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CENTRAL DISTRICT HEALTH BOARD VOTES TO NOT PASS A DISTRICT-WIDE PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER

By Tracy Koslosky

BOISE COUNTY -- For the past few weeks, the Central District Health (CDH) Department has been meeting with regards to passing a districtwide health order to stop the surge of COVID-19 in Boise, Ada, Elmore, and Valley counties. Orders currently exist in both Ada and Valley counties and the district's goal was to incorporate Boise and Elmore Counties into those orders, which would mandate mask wearing and limit social gatherings. The order also proposed to end organized youth sports.

The Board of Health has the power to do all things required for the preservation and protection of public health. (*Idaho Statute Title 39, Chapter 4*).

During a special meeting on December 4th, officials from St. Luke's and St. Alphonsus Hospitals spoke to CDH about their higher than normal hospital admissions and the amount of staff that were calling in sick. St. Luke's was close to having to divert patients, but they said deaths freed up space in the hospitals and prevented that from occurring. They still fear that a critical shortage of beds is imminent.

Dr. James Souza of St. Luke's told the board, "I'm not telling anyone what to do; I'm literally pleading. I'm not too proud to beg." He also stated that he was saddened that the pandemic had become a political debate, a debate of good versus evil. Souza said that if area hospitals have to implement crisis standards that the ability to provide life and limb interventions would be restricted, and that treatments for patients would be allocated on a scoring system.

Boise County Commissioner Ryan Stirm represents Boise County on the CDH board. He made the following comments

to his fellow board members and those listening to the live broadcast: "I'm averaging an email every 30 seconds. People begging to not have a mask mandate, and I understand that it's frustrating, and it's not fun for anybody, but can you legitimately look your neighbor in the eye and say, 'I don't care if you get your tumor pulled out tomorrow or if you die from it because this is a hoax and we shouldn't wear a mask? You don't deserve to be taken care of,' because that's literally what you're saying to all these people that are standing in front of you in this meeting when you say that you don't believe anybody else on this planet deserves to be taken care of, but you're right to walk around freely breathing and spitting and doing whatever else on people because we as human beings have a natural propensity to spread disease." Stirm went on to say, "It's going to get worse; it's going to get bad." He added, "We all have rights, but these rights -- they go both ways." He concluded with the following, "It's not the illness itself that's going to end everything. It's other things that are going to lead to, there's nobody to take care of you. It's sad that we have got to that point over a piece of cloth or fabric, because people take it that offensively."

Later in the meeting, Stirm gave accounts of his experiences as an Emergency Medical Technician for the City of Horseshoe Bend. "I have been experiencing in the last two to three weeks, taking patients to the hospital who I know would require long term care based on their illnesses and those patients are being transferred back home within days. We're talking people who are having severe abdominal issues, who are having ulcer bleeds, GI

bleeds, and they're being stabilized and sent home rather than previously having the same illness and being hospitalized for two weeks." He added, "They're being sent home and are told, 'We did the best we could. We don't have the ability to dig into your issue currently,' so that's just kind of what I've seen with my own eyes doing it from an emergency medicine standpoint."

The board did not come to a conclusion, but opted to redraft the ordinance. The provision regarding youth sports was removed, and met again on Tuesday, December 8th to vote.

The meeting on December 8th ended abruptly, shortly after it began, due to protesters outside the headquarters, as well as at two of the board member's homes.

The board waited an additional week to meet again on December 15th. The meeting was brief and to the point. District Director Russell Duke told the board that the majority of the comments the board had received were in support of the proposed order. It was also stated that COVID-19 was the leading cause of death in Idaho, during the month of November. There was a quick revision to the order regarding the security at bars to enforce the mandate, and the board voted, which led to a tie by the board (3-3) with board members Stirm, Megan Blanksma (Elmore County), and Elting Hasbrouck (Valley County) voting against the mandate.

Stirm had the following to say: "So yeah, you know, we've climbed a little bit in cases. Through many, many, many emails that I have received over the last week, there has been a very, very stern disregard to wanting an order in place. Folks have spoken up and they very, very much do not want an

order." He added, "Folks just need to take a real hard look and do the best thing they can to social distance when they can and protect themselves." Ryan Stirm concluded by saying, "I just hope that everyone takes care of themselves and protects themselves the best they can."

The next Board of Health meeting will be held on Friday, December 18 at 8:30 am.



Generosity of *Idaho Power* Employees



Written and photo by Tracy Koslosky

HORSESHOE BEND -- Paris Dickerson (left), Business and Community Development Advisor at Idaho Power presents a check for \$900.00 to Diane Grint (right), Horseshoe Bend School District Community School Director on Wednesday, December 9th. Idaho Power Company employees contribute all year long to the Idaho Power Employee Community Fund (Idaho Power Company shareholders match those contributions almost dollar for dollar) and then donate the funds to deserving community groups. The group again chose to make the students at Horseshoe Bend School District the recipients of some of those funds (last year the group donated \$750). The money will be put to good use by Grint, whose Community School program will use the funds to supplement the Holiday Care Packages they received from the United Way. The United Way provided the packages for local low-income children and their families and more than 30 families will receive the packages from the Community School Program on Friday, December 18th.

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Basin School District Happenings



Students participate in a new cooking class.

Photos courteous of Basin School



Inspired by Zoom class with Chef Christina, Joey shows his uncle how to mix an egg in.

Basin Cooking Class

The State of Idaho's Department of Education has contracted with Chef Christina Murray to develop and teach culinary curriculum for Idaho schools. Jill Matthews, at the State Department of Education, and Chef Christina chose Basin Elementary to be one of the schools to receive this cooking instruction for our parents and students. Basin began the 4-week program the week of November 16. Eleven families participated in the program. Chef Christina provided a recorded cooking video and recipe each week for the families to prepare at home and had the families join a

Zoom meeting to instruct them on nutrition and cooking techniques. The ingredients for the recipes were purchased by Basin Elementary and provided to the participants. Marianne Morrison, owner of the Idaho City Hotel, sponsored the cost of the ingredients each week.

