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## COMMUNITY UNDER CONSTRUCTION



Gateway District in Hailey encompasses area from Myrtle Street on north to Cedar Street on south, and Wood River Trail to Big Wood River. Photo courtesy: City of Hailey

### *A 10-Year Plan to Grow with Hailey From Trees to Sidewalks*

BY ISIAH FRIZZELL

To borrow a term often relegated to New York, what's your favorite 'borough' in Blaine County? Hailey? Ketchum? Bellevue? Picabo? Magic is all around us in Blaine and the possibilities created by the community are extraordinary. It's the proximity of each town, the continuity of the commute from the pass to Ketchum to Bellevue and farther that lends a feeling of oneness and love to Sun Valley. A community is a psychological geography in constant interplay with the physical and metaphysical landscape.

#### Stability

Couched in the mountains, one is often reminded of the history and spectacular identity of people and place. Seeing, every day, the stability and magnitude of the mountains—seemingly immovable objects—can provide a reference point for the stability, and conversely the changes, that take place in and around us. The mountains are always there, every day, beaming like gentle sentinels.

#### Hodgepodge Hailey

Mountains are alive—majestically holding space for the creation of wonders in their valleys. On a much shorter timeline, the central space of the Sun Valley trio, Hailey, has a 20-year plan to grow. The Gateway District Urban Renewal Project (GDUR) has been greenlit by the Urban Renewal Agency (URA) of the City of Hailey for renovation, expansion and deliberate action to both beautify and optimize the geography for a more coherent intersection of nature and civil infrastructure, addressing concerns with what are considered deteriorating or unsafe structures and traversals. It covers a wide range of improvements in numerous sections designated in the Gateway District.

The three fundamental jewels of Sun Valley, entering from the east, have a separate feel that each contribute to the unique stretch of the larger Sun Valley community. Ketchum is widely known for a glitzy, glamorous, fashion-forward ambiance with boutiques and resort-based recreation. Hailey is sometimes referred to as a beloved and eclectic hodgepodge holding the heart, while Bel-

levue streaks out with brawn toward Twin Falls, emanating all the pastoral charm of a town whose workforce, support and help drive the essence of Ketchum.

#### How Did We Get Here?

Community growth requires leadership, responsibility and discipline. Derived from over a year of interviews, surveys and meetings with the city, the team at the Urban Renewal Project came up with a 71-page document [search: Hailey Gateway District Urban Renewal Project or click here if reading online] addressing both economic and aesthetic changes that would ideally catapult Hailey into a bike-and-pedestrian-oriented city with expanded sidewalks, gorgeous tree-lined streets, accommodating parking garages and an emphasis on sidewalk cafés and business for urban recreation and economic flexibility.

"The area of study stretches approximately from Myrtle Street in the north to Cedar Street in the south, and east to west from the Wood River Trail to the Big Wood River" (GGLO). This is what is referred to as the Gateway District.

The study asked local business owners, community members and leaders questions such as "What is it like to walk along River Street between Myrtle and Elm Street? What is downtown Hailey missing? What would improve your experience of Main Street? How would you describe the culture and identity of downtown Hailey?" (GGLO)

These sorts of questions were taken into consideration for enhancing the natural surroundings of Hailey with beautification and practical needs.

#### Meet Mark Sindell

This change will take place over time—an estimated two decades—but the idea isn't to turn Hailey into any other strip mall, but to use aesthetic design choices in combination with the natural environment to help morph Hailey into an ecologically harmonious metropolitan hub holding the center between Ketchum and Bellevue—a city with a "stronger identity," as Mark Sindell says.

Mark Sindell is a landscape architect and principal member of design firm GGLO. "Community engage-

ment and an equitable design process are at the center of our projects. We strive to listen to each unique community and neighborhood to understand the needs and expectations of their spaces. Our designers work to build trust and adopt solutions created in partnership with those communities. GGLO intentionally partners with and supports local organizations to integrate key community input in our projects and empower community voices." (GGLO)

A resident of Bellevue, Sindell was brought on the Hailey project and with the help of the Urban Renewal Agency helped develop the decade-long plan.

"We all love Hailey, and what excited me the most, as someone who spends a lot of time there, was the opportunity to protect the cultural identity of Hailey, the nature... and let the renewal project update and represent the best of those things." Sindell continues, "We're developing a framework toward a shared goal."

