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Missing Donnelly Couple Found Safe After Five Days Near Boiling Springs in a Cabin

BOISE COUNTY — A Donnelly couple missing for five days was found safe on January 24 after an extensive multi-agency search that stretched across Boise and Valley counties. Carol and Dennis Amburgy were last heard from on January 19 after a dentist appointment in Garden Valley. When they didn't return home that evening to their cat, Missy, family members grew concerned and reported them missing.

A Wrong Turn and a Night in the Backcountry

According to their granddaughter Cori Marie, the couple accidentally took a wrong turn on their way home and became stuck while attempting to turn their vehicle around. Stranded in deep backcountry, they hiked until they located the Boiling Springs Forest Service cabin, where they built a fire and sheltered until help arrived.

Cori wrote, "After the longest 5 days of my grandparents' lives, I'm sure, we found them safe but not unscathed... They were able to find shelter and were found by the most amazing LEO I have ever met."

She described how the responding U.S. Forest Service deputy not only located the couple but also became stuck himself during the rescue.

"We spent at least 45 minutes to an hour digging his truck out. After he was out, he pro-

ceeded to pull out Gramma's car so we could take it home to her. He followed us to make sure we were on pavement. He deserves a raise!"

Large-Scale Search Effort

The search quickly escalated after the couple's disappearance was reported. Updates from the Boise County Sheriff's Office noted:

- Two private helicopters were deployed to search river corridors up to Cascade
- Two search and rescue teams were sent north and south of Cascade
- Idaho State Police launched an additional drone
- Deputies patrolled toward Crouch in case the couple had taken an unexpected route
- Bank records and vehicle GPS data were reviewed

Community members also stepped in. The Crouch Merc offered free hot coffee, restrooms, and a warm place for searchers to regroup.

At 1300 hours on January 24, Valley County confirmed the couple had been located near the area of their appointment. EMS responded, and family members were notified.

Found in Valley County

Boise County Sheriff Scott Turner explained that the couple was discovered near the Boiling Springs cabin, a Forest Service rental site in Valley County.

"We looked in our county while Valley was looking, and one of their deputies found them," Turner said.

Safe, Grateful, and Recovering



The vehicle became stuck in the snow when the couple attempted to turn it around.



Carol and Dennis Amburgy

Photos courtesy of Cori Marie

Though cold, exhausted, and injured from their ordeal, Carol and Dennis were able to reunite with their family and receive medical evaluation. Their granddaughter expressed deep gratitude for the deputy who

found them and for the coordinated efforts of law enforcement, search and rescue teams, and community members.

"It's been the longest five days," she wrote. "We are just so thankful they were found."

Senior Madix Miller Wins Statesman Player of the Week by a Landslide

GARDEN VALLEY

Garden Valley High School's own Madix Miller, #5, a standout senior on the varsity basketball team, has been voted the *Idaho Statesman* Player of the Week for January 12–18—and he won it by a landslide.

Miller has been on a tear this season, and the honor comes just weeks after he surpassed the 1,000-point milestone in his varsity career. His coaches and teammates describe him as an exceptionally

versatile player, known for his ability to score from anywhere on the court and dominate the boards. His all-around skillset and leadership have made him a cornerstone of the Wolverines' success, and this recognition highlights the impact he's had on Garden Valley basketball throughout his high school career.



Madix Miller acrobatically shoots for 2-points.

Photo by Linda Ruppel, DDS

HAPPENINGS IN BOISE COUNTY

IDAHO CITY - Rescheduled Winter Solstice event to be held on Sunday, February 1st, bonfire at the airport at dark. Brought to you by the Idaho City Arts Council.

IDAHO CITY - Sunday, Feb. 15th, Bingo at the Community Hall to support renovations for the hall. Food, auction, prizes, and bingo from 4pm to 7pm.

PLACERVILLE - Saturday, Feb. 21, Chinese Lantern Lighting at the Placerville Plaza at 7pm. Sponsored by the Placerville Historical Commission.

IDAHO CITY - 40th Annual Chili Cook-off on March 7th! Commemorative mugs will be available.

GARDEN VALLEY - Special Olympics 2026 Winter Games at Terrace Lakes Resort on Saturday, March 7th, from 9 am to 3 pm. Come cheer on the athletes and celebrate! Free snacks and music!

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BOISE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

January 20, 2026

Pledge of Allegiance

MEETING MINUTES: A motion was said for Jan. 13th, 2026. The motions carried.

TAX CANCELATIONS: Treasurer Gina Turner presented three tax cancelations for the board. She explained that two were homeowner's exemptions and the last was for a burned house. Each motion passed.

TAX DEEDS: After being advised by Treasurer Turner, Commissioner Lindstrom motioned to “pick the date for tax deed hearings for July 21, 2026.” The motion carried. Turner said there are currently 26 tax deeds.

ROAD AND BRIDGE: Tire chains for the dump trucks were discussed, because they are down on the number of chains needed. The road superintendent said that they were alright on chains for the graders. Chairman Tucker clarified that there were seven sets of chains for trucks and one set for a grader. Lindstrom motioned to approve the request to purchase chains in the amount of \$15,032.98. The motion carried.

A road edging machine was discussed and the road supervisor explained that “a dump truck backs up to it and then lifts up its load and dumps gravel into the edger, and the edger throws gravel along the road.” Lindstrom said it would be used where new pavement was put down to help smooth the edges. The ditches all along Middlefork Road will be cleaned and replaced with new gravel. The road superintendent concluded, “All of our roads need it, honestly.” Commissioner Lindstrom motioned to approve the estimate for a “clutch uplift” in the amount of \$2,577.18. The motion carried.

