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Snow School & Experiencing the Outdoors

BOISE BASIN SCHOOLS -- Students from Kindergarten to seniors in High School have been out learning more about the environment in which they live. Snowshoeing through forested property, located above the Idaho City high school football field, students get exercise and learn science concepts taken from the classroom and apply them to their surroundings.

Brian Hunicke, Superintendent, explained the new program, "The Basin School District is partnering with the Winter Wildlands Alliance to implement their K - 1 2



Mr. Hunicke went along with students. Photo by E. Capson

SnowSchool. The SnowSchool curriculum teaches students the importance of our water resources within the context of snowpack in our local watershed. Students use snowshoes to hike around the school's 86 acres of forested land we call the Idaho Center for Outdoor Education. Kerry McClay, Winter Wildlands Alliance, has been instrumental in training

our staff on the curriculum and developing the program. Kerry has sixty-five SnowSchool partners in California, Washington, Oregon, and Idaho. The Basin School District is one of two school districts piloting a K-12 program, the other being Plumas Unified School District in California. We look forward to expanding the program in the future."

Kerry McClay enthusiastically guides classes and further explained, "SnowSchool is all about getting students outside in the winter time to explore science. Bringing SnowSchool's fun outdoor activities to rural school districts has become a top priority in recent years. Though it may seem counter-intuitive, data suggests that even students in rural areas surrounded by ample public lands are spending less and less time outside. Thus SnowSchool can serve as an important means to help students in these areas learn about and experience the outdoors. And the SnowSchool program at Basin School District represents a new and exciting approach to this idea-



Mrs. Ogden's 4th grade class after a hike with snowshoes.

Photo submitted by Tammie Ogden

charging out the back door of the school to explore winter and the science of snow, not just once, but throughout the season and at every grade level, from Kindergarten through 12th Grade. So as these students romp across the snow to measure snowpack depth, conduct a snow water equivalency experiment or build an igloo with their friends, they know this is just one of a multitude of SnowSchool experiences coming their way over

the coming years. This initial pilot project has been designed with input from educators and scientists, and the intent is to develop science activities linked to curriculum standards that grow in complexity and sophistication through the grade levels. The ultimate goal is to create something that can be replicated in other rural school districts that are surrounded by snow covered forests."

HAPPENINGS

Garden Valley: 2019 Winter Blues Spin-In; Saturday February 9th ~ 10AM - 3PM, COMMUNITY HALL downtown Crouch. Public can come browse the fiber activities going on. Vendors can sign up and bring your wheel, knitting or anything textile or tactile. For questions or directions please contact Georgianna Goetsch at payettegeorge@yahoo.com

Garden Valley: Saturday, February 9 at 6pm, the Senior Center is hosting the Annual Garden Valley Center for the Arts Chocolate Auction. There will be silent auction and chocolate items for every taste and imagination to bid on. Come enjoy the evening with hors d'oeuvres, wine and beverages and a lot of chocolate! Just in time for Valentine's Day!

Garden Valley: Wednesday, February 13, 7:00pm at the Crouch Community Hall, is a public informational meeting for the Garden Valley School Bond Levy coming in March. Learn what the school needs in proposing a Levy. Ask questions and be informed.

Idaho City: On Valentine's Day, the Idaho City Community Club has a unique way to offer their "Thank You" to the community. They serve a "tea" for all the public employees in the local county. Anyone who works in the City and County buildings along with all the educators and staff who work in the public schools are welcome to visit the Commissioners Room in the County Building, where a lunch will be served.

Idaho City: Idaho City Community Club Chili Cook-Off Flea Market at the Ray Robison Community Hall. February 15, 4-7; February 16 10-6 & February 17 10-4.

Idaho City: Saturday, February 16, annual Chili Cook-off in historic Idaho City. It's time to sample some of the state's finest chili, cooked up on-site, by more than a dozen seasoned chefs. Chili served at Noon.

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Family Home Destroyed

By Marlene Partridge

GARDEN VALLEY -- A fire broke out early on Wednesday, January 30th, and destroyed a Garden Valley couple's dream home. The local Garden Valley Fire Department [GVFD] was called in soon after the homeowners awoke at about 6:30 AM to fire alarms. At first, there was no sign of a fire. Chief Jon Delvalle arrived first on the scene and assessed that the fire was fully involved in the attic. Although there were no visible flames as of that moment, he said there was still time to gather a few personal items to remove from the house.

The GVFD needed to chain up their response vehicles, due to the ice and steep terrain. Within a short period of time, the beautiful home in Pine Tree Ranch was fully engulfed by flames and could not be saved. The fire department was able to cut off access to the garage and apartment above, by taking a backhoe to the laundry room. The house, itself, however, was a total loss.

The couple lost antique linens and other family treasures, which can never be replaced. However, friends and fam-

ily have stepped in to provide food, emergency housing and clothing for the short-term.

"The firefighters were amazing," said Carol Lynde. "They used a backhoe to dig a trench between the house and the garage, which saved the garage. We are grateful that they stopped the spread of the fire and protected the forest and other homes from being affected as well."