Idaho City High School STEM Grant

Math teachers Jayce Bell and Kent Johnson and science teachers Micki Keiser and Natalie Kulick received a \$5,800 grant from the Idaho State Department of Education to integrate industry standard measuring tools into math and science to solve forestry and

earth science problems. Some of the tools include increment borers, stream flow meters, tree calipers, clinometers, logger tapes, densiometers, fire weather kits, and more. The idea is to give our students hands-on experience, similar to those in the natural resource fields, so they are more prepared for local summer jobs. Students have the opportunity to apply math and science concepts to real problems associated with our local watershed and Idaho Center for Outdoor Education forest property.



New Deputy Coroner



BOISE COUNTY -- Camille Wassom was sworn in as the newest Boise County Deputy Coroner on December 1st, 2020. Serving with compassion for many years in her community, Camille became a Robie Creek Fire Department volunteer in 2013. She then worked professionally for three seasons as a wildland firefighter, and has since been with Boise County Emergence Medical Services for the past two years. In 2019, she was certified as an EMT and has been assisting in calls for East Boise County Ambulance. Camille has been training over the past year to become a deputy coroner. "My community is very important to me. Serving and protecting those in need is why I do all that I do," Camille said. Photo courtesy of Boise County

Holiday Lowman Community Church Events

Dec. 14th 6:00 p.m. The Lowman Potato Feed and Carol Sing. (Bring potato toppings and a salad or dessert!)

Dec. 19th 2:00 p.m. Lowman
Community Christmas Party. Gifts for all
Lowman kids. RSVP names and ages of
children to Christy Morgan
"cmorgan.inc@gmail.com" by Dec.
10th. Bring goodies to share.

Dec. 24th 6:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service. Bring goodies to share after the service

Due to higher number of cases of COVID-19 in Horseshoe Bend and the lack of items on the agenda, the regular council meeting on December 16, 2020 has been cancelled. The next meeting will be held on January 20, 2021.

Boise County Sheriff's Incident Log

11/28/2020 Saturday

5:47 Accident Vehicle - Red Jeep Grand Cherokee clearly rolled over and someone may have possibly gone through the windshield because the glass is broken outward.

1:18 Citizen Complaint - Wife's dad got too drunk and started getting aggressive. He's currently outside and the individual refused to let him back in. The individual was unsure where the father-inlaw was and is afraid he might freeze, but too afraid to find him and bring him inside.

12:13 Citizen Complaint -States there are some small footprints around her vehicle

13:48 Citizen Complaint - Individual states people are cutting trees and going to the bathroom on their private property. They are walking on her property to get to the Public Lands.

13:50 Medical – Will meet EMS at gas station. Wife was hit in the head with a rock that came off the mountain.

13:51 Citizen Complaint -States a vehicle with 2C plate is blocking driveway

15:35 Suicidal Subject – States that he got off the line with suicide prevention hotline

16:00 Information - Individual is walking home down the highway after broke down at the hardware store. Tow wouldn't give him a ride because of COVID

17:51 Medical – States mother has fallen in the bathroom – may have been there all day

19:12 Welfare Check - Mother concerned she hasn't heard from her son since Thanksgiving

19:48 Animal - Injured deer sitting up in the middle of southbound lane on HWY 55 – wants to know if deputy is near Horseshoe Bend can take care of it.

21:20 Domestic - States friend is walking home and concerned that she was unable to make contact with her.

22:06 Accident - Gold truck slid off the road, hit the ditch and flew into neighbor's yard

22:43 Abandoned Vehicle – States that there is a truck and trailer parked in lot blocking their doors to the firehouse

11/29/2020 Sunday

10:29 Information – States there is a herd of elk and one of the elk has an arrow in its shoulder. Fish and Game can call him for more information

2:50 Disturbing the Peace -Someone is shooting off a firearm and she is trying to sleep

12:27 Petit Theft - Individual states that clothes were stolen from laundromat when she went to the Post Office. Items included: Bathrobe, jeans, bra, panties, etc.

12:52 Medical - Female was injured sledding on the hill

14:34 911 - Pocket dial - People laughing and talking in background

16:11 Accident Vehicle - Indi-

vidual states that he scraped the paint on a vehicle in Bogus Basin parking lot, left information on the vehicle window and wanted to report it just in case.

17:06 Slide Off – States there is a Dodge Durango with 2C plates stuck in the snow. They tried to help them out but the chain broke. It's a husband and wife with 4 year old son, located off Highway 21.

18:13 Public Assist – States that his daughter and him are up past campsites and got Subaru Forester stuck. He would like help to possibly get unstuck.

18:56 Animal on Roadway/ HWY - Cows on the road just west of 52 - Longhorns are leading the herd

19:45 Agency Assist - ISP needs assistance serving a warrant on a traffic stop

23:01 Medical – A man, 68, is conscious and breathing but complaining of chest pains and numbness in his arm.

11/30/2020 Monday

11:02 Agency Assist - Deputy would like a deputy to drive by address to see if there is a silver Honda. No contact needs to be made/ call deputy for further info.

12:49 Arrest Warrant - 3 Warrants out of Boise County - Ar-

13:10 Disturbing the Peace - Individual states he needs an officer out to arrest next door neighbor for cussing around a bunch of kids.

15:26 Information - Person wondered if the sheriff's office knew about a car with blankets in the window. Concerned that someone might be in it. Welfare check assigned

15:41 Agency Assist - Assist Elmore County

16:38 Vicious Dog - Rottweiler dog from property above is coming down and attacking her dog.

21: 36 Animal – Deer that was hurt coming across the bridge into Horseshoe Bend. Looks to be a fawn, is in the road and unable to

21:38 Accident - Deer on Highway, and drove her vehicle into the ditch. Deputies headed to the

22:27 Fire Grass/ Range - She can see a fire across the river that appears to be a grass fire that continues to grow.

12/1/2020 Tuesday

2:56 Slide Off - She slid off the road and is in the ditch. She is scared and eeds help getting out.

8:30 Arrest Warrant Served to inmate in Ada Co. Jail

9:31 Civil Process Service -Notice of intent to suspend driver's license

14:31 Abandoned Vehicle -Parked on side of highway partially blocking northbound lane

13:26 Public Assist - Ford F-250 or F-350 stuck about 80 yards in on Edna Creek. Driver is a man in mid-30's trying to dig himself out

14:48 Fraud – Bank referral on possible elder abuse. Suspect possible took \$64.542 from victim.

