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## Multiple Agencies Respond to Clear Creek Structure Fire

**EAST BOISE COUNTY** -- A fast-moving structure fire in the Clear Creek area early Saturday morning prompted a large multi-agency response and drew concern from residents who awoke to a towering column of smoke visible throughout the community.

At 6:28 a.m., Boise County Dispatch received several calls reporting a fully involved structure fire. The Clear Creek Volunteer Fire Department

(CCVFD) was immediately paged, followed by mutual-aid requests to the Wilderness Ranch Fire Protection District, Thorn Creek Volunteer Fire Department, and Robie Creek Volunteer Fire Department. In addition, special thanks to the Boise County Sheriff's Office and their deputies for their assistance.

**Fire Conditions on Arrival**  
Responding crews found the

primary structure fully engulfed, with flames spreading to a stand-alone garage and uphill vegetation. Clear Creek firefighters began simultaneous suppression on the structure, garage, and the growing vegetation fire. The Boise County Sheriff's Office also arrived to assist and prepare for potential evacuations if conditions worsened.

**Community and Mutual Aid Support**

CCVFD expressed deep appreciation for the coordinated effort that helped contain the incident. Mutual-aid partners—including Wilderness Ranch, Thorn Creek, and Robie Creek—were recognized for their rapid response and collaboration.

Local residents also played a key role. Several assisted firefighters in containing the vegetation fire and maintaining water supply for engines until additional tenders arrived. Their quick action helped prevent the fire from escalating into a more dangerous situation.

**Additional Agency Assis-**



A home in the Clear Creek area was lost due to an isolated fire on Saturday, July 11th. Photos courtesy of Steve Moore with CCVFD

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Support also came from state and federal resources. Crews from Idaho Department of Lands Engine 6153, SIRPA Engine 553, and USFS Engine 412 aided in controlling the vegetation fire. Emergency medical responders from EBCED and Life Flight were dispatched after a firefighter experienced a medical emergency during the incident.

**Investigation Underway**

Boise County Sheriff Scott Turner said the home was a

total loss. The Idaho State Fire Marshal has opened an investigation into the cause of the fire. No further details have been released.

**Community Appreciation BBQ Announced**

CCVFD also announced that their annual Community Appreciation BBQ will be held on September 12, inviting residents to come together, meet local firefighters, and celebrate the strong community partnerships that make emergency response possible.



At 6:28 Saturday morning, Boise County Dispatch received several calls reporting a structure fire in the Clear Creek area. A large column of smoke could be seen by most residents in Clear Creek.

## Garden Valley Fire Protection District Earns Major ISO Rating Improvement

**By Dawna Booth**

**GARDEN VALLEY** -- The Garden Valley Fire Protection District Board of Commissioners held a special meeting on Wednesday, July 8, 2026. Before the meeting, the Garden Valley Fire Department showed its appreciation to the community by hosting a pre-meeting barbecue at the fire station.

During the meeting, commissioners held an open discussion on the proposed amended

fee schedule, which ultimately passed. Several inspection fees for businesses and individuals were lowered.

A major highlight of the evening was a special announcement regarding the department's ISO rating (Insurance Services Office). Fire Chief Paul Cleaveland shared that the district has been awarded an ISO rating of 4, an improvement from the 5/6 rating issued in 2019. Paul thanked attend-

ees and stated, "This reflects a good deal of commitment and hard work on the part of the staff and support from the fire commissioners and the community. It has been a wonderful experience, and I am so proud of the community that also supported us throughout this long arduous journey for something meaningful to benefit Garden Valley. This is a big deal."

State Fire Marshal Knute



State Fire Marshal Knute Sandahl addresses attendees during the Garden Valley Fire District's July 8 meeting.

Photo by Dawna Booth

Sandahl attended the meeting and echoed Paul's remarks. "This is huge, we have 235 Fire Districts in the State and not many have achieved this high

of a rating. The community will see benefits and could see a reduction in insurance premiums in October when the ISO

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## HAPPENINGS IN BOISE COUNTY

**EAST BOISE COUNTY** - Summer Family Fun Day hosted by Basin School District at Osprey Meadow Common Area on Thursday, July 23, from 10am to 2pm. Bring chairs, blankets, and sunscreen. Face painting, slides, games, and food.

**EAST BOISE COUNTY** - Ready! Preparedness Event and Fundraiser for Wilderness Ranch Fire Protection District on Saturday, July 25, from 10am to 2pm at Osprey Subdivision Sims Park (104 Falcon Dr.). Community partners, emergency readiness resources, food, silent auction, and more!

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Garden Valley Fire District Recognized for Major ISO Improvement at Meeting

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reports their annual findings. I would now encourage you to set a goal of attaining a 2 or a 3 classification."

Any home in Garden Valley located within 5 miles of a fire station or 1,000 feet of a hydrant is classified as a 4. The rest of the Valley currently falls under a 7/8 classification. Improving those areas would require another fully operational fire station. Paul is also working on gaining water shuttle credits for properties outside the Class 4 zone. A map outlining these areas and ongoing progress will be posted on the department's Facebook page.

The Insurance Services Office (ISO) is a national organization that scores fire departments on their ability to protect communities. ISO evaluates four areas: emergency communications, firefighter staffing and training, water supply systems, and community risk reduction programs. These scores are sent to insurance companies, many of which use PPC ratings when setting homeowner and commercial premiums. A stronger ISO rating can help stabilize or lower insurance costs and reflects a community's improved fire readiness, stronger infrastructure, and commitment to public safety.

