshman Bennett Thurman had 7 points, Graham had 6 points, Larson had 5 points, and sophomore Derrick Warren had 2 points. Photo by Tracy Koslosky



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IN DANGER OF A CHIMNEY FIRE?

Written by Richard K. Murray, Retired Attorney

If you burn wood in a fireplace or stove, you are susceptible to having a chimney fire.

What causes a chimney fire? The ignition of unburned fuel from your fires, in the form of creosote that condenses in your chimney. The smoke you see from a campfire is unburned carbon particles. When you have a fire in your fireplace or stove, these particles condense on the chimney wall as smoke goes up the chimney. When a flame, spark, or hot ember reaches the deposits (unburned fuel) they ignite, resulting in a chimney fire.

What causes the build-up of creosote? The more efficiently your fire burns, like a gas insert or well-functioning pellet stove, the more fuel that burns, so the less smoke, thus the less deposits in your chimney. Specific conditions that encourage build-up include: restricting the air supply, using unseasoned wood, and cooler than normal chimney temperatures.

Restricting the air supply can do two things to encourage creosote build-up. First, the restricted air supply can cause less efficient burning of the wood creating more smoke/unburned fuel. Second, the restriction can slow the smoke from going up the chimney. The longer the smoke is in the chimney, the more deposit it can leave. One additional way to restrict air supply can be overloading the firebox with wood to get a longer burn. Many people fill the firebox and "stoke down" the fire to keep it burning all night. This creates inefficiency in burning the fuel, and thus more smoke. Unseasoned wood holds a

lot more water than seasoned wood. This water requires energy to evaporate it before the fuel burns. This means less efficiency in burning the wood, more unburned fuel going up the chimney, and the evaporating water actually cools the smoke, thus encouraging depositing.

Cooler than normal chimney temperatures can be caused by nature, a cold snap, and by burning your fire at lower temperatures by using unseasoned wood and/or restricting the air supply. Cooler smoke means a cooler chimney and an opportunity for more deposits.

How will I know if I have a chimney fire? Chimney fires can burn explosively and that is when the symptoms of a chimney fire become apparent, flame or dense smoke shooting from the top of your chimney, and the infamous low rumbling sound like a freight train or low flying plane. A chimney fire can also burn slowly and not produce symptoms that are noticed, so the fires can go unnoticed but still can reach very high temperatures that cause damage to the chimney and combustible materials in your home, even to the point of igniting your home's structure.

What should I do if I notice a chimney fire? The first and most important thing to do is call 911! We are served by volunteer firefighters. It takes a while for them to drive to the fire station and get rolling in a fire truck to your residence. We are all familiar with winter road conditions so this may take quite some time for the firefighters to get to your home. The sooner you get them rolling, the better for you. There

are some things you can try to extinguish the fire from the fire source end of the chimney. If you have a stove that closes, or a glass fire screen, you can try quickly pouring a large sauce pan of water into the fire and quickly close the door/glass screen. The water will produce a large amount of steam that will rise up the chimney and will both cool and smother the creosote fire. To be effective, you need the steam to go up the chimney. So if you have a wire fireplace screen, the steam can escape into the room, thus this technique becomes much less effective. If the firebox is cool enough for you to put your hand in and you have the room, you could try to shoot a chemical fire extinguisher (it's best to use an ABC rated extinguisher) up the chimney. You could also try to attack the fire from the top of the chimney if it's safe. Many of our chimneys are two or more stories from the ground and on steeply sloping roofs covered in snow and ice. If you can't safely reach the top of your chimney, leave that attack to the firefighters who have specialized training and equipment. If you can safely reach the top of the chimney you can try a "fire bomb" approach. To do this you will need some plastic bags, small enough to fall down the chimney that are filled with dry chemical fire extinguisher powder. Drop the bag or bags down the chimney, the bags melt and release the powder that rises on the air going up the chimney and extinguishes the fire. This approach obviously calls for advanced preparation. If the fire is near the top of the chimney, you can also try to extinguish it with a fire extinguisher. One state volunteer fire department uses

salt. They pour ½ to 1 pound of salt down the chimney from the top. I haven't used this tactic, so I can't vouch for its effectiveness, but I thought I would pass it on. If you are successful in extinguishing the fire in the chimney, always let the firefighters, when they arrive, look for fire extension beyond the chimney itself.

What are the effects of a chimney fire on my chimney? Chimney fires can burn at an intensity of 2,000 F. This temperature can cause thermal shock to the mortar and tiles lining the chimney. The cracks and spaces caused by thermal shock create spaces that a fire can extend through to the wood structure around or near the chimney. These cracks and spaces should be detected in your annual inspection of the chimney and be repaired before the next fire season.

Prefabricated metal chimneys are designed and tested to withstand 2100 F so should not fail if you have a chimney fire. The connector pipes that run from the stove to the chimney pipes are another matter. These are not designed to withstand chimney fires and can warp and even separate from the chimney pipes, due to the severe vibrations created by air turbulence, that freight train sound, created by the chimney fire. Again an annual inspection should catch any damage to the chimney and connector pipes and that damage should be repaired, i.e. the pipes be replaced.

How can I prevent a chimney fire?

Most importantly, clean and inspect your chimney at least once a year. Removing the deposited creosote reduces the fuel for a chimney fire. Inspecting the chimney for damage like cracks, holes and sections that have come apart will help prevent fire extension from getting out of your chimney and into the structure of your home.

Use the correct wood, one that burns hot and doesn't have a lot of water in the wood, seasoned vs. unseasoned.

Do not over-restrict the air supply by dampening down the fire.