WILDFIRE MITIGATION: A reimbursement request from the grant was discussed for work done in Wilderness Ranch. A motion was said to approve a document for signature and the motion carried.

Emergency Manager Jordan Jones made a request to purchase a “mobile risk assessment dashboard.” They will be doing risk assessments for all the homes in Boise County, which will be useful in grant writing and when the county has another wildfire season.

Chairman Tucker asked who would have access to the information. Jones noted, "We definitely want to make sure that the information does not make it into the wrong hands." Tucker suggested an executive session, but Attorney Alex Sosa was not available at that time. The issue was tabled.

Jones has over 150 hours of comp time and he inquired whether the board would like to provide compensation or carry the time over. The board encouraged him to cut down his weekly hours from 40 to 30 each week to take off some of that time.

PLANNING AND ZONING: Administrator Alex Gross said that Planning and Zoning was encouraged to start holding meetings around the county, and they will comply. He requested the purchase of a vehicle. The vehicle will be used to transport staff. Clerk Mary Prisco verified that there was money in the budget to make this purchase. Lindstrom motioned to approve the request to purchase a vehicle for \$42,299, a 2026 Toyota 4Runner. The motion carried.

ANDERSON CREEK BRIDGE PROJECT APPLICATION: The engineer for the county said he heard back that the cost estimate was low, and it's due to be a \$2.5 million dollar bridge. This would require a 7.34% match from the county, meaning \$180,000. The engineer advised that if the county is awarded this funding, the county can apply for funding up to \$100,000 for a portion of that match. The road superintendent said that this project is necessary and too extensive to fix themselves. He said it would be expensive and added, "But without that bridge, this community is screwed. I mean, there's no other access." The bridge is surrounded by private property. The design for the bridge, with wetlands, would occur in the next two years and building would likely begin after a five-year period.

Superintendent Jeremy Braughton said that there are approximately 35 bridges in the county that they are responsible for, and two of them need to be redone. Shaffer Creek Bridge will be taken care of by the county, but the Anderson Creek Bridge is beyond their scope.

Commissioner Lindstrom motioned to approve Resolution 2026-07 to authorize the project application funding for the Anderson Creek Bridge project. The motion carried. Lindstrom motioned to approve

ITD local federal aid project
for the Anderson Creek Bridge
and the motion carried.

SPARKLIGHT: On behalf of the Sheriff's office, Commissioner Lindstrom motioned to approve the demand warrant to Sparklight in amount of \$701.84. The motion carried.

TRAINING: Training for a new sheriff's deputy was discussed. Lindstrom motioned to approve the demand warrant in the amount of \$749. The motion carried.

ZIPLY FIBER: A demand warrant for the Road and Bridge Department was discussed for Garden Valley phone charges. Lindstrom motioned to approve the demand warrant for Zippy Fiber in the amount of \$204.28 and the motion carried. Lindstrom motioned to approve a second demand warrant in the amount of \$499.93 and the motion carried.

LIFE FLIGHT MEMBERSHIPS: Two new Life Flight Memberships were discussed for new employees. Lindstrom motioned to approve the memberships to Air St. Luke's in the amount of \$110. The motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Lindstrom motioned to enter executive session to discuss acquiring real property and pending litigation. [Time 9:59 am to 11:12 am] Coming back into session, Chairman Tucker explained, "We had a discussion about, ah, privacy, basically. Concerning the fire mitigation's request for the software." Jordan Jones added, "The fire districts, the emergency management department, wildfire mitigation department, and we can relinquish information to incoming incident management teams on a case-by-case basis. The mobile risk assessment dashboard information would be exempt from public records requests, per Idaho Code." More information will be gathered before the board votes on this issue. Commissioner Callahan was concerned that this information could be sold-out to insurance companies. Commissioner Tucker was optimistic, "I like the idea of this. I think it would be good for people of this county to have an assessment. And if it works out for them, if you do an assessment that says: 'Hey, you're fire safe, or whatever.' Maybe that helps them with their insurance company?" Tucker asked if Jones could come back with a presentation

Adjourned at 11:17 am.

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Wolverines Sweep Council and Greenleaf in Strong Week of Basketball

GARDEN VALLEY — Garden Valley basketball teams delivered an impressive stretch of performances between January 22 and January 24, highlighted by multiple decisive wins and a memorable moment before tipoff.

JV Boys Open with a Solid Win

On Thursday, January 22, the GV Boys' JV team (white/black) controlled the game from start to finish against Council (red), securing a 43-22 victory.

A Special National Anthem Moment

Before the GV Girls Varsity matchup, Hal Coburn, arrived to photograph his grandson but ended up giving the crowd an unexpected gift—he sang a beautiful rendition of the National Anthem. *Idaho World* photographer Linda Ruppel described the girls' game as a thriller: "This game was a nail biter until the very end... like watching a tennis match as each team battled back and forth for the lead."

The Wolverines pulled ahead in the final seconds, winning 50-47.

Boys Varsity Dominates Council

Following the girls' game, the GV Boys Varsity (white) took the court and dominated Council (red) from the opening whistle. With a 30-point lead entering the fourth quarter, the game moved to a running clock. Garden Valley closed it out decisively, 57-30.

Saturday Wins Against Greenleaf Friends Academy

On Saturday, January 24, the GV Boys JV team again came out strong—this time against Greenleaf Friends Academy (red)—and never let up, earning a 61-32 win.

The GV Boys Varsity followed with another commanding performance. Greenleaf was never able to challenge the Wolverines, and with another running clock in the fourth quarter, Garden Valley rolled to a 72-43 victory.