Another win for the Fire District was an award presented by Janet Watson, Treasurer of Payette Forward, for \$6,110 for equipment needed for ISO compliance.

BOISE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Transcribed by Eileen Capson

July 15, 2026

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

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**CONSTITUENT INPUT:** None

**MINUTES:** A motion was said for June 30<sup>th</sup> and the motion carried.

**PLANNING AND ZONING:** An appeal for an airstrip was discussed. Commissioner Callahan recapped that planning and zoning originally approved the airstrip, there was an appeal, but then the landowner withdrew their conditional use permit. Commissioner Lindstrom motioned to approve the refund request for the appeal in the amount of \$850 and the motion carried.

**PAYROLL CHANGE:** Chairman Tucker explained that the P&Z office is staffed by three people now doing the work of four people, and motions were made to increase their pay rate for extra job responsibilities.

A new Wildfire Coordinator

was named and his pay dictated through a motion.

**ITD CHANGE ORDER:** A change order for a bridge was dictated and had been evaluated by a Geotech. The concrete blocks are still viable and will be allowed to stay in place, a savings of \$20,000 to the county. There are no long-term effects according to the engineering reports and there was a motion to approve this change order.

**PROSECUTOR:** A necessary computer program was discussed and the increased cost. A motion was said to approve the licensing and the motion carried.

**COUNTY TRASH:** A contract with Payette County was discussed with an increase in fees.

**GRANT:** An award acceptance for the snow groomer in Idaho City was discussed with an additional match from the county. Commissioner Callahan said it sounded like they would have two groomers, one on each side of the highway.

Lindstrom motioned to approve the grant in the amount of \$311,238. The motion carried.

**BOISE COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION:** Commissioner Tucker set the rules, which allowed five minutes per each side of testimony, three minutes for questions, and two minutes each side for a rebuttal. Everyone was sworn in from the Assessor's office, including appraisers, to tell the whole truth in accordance with this testimony. Property owners were also sworn in and then proceeded with a discussion with the Board of County Commissioners regarding their assessed property costs and concerns. Appeals were addressed individually and values adjusted, including homeowner and agricultural exemptions. Other comparable properties were considered, including details about the home, outbuilding(s), and land.

In several cases, the board agreed with the assessors.

Adjourned at 2:34 p.m.



Paul Cleaveland receives \$6110 from Janet Watson of Payette Forward.  
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Meeting of the Garden Valley Fire District



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**The Grotes Bring New Life to the Old Schoolhouse on the Hill**

By **Dawna Booth, Garden Valley Historical Society**

**GARDEN VALLEY** -- For decades, the “Old Schoolhouse on the Hill” has watched over the Middlefork of the Payette; a familiar landmark to anyone driving into Crouch. Soon, it will be home to Brandon and Heather Grote and their three children, who will be moving to Garden Valley next month. Their journey to this historic building is a story of timing, persistence, and a shared love of local history.

Heather grew up visiting her family’s cabin on Scriver Creek, and each trip into town sparked the same dream: *What if someone restored that old schoolhouse?* Four years ago, that dream finally found its

match. Kathy Reay Kulm and her brother, Miles “Butch” Reay, were ready to sell the building their family had owned since 1964. Their father, Davey Reay, had purchased the original 1927 school and moved it to its current hilltop location when a new school was built to replace it. He hoped to remodel it into a home, but declining health prevented the project.

Heather had written to Kathy expressing interest in viewing the property but never heard back. Then one day, when she learned that Kathy was showing the property to someone else, Heather loaded her three kids into the car and drove over, hoping for a chance. When she learned that Kathy was considering selling, it was a huge surprise. Kathy recalls, “We had a great visit and enjoyed ice cream sandwiches together. We wanted to see it renovated and not demolished, and Brandon and

Heather were the perfect family to make it happen.” Today, the families are so close that the Grote children now have a “Nana Kathy and Papa Ron.”

Brandon, a construction manager with Beniton in Meridian, was well-equipped to take on the extensive remodel. Stabilizing the foundation and replacing the roof were major early hurdles. The home had good bones. Plumbers added new bathrooms and relocated the foyer’s original water faucet. The Grotes preserved as much of the 1927 structure as possible: parquet floor sanded and patched, original doors refinished, broken windows replaced, wainscoting reversed to reveal a surprise “Heather-Bran” supplier stamp, and tin from the original roof now accents a basement wall. Two additional classrooms were added to the school’s former three-room layout in the 1950s. This provided the needed space to create 3 bedrooms, 2 baths and a spacious open living/kitchen/dining area.

Hazel (9), Edith (7), and Hank (5) already have favorite corners of the house. When asked about the move, Hazel said, “I will love living here because I love the mountains. I’m excited for fresh well water and more areas to explore.” Edith added that she’ll miss her BFF, but they’re now pen pals.

With the renovation nearly complete and the family preparing to relocate fulltime, the Old Schoolhouse on the Hill is poised to begin a new chapter in Garden Valley. What was once a longstanding landmark in need of care has been thoughtfully restored into a functional

home while preserving its historic character. As the Grotes settle in, the schoolhouse will continue to stand as a visible reminder of the community’s past and an example of how local history can be carried forward through the dedication of those who choose to invest in it.