According to Sindell, the feedback from the surveys and local interviews was largely optimistic and excited. It was the discovery of 3 extra feet through the dissection of the roads that led to a refinement of how on-street parking, bike lanes, snow maintenance and pedestrians could all get along for an enhanced experience.

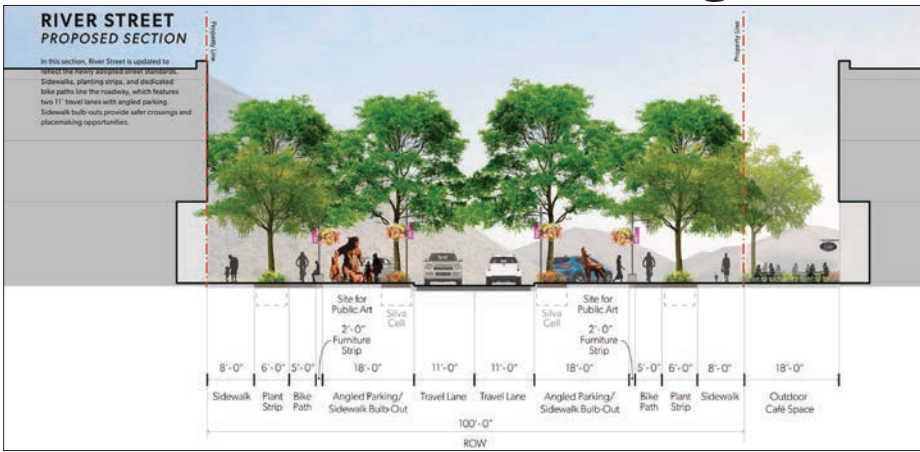
Mark's passion for natural design and sustainability has played a huge part in the various aims developing under the umbrella of the Urban Renewal Project, yet he himself puts an incredible amount of respect and admiration on the team in Hailey.

"I mostly have to shout out to the strength of the team at the City of Hailey as well as at the Urban Renewal Project. Hailey is lucky! We've worked with many other cities without the leadership to understand and see the larger vision of transforming their city."

Sindell continues advocating for the strength of Hailey Mayor Martha Burke in overseeing and green-lighting these innovations as well as Robyn Davis. Sindell heaps praise on the Urban Renewal Agency, denoting the extreme foresight and chutzpah of everyone involved, in-

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# Where the Sidewalk Begins



River Street propose section reflexing the newly adopted street standards. Courtesy diagram: City of Hailey

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cluding Brian Yaeger and Lisa Horowitz who he also worked with closely, "...name them all, everyone was brilliant..."

One of the most interesting takeaways from the motivation and thought behind this project is what is called the Power of 10+ developed by Project for Public Spaces. "The idea behind this concept is that places thrive when users have a range of reasons (10+) to be there."

These might include a place to sit, playgrounds to enjoy, art to touch, music to hear, food to eat, history to experience, and people to meet. Ideally, some of these activities will be unique to that particular place, reflecting the culture and history of the surrounding community. Local residents who use this space most regularly will be the best source of ideas for which uses will work best.

Further, when cities contain at least 10 of these destinations or districts, their public perception begins to shift amongst both locals and tourists, and urban centers can become better equipped for generating resilience and innovation.

A city goes from being a city/region to a destination to a place based on this Power of 10+ concept. Food for thought!

### Meat and Potatoes

The Hailey Downtown Master Plan outlines along with the aforementioned 71-page URBAN RENEWAL PLAN FOR THE GATEWAY DISTRICT URBAN RENEWAL PROJECT in great detail some of the ultimate goals of the project, including concepts such as:

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- CONNECTED SHOPS, PARKS & AMENITIES  
Unite downtown and its surroundings with a clear network of pedestrian- and bike-friendly routes
- MAINTAIN ON-STREET PARKING CAPACITY  
The Urban Renewal Project's current charter dissolves in 2033 and, hence, the 10 years allotted to get as much done as possible before the changing of the guard, whatever that may entail.

### Is The New Wheel Rounder?

Idahoans, and most people in general, develop a fondness for their community, celebrating and complaining about the various pros and cons, but are often hesitant to change what might be perceived as cons. Instead, the mind often finds a soft spot, for better or worse, for a potentially undesirable or even unsafe corner of their community.

