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Garden Valley School Board Motions to Bring the Supplemental Levy to a Vote

By Jennifer Haney and Eileen Capson

GARDEN VALLEY -- A meeting of the Garden Valley School Board was held on January 5, 2022. Michael Keith, a bond attorney currently serving as vice president in the Piper Sandler Idaho Public Finance Group, was invited to present information to the community on the proposed supplemental tax levy, which would help fund the Garden Valley Schools. Mr. Keith explained that a supplemental levy is allowed under the Idaho Code that permits school districts to ask voters to provide additional funding for a school district's operational cost. Therefore, the revenue can be used for any expenditure that is allowable under Idaho Code.

He explained that Idaho has often ranked last in the nation in per-pupil spending, according to the National Education Association. Currently, most school districts in Idaho use supplemental levy revenue to help pay for their operational costs, including salaries and benefits. Supplemental levies

require a vote of 50 percent, plus one, to be approved, or 50 percent minus one to be rejected by the voters. These type of levies must be voted on every two years by those residing within the taxing district. Mr. Keith suggested that the levy could be an approximate increase in taxes; for example, on a medium-sized home it would come out to be about 2.75%.

Superintendent Randy Thompson assured, “We try and be very good stewards of taxpayer money.” There has been concern that the current income for the school does not cover the entire budget. Superintendent Thompson stated that “without the levy, things will need to be cut.”

A few concerned citizens asked to speak at the meeting, both for and in opposition of the levy.

The Garden Valley School Board met again on January 11th to decide if the supplemental levy would be on the ballot. For more information you can visit the link [SUPPLEMENTAL LEVY 2022 INFORMATION | Garden Valley School](#) or gvsd.net, contact Superintendent Randy Thompson, or one of the school board members.

School Board Chairman Skye Davis said, “It is of my opinion that we can't function without a supplemental levy.” He then asked the board's treasurer, Morris Morgan, to speak. Mr. Morgan recapped on the special meeting held on January 5th, “This is how schools are forced now to raise funds by the local taxpayers, because in early 2000, the Idaho Legislature changed the rules so they could come out and say, ‘We've reduced taxes.’ But all they did was move the tax for schooling to the local school districts. And since then, the



The Garden Valley School Board met on Tuesday, January 11th, and decided to move forward with bringing the proposed supplemental levy to a vote in March for those residing in their district.

schools have needed to run supplemental levies. Secondly, the state does not reimburse us for all of our expenses. There's certain areas in our school where the percentage of the expenses exceed that of schools in bigger districts, just because we are smaller.” Mr. Morgan also said, “Also, there are other expenses where the legislature would mandate or federal government would mandate that we do certain things, but they do not fund us to do that. They call unfunded mandates. They will pass a law, but not make funds available.”

Mr. Davis addressed the COVID-19 funds received, “We are not allowed to use the COVID funds that we received towards anything that was already an expenditure. So, we can't use the COVID money to pay our teachers. We can't use the COVID money for expenses on employees, outside of teachers. So, anything that's a line item on the normal budget.”

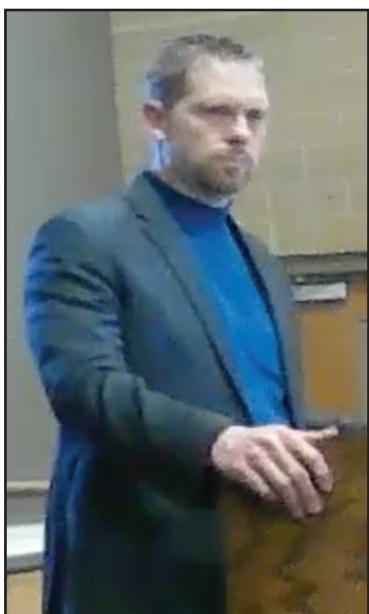
A motion was made by Mr. Davis: “I move that we approve a resolution of School District

71 Boise County, Idaho, calling for a special election to be held for the purpose of... authorizing a supplemental levy.” The motion was approved unanimously.

The election for the proposed

school supplemental levy will be held in March of 2022.

More information from Garden Valley School District 71 regarding the proposed supplemental levy can be found



Michael Keith, with Piper Sandler Idaho Public Finance Group addressed the public regarding the need for a supplemental levy.



School Board Chairman Skye Davis (left) said with sincerity, “It is of my opinion that we can't function without a supplemental levy.” The board's treasurer, Morris Morgan (right) explained, “In early 2000, the Idaho Legislature changed the rules so they could come out and say, ‘We've reduced taxes.’ But all they did was move the tax for schooling to the local school districts. And since then, the schools have needed to run supplemental levies.”

Photos courtesy of GVSD streaming of the meeting

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BOISE COUNTY**Fire Department's Annual Torching of the Trees**

By Tracy Koslosky

HORSESHOE BEND

— According to Cause IQ's Idaho Directory, there are currently 51 rural, all-volunteer fire departments in the state. The Department of Homeland Security estimates that 69% of the more than one million firefighters nationwide are volunteers. Fire departments served by crews made entirely of volunteers protect over 35% of the United States' population (dhs.gov). The City of Horseshoe Bend is the beneficiary of one of those departments. The DHS estimates that communities save close to \$140 billion dollars per year thanks to volunteer firefighters. When the HSB Fire Department is not staving off a disaster, they can often be found giving back even more to the residents of Horseshoe Bend.

On Saturday, January 8th the department held its annual Lighting of the Trees. The event takes place on the 2nd Saturday in January and consists of one lucky individual winning a chance to "torch" the town's used Christmas trees while the rest of the community gets to watch the ensuing pyromaniacal show. Although short-lived, the dead Christmas trees exploded into a fiery light show for those gathered to watch.

Former mayoral candidate Jon (JD) Dufresne was the high bidder of the night, winning the chance to throw the

fire starting flare into the pyre for \$100. Dufresne passed on the opportunity in order to put more money into the Horseshoe Bend Fire Department's Burn Out Fund. The annual Lighting of the Trees benefits the Burn Out Fund, which helps community members who have suffered a house fire by way of short-term help with shelter, clothing, and food.

Rebekah Brown came in with the next high bid at \$80, but she too passed the "torch" for the benefit of the Burn Out Fund.

The Gorski family bid \$50 and 7th grader Cole Gorski sparked the trees.

Horseshoe Bend's all-volunteer fire department is committed to helping the community by continual training in structure fires, wildland fires, auto accident recoveries, swift water rescues, and community education. The community can give back to the fire district volunteers by donating supplies (Gatorade, Powerade, and bottled water are always welcome) or by giving to the Burn Out Fund. For more information contact Captain Jordan Jones (208) 860-0718 or send a direct message through their Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/wivesof-HSBfire/>. Self-motivated members of the community over the age of 18 who are interested in joining the department can contact Jones for more information.



The aging Christmas trees erupted into a fiery inferno after being ignited. Photos by Tracy Koslosky



The community of Horseshoe Bend gathered together on Saturday, January 8 for the HSB Fire Department's annual Lighting of the Trees. Proceeds benefit the community Burn Out Fund.



