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## THE VOICE OF BOISE COUNTY

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### Firefighters Complete 20-Hour Extrication Training

**IDAHO CITY** – Fire Instructor John Ward shared details about the specialized training held over the weekend in Idaho City, where the Idaho City Fire Protection District hosted a 20-hour Extrication Awareness and Operations Class from March 13–15. Photos from the training were also provided by John Ward.

The class was sponsored by the State of Idaho Fire Services Training and included participants from Clear Creek Fire Department, East Boise County EMS District, and Boise County Search and Rescue.

Ward expressed deep gratitude to TNT Auto Salvage and Recycling for donating vehicles, setting up realistic wreck simulations, and allowing the use of their property—including a semi dump trailer used as a training prop.

A special thank-you was extended to Lead Instructors Clint Edwards and Randy Thompson from the Rupert Fire Department for dedicating their entire weekend to teaching invaluable skills to firefighters and EMS personnel.

#### Hands-On, Real-World Training

The course covered a wide range of critical skills, including:

- Scene safety and size-up
- Vehicle construction and

safety features

- How to identify and use those features to responders' advantage

- Stabilization techniques using blocks, straps, struts, rescue jacks, chains, come-alongs, and winches

- Methods for removing all types of automotive glass, including tinted and laminated, and

- Use of extrication tools such as battery-powered spreaders and cutters, hydraulic combi tools, axes, halligans, and cribbing.

Participants practiced removing doors, roofs, entire vehicle sides and steering wheels, as well as performing dash rolls when legs are pinned. They also learned how to use a vehicle's roof as a backboard during rollover scenarios.

#### Training That Builds Confidence and Saves Lives

Ward highlighted the importance of involving EMTs directly in the training:

“Our EMTs got in on the action not only hands-on with the tools and equipment, but also understanding what is taking place outside, as well as with patients inside, to fully understand what's happening around them as they provide care. The experience was invaluable to everyone.”

He also praised the junior



March emergency responder training. Photos by John Ward

firefighters:

“Your thirst for knowledge and your hearts to help others is outstanding. I'm very proud of your dedication to the profession. You are truly our future.”

Ward closed with appreciation for the entire team—and their families:

“Special thank you to our amazing firefighters and EMS teams. I appreciate the many sacrifices you make and the drive you show to provide the absolute best service possible. And last but not least, our extreme gratitude to the families who support these incredible men and women. Your sacrifices do not go unnoticed.”



### St. Patrick's Day Dinner Brings Laughter, Luck, and a Full House

**IDAHO CITY** – The 39th annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner, hosted by the Idaho City Historical Foundation, filled the Ray Robison Community Hall on Saturday, March 14, with the unmistakable warmth of community spirit—and the irresistible aroma of corned beef and cabbage.

For 58 years, the Foundation has kept Idaho City's history alive, and this beloved dinner has become one of its most cherished traditions. The meal—prepared and donated by Trudy's Kitchen—was served to a sold-out crowd. As organizers proudly noted, “every last cent goes to the Foundation.”

The evening featured both a Silent Auction and a lively Live Auction, with Trudy Jackson stepping in as auctioneer

and keeping the crowd laughing and bidding.

#### A Night of Food, Friendship, and a Wee Bit of Irish Magic

ICHF's President Barbara McClain shared her gratitude:

“The Idaho City Historical Foundation once again had a very successful St. Patrick's Day Dinner and Auction. The delicious meal of corned beef, cabbage, potatoes and carrots was cooked and served by Ashley, Sierra, and Naomi of Trudy's Kitchen. All food for the event was donated by a Boise company. The Sons of Erin delighted everyone with their kilts and many donations to the live and silent auctions. This dinner could not have happened without the members of the community that came out

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## HAPPENINGS IN BOISE COUNTY

**HORSESHOE BEND** - Easter Egg Hunt hosted by the HSB Fire Dept. on April 4th. Free for ages 0-5th grade. Bake sale and silent auction at 398 School Drive.

**IDAHO CITY** - Easter Egg Hunts at the Forest Service Airport at 11am (ages 0-4), 11:10 (5-8) and 11:20 (9-109) on April 5th.

**IDAHO CITY** - Boise County Republicans Lincoln Dinner on Saturday, April 11, at the Ray Robison Community Hall. Doors open at 4:30 pm and dinner is at 6pm. Call Steve at 208-968-9416.

**HORSESHOE BEND** - STEM Around the Bend. April 16, 5-7pm in Horseshoe Bend Schools gym. Free. Hands on STEM fun. All ages welcome.

**ROBIE CREEK** - Race To Robie Creek on April 18th. Expect traffic delays and congestion along Hwy. 21 and Robie Creek Road during the event.

**HORSESHOE BEND** - Digital Safety and Awareness for Parents Presentation with Officer Gomez. April 30, 6-7:30pm in Horseshoe Bend School Student Center. Free. Mature content, 18+years. Free food and door prizes, free child care on site.

**GARDEN VALLEY** - 2026 USA World Jet Boat Race on May 8th thru 10th. Jet Boat Race Payette River with 30-55 boats, 2 to 4 crew members. Open to the public.

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See pages 6 & 10 for the Boise County registered candidate list, including: County Assessor, Clerk, Commissioner 1 & 2, Coroner, Treasurer, and Precinct Committeemen.

# BOISE COUNTY

# BOISE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Transcribed by Eileen Capson

**March 10, 2026**

**Present:** Commissioners Clay Tucker, Lindy Lindstrom, and Bob Callahan

Pledge of Allegiance

**CONSTITUENT INPUT:** None

**MINUTES:** Commissioner Lindstrom motioned to accept the minutes from March 3<sup>rd</sup> and the motion carried.

**TAX CANCELATION:** Chairman Tucker said he would have to recuse himself, because the tax cancelation was for his brother. Lindstrom motioned to approve the tax cancelation presented by the treasurer in the amount of \$152.29. The motion carried and Tucker abstained. Assessor Chris Juszczak explained that there had previously been a mobile home on the property, but it has since been removed.

**ROAD NAME CHANGE:** A fee for the road name change was paid. Lindstrom motioned to approve the road name change request to "Whisper Creek" and the motion carried.

**SHERIFF:** Scott Turner spoke concerning outdated

software from 2016 for E-911 services. He offered several options that will be compatible with the next generation software. Sheriff Turner explained that this was a "must." Lindstrom motioned to approve the upgrade in the amount of \$30,780. The motion carried.

**EMERGENCY MANAGER:** Jordan Jones explained a grant that has been received by for Lowman and what would be implemented with the program. He said that with an in-kind match, Boise County was awarded \$139,380 at no cost to the county. A representative did a presentation on the fully funded 12-month wildfire mitigation program. The organization is anticipating this to be a successful pilot program and eventually brought to other counties in Idaho. In addition, they hope to get as much work done prior to fire season.

Jones explained that there are "a lot of good things going on in Lowman." With the Lowman Wildfire Mitigation Partnership, subdivisions have been doing preventive work,

and they have been meeting monthly to discuss wildfire mitigation.

Lindstrom motioned to approve the grant award and the motion carried.

**ASSESSOR:** Juszczak recognized Jason Rowe for his twenty years of service with the county.

**WEED DEPARTMENT:** A seasonal employee was motioned to hire Kari Allred, and the motion carried. Although Allred had retired, a representative from the Weed Department disclosed that Allred was bored and wanted to come back. The commissioners welcomed her back and said she had a lot of experience.

**MOTION:** Lindstrom motioned to approve the reimbursement request for the close out report to Idaho Parks and Recreation in the amount of \$4,349.43. The motion carried.

**JUVENILE JUSTICE:** Amanda Leader said the prosecutor was in favor of a planned program, including a bicycle give-away and rodeo program, through the essay

contest. Lindstrom motioned to approve the Central District Health subgrant agreement in the amount of \$3,750. The motion carried.