Foyer Drinking Fountain



Original doorbell  
Photos by Dawna Booth



School House on the Hill



The Grote Family - Brandon, Heather, Hazel, Edith, and Hank.



Edith and Hazel Grote

Photos by Dawna Booth



BOISE COUNTY

Starlight Mountain Theatre Brings Elle Woods to Life in *Legally Blonde*

**GARDEN VALLEY** — Starlight Mountain Theatre held its dress rehearsal for *Legally Blonde* on July 3 during the late morning and early afternoon, making photography a challenge under bright sunlight and rising temperatures. Even so, the effort was well worth it as Elle Woods sprang to life on stage.

The production follows Elle after she is unexpectedly dumped by her Harvard-bound boyfriend. Determined to win him back, she applies to Harvard Law School with a creative, out-of-the-box application that earns her admission — and launches her into an unforgettable adventure. Along the way, she learns how to study, helps a new friend discover her confidence, and makes meaningful connections. Her unconventional thinking soon becomes her greatest strength, earning her respect in both the classroom and the courtroom. Audiences will have to attend the show to see just how she does it.

In addition to *Legally Blonde*, Starlight Mountain Theatre is also performing *Frozen* and *Sugar* this season. Mid-August will mark the debut of *Into the Woods*, adding even more variety to the summer lineup.



Elle and her college squad.  
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Garden Valley Softball: Final Regular-Season Games Set the Stage for Playoffs

**July 6 – 5:45 p.m.**  
With Tante Emma forfeiting to Mountain Getaways, the players who were present decided to make the most of the evening with a lively scrimmage. A mixed team dubbed Scrubs—made up of players from several teams—took on Mountain Getaways and held the lead for most of the game.  
Mountain Getaways surged ahead in the 6th inning, 13–12, making the 7th inning a clutch moment for Scrubs. They rallied, added key runs, and held Mountain Getaways scoreless to secure a 16–13 win. It was a fun, energetic game enjoyed by all.

**July 6 – 7:30 p.m.**  
Starlight faced PRL (Payette River Landscape) and maintained the lead throughout the game, though PRL kept it close until the 6th inning. Starlight widened the gap to 14–6, and although PRL pushed hard in the 7th, they couldn’t close the distance. Starlight won 14–8.

**July 9 – 5:45 p.m.**  
KDM (black) played a patient early game, holding off scoring while Mountain Getaways (olive green) put runs on the board. The teams stayed close until the 6th inning, when KDM came alive and jumped ahead 17–11.  
Mountain Getaways added four runs in the 7th to tighten the score, but KDM closed it out for an 18–15 victory.

**July 9 – 7:30 p.m.**  
The final game of the regular season featured Starlight vs. Tante Emma. Starlight dominated early, holding Tante Emma scoreless until the 3rd inning and leading 7–1.  
By the 4th inning, Starlight surged ahead 13–1, and the 5th inning ended with a 15–3 win under the mercy rule. As usual, both teams opted to keep playing for fun afterward.

**Playoffs This Week**  
Playoff games were held Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, with the championship game(s) on Friday evening, July 17.



Starlight Devon rounds third base on his way to home plate. *Photos by Linda Ruppel, DDS*



Starlight Maizie beats the ball at first base.



PRL outfielder nabs the ball for the out.



Oops, needing to high tail it back to second in the "Scrubs" vs Mountain Getaways game.



Beating the tag with a smooth slide into third. *Photos by Linda Ruppel, DDS*

Old Hotshot Crew Revives Garden Valley’s 4th of July Flag Tradition

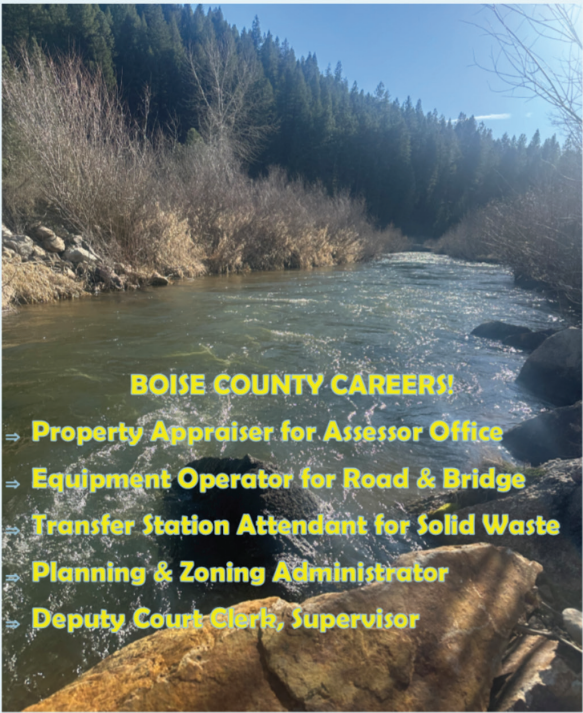
**GARDEN VALLEY** – A group of former hotshot firefighters reunited after 40 years to kick off the 4th of July at Weilmunster Park, determined to uphold a tradition even though no formal ceremony had been organized this year.  
Moon Doggie and the rest of the gang — joined by Diane Caughlin and her husband — stepped in to raise the flag just as they had done with Garden Valley Properties since 2001. Full of shenanigans, pride, and deep respect for the country, the group performed what they called a “self-raising,” offering their own impromptu tribute.

