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"The trees are about to show us how beautiful it is to let go."
- Unknown

HOMECOMING IN BLAINE COUNTY



The Wood River Wolverines pulled in a large hometown crowd for this year's Homecoming football game last Friday against the Buhl Indians. Though Buhl won the match, Wood River's team spirit soared along with that of their many fans. Photo credit: Isaiah Frizzell

It's about more than a match

BY ISAAH FRIZZELL

Unity! Excitement! Hope!

Wood River High School Homecoming, which took place this year on Friday, September 24, now holds a special place in the heart of the community. It's fuel for the forthcoming growth of the mind, body and spirit of the youth and what a lovely light it brings. As the harvest arrives, so does the haberdashery, glitz, glamor and glue to guide our best and brightest into the hallowed halls of education and social embroidery.

What better way to celebrate the start of the school year than with a parade. As we saw, Blaine County students made it happen. Trucks, trailers and living floats carted the young superstars as they sang, cheered and beamed their way through the center of town. The dancing and energy was palpable. It was the bright light of showtime and they certainly showed it. The makeup and dressup and cheer — an absolute vibe.

Homecoming is about so much more than a game. It's about togetherness, trust, a cool drink from a mountain spring before the hike, a forward motion into the upcoming focus of becoming bigger, better, stronger and smarter. Regardless of the outcome of that first game, we take pride in the fact that the turnout was excellent

and through that one loss, the tone for winning the next match was set. And while we remember the mutual respect shown at the end of the game with handshakes and back pats, we will face them again, we will beat them — we will win. Hurdles happen in life (that's why we do hurdle stretches).

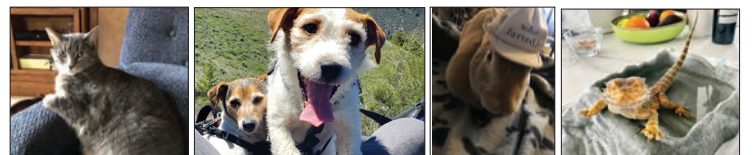
Sure, the Wolverines may have lost to the Buhl Indians for.. one game! But is that the only point to Homecoming — the game? There were multiple injuries, critical punts, and exciting rallies. Everyone had a great time.

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Homecoming



This year's Wood River High School Homecoming parade included trucks, trailers and floats adorned with bunting, balloons and cheering students and staff. Photo credits: Isaiah Frizzell



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The bleachers were screaming in color with many dressed in facepaint, bespoke costumes, suits and chic couture. An absolute vibe.

Shift the perspective. We shed a few tears and move on. Why? Because it's only the first game, a small pawn in the much larger chess game of life. Look into the future and you see the answer: wisdom. There are lessons in mistakes — they make us better. We tighten our focus, train, study, and believe in what happens next. Remember the story of the rabbit and the hare? Well, right now the Buhl Indians are the hare, resting on their laurels, taking a break while we're free to move forward. There's classes, clothes, reading, new games and new date nights!

The clear lesson, the first one of the year, is to

think, act, prepare and try harder. That's Homecoming. It's a ritual to start the year. More than a single game, it's the beginning of a new life. Gentle as it may be, this year Wood River High School has before it a clear day and on a clear day you can see forever!

If you were there, you know. If not, enjoy the photos. It's the spirit of the beehive, the event that's so crucial to bringing unity. These are the living roots of an evergreen tree of community.

That's what this is all about: communication, unity, energy and expression. Homecoming is a teaser for the upcoming school year, the king, queen, team and the time to get to it. We believe in the Wolverines, in Blaine County, and a brilliant future for everyone as they freely pursue their dreams.

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Mr. Parker Goes to Washington



Eric Parker overlooking the United States Capitol. Photo courtesy: Eric Parker

Idaho Families – What You Need to Know

BY ISIAH FRIZZELL

This is the introduction to a forthcoming series of bipartisan articles on the misuse of federal organizations and local law enforcement to target citizens.

Eric Parker, Constitutional Conservative and occasional populist candidate for Senate, has returned from a whirlwind trip to Washington, D.C., after a series of highly successful meetings with Senators Crapo and Risch, bipartisan staff members and policymakers. A general goal of the 20 or so meetings was to expand the Select Subcommittee on the Weaponization of the Federal Government's inquiries from 'the FBI weaponized Twitter to violate the 1st amendment' to 'NGO's are weaponizing the FBI and other executive agencies against their political opposition.' Parker's voice, information and concerns were well received, so much so that in the process now are at least 130 solutions.

Solutions to what?