Girls Varsity Game Forfeited

The scheduled GV Girls Varsity game against Greenleaf Friends Academy was cancelled due to illness affecting the GFA team. GFA officially forfeited, giving Garden Valley the win.



The JV team secured a 43-22 victory over Council.



Marshall Coiley shoots for JV.
Photos by Linda Ruppel, DDS



JV player #23 Koby Nokes grabs the rebound over Council player.



#10 Lacey Tucker gets the tipoff.



Rebound battle against Council.



Holley Hove #11 has her own style of intimidation.



GV successfully prevents Council from shooting.



Varsity player #5 Madix Miller palms the ball with the pass.



#20 August Thompson grabs the rebound.



#11 Miles Hollist in the air for the ball against Greenleaf Friends Academy. The JV team won 61-32. Photos by Linda Ruppel, DDS



JV #12 Marshall Coley up for 2 pts.



Wolverine mascot jokes with the refs.
"Why did Wolverine start a school? He wanted his students to be X-cellent!"
"How does Wolverine do math? With a lot of splitting."



BOISE COUNTY

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12th Grade – Mattia Christ-mas

High Honors: 3.50 – 3.99

6th Grade – Owen Miller
7th Grade – LynnLei Snider, Emerie Webb
8th Grade – Jaxon Bullington, Rylie Pankau, Ethan Webb
9th Grade – Owen Rooper
11th Grade – Lakota Innes, Rylee Johnson, Kimber Jones, Gage Kennedy, Jareth Miller
12th Grade – Emily Hampton, Kinzee Ranft, Zack Stone

Honors: 3.00 – 3.49

6th Grade – Ryder Pankau
7th Grade – Cami Brothers, Tyson Proctor
8th Grade- Mason Cox, Axton Miller, Landon Moore
9th Grade – Larielle Garvin, Lacy Sweeney, Kiara Tucker
10th Grade – Leighton Park-er, Jayden Varie
11th Grade – Celeste Wilson
12th Grade – Tannon Bouge, Tristan Martinez, Erika McKee

District Scholarships

6th Grade – Melody Bennett, Ryder Pankau
7th Grade – Tyson Proctor, LynnLei Snider, Emerie Webb
8th Grade – Axton Miller, Ry-lie Pankau

9th Grade – Owen Rooper
11th Grade – Jareth Miller
12th Grade – Tannon Bouge, Triatan Martinez, Kinzee Ranft

Students earn \$50 District Incentive Scholarships each se-mester by having no more than three tardies per semester, no more than three absences in any one class per semester, and a 3.0 or higher GPA.



Garden Valley Boys Victorious Varsity Game



#3 Maxon Yearsley drains a 3-point shot against Greenleaf in a 61-32 win!



#3 Maxon Yearsley with the steal.

Photos by Linda Ruppel, DDS

Last week's puzzle.
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BOISE COUNTY

Boise: Born of Gold and Built for the Basin

By Dawna Booth, Garden Valley Historical Society

In the summer of 1863, a dusty cabin near the Boise River became the birthplace of what would become Idaho's capital city. A group of pioneers, traders, and entrepreneurs gathered to draw up a plat map for a new settlement - Boise City. What began as a modest outpost quickly grew into a vital hub for the booming mining economy of the Boise Basin and the surround-

ing Boise County. Boise got its name from French-Canadian fur trappers who had explored the region decades earlier. They called the river "La rivière boisée," meaning "the wooded river," in reference to the lush cottonwood groves lining its banks, a welcome sight after crossing miles of arid desert. The name stuck, and when the city was founded near the river, it was simply called "Boise." Boise's founding was no ac-

cident. The discovery of gold in the Boise Basin in 1862 triggered one of the largest gold rushes in the Pacific Northwest. Thousands of miners flooded into the region, establishing towns like Idaho City, Placerville, Centerville, and Pioneer-ville. These towns were rich in gold but poor in infrastructure. They needed supplies, communication, and protection, and Boise was perfectly positioned to provide all three.

The U.S. Army recognized this strategic importance and established Fort Boise in July 1863, just days before the city was officially platted. Located at the intersection of the Oregon Trail and the freight roads leading into the mountains, the fort offered protection to miners and settlers alike. It also anchored Boise as a military and logistical center.

Boise's proximity to the Boise Basin made it the natural supply depot for mining op-

erations. Wagons loaded with food, tools, and equipment rolled out of Boise and into the hills daily. Merchants, blacksmiths, and teamsters found steady work serving the mining camps. The city's economy flourished, not from gold in the ground, but from gold in circulation.

By 1864, Boise's influence had grown so significantly that it was named the capital of the newly formed Idaho Territory, replacing Lewiston. This led to allegations that Boiseans "stole" the capital by illicitly taking the territorial seal and papers, which fueled a deep and lasting divide between the northern and southern parts of the state. This move was controversial, but it underscored Boise's central role in the region's development. The city's location, infrastructure, and growing population made it the logical choice to lead Idaho into the future.