This hesitancy is cherished in Idaho and, in the majority of cases, perhaps fundamental to life, there's a need to keep things as they are. But, like spring cleaning, beautification is an aesthetic decision which, combined with natural accentuation and economic optimism, has the opportunity to change the lives and lifestyles of those being exposed to it.

GGLO, URA and Mayor Burke aren't looking to reinvent the wheel or bring California to Idaho or land grab. The idea is to accentuate the natural beauty inherent to Hailey and allow for the growth that is already taking place to develop breathing room and visual stress reduction. It's in the optics.

There will be many opportunities for new businesses, a push for new avenues of financial exploration and a call to arms for local artists to help in this beautification project with public art of all kinds. Keep your eyes on the project and its offshoots. There are opportunities coming down the pipeline and it may be your turn to grab, generate and glow.

Tree selection for downtown streets. Courtesy diagram: City of Hailey

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# Stuff the Bus Overloaded with Giving Spirit



(From left,) Leisa Hollister of Eye on Sun Valley, Debra Hall, of Hallmark Idaho Properties and past president of the Sun Valley Board of REALTORS and Brooke Lang of Hallmark Idaho Properties held up signs on a snowy Main Street encouraging passers by to "Stuff The Bus". Photo credit: WRW

## Supporting SV REALTORS Give Holiday Baskets

BY SABINA DANA PLASSE

In a small community, giving back goes far and wide, bringing people together and elevating holiday spirits. After a five-year hiatus, Stuff the Bus returned to the Valley to provide toys for the Sun Valley REALTORS Give Holiday Baskets, which help children and families celebrate the holidays. Spearheaded by Eye on Sun Valley's Director of Marketing and Public Relations, Leisa Hollister, Stuff the Bus had been in the planning stages since August with SV REALTORS Give Executive Director Cathy Nikolaisons.

From 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, December 2, at the Hailey Albertsons and The Toy Store in Ketchum, buses were loaded with toys and items, which were unloaded at the Community Campus to fill Holiday Baskets. Volunteers from the Wood River High School Key Club, Wood River Catholic Confirmation group, Blaine County School District transportation department and Sun Valley Board of REALTORS® encouraged people who frequented both locations to buy items and stuff the bus. The buses were unloaded by a small army at the Community Campus.

"I brought Stuff the Bus to the Valley in 2009 through Locally Owned Radio, which was BOB FM and The Canyon and Sun Valley Board of Realtors® with Robin Christensen, and Kiwanis," said Hollister. "Cathy and I have been dreaming about bringing Stuff the Bus back to this Valley and, finally, we could make it happen this year."

When Nikolaisons became executive director of SV REALTORS Give, she became empowered to help the community through the programs at SV REALTORS Give, including planning Holiday Baskets, which takes nine to 10 months to bring to fruition. "You get to see the full circle from planning, then sign-ups to making the baskets to planning each year," said Nikolaisons. "This community makes it happen, and it is amazing to see."

The Holiday Baskets are given to those in need in the Wood River Valley and other Blaine County areas, a decades-long tradition providing hundreds of Blaine County families with warm clothing, food and toys.

During the pandemic, the baskets became gift cards, but in 2022, the toys and other items could be provided in person, and now Stuff the Bus. For 2023, close to 400 families, including almost 900 kids, will be recipients of Holiday Baskets—a jump from past years. However, the support of local businesses, donations, volunteers, the Sun Valley Board of Realtors® and Stuff the Bus made Holiday Baskets a success.

"It's about the kids and the toys," said Hollister. "We had two full buses, and it's wonderful to have this back after a five-year hiatus."

A great deal of shopping and partnering with Valley businesses happened for 2023, which included The Toy Store in Ketchum and Sun Valley offering 20% off for toys purchased for Stuff the Bus. Adding to the donations, Iconoclast Books and Chapter



Buses all over the valley were stuffed with gifts for Christmas. Photo credit: WRW

One assisted with a book drive to include young adult books. Tifny Lago of Little River Preschool Giving Trees placed trees at Atkinsons' in Hailey, Pioneer Federal Credit Union and Campion Ice House, and Angel Trees were established at local banks, including D.L. Evans, Idaho First Bank, Zions, BMO and Mountain West Bank, contributing to the efforts. In addition, many Valley dentists generously donate toothbrushes and toothpaste.