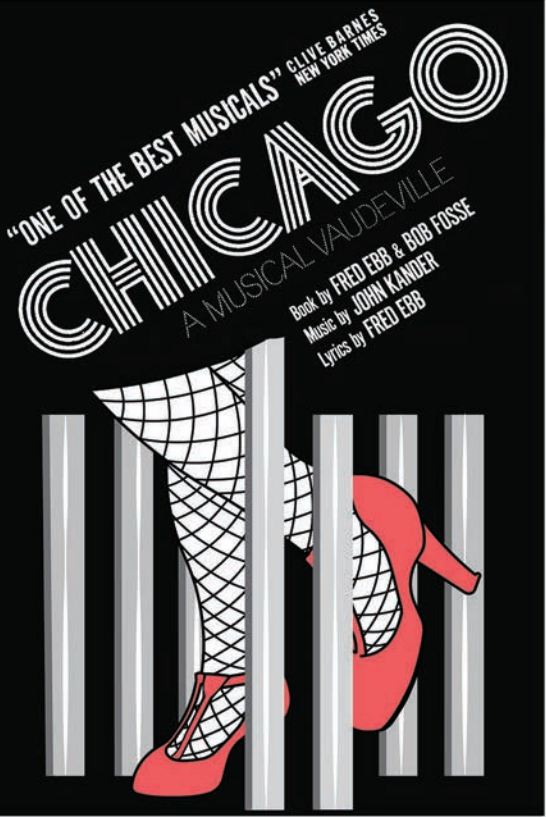
Armed with affidavits and direct evidence from the explosive Wooten whistleblowing document, as well as from mothers who've been politically targeted in Chattanooga, Tenn. (search: Wooten memo for a deep dive), key staff members of both political parties were made aware of what has quickly become a national emergency for parents and children alike. Parker believes — in fact, it's his ongoing message and approach — that the way to proceed with these monolithic political issues is through policy.

Flashback

Nearly a decade after the controversial Bundy Ranch standoff of 2014, the statute of limitations has now been lifted and those wronged by the alleged misconduct of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and the Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC), among others, have a fresh chance to be heard again with clean, clear and concrete evidence. That this evidence and exposition has made it to Capitol Hill is groundbreaking. Now being discussed by policymakers is what many already knew was a direct disregard for human rights to those involved in the standoff as well as those adjacent, many of whom call Idaho home.

Perhaps most concerning, though, is the SPLC and BLM's alleged involvement in extraordinary misconduct and constitutional infringement on the American public by weaponizing various organizations against families in specific.

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Eric Parker, left, walking with Congressman Matt Gaetz, right. Photo courtesy: Eric Parker

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Let's talk

To be clear, *weaponization* is the *key* term here. Parker presented members of the Select Subcommittee on the Weaponization of the Federal Government with salient details proving organizational overreach with the potential link to nongovernmental organizations (NGO). In other words, these organizations are allegedly using loopholes to go after political opponents through, among other means, *families via the school system*.

While the weaponization of social media and Twitter, or 'X,' as it is now being rebranded, embellished and retooled, is alarming ... it goes much, much deeper. The evidence presented by Parker alleges a multifaceted orchestration of derelictions of duty and constitutional infringements by local and federal agencies allowing outside influence to manipulate the political system. What outside influence? Again, allegedly NGOs. These alleged abdications of jurisdiction to foreign influence have reverberated through the system to produce an apparatus that every person must become aware of.

As is typical in intraorganizational corruption, actual facts and the proceedings of agencies' organizations are mired in vague terminology that obfuscate outright unlawful conduct.

Among many alleged manipulations and defenestrations of jurisdictional responsibility, the most concerning for the citizens of Idaho, in specific, and the United States of America, in general, are those that involve the weaponization of Federal agencies against each other to ultimately collect ambiguous data on parents and children. Is this a drill? What do you think?

It is incumbent on policymakers to make policy. Policy involves oversight into the jurisdiction of elected officials at every level but perhaps more precisely, local officials to act within their local charters. This is a violation of individual human rights — constitutional rights. Lawyers are involved and evidence has been presented and relationships are now in place to, as Parker said, "influence policymakers to influence the policy."

"We have to start to look at these vague terms ... language like domestic terrorism as a charge, as code, as a crime, we need to really seriously evaluate that definition ... re-evaluating Congressional Acts ... and there has to be oversight. This is a BIPARTISAN issue and we must approach it from both sides." — Parker

It's interesting to note that Eric Parker was suddenly booted from Twitter (X) after providing this evidence in Washington, D.C. Was it just the "algorithm?"

The key to all of this is to remember that it is not about *either party*. The alleged infringements affect every party, citizen, mother, father, daughter, and son.

The degree of the alleged misconduct is outside the scope of this first installment; however, watch this space for further proceedings.

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Winners Of The Firefighter's Chili Cookoff

This weekend, amateur chefs from MSCL House were crowned the overall winners of the Sixth Annual Firefighter's "5 Alarm Chili Cookoff," hosted by the Hailey Fire Department and the Valley Chamber. This family-friendly favorite event partnered with the Friedman Memorial Airport's annual "Meet the Fleet" event where folks could get an up-close look at airplanes, fire engines, police cars, construction equipment, and snowplows, all while enjoying, and voting on, the best chili in the valley. The proud winners pictured are (left to right): Vince, Mike, Rhine, Sarah and Scott. Photo courtesy of Men's Second Chance Living.