Chief Delvalle stated that this was an all-day battle, using 30 to 40,000 gallons of water to temper the flames. He said they would have the fire about out in

one area and the flames would pop back up in another area. Power to the garage remained on, so that the well water could be utilized for their animals.

During an investigation by the fire chief and insurance adjuster, the cause of the fire was "undetermined," although the fire seemed to have come from the chimney casing. Chief Delvalle says after the fact, "We really don't know." However, he encouraged, "Now is the time to do chimney cleaning again. The creosote has reestablished. *Cleaning chimneys is not a once a year thing.*"



Fire in Garden Valley.

Photo credit: Chief Jon Delvalle

WEST BOISE COUNTY

GV Seniors to the Winter Carnival



Written and photos by John Cottingham

GARDEN VALLEY -- Here's a good example of active seniors from Boise County not letting the snow gather under their feet! A group of Garden Valley seniors went to the McCall Winter Carnival last week to see the snow sculptures. Here are examples of what they saw. One couple even went a day early to ski at Tamarack, ride the Brundage lift to see the sculpture at the top, and brought their snow shoes to go snow shoeing at Ponderosa Park afterwards. There's no snow gathering under their elderly feet!

Garden Valley Senior & Social Center News

By Janet Juroch

What does it mean to be a senior in a rural area? This means seniors helping seniors and keeping a healthy and active social life. That is the purpose of established senior centers. The revival of the Garden Valley Senior Center this past year has been fruitful and is getting people together for lots of activities.

The **Friday Afternoon Social Time**, better known as F.A.S.T., is held at the Center every Friday evening at 5:30pm. This provides an excellent opportunity for seniors and friends to get together to just socialize and get out of the house for a couple of hours. Winter makes a lot of us stay inside and not get out much. A social time can help relieve the winter doldrums.

Come see what F.A.S.T. is all about. *A spin-off of friendships has emerged.* Plans to go as a group to movies, events or even the McCall Winter carnival have developed. Seniors in Garden Valley are a big part of the economy and livelihood of the area. They are busy people. One of the special things about having a Senior Center is the way to have a common interaction with like-minded people. Friday evenings from 5:30- 7:30pm the Center is

open. Come to a casual affair, bring a snack and any beverage of choice. Sometimes there are fun trivia games intermingled with the chatter of the current events, or plans being made for another get-together. Come and go as you please.

Metro Meals on Wheels Menu: Thursday, 2/07, Swedish Meatballs, Rice, Cauliflower, Peaches, Roll, Milk. Tuesday, 2/12, Mexican Beef Casserole, Corn, Tortillas, Milk, Ice Cream. Thursday, 2/14, Pork Chop w/Gravy, Cheesy Potatoes, Peas, Roll, and Milk. Meals are every week on Tuesday and Thursday for a very affordable price. This is also a way to get to know your neighbors and enjoy a meal together. Leave the cooking to a wonderful MMOW staff/chefs and volunteers who make sure your lunch experience is a good one! You do not have to be a Senior Center member to take part.

Coming events include the Senior Center sponsored Talent Show on February 23rd at the Crouch Community Hall. It is sure to be a good one. Everyone knows there is much talent in this valley to be showcased. This is a welcomed relief to a long winter,

so make plans to have an enjoyable evening.

Another event will be the St. Baldricks fundraising event to help support childhood cancer research. This will keep with the St. Patrick's Day theme. There will be corned beef sandwiches sold at the event and other fun things happening. It all starts at 1:00pm at the Senior Center. Watch as friends shave their head for childhood cancer research. Cheer, razz, and get a lot of laughs as the brave shaves step up to get shaved, be it beards, heads, legs or eyebrows. Go to the website at www.stbaldricks.org and look for "Garden Valley St Baldricks". Volunteer in whatever manner you might wish to participate. We can brave the shave, rock the bald, and have a wonderful fundraiser for childhood cancer research.



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Garden Valley School Supplemental Levy Election

Vote March 12th, 2019

Replaces expiring 2-year \$350,000/yr levy with \$400,000/yr for two years

Why is the Supplemental Levy needed? State and Federal funding shortfalls:

Category	Shortfall
Daily Student Bus Transportation (required by law)	\$100,000
Athletics (zero State or Federal funds provided)	\$90,000
Existing Special Education Services (required by law)	\$89,000
Employee Healthcare Benefits	\$49,000
School Nurse, 16 hours/week (zero State or Federal funds provided)	\$16,000
Resource Officer/Security Technology (<\$5,000 State funds provided)	\$30,000
Growth in Special Education Needs (conservative projection)	\$26,000
Total Funding Shortfall:	\$400,000

How will this affect my taxes? GVSD total levy rates:

FY 2018 Total Tax Rate	\$3.37	per \$1,000 assessed value
FY 2019 (Current) Total Tax Rate	\$2.51	per \$1,000 assessed value
Projected FY 2020 Total Tax Rate (including Supp. Levy)	\$2.65	per \$1,000 assessed value

Proposed Supplemental Levy Impact to Homeowners:

Assessed Property Value	\$150,000		\$200,000		\$300,000	
	Annual	Monthly	Annual	Monthly	Annual	Monthly
Homeowner's Exemption (50%, max. \$100k)	\$75,000		\$100,000		\$100,000	
Taxable Value	\$75,000		\$100,000		\$200,000	
Projected Tax Change Compared to FY 2018:	-\$54.00	-\$4.50	-\$72.00	-\$6.00	-\$144.00	-\$12.00
Projected Tax Change Compared to FY 2019:	\$10.50	\$0.88	\$14.00	\$1.17	\$28.00	\$2.33

Garden Valley School Levy Information:

Submitted by Scott Kahre, Chairman of the Garden Valley School District Supplemental Levy 2019 Committee

Boise County, Idaho – A supplemental levy election will be held on March 12th, 2019 for the Garden Valley School District (GVSD). The existing 2-year, \$350,000/yr levy is expiring this year; the proposed new levy amount is \$400,000/yr for the next two years.

If the supplemental levy is approved, the District's total property tax levy rate is projected to fall below the fiscal year 2018 level, but slightly above the current fiscal year 2019 rate. An increased total levy amount can be achieved with such a small increase in the tax rate due to growth in the local property tax base (i.e. residential and commercial construction). Example tax impacts are given in the attached fact sheet.

GVSD Total Property Tax Levy Rates:

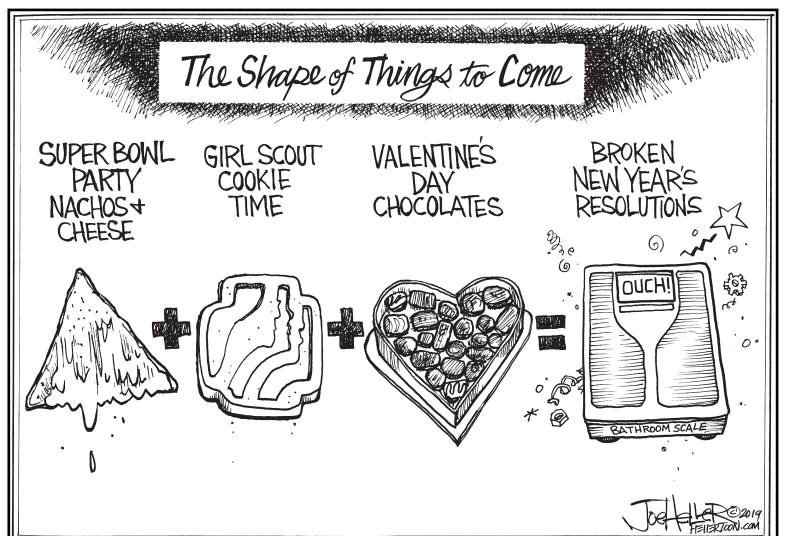
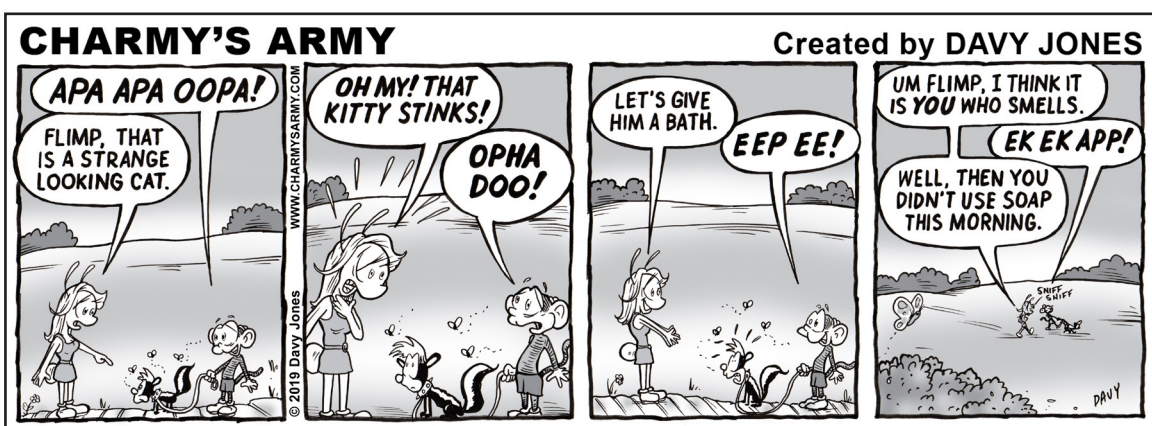
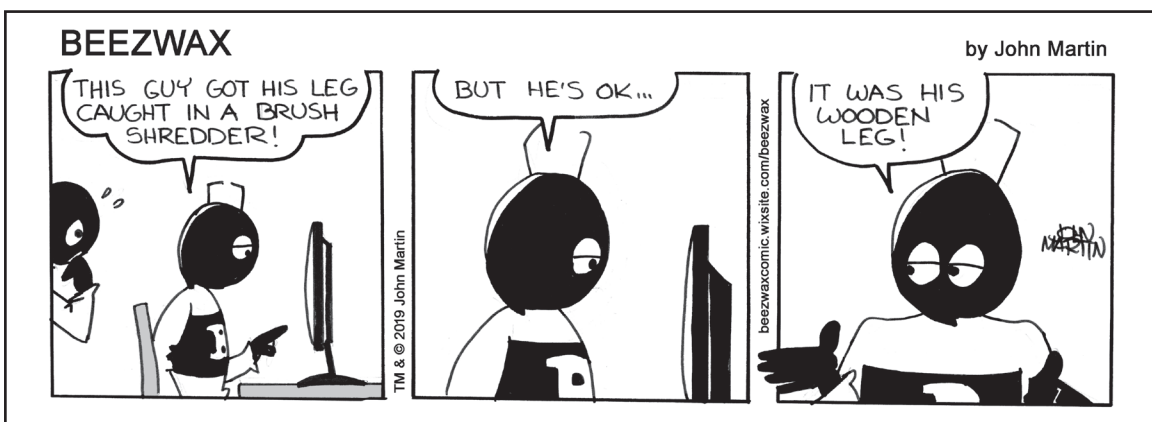
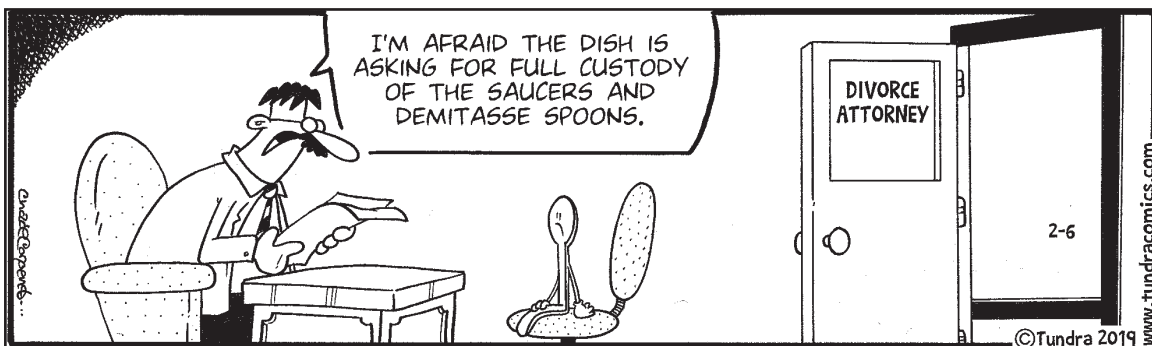
FY 2018:	\$3.37 /\$1,000 assessed value
FY 2019 (current):	\$2.51 /\$1,000 assessed value
FY 2020 (projected, including supplemental levy):	\$2.65 /\$1,000 assessed value