They recited the Pledge of Allegiance, lowered the flag, and then raised it once more, honoring the long-standing tradition and adding a heartfelt touch to Garden Valley’s Independence Day morning.



Photos courtesy of Diane Caughlin

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**BOISE COUNTY**

# Inside the Poorman Prescribed Burn: What Residents Need to Know

**By Dawna Booth**  
**Interviewed: Ryan Shannahan**, Zone Fire Management Officer for the Emmett and Cascade Districts **Erin Abernethy**, Public Information Officer for the Poorman Prescribed Fire

**Dawna:** Thank you for inviting the *Idaho World* to your work center to discuss this summer's prescribed burn. Why was this location chosen?

**Ryan:** We selected three units to burn in the next several years. Because of recent fires that burned so close to Garden Valley, we focus on areas closest to town, where reducing fuels will make the biggest difference. We aim to lower the risk of highintensity wildfire near the communities of Crouch and Garden Valley. People here are losing homeowners' insurance and are worried about unmanaged forests. Our goal is to create defensible space, so any future fire is easier to control.

**Dawna:** Can you walk us through how this prescribed burn has been managed from start to finish?

**Ryan:** We began by building a hand line around the entire perimeter of Unit 1. We started ignition April 29, burning from the hand line deeper into the unit, called blacklining. Early on we focused on timber ignition using drones and ground crews because the live grass was too green to burn.

April brought four inches of rain, followed by a dry May, so we had to adjust our operations to match the weather. As conditions dried and the fire spread slowly inside the hand line, we conducted another fiveday ignition beginning June 2. We've treated about 2,700 acres.

**Dawna:** Many Garden Valley residents have expressed concerns about hot spots and

smoke settling in the Valley. What can you tell them?

**Ryan:** We understand those concerns. The smoke has often been unpleasant, especially for those living nearby. The Forest Service has been coordinating closely with local and state government agencies to keep everyone informed. Several small spot fires occurred during wind events. They were detected and extinguished promptly. The flame and smoke visible for weeks was from vegetation slowly burning out inside control lines.

We temporarily closed roads and trails near active burn areas to protect the public. We've also been careful to minimize burning slopes where rock-fall could become a hazard. To keep residents updated, we advertised on local radio (98.5 FM) and held two public meetings in Garden Valley, on April 28 and June 2. The second meeting was well attended.

**Dawna:** Some residents wonder why thinning isn't used instead of burning. Why choose prescribed fire over mechanical thinning?

**Ryan:** Thinning would be great but isn't economically feasible here. Most of the trees are small in diameter, and contractors can't justify the cost of fuel, equipment, labor, and road construction. Thinning still leaves a lot of slash on the ground and doesn't remove dead surface vegetation, both of which need to be removed with prescribed fire.

Prescribed burning removes the fuel. Vegetation and wildflowers begin sprouting within a few weeks. You can already see this at the Hot Springs Campground, where new growth is coming in.

**Dawna:** What rules or protocols must the Forest Service

follow when conducting a prescribed burn?

**Ryan:** We must have an approved burn plan prior to ignition. We must get approval from a group of state and federal air quality personnel 24 hours before ignition. We are required to keep particulate matter (PM2.5) from smoke under a daily average of 35 mg/m<sup>3</sup>. Our peak at the smoke monitor by the post office was 25. Residents can check live PM2.5 measurements at [airnow.gov](https://airnow.gov).

The prescribed fire has been meeting treatment objectives in reducing live and dead vegetation, which decreases the intensity of future wildfires. However, unusually dry weather in May led to continued interior burning and lingering smoke in Garden Valley well into June.

Firefighters have been present every day, though their numbers change based on need.

**Dawna:** When do you expect this burn to conclude, and are additional burns planned?

**Ryan:** Patrolling will continue until the fire is declared out. Smoke production will decrease over time as fuel consumes and rain falls. This burn will continue until it naturally burns out or we get a heavy rainstorm. We're not conducting active ignition, but we are patrolling and securing heat along the perimeter of the unit. Unit 1 of the Poorman project will be completed this year. Next year, we may move to Unit 2 in Carpenter Creek and Hanks Creek, or we may burn in Pinney Creek.

NOTE AFTER RECENT RAIN: A large, prescribed



Ryan Shannahan, Zone Fire Management Officer for the Emmett and Cascade Districts. Photo by Dawna Booth



Poorman Prescribed Fire handline and perimeter.

fire—or any big timber wildfire—can take weeks or even months before it's officially declared out, because hidden pockets of heat can smolder undetected across rugged terrain. Although no smoke is showing now and recent foot patrols haven't found any, more than 1.5 inches of soaking rain means we likely won't see smoke again until the landscape dries for at least a week, and any renewed smoke would

probably be faint, scattered, and far lighter than what residents saw earlier.

**Note:** Residents can follow the latest information through:

- **InciWeb** and the **Boise National Forest Facebook page**, which posts regular updates on the Poorman Prescribed Fire
- and • **The Watch Duty App**, which provides localized incident tracking.