Horseshoe Bend Fire department Chief and city council-member Curtis Corvinus auctions off the coveted "torch" prior to the Lighting of the Trees.



HSB Middle School student Cole Gorski gets ready to ignite the Christmas trees. Pictured from left to right: Gorski, HSB Fire Chief Curtis Corvinus, and Jon Dufresne (Dufresne was the night's high bidder but he offered the flare up for a second time in order to increase the money going to the Burn Out Fund)

Photos by Tracy Koslosky

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BOISE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Transcribed by Eileen Capson

January 4, 2022

Present: Commissioners Steven Twilegar, Robert Holmes, and Ryan Stirm (by phone).

Pledge of Allegiance

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Closed session for a "risk management" issue. [Time 9:03 am to 9:16 am] Acting Chairman Twilegar said that they talked about risk management, "but also talked about another issue... That issue pertained to paying road and bridge, and safety folks on the occasion that a paid holiday is not the weekend. They are not getting paid that time and a half." Twilegar made a motion to recognize the actual holiday as it relates to holiday pay for the Road and Bridge Department, and safety employees that have to work on a weekend holiday. All were in favor of the motion.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Closed session to discuss the personnel policy. [Time 9:16 am to 9:34 am] No action required.

CONSTITUENT INPUT: None

DEPARTMENTAL ISSUES: None

MOTIONS: Commissioner Twilegar motioned to purchase with grant money two handheld radios for the Sheriff's Office for a total of \$3,797.76.

Reimbursement of the Bogus Basin grant was discussed. Twilegar made a motion to sign a document for reimbursement totaling \$139,688 for the Clear Creek - Bogus Basin hazard [fire] mitigation.

Acting Chairman Twilegar motioned to pay for the HVAC unit in the Sheriff's Office in the amount of \$3,520 for labor, installation, and equipment.

ROTATION OF FUNERAL HOMES: There are no

funeral homes in Boise County. They don't get reimbursed for mileage to come pick up the deceased and it's becoming a problem to get juneral homes to come up. The resolution says that the county pays a set amount for an indigent case. Prosecutor Strong addressed the issue and said it was what was agreed to by the funeral homes. The amount includes the transportation and cremation of that person, if they are indigent. However, if it's a funeral home in Emmett that is on call and the person passes in Lowman, it can be very expensive for the transportation.

PROSECUTOR: Commissioner Twilegar motioned to allow the prosecutor to increase the salary for the new deputy prosecutor that he would like to hire.

SNOW: Commissioner Stirm addressed the snowbank pushed about 10-feet high in front of the Horseshoe Bend Food Bank. They had to pay to have it removed and he thought they should be reimbursed, and that the county not push snow there again.

LIQUOR LICENSE: A motion was said to approve a liquor license.

DEMAND WARRANT: Twilegar motioned to pay for software in the amount of \$2,625. He then motioned to pay \$800 for the Garden Valley snow groomer ground lease payment.

BOISE COUNTY REPUBLICAN CENTRAL COMMITTEE: A representative from the Horseshoe Bend area spoke concerning responses to the COVID-19 pandemic and "liberties swept away." He read a prepared statement: "We, the Republican Central Committee of Boise County, Idaho, do proclaim our extreme disappoint-

ment with the Republican majority of the Idaho Legislature due to their utter and complete failure to act when we depended on them the most. Resolve: We see the need for local government to step in and make the correct decisions in the absence of our state government doing so. Therefore, we are asking the county commissioners of Boise County, Idaho to declare that Boise County is a mask and vaccine mandate-free county."

Commissioner Twilegar asked to clarify, "to not allow private businesses and anybody else to mandate to do what they want. Basically to mandate vaccines or masks." The gentleman agreed and included that he was not against wearing masks or getting the vaccine, "but that should be a personal decision."

Twilegar followed up by saying, "In my opinion, if a business wants to ruin itself by mandating masks and vaccines, they would lose some of its best employees. I hear what you're saying, but taking their right away to ruin their business or whatever they want to do - I mean, it's their constitutional right to do what they want with their business."

Commissioner Holmes agreed that "the county and the government should be a choice, even the school, which is a public entity, should be a choice." He said there should be "a happy medium somewhere," with the businesses.

Commissioner Twilegar asked if they knew of anyone in the county that was mandating masks and/or vaccines. The response was "schools" from a constituent and Commissioner Holmes said "they're trying to" for children. Twilegar wanted to know if the schools were

mandating vaccines for teachers and said, "I've talked with Prosecutor Strong a lot about where the line is drawn in that, because they're an elected [school] board. He's basically told me, we have no authority really to do anything."

The representative from the Republican Central Committee read from an article, "Key elements to brainwashing or to creating mass psychosis include isolation, monopolization of perceptions, making compliance easier than resistance, use of media to enforce demands, threats, and fears. During COVID, society has been locked down, isolated for long periods of time. The government, big tech, and the media monopolized the narrative to the point of censoring any opposition. The narrative characterized compliance as a simple mandates as wearing a mask as good citizenship. The media reinforced the narrative by emphatically stating any alternative options were misinformation and leading people with anti-science. The government has threatened every person's ability to hold a job if they

don't get the job. All this over fear over this disease that statistically you have 99% chance of surviving." He continued, "We see what's happening in this country and we've got to stop that from happening... you start it at the county level and that's why we're here."

Commissioner Twilegar concluded that they would "really be mandating that you can't mandate." He asked those present if the board could put this issue on the agenda and vote on it the following week. Twilegar added, "People who think life is going to go back to normal are wrong. I'm convinced that there will be no normal and as soon as the midterm elections go, they are going to ramp this stuff back up." He spoke about the proposed mandate, "this is *really* extreme to me, super extreme, because we're basically just saying you're in business, you cannot do that, is a *very*, *very* big thing to do." He asked that the Central Committee send their draft ordinance to him by email, "I'd like to rewrite some of it."

Adjourned at 10:59 am.