The levy addresses multiple State and Federal funding shortfalls affecting a range of existing school services and programs, several of which the District is required by law to provide. For instance, GVSD receives NO State or Federal funding for athletics, and the State only provides 65% of the necessary funds for daily student transportation to and from school. The district has also experienced rapid growth in special education needs in recent years, with costs far exceeding available funds. The full list of shortfall amounts is included in the attached fact sheet.

Due to continued State and Federal funding cuts, 93 of Idaho's 115 school districts now utilize supplemental levies to fund regular operations. GVSD strives to provide a top-quality education, preparing our youth for lifelong success. The supplemental levy funds are targeted to support that mission.

The Garden Valley School District Supplemental Levy Committee is comprised of community members, GVSD staff, and administrators. Pursuant to Title 74, Idaho Code, the Committee does not use any GVSD facilities, resources, or work time to promote the Levy election.

Garden Valley School District Supplemental Levy Community Informational Meeting
Wednesday, February 13th, 7:00 pm
Crouch Community Hall



BOISE COUNTY

Horseshoe Bend Lady Mustangs' Tournament



The Horseshoe Bend High School Lady Mustangs confer with varsity coach Pat Goff during a time out at a recent game at home.
Photo by Tracy Koslosky

Written by Tracy Koslosky
HORSESHOE BEND -- The Horseshoe Bend Varsity Lady Mustangs are currently 1-1 in the 1A Long Pin Division District Tournament currently ongoing at Meadows Valley High School in New Meadows. The team was off to a great start in their first game on Thursday, January 31 against the Cascade Ramblers taking the win 51-29. High scorer for the game was senior Jade Warren with 18 points, 18 rebounds, and 4 steals, followed by senior Syring Riley with 12 points, 10 rebounds, 12 assists, and 6 steals, senior Brittani Cooper with 8 points, and 4 rebounds, senior Julia Black with 4 points, 1 rebound, and 1 assist, junior Brooke Lane with 4 points, 5 rebounds, and 1 steal, sophomore Maggie Huston with 3 points, 5 rebounds, 1 assist, and 1 steal, and senior Sage Huston with 2 points. Freshman Lilly Fellom came up with 2 rebounds for the team. The Lady Mustangs wasn't able to keep up the momentum and took the loss on Saturday against the Salmon River Savages 38-65. Warren came up with 23 points, 14

rebounds, and 3 steals. Riley had 5 points, 2 rebounds, and 8 assists, Lane had 5 points, 7 rebounds, and 1 assist, Cooper scored 3 with 5 rebounds, Fellom had 2 points with 1 rebound, while Black had 3 rebounds and 1 steal and S. Huston had 1 rebound. The team is still in it and will be facing off against the Council Lumberjacks on Tuesday, February 5. The winner of that game stays alive to play the loser of the February 5 Salmon River/Tri-Valley Titans game on Thursday, February 7 in New Meadows at 7:00 p.m. The winner of that game will compete in the state play-in game on Saturday, February 9 at Grangeville High School @ 1:00 p.m.