Cox Charities Awards Grant To Men's Second Chance Living

Men's Second Chance Living House (MSCL) was recently awarded a \$1,500 grant from Cox Charities, a nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting programs that positively impact youth, education, social issues, and the arts within the Cox serviceable areas. This generous grant will support MSCL's ongoing efforts to enable residents to pursue educational opportunities. Education is a game changer. Retraining and up-skilling opens doors that were previously closed. Education changes the way the men see themselves and the way the world views them.

The grant was awarded by Cox Sun Valley employees, who were impressed by the programming outlined in MSCL's application. The organization stated, "Cox employees believe this funding will go a long way in empowering your efforts and making a meaningful difference in the communities you serve."

"We are incredibly thankful to Cox Charities for this generous grant," said Sonya Wilander, Executive Director of Men's Second Chance Living House. "This funding will enable us to help more residents pursue their individual goals to better themselves and re-integrate into their families and the community. We thank Cox Charities for making it possible for our residents to reach their full potential."

Pictured right to left: Shannon Thomas, Charlie Flower, Guy Cherp, Sonya Wilander, Celinia Silva, Craig Vlassis. Photo courtesy of Men's Second Chance Living.

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OPINION

CAITLIN JOHNSTONE

The News Has Nothing To Do With Newsworthiness

I don't mention it often but I actually have a degree in journalism. I graduated with distinction from the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology in 2003, and while it would be another 13 years before I'd ever put my degree to any use, the experience played a massive role in forming my opinions about the mainstream press.

One of the lessons I think about a lot came at the beginning of my two-week internship with Channel 10's Eyewitness News (now 10 News First) when I was watching the show's bedraggled news editor put everyone's story assignments up on the whiteboard one morning. I'd been paying a lot of attention to TV news at the time because that's what we were studying, and I'd noticed that the stories Channel 10 would cover were always exactly the same as the ones that would be covered by Channel 7 and Channel 9— usually in exactly the same order.

"Why do you guys always cover the same stories as Channel 7 and Channel 9?" I asked. "Do you guys phone each other to coordinate?"

He laughed.

"No, but it is a bit strange isn't it?" he agreed. "I guess it's what you call 'news sense'."

Even back then I had a hard time believing that all news editors had some magical "sense" which caused them each to know which are the most newsworthy stories day after day in a whole world full of events and ordeals.

Since that time I've learned about the groupthink effect that working in the mainstream press tends to have on people's minds according to those who've made careers there, and the fact that journalists who either don't know how to or don't care to dance to the the agenda-setting task of the plutocratic media don't find themselves promoted to news editor. It's not that editors are coordinating with each other across outlets or receiving instructions on what to report from oligarchs and government agencies, it's that if they were the type who needed to do such things to know what to report, they wouldn't be working where they're working.

How did the mainstream press know to ignore the scandal of a Ukrainian Nazi being applauded in the Canadian parliament? How did they know to smear Bernie Sanders and Jeremy Corbyn? How do they know to support every war while ignoring homelessness and economic injustice? It sure ain't "news sense".

In a contentious 1996 discussion between Noam Chomsky and British journalist Andrew Marr, Chomsky described a "filtering system" that "selects for obedience and subordination" which determines who gets to the top of the most influential platforms in the western world. He derided the false image that mainstream journalists have of themselves as "a crusading profession" who are "adversarial" and "stand up against power," saying it's almost impossible for a good journalist to do so in any meaningful way in the western press.

"How can you know that I'm self-censoring?" Marr objected. "How can you know that journalists are—"

"I'm not saying you're self-censoring," Chomsky replied. "I'm sure you believe everything you're saying. But what I'm saying is that if you believed something different, you wouldn't be sitting where you're sitting."

In a 1997 essay, Chomsky added that "the point is that they wouldn't be there unless they had already demonstrated that nobody has to tell them what to write because they are going to say the right thing anyway."

By the time I graduated I'd already figured out that I wouldn't be able to use my journalism degree to do any actual journalism. It had been made abundantly clear to me that I'd have to spend my first years re-writing copy from Reuters and AP and avoiding making any waves, and that even if I made it past that point there was very little to look forward to; the TV reporters at Channel 10 would write their stories before going to the scene of their reporting and just look for things that support their pre-written narrative, so there was never any actual fact-finding or real journalism happening on the ground.

So I didn't bother. I raised some kids, did some corporate work, ran a business and a little eco-blog, and spend time learning about life instead. I couldn't have predicted that the internet would eventually give rise to a new wave of crowdfunded journalism which would make it possible for me to spend my time on this planet doing what I do today. But now that it has I find myself thinking back on that news editor at Eyewitness News, and noticing that the stories I focus on are almost never the same ones being covered by the mainstream press on any given day.



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We're seeing excellent hatches of small Baetis/BWO (size 20-24) on the entirety of Silver Creek. The October Caddis and Mahogany Duns remain steady, and blind fishing an orange or tan Stimulator, Goddard Caddis or Elk-Hair Caddis in size 10-14 can be incredibly effective on breezy fall days.