**RESOLUTION:** Commissioner Lindstrom motioned to approve Resolution 2026-18 to adopt a Boise County social media policy. The motion carried. [New Facebook page: "Boise County of Idaho"]

**CLAIMS:** Commissioner Callahan reviewed the line items and noted that the power had gone up a little bit. Lindstrom motioned to approve the claims approval in the amount of \$237,806.88. The motion carried.

**DEMAND WARRANTS:** The K9 purchase in the amount of \$15,000 (donation) was motioned and approved. The name of the dog is Loki, and Commissioner Callahan said, "I wouldn't go petting him or anything." Commissioner Lindstrom agreed, "I don't think I'd pet it."

A motion was made for a K9 cage for the patrol vehicle in the amount of \$7,013.70. The motion carried.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** A motion was said to enter ex-

ecutive session per Idaho Code 74-206 11 [risk management]. [Time 9:43 am to 10:00 am] No action was required.

**IDAHO OUTFITTERS AND GUIDE ASSOCIATION:** Jack Hurty, policy director for the association, explained that they represent about 400 outfitting businesses that operate in rural counties and public lands, everything from river guides to hunting guides, or snowmobile guides. He proceeded to ask the commissioners what sort of problems they are seeing with public lands. Lindstrom spoke about the Forest Service and said he probably shouldn't say anything on record, but responded, "They abuse everything. They take all the power, and they are not held accountable for anything. I feel like they take out the way of life that the Forest Service was built on. I think that how it's become, fees and spend dollars that are totally unnecessary - I think it's a complete joke, actually." Callahan added, "I think for mainly our rural community and a lot of other rural communities, I think our services

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**Boise County Republicans  
Lincoln Dinner  
Saturday, April 11, 2026**

**Location:** Ray Robison Community Hall  
206 West Commercial Street  
Idaho City, ID 83631

**Time:** Doors open @ 4:30 PM, Program starts @ 5:45 PM  
Dinner @ 6:00 PM

**Keynote Speaker:** Mark Fitzpatrick  
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**Menu: BBQ Tri Tip, Salads, Beans and Garlic French Bread**  
**Dessert Dash**  
**Prize Drawings and Silent Auction Items**

**Questions/Info Steve Moore @ 208.968.9416 or Steve805moore@gmail.com**

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**BOISE COUNTY****CALL TO OPPOSE PROPOSED FOREST DEVELOPMENT AROUND THE IC AIRPORT**

Idaho City and all Boise County residents, please be advised that US Forest Service is in the "initial" stages of planning for development of the area around the IC airport. The area involved includes and/or is directly adjacent to Buena Vista trail 262 (the airport loop trail), Charcoal Gulch 263, and the areas around and above these trails.

The current proposal is to add **10.8 miles of new mountain bike trails** and to incorporate **3.6 miles of existing trails**, potentially including the Charcoal Gulch trail and at least a portion of the Buena Vista trail. This proposal is being driven by a mountain bike group named Southwest Idaho Mountain Biking Association (SWIMBA). SWIMBA is also associated with an organization called the Highway 21 Recreation and Transportation Collaboration.

The Forest Service made a presentation about this proposal at the Commissioners' meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 24th at 9 AM. Evidently there is a "Board" of fifteen people that has been selected to provide guidance on the proposal and help make the final decision. The Forest Service was asked who was on the Board. Only a very vague answer about various organizations involved was provided. However, we were informed that Commissioner Bob Callahan and our Sheriff Scott Turner are members of this board. The Forest Service indicated this proposal was in the very early stages.

The SWIMBA website at <https://us6.campaign-archive.com/?u=2589bfa7459b675b7337acdd9&id=69a2137f24> indicates SWIMBA intends to aggressively fast track this proposal, **"behind the scenes"** (their words) as much as possible. They indicate the Board thus far has given enthusiastic support for this proposed project. I have been told that Commissioner Callahan and Sheriff Turner were not present at SWIMBA presentation meeting. The SWIMBA site lays out the steps to getting their proposal for **"a destination-quality" mountain bike trail system** approved. Of particular note, they fail to indicate a phase for any community input before seeking approval. The Forest Service did indicate that community input would be solicited but indicated it would come later in the process. Our experience with these kind of initiatives is that by the time community input is taken, it is too late and the deal is all but done. Given what SWIMBA itself describes as the "behind the scenes" nature of this proposal, we firmly believe our community must **ACT NOW, before the proposal gains unstoppable momentum in Treasure Valley.**

Anyone using the airport, ridge, and dump area trails, hunters, horse folks, pilots, and our

entire community should be very concerned. We have several issues, which include the concerns/issues that follow.

First, we submit that some of the most dangerous users of the trails are the mountain bikers. They often race down the trails at 20 miles per hour or more. They make very little noise and therefore provide little or no warning of their approach. In addition, in too many cases, mountain bikers are aggressive and feel that, for some reason, they are entitled to the right of way. This is bad enough for foot hikers, but there is an even more serious issue for children, horses, dogs, and wildlife.

The Buena Vista and Charcoal Gulch trails, and surrounding area trails, provide the entire region with fantastically family friendly trails that are used by a broad spectrum of people. This includes both locals and visitors from all over. Experience in Treasure Valley teaches that once you draw in large numbers of mountain bikers with "a destination-quality trail system," the trails become de facto mountain bike only trails; both those trails designated for mountain bikes and all trails in the vicinity of the designated trails. This is because mountain bikers are notorious for ignoring trail designations and for venturing off the trails at speeds not compatible with hikers and other users. All you have to do is look at what bikers have done to the foothills of Boise and Eagle. Now, mountain bikers typically wear all kinds of expensive protective gear, but hikers, children, dogs, horses, and wildlife do not. Therefore, when collisions occur (note "when" not "if"), it is the hikers, children, hunters, and wildlife that will suffer the most.

So, is it really worth potentially cutting off safe access to the trails to everyone but the mountain bikers by allowing SWIMBA to create a mountain bike Disneyland? We submit that in exchange for yielding to this small, but well connected, segment of the population, the forest will suffer, other users of the trails will lose safe trail access, and local residents will be left with more infrastructure problems and the tax bill for more EMS and LE.

Our second issue, closely related to our first concern, is who is going to control the use of the trails and protect other users from the mountain bikers? Who is going to make sure these mountain bikers stay on the designated trails instead of wandering onto private property or trails where they are prohibited? Who is going to make sure the bikers ride at safe speeds and are being considerate of other trail users? Who is going to make sure their activities do not destroy the trails or create greater fire hazards? We submit that no one will, just like now, but with larger numbers of bikers on the trails purposely drawn in by almost 14

miles of **"destination-quality" mountain bike trails**. The Forest Service does not have the resources to supervise and maintain the current trails and current number of people, much less to take on this huge added responsibility.

Our third issue is incompatibility with wildlife. There is an awesome variety of wildlife in the forest around Idaho City including herds of elk run and at least one moose pair that hangs around the Charcoal Gulch trail. Many tourists, dedicated hikers, and families come to Idaho City just to walk the local trails in the hope of seeing this wildlife and the beauty of the local forest. We submit that large numbers of mountain bikers speeding down the trails are a real danger to this wildlife and there will be collisions and/or near misses. Not only is this a potential disaster for the wildlife, but any collisions, or even close calls, will likely result in more drain on EMS. We strongly believe that there is no net good that is going to come by introducing large numbers of fast and relatively silent mountain bikes into the proposed area - not for the bikers, not for the animals, not for other users of the forest, and not for the locals.