The Mud Room Re-Opened and Re-Imagined

Written by Janet Juroch
CROUCH -- Lovely scents of coffee and food awaits in the newly redesigned Mud Room Coffee House within the center of Crouch. Now having re-opened under new owners, Carl and Denise Mitchell, with their daughter Shannon Perez., the country chic style takes your breath away as soon as you open the door. Then the smell of fresh baked bread fills every other sense. The Mud Room is a simple and sleek coffee shop, offering a perfect place for the community to unwind.

An easy and simplified menu of soup and sandwiches with homemade bakery buns are offered. Varieties of coffees and Frappuccino flavors with chocolate drizzles and whip cream can be almost like a dessert. Denise prefers to keep the menus easy for now and offer a place for people to talk and reconnect. She calls her uncluttered décor a bit of "industrial chic", with a wall of unique and local items carefully chosen to sell in the store.

Having come from a background of running a cupcake shop, the desire to have another little shop was on the Mitchell's mind. The opportunity that came along to purchase the Mud Room gave them that chance to provide something a little different from other places in town. Free WiFi is offered along with a choice of goodies, including light breakfast sandwiches and lunch items. A favorite is the homemade pocket apple pie. This is a great to-go item along with any other item in the shop.



Owner Denise Mitchell, left, and her daughter Shannon Perez are operating the their family owned Mud Room Coffee House in Crouch, which has just reopened with a country chic style and a menu of made from scratch items.

Carl has been remodeling the side room that will be available for more private meetings while enjoying a lunch or breakfast. This space will be closed off if needed or allow for more space when the restaurant is busy. Denise says that they are able to cater using the menu items they have. Occasionally a special request can be asked for and she can attempt to accommodate the needs.

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Opinion ~ Letters to the Editor

I read the article in the January 25 paper on the CUMO work. I support what Lisa Anderson had to say. Research is absolutely needed for specific metals in the ground.

However, I got some data from the USFS about the use of chemicals to extract the minerals they need out of the ore. IF those chemicals are harmful to people, it can migrate down Grimes Creek into Mores Creek into the Boise River and into Boise City as well as many other communities downstream.

Also, it is possible for contamination to discharge from Grimes Creek and get into the Payette River, creating pollution downstream as well to other communities as downstream as Huntington, Oregon.

All this is not a good idea and will have environmentalists up in arms.

Jerry Branson
Long-time
Boise County Resident

Editor:

I feel it is time to speak out once again about the CUMO Project. The USFS has extended the comment period and scheduled a meeting to replace the one cancelled last month. For those who are not up on this, in 2016 after completing (?) its review of the CUMO plans, stated they found no significant impact on the forest lands, a Federal Judge ruled that they did not perform the study properly and had to do it over. That study was completed using basically all the same information supplied by CUMO, and reached the same conclusion, "No significant impact." A meeting scheduled in January was cancelled, due to the Government shutdown. Recently, the comment period was extended for an additional 30 days, and a new meeting scheduled on February 6, at 5 PM at Best Western Vista Inn

at the Airport, 2645 Airport Ave, Boise.

I have done a lot of research on this type of mining operation and have asked many questions of CUMO representatives, most of which have not been adequately answered. I have asked what precautions are being taken to prevent a tailings dam failure, and have had no real answer. I have asked about possible impact on the Idaho City, Boise, and several other municipal water supplies of such a failure, with no real answer. Here is a link to the latest mining disaster, <https://www.timeslive.co.za/news/world/2019-01-30-brazil-dam-collapse-toll-rises-to-84-mining-firms-output-to-be-hit/>

Most of what I have seen presented is "salesman talk" designed to sell the public on the wonderful effects of this project on Boise County. This brings me to ask "If this is such a boon, why are they spending

literally millions of dollars, and telling us that there is no assurance that the project will even go forward?" They tell us all they want is the chance to explore the area to see if the molybdenum deposits are really there and are worth going after. I ask, what company spends that kind of money on a project with little or no assurance they will get a return?

Lastly, I wonder how many people know that this company, called Idaho CUMO Mining is actually a Canadian company that I am told has fi-

nancial backing from China. This is strange in my mind because China is currently the main source of molybdenum. I urge everyone to submit a comment to <https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=52875> and if possible attend the public meeting.

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BOISE COUNTY

Garden Valley Emergency Responders say, "Thank You!"