Midges are becoming more prominent on the creek as well, and will continue to do so as the season progresses. Small Grif-fith Gnats, Parachute Midges and Tie-Down Midges in sizes 18-24 work well on the creek when paired with long, fine leaders.

The resident brown trout are starting to prepare for spawning, so in the next few weeks be aware of redds and spawning fish. Focus your attention on actively feeding fish, and if you're tossing streamers, look to the deeper slots, undercut banks, and troughs on the creek. A day spent on the creek this time of year can be magical — ducks are flying, elk are bugling, and moose are on the move.

The Big Wood River is another gem. Again, small Baetis and midges are the ticket on the river right now if you're in search of some dry-fly fishing, along with the Hecuba (Western Red Quill). Nymphing is extremely productive this time of year on the Wood, and fishing streamers on the lower river is the way to go when you are in search of big fish. Our custom-tied Coffey's Sparkle Minnow is deadly.

The upper Big Lost River system and Salmon River continue to fish well, particularly in the afternoons, once the water temperature rises a bit. Look for small Baetis and the Hecuba; small attractor dries are especially effective.

The lower Big Lost River flows have dropped to a fishable level; however, the water is a bit off-color due to the draining of Mackay Reservoir. Fish can be caught with nymphs and streamers, although conditions are not ideal.

Now is a wonderful time to be an angler here in the Wood River Valley. Get out and enjoy some spectacular autumn fishing.

Happy fishing, everyone!



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COMMENTARY

NO BONES ABOUT IT

FRAN JEWELL

What Does Potty Training And Heel Have In Common?

BY FRAN JEWELL

Seems like an unlikely duo, really. However, I have observed this for so long, and then all of a sudden I had this epiphany!

I tell my clients over and over to make sure their puppy learns to go potty on a leash. It is critical to being able to travel with your dog. Some dogs will hold urinating for up to 12 hours—or MORE—when travelling if they have not been taught as a puppy to potty on a leash. This can lead to lack of drinking, dehydration, and bladder infections.

What I failed to mention was that while potty training, you must take your puppy to the spot where you want the puppy to potty, on the leash, carrying your puppy if necessary. Then, you must stand there and not move or let the puppy go potty outside the range of the leash. The end of the leash is the end of the leash. The owner must act like a post and not let the puppy drag them where the puppy wants to go. In the real world, there may not be options to find a large space for your puppy or dog to go.

The first advantage to this training is that your puppy will learn to go anywhere you need her to go when you need her to go. This is wonderful when you travel!

The second advantage is that you can actually teach your puppy WHERE you want her to go in your yard or nearby areas off of your manicured lawns and gardens.

The third advantage is that you teach there is an end to the leash. Your puppy can then learn that pulling while learning "heel" gets them nothing. There is no advantage to pulling to get somewhere. It is so easy to just stop moving while leash training if your puppy has figured this out during potty training. No pulling means going forward at the heel. If you follow your puppy around while they find a place to go, they learn that pulling on the leash has lots of advantages. They can sniff, and they get to go where they want, and your puppy also learns that she can potty wherever she wants!

If you allow your puppy to take you places to potty at this very young age, it is called imprinting. When this behavior is imprinted, it is VERY hard to stop leash-pulling during the heel. Pulling becomes a



Sometimes the simplest things can have long-term effects, both good and bad. Photo credit: Fran Jewell

very big problem. YOU have unintentionally taught your puppy to pull while potty training! YIKES!!!

I am a HUGE proponent of prevention, and leash-pulling is something you can prevent in the very beginning. How you potty train is a major influence in teaching the heel. Sometimes, even the simplest things can have amazing good or bad long-term effects. So, GO FORWARD, but don't!

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SCIENCE OF PLACE

HANNES THUM

ON SCALES OF TIME, PART TWO

BY HANNES THUM

In my last column, I wrote about the kind of faith that one needs in order to try to comprehend just how long the world has been around and just how slowly it has assembled itself — an embracing of time so deep and slow that our brains have to ultimately just trust that the processes exist.

Almost immediately upon writing the final paragraph of that piece, I began to feel a knot in my stomach and my heart fell a little bit because I realized that in writing about the long time scales of geology, I had completely ignored the short ones (and I had already met my word count limit for the publisher).

I had written my column about how the study of geology demands that we accept how slowly things move and how enormous the spans of time are that have brought us to this moment. From the perspective of our human life spans, geology works mostly with machinations invisible to the naked eye. The creep of continents. The erosion of a canyon. The building up of a range. A single grain of sand washed downstream.

But I missed something. Not two weeks before I wrote about the immeasurable processes, a series of monsoonal rainstorms pummeled the upper reaches of the Middle Fork of the Salmon River in the midst of the storms, some sensational and fairly immediate geologic changes took place in the form of several side canyons that came completely loose of their moorings and deposited tons of earth into a new spot (the middle of the river) over the course of a few minutes. That sort of sudden "enough-is-enough" release of geologic energy was a wonderful example of something that will change the course of the river and the story of the river from that day forward.