Fourth, we submit that large numbers of mountain bikers in the proposed area is incompatible with the hunting that takes place around/in the proposed area. Game animals are already being pushed into a smaller and smaller area that is either part of, or adjacent to, the proposed new trails. As far as we can tell, the proposed bike trails are either in, or closely adjacent to, parts of game management unit 39. However, it really does not matter because mountain bikers are notorious for ignoring trail designations and boundaries. Both groups are active in the fall and on weekends. Therefore, both groups will, without doubt, be in close proximity and interact/interfere with each other. When relatively silent and fast bike riders can appear out of nowhere, how can you ensure a safe hunting environment? Who is going to make sure these folks stay out of unit 39 and stay on their designated trails? In addition, if this proposal goes through, this influx of mountain bikers will inevitably scare the game out of the area. So, is it worth risking the loss of a known income stream like our hunters for the sake of a group that will likely add little to the local economy and that have a reputation for dominating and ripping up the trails?

Fifth, we believe that the introduction of large numbers of mountain bikers will result in more EMS and LE issues in town, in the county, in the hills, and on the roads. So, who is going to pay for that? In addition, we have enough trouble keeping our local roads, like Centerville Road, Bear Run, Wall Street, or Montgomery Street passable as it is. We submit that this proposal, if allowed, will

likely result in more wear and tear on these already over-burdened roads.

Also, what about the already crowded parking lot at the airport that it is a muddy swamp a good part of the year. Where are these extra vehicles going to park? One "solution" proposed is to build a parking lot up by the dump. If that happens, then we locals will be subjected to loads of mountain bikers and their cars on the road as we try to access the dump, or surrounding communities. This, of course, will result in more dust, more accidents, and more Centerville Road wear and tear.

Then there is the lack of trash cans/service at the airport parking lot and the single-seat port-a-potty-type restroom. Is the Forest Service going to get more proactive about collecting trash and more frequently cleaning the restroom or will they just wave their hands and let the locals deal with it?

Finally, we are very concerned that the influx of large numbers of mountain bikers will further deteriorate the condition of the existing trail system. Mountain bike organizations claim that their activities have minimal impact on the forest and the trails. That is a complete falsehood. These folks love riding in the mud. This results in deep trail ruts and other trail damage that then dries and makes the trails almost impassable for other users. In many cases, the trails get so rutted that the trails become a hazard for the mountain bikers themselves. For this reason, many trails down in Treasure Valley are closed significant parts of the year to avoid the trail damage that mountain bikes cause. To enforce these closures, the City of Boise does actually monitor and ticket/remove violators. Are such trail saving closures part of the current proposal? I have seen nothing to that effect. Even if they were, who is going to enforce any such closures?

For these and other reasons, we are very concerned about this proposal. We feel little or no consideration for the locals or the local ecosystem is being considered. We are particularly concerned that, as SWIMBA themselves state, the decisions are being influenced and made "behind the scenes."

I have spoken to Commissioner Callahan. Commissioner Callahan indicated that he has concerns about the SWIMBA proposal. In addition, I am not at all surprised that Sheriff Scott Turner has several concerns as well since much of the burden of this proposal will land directly on his already over-burdened department.

We personally urge Commissioner Callahan (phone 208-860-3817, [rcallahan@co.boise.id.us](mailto:rcallahan@co.boise.id.us)) to openly and publicly oppose this proposal. However, in the end, this is a Federal issue, i.e., a US Forest Service issue.

The Boise National Forest is around 2.5 million acres. Highway

21 and other roads run around and through the forest thereby providing many points of access. So, our question to the Forest Service is why build these trails in an area already heavily used by other groups with conflicting needs. With 2.5 million acres available, why force incompatible user groups into the same small area? Why not build mountain bike trails in areas not currently being used by other groups? There are many places these bike trails could be built that would have a far less negative impact on the locals and other trail users.

We believe that if Boise County residents proactively show your their concern by contacting both local and federal representatives, this proposal may be significantly modified and/or moved to a more suitable location. **We cannot promise what the outcome will be if we push back loudly, but we do know what the outcome will be if we do not act now - a done deal with terms and conditions dictated by Treasure Valley and SWIMBA.**

Here is contact information for the local Forest Service and your Federal Representatives:

**Forest Service:**  
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As noted above, we have a copy of the December 10, 2025 presentation made by SWIMBA in PDF format. If you email us at [icbiketrail@gmail.com](mailto:icbiketrail@gmail.com), we will send you a copy of the December 10, 2025 presentation so you can decide for yourselves.

Finally, please let everyone know about this proposal regardless of whether they would want it or not. A decision this significant to our community should not be made in backrooms.

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# BOISE COUNTY

## Jason Rowe Celebrates 20 Years of Service



Jason Rowe was recognized on March 10th for his years of service. Photo courtesy of C. Juszczak

**BOISE COUNTY** -- Jason Rowe recently celebrated his 20-year anniversary with Boise County, marking two decades of quiet but essential service that reaches far more residents than most people realize.

Rowe works as a mapper in the Assessor's Office, and his work supports nearly every corner of county operations. His maps are used by the Sheriff's Office and dispatch, aiding first responders. He has created multiple neighborhood map booklets that are placed in fire response vehicles to help crews

reach emergencies quickly. His mapping also assists with elections, and he has produced maps used as evidence for the Prosecutor's Office. And that's only a small portion of what he does.

A photo was taken of Rowe receiving his award during the Boise County Commissioners' meeting on Tuesday, March 10.

In addition to his work in the Assessor's Office, Rowe also serves the community as a first responder with the Idaho City Fire Protection District.

**A Specially Crafted Award**  
Rowe's commemorative plaque is shaped like Boise County and features a wooden base, the county seal, and a compass in the top right corner—a detail Rowe includes on most of his maps. The plaque was assembled by Boise County Assessor Christopher Juszczak.

The artisan who cut the county-shaped plaque specializes in rustic Idaho crafts, and Western States Trophy created the colored acrylic elements.

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are thin. We don't have a huge budget for our police department, for our first responders to go out and either police or rescue a lot of the people that come into our backcountry. We get quite a few calls for search and rescue," which is all volunteer work. Chairman Tucker recounted that the county had approximately 85% federally managed land and seem mainly recreation focused. He explained that has "not helped the county pay for anything. All that does is add strain to our emergency services."

Commissioner Lindstrom stated, "The way that they manage the forest is that they burn it, and that makes it where recreation is almost impossible and then they close everything up. You know, it's supposed to be public land, *it's far from public*... They emphasize more on their police force to go try to give somebody a ticket for cutting a burnt piece of wood up for firewood than they do stopping a fire."

Hurty also inquired about PILT and SRS funds. Clerk Prisco discussed how it was authorized and the uncertainty of the amount each year.

Commissioner Callahan recounted that the Forest Service was proposing bike trails in Idaho City along hiking trails, "It's going to bring another group of people into town." He's concerned that there will be more trespassing across a lot of people's property, "That's bad for the citizens here in town." He added, "The biggest thing we face is, we are Boise's backyard. We're their playground. They come up here to play, but we pay the price for it. The funding that we get from

it, it's so miniscule that we can't even pay to fix our roads. We can't even pay to get more sheriff's deputies based off of it. Being so close to Boise is the biggest thing we face."