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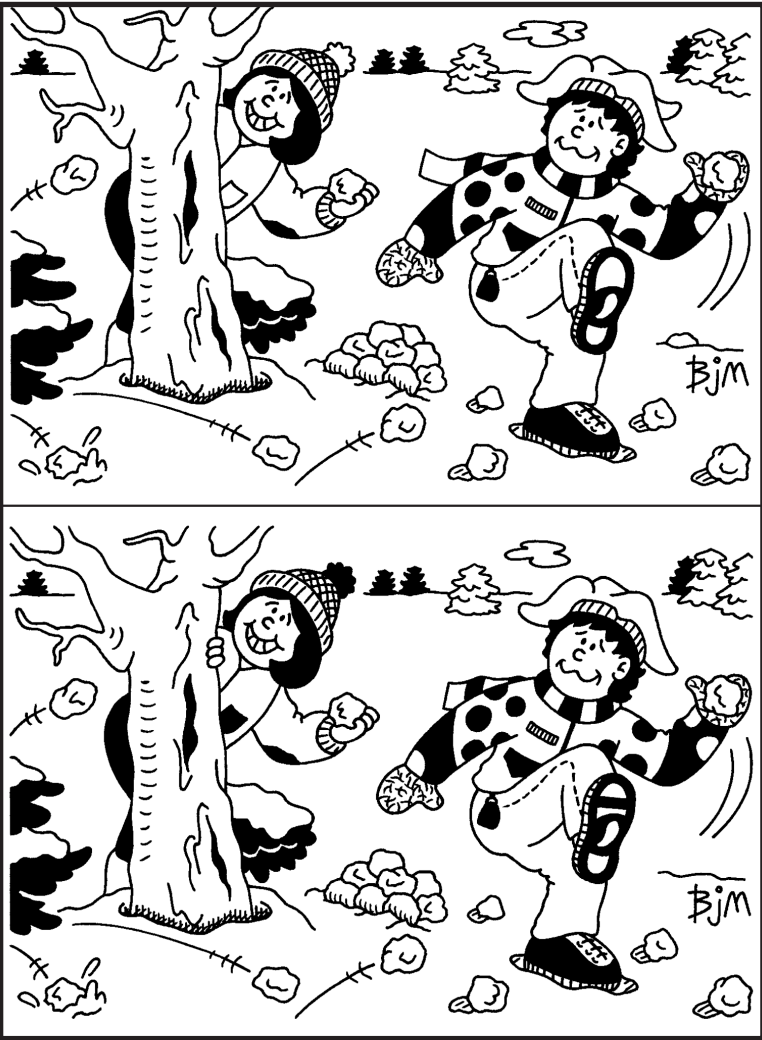
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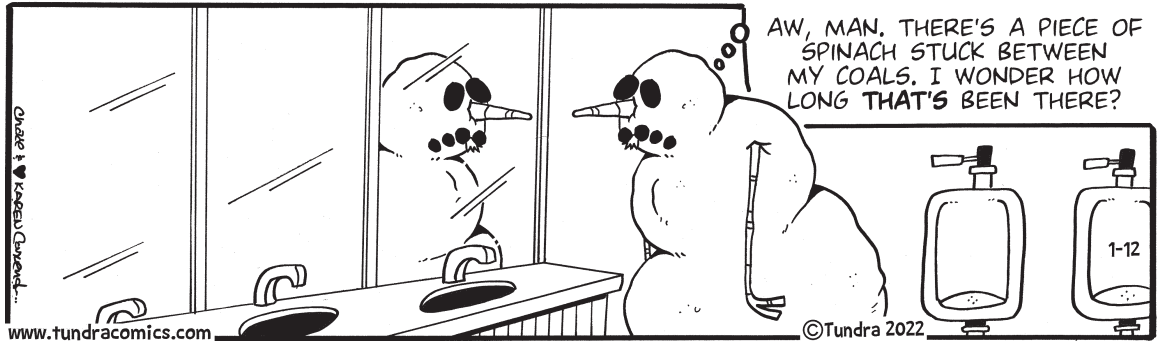
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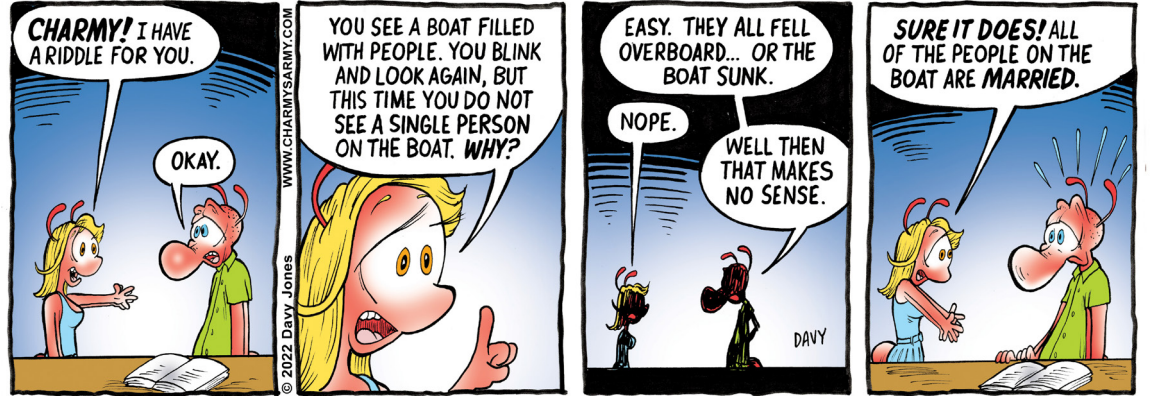


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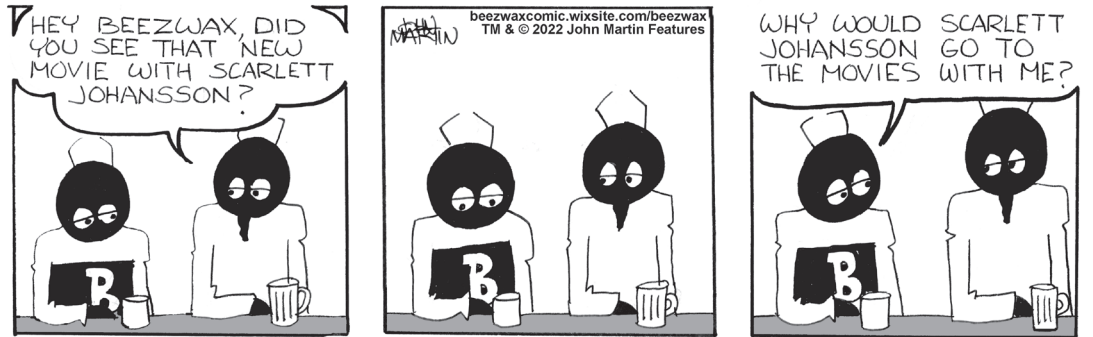


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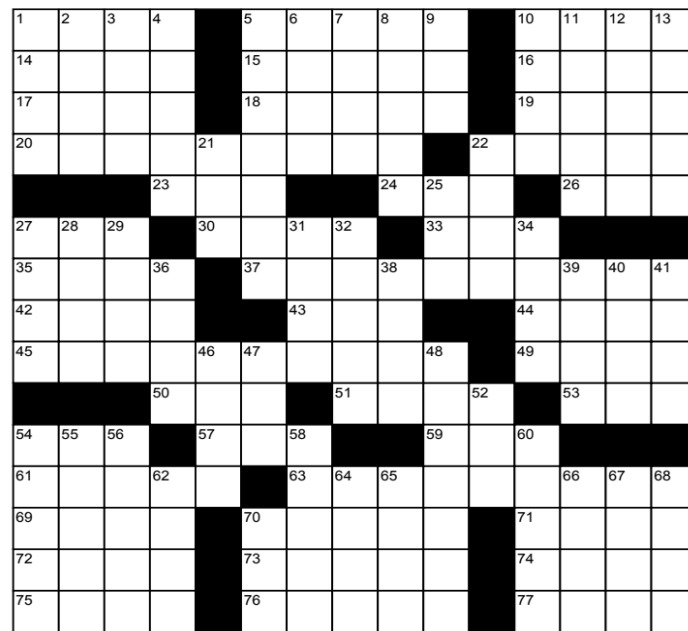


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- 27 Bomb
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- 44 Children's love
- 45 Condense
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ENCORE GARDEN VALLEY DRAMA CLASS PERFORMANCE

By Linda Ruppel, DDS
GARDEN VALLEY -- Last Thursday night was a treat for the community, the Garden Valley Drama Class presented their programs from the District and State Showcase competition. Their teacher Kea Loveland may be new to Garden Valley, but she is an experienced award-winning teacher from Nampa High School. She said she is enjoying being able to teach drama and music to all the grades here in a small school. She expressed how impressed she was with the hard work the kids put into their showcase. Mrs. Loveland is profusely proud of each one of them.