Do not overload your fire box with fuel.

Remove ash from your fireplace or stove on a regular basis.

Be sure your fireplace or stove and chimney were installed correctly. Sometimes owners see installation as a DIY project. When buying a home, always have the fireplace or stove installation inspected by a pro.

The regular use of chemicals to break-down creosote that builds-up in your chimney. These can come in the form of a "log" or loose material that you spread on your fire's embers.

One last suggestion, if you have a fireplace or wood stove, you should have a smoke detector and carbon monoxide detector. They are relatively inexpensive and they can save your life. Look for detectors with 10 year batteries so you don't have to worry about changing the batteries every time you go from daylight savings to standard time.



Mark Wedemeyer and his apprentice cleaning a stove pipe in Idaho City. Photo by Eileen Capson

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Horseshoe Bend City Council

Written by Tracy Koslosky
HORSESHOE BEND --

The following is a synopsis of the Horseshoe Bend City Council's 660th meeting on January 16, 2019. After the call to order, Pledge of Allegiance, the council's approval of the agenda, previous minutes, and the city's bills, Mayor Pat Goff opened with the appointment of the city staff. Goff recommended that the city retain all current staff members for 2019. The council agreed unanimously. New Business: Goff stated he spoke to Bob Showalter regarding the status of the Boise Street Bridge regarding the writing of a grant to help fund the needed improvements to reopen the bridge. If awarded, the grant would cover 75% of the cost and the city and county would pay for 25% of the improvements (\$12,500 each). The Idaho Transportation Department would oversee the project. Goff asked all council members to make a list of all the benefits the bridge provides to the com-

munity as a basis for the grant. Resolution-BR-3100(121) was approved unanimously. The resolution was regarding the sewer main specifics with regards to the new Highway 55 Bridge project. City engineer Amy Woodruff said they had run into "a bit of a wrinkle" due to the federal government shut down which has affected the USDA Rural Development department. The \$330,000 cost had been approved by the city at a previous meeting but Mayor Goff needs to sign a Cooperative (Co-Op) agreement when the government is back up and running. The council unanimously approved Mayor Goff signing said agreement. Resolution 2019-01 was also approved unanimously by the council. The resolution allows for the Co-Op (see Resolution BR-3100(121) above) to become part of the permanent record (the agreement was not read aloud during the meeting). The council agreed unanimously to continue with Cammack Billing for the city's

ambulance services for 2019. Emergency Medical Services update: Council member and EMT Ryan Stirm stated that there had been "quite a few calls already this month" adding "I'm free to run by myself. I'm done with my probationary period". Council member and Horseshoe Bend Volunteer Fire department Lieutenant Curtis Corvinus informed the council of the department's training on January 12, telling them "training went smoothly". Reporting for the Public Works department, Michelle Brothers told the council that the new utility truck had been ordered and is due to arrive in March. City Engineer Woodruff spoke to the council about continuing work on reports and the new well site evaluation. No update from the city attorney other than telling the council that he has a better idea of how to rewrite the city ordinances. The meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m. The city next meets on Wednesday, February 20 at 7:00 p.m.

HSB Lady Mustangs



Photo and story by Tracy Koslosky

HORSESHOE BEND -- Senior Jade Warren goes up for the shot as teammates, junior Brooke Lane and senior Syringa Riley, assist with offense during the Lady Mustangs 31-69 loss against the Salmon River Savages at home on Saturday, January 19. After winning the tip-off (Warren to Riley) the team took a back seat to the Savages who maintained the lead throughout the game. The seniors on the team were celebrated prior to the start of the game. Those acknowledged were Warren (who plans on attending College of Idaho to further her education and play volleyball), Riley (Who plans on attending college to pursue a Bachelor's degree), Brittani Cooper (who plans on attending college to further her education), Julia Black (who plans on attending a 4 year university to earn a degree), and Sage Huston (who plans on attending Lewis & Clark State College to earn a welding certificate.) The team plays their final regular season game in Garden Valley on January 22 before competing in the district tournament in New Meadows January 31, February 2, 5, and 7. Times to be determined.

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Horseshoe Bend HS Basketball

Written by Tracy Koslosky

The Horseshoe Bend Boys' Varsity Basketball team played a Long Pin Division conference game at home on Thursday, January 17 against the Tri-Valley Titans. The Titans were the first to score but Horseshoe Bend quickly retaliated with a quick pass from senior Mike Farrar to senior Collyn Smith for 2 points. Smith and sophomore Logyn Bromgard were the high scorers of the game with 9 points each (both players had four 2 point baskets and were 1/1 at the free throw line). Farrar add 8 point to the total with two 2 point baskets and one 3 pointer. Senior Quade Renfro and junior Austin Fry both had 7 points (Renfro was 3/5 at the free throw line with two 2 point baskets, Fry had one 3 point and two 2 point baskets). Senior Adam Akers had one 2 pointer and was 2/4 at the line for

