

## **Leadership by Example, Elected Official**

### **Mayor John Evans, City of Garden City**

Garden City Mayor John Evans' leadership can be seen in tangible projects that have improved the quality of life of the residents of Garden City and the entire Treasure Valley.

The Garden City West Bridge is a shining example of what can happen when a determined leader of roughly 11,000 residents takes the reins of a \$1,200,000 project.

The West Bridge project started as an idea in early 2010 with enthusiastic verbal support but no funding. Mayor Evans' 10 years of leadership and extensive construction background brought together Garden City citizens, the Garden City City Council, city staff, and the Idaho Transportation Department to put together a plan that would provide the engineering and funding to ensure the idea became a reality. He personally led this team step by step, ensuring funding and permits were secured, construction moved smoothly, and the project was completed on time. The West Bridge defines what a project the "Treasure Valley can be proud of" means.

In addition, Mayor Evans guided Garden City through the completion of the Wakefield bikeway, miles of new greenbelt, and the 36th Street pedestrian bridge, resulting in increased continuity of the greenbelt system and safe, off street alternatives for walking, biking, and simply being outdoors.