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By John Martin

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# Robie Creek Fire Station Burglarized During Claremont Fire Response

**ROBIE CREEK** -- A wave of frustration swept through the Robie Creek community on Saturday, July 11, after a break-in at the Robie Creek Fire Station left firefighters without the donated food and drinks they rely on during long wildfire shifts. Amanda Stull issued a LOW LIFE ALERT to residents, explaining that while crews were out working flare-ups on the Claremont Fire, someone pried open the station's locked door and stole food, drinks, and other supplies meant to keep firefighters hydrated and fueled.

Amanda wrote, "After days of sacrificing to keep our community safe, someone broke into the securely locked fire station to rob and pillage... The most valuable items were loads of drinks and food donated by neighbors... and they stole them. It's a double blow because we would give those items to anyone in need."

The timing made the theft even more painful. At 6:30 a.m., firefighters from five rural districts were called to a house fire, running on little sleep and without the supplies they normally carry on long calls. Sheriff Scott Turner confirmed there

are no leads yet, and anyone who saw activity at the station between 5 p.m. and 10 p.m. on Friday, July 11, is asked to contact the Boise County Sheriff's Office.

**Community Steps Up**

Despite the discouraging break-in, the community responded with overwhelming generosity. Residents rallied to replace everything stolen—and more. Albertsons and Fred Meyer donated pallets of bottled water, allowing the Robie Creek Fire Protection District not only to restock but also to share excess supplies with neighboring rural departments that assisted during the Claremont Fire.

Amanda added, "It's even more disappointing because I have seen so many of you helping others and showing kindness over the last week. We truly do have a wonderful community here."

**Firefighters Still on Level 1 "Ready" Evacuation**

The Robie Creek area remains under a Level 1 "Ready" evacuation. Due to Unexploded Ordnance (UXO) on the Boise Military Reserve—left from military training in the 1950s—firefighters were or-

dered to take a safety stand-down on Monday, July 13. They must wait until the fire moves beyond an 1,800-foot buffer before engaging, and air retardant drops cannot be used over UXO-contaminated land.

Fire Chief John Stull expressed concern about future fires, especially if conditions worsen in August. "What if it's dryer, and they cannot defend the oncoming fire due to this UXO?" he asked. For now, the fire is holding at the Boise Ridge Road, and volunteer firefighters continue 24/7 shifts to ensure it does not approach homes.

**Details of the Break-In**

The break-in caused significant disruption. The station's door—damaged by someone who "knew what they were doing"—took two days to repair enough to secure. The individual rummaged through the fire engine, cabinets, freezer, and rescue units, stealing Smuckers Uncrustables, peanuts, Gatorade, water, and freezer food.

The response from residents has been heartening: offers of donated materials, ring cameras, and even a new door.

**Mutual Aid and Community Strength**



Forced entry marks remain on the fire station's metal door, which firefighters worked to repair despite running on little sleep.  
Photo by Fire Chief John Stull

Fire District 2 Commissioner Valerie Dresslar recalled how rural firefighters left their homes without hesitation to secure fire lines and knock on doors during the Claremont Fire. She said it was "heartwarming to see the community coming together and now seeing the value of the taxing district," which went into effect in January 2026 after a narrow election.

Two wildland spike camps are currently supporting the

Claremont Fire response: one at the USFS Tree Farm near Hilltop on Highway 21, and another at the Idaho City Airport.

**How to Help**

Anyone with information about this break-in is encouraged to call the Boise County Sheriff's non-emergency dispatch at 208-392-4411.

To donate or volunteer with the Robie Creek Fire Department, email [john.stull@robiecreek.org](mailto:john.stull@robiecreek.org).

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A big thank-you to Fred Meyer and Albertsons on Federal Way for donating bottled water and Gatorades to replenish firefighter supplies.  
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A temporary city of firefighters and essential equipment has sprung up at the Idaho City airstrip as crews continue battling the Claremont Fire.  
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**By Steve Oldenburg**

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**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the City Council of the City of Idaho City, Idaho, will hold a public hearing on proposed Ordinance No. 395, an ordinance amending the Idaho City Code to allow the keeping of chickens within city limits under limited conditions; prohibiting roosters; requiring chickens to be kept in an enclosed structure; establishing minimum space requirements; limiting the number of chickens per parcel; providing for nuisance and sanitation standards; providing for enforcement; providing for severability; and providing an effective date.

The public hearing will be held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of July, 2026, at 6pm., at Idaho City Hall, 511 Main Street, Idaho City, Idaho, or such other location as may be designated by the City.

At the public hearing, all interested persons will be given an opportunity to appear and be heard regarding the proposed ordinance. Written comments may be submitted to the City Clerk prior to the hearing at Idaho City Hall, 511 Main Street, Idaho City, Idaho.

A copy of the proposed ordinance is available for public inspection at Idaho City Hall during regular business hours.