4 total points. The team headed to New Meadows on Friday, January 18 for another conference game, this time against the Meadows Valley Mountaineers. The Mustangs had an easy time of it with a winning score of 61-26. With the home court advantage on Saturday, January 19 Horseshoe Bend hosted the Salmon River Savages. The Mustangs were eager for a rematch against the Riggins team after their 46-59 loss to the team on January 12. Salmon River had the advantage at the tip off but a miscalculation sent the ball to senior Mustang Mike Farrar setting Horseshoe Bend up to score first thanks to senior Adam Akers with a 3 point shot. Horseshoe Bend continues to lead in the 1st period but Salmon River puts the score in their favor (11-10) with 1:48 remaining in the period. At the end of the first Salmon River is in the

lead 17-13. That lead continues and the Savages have a 33-26 advantage at the half. In the 3rd period Salmon River maintains their advantage until the Mustangs tie it up with 38 seconds remaining in the 3rd and end the period 41-41. Senior Quade Renfro opens the 4th strong taking the lead with a 2 pointer with 7:05 on the clock but Salmon River follows up with a 3 pointer and the score goes to 43-44 in the Savages favor. Salmon River commits a foul after taking the 1 point lead allowing the Mustangs to shoot for each subsequent foul. Horseshoe Bend scores 9 at the free throw line during the 4th period and takes the win 56-49. Stat leaders for the game with 14 total points each were Farrar (five 2 pointers, 4/8 free throws) and Renfro (two 3 pointers, two 2 pointers, 4/4 free throws). Akers had 8 total points (one 3 pointer,



Senior Mike Farrar at the free throw line for the Horseshoe Bend Mustangs. Farrar celebrated his 18th birthday on the court during the team's 56-49 victory against the Salmon River Savages on Saturday, January 19.
Photo by Tracy Koslosky

5/8 free throws), coming in with 7 points each were Smith and Bromgard (three 2 pointers, 1 free throw) and Fry with 6 points (three 2 pointers). The team will play at

Garden Valley on Tuesday, January 22 and is at home to celebrate Senior Night on Tuesday, January 29. Tip off for both games is 7:30.

OBITUARY



Shirley Ann Gordon Stephenson
Sept. 1935 - Jan. 2019

Shirley Ann Gordon Stephenson died on January 8, 2019, at her daughter's home in Boise County, Idaho. Born to Acle and Helen Gordon at St. Luke's Hospital on Friday the 13th, September 1935, Shirley often joked that she was born unlucky. However, she made up for any lack of luck with hard work, persistence, determination, and a wry sense of humor. During her early childhood, the Gordon family followed her father's work to remote Quartzburg and Deadwood before settling in Horseshoe Bend. For her first paying job at the age of 14, she cooked meals on a wood stove for summer haying crews at the Dobson ranch on Schafer Creek. Shirley continued working while also going to high school. In 1954, Kenneth Stephenson proposed, they married, and moved to Livingston, Montana for the next six years where they started their family together before returning to the place they both called home, Horseshoe Bend.

Shirley found her purpose and joy in life as a devoted mother to four children. Providing a loving and nurturing home was her top priority. Despite being

busy with cooking, cleaning and sewing, she also made time to play with her children. She could be counted on to build a fort under the dining room table on a rainy afternoon, join a tea party, or lead a trip to the swimming hole.

After her kids were grown, Shirley challenged herself to complete her general education degree at the age of 42. This accomplishment led to working as a teacher's aide at the elementary school for the next twenty years where her ingenuity, patience, and humor were invaluable resources in the classroom. Her love for all children shone through in the stories she shared about those breakthrough moments when a student learned to read. This important work brought her great satisfaction.

An exceptional seamstress, Shirley was never intimidated by a sewing challenge, and she was ready to take on any project from wedding gowns to doll making. Her hands were always busy with knitting and cross stitching, but her true gift was quilting. Her hand-stitched quilts are treasured keepsakes for family members. And if cleanliness is next to godliness, we know where she is right now. She was an immaculate housekeeper.

Shirley leaves behind her children, David, Sharon and Peggy, her sisters, Dorothy and Alta, and brothers, Kenneth and Dale. Her legacy lives on in seven grandchildren and seven great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, three brothers, her husband Kenneth, and her daughter Cathy.



Leonard E. Wilson

Leonard E. Wilson passed away peacefully on January 9, 2019 at his home in Idaho City

In Shirley's memory, please take time to play joyfully with your children and grandchildren, admire all babies with heartfelt appreciation, marvel at the color of new spring grass on the hills after a long winter, enjoy quiet time around a campfire with friends and family, watch a summer thunderstorm with rapt attention from beginning to end, make something beautiful and lasting with your hands, wipe your feet before you walk in the house, and remember the enduring love of motherhood, lifelong and beyond. We were lucky to have her in our lives. A memorial service will be planned in the spring to celebrate her life.

The family would like to thank the staff at Doctor's Hospice of Idaho for the kind and compassionate care provided during the last few months. In lieu of flowers, please consider a memorial contribution to the Grace Lutheran Church in Horseshoe Bend.

from heart failure at the age of 92 years. He was surrounded by family members.

Leonard was born on April 10, 1926 in Springfield, Ohio to Grover John and Alfretta Wilson and attended school in Springfield, to the eighth grade. He enlisted in the U.S. Navy on March 30, 1944 and served until May 12, 1946, serving during World War II on the aircraft carrier USS Savo Island.

He returned home to Springfield, met and married Faith McGowan in 1947. They had four children. In 1957 Leonard moved his family to Southern California where he worked for a construction company as a foreman. He was divorced in 1962, but continued to take his children fishing, camping, to motorcycle races and to drive-in movies.

Leonard met Arlene, a school teacher, and they married in March 1969. They moved to Mesa, Arizona where he continued to work in the construction field. They purchased property in Pine, Arizona and started building their retirement cabin. After his retire-

ment they moved to their cabin in Pine.

He had two passions; building and flying remote controlled airplanes and building his model railroad layout. He belonged to the Payson Fly Club and the Payson Model Railroad Club.