Another profound local example that catches my attention occurred in 1983. After the Borah Peak earthquake, local ranchers as well as the geologists that later came to



A picture of Borah Peak with the fault scarp from the 1983 Borah Peak earthquake shown as a line near the base of the tan hill in the foreground. Photo by Qfl247, accessed via Wikimedia..

investigate found that they could stand face-to-face with a fault scarp that was reportedly more than 12 feet tall in places — that is, between the valley sinking and the mountain going up, 12 feet of geology occurred in just a few seconds. Displacement of an entire range by that distance in that short a period of time certainly crashes up against the notion of invisible incrementality.

Geology, indeed, can be punctuated by big, sudden events as much as it can be defined by slow, incremental change.

One of the more confounding contradictions that our universe presents us with is the nature of time — it shows up on unfathomably grand and long time eons as well as immediate and near-instantaneous moments.

A slowness and depth so great that it spawns elaborate reaches of faith to understand; and, a sudden show of power so tangible and striking that it dashes all doubts aside.

We are constantly asked to understand the world through both lenses. A mystery hanging in the tension between the very moment in front of our eyes and the understanding that the farther out we try to look, the harder it gets to see much at all for certain.

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MONEY MATTERS

SUZANNE HAZLETT

Dream, Plan, Act

BY SUZANNE HAZLETT, MBA, CIMA®, CFP®

If you're not quite sure how or where to begin on a path to increasing your knowledge of personal finance, start by focusing on what you already know.

DREAM

To help outline your financial aspirations, start with some questions.

- Where is your financial life today?
- Where do you want it to be?
- How will you be most comfortable getting there?
- When do you want to get there?
- In what stage of life are you – building wealth, preserving it, or passing it on to others?

PLAN

The answers to the questions above are unique to you. Once you have a clearer picture of where you want to be, outline your income sources, expenses, working assets, personal assets, and debts. These are the critical components to developing your course of action.

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ACT

Take action and put your plan to work. Over time, your goals will likely change. Your financial strategy should reflect those changes. Continue to monitor your progress. If you find yourself off-track, make mid-course corrections to your path when appropriate.

Your life's goals may encompass planning a comfortable retirement lifestyle, ensuring a child's education and future, or transferring wealth to people and causes you love. Wherever your financial dreams may lead you, keep in mind it's a process, not just a destination.

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INSPIRATIONS FROM MY HEART

DOVE

ENERGY AND MATTER

BY DOVE

Your energy matters. What you do with your energy matters. Much of what I will share with you comes from a gentleman, Raymon Grace, Blueprint for Freedom. There is no charge. You can check out his YouTube information if you want to go deeper into how energy works and how to clear it.

Our thoughts are energy. Our body is matter. Our thoughts affect our bodies. What you think is literally what you get. If you use the term "I'll be damned," you have just asked to be damned. It really is necessary to understand how your thoughts, words and actions create your reality.

If you have a physical, mental or emotional issue, the thoughts you let occupy your mind direct what you are doing with your energy. If you constantly listen to propaganda and rehash all the negative aspects going on, you have just energized the situations to continue in your life. Becoming conscious of what you are doing with your energy (thoughts) dictates the level of pleasure, health and prosperity in your existence.

Again, everything comes back to the frequency you reside in. If you keep joy, love, gratitude and being of service as a daily thought process, your life becomes enriched with goodness. You can't be of service with an agenda in your heart; your service must be free of attachments. Give freely of what you have, and you will have abundance. Smile at the stranger on the street and you will feel acceptance. Greet animals with joy. I truly do think animals are messengers from God. Talk to nature and listen; it will talk back.

You will find you are always in the right place at the right time when you allow your thoughts to be joyful. Monitor what goes on with your brain. Do you constantly replay old hurts orangers? Stop!!! You are just keeping the negative experience in your space. Ask yourself, What would I do or feel if I had (_____) — whatever you would like to correct, relationships, health, finances. You have the ability to change everything if you become conscious of what you are doing with your energy. Remember, where your focus goes, energy flows.

You are not a victim of anything unless you embrace a victim mentality. Dig deep for your courage and stand up for what is right for you. Do not give your power away to anyone or any institution. God made you sovereign but that has been taken from us by various power-hungry organizations we have allowed to control us, usually unconsciously. Freedom comes from within. Now is definitely time to take yours.

Be aware, change your frequency and love your sovereignty. You are the captain of your ship and it takes courage. I trust you will rise to the level of loving yourself enough to be true to who you are. Blessing in becoming. Dove



ON LIFE'S TERMS

JOELLEN COLLINS

SHORT AND SWEET

BY JOELLEN COLLINS

I recently attended the MANHATTAN SHORT Film Festival here in Ketchum and thoroughly enjoyed the panoply of 10 movies during the two-hour event. It featured a vast variety of themes, techniques, and actors to create a highly entertaining couple of hours stimulating laughter, fear, and empathy — emotions universal but not always manifested from familiar sources.

One of the delights was a selection from Switzerland, "The Record." It was a work of fine art, an animated depiction of a musical-instrument dealer who has discovered a "magic" record. When the needle is placed on the vinyl, the listener's mind is read and the player presents lost memories, both good and bad.