14:49 Civil Process Service - Detective with Ada Co. needs court paperwork and notice given to person in question.

15:24 Identity Theft - States that someone has tried to open 3 accounts with Cabela's today. Bank told him to file a report with the Sheriff's Office.

16:40 Pursuit Vehicle - White Late 80s pickup just passed 4 cars driving 80 MPH - Arrested

17:54 Medical - 7 year old running high fever

16:33 Break in - States when she came in this morning her restaurant had been broken into. She has a witness. Pending

20:50 Medical - States that his wife has a hurt foot and needs an ambulance

12/2/2020 Wednesday

0:15 Reckless – UPS driver with two trailers on states there was a vehicle that was trying to run her off the road. States he was flashing her and riding really close. Was uneasy about the situation.

7:58 911 Hang Up – Could hear what sounded like walking in the snow.

6:28 Unattended Death -Neighbors had called him stating that their frail handicapped child with a life threatening illness had passed away in the night.

16:09 Substance Possession -Marijuana possession.

13:01 Accident - Vehicle in the creek, injuries unknown, driver pulled out.

9:05 Abandoned Vehicle - Pontiac with tarp on driver's side and has been there for about two weeks.

10:25 Petty Theft - Individual wants to report theft

15:16 Citizen Complaint -States that suspects are breaking into his Chevy Cavalier.

20:22 Abandoned Vehicle - Off duty Ada County Officer states he found an abandoned vehicle up Jerusalem Rd. No one was around. pulled the vehicle out, and smelled of alcohol inside. Found a wallet with driver's license. Will meet with officer in Horseshoe Bend and give him information what he believes to be a suicidal subject from their county.

21:48 Resisting Arrest - 1 female in custody. 1 male still hiding

22:44 Called stating someone killed his mommy and daddy and grandpa. Someone is guarding the door. Is scared they are coming for him. A bad person is coming to get

12/3/2020 Thursday

8:13 Arrest Warrant - Suspect turned herself in to Ada County

10:05 Animal – States they shot an elk on property and it has now crossed onto another property and would like F&G or deputy to help them dispatch elk and harvest it.

Property that it is on, owner can be problematic.

10:10 Motorist Assist – Elderly lady's car broke down on highway.

14:37 Disturbance Juvenile – States her grandson broke into the shed and stole some items. Her husband is mad, they are yelling at each other and she is concerned that someone is going to get hurt.

13:48 PettyTheft – States that a DeWalt Grinder and DeWalt drill were stolen and he will disclose suspect to officer.

16:05 Found Property – Found wallet with credit cards and gloves at intersection on HWY 21 and Thorn Creek.

16:47 911 Hang Up - Sounded like driving a car

17:24 Motorist Assist – Car in lane of traffic without light on

17:45 Battery – States that he got into a confrontation with neighbor and neighbor shoved him down. He has a bruised wrist and ribs. Wants to file a report.

18:29 Medical - Was flagged down and said woman had broken

23:33 Medical – States that his neighbor is staying in his camper and has possible food poisoning. Can't hold down any foods or fluids. Has been vomiting constantly for a couple of days.

16:47 Two summons to serve per a business and one for person.

12/4/2020

0:15 Medical - Husband fell and can't get up.

6:51 Medical - Male, 78, difficulty breathing and feeling weak 9:50 Grand Theft - States his

truck was broken into and some of his tools were stolen. 10:59 Animal on Roadway/

HWY - Passerby stopped in to report there were cows on the highway at the summit.

11:31 Illegal Dumping – States someone is dumping trash on his property.

14:22 Alarm Fire - Alarm at business, possibly in compressor

14:07 Vin Inspection – California plates on two vehicles - 68 Mercedes and 46 Willy.

17:27 Citizen Complaint - A fellow HAM operator reported that just south of Milepost 19, there was a green flare shot into

18:51 Alarm Fire - States that her fire alarms are going off and doesn't know why

20:20 Information – States that son hit rock on HWY 21 headed to Kirkham. Said Chevy is pushed off the side of the road and that they plan to come get it sometime