After his wife's passing in 2003 Leonard moved back to Southern California living with his daughter Becky. He enjoyed camping and riding quads in the Mojave Desert. Leonard came to Idaho City to live near his daughter Rora in 2011. He enjoyed the drive along Hwy 21 and loved having picnics by the creek.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one brother and one sister, his wife, two grandsons and a son-in-law. He is survived by his four children; Rebecca Berry, Rora (Phillip) Canody, Rodney (Laurie) Wilson and Rhonda (Joe) Castaneda, five grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.

A graveside service will be planned for late spring/early summer in Idaho City.



April 1926 - January 2019

BOISE COUNTY

CuMo Statement:



Idaho CuMo Mining Corporation [ICMC] would like to offer the following statement regarding the reinitiating of the public comment period by the U.S. Forest Service:

ICMC hosted two community meetings last week to support Boise County stakeholders through the current USFS public comment period regarding the 2018 Supplemental Redline Environmental Assessment (SREA). USFS commenced a statutory 30-day public comment period on December 22, 2018 which was to conclude on January 22, 2019.

The information that was provided during ICMC meetings remains accurate except that USFS has determined to push the deadline for comments out to 30-

days from the posting of a new legal notice reinitiating the public comment period. The notice is expected to be published in the Idaho Statesman on or about January 23, 2019. Additionally, USFS will be hosting a public comment meeting regarding the 2018 SREA on February 6, 2019 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Best Western Plus - Vista Inn at the Airport, 2645 Airport Avenue, in Boise, Idaho.

ICMC would like to thank all community members for participating in last week's meetings and for submitting comments to-date. If community members have not commented, ICMC encourages individuals interested in the CuMo Project exploration to engage in the upcoming USFS meeting and submit informed comments. ICMC has provided a summary of highlights from the SREA and guidelines for submitting comments on the CuMo Project website at <http://cumoproject.com/advocacy/2018-srea-comments/>.

Editor's Note: Boise National Forest Supervisor Cecilia Seesholtz has elected to run a legal notice of the upcoming meeting in *The Idaho Statesman*. She has not reached out to *The Idaho World* for press releases, the newspaper of record for Boise County. Seesholtz has also elected to host an informational meeting in Ada County; therefore, not informing those that are directly impacted by the CuMo Project. Furthermore, due to delivery issues, the *Statesman* has not been delivered to east Boise County in over two weeks.



Winter birds munching on seeds. Photo by Eileen Capson

OBITUARY



Milburn Lee Asher
1935 - 2019

Milburn Lee Asher was born March 10, 1935 in Grant County Oregon and as a teenager moved to Kinzua, Oregon where he met and married his wife of 57 years, Anne Mathews and started to raise a family. He started his working career there, in Kinzua, where he worked in the local sawmill, eventually working his way up to head sawyer. In 1973, he moved to Idaho and worked as head sawyer for Boise Cascade in Horseshoe

Bend, until he retired. After retirement, he kept the gopher and weed population down for some of the local ranchers. He was an avid hunter and fisherman and loved the outdoors. He is survived by his three children Steve, Mark and Darcy, eight grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren. He will be missed. We love you Dad, Rest In Peace. Arrangements made with the Potter Funeral Chapel Emmett.

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IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF FRANCIS WELLS FISH, II Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed as Personal Representative of the above-named Decedent. All persons having claims against the Decedent or the estate are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or said claims will be forever barred.

Claims must be presented to the undersigned at the address indicated, and filed with the Clerk of the Court.

DATED this 28 day of December, 2018.

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The following application has been filed to appropriate the public waters of the State of Idaho:

65-23810
WILLIAM F THOMPSON JR
16 RIVER RD
GARDEN VALLEY, ID 83622
Point of Diversion NENE S34 T10N R04E BOISE County Source MIDDLE FORK PAYETTE RIVER Tributary PAYETTE RIVER
Use: IRRIGATION 04/15 to 10/15 0.03 CFS
Total Diversion: 0.03 CFS
Date Filed: 11/7/2018
Place Of Use: IRRIGATION T10N R04E S34 NENE
Total Acres: 1
Irrigation use is for one acre in Lot 24 of Pine Tree Ranch #11 Subdivision.

Permits will be subject to all prior water rights. For additional information concerning the property location, contact Western Region office at (208) 334-2190. Protests may be submitted based on the criteria of Idaho Code § 42-203A. Any protest against the approval of this application must be filed with the Director, Dept. of Water Resources, Western Region, 2735 W AIRPORT WAY, BOISE ID 83705-5082 together with a protest fee of \$25.00 for each application on or before 2/4/2019. The protestant must also send a copy of the protest to the applicant.
GARY SPACKMAN, Director
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LEGAL NOTICE OF CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION FOR THE GARDEN VALLEY RANCHETTES DRINKING WATER FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

The Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has determined that the proposed drinking water improvements project for the Garden Valley Ranchettes Association, Boise County, Idaho, conforms to the State Environmental Review Process (SERP), "Rules for Administration of Planning Grants for Drinking Water Facilities" (IDAPA 58.01.22), "Rules for Administration of Drinking Water Loan Program" (IDAPA 58.01.20) by which the project is eligible for a categorical exclusion. Accordingly, the project is exempted from further substantive environmental review requirements.