I love the idea, though I think as one ages some "lost memories" pop in more frequently from one's early, sharper memory days. I know that with technical innovations, people can assemble favorite songs or musical renditions that signify important memories and recreate special moments in life. Technology has made accessing these pieces easy and keeping them to enjoy whenever one wishes.

In my case, my more aged memory almost always connects a lyric with a memory that arises instantly with the first notes of a piece of music. I certainly think about my teenaged days when I hear any early rock-and-roll piece, remember the thrill when my love played "Beautiful, Beautiful Brown Eyes" while telling me that he imagined it written about my chocolate-colored orbs. One time, on a long drive, we could not find our destination, and, at the same moment, both of us started singing, "There's a place for us, somewhere a place for us" from "West Side Story." After pulling over to stop and laugh about this surprising exhibition of our inner musical memories, we commented that our brains were recalling the same emotions from the music our generation had shared. It might be hard for us to instantly combine rap music lyrics from a different era.

Occasionally, I am surprised by not remembering the title or lyrics of a current song which I may have heard just a couple of days before, but "Mairzy Doats" ("mares eat oats and does eat oats and little lambs eat ivy"), a silly childhood jingle, pops into my mind during some silly chores I dislike, or "You've got to ac-cent-tchu-ate the positive/E-lim-i-nate the negative/Latch on to the affirmative/Don't mess with Mr. In-Between" were words often sung around me when I was a cranky little girl. This must have been a recurring lyric in my early life, and it's still stuck inside me.

It is true that, when we age, our brains tend to recall more clearly memories of earlier life experiences rather than recent ones. Whether we simply had fresher minds to store those memories then, or, as elders, we have no more room for this kind of information, many people experience flawed short-term memory as they age. I guess we just have to "accentuate" the happy moments we recall, whenever they show up.



JoEllen Collins—a longtime resident of the Wood River Valley—is an Idaho Press Club award-winning columnist, a teacher, writer, fabric artist, choir member and unabashedly proud grandma known as "Bibi Jo."

WRANGLER'S WRITINGS

BRYCE ANGELL

Bat vs. Bat

My father taught me how to stand and swing a baseball bat. He knew that there was more to life than a horse and cowboy hat.

One night while batting at the plate, I couldn't hit the ball. He said, "You've gotta change your stance if you wanna hit at all."

He pushed me closer to the plate, my left leg just ahead. Then said, "Never rest your bat up on your shoulder by your head."

And then he said, "Be ready. Keep your good eye on the skin. And soon you'll see the stitches that the ball has been sewn in."

"Swing level, eye still on the skin, then watch the ball take air. With practice you can be the best ball-hitter anywhere."

I practiced every day and learned to swing with all my might, in hopes that I might hit another home run for the night.

I can't say I could hit the ball much better than the rest. But every time I swung the bat I gave it all my best.

Well, that's been nearly sixty years ... still have my baseball bat. And I won't forget my dad's advice was more than just a chat.

Two days ago, on Saturday, I heard my good wife scream. I panicked, maybe burglar or a mouse fell in the cream.

Thank heaven for no burglar and the cream without a mouse. But flying in our bedroom was a bat loose in the house.

I moved the two scared hostages, dog Daisy and my wife. Then grabbed my baseball bat for the bat's battle of his life.

The lessons from my father and my baseball expertise would prove this scary bat's dark life was on the shortest lease.

I felt just like Clint Eastwood, though I stood at 5-foot-3. I could hear the bugle playing, "The Good, The Bad and Me."

The battle started in. The bat was flying straight my way. I took a swing and missed him by a mile, you could say.

Each time the bat came close enough I'd swing, then he would dart. They say a bat is blind, but makes me look like one old fart.

It didn't take me long to see this bat was more than brave. So I opened up the window. Let him fly back to his cave.

When asked if I had given that old bat a brand new start, I kept my big mouth shut and placed my hand next to my heart.

— Bryce Angell



Bryce Angell - The outdoors has always been a large part of my life. My father was an outfitter and guide for 35 years and I was there to shoe and care for the horses and help him do the cooking. We took many great trips into the Yellowstone area. Even now that I'm older, we still ride into the Tetons, Yellowstone and surrounding areas. My poems are mostly of personal experience. I am now retired and enjoying life to the fullest. I plan to do more riding and writing.



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THE CELEBRATION CONTINUES

BY HERBERT ROMERO

OUR VOICE COUNTS

Yes, indeed, the Hispanic Heritage celebration continues at the Bellevue Public Library. There was so much fun, family and friends participating. We also had representatives of the Bellevue Marshal's Office and Blaine County Sheriff's Office. They mingled with the children and took some pictures. It's so important to have their presence at our events. It continues to build trust and strong relationships.

Parents got involved in hitting the piñatas and playing musical chairs. Nicole, a strong neighborhood leader, stayed with us to celebrate her daughter's birthday and was recognized for her contributions within the Latino community.