There were about 75 people in the audience and they showed their appreciation with a standing ovation for the cast and their teacher, who was presented with a bouquet of flowers, at the conclusion of the showcase.



Ethan Treavers with *The Moon and Me*, a solo from the Adams Family the Musical. Photos by Linda Ruppel, DDS



Grace Kahre with Catherine's Monologue - Don't Blame the Muse - Snow White Gets Her Way



Mrs. Loveland (left) and drama class receiving standing ovation on January 6, 2022.

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GV SUPPLEMENTAL LEVY



What is a Supplemental Levy? A supplemental levy is a voter-approved (majority 50% + 1) county tax. The funds gathered from this levy are allowed to pay for the continued maintenance and operations of schools as per Idaho Code 33-802. Maintenance and operations include any general fund expenditures.

• What is a school bond levy? A school bond levy is a voter approved (super majority 66 2/3%) county tax. Bonds can be used to acquire property, purchase school buildings, build new schools or facilities, or purchase equipment. Money that is received by the school from bond levies can only be used to pay the bond, not for maintenance, operations, or general fund expenditures.

• 93 of the 115 Idaho public school systems have supplemental levies.

• Supplemental levies have to be voted on every two years.

• Garden Valley voters have passed a supplemental levy every two years consistently since 2009. The supplemental levy was not requested in 2008-2009

when the bond passed and the new building was built. Supplemental levies were brought to and passed by voters before 2008.

• Garden Valley School District IS responsible for the following listed on your 2021 property tax bill: Tort, Bond, and Supplemental. The total tax rate for these in 2021 was .002058019.

What does the school use supplemental levy funds for?

• The State did NOT allocate funds to Garden Valley for the following in 2021: Curriculum, Athletics, and 35% of Transportation Costs (only reimbursed 65% of transportation costs).

• The State requires Garden Valley School District to spend \$110,458 for the maintenance and improvement of student occupied facilities. The state allocation for this requirement was \$20,795.00.

• The school district pays 100% of full time employee insurance.

• The following new opportunities are now being offered to students: Drama: related costs for competition, royalties, IHSAA fees & travel

HS Baseball - this has been requested by students and will

ensure Title IX compliance (we offer softball for female students). HS Baseball-related costs for travel, coaches, competitions, ISHAA fees.

• The perimeter road that accesses the boundaries of the developed area of the property is in need of rebuilding and repair.

• The State recommends that all Idaho school districts have three months of reserve funds to cover all school expenses.

• FY 2020 Special Education expenditures totaled \$597,494.64. State FTE allocation funded the SpEd teacher salary. Medicaid reimbursements totaled \$236,981.64. Supplemental funds helped defray the difference of \$360,513.00.

• In previous years supplemental levy funds have been used for these additional needs: teacher salaries, nurse salary, Student Resource Officer salary.

• An analysis of the budget for FY2021 indicated the difference between funds provided by the state and actual expenditures came to \$563,484.00. This difference was made up with the existing supplemental levy and local reserves.

Heavy Snowfall and Big Toys



The Paul Shepherd crew did a fantastic job helping out the Garden Valley community with their snowplowing needs these past two weeks. With an abundance of snow, it's becoming harder for homeowners to push it back any further. Paul (owner), Kyle (son), and Nate (nephew - pictured here) have been enjoying the work with some new big toys that are packed with muscle and have the ability to move the heavy snow with ease.

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Novice skiers from Horseshoe Bend School District take a lesson at Tamarack Resort.

Photo by Tracy Koslosky

By Tracy Koslosky

HORSESHOE BEND -- After days of snowy weather, Horseshoe Bend School District students were treated to a day of rain during their planned ski trip to Tamarack Resort in Donnelly. The wet weather didn't dampen spirits as the-

silent group took to the slopes. Many first-timers took skiing or snow boarding lessons while those with more experience made their way to the lifts to try out the runs. The district has a second trip planned for the students on Thursday, February 3. Interested students from

the district can pick up information/permission slip packets from the high school office.




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Solution: 1. Girl's hand on tree. 2. Snowball on pile is missing. 3. Lump of snow on ground is missing. 4. Cloud is missing. 5. Part of boy's hat is hidden. 6. Pompom on girl's hat is colored in. 7. Pocket on girl's coat is colored in. 8. Snowball behind boy has moved. 9. Boy's scarf is shorter. 10. Tree branch is longer. 11. Branch by girl's leg is shorter. 12. Bottom of shoe is different.

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Fatality Crash



HORSESHOE BEND -- Idaho State Police is investigating a fatal vehicle crash that occurred at approximately 3:55 p.m., on January 7, 2022, on State Highway 55 at milepost 72, in Boise County.

A 39-year-old male from

Nampa, Idaho, was driving a Chevrolet Silverado pickup northbound on State Highway 55 when the vehicle left the shoulder of the roadway and went into the river. The driver of the Chevrolet Silverado succumbed to his injuries at the scene.

Next of kin have been notified. The driver of the Chevrolet Silverado was wearing a seatbelt.

The roadway was blocked for approximately seven and a half hours while crews worked to clear the scene.

A name had not yet been released as of January 11, 2022.



Happy squirrel snacking a peanut in Garden Valley

Photo by Mrjolein Lolkema

Be Prepared and Stay Safe if Winter Weather Causes Power Outages

Submitted by Idaho Power BOISE COUNTY -- Idaho Power keeps the lights on 99.96% of the time, but weather-related outages can last longer. As winter weather continues, Idaho Power offers these important reminders to help customers remain safe and prepared for outages.

- Sign up to receive alerts of outages at your residence through your Idaho Power My Account.

- Maintain both home and car emergency kits with water and other essentials. For a full list of items to include in your kit, visit idahopower.com/outagetips.

- Keep a block of ice in your freezer in case the power goes out, and if it does, keep your refrigerator/freezer doors closed to keep cold air where it's needed most.

If your power goes out:

- Check our online Outage Map or call 1-800-488-6151 to view or report outages.

- To protect your appliances, turn off any that were in use when the power went out — especially electric ranges and space heaters — to prevent the possibility of a fire if you're away when power is restored.

- Only use generators in well-ventilated areas, and ensure the total electric load on your generator won't exceed the generator's rating.

- Never connect a portable generator to house wiring or plug it into an outlet.

Stay clear of downed power lines:

Falling trees, high winds and car accidents occasionally knock power lines to the ground. Always assume any downed line is energized and dangerous. Stay clear, keep others away and immediately call 911 or Idaho Power at 208-388-2323 in the Treasure Valley or 1-800-488-6151. Learn more about what to do if a power line falls on your vehicle on Idaho Power's website.