23:14 Road Hazard - Rockslide in west bound lane

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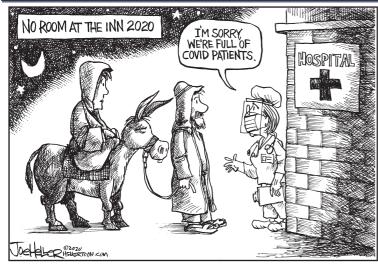
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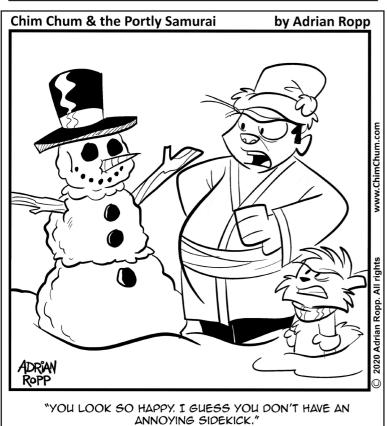
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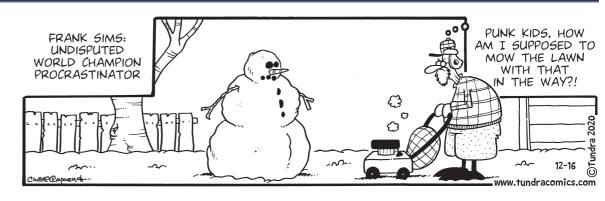
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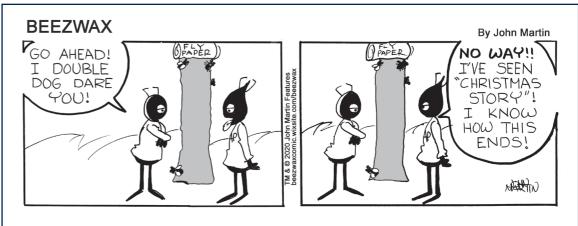
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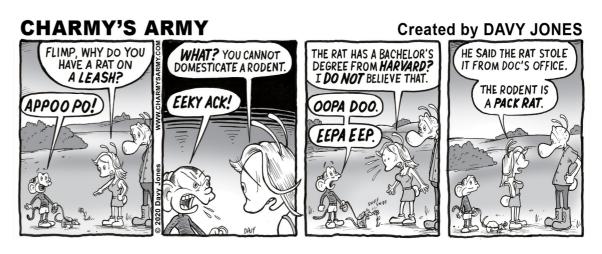
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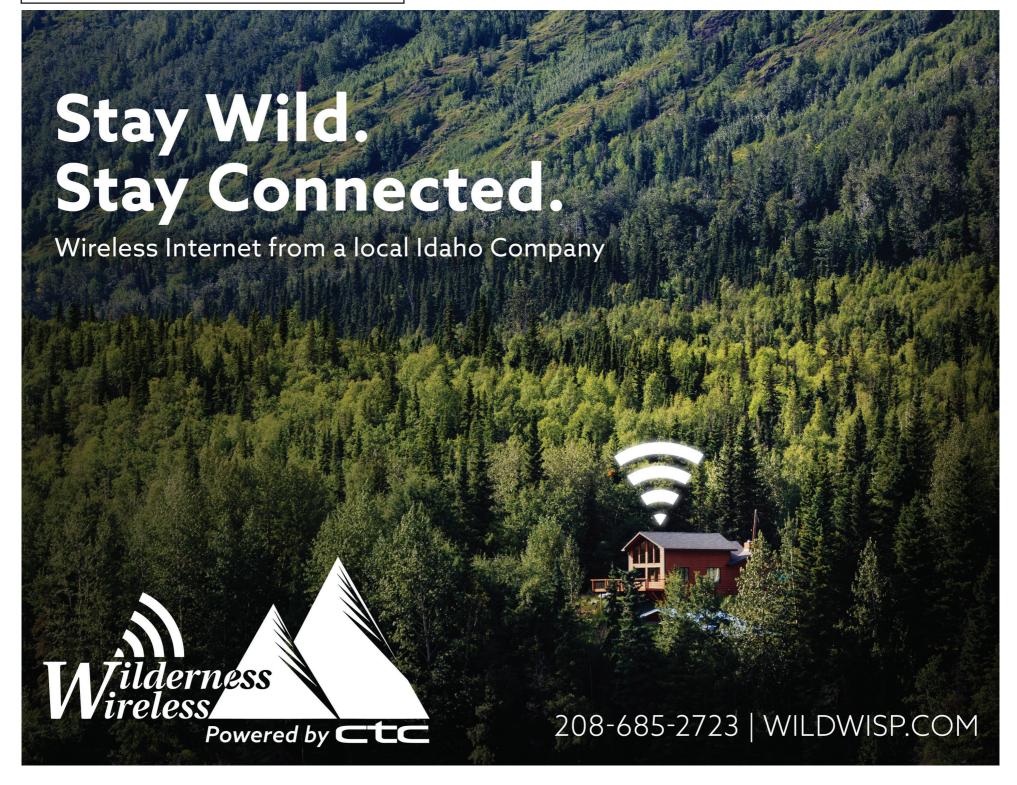












Crouch City Council Discusses Business Licenses and Snow Plowing

By Janet Juroch

CROUCH -- The Crouch City Council had its regular meeting on December 9, 2020, which is the customary 2nd Tuesday of the month. The meeting was a little different as members and staff created a Zoom meeting that the public could attend. There was one Council member in the office

for anyone wishing to attend in person. The next few monthly meetings may be the same if Phase 2 recommendations initiated by Governor Brad Little stay in effect.

With COVID-19 Pandemic restrictions on businesses, City Council members considered implementing something different to help the community

businesses. Council has been aware of businesses having to follow guidelines which may have affected the bottom line over the past nine months. During the meeting they discussed ways to provide some small relief. With the uncertainty of COVID-19 over the next few months, Council decided to approve an idea that may help some of the city businesses and vendors. The city officials have agreed to extend the 2020 Business License another year into the year 2021 without a fee

New Businesses will still need to get a new License at City Hall but the fee will be waived for 2021. The application can be emailed by calling 208-462-4687 or email cityofcrouch@frontiernet.net . The

form may be attainable on the website soon. Watch for announcements once that is available. Liquor Licenses are not part of this decision.

The City of Crouch, along with the core city business property owners, have come to an agreement to hire a snow plowing contractor for the Old Crouch Road and some of the paved parking areas by businesses. This would provide more uniformity with plowing for those core businesses. Previously, everyone hired their own snow plowing services, which created some inconsistencies in how downtown is plowed. This plan would make snow removal better for all downtown businesses and their customers.

On a side note: Weilmun-

ster Park rentals are processed through Garden Valley Parks and Recreation District. Discount rates will apply to locals. Contact them at info@gvrecdistrict.org. A reservation calendar is on their website at www.gvrecdistrict.org

Currently, the Crouch/Garden Valley Community Hall is not available for rentals until COVID-19 restrictions are lessened by Governor Little, Central District Health, or both. City hall has limited hours and prefer appointments if one cannot come during the "open office hours" time of Tuesday and Wednesday from 10am to 2pm. During the last two holiday weeks of the year, the same hours will be maintained. Masks are required when doing business at City Hall.



Boise County snowplow operators are out clearing roadways. Use caution and do not pass on the right.