Meanwhile, the Boise Basin towns were booming. Idaho City, once the largest city in the Northwest, had over 6,000 residents at its peak. Its streets bustled with saloons, hotels, and assay offices. But the gold was finite, and as placer deposits dwindled, so did the population. Boise, however, contin-

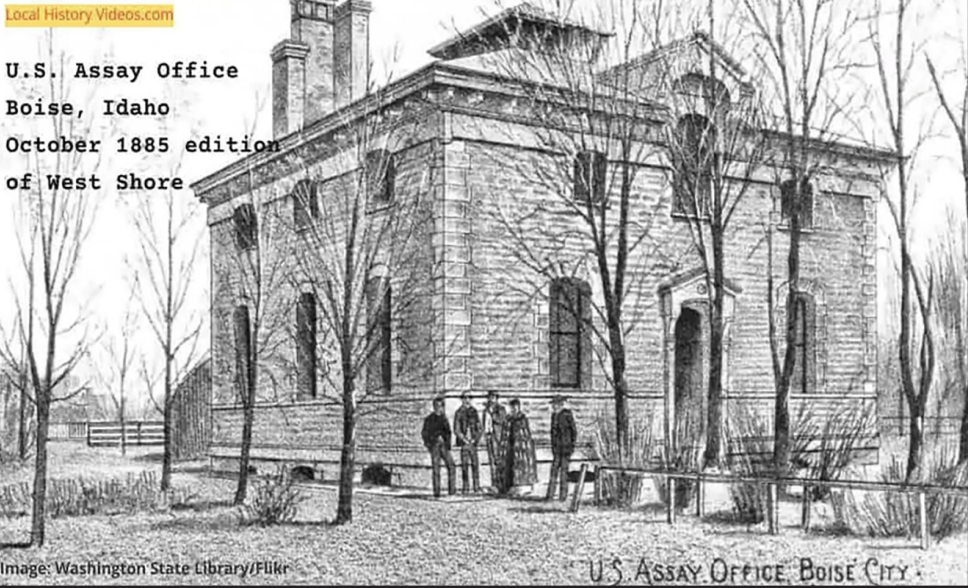
ued to grow. Boise's survival and success were tied to its adaptability. As mining declined, the city pivoted toward agriculture. Irrigation projects transformed the Boise River Valley into fertile farmland. Farmers supplied food to the remaining mining communities and to Boise itself. The city became a center for trade, government, and eventually education.

Boise's early years were shaped by its role as a lifeline to the mountains. It was the place miners came for supplies, settlers came for stability, and politicians came to shape the future of Idaho. Its streets were laid out with purpose, its buildings constructed with permanence, and its people driven by opportunity.

Today, Boise is a thriving city and the anchor of the Boise metropolitan area, which includes Ada, Canyon, Boise, Gem, and Owyhee counties. The metro area has a population of approximately 865,000 residents, making it the largest in Idaho and home to nearly 40% of the state's population. Boise continues to serve as a cultural, economic, and political center—just as it did in its earliest days.

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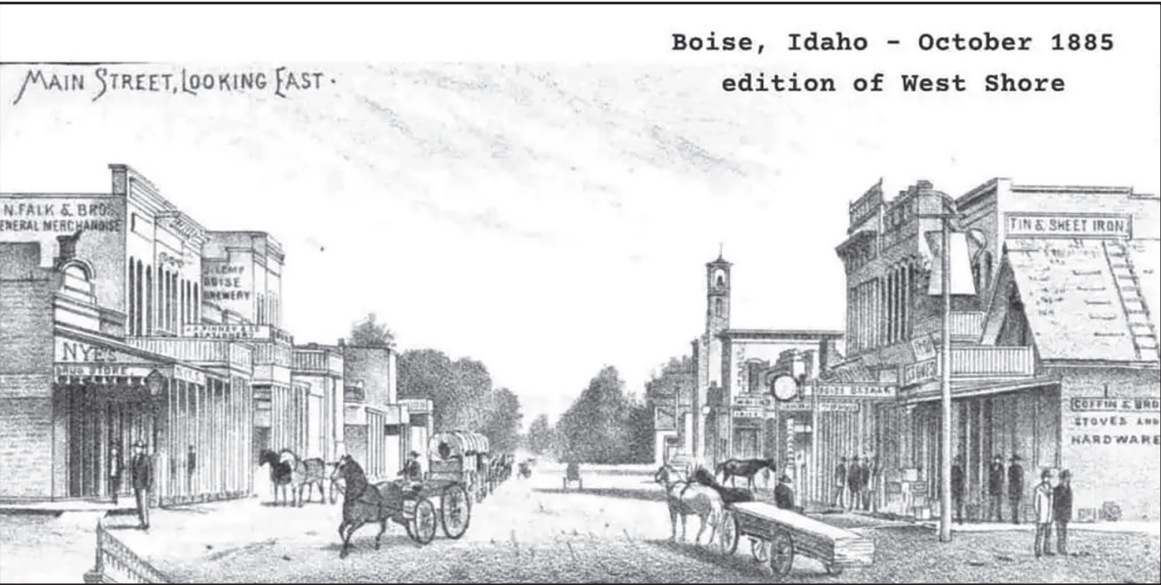


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BOISE COUNTY

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Solution on page 5.

Chim Chum & the Portly Samurai by Adrian Ropp



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Solution on page 5.

ACROSS

- Brine-cured salmon
- Seven days
- Swab
- Level
- Prefix, sun
- Exclamation of surprise
- Norseman
- Resembling an elytron
- Excludes
- Walloos
- Spartan serfs
- Egyptian serpent
- Prefix, over
- Eye inflammation
- The Orient
- Ritual
- Paddle
- Portable ice-box
- Authentic
- Wool fibre
- Fruit seed
- Gardening tool
- Japanese form of self-defense
- Moving about
- Large tree
- Aztec temple
- Exclamations of surprise
- Food scrap
- Many
- Break suddenly
- My, French (Plural)
- Coal dust
- Plaything