Horseshoe Bend Basketball

By Tracy Koslosky

HORSESHOE BEND -- The Horseshoe Bend Varsity Mustang team is undefeated in conference play after a big win against the Salmon River Savages in Riggins on Saturday, January 8. The 65-33 road trip win puts the Mustangs 3-5 overall and 2-0 in the 1A DII Long Pin Conference. Sophomore Porter Larson continued his bucket streak with 17 total points followed by his brother, senior Decker Larson with 14 total points. Sophomore Nic Cooper had a good showing

with 13 points. Junior Blayne Meyer followed with 7 points while his brother, senior Colten Meyer had 5 points. Sophomore Kaelun Jones contributed 5 points, sophomore Carson Drake had 5 points, and junior Jedi Graham put 2 on the scoreboard.

The team is on the road Tuesday, January 11 to take on the Garden Valley Wolverines (4-3 overall, 1-1 conference) and they'll travel to Council on Thursday, January 13 to face off against the Lumberjacks (6-4 overall, 3-0 conference)

where the junior varsity game tips off at 6:00 p.m. followed by the varsity game at 7:00 p.m.

Horseshoe Bend is at home for the first time in 2022 on Saturday, January 15 where the varsity Mustangs host the Meadows Valley Mountaineers (0-6 overall, 0-3 conference) at 6:00 p.m.

The team is at home again on Thursday, January 20 to play the Salmon River Savages for a final time in regular season play. The varsity-only match up starts at 6:00 p.m.



Junior Jedi Graham (right) puts the moves on a player from Salmon River during Horseshoe Bend's 65-33 win over the Savages in Riggins on January 8. Also picture: Sophomore Nic Cooper # 15 (left) Photos by Tracy Koslosky



Sophomore Kaelun Jones (right) lays in a jump shot during Horseshoe Bend's 1A DII Long Pin Conference win against the Salmon River Savages.

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Garden Valley resident India Humphreys has produced some very unique pottery pieces. They are on display for a limited time during the month of January at the Garden Valley Library.

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HELP WANTED:

Idaho City School District is accepting applications for substitute teachers, paraprofessionals and custodians. Full and part-time positions are available.

WANTED: PART-TIME SUBSTITUTE DRIVERS/MAIL CARRIERS

WHERE: Garden Valley/Lowman

We are looking for part-time substitutes (up to 4 days per month and vacations on each route) for the Lowman and Garden Valley mail routes. The pay is \$110 per day plus \$15.00 per day for fuel, you will use your own automobile (the Terrace Lakes route can provide a work truck), and you can be paid every two weeks or monthly. Required: Background check, drug test, and 0 points on driving record for the last 3 years. The costs for the test and record will be reimbursed after 6 months of continuous work. Training is paid at \$50 per day. Please call or text Sheila McDonald at 208-999-1865 or Tom Brakensiek at 208-830-2854 for more information.

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Basin School District is looking for Substitute Teachers. Qualifications: High School Diploma or equivalent and to pass a background check. Applications are available at the Basin School District office in the High School.

100 Centerville Rd, Idaho City : Monday - Friday 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. Basin School District is an equal opportunity employer.

Paraprofessional Special Education / Title I (Multiple Positions) Special Education Paraprofessionals assist students with special needs under the direction of the Special Services Director. Paraprofessionals generally work in an inclusionary setting (i.e. least restrictive environment). Special Education Paraprofessionals help special needs students, and care for their physical, emotional health and safety, affirming their abilities, and striving to promote dignity in all relationships. Qualifications: High school diploma (or GED) AND 1) Two years of college (32 credit hours) OR 2) Associate's degree OR 3) Rigorous standard of quality on formal state or local assessment. Classified Application and Job Description available at www.gvsd.net. Submit application to scorn@gvsd.net or at Garden Valley School Administration Office, 1053 Banks Lowman Rd., Garden Valley Idaho.

Boise County Property Appraiser Position opening, located in Idaho City, which is approximately a 45 minute drive from East Boise area. This is a full time position (40 hours/week) will perform a wide range of duties. Primary duties include performing on site property inspections and data entry. Qualifications are: minimum computer skills, attention to detail, ability to work in extreme weather conditions (includes walking and or hiking steep terrain), ability to handle difficult situations, ability to communicate clearly (written and oral), Valid Idaho Driver's License, and High School Diploma or equivalent a must. Position will be paid \$14.84 per hour, with the possibility of over \$1 per hour increase within 1 year. Benefits included are: Health Insurance,

paid vacation, paid sick time, paid holidays and PERSI retirement. To apply, submit to cjuszczak@co.boise.id.us the following: (1) a filled-out Boise County application form; (2) a cover letter; and (3) a resume.

Trudys Kitchen is now hiring Servers, Line Cooks, Prep Cooks and Dishwashers.

Long Term Classroom Substitutes, Substitute for Teachers and Paraprofessionals in Garden Valley

Do you enjoy working with elementary aged children or with older students grades 7-12? If so, please consider becoming a substitute teacher for our district. Being a substitute teacher gives you the opportunity to be in different types of classes, help students achieve their best, and have a flexible schedule. Please contact Stephany Corn at scorn@gvsd.net for more information.

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. Ask for a classified employment application. Salary starts at \$14.00 an hour and up depending on experience. Questions call Russ Taylor at 208-284-7966.

COMMUNITY SERVICES:

Garden Valley Food Bank/Pantry: Distribution will be the 1st & 3rd Thursday of every month at the Sr Center from 8:30-11:30 am AND 2nd & 4th Friday of every month at Calvary Chapel 3:30-5 pm. Food drop off box is located in the GV Market. Contact Toni at 208-315-5418 for more info.

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

Alcoholics Anonymous - Meet in Idaho City at 7pm on Fridays at the Library, 123 Montgomery St.

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.

Horseshoe Bend Pantry is open on the 2nd & 4th Friday of the month, located at the WICAP building from 10-2. Food boxes are prepacked and delivered to cars. No choices until further notice.

Horseshoe Bend - Tuesday's & Friday's-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 65 years of age, \$6.00 for everyone else. For transportation or meal deliv-

ery information call (208) 793-2344.

Horseshoe Bend - Wednesdays- American Legion Bingo. Corner Cafe, 446 ID-55 Horseshoe Bend. Games start at 6:00pm, twenty-five cents per card, 10 games 50/50 winnings split. (please check due to COVID-19)

Volunteers Wanted - No Experience Necessary. The Idaho City Volunteer Fire Protection District is looking for volunteers. Do you feel a desire to give back to your community? If so, then the Fire Department needs YOU! We are an all-volunteer department made up of men and women of all ages. We meet once a month and also train once a month plus an occasional training with other departments. We meet on the second Thursday of every month at 7pm at the Idaho City Fire Station, 3861 Highway 21, Idaho City.

If you think you have something to offer, please come join us!

Idaho City Food Pantry: At the Senior Center every 2nd and 4th Wednesdays from 11:30-1:00.