Project Description:

- Construct a second well for the system
- Install water meters at all existing connections to the public water system
- Install individual booster stations for three service connections within the existing distribution system
- Reconstruct an existing booster station

Copies of the notice of categorical exclusion and the environmental information document upon which it is based are available for public review on DEQ's website at <http://www.deq.idaho.gov/water-quality/grants-loans/environmental-review.aspx> or at the following locations:

Idaho Department of Environmental Quality
Water Quality Division
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Boise, Idaho 83706
Grant/loan SERP contact: Rocky Kharel (208) 373- 0556

Idaho Department of Environmental Quality
Boise Regional Office
1445 North Orchard Street
Boise, Idaho 83706
Regional Office contact: Kevin Ryan (208) 373- 0184

Garden Valley Ranchettes Association
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Garden Valley, ID, 83622
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Investments in Public Education Benefit Us All By Governor Brad Little

IDAHO -- The education of young Idahoans affects all of us. A well-educated and well-trained population improves our overall prosperity as a state.

That is why I declared education my number one priority during my first State of the State and Budget Address earlier this month. A strong K-12 public education system is the foundation for making Idaho the place where all of us, our children and our grandchildren want to live, raise families, and retire.

This is Education Week at the Idaho Statehouse. Parents, students, teachers, and education leaders come to the Capitol to address policy and budget issues with a shared goal of making our public education

system in Idaho stronger and more accountable.

The best education of our youngest Idahoans starts with families and later depends on teachers. Teachers enter their profession with hearts for making a difference. They become teachers because they love learning and helping others learn.

But a good heart isn't enough to keep some of our best teachers teaching. According to a State Board of Education Teacher Pipeline Report from 2017, about 15 percent of Idaho's teachers leave the workforce after just one year on the job. More than 30 percent of teachers who become certified in Idaho do not teach in an Idaho school. Teacher shortages continue in communities across the state.

We must recruit and retain new educators, particularly in rural, underserved, and border communities. To do that, starting teachers need to be compensated fairly and competitively. I am working to raise starting teacher pay to \$40,000 a year.

Just like any other job, teachers need the right tools to deliver results.

Reading is the bedrock of every student's success. By the third grade, our students must have already learned to read so they can read to learn. Even the best prepared students will not be able to learn efficiently throughout their education if their classmates have difficulty reading.

I am working to double the funding available to advance literacy in Idaho. Your local school districts will decide the best ways to use the funds to raise reading scores among students.

Additionally, my budget adds investment in the popular Advanced Opportunity program. The program saves Idaho families in tuition costs and it aligns with our efforts to persuade more kids to "go on" to more

education or technical training after they graduate.

Successful education policy requires long-term planning and buy-in from stakeholders. Stability is important.

The diverse education task force Governor Otter assembled in 2013 worked steadfastly to create a five-year blueprint for responsible investment and reform of Idaho's education system. The success of the task force has been the envy of other states. Once again, Idaho is showing the rest of the country how different perspectives can converge to move us forward.

Building on this successful approach, I announced I will be creating a new planning coalition called Our Kids, Idaho's Future. It will be broad-based so that a variety of perspectives can be considered as we provide the next five-year blueprint for education investment and modernization. The group will look at Idaho's education system holistically, addressing teacher pay, the go-on rate, the metrics for assessing our education system, and other topics.

Continued investment in public education isn't just the right thing to do. Our bottom line depends on it. I've traveled extensively throughout Idaho working on economic development during my ten years as Lieutenant Governor. I can tell you, unequivocally, a strong public education system attracts investment in new and existing businesses of all sizes. We all benefit from a strong economy.

My five grandchildren are seventh generation Idahoans enrolled in Idaho's public schools. Nothing would make Teresa and I happier than to see them 15 to 20 years from now, working in Idaho and starting their own families.

I promise them and all young Idahoans I will be a champion for education excellence and student achievement so they have the best chance to stay right here where we want them.



**BOISE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS CONDENSED MINUTES
TUESDAY, JANUARY 8th,
2019-Miners' Exchange Building, Idaho City, Idaho, 83631**

Chairman Ward called the meeting to order and the pledge of allegiance was recited. Present: Chairman Ward, Commissioner Jackson, Commissioner Baker, Deputy Clerk Cofelt, Prosecutor Strong, Assessor Juszczak, Emergency Management Coordinator Showalter, Court Supervisor/Human Resources Director Schiffer, Community Justice Administrator Leader, Wildland Fire Mitigation Forester Richardson. Absent: Clerk Prisco. Minutes for December 28th, 2018 & January 4th, 2019 were approved. The Idaho City fire wise garden project was approved. Conference training was approved for Ms. Richardson. Good Hire Account for background checks on county employees was approved. Bills were approved. A tax cancellation was approved. Two demand warrants were approved. Resolution 2019-2 for EBCAD was approved. A payroll addition was approved. A letter to the remaining candidate(s) was approved. Ms. Potts updated the Board on her new status as a CPR instructor. Commissioner discussion & committee reports were discussed briefly. Future agenda topics were reviewed & discussed. Adjourned. Approval, Chairman Ward. Attest, Clerk Prisco, Clerk to the Board.

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HORSESHOE BEND:

Horseshoe Bend School District: Bus Drivers, Substitute Teachers, Boy's and Girl's Middle School Basketball coaches, High School Varsity Track coach. If interested contact Dennis Chesnut at chesnutd@hsbschools.org (208) 793-2225

The Horseshoe Bend School District is looking for bus drivers (route drivers and substitutes) for the 2018-19 school year. Health insurance is offered. CDL training is offered and paid for by the school. Contact Trudy Carpenter for more information at carpentert@hsbschools.org or (208)793-2225 ext. 1251.