"We had built up a supply of toys from the pandemic, which we exhausted last year," said Nikolaisons. "This year, we had to have a major push, and with volunteers setting up locations at various banks and businesses, we could make our goal. We have an amazingly giving business community."

In this year's holiday basket, kids 12 and under receive gloves and a blanket because organizers from last year recognized that a number of them were homeless, and a blanket can offer a feeling of warmth, which they keep with them. In addition, the young children also receive toys. Teenagers will receive knit hats, flannel PJ pants and gift cards, and all will receive a book and a toothbrush.

"We specialize the bags for each family," said Nikolaisons. "When they sign up before Thanksgiving, they tell us how many people are in their family, the children's ages and toy preferences. We are shopping all year for the baskets and finish them when we have our final count, closer to distribution."

Working with The Advocates, The Hunger Coalition, St. Luke's and the Blaine County School District, Nikolaisons and staff have a very good understanding of the community landscape and who needs help.

"You may not see or know a person is in need or possibly homeless," said Nikolaisons. "It is essential to understand our community and to be able to come together to take care of it. It's very fulfilling to give back, and it's what the holiday season is all about."

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# COMMUNITY RALLIES TO INCREASE NET ABUNDANCE



With this Christmas season coming upon us quickly, Wood River Center for Hope has adopted three very deserving families that are all dealing with cancer herein the Wood River Valley. We would like to lift them up and make sure Christmas isn't something to stress about this year, but something to celebrate.

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## Wood River Center for Hope

BY ISAIAH FRIZZELL

Our world is intimately connected in an infinity of delightful, delicate, yet robust systems of function that some call it magic, some natural design, and others see it as perhaps chaos. Yet there is a harmony and coherence that's immediately apparent. For instance, when you hear there's going to be snowfall, it arrives and soon after you see ski tracks meandering the mountainsides. Someone was there! Probably enjoying the fresh snow. The connections are myriad and vast, acting as a symphony that creates this thing we call life.

Whatever you choose to call it, the ultimate realization is that we are not alone. As highly social creatures in a tightly-knit continuum, what happens to one affects us all. Does a tree make a sound when it falls if no person is there to hear it? That koan is about perspective, and of course it makes a sound. Did any deer ears perk from the echo? Does the wind now swirl differently in the space where the tree once stood? Where do the birds who used to rest on the branches during their annual migration sit now? The squirrels, the insects, the sunlight itself that fed the canopy, are there new trees growing around the old one that bathe now more in the sun? Are there plants with a breath of fresh air feeding the small fauna, the soil and insects in the area?

Life is a splendid adventure taking place all around us all the time and then there's our beautiful human community—a network of individuals, each with a distinct role to play just by being. If someone falls ill and no one's there to help, does the community feel it?

The bonds that bolster a location and create balance and joy in life are tight in Sun Valley and there's a timeless yet decidedly timely group of people who see deeply how the potential differences in a community are a gift in bringing people together to create solutions—new and unique ideas to be explored and implemented as a result of the whole. As the world is currently going through a chaotic moment, we need more than ever people who fill the niche of supporting others—giving action to alleviate the stress in the lives around them, seeing past differences. The condition of being different is what we have in common; it's a reminder of those things which we innately share (being alive, breathing, feeling, thinking, hearts beating). The illumination of the whole. Call it reconstitution, rehabilitation, soul weaving... It's alive and beginning to appear in the hearts and minds of this fresh crop of upstarts—community-minded people daring to make a positive difference to balance the challenges that would otherwise find radio silence.

Tressa Prichard is the heart and mind behind Wood River Center for Hope (WRCH). She has stepped into a community role of activation to increase the net emanation of love and coherence with a focus on families and the often unseen effects that derive from illness, not only to the one who is ill but to those surrounding, supporting and simply engaging with them. It's one thing to be ill and face it yourself, but the myriad effects on those around you can be difficult to measure and to duly find solutions for addressing the overall healing and reshuffling of the social deck that must take place.

Prichard grew up in and around Sun Valley with family who have lived here for generations. She is deeply aware of the community-minded group who call Sun Valley home. In her own words, "Our Valley is a family in itself."