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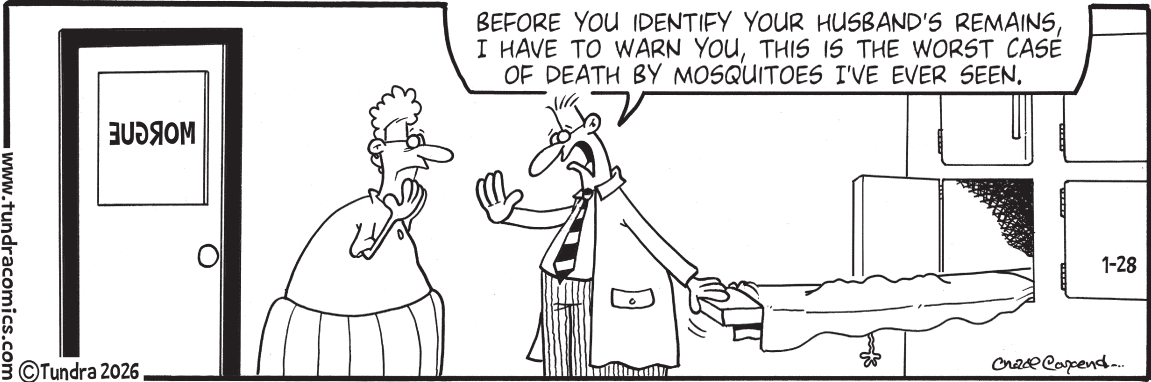
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- Eggs
- Rock fragment embedded in

CROSSWORD Puzzle : 4

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- another rock
4. Sharpening stone
5. Long fish
6. Cathedral city
7. Birds of prey
8. Anchor vessel
9. U.S. State herds
10. Whale
12. Verne's submariner
17. Indian currency
19. Sexless things
21. In this place
22. Heroic
23. Trapeze artist
26. Legendary emperor of China
28. One who seeks advancement
29. Slide
30. Typographical error
32. Moral code
37. Bottle top
40. Verbal exams
42. New Zealand parrots
43. Small particle
44. Withered
45. Small children
46. Singer
48. Card game
50. Monetary unit of Vietnam
51. Secret agent

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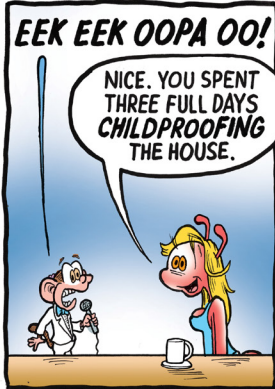
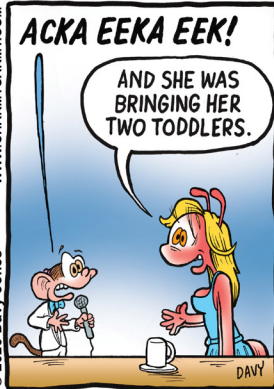


BEEZWAX By John Martin



CHARMY'S ARMY

Created by DAVY JONES



BOISE COUNTY

Fish and Game to Capture and GPS-Collar Elk Calves for Long-Term Management

BOISE COUNTY -- Idaho Fish and Game wildlife biologists will soon begin their annual effort to capture and GPS-collar elk calves, a key project that helps the agency better understand elk survival, movement, and long-term population trends across the state.

To many people, the idea of locating and capturing elk from a helicopter may sound like something out of a wildlife documentary. For Fish and Game, it's a carefully planned and essential part of managing healthy elk herds and ensuring sustainable hunting opportunities for Idahoans.

Each year, biologists conduct limited helicopter operations to safely deploy GPS collars on elk calves. The data collected from these collars provides detailed insight into where elk live, how they move across the landscape, and what factors influence their survival.

Regional Wildlife Biologist Barb Moore explained the value of the technology:

"When an animal is wearing a GPS collar, we learn a great deal about the habitats it uses, how it moves throughout the year, and, if it dies, what caused that mortality. That information helps the Fish and Game Commission make informed decisions about setting hunting seasons and long-term population management."

Why Focus on Calves?

While adult cow elk survival has remained relatively stable across Idaho, calf survival varies widely, especially during their first winter. Because calf survival strongly influences whether elk populations grow, decline, or remain stable, monitoring these young animals provides crucial insight into future herd trends.

By tracking calves over time, biologists can better understand the environmental pressures, predators, and seasonal conditions that shape elk populations.

Animal Welfare a Top Priority

Fish and Game emphasizes that capture operations are designed with animal safety in mind. Calves are darted from a helicopter using fast-acting immobilization drugs, and the pursuit is kept short to minimize stress. Once immobilized, each calf is quickly fitted with a GPS collar and given a reversal drug. Within minutes, the animal is able to stand and move normally.

These collars will continue to transmit data throughout the year, helping biologists build a clearer, science-based picture of Idaho's elk herds and the challenges they face.



Bull elk with calves and mother.



East Boise County collared elk. Photos by Eileen Capson

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WHEN ? Fri, Feb 13th, 2026 6:30 PM

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Snow blower - 125 hp Craftsman 33: electric start, \$600 OBO. Call 208-598-2247 in Centerville.

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Boise County Road & Bridge Department is accepting applications for full time Equipment

Operators for the Garden Valley, Horseshoe Bend, & Idaho City areas. Benefits include health insurance, paid vacation, paid sick time, paid holidays and PERSI retirement.

See job description, below. Pre-employment Drug testing, background check & Class A CDL with tanker endorsement is required. Boise County is an Equal Opportunity Employer and gives Veteran's Preference in hiring practices. To apply, submit to kcoffelt@co.boise.id.us the following: (1) a filled-out Boise County application form; (2) a cover letter; and (3) a resume.

Boise County Property Appraiser Position opening 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. To apply, submit to cjuszcak@co.boise.id.us the following: (1) a filled-out Boise County application form; (2) a cover letter; and (3) a resume.

Horseshoe Bend School Job Opening for Substitute Teachers. If interested, please contact Superintendent Chesnut at chesnutd@hsbschools.org

COMMUNITY SERVICES:
Garden Valley Food Bank/ Pantry: Distribution will be the 1st and 3rd Thursday of every month

at the GV Senior Center from 9:30-11:30am.