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

Interested in getting a Ham Radio License?

Ham Radio License and Study The Boise County Amateur Radio Emergency Service Group is holding a Study/ Test session on the 3rd Saturday of each month. Please contact Ron Wilson, AD-7DQ, at 208-781-0677 or liquidh208@gmail.com for more information and to reserve a seat.

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SUMMONS FOR PUBLICATION ON COMPLAINT FOR JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE AND DECLARATORY RELIEF
 Case No. CV08-21-00224
 IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF BOISE
 BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON TRUST COMPANY, N.A. AS TRUSTEE FOR MORTGAGE ASSETS MANAGEMENT SERIES I TRUST,
 Plaintiff,
 v.

PAUL A. STUTZMAN; THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, ASSIGNS AND DEVEISEES OF MARGIE M. STUTZMAN; SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; AND DOES 1 THOROUGH 20, et al.,
 Defendants.

TO: **DEFENDANTS THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, ASSIGNS AND DEVEISEES OF MARGIE M. STUTZMAN and DOES 1 through 20**, inclusive, including all parties with an interest in and/or residing in real property commonly known as **5 BRASSEY CIRCLE, IDAHO CITY, IDAHO 83631**:

You have been sued by BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON TRUST COMPANY, N.A. AS TRUSTEE FOR MORTGAGE ASSETS MANAGEMENT SERIES I TRUST, the Plaintiff, in the District Court in and for the County of Boise, Idaho, Case No. CV08-21-00224.

The nature of the claim against you is an action for declaratory relief and judicial foreclosure of the real property currently known as **5 BRASSEY CIRCLE, IDAHO CITY, IDAHO 83631** and legally described as LOT 34 STAR RANCH UNIT NO. 2, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, FILED MARCH 24, 1972 AS INSTRUMENT NO. 77559, AND AS AMENDED BY AFFIDAVIT RECORDED JUNE 15, 1972 AS INSTRUMENT NO. 77858, RECORDS OF BOISE COUNTY, IDAHO.

Any time after 21 days following the last publication of this summons, the court may enter a judgment against you without further notice, unless prior to that time you have filed a written response in the proper form, including the Case Number and paid any required filing fee to the Clerk of the Court at 419 Main St., P.O. Box 126, Idaho City, ID 83631, (208) 392-4452, and serve a copy of your response on the Plaintiff's attorney, Sydney K. Leavitt, at ALDRIDGE PITE, LLP, 3597 E. Monarch Sky Ln., Ste. 240, Meridian, ID 83646.
 A copy of the Summons and Complaint can be obtained by contacting either the Clerk of the Court or the attorney for Plaintiff. If you wish for legal assistance, you should immediately retain an attorney to advise you in this matter. Dated 12/15/2021

CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT
 By: /s/Angel O'Brien
 DEPUTY

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Notice of Hearing
 Case No. CV08-21-00281
 UNREDACTED PETITION FOR NAME CHANGE
 IN RE: Brandon C Bowes
 IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF BOISE

NOTICE IS GIVEN That the above-entitled case has been set for Name Change on February 22, 2022 at 11:00 AM, before Judge Roger E. Cockerille at: Boise County Courthouse; 419 Main Street; Idaho City, ID 83631
 The name will be changed to Brandon Lee Bowles. The reason for the change: My mother spelt name wrong and now that I found my Dad I want to make my name what he wanted and last name to match.

This proceeding will be conducted remotely via Zoom Meeting.

Online: <https://zoom.us/join>
 Meeting ID: 966 1521 3940
 Passcode: 403639

Dated: 12/29/2021
 Mary Prisco, Clerk of the Court
 By: Angel O'Brien, Deputy Clerk

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A fiery red sunset lit up the evening sky on January 6, 2022.
 Photo by Eileen Capson

Annual Road and Street Financial Report

Reporting Entity Name, Mailing Address and Contact Phone Number:		Please return, not later than December 31, to:	
Entity	BOISE COUNTY	BRANDON D. WOOLF IDAHO STATE CONTROLLER ATTN: HIGHWAY USERS STATEHOUSE MAIL BOISE, ID 83720	
Address	P.O. BOX 1300		
City State Zip	IDAHO CITY, ID 83631		
Contact/Phor	MARY T. PRISCO 208-392-4431 EXT. 125	Contact/Email: mprisco@co.boise.id.us	
This certified report of dedicated funds is hereby submitted to the State Controller as required by 40-708, Idaho code.			
Dated this	28 th day of	DECEMBER	2021
ATTEST:	Clerk/Treasurer Signature		Commissioner Signature
City Clerk/County Clerk/District Secretary (type or print name & sign)		AND Commissioners or Mayor (type or print name & sign)	

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2021		
Line 1	BEGINNING BALANCE AS OF OCTOBER 1 PREVIOUS YEAR	\$3,987,741.00
RECEIPTS		
LOCAL FUNDING SOURCES		
Line 2	Property tax levy (for roads, streets and bridges)	
Line 3	Sale of assets	
Line 4	Interest income	
Line 5	Fund transfers from non-highway accounts.	\$206,032.00
Line 6	Proceeds from sale of bonds (include LIDs)	
Line 7	Proceeds from issue of notes (include loans)	
Line 8	Local impact fees	
Line 9	Local option registration fee	
Line 10	All other LOCAL receipts or transfers in.	\$14,759.00
Line 11	Total Local Funding (sum lines 2 through 10).	\$220,791.00
STATE FUNDING SOURCES		
Line 12	Highway user revenue	\$1,723,439.00
Line 13	Sales tax/Inventory replacement tax	
Line 14	Sales tax/Revenue sharing	\$306,113.00
Line 15	State Exchanged funds.	
Line 16	All other STATE receipts or transfers.	
Line 17	Total State Funding (sum lines 12 through 16).	\$2,029,552.00
FEDERAL FUNDING SOURCES		
Line 18	Secure Rural Schools	\$547,598.00
Line 19	Federal-aid Bridge.	
Line 20	Federal-aid Rural.	
Line 21	Federal-aid Urban.	
Line 22	Federal Lands Access Funds and All other FEDERAL receipts or transfers	
Line 23	Total Federal Funding (sum lines 18 through 22)	\$547,598.00
Line 24	TOTAL RECEIPTS (sum lines 11, 17, 23)	\$2,797,941.00

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Idaho City High School Basketball



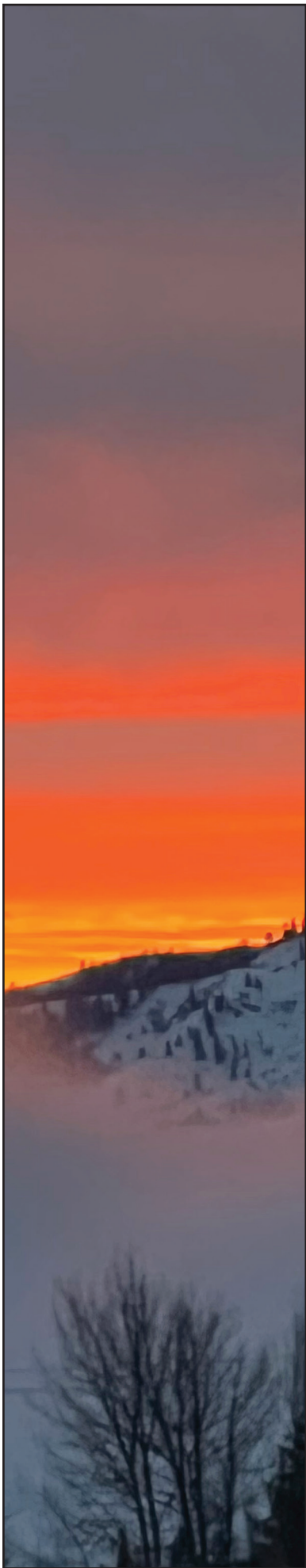
The Lady Wildcats played on Monday, January 10th, but lost to Liberty.