Prichard has experienced it—the nameless, faceless wall of the medical-industrial complex. As a cancer survivor herself, Prichard scaled that wall in hopes of alleviating the social and community isolation she felt after going through therapy. She was diagnosed at the young age of 36 and has learned the meandering routes of post-trauma, the

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unseen, unheard and challenging-to-speak-about issues that arise in such a life-altering situation. After finishing treatment, she simply needed a support group.

“One of the hardest things is you don’t want to talk about it... you know, not because you’re sad but because you’ve had enough... it’s been your life for maybe years and sometimes you just want to be around people who relate but not go through ‘the talk.’” Sit, read a book, talk about the news, it’s not avoidance she refers to but simply feeling free, as a regular person, and yes, not reliving things, not out of fear but out of healthy distraction.

Although she was treated in Southern California, Pritchard lives in Sun Valley and, after arriving home, sought a support group. People who could relate, not necessarily to rehash, relive, or compare illness, but simply to be. Reading a book, having a massage (cancer is painful!), a Reiki session, Body Coherence Therapy—these types of holistic spiritual and physical simulations can be much needed and simple methods she felt would help her rehabilitate on a spiritual and emotional level. St. Luke’s denied her, as she wasn’t a current patient. Perhaps they don’t have the resources. Yet, current patients can go to support... so maybe they do but the gate is closed for those who aren’t immediately being treated. They offered checkups and on one call simply referred her to Hospice almost as though they didn’t understand her quandary.

That was the tipping point. Pritchard saw a need to address the issue and, not based on financial gain but the understanding that there are unseen forces at play, she developed her plan.

### The Road to Somewhere

Pritchard is extraordinarily humble—“This is absolutely not about me. I want to stay in the background”—providing a nexus point for the community to take care of its own. People are connected and as Pritchard says “Cancer doesn’t discriminate... and with the kid-dism they don’t know exactly what’s going onm they just feel bad.” Pritchard is especially interested in helping families with children who are diagnosed. But along with that the entire family is hurting and in need of healing, regardless who has the illness.

### When Social Media Works

Pritchard’s first post was on August 29 of 2023 and she has since received countless emails and quality information on people who might otherwise not speak up due to shame, guilt and the insane, sociopathic social mindset where people are expected not to ask for help, especially not emotionally and definitely not financially. This is backward thinking in a community. We help each other not because it benefits us but because it’s the right thing to do and indeed does benefit the whole.

Perhaps think of the world as a very complicated but joyous party. Do you want anyone crying in the corner? It takes all types in this world and we all play our unique roles—everyone. Respect for other’s roles and well-being is the ultimate signifier of a high-trust, high-empathy community that functions in cohesion.

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### Hairdresser on Fire

As a working aesthetician and full-time charity founder, Prichard is busy. They're working on getting her nonprofit status and hope to have this accomplished by the first quarter of 2024, with a functional physical Center created soon after. The Center would be a rejuvenation spot for people who need to step out to step in. Offering Reiki, massage, yoga, to name a few, along with healthy snacks, the Center would function as a hub for survivors—one of many needed to address the aching need we face as a society that neglects the unseen. Pick your philosophy. We all have our inner and outer worlds and sometimes they harmonize while other times they need a tuning fork to help remind the innate intelligence inside you what to do to get back on track. Our unseen yet absolutely sensed and felt issues are shunned by the vast majority of pop culture but seem to be making headway to come around as a very legitimate and shameless need that is to be addressed by this new crop of people—healers, if you will. We need rehabilitation centers for all manner of traumas inflicted by the greater wild world we inhabit. There is an absolute need for reintegrating back into society, the workforce, family, after experiencing trauma, and it is now being addressed.

The ultimate goal of the current drive is to provide for three families whose children have been diagnosed with cancer. As social creatures, we're coming up on one of the most pressurized social events of the year—Christmas. To some, it's a piece of fruitcake! Family, eggnog, Uncle Charlie... To others in the community, it's a time of intense stress and anxiety, whether due to finances or lack of family or, in these cases, cancer. It plays on every single person around the one diagnosed.

Alleviating at least some of the burden of the holiday onslaught gives the family a

brief respite from peer pressure, however slight or seemingly inconsequential it is. The very fabric of American society is held in place by, among other things, the holidays.

"I think of it as we're supporting the individual and family as a whole. The family goes through so much, as well, and they have to keep a smiling face, move on, move around the person diagnosed and deal with things while still dealing with their own problems... it's so much." Prichard's philosophy is that anything she can do to vent the pressure at all is worth doing.