Garden Valley Food Pantry distributes food the 2nd and 4th Friday of every month at the Calvary Chapel from 3:30 to 5:00 pm. (The GV Senior Center holds their son different dates.) **URGENT**

need for volunteers to pick up food for our community from the Idaho Food Bank in Boise. Contact the Senior Center for details.

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

OBITUARY

Ina Shropshire, born Ina Joiner on 10/18/1937 to a prominent Boise family has passed away on 1/21/2026. Ina graduated from Boise High School in 1955 and Linfield College in 1959. She married Richard Shropshire on 4/16/1960. She worked as a librarian and Spanish teacher in Walla Walla, Washington. Ina and Richard retired to a cabin on the Payette River in Lowman, Idaho.

Ina is survived by a son, Steven Shropshire of Pocatello and a daughter, Cynthia Kover of Virginia Beach, Virginia. A service will be held at Boise Funeral Home, 1809 Fairview Ave, February 6th at 2pm.

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Mon. - Thurs. 10am-8pm
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Sun. 9am-8pm

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Mon. - Wed. 2pm-Close
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Boise Basin Senior Center Menu & Happenings

BOISE BASIN — Senior Center Hosting 3rd Annual Valentine’s Day Lunch on Feb. 12

The Boise Basin Senior Center will host its third annual Valentine’s Day Lunch on Wednesday, February 12, and the community is invited to celebrate with a special meal and festive activities.

The schedule for the day includes:

- Soup at 10:45 a.m.
- Salad bar at 11:30 a.m.
- Main meal at 12:00 p.m.

Continuing a popular tradition, the center will once again serve Prime Rib along with a special Valentine’s dessert. Space is limited to 75 guests, and last year’s event reached capacity, so early sign-ups are encouraged.

Community members can reserve a spot during any regular lunch day at the center, or by contacting the Senior Center at boisebasinsc@gmail.com or 208-392-4918. Meals are offered by donation, with a recommended \$10 donation for this special event.

Guests can also look forward to a Valentine’s basket raffle and a drawing for one of Carolyn’s Quilts, featuring a beautiful red-roses design.

The center shared that they are excited to continue this tradition and bring the community

Boise Basin Senior Center
102 Bear Run Road, Idaho City, ID 83631
208-392-4918

February 2026

Meals Menus

Tuesday, February 3, 2026
Chicken stroganoff, egg noodles, green beans, pears and garlic bread.

Thursday, February 5, 2026
Turkey, mashed potatoes & gravy, stuffing, corn, fruit cocktail and rolls.

Tuesday, February 10, 2026
Pork ribs, sauerkraut, potato casserole, pineapple and bread

Thursday, February 12, 2026
Prime rib, baked potato, mixed veggies, pears and garlic bread

Tuesday, February 17, 2026
Green chili pork tacos, rice, beans and pineapple

Thursday, February 19, 2026
Lasagna, mixed veggies, garlic bread and peaches

Tuesday, February 24, 2026
Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, garlic bread, pears

Thursday, February 26, 2026
Turkey pot pie, coleslaw, peaches, and rolls

Food Bank

Wednesday, February 11, 2026 11:30:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Wednesday, December 31, 2025 11:30:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Fit and Fall Proof Activity
Tuesdays & Thursdays 10:00 AM to 10:45 AM

Bus to Boise
Wednesday, February 4, 2026 9:00 AM

Senior Center Board Meeting
Wednesday, February 11, 2026 10:00 AM

The Senior Center is open for in-house dining
Soup is on at 10:45 AM
Salad Bar opens at 11:30 AM
Entrée is from Noon to 12:30 PM

Check-in with us on Facebook for updated information

Boise Basin Senior Center is a Non-Profit Organization

Your Donations are Greatly Appreciated
Suggested Meal Donation is:
\$5.00 for Seniors
\$6.00 for those under 60



together for a warm, festive afternoon. If you have questions, the Senior Center welcomes your call.



Boise County Sheriff's Office

Nature of Call	Total Calls
911 Hangup	1
911 Open Line	1
Abandoned Vehicle	1
Accidental Shooting	1
Traffic accident with Damage	2
Traffic Accident with Injuries	5
Agency Assistance	2
Animal at Large	1
Animal Complaint	2
Vicious Animal	1
Citizen Complaint	5
Disturbance	1
Domestic Disturbace	2
DUI Alcohol or Drugs	4
Fire	1
Health & Welfare	2
Medical Emergency	8
Mental Hold	1
Motorist Assist	2
Public Contact	7
Reckless Driver	4
Shots Fired	1
Stranded Motorist	1
Suicidal Subject	2
Suspicious Person/Circumstance	7
Traffic Hazard	2
Traffic Stop	51
Trespassing	2
Vandalism	1
VIN Serial Nmbr Inspection	1
Welfare Check	4
Totals for 01/13/2026-01/19/2026	
126	



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LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF HEARING ON NAME CHANGE (Adult or Emancipated Minor) Case No. CV08-26-00016

IN THE DISTRICT COURT FOR THE 4TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT FOR THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF BOISE
IN RE: Nancy Lyn Ptak
Legal Name

A Petition to change the name of Nancy Lyn Ptak, now residing in the City of Idaho City, State of Idaho, has been filed in the District Court in Boise County, Idaho. The name will change to Nancy Lyn Keeton. The reason for the change in name is: to use maiden name and match that of birth certificate.

A hearing on the petition is scheduled for 9:30 o'clock a.m. on March 11, 2026 at the Boise County Courthouse. Objections may be filed by any person who can show the court a good reason against the name change.