By **Marlene Partridge**
GARDEN VALLEY -- Garden Valley is a community with many unique characteristics. We have a smaller population than many fire departments serve. And we have an aging population that tends to be ever more in need of medical services. The Garden Valley Fire Department gets calls to help citizens in many varied situations. More and more often, the calls are about people in need of medical help. The Garden Valley Fire Department receives all the calls. When a medical emergency arises, the Emergency Medical Staff are ready to help. They are grateful to be able to help. And they are thankful that the means has been provided to make it possible. Many, even most, rural emergency service departments don't have the response capabilities to deliver the level of service that Garden Valley is able to provide. And the difference is you! Each year, our service organizations

donate generously. Because of the availability of funds, Garden Valley Emergency Services has been able to purchase new equipment that will greatly assist them in achieving positive outcomes for difficult emergency situations. First come the volunteer emergency medical Staff themselves. These are the people who come running when an

emergency call comes in. All staff have ongoing training and education in the new procedures and techniques as they become available. But beyond the critical issue of volunteer staffing comes the next—*equipment*. Rural emergency services are not blessed with a huge budget for equipment. They rely on the generosity and appreciation of



Rescue Training continues with the "dummy" patient.
 Photos by Chief Jon Delvalle



Mike Yearsley and Deanna Paine pose with the new equipment bought with community-donated funds.

their patrons and communities. During 2018 the volunteer organizations of Garden Valley have donated generously. Terrace Lakes Resort paid for \$95,000 worth of EMS equipment and supplies. The Garden Valley Senior Center contributed \$5000 for a Zoll Auto Pulse Chest Compression Device. Payette Forward provided \$4800 for a Titanium Litter

and wheel system, Garden Valley quilters contributed \$1000 and the Syringa club added \$500 for the Fire Department Auxiliary to use as needed. The Garden Valley Emergency Services thanks everyone in the community who has helped make in possible for us to provide the level of service they are now able to offer for us all.

February Happenings for Boise Basin Library:

READING RASCALS TUESDAYS @ 11:30am-12pm
 5th- Chinese New Year Craft
 12th- Puzzle Piece Picture Frames
 19th- Noodle Art
 26th- Octopus Craft

TEEN NIGHTS WEDNESDAYS @ 3:45pm
 6th- PG-13 Movie
 13th- Video Games
 20th-PG-13 Movie
 27th- Video Games

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB THURSDAYS @ 3:30PM
 7th- Design a Car
 14th- Valentine Puzzle Piece Picture Frame
 21st- Creatures in the Sea Habitats
 28th- Hot Air Balloons

PG MOVIES 2ND & 4TH TUESDAYS @ 3:45PM
 12TH- Christopher Robin
 26th- Goosebumps 2

Any questions please feel free to call us at (208)392-4558!

Idaho Botanical Gardens Come to Garden Valley District Library

Written by **Garden Valley District Library's Programs and Youth Coordinator, Marjolein Lolkema**

GARDEN VALLEY, ID - The Idaho Botanical Garden will come to the Garden Valley District Library on Monday February 11, 3 pm, with the program "Garden on the Road". The Idaho Botanical Garden (IBG) is a nonprofit botanical garden located on 50 acres at 2355 North Old Penitentiary Road, Boise, Idaho, United

States. Until 1973 the site served as the Old Idaho State Penitentiary's farm and nursery. After the penitentiary was closed, the land lay dormant for more than a decade, and in 1984 the gardens were first created. Monday February 11, Wendy Irwin will bring the garden to the library. She will present an educational program for kids in the age range of 4 to 6 years. Sign up is required and can be done at the front desk of the Garden Valley District Library. Wendy Irwin will be present

at about 12.30 pm, so everybody who loves to learn about mountain life (age does not matter) is welcome to visit!



BOISE COUNTY

Horseshoe Bend Boy's Basketball



From left to right: (Photo on left) Horseshoe Bend Mustangs Middle School "A" team basketball teammates Carson Drake (7th grade), Layth Bromgard (7th Grade), and Kaelun Jones (7th grade) on the offense for the Mustangs during their team's 41-53 loss against the Compass Aviators at home on Wednesday, January 30. Photos by Tracy Koslosky

8th grader (right) Treyven Bauer takes the ball down court during the Horseshoe Bend Middle School boy's basketball "B" team game against the Idaho City Wildcats at home on Thursday, January 31. Bauer was the Mustang's high scorer of the game with 13 total points which included a 3 point basket at the buzzer ending the first half and five 2 point baskets helping his team take the win 32-4. Other top scorers included 7th grader Seth Hess with seven points (three 2 point baskets & 1 free throw, 6th grader Colby Swan with 6 points (three 2 point baskets), 8th grader Jedidiah Graham with 4 points (two 2 point baskets), and 8th grader Joseph Wellan with 2 points (one 2 point basket) The team will play at home against the Council Lumberjacks on February 4 and against the Riverstone Otters on Thursday, February 7 with tip off times at 4:15 before traveling to Rolling Hills to take on the Tigers on Tuesday, 2/12 with a start time of 3:30.



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Senior Coltyn Smith puts one up for the Horseshoe Bend Boy's Varsity Basketball team as teammates junior Austin Fry (left) and senior Mike Farrar (right) look on. The Mustangs were victorious taking the win 42-37. The school also celebrated Senior Night, honoring Adam Akers, Farrar, Quade Renfro, and Smith in their final game appearance at home.