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**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE OF  
TRANSFERABLE LLC INTEREST OF  
COMPANY HOLDING PRODUCTION  
ROYALTY IN QUARTZBURG MINING  
DISTRICT**  
**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that pursuant to the **Order Granting Motion to Foreclose on Charging Order Lien and Order Authorizing Sale of Defendant Donald E. Miller’s Transferable Interest in Millerton Legacy, LLC**, entered August 26, 2025, in the District Court of the Fourth Judicial District of the State of Idaho, in and for Ada County, Idaho, Case No. **CV01-23-12018**, Andrew E. Hawes, Judgment Creditor and foreclosing party, will sell at public auction all transferable interest of Donald E. Miller in Millerton Legacy, LLC, an Idaho limited liability company. Donald E. Miller purports to own a 90% interest in the company. The sale is being conducted to satisfy the charging order lien securing the judgment in favor of Andrew E. Hawes and against Donald E. Miller in the amount of **\$188,294.08**, plus accrued interest at 5%, costs, attorney

fees, and any other amounts allowed by law or court order. The sale will be held on **September 3, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. Mountain Time**, at the **front steps of the Ada County Courthouse, 200 W. Front Street, Boise, Idaho 83702**. The sale may be postponed, continued, or adjourned to a later date, time, and place by public announcement made at the scheduled sale. The property being sold is **not real property**. The sale is limited solely to the transferable interest of Donald E. Miller in Millerton Legacy, LLC, subject to the Operating Agreement of Millerton Legacy, LLC, the Idaho Limited Liability Company Act, the Court’s foreclosure order, and all other applicable law. The purchaser shall acquire only such economic rights and other rights, if any, as are transferable under applicable law and the Operating Agreement, and shall not acquire any greater rights than those held by Donald E. Miller. Millerton Legacy, LLC is identified as owner of rights associated with the **Deed of Royalty Quartzburg Mining District**, recorded as Instrument No. **237870** in the official records of Boise County, Idaho, on December 28, 2012, involving a production royalty on certain patented and unpatented mining claims and other real property interests located in Boise County, Idaho, including **19 patented mining claims located in Sections 3, 9, and 10, Township 7 North, Range 4 East, Boise Meridian, Boise County, Idaho**, all as more particularly described in the recorded Deed of Royalty. This reference is provided for informational purposes only; the sale is only of Donald E. Miller’s transferable interest in Millerton Legacy, LLC and is not a direct sale of the Deed of Royalty, any mining claim, mineral estate, royalty deed, or real property. Bids may be made in an amount less than the total judgment amount. Bidders other than the Judgment Creditor exercising a credit bid must present, before bidding, an original cashier’s check issued by a federally insured financial institution and made payable to **Andrew E. Hawes** in an amount equal to or greater than the bidder’s intended maximum bid. The Judgment Creditor reserves the right to enter a credit bid, in whole or in part, up to the amount of the judgment, accrued interest, costs, attorney fees, and any other amounts allowed by law or court order. The transferable interest is sold **“as is, where is, with all faults,”** without representation or warranty of any kind, express or implied, including as to ownership percentage, value, title, transferability, company records, company assets, royalty income, mining claims, mineral rights, tax consequences, membership status, or any other matter. Prospective bidders are solely responsible for their own due diligence before bidding. **C O N T A C T I N F O R M A T I O N F O R I N Q U I R I E S:** Inquiries regarding the sale may be directed to **Andrew E. Hawes** by telephone at **(208) 391-9979** or by email at **andyhawes10@outlook.com**. DATED this 5 day of July, 2026. **A N D R E W E . H A W E S** Judgment Creditor and Foreclosing Party 1201 W. Grove Street #424 Boise, Idaho 83702

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OBITUARY



Nancy Carole Lute  
1946 — 2026

In Loving Memory of Nancy  
Carole Lute

It is with profound sadness that we announce the peaceful passing of Nancy Carole Lute on July 7, 2026, after a short illness. Born on August 17, 1946, in Boise, Idaho, Nancy was the beloved daughter of William and Norma Mätter (nee Smith).

Nancy's journey through life was one marked by kindness, dedication, and an unwavering zest for life. She was a cherished sister to William Allen Mätter II and sister-in-law to Rena Mätter (Rodwell), a devoted aunt to her nephew Colby Mätter, and a loving partner and friend to Teri Day.

Nancy's formative years were spent in Boise, where she graduated from Borah High School in 1964. She briefly attended the University of Idaho before marrying Dan Lute in the early 70’s & they were together for a few years. Nancy then embarked on a career that would span several decades. She began her professional life as a claims examiner at the Equitable Life Assurance Society of the U.S. Medicare Administration from 1967 to 1972. Her innovative suggestions for procedural improvements were recognized with one

of the largest cash awards in the company's history.

Her career path led her into the lumber industry, where she found her true calling with Georgia Pacific Corp. For 35 years, Nancy dedicated herself to the company, earning the affectionate nickname "Woodie" for her extensive knowledge and passion. She rose through the ranks to become the branch manager at their Boise facility. Nancy also spent time as a lumber buyer for BMC West, eventually retiring in July 2009.

Nancy and Teri realized a dream by building their vacation cabin in Garden Valley, ID, in 2002, which later became their permanent home in 2009. Nancy was an active and beloved member of the Garden Valley community, volunteering at the GV Center for the Arts and giving her time generously to the local Senior Center. Her efforts in food box packaging, distribution, and fundraising events, including the monthly Bingo games, brought joy and support to many.

Nancy's life was filled with hobbies and interests that brought fulfillment and joy. A sports enthusiast, she excelled in snow skiing, tennis, softball, and especially golf. Her passion for golf led to the creation of the Mätterhorn, a stay and play gathering at the family cabin in Cascade that became a cherished annual tradition that fostered deep and lasting friendships among her "golf sisters."

Beyond sports, Nancy embraced creativity through stained glass art, gardening, and cherished gatherings with friends over BBQs. She was known for her competitive spirit in card games, especially Sequence, where she relished partnering up to outplay

her opponents.