Celebrating our heritage is crucial. It reminds all of us about our experiences, teachings, similarities and, most of all, that our differences make a huge and powerful and positive difference in our neighbors and neighborhoods.

We are continuing the celebrations in Carey and Ketchum, so please join us. We are going to finish strong this October 15th. Viva nuestra culturas!

For more information please contact Herbert Romero at (208) 309-5902 or at projecttoolsuccess@yahoo.com.

NUESTRA VOZ CUENTA

Sí, efectivamente, la celebración de la Herencia Hispana continúa en la Biblioteca Pública de Bellevue. Fue muy divertido, participaron familiares y amigos. También tuvimos representantes de la Oficina del Mariscal de Bellevue y de la Oficina del Sheriff del Condado de Blaine. Se mezclaron con los niños y se tomaron algunas fotografías. Es muy importante contar con su presencia en nuestros eventos. Continúa generando confianza y relaciones sólidas.

Los padres se involucraron golpeando las piñatas y jugando a las sillas musicales. Nicole, una fuerte líder vecinal, se quedó con nosotros para celebrar el cumpleaños de su hija y fue reconocida por sus contribuciones dentro de la comunidad latina.

Celebrar nuestra herencia es crucial. Nos recuerda a todas nuestras experiencias, enseñanzas, similitudes y, sobre todo, que nuestras diferencias marcan una diferencia enorme, poderosa y positiva en nuestros vecinos y vecindarios.

Continuamos las celebraciones en Carey y Ketchum, así que únase a nosotros. Vamos a terminar fuertes este 15 de octubre. ¡Viva nuestras culturas!

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PROVEN TECHNIQUES TO SHORTEN YOUR MARKET TIME

BY ANNA & MICHELLE

Are you in a hurry to sell your house? Whether it's due to relocation or a desire to streamline the selling process, selling your home quickly doesn't have to be a daunting task. With extensive experience in assisting homeowners, our expert team has identified three key strategies that can help secure a fast and favorable sale. Let's explore these techniques in detail.

Maximizing the appeal of your home is key to generating interest from potential buyers. Take the time to clean, declutter, and depersonalize your space before listing it. By storing away family photos and neatly packing your belongings into boxes, you create a blank canvas that allows buyers to envision themselves in the space. Consider hiring a professional cleaner to ensure your home is in impeccable condition. A pristine presentation will entice buyers to submit attractive offers promptly.

Don't let minor repair issues become obstacles during negotiations. Prior to listing your house, proactively take care of any small repairs that may arise. Fix faulty light sockets, replace worn-out door handles, and address other minor issues that could potentially delay the sales process. By resolving these matters upfront, you can facilitate a smoother inspection and negotiation phase.

To expedite the sale while maintaining a favorable asking price, consider providing incentives to potential buyers. This strategy can greatly enhance buyer motivation. Explore options such as covering closing costs, offering an interest rate buydown, a repair allowance, or including essential appliances as part of the sale. By offering enticing incentives, you'll likely attract buyers who are willing to expedite the closing process, even if it means paying a higher price.

For homeowners looking to sell their property quickly, employing these three effective strategies can significantly expedite the sale without compromising the final sales price. By preparing the home meticulously, addressing minor repairs proactively, and offering appealing incentives to potential buyers, sellers can create an enticing package that encourages prompt and attractive offers. Collaborating with an experienced real estate agent further enhances the chances of a smooth and successful transaction. Embrace these strategies today to pave the way for a swift and favorable home sale.

For more information, download our Seller's Guide. If you have any questions regarding these techniques or any other aspect of the selling process, reach out to me and we'll talk.









NEWS

BRIEFS

The Liberty Theatre Company Presents *Chicago*

Written by Bob Fosse, with music and lyrics by John Kander and Fred Ebb, and based on real-life murders and trials, *Chicago* follows Roxie Hart, a wannabe vaudevillian star of the 1920s who murders her lover and is arrested, despite her attempts to convince her pushover husband, Amos, to lie for her. In prison, Roxie learns from fellow murderess Velma Kelly that her criminal actions could be the key to winning over the masses, and when larger-than-life lawyer Billy Flynn flips the script and helps catapult her to stardom, she begins to live the life of fame she always dreamed she could. Audiences, however, will see the truth behind her glamorous trial — that the corrupt nature of the justice system and the frenzy of the media can make even the worst of us a star.

"There is something that feels a bit "behind the scenes" about the whole story of *Chicago*," says *Chicago* Musical Director R.L. Rowsey. "For me, this production plays into this feel perfectly. Simple. Direct. In your face. Up close and personal. It exposes the power of the many talents of those who have come together to tell the story, from director and designers to actors and musicians."

To feed a modern audience's newfound craving for visceral experiences, The Liberty Theatre Company has transformed The Mint into a 1920s speakeasy and will provide an atmosphere akin to that of an Old World jazz club, complete

with actors who will take your secret code at the door, serve decadent treats upon arrival, and who will outfit audiences with different masks based on their preference to interact or not interact with artists during the show. "I hope the audience will join in the fun of the Roaring 20's world we have created," says Roxie Hart actress Hannah Nye, "and to reflect on the darker themes of desire, anger, and greed that exist in all of us."