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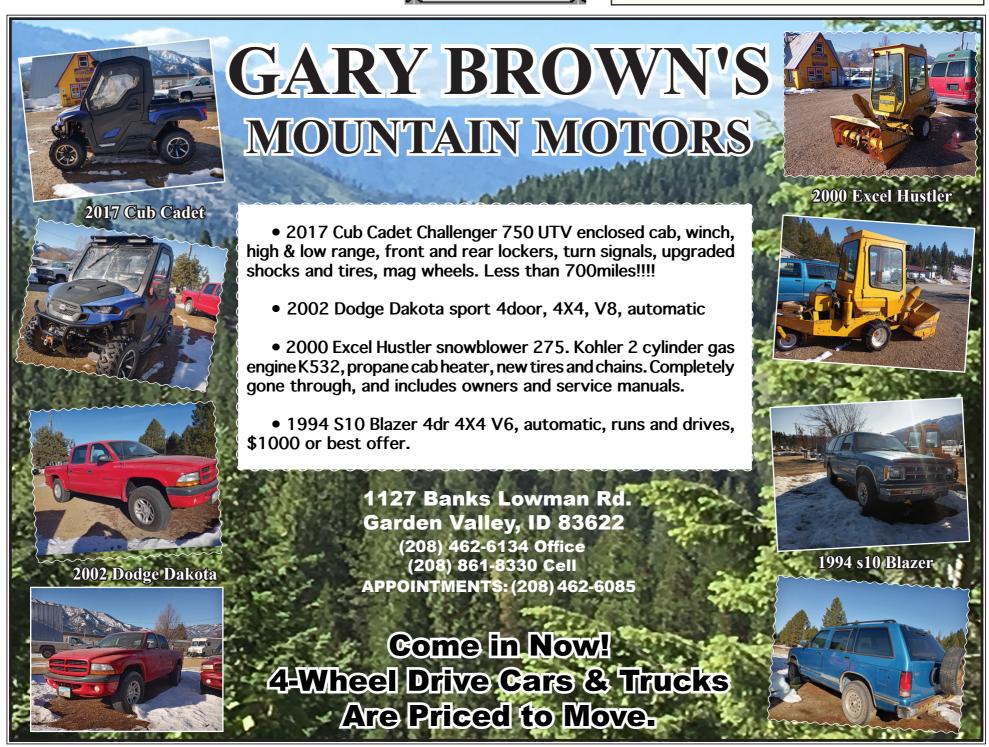
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East Boise County Ambulance District is a mostly volunteer-based rural EMS agency which is part of a much larger Emergency Response System including local and regional Dispatch, Law Enforcement, multiple Fire Departments and

County Emergency Management, along with other various Advance Life Support Agen-

Our agency provides Basic Life Support emergency transport services to several areas within Boise County. There are currently ambulances staged in Lowman, Idaho City, Placerville, and the Mores Creek area. In an effort to advance the care we are able to provide to our patients we will be holding another EMT class in February to include state approved

optional modules (I.V., I.O., Airways, and 12-lead) bringing our agency to the intermediate level, with the goal of obtaining Advanced status in the near future.

We have recently hired a third full-time EMT position doubling as Training Director and have purchased a training software program to adapt to the social distancing constraints the recent pandemic has placed on EMS agencies nation-wide.

Also, due to the pandemic

we, like most rural EMS agencies, have understandably seen a significant decrease in volunteer responders, mainly due to the fact that a majority of our responders are retired, putting them in the high risk age group. Most, if not all, are very eager to receive the upcoming vaccine in order to resume their volunteer work within the community.

As our community continues to grow, EMS services must grow as well to ensure the health and safety of those we

serve. If you would like to attend the upcoming EMT class, are interested in volunteering as an EMT or Driver, would like information on our subscription Ride Ticket program, or have any other questions about our agency or recent media coverage, feel free to call, email, or visit our website at:

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Dpinions ~ etters to the Editor

been declared "NOT A TRUE REPUBLICAN" by the Boise County Republican Committee. I am sorry the Republican Party has left me, I have not left them. did these other members come I believe we have a right to from and who elected them? choose our political affiliation and not the reverse. When the you choose to wear a mask you ruling party decides who can join and what their beliefs are, we lose all our freedom. As of Sunday 12/13/2020 Idaho has had 121,000 coronavirus cases with 1,173 deaths and Boise county has had 199 cases with committee members and return 2 deaths, most of which could have been avoided with simple precautions.

Let's look at the Republican Central Committee. It is composed of 6 elected members

First, let me state that I have that meet in secrecy and are not required to comply with the Idaho Open meeting law. If you read their resolution it says 9 members voted, where

> What it boils down to is if are not a true Republican, so it is perfectly proper for someone to spread death and illness in the community and not be held accountable.

It might be time to recall the sanity and open accountability for the people of Boise County.

Dan Gasiorowski Placerville

Recent items in the Idaho World have expressed concerns regarding East Boise County Ambulance District's (EBCAD) poor response into the Placerville area (11/4) and that EBCAD needs more volunteers (10/14). KBOI-Boise also reported (11/6) that Boise Country, primarily EBCAD, needed more EMT volunteers and that EBCAD's response into Lowman and other areas of our county are dangerously poor.

the KBOI report, Per EBCAD's Director claims 60 members on their roster but only "a handful" (10) currently respond. Any employer, es-

pecially a County-ran and tax supported ambulance service, that claims 80% of their staff don't 'come to work' has a big problem.

EBCAD does not have a recruitment problem, they have retention problem. This has been an issue with EBCAD, just made worse with COVID. The answer is not more EMT classes, but to fix the underlying issues for why members don't stay active. So, before you send in your EBCAD application, you might consider asking several questions.

- 1. Why have the other 50 members, many of them experienced EMTs, quit or quit responding? Does EBCAD keep data on and address why members quit? If so, is this public record?
- 2. What are the upfront and continuing true costs to a member to join? It costs more than time to volunteer with EBCAD.
- 3. What is EBCAD doing to retain and encourage members to stick around and stay active? Training? Uniforms? Safety gear? Meals and/or mileage reimbursement for those living outside the county?

4. Lastly, what are BC Commissioners doing to improve EBCAD's response, staffing, and membership satisfaction? Do they even have a plan? Is that plan available to the public?

'People don't leave bad jobs, they leave bad managers' is true for all jobs but even more so for Emergency Medical Service (EMS) volunteers. The physical, mental, and spiritual stress dealing with sick and injured takes a toll on everyone in EMS. Not being paid, respected or appreciated by management, quickly leads to member dissatisfaction.

Idaho code places responsibility for ambulance service on County Commissioners. Until our Commissioners fix EBCAD's underlying management problems, new members will join and quit, ambulance response will remain poor in our community, and our tax dollars will continue to be wasted.