Sheriff Turner added to the conversation, "My experience is, the Forest Service has gotten away from what their main purpose in life, right? They've gotten for years... The process to do anything with the Forest Service takes forever. Whenever they do something, people complain about it," and then takes years to rectify it and "it's wrong." He said the Forest Service introduces trails and tries to fix trails with NEPAs, over 2 to 3 years, and that doesn't include the funding. Sheriff Turner concluded, "The rural areas, really take the brunt of this. We get punished by the majority of the population by controlling what goes on." He spoke regarding fire-fighting crews coming in from other states and action plans – "And there is no action plan... They've totally gotten away from their whole purpose in life." Tucker said that he can see the fire camp out his back window in Garden Valley with all the equipment sitting there. Sheriff Turner gave an example in Lowman; it took a week to get a bulldozer line in to help stop a fire. He said it never used to be like that and told the crews that they were "morons because they were inviting fire to come down into the Banks Lowman/ Highway 17 corridor when that wasn't the original agreement. The agreement was to try to hold it on the ridgeline and the next thing you know, we have a fire in the canyon, across the highway, that they didn't even know about until

we told them the next morning. Their planning, it's just horrible. They follow a model now that's not realistic." Sheriff Turner added, "They do it backwards, facilities that accommodate recreation should be first, right? But that's not the case. They add trail systems and whatever else, but they don't offer facilities and parking, and everything else." Sheriff Turner addressed the organization that wants to put in multiple bike trails in the Idaho City area and said, "There's no plan and no maintenance on the existing [trails] now." Callahan summed up, "It's inviting more people when our services are already strained."

Chairman Tucker had concerns about the rafters, buses, "and it sucks, because you can't go in the river because it's packed." Sheriff Turner blatantly said, "Our taxpayers should not be paying for everybody to come up and play." Callahan said that if someone crashes their mountain bike and pulls the ambulance away, our citizens may not get the help if they have a heart attack. Some rescues are done by helicopter, and statutorily the sheriff is responsible for search and rescue. Comments were also made that with timber and burned timber that rots away, the value is not being recouped.

The management of wolves were also discussed. Chairman Tucker stated that the elk now are a lot tamer than they were when he was a kid and stay in the Garden Valley all year long. Sheriff Turner said that he's been told that other units are trophy hunter units, but Unit 39 is a "catch all" with predators. There are an increased number of elk tags permitted for this

unit and Commissioner Callahan stated, "I grew up on 39 and I won't even hunt it after being shot at a few times; whatever, it's just not worth it."

Commissioner Lindstrom stated that if you're out recreating and run into a Fish and Game Officer or Forest Service, "They will make it to where you're breaking the law somehow. I don't see in any way that they're an asset."

Hurty thanked the board and said they would be combining the information for a fact-finding report. He assured the commissioners there were widespread challenges they were trying to address. Chairman Tucker asked if there were any solutions and Hurty responded that personally, he thought a solution may be a tourist tax, "to capture the value of this recreation economy" or impact fee. He also spoke about PILT and SRS reform to balance out rural communities.

Callahan asked about the timeframe for a logging operation. Lindstrom replied, "The Forest Service, they say that the reason why they don't log anymore is because nobody will bid on their sales. Well, the reason why nobody will bid on any of their sales is because they make it *impossible* for any profit. Impossible." After a fire, the wood value is lost within a

year. Grazing was a large part of Boise County, and increased fires are a concern. Lindstrom said, "The most burned up areas are mainly Bear Valley, Stanley, you know where that was *covered* in cows at the turn of the century or a little bit before. Now it's covered in black trees." Tucker said it was an obvious resource or tool that needed to be utilized.

Hurty thanked the board for time and their "frontline perspective."

**FUTURE TOPICS:** The forming or establishing of a cemetery maintenance district was discussed, and what would be required for a taxing district. Clerk Prisco said this would not be rushed and the question would not make it onto the May ballot. She will have the prosecutor review the discussion.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Lindstrom motioned to enter the closed session under Idaho Code 74-206 11 [risk management] and 74-206 1B [evaluation, dismissal or disciplining of, or to hear complaints or charges brought against, a public officer, employee, staff member]. [Time 11:00 am to 11:40 am] No action required.

Adjourned at 11:40 am until March 17, 2026.

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### Mail Center Destroyed, Residents Face Months Without Local Mail Service

Early Friday, March 13, a grey Jeep Cherokee crashed into the community mailboxes at Highway 21 and High Corral Road, destroying the entire structure. A Boise County Deputy questioned the driver, who said he fell asleep at the wheel. He was uninsured, and Sheriff Scott Turner confirmed he will face multiple charges, including restitution.

The U.S. Postal Service removed the damaged boxes immediately. Until replacements are installed, residents must pick up their mail at the Boise Post Office on West Targee, roughly a 45-minute drive for many.

According to Osprey Property Owners Association representative Patrick Bageant, the mail center served several subdivisions and nearby homes. Because the boxes were privately owned, replacement costs—estimated at \$25,000 to \$30,000—must be covered by residents. The board plans to coordinate with neighboring communities and the Postmaster, but due to funding, ordering, and installation requirements, the process may take months rather than weeks.

All mail was secured, and no injuries were reported.

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# BOISE COUNTY

## IDAHO CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Transcribed by Eileen Capson

March 12, 2026

**Present:** Councilmembers Tom Secor, Ashley Elliott (via Zoom), Bobby Mathews, Mari Adams, and Mayor Kenny Everhart.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**MINUTES:** Councilmember Secor motioned to accept the minutes from February 25<sup>th</sup> and the motion carried.

**BILLS:** Secor motioned to approve the February 26<sup>th</sup> through March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026, in the amount of \$24,751.58. The motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Consor Engineering - Derek Probst spoke regarding an annual re-use permit report for the city's wastewater. He explained the fee is \$20,721 to write that report for DEQ [Dept. of Environmental Quality]. The report was due in January but was lost in the shuffle of changing to a new engineering company. Boise County Commissioner Bob Callahan asked about the length of the form and Mayor Everhart explained it was a lengthy report. This cost would not be covered by the grant, but he said public works would put in more time to reduce the cost.

Councilmember Mathews questioned the protocol for hearing constituent input. Everhart explained why it was moved to the end of the meeting, but said the council will reach out to constituents from time-to-time during the meeting to address issues.

**WATER/SEWER HOOK-UPS:** Trudy Jackson spoke regarding land parcels surrounding Trudy's Kitchen. This would cover selling parcels, moving a trailer, and then extending sewer and water hook-ups. She will be bringing the RV park up to code.

**VOLUNTEER POTHOLE REPAIR:** An individual said that some of the potholes had been resolved. Boise County also had helped in the effort to repair the road on Elk Creek and in front of the Elementary School. Mayor Everhart asked that they notify the city prior to doing any work. Secor said the cost of asphalt was going up, but they are hoping to do some paving.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Adopting a lengthy social media policy was reviewed, which would be under one Facebook page. No comments will be allowed on the posts for the most part. Commissioner Callahan said that the county's insurance offers a class on what is appropriate to post. Secor motioned to adopt the social media policy

and the motion carried.

**ALL-HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN:** **Bradley J Petersen**, Owner Fairhaven Solutions LLC, said there were over 500 participants in a survey concerning hazards the city and the county face. FEMA would need to know the action steps for a preliminary map to obtain funding. This plan is mandated to be updated every five years. Hazards include wildfires, flooding, earthquakes, windstorms, future pandemic, terrorism, etc. The goal is to reduce the loss of life and the loss of structures. The representative recommended being proactive in the process and partnering with the county.

**CLERK/TREASURER:** The water bills went out and several were paid late due to the short month of February. There was work done on licenses, a comprehension plan, Facebook account, and upcoming training were briefly discussed.

**CONSTITUENT:** An individual spoke about illness and pet death (2-year-old cat and fish in a tank), and she was concerned about the water. Sampling the water was discussed.

A constituent asked for transparency about the residence status of the mayor.

**MAYOR UPDATE:** Ken Everhart read a prepared heartfelt statement: "One of the requirements for holding an elected position in the City is that your primary residence must be within the City limits and as most of you probably know, I have recently sold my home in Idaho City, although I have a place rented in town, I cannot reasonably say that it will be my primary residence. In light of that, I have made the decision to resign my position as Mayor effective at the adjournment of tonight's meeting.