Photos (above and right) by Cora Larson



Senior Adam Akers shoots the ball during the Horseshoe Bend Varsity Mustangs 56-49 win against the Council Lumberjacks during their 1A Long Pin Division conference game on Friday, February 1. The team will travel to Midvale High School on Wednesday, February 6 for a conference game versus the Tri-Valley Titans. (J.V. starts at 6:00 p.m., Varsity 7:30 p.m.) The Junior Varsity team will take part in the district tournament beginning Friday, February 8 and concluding on Saturday, February 9 at Meadows Valley High School in New Meadows. Times to be determined. The Varsity team will compete in the 1A Long Pin division district tournament on February 12, 18, 20-21. Times to be determined.

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The Idaho City Community Club is having a Flea Market during the Chili Cook-Off. Would you please put in the want ad section an ad that says: Vendors wanted. Idaho City Community Club Flea Market—Chili Cook-Off weekend. February 15, 16, and 17. \$20 a table. Contact Theresa TenEyck at 209-392-4237

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HORSESHOE BEND:

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.

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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 cjustczak@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 for the Garden Valley and Horseshoe Bend areas. 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 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 donations 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 - Wednesdays- 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.

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.



Quail in the snow.

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The Lowman Red Schoolhouse

Written by Jeff Wright

LOWMAN --

The Little Red Lowman Schoolhouse

The One-Room Schoolhouse is a quickly disappearing American institution. In 1920, a fairly comprehensive national survey showed there to be about 190,000 one-room schools in the U.S. In the latest survey, compiled by NPR in 2016, it was estimated there are 400 remaining nationwide, with Idaho having as few as 16 of those scattered through rural areas of the state. The Lowman School is one of those very few. However, it can make one ponder why they shouldn't make a comeback in the 21st century.

Ms. Stephanie Williams ("Ms. Steph") oversees a class of 7 budding minds from 5 to 11 years of age. Ms. Steph has held many positions in the education system, from administration to higher-level teaching but says she just loved this opportunity when it came along, after Kim Griggs had to move last year with her husband, Mike, of the Idaho State Patrol.

"I love the kids, I love the job, I love the drive up the canyon every day. It just couldn't be better. It's always an adventure," she said.

The Challenges and Successes of Rural Schools

The Lowman School is ca-

pable of comfortably handling about 10-12 from K-5th-grade. Attendance fluctuates from year to year, as students both graduate up to the Garden Valley School, move elsewhere or move-in to the South Fork Valley from Lowman to Grandjean. However, there have been a number of years going back through the decades where there's been no students at all, forcing the Lowman School to close. That makes it really tough to keep a continuous history of the alumnus and school. There is a 3-ring binder kept at the school which has some collected pictures and newspaper clippings about the school over the years but no real comprehensive history.

Such 'blended teaching' also is both a challenge and a blessing. Students at the school are not held to a rigid, structured learning environment and can pace their learning with their ability. The older students are also very helpful in informal tutoring of younger students. Many times multiple siblings from local families attend the school at the same time, in various grades. Over the years, this has been a very successful formula for the students.

The School has turned out quite a number of successful post-secondary educated students. There's been a disproportionate number of advanced

degrees, including Ph. D. awards, to many of its alumnus. It seems something in the old-time formula has something to say to current generations of educators.

"Our kids aren't 'plugged-in' and 'wired-in' like most kids their age, mainly because many of those tech services aren't easily available in the mountains," Ms. Steph said, "However, that seems to have a lot of advantages for maintaining their attention and learning ability," she added.

Simpler Times, Complex World

The children at the school do maintain touch with learning technology even if not directly wired-in to the world like their contemporaries in larger school districts. Sebastian and Isaac, the two 'oldest' students at the school, were proud to display their writing and story-telling ability with compositions currently being worked-on their individual laptop computers. Each student at the school has laptop computer signed out to them that can be used for school projects and classwork.

However, the students also maintain direct connection with simpler activities and responsibilities. Each day, the woodstove that provides the building heating, has to be stocked by the students from the woodshed next to the school building. Another outbuilding stores all the maintenance tools and equipment for clearing snow and maintaining the grounds in spring and summer. Ms. Steph said that there's always someone around who can help her with the extra maintenance.

Community Involvement An Important Ingredient

A big plus in a small population area, such as Lowman, is involvement by parents and community volunteers. Those parents and volunteers form a support web for all aspects of day-to-day educational activities and learning. The last



The Lowman School as it stands in 2019.

Photos by Jeff Wright

major project was new cabinets, built and donated by local cabinet-maker, Will Hovey, for storage and shelf space for student projects and supplies. The School also has a wide variety of great, tasty lunches delivered everyday from the main school in Garden Valley.

The area around Lowman provides a great learning laboratory for studying plants and animals, the forest and riverine

environments along the Southfork of the Payette. Being outdoors and comfortable in a woodland setting is just part of everyday life for these kids. It is an integral part of the one-room school experience. An experience that enriches young lives. It will, as long as the concept can survive the busy modern life that encroaches up the mountain a little more every year.