Gary McLean, Paramedic, RN, EMT Instructor





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Mustang Basketball



Sophomore Blayne Meyer (left) goes up for the shot during the Horseshoe Bend Varsity Mustang basketball team's loss in Fairfield against the Camas County Mushers on Tuesday, December 8th. The Mustangs were defeated 39-62 in the non-conference game against the 1A Sawtooth Division Mushers. The loss put the Mustangs 1-3 for the season. Image courtesy of Cora Larson

ly Mustangs



The Horseshoe Bend Lady Mustang Varsity Basketball team took a big loss in Fairfield on Tuesday, December 8 after traveling 133 miles to take on the Mushers of Camas County High School. The final score was 7-60. The Mustangs are 0-3 overall for the season and will compete in their first Long Pin Division district game at home on Thursday, December 17. The game will be livedstreamed on the Horseshoe Bend Mustang Athletics Facebook page with tip off at 6:00 p.m. Pictured from right to left (in black): Junior Lexi Roberts gets ready to pass to waiting teammates freshman Abby Howerton, freshman Torey Tschida, junior Lilly Fellom. Image courtesy of Cora Larson

A decisive turnaround for the Horseshoe Bend Varsity Mustang Basketball (right) team occurred on Thursday, December 10. After losing a hard fought game 39-42 to the Gem State Adventist Academy Jaguars in their season opener on November 30th, the Mustangs came out hot with new additions to their starting line up to take the 67-27 win at home. The win gives the Mustangs a 1-4 overall record. The Mustangs will be at home on 12/15 against the Cascade Ramblers and on 12/17 against the Tri-Valley Titans. Both games tip off at 7:30 p.m. and will be livestreamed on the Horseshoe Bend Mustang Athletics Facebook page. Pictured from left to right: Junior Colten Meyer, senior Hunter Howerton, sophomore Blayne Meyer, junior Keegan Smith, junior Bennett Thurman.

The Horseshoe Bend Junior Varsity Basketball (bottom right) team chalked up another win, this time at home, against the Gem State Adventist Academy Jaguars. The 60-13 win on December 10 gives the JV Mustangs a 5-0 overall record for the season. The JV team will play their first Long Pin Division conference game on 12/15 (6:00 p.m.) against the Cascade Ramblers and they match up with the Tri-Valley Titans on 12/17 (4:30 p.m.). Both games are at home and will be livestreamed on the Horseshoe Bend Mustang Athletics Facebook page. Pictured: Junior Bennett Thurman (right) takes the ball up court as his teammate, sophomore Seth Rubal (left) looks on.





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Crisis Standards of Care

Board of Health and Welfare adopts rule for timely activation of crisis standards of care

BOISE COUNTY -- At an emergency board meeting on December 11th, the Board of the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare approved temporary administrative rule that allows for the timely activation of crisis standards of a very last resort, and I hope care during a pandemic, natural disaster, or other emergency that is overwhelming Idaho's healthcare system.

Crisis standards of care are guidelines that help healthcare providers and healthcare systems decide how to deliver the best care possible under the extraordinary circumstances of a disaster. Crisis standards of care guidelines would be used when resources are insufficient to provide the usual standard of care to people who need it. The goal of crisis standards of care is to save as many lives as possible.

The new rule creates an activation advisory committee that will help Department of Health and Welfare Director Dave Jeppesen to decide when crisis standards of care are ac-

tivated. The rule took effect immediately and won't expire until after the legislative session, which is typically around the end of March or April.

The adoption of the rule comes at a time when CO-VID-19 cases are surging throughout Idaho and many hospitals are overwhelmed.

"Crisis standards of care are we don't have to implement them," said DHW Director Dave Jeppesen. "It is preventable, if people choose to follow the recommended guidelines."

When crisis standards of care are in effect, people who need medical care may experience care that is different from what they expect. For example, emergency medical services may need to triage (prioritize) which 9-1-1 calls they respond to. Patients admitted to the hospital may find that hospital beds are not available or are in repurposed rooms (e.g. a conference room) or that laboratory or radiology services are limited or delayed.

The crisis standards of care plan was developed in 2020 and has never been implement-



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HSB Elementary Students Receive Toy Donations from Marines

By Tracy Koslosky HORSESHOE BEND --

Since 1948 the US Marine Corps Reserves have been collecting new unwrapped toys to give to the less fortunate children in communities all across the United States, including Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. According to the History of the Toys for Tots Program, it all began when Marine Corps Reserve Major Bill Hendricks was asked by his wife, Diane, to find an organization for needy children that she could donate some handcrafted dolls to. When Major Hendricks could find no such agency, Diane told him he should "start one!" Major Hendricks enlisted the help of his reserve unit in Los Angeles and they collected and gave out 5,000 toys that year.

Major Hendricks's Commandant directed all Marine Reserve sites to begin Toys for Tots programs after seeing the results of the community's engagement in the program. In 1991, the Marine Toys for Tots Foundation was formed and the program remains governed by a board of directors who

are all veteran Marines. They are headquartered in Quantico, Virginia and are responsible for the Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots program. The Marine Force reserves has around 40,000 Marines stationed at more than 150 Reserve Unit sites across America.

The Toys for Tots program relies on the generosity of local communities to help provide the much needed toys.

This year, the Horseshoe Bend Elementary School students were the beneficiaries of the Marine Corps Reserve's largesse. On Monday, December 14th, a large truck and trailer pulled up to the Horseshoe Bend School District campus loaded with toys for all the elementary school students. Several Marines and Santa Claus unloaded boxes of toys that will be distributed to the students on Thursday, December 17th before the school breaks for the holiday.

The Marine Corps hopes to bring the joy of Christmas and a message of hope to these children.



Thanks to the generosity of the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program the students at Horseshoe Bend Elementary will be experiencing some extra joy this Christmas. Pictured from left to right: 1st Sergeant Craig Wilcox, Santa Claus (KBOI AM 670 News Talk Host Nate Shelman), Staff Sergeant Gavin Glon, Staff Sergeant Nic Garcia.

KBOI 670 AM News Radio Host Nate Shelman takes some time out from delivering presents with the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots program to visit with kindergarten students at Horseshoe Bend Elementary on Monday, December

Photos by Tracy Koslosky



LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING LEGAL NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That the Planning & Zoning

Commission will hold a Public Hearing at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 17 2020 at the Boise County Court House to hear the following application: Avimor Planned Community, All interested persons are invited to attend this meeting via Zoom. Find the Zoom link on the Boise County web site www.boisecounty.us.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS Case No. CV08-20-0218

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF BOISE

In the Matter of the Estate of RICHARD L. FRENETTE, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed 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 months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or their claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented to the undersigned at the address indicated, and filed with the Clerk of the Court.