I would like to take a moment to thank all of the city staff and councilmembers that I have been privileged to work with throughout the last 15 years. Their commitment and dedication to the operation of the city are oftentimes above and beyond what would normally be expected. I would like to make a quick acknowledgement of a few specific individuals for their extraordinary commitment and efforts over a long period of time.

Tom Secor... coming up on two decades as a sitting Council member and Council President, his leadership, knowledge, dedication and willingness to volunteer his help whenever it

is needed is an inspiration and doesn't receive the recognition that it deserves. Although he doesn't seek that type of recognition, I believe it should be noted.

Tami Claus... Over a decade of dedication and commitment to our Public Works Department, Tami has consistently gone above and beyond the job requirements with long hours, often without sufficient help as she was, on many occasions our only employee, worn out equipment, and lacking in the supplies needed to carry out her duties, she always found a way to keep our city running.

Nancy Ptak... Nancy started as a part time deputy clerk and was quickly pushed into the position of full-time clerk due to employment issues with our, at that time, city clerk. Nancy took a system that was severely mismanaged and has brought it to a high level not just of compliance with state requirements, but efficiency and operational stability through tireless efforts and continual training.

This is by no means an exhaustive list and there is no intent to leave out or downplay anyone's contributions to the operations of our city as I ap-



Idaho City Council Meeting on March 12th via Zoom.

preciate the efforts of all who have been a part of it over the years.

I would also like to thank all of the residents that placed their trust in me through their votes, to help guide and direct the operations of Idaho City."

On that note, he knocked the gavel one last time and said, "Again, thank you to all. We are adjourned."

A round of applause proceeded, and Clerk Nancy Ptak presented Everhart with a letter

and small wrapped gift.

Everhart passed the gavel to Council President Secor, and the city attorney clarified that now the mayor's seat is vacant, the council president will serve in the interim. At the next meeting, the council will decide if it's in the best interest of the city to appoint a mayor from within the city council on March 25, 2026.

### Candidate Precinct Committeemen

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Phil Daigneau	Precinct Committeemen	Precinct Committeemen	Boise - GARDEN VALLEY	Republican
Cliff Ohler	Precinct Committeemen	Precinct Committeemen	Boise - HORSESHOE BEND	Republican
CarrieAnne Kowalczyk-Gonzalez	Precinct Committeemen	Precinct Committeemen	Boise - IDAHO CITY	Republican
Josh Thornton	Precinct Committeemen	Precinct Committeemen	Boise - MORES CREEK	Republican
Brian J Davies	Precinct Committeemen	Precinct Committeemen	Boise - PLACERVILLE	Republican
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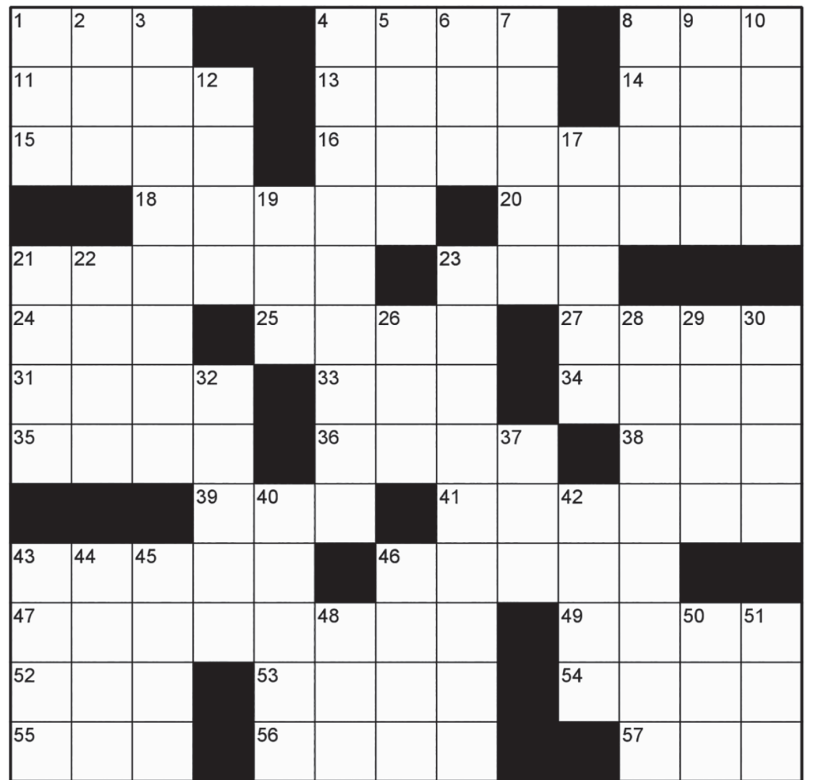


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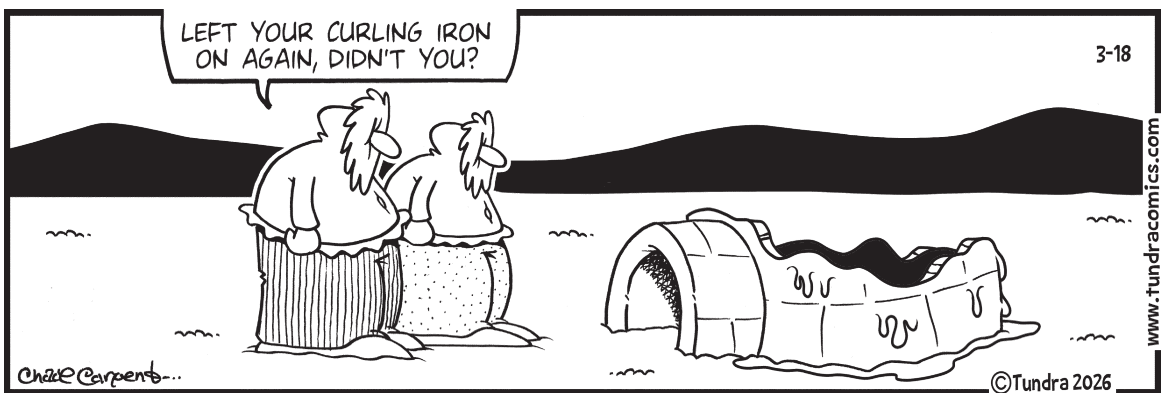
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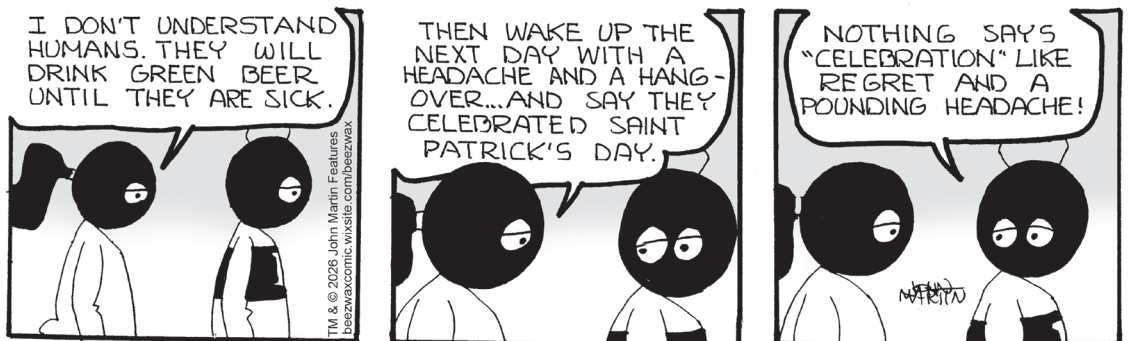