Date: 1/16/2026 9:59:39 AM
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT
Tanya Lamark
Deputy Clerk

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NOTICE OF VACANCY – FIRE COMMISSIONER

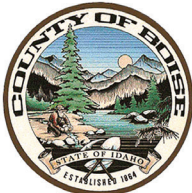
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Garden Valley Fire Protection District Board of Commissioners is seeking candidates for appointment to the position of Fire Commissioner for Garden Valley Fire Protection District Sub-district #3. Applications are available at the GVFPD office. Applicants must submit a completed application along with a brief letter of interest and resume. Application materials may be submitted in person or emailed to office. assistant@gvfdidaho.com. The deadline for submission is February 9, 2026 at 5:00 PM. The Board will appoint a candidate to fill the vacancy at a special meeting on February 24, 2026 at 2:00 PM. Applicants are not required to be present at the meeting. Applicants must have their primary residence within Sub-district #3 and must have resided within said Sub-district for at least one (1) year immediately preceding appointment. Sub-district #3 generally includes the Banks-Lowman Road corridor, Alder Creek, and Crouch north to Bevan Lane, along with other adjoining areas. Sub-district boundaries may be reviewed at the main fire station located at 373 S. Middlefork Rd., Garden Valley, Idaho. Applicants must include their physical address on the application and on the letter of interest and/or resume. Additional information regarding the duties of a Fire Commissioner is available at www.gvfdidaho.com and Idaho Code §31-1417. <https://legislature.idaho.gov/statutes-rules/idstat/Title31/T31CH14/SECT31-1417/>
Garden Valley Fire Protection District
P O B o x 5 3 0
Garden Valley, ID 83622
Attn: Vacancy
DATED this 14th day of January, 2026.

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BOISE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS CONDENSED MINUTES
MONDAY, DECEMBER 23rd, 2025–Miners Exchange Building, Idaho City, Idaho, 83631
Chairman Tucker called the meeting to order and the pledge of allegiance was recited. Present: Chairman Tucker, Commissioner Callahan, Commissioner Lindstrom, Clerk Prisco, Deputy Clerk Mayo, Sheriff Turner, Prosecuting Attorney Sosa, Assessor Juszcak, Planning & Zoning Administrator Gross, Deputy Clerk Bowen, Road & Bridge Office Manager Cook and Road & Bridge Administrative Assistant Doane. Minutes for December 16th, 2025 were approved. A purchase request was approved. Two (2) Tax cancellations were approved. FCO’s for SMP 2025–006 were approved. The Bills were paid. Two (2) demand warrants were approved. Public Hearing for Area of Impact was held for the four (4) municipalities. Two (2) Areas of Impact were approved. Commissioners closed the County on December 26th, 2025 as a County Holiday to follow President Trumps Executive Order. Adjourned. Approval, Chairman Tucker. Attest, Clerk Prisco, Clerk to the Board.

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BOISE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS CONDENSED MINUTES
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 30th, 2025–Miners Exchange Building, Idaho City, Idaho, 83631
Chairman Tucker called the meeting to order and the pledge of allegiance was recited. Present: Chairman Tucker, Commissioner Lindstrom, Commissioner Callahan, Clerk Prisco, Deputy Clerk Mayo, Sheriff Turner, Deputy Clerk Bowen, Wildfire Mitigation Administrator Jones, Assessor Juszcak, Road & Bridge Superintendent Braughton, Noxious Weeds Superintendent Forsea, Treasurer Turner, Community Justice Administrator Leader, Planning & Zoning Administrator Gross and Prosecuting Attorney Sosa. Employee time rollover was approved. A tax cancellation was approved. A payroll addition was approved. The County Vessel Report was approved. The Annual Road & Street financial report was approved. A Demand Warrant was approved. Department Heads/Elected Officials gave an update of their Departments. Two (2) Ordinances were passed. The Public Hearing was continued for Areas of Impact, Two (2) Areas of Impact were approved. Reason statements for all four (4) Areas of Impact were approved. Adjourned. Approval, Chairman Tucker. Attest, Clerk Prisco, Clerk to the Board.

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BOISE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS CONDENSED MINUTES
TUESDAY, JANUARY 6th, 2026–Miners Exchange Building, Idaho City, Idaho, 83631
Chairman Tucker called the meeting to order and the pledge of allegiance was recited. Present: Chairman Tucker, Commissioner Callahan, Commissioner Lindstrom, Clerk Prisco, Deputy Clerk Mayo, Sheriff Turner, Planning & Zoning Administrator Gross, Solid Waste Superintendent Pattee-Krosch, Wildfire Mitigation Administrator Jones, Treasurer Turner and Road & Assessor Juszcak. A Grant application was approved. A donation was approved. A purchase request was approved. A letter of support was approved. Seven Tax Cancellations were approved. An extension of a property line adjustment Application was approved. Two demand warrants were approved. A demand warrant for EBCAD was approved. Adjourned. Approval, Chairman Tucker. Attest, Clerk Prisco, Clerk to the Board.

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BOISE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS CONDENSED MINUTES
TUESDAY, JANUARY 13th, 2026–Miners Exchange Building, Idaho City, Idaho, 83631
Chairman Tucker called the meeting to order and the pledge of allegiance was recited. Present: Chairman Tucker, Commissioner Callahan, Clerk Prisco, Deputy Clerk Mayo, Deputy Clerk Bowen, Assessor Juszcak, Sheriff Turner, Treasurer Turner and Wildfire Mitigation Administrator/Emergency Manager Jones. December 23rd, December 30th, 2025 and January 6th, 2026 meeting minutes were approved. Four (4) Tax Cancellations were approved. A reimbursement request was approved. Out of state travel was approved. An Agreement was approved. A contract was approved. The Bills were paid. Adjourned. Approval, Chairman Tucker. Attest, Clerk Prisco, Clerk to the Board.