In addition to using donations to help the families, Prichard offers chemo-kits including Biotene toothpaste, lap blankets, socks, chapstick and a plethora of provisions you might not know you need until you need to get up and go to the store. She's been there, she took notes, and now she wants to help the community help itself.

"I feel like it's not me doing it. I want the community involved." Prichard says, knowing how important community is to everyone in it. She has a financial target for each family but when donations don't cover it, she and her husband do. This is a selfless pursuit although, ironically, there is a positive feedback, not even necessarily to her by the family of the afflicted but by the community and people adjacent. Imagine the difference in how a neighbor who's feeling low, shameful and hurting acts during a quick chat in the grocery line versus when said neighbor is in high spirits. SIMPLE! It's so simple it's almost unexplainable. It's a ripple in the fabric of space and community that emanates and provides the foundation for our daily lives. It's a beautiful way to becoming a bright, fun, happy human being.

So far Tressa Prichard has found a Santa to deliver the gifts, with Jessica Jean taking photographs. She's still accepting donations to reach her goal for each of the families. Now is the time to share, and it's always time to share, but in these pressurized social situations, we have even more of a reason to connect.

*Find Wood River Center for Hope on Facebook or call Tressa Prichard at (951) 401-3440.*

## OBITUARIES

# Ryan Crofts

Ryan Isley Crofts was born to Kim and Tammie Crofts on Oct. 26, 1979, in Hailey, Idaho. He passed away in Boise, Idaho, on Dec. 3, 2023.

Ryan was a true light in this world. He made everything beautiful with his artistic ability and love for the Idaho outdoors. He loved finding treasures like arrowheads and loved to go shed hunting, morel hunting and fishing. Ryan loved sharing his adventures and treasures with everyone he loved, and he loved everyone that he met.

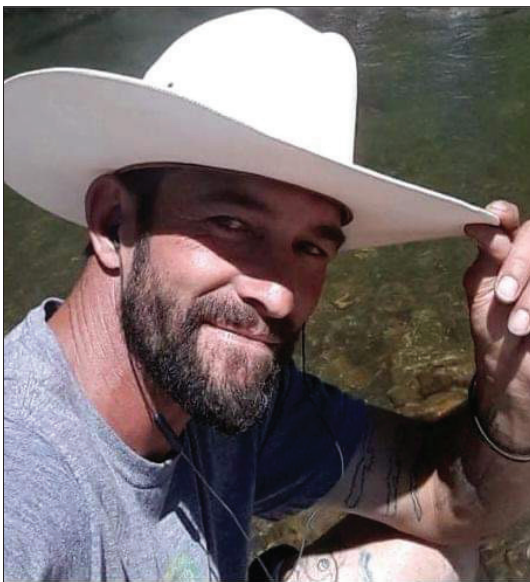
Ryan followed in his father's and brother's footsteps and was a natural at excavation and truck driving. His greatest accomplishment in life was his daughter, Aria, whom he shared with Krista Kashino. He was one of a kind and made a lasting impression on everyone who knew him.

He was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents, Merle and Ruth Crofts; maternal grandmother, Marlene Smith; father, Kim Crofts; mother, Tammie Nelson; stepmother, Mary Austin Crofts; and uncle Kirk Smith.

He leaves a hole in the hearts of everyone he left behind.

Ryan is survived by his grandfather, Keith Smith; stepfather, Harold Nelson; daughter, Aria Crofts, and her mother, Krista Kashino; partner, Alexis Duvall, and her son, Joe; brother, Tyler and Kodi Crofts; stepsister, Stephanie and James Ossman; stepbrother, Brian and Julie Nelson; aunt, Roxanne Anderson; first cousins, Amber Anderson and Ashley and Brandon Ivie; nephews, Cooper, Isaac, Kyle, Blake and Quintin; nieces, Oakley and Haley; great-niece Sadie, and many other cousins, family and friends.

A celebration of life will be held in the summer of 2024.



# John (Jack) Thomas Brown

John (Jack) Thomas Brown a resident of the Wood River Valley for nearly 77 years, passed away on October 29th, 2023 with his children and large extended family by his side.

Jack was born January 19, 1937, in the small farming town of Albion, Nebraska. After losing his father as an infant, his mother Veronica packed them up and headed West where he remained the rest of his life.