Nancy's adventurous spirit took her to distant lands, including memorable trips to Thailand and China. In retirement, she and Teri embarked on numerous road trips across the US, Canada, and Mexico, delighting in the history, culture, and cuisine of each destination. She also enjoyed memorable cruises in Alaska and the Caribbean.

Nancy moved to the Boise independent living community of Affinity in 2025 and soon acclimated. She loved all the amenities and events that were offered there & enjoyed taking her friends on tours of her housing community. She helped look after her “adopted Mama Jo” while she was there and volunteered to assist with many resident activities.

Nancy's infectious smile, leadership, and loyalty left an indelible mark on everyone fortunate enough to know her. Her legacy of love and friendship will be cherished by all who had the privilege of sharing in her life.

The family would like to thank Creekside Transitional Care in Meridian for their compassionate care of Nancy during her final days. You are welcome to join family and friends any time between 2:00 and 5:00 pm on Sunday, July 26th for a celebration of life gathering at the Banbury Golf Course in Eagle. In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests that donations be made in Nancy's memory to a charity that funds Alzheimer’s Disease Research.

Nancy Lute will forever be remembered as a compassionate soul who enriched the lives of all she met. Her spirit will live on in the hearts of those she touched. May she rest in peace.

| Garden Valley Hospital Taxing District      |                     |                       |                       |
|---------------------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Actual to budgeted to proposed expenditures |                     |                       |                       |
|                                             | FY2025              | FY2026                | FY2027                |
|                                             | Actual Expenditures | Budgeted Expenditures | Proposed Expenditures |
| Clinical Services                           | \$ 10,026.00        | \$ 15,000.00          | \$ 15,000.00          |
| Clinic After-hours Subsidy                  | \$ 165,400.84       | \$ 170,750.00         | \$ 187,592.00         |
| Transport Subsidy                           | \$ -                | \$ -                  |                       |
| Audit Services                              | \$ 5,550.00         | \$ 6,000.00           | \$ 6,000.00           |
| Clerical Services                           | \$ 1,365.00         | \$ 2,000.00           | \$ 2,000.00           |
| Bookkeeping Service                         | \$ 2,006.92         | \$ 2,000.00           | \$ 2,000.00           |
| Legal Fees                                  | \$ -                | \$ 1,000.00           | \$ 1,000.00           |
| Grounds Maintenance                         | \$ -                | \$ 1,000.00           |                       |
| Snow Removal                                | \$ 1,800.00         | \$ 2,500.00           | \$ 2,400.00           |
| Property Management                         | \$ 6,300.00         | \$ 6,300.00           | \$ 6,300.00           |
| Repair & Maintenance                        | \$ 5,767.07         | \$ 10,000.00          | \$ 10,000.00          |
| Equipment / Fixtures                        | \$ 36,560.12        | \$ 8,000.00           | \$ 8,000.00           |
| Building Property Tax                       | \$ 152.04           | \$ 350.00             | \$ 350.00             |
| Insurance                                   | \$ 3,596.00         | \$ 3,600.00           | \$ 4,670.00           |
| Operations                                  | \$ 747.75           | \$ 2,000.00           | \$ 1,000.00           |
| Other uncategorized exp                     | \$ 256.19           | \$ 200.00             | \$ 350.00             |
| Total All Expenditures                      | \$ 239,527.93       | \$ 230,700.00         | \$ 246,662.00         |
| Actual/Budgeted/Proposed Revenues           |                     |                       |                       |
|                                             | FY 2025             | FY 2026               | FY 2026               |
|                                             | Actual Revenues     | Budgeted Revenues     | Proposed Revenues     |
| Tax Revenue                                 | \$ 193,264.60       | \$ 185,656.00         | \$ 199,062.00         |
|                                             |                     |                       |                       |
| Rental Revenue                              | \$ 42,000.00        | \$ 42,000.00          | \$ 42,000.00          |
|                                             |                     |                       |                       |
| Interest Revenue                            | \$ 5,721.42         | \$ 3,044.00           | \$ 5,600.00           |
| Total Revenue                               | \$ 240,986.02       | \$ 230,700.00         | \$ 246,662.00         |

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BOISE COUNTY

Bright Green Shirts and Big Smiles:  
MKDC Wraps Up Another Incredible Year

**IDAHO CITY --** The last week of June was an exciting one for Idaho City area kids and teens, as Mountain Kids Day Camp had another great week of camp. The weather was nearly perfect for being outdoors except for the last day, which we had to cancel for the first time because of rain! You'll no doubt see many kids walking around town proudly displaying their bright green camp t-shirts. There were 45 campers and about 83 volunteers learning about the Bible and having lots of fun at beautiful Camp Ivydale, June 22-26. Of the volunteers, about half were counselors, and most of those were local teens who generously volunteered their time to make a difference in the lives of Idaho City kids. The leadership team is so grateful for these wonderful hard-working teen volunteers – they were so impressive! Many of the teens were once campers themselves when they were younger, and this was a chance to give back to their community. The campers were ages 6 - 11, and they were enthusiastically "lavished with love for a week."