Horseshoe Bend School District. Substitute Teachers & Girls Varsity Basketball Coach. If interested contact Dennis Chesnut at chesnutd@hsbschools.org (208) 793-2225

BOISE COUNTY:

Boise County Property Appraiser Position opening, located in Idaho City, which is approximately a 45 minute drive from East Boise area. This is a full time position (40 hours/week) will perform a wide range of duties. Primary duties include performing on site property inspections and data entry. Minimum computer skills, attention to detail, ability to work in extreme weather conditions (includes walking and or hiking steep terrain), ability to handle difficult situations, ability to communicate clearly (written and oral), Valid Idaho Driver's License, and High School Diploma or equivalent a must. Position will be paid \$12.75 per hour. To apply,

submit to cjustszak@co.boise.id.us the following: (1) a filled-out Boise County application form; (2) a cover letter; and (3) a resume. The start date is anticipated to be early February, but is somewhat negotiable. (2/13)

Boise County Road & Bridge Department is currently accepting applications for a Full Time Equipment Operator and a temporary Snow Plow Operator for the Garden Valley, Horseshoe Bend & Idaho City area. Minimum Class A CDL required. Applications may be obtained from the Boise County website (www.boisecounty.us) or contact the Road Department Office at 793-2380 or the Boise County Clerk's Office at 420 Main Street, Idaho City, ID 83631. Pre-employment Drug testing is required. Boise County is an Equal Opportunity Employer and gives Veteran's Preference in its hiring practices.

COMMUNITY SERVICES:
Garden Valley: Dancing aerobics class for all fitness levels at 4:00pm on Wednesday at the GV

Senior Center building. Dress comfy and bring a water bottle or two. This class is free and meant to be fun while getting an easy workout. One hour.

Garden Valley Senior Center: Every Tuesday and Thursday from 2-4pm is Fit & Fallproof Classes for strength and flexibility. Guided programs each and every week. It's Free!!

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. Non-perishable foods or cash do-

nations accepted. Contact Toni at 462-6929 or 462-4620.

Alcoholics Anonymous - Meet at the Crouch Community Church on Mondays & Thursdays at 5:30pm.

Horseshoe Bend Pantry is open on the 2nd & 4th Friday of the month, located at the WICAP building.

Horseshoe Bend - Tuesday's & Fridays-Hot meals at The Horseshoe Bend Senior Center. Lunch is served at 12:15 (Bingo immediately following). The center is located at 109 S. Riverside Drive. Recommended donation is \$ 5.00 for seniors at least 60 years of age, \$ 6.00 for everyone else. For transportation or meal delivery information call (208) 793-2344.

Horseshoe Bend - Wednes-

days- American Legion Bingo. Corner Cafe, 446 ID-55 Horseshoe Bend. Games start at 6:30, twenty-five cents per card, 10 games 50/50 winnings split.

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

Idaho City: Fit & Fallproof Class on Tuesday & Thursday from 10am to 11am at the Boise Basin Senior Center.

Idaho City: Interested in getting a Ham Radio License?

The Boise County Amateur Radio Emergency Service Group is holding a Study/ Test session on the last Saturday of each month. Please contact Ron Wilson, AD7DQ, at 208-781-0677 or liquidh208@gmail.com for more information and to reserve a seat.

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Wildland Fuel Mitigation Contractor Opportunity in Boise County
Boise County is seeking qualified contractors to complete Wildland Fuel Mitigation work. Interested contractors must have an active Idaho Public Works License and proof of liability insurance. The project consists of mitigation in the Robie and Clear Creek area. It will consist of approximately 90 acres. Bid Specification is available by contacting Trinia Richardson at 208-807-0073 or trichardson@co.boise.id.us. Deadline for receiving bids is 5:00p.m. February 5th. Bids will be opened by Boise County Commissioners February 12th in regular session, time to be posted on Agenda, and bid award will be February 19th, time to be posted on agenda, at the Miners Exchange, Idaho City. Project will adhere to Idaho Forest Practices Act Best Management Practices.


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BOISE COUNTY

Lowman Avalanche Warning

Written by Jeff Wright

LOWMAN -- State Highway 21 was closed from Grandjean turn-off to Banner Summit over the MLK-day weekend. The immediate danger and the closure ended Monday morning about 10:30 am (Jan. 21st) after being given the "all-clear" by the Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) Avalanche Forecast unit in Lowman. The 4-member Forecast unit is based out of the IDT Maintenance facility at the junction of Highway 21 and Bank-Lowman Rd in Lowman. Their primary responsibility is to monitor incoming weather, snow- and moisture-levels throughout the canyon. From weather, snowpack and moisture data collected, the unit forecasts when conditions make travel too dangerous for vehicle traffic through the 11-mile corridor along Canyon Creek to the Summit. Over the just-ended MLK holiday weekend, heavy rain, of about 1 1/2 inches up to 6000 feet, Saturday into Sunday, made conditions very hazardous and prone to avalanche activity, prompting the closure.

During a typical winter season, from November 1 to April 30, the corridor is closed an average of 14.5 days. However, 5 of the last 9 seasons have recorded above average snowfall in the area and have made for treacherous conditions occurring more often. According to Chantel Astorga, a forecaster with the unit, the canyon has 60 different avalanche paths that pose escalating levels of danger under various conditions.

"Big storms, rain to high elevation, the first warm day of the year and full-thaw conditions create the most hazardous conditions," Astorga said.

The formal Avalanche Forecast unit has been in place in Lowman since 2009. Prior to that, the area had more of an informal approach based on the experience and training of existing IDT personnel responsible for Highway Maintenance. As winter-time traffic and the popularity of the upper South Fork Payette and Stanley areas has increased, it became necessary to more closely monitor conditions through the corridor.