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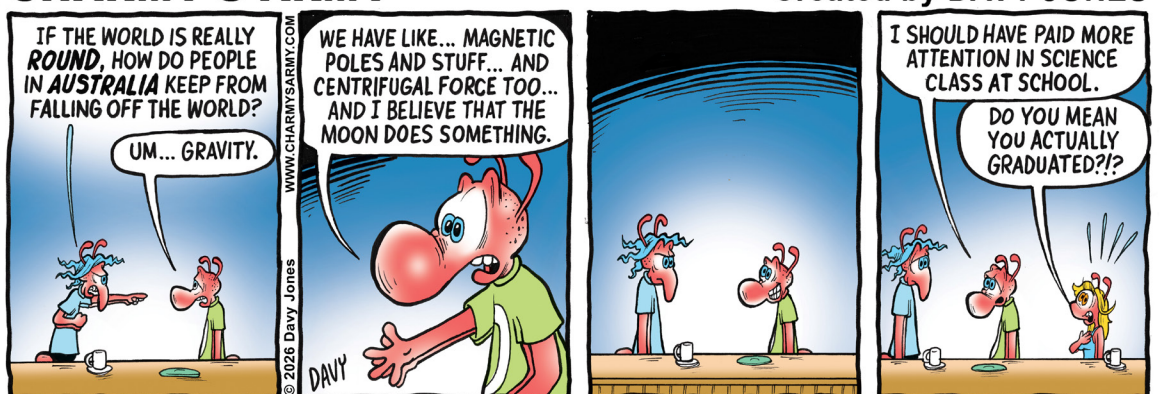
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# BOISE COUNTY

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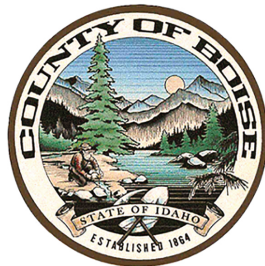
**Horseshoe Bend area:** for Spotted Knapweed, Scotch Thistle & Hoary Alyssum – April 10th and 11th at the Boise County Solid Waste & Noxious Weed Office on 203 Old Emmett Road

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Boise County Noxious Weed Department Office hours are Monday thru Thursday, 8am to 3:30pm, 208-793-2447.



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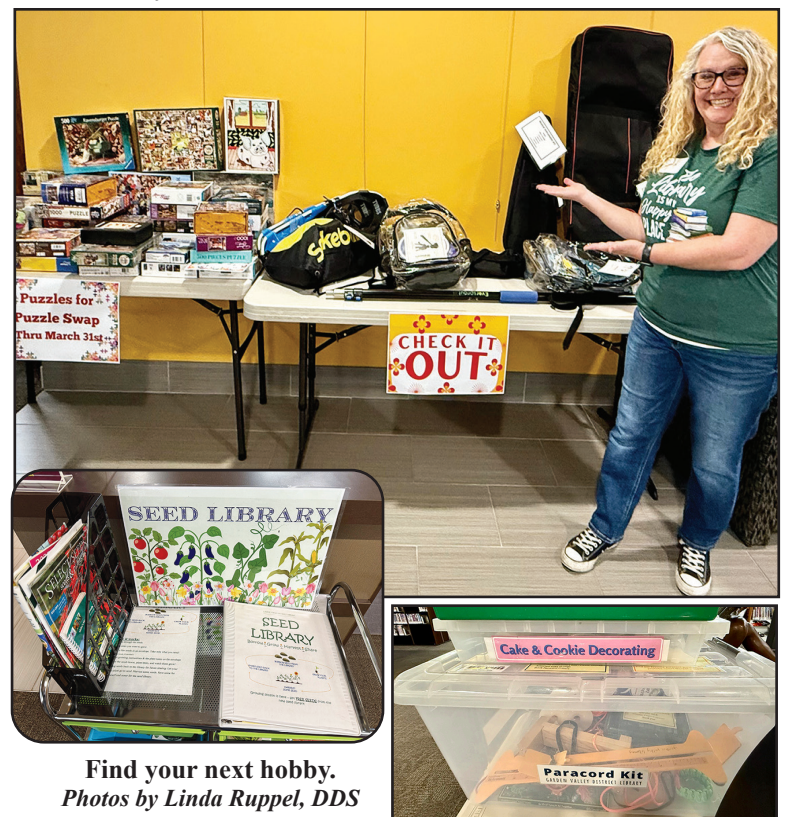
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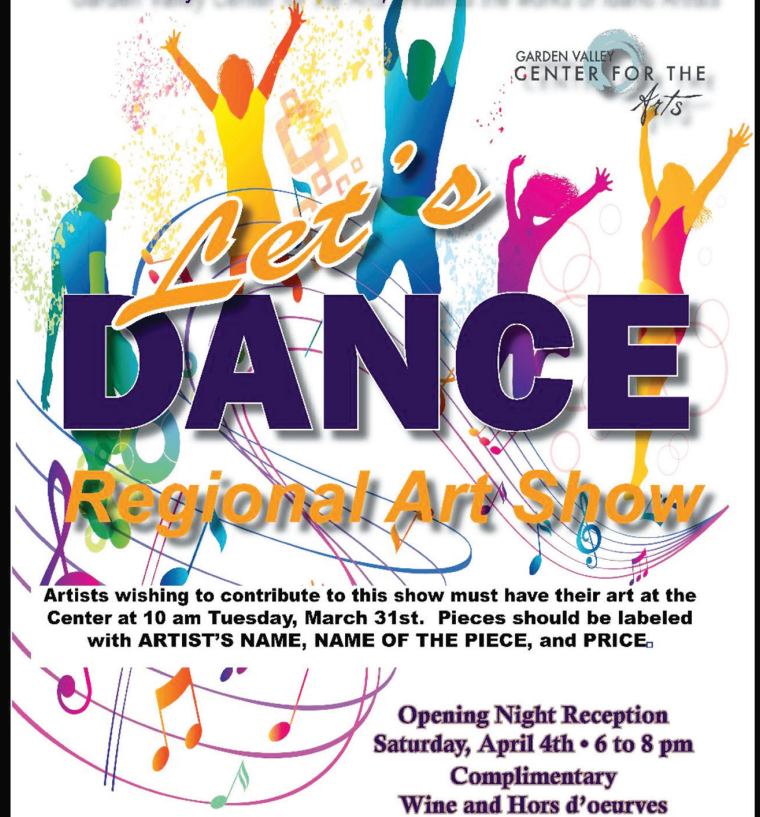
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# BOISE COUNTY

## Idaho City Historical Foundation Dinner

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and supported us for this sold-out event, and the wonderful donations from our local business community and friends. We are so grateful for each one of you. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.”

The Sons of Erin, dressed in their traditional kilts, added a festive flair that had the crowd smiling from ear to ear.

### Calling New Volunteers — No Ladder Required

Foundation member Beth Wilson hopes to bring in new volunteers and fresh faces. Many longtime members are “aging out,” she joked, and can’t be climbing ladders anymore.

Those interested in helping preserve Idaho City’s history can watch for opportunities on Facebook at Idaho City Historical Foundation.



Special thanks to the crew at Trudy's Kitchen. "And every last cent goes to the Foundation." Photos by Woras Focus



## Registered Boise County Candidates for the May Election

Chris Juszczak	County	County Assessor	Boise
Brandy Gehrls	County	County Clerk	Boise
Nancy L Keeton	County	County Clerk	Boise
Eva Polizzi	County	County Clerk	Boise
Kerri Pattee-Krosch	County	County Clerk	Boise
Dylan Stocker	County	County Commissioner	Boise 2
Phil Daigneau	County	County Commissioner	Boise 2
Bob Callahan	County	County Commissioner	Boise 1
Clay Tucker	County	County Commissioner	Boise 2
Valerie Dresslar	County	County Commissioner	Boise 1
Pamela Garlock	County	County Coroner	Boise
THELMA MEDINA	County	County Coroner	Boise
Gina Turner	County	County Treasurer	Boise

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# LEGAL NOTICES

**LEGAL NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN**

That the Boise County Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a Joint Meeting with the Board of County Commissioners on April 8, 2026 at 6:30 PM in the Commissioners Room, Miners Exchange, 420 Main St., Idaho City, ID for Open Meeting Law and Ex Parte Training followed by Discussion on Separate Zoning Districts within Boise County. All interested persons are invited to attend this meeting. Special accommodations for persons with disabilities will be provided upon advance request to Boise County P&Z Office 208-392-2293.