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Submit a Letter to the Editor at editor@idahoworld.com
Letters are limited to 300 words and must express opinions or concerns regarding Boise County.
The letter must be signed.



IDAHO CITY LITTLE LEAGUE

Spring 2025 Season Information

REGISTRATION DAY AND EQUIPMENT EXCHANGE

- DATE: FEB. 23RD
- TIME: 3PM
- LOCATION: ICHS

Come exchange equipment, meet coaches, and get your players registered

DIVISIONS:

T-BALL DETAILS

- Practice: Monday/Wednesday after school
- Game Day: Friday at 5pm
- Location: TBD - In Idaho City
- Who: Boys & Girls Ages 4-7
- Cost: \$60 until February 23rd price increase to \$80 on February 24th

BASEBALL DETAILS

- Practice: Tuesday and Thursday
 - Time TBD
- Game Day: Saturday
 - Schedule TBD
- Location: Varies
- Who: Boys Ages 7-12
- Cost: \$80 until February 23rd price increase to \$100 on February 24th
- First two weeks of the season we will practice 4 days a week

COST & REGISTRATION

The season will run from March 24th to May 17th for all divisions

SOFTBALL DETAILS

- Practice: Tuesday and Thursday
 - Time TBD
- Game Day: Saturday
 - Schedule TBD
- Location: Varies
- Who: Girls Ages 7-14
- Cost: \$80 until February 23rd price increase to \$100 on February 24th
- First two weeks of the season we will practice 4 days a week

COST & REGISTRATION

Costs:

- T-ball: \$60
- Baseball: \$80
- Softball: \$80

Family Cap \$120

Late registration fee is an additional \$20 after February 23rd. No cap on price after the 23rd.

Registration ends on February 23rd. Late registration ends on March 2nd.



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Deliciously creamy and super cheesy scalloped potato with thyme



Ingredients:

2 1/2 pounds Idaho® potatoes, peeled and thinly sliced
Hot water
2 cups heavy whipping cream
3 garlic cloves, minced
3 tablespoons butter
1 1/2 teaspoon Kosher salt, or to taste
1/4 teaspoon black pepper
1 tablespoon fresh thyme leaves
2 1/2 cups mozzarella cheese, grated

Instructions:

Preheat the oven to 350°F.

Place potatoes in a microwave-safe bowl, cover with hot water and microwave for 15 minutes or until potatoes have almost a soft texture, stirring a few times. Drain.

In another bowl, combine heavy whipping cream, garlic and butter. Microwave for 1-2 minutes, or until butter melts.

Arrange first layer of potato slices in a cast iron skillet or a baking pan. Top with 1/3 of the heavy whipping cream mix. Season with salt and pepper and top with 1/3 of the fresh thyme leaves and mozzarella cheese.

Repeat step 4 two more times, creating a total of 3 potato layers, reserving the last layer of cheese for step 7.

Cover with foil and bake for 40 minutes or until potatoes are cooked through.

Uncover. Sprinkle remaining cheese and broil on high for 1-2 minutes.

Garnish with fresh thyme leaves. Enjoy!

BOISE COUNTY

Special Olympics Idaho Winter Games Postponed to March 7 Due to Warm Weather

GARDEN VALLEY — The 2026 Special Olympics Idaho Winter Games at Terrace Lakes Resort will be postponed to Saturday, March 7, after unseasonably warm temperatures made it impossible to prepare adequate snow for the January 31 event.

Event organizer Julie Walz explained that despite raising enough funds to hire a snow-making company, the weather simply isn't cooperating.

"We've raised enough funds to hire a snow making company, but with the upcoming warm temps we don't think we can make it happen on the 31st of January," Walz said. "We have a dedicated crew who want to make the event happen in March, so the plan is to start making snow in mid-February so that we have a nice base ready to go for the athletes... hopefully Mother Nature will come through so we don't have

to do this!"

The Terrace Lakes Invitational is one of Special Olympics Idaho's most anticipated winter events, drawing 100–120 athletes from across the state—including teams traveling from as far as Rexburg. The lack of snow left organizers with no choice but to push the competition to a later date.

Athletes' Dedication Remains the Heart of the Event

Sedona Hansen, Sports Program Manager for Special Olympics Idaho, emphasized how much the event means to the athletes and how hard they work to prepare for it.

"It is impossible not to be inspired by the dedication our athletes bring to the Terrace Lakes Invitational each year," Hansen said. "Long before race day, athletes are out training in the cold, practicing snowshoeing and Nordic skiing, building endurance, and pushing themselves to improve."

She noted that these winter sports demand both physical strength and mental resilience, and that athletes consistently rise to the challenge.

"We see the hours of preparation behind every race—the early mornings, the determination to keep going, and the pride athletes take in their progress."

Hansen added that the Invitational is far more than a competition.

"The beautiful setting, the supportive environment, and the sense of community make it a meaningful experience for everyone involved. Athletes arrive excited, focused, and ready to give their best."

What resonates most, she said, is what the event represents:

"It's a chance to showcase how hard they've trained, to represent their teams with pride, and to be part of a welcoming and inclusive community. Crossing the finish line—



Competitors at Terrace Lakes Resort. Courtesy of Julie Walz

regardless of placement—is a moment of accomplishment that reflects months of effort."

Hansen called the Terrace Lakes Invitational a powerful reminder of why Special Olympics Idaho matters—and why the athletes' dedication continues to inspire everyone involved.



Boise County's Chubby Winter Quail

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