CASPIAN—Snow? Check! Cold weather? Check! Everything is in place for the annual Winterfest celebration, taking place this Saturday, Feb. 16, at the Caspian ski hill.
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The annual event is sponsored by the West Side Progressive Growth Association and promises a winter day filled with fun events.
The highlight of the afternoon is the annual Cardboard Classic Sled Races during the afternoon. The event is sponsored by the Tri Paw Lodge at West Iron County High School. Create your own sled and see what it can do.
Registration for the Cardboard Classic is from 1 to 1:45 p.m., and there are two age brackets: 5 to 12 years old and 13 to 18 years old. There is a $5 entry fee, and cash prizes and trophies will be awarded once all the racing is over.
If you get hungry, there's plenty to eat. Starting at 11 a.m., organizers will have brats, hot dogs, walking tacos and chips on sale. If you're getting a little cold, warm up with coffee or hot chocolate. If you're not cold yet, they also have soda.
If you want something to warm you up inside, the annual Chilly Chili Cook-Off will take place all day. The Winterfest King and Queen will be selected from a field of youngsters from 4 to 9 years old. A Snowball 50-50 is also held, so buy a ticket or two and cross your fingers for luck when the winners are chosen at the end of the day.
The events continue into the evening. A torch run will be held by West Iron County skiers before a fireworks display at dusk. The fireworks are sponsored by the city of Caspian and its Downtown Development Association.