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**AMENDED SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION  
Case No. CV08-26-00048**

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

CLAY STERLING TUCKER,  
Plaintiff,

v.  
UNKNOWN HEIRS OF JAMES S. TUCKER, deceased; UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS, ALL UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS AND ALL OTHER PERSON UNKNOWN CLAIMING ANY RIGHT, TITLE, ESTATE, LIEN OR INTEREST IN AND TO THE REAL PROPERTY ADVERSE TO THE PLAINTIFF'S INTEREST OR ANY CLOUD UPON PLAINTIFF'S INTEREST THERETO AS TO LAND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: That portion of Government Lot 1, of Section 3, Township 9 North, Range 4 East, Boise Meridian, Boise County, Idaho, lying West of the Middle Fork of the Payette River, records of Boise County, Idaho.  
Defendants.

TO: UNKNOWN HEIRS OF JAMES S. TUCKER, deceased; UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS, ALL UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS AND ALL OTHER PERSON UNKNOWN CLAIMING ANY RIGHT, TITLE, ESTATE, LIEN OR INTEREST IN AND TO THE REAL PROPERTY ADVERSE TO THE PLAINTIFF'S INTEREST OR ANY CLOUD UPON PLAINTIFF'S INTEREST THERETO AS TO LAND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

**That portion of Government Lot 1, of Section 3, Township 9 North, Range 4 East, Boise Meridian, Boise County, Idaho, lying West of the Middle Fork of the Payette River, records of Boise County, Idaho., Defendant above named:**

You have been sued by Clay Sterling Tucker, ("Tucker") the Plaintiff, in the District Court in and for Boise County, Idaho, Case No. CV08-26-00048. The nature of the claim against you is to quiet title in and to the real property described above, which is commonly referred to as 145 Pleasant Lane, Garden Valley, ID and to declare the above-named Defendants' rights, title and interest in the subject property superior to any interest the aforementioned parties have in and to the subject property. 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 (208-392-4452) at 419 Main Street #50, Idaho City, Idaho. Any answer or response to the Verified Complaint to

Quiet Title must be served on the other party through Plaintiff's attorney, Ron R. Shepherd, SHEP LAW GROUP, whose mailing address and telephone number are 1990 N. Meridian Road, Meridian, ID 83646 and (208) 887-3444.

A copy of the Summons and Verified Complaint to Quiet Title can be obtained by contacting either the Clerk of the Court or the Plaintiff's attorney. If you wish to seek the advice or representation by an attorney in this matter, you should immediately retain an attorney to advise you.

DATED  
3/2/2026  
MARY T. PRISCO  
Clerk of the Court  
By: Angel O'Brien  
Deputy Clerk

Attorneys for Plaintiff  
Ron R. Shepherd, ISBN 6593  
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**BOISE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING AN INCREASE IN ROAD & BRIDGE DEPARTMENT RIGHT OF WAY (ROW) FEES**

LEGAL NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Boise County Board of Commissioners will hold a public hearing on increasing fees greater than the limits set forth in I.C. § 63-1311A, relating to current Resolution 2001-02, for a proposed fee increase in Boise County Road & Bridge Department right of way fees. The public hearing is scheduled for 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2026 at the Boise County Commissioner Chambers, 420 Main Street, Idaho City, ID. The hearing will be conducted by the Boise County Board of Commissioners. All interested persons are invited to attend this public hearing.  
Mary T. Prisco, Clerk to the Board

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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS (I.C. 15-3-801)**

Case No. CV08-26-00001  
IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF BOISE

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: JOHN EDWARD BLAIR III, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that JASON JON KAPPEL has been appointed personal representative of the above-named decedent. All persons having claims against the decedent or the estate are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented to the personal representative at the address indicated, and filed with the Clerk of the Court.  
DATED this 13<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2026.

Abigail F. French (#10914)  
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**Unclaimed Property Notice**

Why would anyone have unclaimed money? Unclaimed money consists of forgotten bank accounts, refund checks, utility deposits, wages, tax refunds and more. The Idaho State Treasurer's Unclaimed Property Division acts as a consumer protection agency to ensure forgotten funds are returned to their rightful owners. Check online for your name at [YourMoney.Idaho.gov](http://YourMoney.Idaho.gov).

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## Chocolate Potato Fudge



This fun, old-fashioned, gluten-free fudge recipe features Idaho® potatoes as a surprising secret ingredient! They improve the texture in a way you won't even notice, keeping the classic chocolate flavor front and center. A deliciously unexpected twist you've got to try!

**Ingredients:**

- ½ cup Idaho® potatoes plain and mashed
- ¾ cup semi-sweet chocolate chips
- 4 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 1 tablespoon milk
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- ½ teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 pound confectioners' sugar sifted
- ½ cup toasted pecans optional

**Instructions:**

1. Microwave the potatoes until tender (see notes below). Scoop out the flesh, mash until smooth, and let cool completely at room temperature.
2. Using a double boiler, melt the chocolate with the butter. Remove from heat and let the mixture cool slightly.
3. While the chocolate mixture is cooling, butter an 8-inch brownie pan and line with a parchment sling or aluminum foil. Set aside.
4. Add the cooled mashed potatoes to the melted chocolate and stir (whisk if needed) until well combined. Then add milk, salt, and vanilla extract, mixing thoroughly.
5. Sift the confectioners' sugar and add it one cup at a time, mixing well after each addition. The batter will become very thick—using a stand mixer is helpful. Once fully combined, add the toasted pecans, if desired.
6. Refrigerate the pan for at least one hour. Once set, use the parchment sling to remove the fudge and cut into small pieces for serving.

**Heather's Helpful Hints**

**Potatoes:** Use plain potatoes without any additives, such as butter, garlic, or salt. Start by piercing them all over with a fork, then microwave them, rotating every few minutes, until they're tender when pierced. Once cooked, scoop out the flesh and mash it until smooth. Do not boil your potatoes. Let the mashed potatoes cool completely at room temperature before adding to the chocolate. If they're warm, the mixture will be too runny. Avoid the fridge, as condensation can add extra moisture.

**Chocolate:** I prefer using dark or semi-sweet chocolate because this recipe already contains a lot of sugar.

**Pecans:** For extra flavor, try topping the fudge with toasted pecans. To toast pecans, spread them in a single layer on a baking sheet and bake at 350°F (175°C) for 6–8 minutes, stirring once, until fragrant and lightly browned. Let them cool before adding to the fudge.

**Storage:** This fudge will soften when left at room temperature. I recommend storing it covered in the fridge (up to one week).



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Fri. & Sat. 8am - 9pm  
Sunday 8am - 8pm

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Fri. & Sat. 9am-10pm  
Sun. 9am-8pm

**Lounge**  
Mon. - Wed. 2pm-Close  
Thurs. - Fri. 12pm-Close  
Sat. & Sun. 10am-Close

**Golf Shop**  
Closed for the season

Pray for snow everyone. It's been a little scarce so far. Once we do get snow, our snow hill will open and we'll be playing SNOLF. Check SNOLFUSA.com for upcoming events. Join us in bringing in the New Year. We will have DJ Troy with us playing all kinds of music. Plan on staying with us—we have motel rooms, cabins and condos to rent. Call the office at 208-462-3250 or book online at [terracelakes.com](http://terracelakes.com).

Come have some fun and enjoy our geothermal pool.