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BOISE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS CONDENSED MINUTES TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1st, 2020-Miners' Exchange Building, Idaho City, Idaho, 83631

Chairman Stirm called the meeting to order and the pledge of allegiance was recited. Present: Chairman Stirm, Commissioner Jackson, Commissioner Ward, Clerk Prisco, Deputy Clerk Coffelt, Assessor Juszczak, Human Resources/Court Supervisor Schiffer, Emergency Management Coordinator Showalter, Road & Bridge Superintendent Jones, Coroner Garlock, EBCAD Director Potts and EBCAD Assistant Director Wassom. Minutes for November 17th, and November 24^{th} , 2020 were approved. A repeater transfer was approved. Purchase of a flail mower for the Road & Bridge Dept. was approved. An annual operating plan for the IC Snowgroomer program was approved. An annual law enforcement operating plan was approved. A letter to the P&Z Commission was approved. One demand warrant was approved. An update by Mr. Duke from CDH was given to the Board. An interview for the IT Director with Mr. Byron Dooley ensued. A public hearing for the creation of a Noise & Disorderly Home Ordinance was opened and continued. A public hearing for a vacation of the Backus Subdivision ensued. Commissioner discussion and committee reports were discussed. Future agenda topics were discussed. Adjourned. Approval, Chairman Stirm. Attest, Clerk Prisco, Clerk to the Board.

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There appeared to be a two car accident in Garden Valley on Sunday, December 13th. One car with Ada County plates had slid off the road and crashed through a barbed wire fence. The other car was on the opposite side of the road. It was unknown if there were any injuries, but Boise County Deputies responded.

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If interested in any of the above positions, please fill out our online form and attach a resume at the following: https://thespringsid.wufoo.com/forms/apply-online-to-join-the-team-at-the-springs/

Boise County Road & Bridge Department is currently accepting applications for a temporary Snow Plow Operator for the Idaho City area. 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. Applications accepted until the position is filled. Pre-employment Drug testing is required. Boise County is an Equal Opportunity Employer and gives Veteran's Preference in its hiring practices.

Position: Office Assistant for the Prosecutor's Office

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Basin School District is looking for substitute teachers. Applications are available at the high school office. Applicants must have a high school diploma and, if hired, pass a background check. Please call the Basin district office at 208-392-4183 extension 1274 if you need any additional information. Address for application pick up is 100 Centerville Rd, Idaho City ID., 83631

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Basin School District has an opening for a full time Maintenance Worker.

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Boise County Road & Bridge Department has an opening for a full-time Equipment Operator in the Garden Valley area. Application and Job Description can be printed from the Boise County website www.boisecounty.us, or call (208)793-2380. Pre-employment drug testing is required. Boise County is an Equal Opportunity Employer and gives Veteran's preference in its hiring practices.

Basin School District #72 in Idaho City is accepting applications for a full time bus driver. Must have a Class B CDL. Salary is dependent on experience. Full benefits are included.

District #72 is an equal opportunity employer. Applications are available at Idaho City High

School office.

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COMMUNITY

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Garden Valley Food Pantry:

The GV Food Pantry will now be distributing only on the 2nd Friday of every 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.

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Crouch: Al-Anon support group for friends and family of alcoholics meets weekly at Crouch Community Church on Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m. in the library.

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BUSINESSES



Coyote in the snow.

Photo by Linda Ruppel, DDS

COVID-19 Vaccine Comes to Idaho this Week



BOISE COUNTY -- The COVID-19 vaccine from Pfizer and BioNTech is arriving in Idaho this week, and by the end of the week the state is expecting to have received all of our initial allotment of 13,650 doses of the ultra-cold vaccine.

The Idaho COVID-19 Vaccine Advisory Committee, after reviewing CDC guidance and discussing Idaho's needs, has determined that healthcare workers will be receiving these initial doses. The vaccine is being distributed to Idaho's seven local public health districts based on the number of healthcare workers in each, and they are working to ensure that the vaccine is delivered to healthcare providers in their areas so they can begin giving it to their staff.

More specifically, this initial shipment is destined for hospital staff and outpatient clinic staff who provide care for CO-VID-19 patients. More detail on who is in the first phases of Idaho's vaccine rollout plan are available at https://coronavirus.idaho.gov/covid-19-vaccine/

"We are thrilled to finally have a vaccine in hand to get vaccinations started, but we know there won't be enough in this first shipment to vaccinate all healthcare workers who want it," said Elke Shaw-Tulloch, the state's public health officer and administrator of the Division of Public Health. "We are expecting weekly shipments going forward, but exact details are still being determined and will be forthcoming. We expect that healthcare workers will be notified by their employers as they determine a schedule for

vaccinations in their facilities."

Residents and staff of long-term care facilities are also included in the initial phase. The COVID-19 Vaccine Advisory Committee advised following the CDC's requirements to have a certain amount of vaccine available to the state before initiating the long-term care facility program that will be provided by specific pharmacies. This program is anticipated to begin after the second week of vaccine allocation.

"We know there are a lot of questions from Idahoans who want to know when they will be able to receive the vaccine," Shaw-Tulloch continued. "I am encouraged by the level of interest in the vaccine, but we don't have all of those details yet. This is a rapidly evolving situation and things are changing quickly. We are also very concerned that we don't rush the process: vaccinators need to make sure they have the proper tools and training to get started. But rest assured that we want to get the vaccine to as many people who want it, as quickly as possible, and we will communicate more through press releases and our coronavirus. idaho.gov website as we find out more about how many doses we will receive and when."

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration issued an Emergency Use Authorization on Friday night for the Pfizer/BioNTech vaccine, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices voted Saturday to recommend the vaccine for use.

Senior Center Partners with Food Bank





Written and photos by Linda Ruppel, DDS

GARDEN VALLEY -- The GV Senior Center was happy to announce that they were successful in securing a contract with the Idaho Food Bank to provide food for those in need in the Garden Valley area. Members of the Senior Center went to Boise to pick up the food and then assembled the boxes of food to be delivered by members of the community. Each box this past week contained bags of potatoes, apples, onions, pasta, and carrots. They also had refridgerated items like cottage cheese, cheddar cheese, milk, yogurt, and a dozen eggs. Also, either a frozen bag of chicken or chicken chili mix was included.