This particular closure appar-



State Highway 21 was closed over the MLK Day weekend, from the immediate danger of an avalanche. The "all-clear" was given by the Transportation Department on Monday morning. Photo by Jeff Wright

ently didn't make one traveler very happy. Avalanche Forecast crewmembers found the locks to both top and bottom canyon gates cut. There was evidence someone had driven through the 11-mile closure zone, sometime Sunday afternoon or night. During the season, even with the highway open, there is absolutely no stopping or parking anywhere along the corridor. Violating such closures is a felony, particularly with the vandalism to the gates.

The Forecast members wanted to make clear that, even beside the purely illegal nature of such behavior, entering the closure zone can be extremely dangerous for travelers. Sudden avalanches through the canyon can reach 60-80 feet deep by the time some paths reach the bottom along the Highway. Someone caught in such slides may take weeks to be found. Newcomers to the region are urged to abide by all safety warnings for a closure in the cor-

ridor. There are many treacherous and dangerous areas to be found along both the Highway 21 corridor from Milepost 91-105 and the Lowman Canyon area along the South Fork of the Payette River on Banks-Lowman Rd. between Milepost 20-30. Caution and careful, attentive driving is always urged for newcomers and old-timers to the region, to watch for slides, rocks and boulders on the road.



Notification sign in Idaho City warning travelers of the road closure. Photo by Eileen Capson



Snowy at the Lowman Ranger Station. Photo by Jeff Wright

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dividuals. Showalter said he would like more county employees to participate.

A gutted ambulance was considered to be auctioned. There is still an ambulance in Placer-ville, but it's not manned.

CLERK: Mary Prisco spoke about a 3-day conference she and the Elections Clerk attended. "It made Valerie and I think of all the things that really could happen. It was fun, they threw in things like on election day, there's a herd of goats blocking the entrance to the precinct." She will report on it later, but hopes to put together a presentation on the conference, including some changes

in the law.

BOISE COUNTY POLICY: Clerk Prisco asked that Chairman Ward send out their email to all elected officials and department heads, because they really didn't get any "traction" when they first sent out the email in 2016. This is furthering their efforts to "clean up the policy". This would be a binder of all the policies, within each department. Chairman Ward asked that it be put back on the agenda.

HIGHWAY 17 VS. ITD: Commissioner Ward was scheduled for a tour and road inspection of Hwy. 17 with the Idaho Transportation Department.

BOISE STATE BRIDGE:

Emergency Manager Showalter said there was a grant, which could fund \$75,500. He said the "price tag" to fix the bridge was around \$100,000. He said that bridge is part of the evacuations of the emergency plan. Twenty-five percent will need to be allocated in order to apply for the grant. There have been talks with Horseshoe Bend. Commissioner Ward commented, "I actually did receive some calls from locals who would like to see the bridge open again." Commissioner Baker also received a phone call from the Fire Commissioner. Showalter said he would like to start a petition from residents to open the bridge and "as many letters of support as can get!"

PERMITTING: McCall Lake Cruises would like to be permitted for the River Canyon Retreat, which is the old Garden Valley High School. A liquor catering permit was granted by motion for the retreat.

DEMAND WARRANTS: Commissioner Jackson made a motion to pay Mt. West Bank a final payment of \$11,816.20. A bill for \$2,050 was paid for a quarterly website host and support.

REORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD: Commissioner Jackson quickly nominated Alan Ward as Chairman and Laura Baker seconded. Ward commented, "That was record time!" The motion carried and Jackson added, "You're doing

such a good job. Alan, we like you!"

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH: Health and Welfare is mandating that the commissioners come to their meetings. Commissioner Baker said when she attends their meetings, "Boise County is overlooked. I spend my whole time at Central District Health fighting with them to remember who Boise County is, and it's Ada County for Behavioral Health." She continued, "We should have the opportunity to send the person who's going to be able to utilize the information the best in the county... They don't give us anything anyways, so I don't know why we need to be there."

BOISE COUNTY**BOISE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

Transcribed by Eileen Capson

January 8, 2019**Present:** Commissioners Roger Jackson, Alan Ward & Laura Baker**Pledge of Allegiance****EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

[Time 10:01am to 10:27am]

Per pending litigation, personnel, exempt records, hiring of new employees and risk management. Commissioner Ward said, "No action required," after coming out of this closed session.

CONSTITUENT INPUT:

None

MINUTES: The December 28th and January 4th meeting minutes were accepted.**DEPARTMENTAL ISSUES:****FORESTER:** A quote was received for \$10,000, to which Trinia Richardson said, "I think that's extremely excessive." It would be used to show a Firewise garden and would be a "benefit to the community." She suggested not exceeding \$6,500, which is for an "educational purpose." Commissioner Baker suggested we should find ways to be comparable with the three cities, Idaho City, Garden Valley, and Horseshoe Bend. "Making sure that it's equitable that we're spending money on the entire county and not just right here." Commissioner Jackson said to back that up, there was about \$30 to \$60 thousand given to Garden Valley for a walking trail. There may be plans to have example gardens in other places throughout the county. It was said that the plants come from the Boise Botanical Gardens, and are specifically for the higher elevation succulents. Chairman Ward asked if these plants posed a danger to our elk population, if ingested, and the answer was "No." There was a motion for up to \$7,500, for the Firewise Demonstration Garden, per the request of the Boise County Forester.**BACKGROUND****CHECKS:** The commissioners made a motion to allow the Clerk to contract with an agency for background checks.**RAYON:** Emergency Manager Bob Showalter said that the level of radon at the Sheriff's Office was still high, at an 8.7, when it should be below four. "Four is a dangerous level," Showalter said. The company that they went with guaranteed the level would go down to a 2.7, max. He said the company would assure they took

care of the problem. "Radon is an issue all over the place. And I don't know if you've tested your own personal homes, but it's a real thing." He explained that it is sporadic, "My house is forty-six and the house next to me could be two." Radon causes lung cancer.