Photos courtesy of Shirley George's live-stream

Idaho City played the boys from Liberty Charter School from Nampa on Tuesday, January 11th, at home. They were a tough opponent and the guests took the win.

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REPORTING ENTITY NAME:		FISCAL YEAR:
DISBURSEMENTS		Page 2 of 3
NEW CONSTRUCTION (include salary and benefits on each line)		
Line 25	Roads	\$0.00
Line 26	Bridges, culverts and storm drainage	\$16,682.00
Line 27	RR Crossing	\$0.00
Line 28	Other (signs, signals or traffic control)	\$0.00
Line 29	Total New Construction (sum lines 25 through 28)	\$16,682.00
RECONSTRUCTION/REPLACEMENT/REHABILITATION (include salary and benefits on each line)		
Line 30	Roads (rebuilt, realign, or overlay upgrade)	\$265,560.00
Line 31	Bridges, culverts and storm drainage	\$7,328.00
Line 32	RR Crossing	\$0.00
Line 33	Other (signs, signals or traffic control)	\$0.00
Line 34	Total Reconstruction/Replacement (sum lines 30 through 33)	\$272,888.00
ROUTINE MAINTENANCE (include salary and benefits on each line)		
Line 35	Chip sealing or seal coating	\$31,922.00
Line 36	Patching	\$36,126.00
Line 37	Winter Maintenance	\$200,576.00
Line 38	Grading/blading	\$74,615.00
Line 39	Bridge	\$0.00
Line 40	Other (signs, signals or traffic control)	\$289,344.00
Line 41	Total Routine Maintenance (sum lines 35 through 40)	\$632,583.00
EQUIPMENT		
Line 42	Equipment purchase - automotive, heavy, other	\$164,226.00
Line 43	Equipment lease/purchase	\$0.00
Line 44	Equipment maintenance	\$438,184.00
Line 45	Other (specify)	\$1,747.00
Line 46	Total Equipment (sum lines 42 through 45)	\$604,157.00
ADMINISTRATION		
Line 47	Administrative salaries and expenses	\$199,803.00
OTHER EXPENDITURES		
Line 48	Right-of-way and property purchases	\$0.00
Line 49	Property leases	\$2,160.00
Line 50	Street lighting	\$0.00
Line 51	Professional services - audit, clerical, and legal	\$0.00
Line 52	Professional services - engineering	\$10,069.00
Line 53	Interest - bond (include LIDs)	\$0.00
Line 54	Interest - notes (include loans)	\$0.00
Line 55	Redemption - bond (include LIDs)	\$0.00
Line 56	Redemption - notes (include loans)	\$0.00
Line 57	Payments to other local government	\$40,000.00
Line 58	Fund transfers to non-highway accounts	\$174,146.00
Line 59	All other local expenditures	\$0.00
Line 60	Total Other (sum lines 48 through 59)	\$226,375.00
Line 61	TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS (sum lines 29, 34, 41, 46, 47, 60)	\$1,952,488.00
Line 62	RECEIPTS OVER DISBURSEMENTS (line 24 - line 61)	\$845,453.00
Line 63	OTHER ADJUSTMENTS (Audit adjustment and etc.)	
Line 64	CLOSING BALANCE (sum lines 1, 62, 63)	\$4,833,194.00
Line 65	Funds on Line 64 obligated for specific future projects & reserves	\$3,983,194.00
Line 66	Funds on Line 64 retained for general funds and operations	\$850,000.00
Line 67	ENDING BALANCE (line 64 minus the sum of lines 65, 66)	\$0.00



Mountain sunset on January 6, 2022. Photo by Eileen Capson

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Opinion - Letters to the Editor



A Northern Flicker playing a game of peek-a-boo behind the snow in Garden Valley. Photo by Marjolein Lolkema

Boise County/Garden Valley/Crouch ruminations: It was so nice to see our Boise County Commissioners fawn over Dr. Ryan Cole and his idiotic and conspiracy theory ramblings. Dropped from some health care institutions and has an Idaho Medical Association complaint, what a professional! So glad our county commissioners are such adept medical professionals.

On Sunday, December 19 at approximately 1700, a Meridian couple and their teenage daughter got stuck in the snow just down the street from our

house, in The Mountain Shadows Development. My wife and I walked down to see if we could help. The man was on the phone with a tow truck service in Horseshoe Bend. The towing service quoted \$700.00 to come up and just pull him out of the ditch, nothing more. Is this a great Boise County "what the market will bear" marketing campaign or merely a rip-off? Merry Christmas from a Horseshoe Bend business.

Tim Fritzley sent out a very passionate flyer touting how his investments in Crouch, the

Edge Resort, and the resort sewage system will save all of Crouch from perdition. He claims, if Crouch and its businesses could someday hook into the Edge Resort sewage system, that would save millions of dollars in lieu of Crouch building their own sewage treatment system. He provides no specifics, but consider: What will it take to run an underground sewer line from somewhere in Crouch to the Edge Resort treatment tanks; the cost for the businesses in Crouch to then hook into that underground piping for their disposal needs. The piping must at least go under Banks Lowman Road and also probably under Middlefork road to get to the Edge Resort treatment tanks. The costs for cut and cover, boring under roads, and hooking up multiple local systems to a primary sewage transport underground pipeline are not trivial. It will take significant time as well as significant disruption to Crouch during trenching, boring, and piping installation. But since Mr. Fritzley is a fifth generation Idahoan, his word is gold. And he is not from California, the blame for all Idaho's ills. It is also interesting that Mr. Fritzley uses the term "small resort" to describe the Edge Resort. Based on Mr. Fritzley's "Draft Fact Sheet for IPDES Permit No. ID0030015" the assumption of a total treated requirement of around 38,000 gallons per day at complete build out, I guess is small. Granted, the numbers may change as the draft permit shows three phases of construction, but "small"? And yet, Crouch needs an alcohol beverage tax and an occupancy tax to survive in lieu of some sort of better sewage treatment facility. Kudos to the Crouch voters!