If you know of anyone, or even yourself, who could use some assistance, please either call the GV senior center at 462-3942 and leave a message or stop by Monday, Tuesday, or Thursday from 9 am to noon so arrangements can be made to pick up a box.

Opinion - No Love For Californians

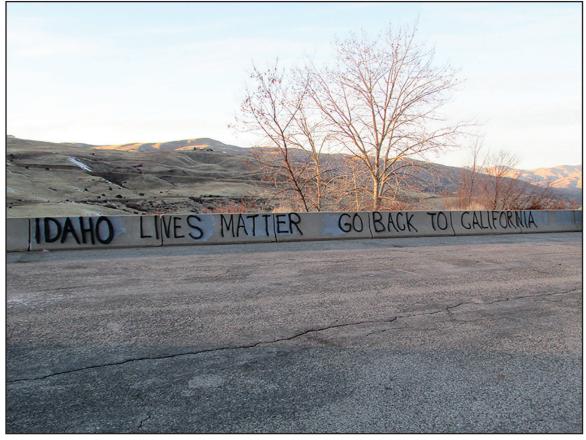
By Tracy Koslosky

HORSESHOE BEND -- The fearful hatred of all things California has been around for a while. In 1980, the Washington Post boasted the following headline, "To Most Idahoans, A Plague of Locusts is Californians." Little has changed since then. Many people from all over the United States have been eyeing Idaho as the place to be.

According to U.S. Census data,

Idaho is tied with Nevada as the fastest growing state in America percentage wise, at 2.1%. With Boise's tech sector and housing affordability, almost 60% of new residents hailed from the Golden State from July 2017 through July 2018. Many natives find this a disproportionate amount of California migrants as housing prices increase and demand grows. While locals expect the influx to become

Idaho converts, not converters, they will also need to accept that growth is unavoidable and with growth comes some change. It should also be noted that less than half of the population of Idaho is originally from Idaho. Perhaps those that are native Idahoans should embrace the similarities they have with the new California transplants: obviously none of them want to be Californians.



A message to Californians is graffitied on the scenic turnout of Highway 55 in Horseshoe Bend. A similar tag was done along Highway 21, near Lucky Peak Dam, a few months ago.

Photo by Tracy Koslosky

Opinion ~ A Politician Needs to Listen to His Constituents

There is a lot of concern and talk over the actions of Boise County Commissioner Ryan Stirm in his role as a member of the Central District Health board representing Boise County.

I believe Commissioner Stirm is making the mistake that seems to be common among many politicians in that he has placed his opinions above those of his constituents. Although Stirm was appointed, not elected, to fill a vacancy as County Commissioner, he still represents the citizens of Boise County and the district, primarily the Horseshoe Bend area. His constituents are not happy with what he has said or done.

During a recent CDH meeting, Stirm gave a rather lengthy discourse -- I would call it a rant -- as to why Boise County citizens should be willing to accept the proposed orders from the CDH. However, he seemed to be speaking down to the citizens of Boise County and saying that they must not care for their fellow Idahoans if they do not go along with these orders. While this is most certainly his opinion, it is not nec-

essarily the belief of most of his constituents. Boise County has a long history of conservative thought and actions and our citizens do not take lightly to having their freedoms taken away from them over what, to many, is a situation not calling for such restrictive actions.

Stirm has also stated that "no one is being forced to close. . .no business will be required to close its doors; only modify the way they do business." He went on to state that these modifications, again in his opinion, will not require much effort. How can he unequivocally state what a business will have to go through? If businesses are forced to limit the number of customers for who knows how long, will they be able to stay in business? Perhaps the way the business is set up, it is difficult for them to make the necessary modifications to their infrastructure and so they decide not to-will they be forcibly required to do so? Businesses are being asked to monitor their customers and call them out if restrictions are not being observed; do all business owners and staff wish

to become enforcers of these mandates? How will that affect their future business? Finally, what happens to the business and its owner who states that they simply refuse to follow what, to them, appears to be unlawful and/or unconstitutional orders; will they feel the power of the state government forcing closure?

The proposed orders include items such as prohibiting gatherings of more than 10 people in both public and private places, excluding school settings. And, of course, the requisite social distancing and mask wearing; so, who does not get invited to Christmas dinner this year? These politicians and unelected bureaucrats are going too far—at least in Boise County.

Again, Commission Stirm has failed to listen to his constituents—and that is what a politician is elected (or in this case appointed) to do.

BY: WARREN L. GRO-VER - Republican Precinct Committeeman, Horseshoe Bend

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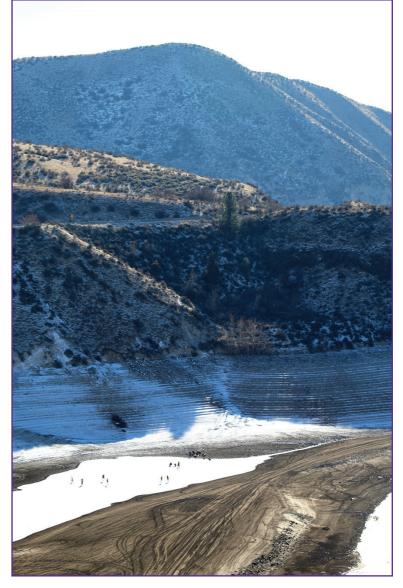
Eric McGilp, Treasurer for the Boise County Republican Central Committee, defended on social media the actions of protesters at the Central District Health meeting on December 8th: "Could not be prouder of the Idaho patriots that showed up at Health district last night. Roughly 500 people peacefully gathering to say: NO, we won't submit to your orders. NO, you can't tell us how many people we can have in our homes. No, you can't force me to wear a mask. No, you can't close my business. It was a beautiful thing!"

"Of course the fake media claimed it was "mayhem" and other such lies. It was not. Watch the full video of the entire event."

"People were singing and praying and it was a perfect example of peaceful protest."

Photo courtesy of BCRCC

Bottom Reservoir Ice Hockey



Hockey enthusiasts gathered at the bottom of Lucky Peak Reservoir on Saturday, December 12th, for some outdoor recreation.

Photos by Eileen Capson



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