BILLS: The claims approval report for January 4th was approved for a total of \$69,160.**ASSESSOR:** A camp for Health & Welfare was not given an exemption and is exempt from taxation, but will pay the solid waste fee. This cancellation was approved through a motion by the Board, totaling \$461.38.**CUMO:** Via phone call, Lisa Anderson with CuMo spoke with commissioners regarding the new assessment and comment period. She said of the Forest Service, "They went through the environmental assessment from the last 'finding of no significance' in 2016 and kind of addressed the court order by going through, and actually you'll notice when you look at the SREA, when you get a chance to, the Redline Assessment is the stuff in red. So, it will be in actual red ink." This includes anything updated, corrected or addressed. "There's not a lot that's changed in this. They showed that the natural resources had been minerally impacted by the 2016 Pioneer Fire," including water quality, aquatics, wildlife, etc. Two other assessments had been done, prior to this assessment, in 2011 and 2015. They also changed the name of the company from CuMoCo to the Idaho CuMo Mine Corporation, because they had changed to having an "Idaho-based company." Anderson said they had also done some study of the 10-mile buffer zone around the project area, to inventory the Sacajawea bitterroot. The study cost the company just over \$1 million, during a 4-6 month period. "They found that not only that there were bigger populations outside the CuMo Project, but also that it flourishes when it is stressed. They found that as you dig it up and move it around, and stress it, that the LESA [bitterroot] plant actually flourishes." She said that has been documented as well.

Anderson repeated that there would be no delay with the comment period, and it would end on January 22nd, as scheduled by the U.S. Forest Service.

Anderson then said something the company disagreed on with the Forest Service regarding the road system. She said they were with the RS 2477 [Revised Statute 2477] Roads, "They are still saying that we are not allowed to access those roads without proper paperwork, which would of course put a stop on them at looking at our project in detail, *which is what we want them to do* right now." The Forest Service was supposed to hold an open meeting in Boise, but canceled due to the government shutdown. The Forest Service Regional Director and others have sat down with the Governor's office and assured them they are "going to do all they can to get a timeframe." They are saying everything should be through by September. "Governor Little is very concerned why this has been taking *so long and they will be watching it very closely from now on*. So, I think that will help as well."Commissioner Jackson asked regarding the RS 2477 roads, "Are they saying they don't exist or, *what are they saying?*" Anderson said, "Yes, that they are not 2477 roads, and we have documentation that they are, but they are saying that they are not." Commissioner Jackson referenced a Supreme Court case in about 2007 that ruled: "Any road that was prior to the U.S. Forest Service being started, *they cannot close. That's trail or road.*"After hanging up, Commissioner Jackson stated, "That road, to that mine, *was way before the Forest Service was ever invented.*" It was estimated that the Forest Service wasn't brought about until about the 1930s, and this road was in there during the 1800s.**UNEMPLOYMENT:** A motion was said to pay IAC Unemployment in the amount of \$3,782, for wage fees.**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

[Closed Session - Time 11:10am to 11:15am] Per pending litigation, personnel, exempt records, hiring of new employee, and risk management. No action required.

EBCAD EXECUTIVE**SESSION:** [Time 1:16pm to] Serving as the East Boise County Ambulance District Governing Board, the Board called an executive session to discuss the hiring of a new employee and risk management. Coming out of a closed session - no action required under risk

management. Under hiring of a new employee, a resolution was approved for the salary budget change for 2019. There was also a payroll addition.

GOVERNOR'S BALL:

Commissioner Alan Ward attended the ball.

January 14, 2019**Present:** Commissioners Roger Jackson, Alan Ward & Laura Baker**Pledge of Allegiance****SWEARING IN OF ELECTED OFFICIALS:**Roger Cockerille was sworn into office by Clerk Mary Prisco, "To support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Idaho. And I will faithfully discharge the duties of Magistrate Judge of the 4th Judicial District in and for the County of Boise, State of Idaho." The clerk then swore in Laura Baker and Roger Jackson, individually, to "solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Idaho. And that I will faithfully discharge the duties of Boise County Commissioner, District III, according to the best of my abilities. So help me God." They each signed a document. Commissioner Alan Ward swore in Mary Prisco as Clerk, Chris Juszcak as the Assessor, Gina Turner as the Treasurer, and Pamula Garlock as Boise County Corner.**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** [Time 9:12am to 9:31am] Per

pending litigation, personnel, exempt records, hiring of new employees and risk management. Commissioner Ward said, "No action required," after coming out of this closed session.

CONSTITUENT INPUT: None**MINUTES:** The January 8th meeting minutes were approved.**ROAD DEPARTMENT:**

A new engine for the low-boy and air conditioner for the sweeper were approved. Chairman Ward stated that the money was already in their budget.

EMERGENCY MANAGER:

A generator for the school and electric company was discussed. The total cost was \$200,000, but with the grant, the county's share is \$50,000. The budget for the Emergency Manager could cover the cost. Idaho City High School could be considered a shelter with this install. Generators would be provided to all three schools, due to the threat of wildfires and emergencies.

Clerk Mary Prisco stated that when CenturyLink went down, "we could not do business." Wilderness Wireless was discussed as a possibility, "because, we had no email, we had no WIFI, we literally had no way of getting paid." She said they made the best of their time and cleaned the building. The Sheriff's Office had internet.

Emergency Operations staff was discussed, and there are currently two volunteer in-

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