To round out the full experience, ROOTS Wine Bar & Bottle Shop will be joining TLTC in bringing the world of *Chicago* to life, providing beer and wine in the theater before the show begins. To take part in everything this production has to offer, audiences are encouraged to arrive 30-15 minutes early to fully immerse themselves in this unique offering.

With multiple performances already sold out, McDougall Jones encourages audiences to get their tickets to this must-see production before it's too late. "I invite you to step into our wild, hedonistic, immersive speakeasy world of *Chicago* and, if you like, to enjoy a 90-minute release into your exploration of abandon, revelry, and life."

Chicago plays Oct. 4-28 at The Mint in Hailey. Evening performances at 7 p.m., matinees at 2 p.m. Tickets available at LibertyTheatreCompany.org. For questions, call (208) 582-8388.



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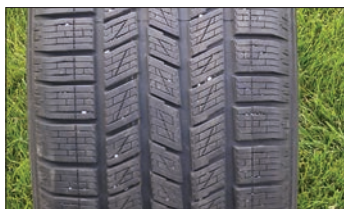


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CHAMBER CORNER

MIKE MCKENNA

Blaine County Education Foundation Supports Our Students

BY MIKE MCKENNA

Every parent of a student in Blaine County has one thing in common: We all want our kids to have the best possible opportunities to learn. Thankfully, the Blaine County Education Foundation (BCEF) is here to help.

And BCEF's new executive director, Deborah Van Law, is the perfect person to lead their mission to primarily: Focus community resources to support the success of all Blaine County School District students.

"As a former teacher, I've always respected the Education Foundation so much. It's been such a great resource," Deborah said. "So I'm really excited to be a part of it now and to help support our students so they can be successful."

The nonprofit BCEF was created in 1992 to help raise community resources to support local students in a wide variety of ways. They do so through three main channels.

The first is their Students in Need Fund. This fund is designed to remove barriers to learning or participating in school activities. This program includes helping 583 students get free or assistance with meals this year. The need is much greater than anticipated and The Hunger Coalition has stepped in to help BCEF battle this challenge. The Can Do Fund is also part of this program and helps students with everything from team uniforms to music equipment rentals, field trip fees, graduation costs and school supplies. Once again this year, BCEF provided over 400 backpacks with school gear for students.

The second program is Innovative Grants. These grants can be applied school-wide or by individual teachers and can be used to help with everything from adaptive resources to literacy materials to bringing in motivational speakers.

The third program is their annual Scholarships Funds. BCEF administers about 42 scholarships. They granted over \$120,000 last year and over \$4.5 million over the last 30+ years.

"These programs help families and teachers who need our support to be successful," Deborah said, explaining that running BCEF is an ideal job for her. "I love meeting people who support public education and we're lucky to have so many people



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like that here." Deborah describes herself as someone who loves education, even though her road to learning was a bumpy one.

Born in El Paso to a migrant working family, Deborah's dad was a Vietnam veteran and her family moved around quite a bit during her youth. When she entered the public education world she couldn't speak English. She actually dropped out of high school twice before education called her back.

Deborah was offered a job as a bilingual parapro, under the condition that she complete her GED first. She did, got the job and eventually went to Boise State University and received a Gates Millennium scholarship. She would then go on to teach a variety of subjects and grades for nearly two decades, first at Hemingway and then at Alturas Elementary.

"I loved teaching and think it has prepared me for this job," Deborah said. "I'm inspired by our local teachers and our local families and by what happens every day in our schools. I deeply respect education and want to help in any way I can."

If you'd like to help or find out more, please go to SupportBCEF.org.



How To Play Sudoku

The Classic Sudoku is a number placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once.

CLASSIC SUDOKU

See answer on page 11

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47 However, for short	103 Optimal	39 Got mellower
48 Insurance concern	108 Quick bit of shutEYE	41 Cat's EYE screenwriter
49 Facetious "Me?"	110 I, the Jury private EYE	42 Project segment
50 Opposite of paleo-	112 Deceive	43 Jotted down
51 Sports-shoe gripper	113 Ode or haiku	46 Tourists' accommodations
53 Chow down	114 More than adequate	49 En_ (all together)
54 GoldenEYE spy	115 Actor Epps	51 Yuletide surname
58 Slip of memory	116 Lifted, so to speak	52 Hang in there
59 Reporter's query	117 Possesses	54 Carved gemstone
60 Gives birth to	118 Branch of mythology	55 "Same here"
61 Annual Pamplona runners	119 de plume	56 Stomach settler, for short
62 Destroyed	DOWN	57 Moves like molasses
64 Showers with praise	1 Romeo (Italian auto)	60 Propels a javelin
66 Baker's qty.	2 Round Table guys	62 Clichéd
67 Travel plan	3 Swamp beast	
	4 Visibility obstacle	
	5 Show curiosity	

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