Campers enjoyed many activities such as archery, pottery, woodworking, singing, ukulele playing, exploring electricity, swimming, hiking, puppets, ping pong, many games, and lots of arts and crafts. Krista Young, the Arts and Crafts Coordinator, assisted campers and volunteers in decorating beautiful tote bags, which included the memory verse for the week, "When you pass through the waters, I will be with you." Isaiah 43:2

On Monday, Heidi Ware, and others from the Intermountain Bird Observatory, came to demonstrate catching and banding hummingbirds. They caught 22, more than ever before, at camp; everyone really enjoyed seeing hummingbirds up close and learning more about them.

MKDC was fortunate enough to have 12 brand new colorful kid-size ukuleles donated several years ago. Retired Boise music teacher Paul Olson came each day and patiently and enthusiastically taught campers and counselors how to play several chords and songs. There was even a "ukulele concert" at the Thursday evening family dinner.

Many local Idaho City area folks helped as volunteers this

year. Local adult counselors included Anne Marie Ebert, Ray Eklund, Hannah Greene, Thelma Medina, Cody Young, and Aspen Young. Anita Townsend, Dakota Knepprath, and Tom Catlow from Nampa, who came up for the week to be counselors. Joe Sirani and Evert Schmelzenbach encouraged kids to learn and experiment at the Exploring Electricity booth. Arts and Crafts Coordinator Krista Young led a contingent of volunteers including Kym Still, Angie Keller, Hayley Tena, Cathy Hancock, Chris Phillips, Cathy Durfey, Cheryl Davis, Linda Maurice, Linda Altree, Brandy Gehrls, and Donna Schmelzenbach who did arts and crafts with the kids and offered lots of encouragement. Jill Moughamian, Camp Director, led mid-morning games and action-packed music with Darcie Altree and Vanessa Gardner both mornings and afternoons. Paul Olson led morning singing with ukulele accompaniment. Brian Corum served wonderfully as the very necessary IT person. Margaret Tucker and Pamela Dougherty helped kids make clay sculptures and pots with their hands and on two pottery wheels - a great experience for the campers! Lonnie McDonough enthusiastically coached archery. Walter Durfey had many fun large games for the kids to play. Woodworking, led by locals Bill Grable, Danny Knobel, and Kaden Heffington, was very popular this year, with wood projects including stepstools and bird and butterfly houses. Cathy Hancock, from Idaho City, was our cheerful Camp Nurse. Tim Brown, also from Idaho City, was the pool manager and did a great job. Darcie Altree and her dad, Randy Harris, served as our excellent lifeguards. Lynette Robich helped as an additional "pool watcher". Swim time was certainly a team effort with lots of encouragement given to each child! Even though the water was cold, all the kids really loved the swimming!

The kitchen crew, led by Cheryl Davis from Nampa, assisted by Linda and Roane Maurice, Linda Altree, Cathy Durfey, Lynette Robich, and several others, made sure the campers had plenty of tasty snacks all week, and also helped with crafts in the afternoons. They also organized



Mountain Kids Day Camp volunteers and campers gather for a joyful week of learning, laughter, and community at Camp Ivydale.  
Photo by Tia McClinton

a delicious chicken dinner to serve to all the campers, volunteers, and families on Thursday evening.

The excellent speaker this year was from New Plymouth Church of the Nazarene. Pastor Suzanne Plantenga and her team of Pastors, Donette Morgan, Hannah Osborne, and her daughter, Olivia Plantenga, taught everyone about Jesus, explaining how a life with Jesus can be an adventure with many benefits, including finding acceptance, rest, joy and peace. They creatively entertained the children, teens, and adults all week with clear explanations and skits, and involved other volunteers. Steve Higgins, assisted by Tara Higgins, served as Junior Counselor Coordinators, and Howard Henning was Huddle Group Coordinator; both jobs took lots of hard work and energy. Laura Barrett and Vanessa Gardner were both very able helpful Counselor Coordinators. Breck Young, Bill Grable, and many others took charge of much of the set-up and take-down. Breck Young also led a couple of enjoyable hikes. The whole community came together so our local kids could have a terrific, memorable, life-changing week at camp, free of charge to their parents. All camp staff are volunteers. Idaho City Christian Center was especially helpful, as they have been for many years, by allowing the camp training sessions to be held there, in addition to several leadership planning and work meetings over the last few months.

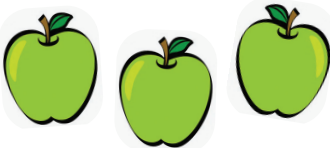
The MKDC Leadership Team

is made up of Jennifer Alban, Jill Moughamian, and Marilyn Eklund. They have been meeting since January to plan and organize all the aspects and many details of Mountain Kids Day Camp. One big highlight of the week was the baptism of 7 on Thursday evening, and many others choosing Jesus to be their "Forever Friend". Many parents and relatives attended the baptism, and the audience was very enthusiastic as they gathered around the swimming pool to watch as Pastors Jason Kindelberger and Suzanne Plantenga did the baptism.

Jennifer Alban, Executive Director of The Isaiah Foundation, the non-profit which runs the camp, said, "I really appre-

ciate the support of the parents and community people who have contributed both their time and financial support to help make camp happen. This is a huge team effort, and we do it for God and for our local kids and their families."

Donations of any amount are always appreciated, as The Isaiah Foundation, which runs Mountain Kids Day Camp, is funded only by donations. It is a non-profit, 501c3 organization. Donations to help fund camp next year can be sent to: The Isaiah Foundation, P.O. Box 777, Idaho City, ID 83631.



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