We have our new menu now with great dinner specials. We still have BBQ ribs on Friday nights and Prime Rib on Saturday nights.

We are also open every day for Breakfast, which is served until 11:00 a.m.

We are located 3 miles north of Crouch up the Middle Fork Road off Warm Springs Road.

# BOISE COUNTY

## Special Olympics Idaho 2026 Winter Games – A Great Success

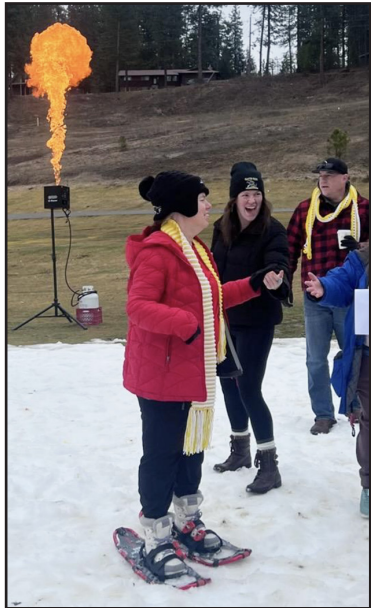
**By Julie Walz – GVS Gives GARDEN VALLEY** -- What an inspiring day at the Special Olympics Idaho Winter Games held at Terrace Lakes Resort on March 7. We continue to feel grateful, proud, and deeply moved by this community's support. Help came from many avenues, including everything from donated generators to loaned fire hoses, heavily discounted pumps rentals, transporting snow-making equipment, and the hands of many dedicated volunteers. Every contribution helped create a memorable day for the athletes and families.

Jason and Noah Sawin of CHS Snowmakers donated their equipment and time and worked tirelessly on snow making from mid-February until the morning of the event. Once enough snow was made, it was time to groom a workable course. Volunteers came together two days before the Games to help shovel snow by

hand, creating a smooth snowshoe and Nordic course for the athletes to compete.

We welcomed 38 athletes from around Idaho, all giving their best for Gold and Silver medals.

The day opened with a police escort for the team bus and a heartfelt welcome from Garden Valley locals. Rick Scott sang the National Anthem, DJ



Karen did a fantastic job of announcing and playing tunes to keep the crowd excited. At the end of each race there were G-Flame celebrations by Big Sky Fireworks. Guests enjoyed free coffee, hot chocolate, snacks, and hotdogs served by volunteers.



Because of continued fundraising and community generosity, athletes received goody bags with warm hats, a cozy blanket, and snack packs for the trip home. While weather challenges reduced participation this year, we look ahead to the 2027 Winter Games, where we hope to welcome more than 120 athletes. Terrace Lakes Resort remains a favorite venue for this competition, and the smiles and excitement from the athletes on March 7th said it all.

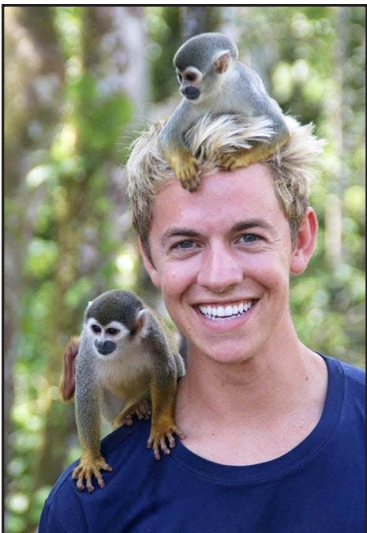
This event happens each year because of donors, volunteers, and local support. 2026 Sponsors included: CHS Snowmakers, Terrace Lakes Resort, Adventure Property, Churchill Mortgage, Garden Valley 4-H, LKV Architects, Bates Rents, Stephanie Smith of Silvercreek Realty Group, Garden Valley Properties, Fair n Square Construction, Big Sky Fireworks, Shamrock Foods, Bogus Ba-



**Congratulations to all the athletes!** Photos courtesy of July Walz

sin, Garden Valley Fire Department, Finely Tuned, Power Systems West, Edward Jones - Scott Dike, Larry & Jeri Aspersen, Shane & Jennica Zennner, Todd & Jennifer Amyx, Terry McCarthy, Bob Dixon, Alan Ward, and Justin & Kimberly Wilcomb. Thank you to everyone who helped make this year's Games a reality. Visit [snolfusa.com](http://snolfusa.com) for event updates and details for the 2027 Special Olympics Idaho Winter Games!

# OBITUARIES



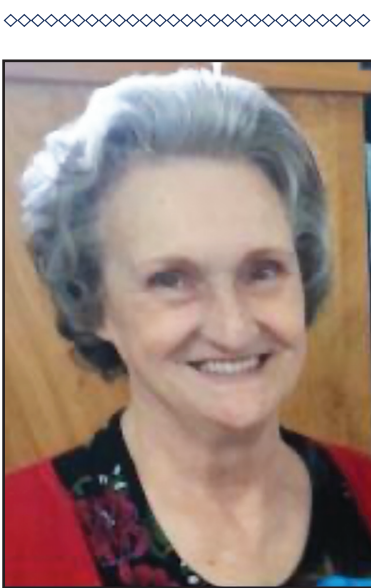
**James Matthew Moughamian**  
1993 - 2026

James Matthew Moughamian was born March 23, 1993 and passed at the young age of 32 years. He leaves behind his mother, Jill Moughamian, and 3 siblings, Paul Moughamian, Isabel Moughamian (married to Teagan Jendro), and Andrew Moughamian (fiancé Briana Hammons). He was uncle to Kionna Moughamian and Dion Moughamian who he loved greatly.

James is preceded in death by his sister, Sarah Moughamian, and his father, Matthew Moughamian.

James was quite talented and had acquired a master's degree in mechanical engineering and his most recent job was in aerospace engineering. James was also a gifted athlete, playing basketball at Idaho City HS and soccer at Timberline

HS and later in college. He also enjoyed skiing and mountain biking. James was a kind man who adored his niece and nephew and loved to expound on the latest ideas he had regarding AI, Elon Musk, and other scientific topics. He was well-loved and is leaving behind many broken hearts but is now resting in the arms of his heavenly Father. We have been blessed to know him.



**Lola Edith Tolman**  
1945 - 2026

Lola Edith Tolman, 81, daughter of Theo and Ola Darrow, peacefully passed away in her home on February 21, 2026. Born in Nampa, Idaho. She was the 7th of nine children. Attended Eastside Grade School and Central Jr. High in Nampa, Idaho. Moved to Meridian, Idaho and went to a two-room schoolhouse, then into

the Jr. High and High School.

She met and married Burl M. Tolman and they had four children, Ernest, Theodore, Michelle, and Leonard. (Teddy died at age 3 1/2 years old.) Lola is survived by her sister Theda; brother Skip; her three children Ernest (Ruth), Michelle, and Leonard (Yvonne), her thirteen grandchildren and seventeen great grandchildren.

She lived in Renton, Washington; Fall City, Washington and Redmond, Washington. She then moved to Pasadena, California for five years, then back to Idaho and has lived near Idaho City since 1975.

Lola ran a daycare in her home when her kids were all in high school. She went to work as a waitress and cook at the Kopper Kitchen in Boise, Hilltop Café, The Crow Inn, Rocks Lodge, and Trudy's Kitchen. She retired in 2020 and was able to be home with her husband and spent time with the grandkids. A few of her favorite things were gardening, sewing, and spending time with her church family. She enjoyed word puzzles and jigsaw puzzles.

Lola Tolman will always be remembered for her dedication to her family and her welcoming and loving heart. She will be missed.

Celebration of Life on March 22 at 1pm at the Robison Community Hall in Idaho City. Potluck, no pork please.



Bald eagle on her nest.

Photo by Linda Ruppel, DDS

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