"Ms. Steph" has an attentive storytime and reading audience in the one room schoolhouse.



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BOISE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Transcribed by Eileen Capson

January 29, 2019

Present: Commissioners Alan Ward and Roger Jackson

Absent: Commissioner Laura Baker

EXECUTIVE SESSION: [Time 9:03am to 9:39am] Closed session per pending litigation, personnel, exempt records, hiring of new employee, and risk management. "No motions to follow executive session and no action required," Chairman Ward said.

CONSTITUENT INPUT: Eileen Capson with the Idaho World spoke on behalf of a constituent regarding the Garden Valley snow grooming and the collapsed snow shed. The constituent had relayed that no trails had been groomed and wondered where the money received was going. Chairman Ward said they received \$40,000 dollars from the insurance after the building that housed the snow groomer collapsed, but they are unable to rebuild it for that amount of money. Title II money from the Forest Service may come available. Currently, the groomer is being stored in one of the bays of the Solid Waste site. "I don't think it would be necessarily wise, or my job would not be

managed properly, if I'm going to spend Boise County taxpayers' dollars building a facility for the large use of out of county people on snowmobiles." Ward had spoken with the trail groomer two weeks prior, who indicated he had been grooming his regular runs. "I know that people have been staying at my motel that are utilizing the trails." Commissioner Jackson assured that they had been working on getting a new building ever since it went down during the last heavy snow year, but the estimates are double of what they can pay. Chairman Ward conclude, "Hopefully, next year, we will be able to build a decent facility, and it will be worth the wait."

MINUTES: The January 22nd meeting minutes were accepted as written.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE/ RADON: Emergency Manager Bob Showalter said they had a company come back, because the level was still elevated to a dangerous level. It is at an 8.7 and the 4 is where there needs to be some action taken. There is a concrete slab that is in question and more work was done on the foundation.

BOISE COUNTY POLICIERS: Road and Bridge snow and ice removal was discussed.

Commissioner Ward asked about snow depth and Showalter answered, "There is no depth, there is nothing in our current policy." Ward asked, "Do we want to try to include something like that in the policy?" Showalter answered, "I think some of these people, who travel these roads, would like to weigh in on it. I think they're plowing 2 and 3 inches." He added that there was a problem for residents up past Pioneerville, because the road department stopped plowing 5 miles past the mailboxes. There was some discussion of plowing outlying areas with 6 inches.

RESOLUTION TO DESTROY DOCUMENTS: A resolution was passed to destroy certain records for Boise County. Clerk Mary Prisco commented that there were quite a few boxes for elections.

PASSWORD POLICY: A resolution was passed for the county password policy.

DEPARTMENT HEAD MEETING:

EMERGENCY MANAGER: Bob Showalter has been meeting with the Boise County Fire Association and they are beginning to plan an interagency exercise.

FORESTER: She is working on a county wildfire protec-

tion plan. There are also contractors who are interested in the Clear Creek/ Robie Creek project to make a healthier forest.

ASSESSOR: Chris Juszcak said they are going through the houses that sold last year. There were about 280 houses that sold last year, which is up about 40 from the previous year. "We are developing our values; they are going to go up again, most likely." He estimated that 25% of the homes in Boise County were valued at over \$200,000. "And pretty much, every single new house, most of the new ones are all above \$200,000." He said that comparable to other counties, this percentage is "pretty high," some report 8%.

COMMUNITY JUSTICE: Amanda Leader says they are looking for more service projects. She is hoping to get an intern for the summer from BSU. Leader reported that their case load has gone up, juvenile has remained low, and probation has also dropped.

SHERIFF: Jim Kaczmarek said he's working with contractors for the Horseshoe Bend Substation, which may take several year. He reported that the caseload was high and they are training deputies.

Commissioner Jackson recommended getting prisoners to do some of the work on the substation. Sheriff Kaczmarek was concerned about their "expertise." He added, "If it was just building a couple of walls, we would do it ourselves. I'd be happy to do it myself." There are concrete walls and ceiling for a jail, but there are

problems with the floor.

There is another Autism Training for emergency responders and community on April 15th in Horseshoe Bend at the High School.

SOLID WASTE: Boise County was the #7 county for distribution of cricket bait for the grasshoppers & Mormon Crickets. Mr. Rekow commented that mostly in Horseshoe Bend, "There was a lot of cricket and grasshopper activity."

PLANNING & ZONING: There was no Planning & Zoning Commission meeting for the month of January. Bret Caulder said they have had a good response from letters sent regarding code enforcement, "and people are complying." The office processed about 230 building permits last year and all of them got inspections. They are looking to bring on more staff.

ROAD DEPARTMENT: Bill Jones spoke about the new 2020 truck orders, but the costs have gone up.

CLERK: Mary Prisco said they are gearing up for two elections on March 12. The Horseshoe Bend School District and Garden Valley School District are doing a supplemental levy.

She is also waiting to get the official statements from the auditors.

Clerk Prisco pointed out that they had not updated their Personnel Policy since 2014. They are using a templet provided by the insurance company for the county to revise a new policy.

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