Tony Rangus
Garden Valley

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REPORTING ENTITY NAME:		FISCAL YEAR:	
REPORTING MEASURES			
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NEW CONSTRUCTION			
Line 68	Total lane miles constructed		0
Line 69	Total square feet of bridge deck constructed		0
RECONSTRUCTION/REPLACEMENT/REHABILITATION			
Line 70	Total lane miles rebuilt, realigned, or overlay		4
Line 71	Total square feet of bridge deck reconstructed or rehabilitated.		0
ROUTINE MAINTENANCE			
Line 72	Total lane miles with surface treatments, chip sealed, seal coated etc. on line 35.		0
Line 73	Total lane miles graded or bladed on line 38		406
PROJECTS			
FUTURE PROJECTS & RESERVE DESCRIPTIONS			
Line 74	Available Funds (From line 65).		\$3,983,194.00
	Project List	Start Year	Projected Cost
	REPLACE PIPE ON BROWNLEE ROAD	2023	\$200,000.00
	PREP & PAVE CENTERVILLE ROAD	2022	\$633,194.00
	PAVE ALDER CREEK ROAD	2022	\$400,000.00
	PAVE OLD EMMETT ROAD	2022	\$300,000.00
	PURCHASE LOADER	2023	\$400,000.00
	BANKS LOWMAN ROAD ROCKFALL MATCH	2023	\$250,000.00
	GARDENA BRIDGE REPLACEMENT	2024	\$500,000.00
	REALIGN MIDDLE FORK ROAD	2023	\$300,000.00
	HARRIS CREEK ROAD & CENTERVILLE ROAD CHIP SEAL	2023	\$350,000.00
	PURCHASE GRADERS	2022	\$400,000.00
	ROCKY CANYON ROAD WASHOUT REPAIR	2022	\$250,000.00
Line 75	Estimated Cost of future projects.		\$3,983,194.00
Line 76	Available for Other Projects (line 74 minus line 75)		\$0.00
MANDATORY Section must be completed on HB312 revenue			
Reporting is required on the highway user revenue from HB312. Make sure you list how much you received in additional revenue on line 77. Starting on line 78, check the maintenance that was completed with the additional funds, provide how much was spent on each item, and a general description including quantity of length.			
Example:	<input type="checkbox"/> Chip Sealing/Seal Coating	\$35,000	Chip sealed .25 miles of main street
Line 77	Total amount of Highway User Revenue from HB312		\$336,284.00
	Maintenance performed	Amount spent	Description of work
Line 78	<input type="checkbox"/> Rehabilitation of road	\$ -	
Line 79	<input type="checkbox"/> Rehabilitation and maintenance of bridge	\$ -	
Line 80	<input type="checkbox"/> Chip Sealing/Seal Coating	\$ -	
Line 81	<input type="checkbox"/> Grading/Blading	\$ 74,615.00	GRADE 406 LANE MILES
Line 82	<input type="checkbox"/> Striping	\$ -	
Line 83	<input type="checkbox"/> Traffic Control	\$ 6,000.00	SIGN REPLACEMENT, FLASHING LIGHTS REPAIR
Line 84	<input type="checkbox"/> All other maintenance	\$ 255,669.00	WINTER MAINTENANCE: \$200,576 BANKS LOWMAN DITCH CLEAN: \$55,093
	Total amount spent on maintenance or replacement	\$ 336,284.00	
Line 85	Deferred maintenance costs over the last 5 years (in dollars).		\$3,500,000.00

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Forensic Science at the Library



Who killed Morton? As part of a STEAM program offered at the Garden Valley Library, children worked with iron oxide dust to dust for fingerprints and learn more about forensic science on January 4th. Linda Ruppel was able to share some of her experiences from being on the Ada county dental forensics team for the past 25 years. *Photo by Linda Ruppel, DDS*

All-Idaho Football



By Tracy Koslosky
HORSESHOE BEND -- The results are in and two Boise County High School football players were named to the 1A Division II All-Idaho football team. Senior Keegan Smith was able to zoom his way onto the offensive and defensive 1st teams for the 2021 season. Reaching 6'3" and weighing in at a healthy 240 pounds, Smith's brawn made him stand out on both lines. Named the Long Pin Conference Defensive Player of the Year, this was the senior's second year being named to the All-Idaho defensive line 1st team where he finished the season with an impressive 64 tackles. Smith's teammate, junior Blayne Meyer, was named to the offensive 1st team as a running back. The 5'10" and 170 pound RB slung off tackles throughout the season to finish with 1,410 total yards while putting 25 touchdowns on the scoreboard for the Mustangs. Meyer took 2nd team honors for his skills as a linebacker for the defense. **Pictured from left to right: Blayne Meyer and Keegan Smith** *Photo by Tracy Koslosky*

Opinion ~ Health Insurance for Idahoans

Submitted by Stacie Anthony and CarrieAnne Kowalczyk
BOISE COUNTY -- Surprise medical billing, or "balance billing" of out-of-network medical care, is one of the most pressing health and affordability challenges facing patients and their families, with millions of Americans receiving unexpected and unaffordable medical bills every year. In response, Congress passed the No Surprises Act in December 2020, part of the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021, which forbids patients from receiving surprise medical bills when seeking emergency services or certain services from out-of-network providers at in-network facilities. The Departments of Health and Human Ser-

vices (HHS), Treasury, and Labor were tasked with issuing regulations and guidance to implement the No Surprises Act, most of which was planned to go into effect on January 1, 2022. The Departments of HHS, Treasury, and Labor released "Part 2" of the regulations surrounding this surprise billing ban this past October. This portion of the interim final rule (IFR) deals primarily with the independent dispute resolution (IDR) process to settle out-of-network payment disputes that will arise between providers and payers in addition to outlining requirements for healthcare cost estimates for uninsured individuals. The rule clearly provides that IDR entities focus their decisions on the qualifying payment amount

(QPA), which is defined in statute as the payer-specific median contracted amount for an item or service in the geographic area. As a result, the local market payment will be the most important factor in making payment determinations. This serves as both a regulatory victory for the National Association of Health Underwriters and a huge win for employers and consumers! For more information regarding health insurance or what these associations are doing for Idahoans, contact one of Boise County's local health insurance agents. Stacie Anthony- Anthony Insurance Group (208) 477-7057 or CarrieAnne - Personal Touch Ins & Benefits (208) 350-9933

Thank you!

The Christmas Wish Tree was a big success. Thank you for the part you played in giving so many Garden Valley children a more abundant and joyful Christmas.

With over 40 plus volunteers that served 23 families and 54 kids. On top of those 40 plus volunteers was, the kindergarten class who made Christmas ornaments, folks that bought gifts for the kids, and the librarians who hosted the tree.

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Garden Valley High School Basketball



Sadly, GV varsity lost to Council despite their best efforts. *Photo by Linda Ruppel, DDS*



The boys' junior varsity game was a nail-biter. They stayed neck-and-neck with the Council team and tied the score at the last second to send the game into overtime. Still fighting hard, they barely lost to Council 40-44. This was by far their best game of the season, even without the win, the team is very competitive.

Photo by Linda Ruppel, DDS



There were three games on Saturday, January 8th. GV Lady Wolverines fought hard, but lost to the Council team, 37-54. *Photos by Linda Ruppel, DDS*



Tie ball game at the end of regulation. *Photo by Linda Ruppel, DDS*

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