An avid, enthusiastic, risk-taker, he embraced the very essence of a mountain man; hunting, fishing, ski racing, instructing and patrolling, running a mule pack train and smoke jumping. Jack also loved "projects", whether cutting wood or building homes his love for nature was not limited to athletics. Any outdoor challenge became a welcome adventure to Jack which he enjoyed passing on to his children with great pride.

Throughout his life he had a wide array of jobs including technical geologist in a Uranium mine, CFO of commercial farms in Southern Idaho, or owner operator of a Ski Lift Construction Company, however, he was most well known for his years of service to the Sun Valley Company as Chief Accountant and then to the City of Sun Valley as City Administrator and Head of Sun Valley Water and Sewer. During his time in Sun Valley he grew to have a large following of locals and celebrities alike. His warm, genuine, demeanor and keen sense of humor made Jack everyone's friend. He was a vociferous reader, eager to be continually learning. His kindness put people at ease. He positively touched the life's of anyone around him right up until his passing.

While the first half of his life could be characterized by adventure, the second half can be acknowledged as one of service. Atkinson's Park in Ketchum was Jack's

brain child and he devoted years to fundraising and then manually overseeing the construction and completion of the Town's first recreational park. He loved the Wood River Valley and was proud to be known as an "original local".

Jack (married in 1958 to Sandra Uberuaga Sullivan), and Sandy dedicated themselves to raising their six children. They sacrificed greatly to raise their children with the highest standards of academics, character and athletics. Family was always a source of great pride for Jack. He was able to watch their 15 grandchildren become successful young adults and meet his one great grandson.

He is survived by his six children Steven (Jeralyn Jones) Brown, Patrick Brown, Darby Brown Fox, Timothy Brown, Jackie Brown (David) Hennessy and Matthew (Marla Henken)Brown. His fifteen grandchildren; Finn and Reverie Brown, Savina and Julen Barini-Brown, Ali (Michael Purcell), Jacqueline (Anthony Heaton), Timothy and John Fox, Barrett and Waverly Brown, Hannah, Kelly and Erin Hennessy and Leah and Cait Brown and one great grandson, Henry Purcell.

We will Celebrate Jack's life on what would have been his 87th Birthday weekend.

6:00 pm January 20, 2024  
Sun Valley Golf/ Nordic Center  
One Sun Valley Rd, Sun Valley Idaho

Please come and share a story, hear a story and help us remember a life well lived.

In lieu of flowers consider a donation to Rota-Rippers Youth Ski and Snowboard Program (rotarun.org)

2024 Summer Youth Recreation Program City of Ketchum Idaho (ketchumidaho.org)



## FISHING REPORT



THE "WEEKLY"  
FISHING REPORT FOR  
DECEMBER 13 - 26  
FROM PICABO ANGLER

Fishing over the next several days will be slow with the arrival of this colder weather. As nighttime temperatures dip into the teens, it takes a considerable amount of time for local waters to warm up a few degrees and for fish to become active. Any fishing will be best suited to sunny days during the mid-afternoon. If you decide to brave the cold and hit the water, be careful out there. A spill in the river this time of year can potentially be serious. Use caution when wading and don't take any chances.

As temperatures rise toward the end of the week, look to the Big Wood River and Silver Creek. Fishing subsurface will be the ticket. On Silver Creek, small black leeches fished very slowly are a good way to produce fish. Swing these bugs along undercut banks and through deeper water. Please remember that fishing on The Nature Conservancy's Silver Creek Preserve closed at the end of November! Fishing on Silver Creek will be limited to Kilpatrick Pond and the river downstream of the Highway 20 bridge.

On the Big Wood River, lower Big Lost River and South Fork of the Boise, tandem nymph rigs fished through typical winter holding water (slow runs, pools and glides) will take fish. For the lead fly, use something that gets the attention of sluggish trout—large rubber legs, girdle bugs, yuk bugs, princes, and san juan worms are all good choices. Downsize dropper nymphs to size 18–24; zebra midges, brassies, copper johns, and rainbow warriors are all good bets.

Any surface activity will be limited to midges during the afternoons, so look for feeding fish along foam lines and slower eddies.

During the coldest part of winter, it pays to take a look at your gear and determine what needs to be repaired, replaced or rejected. If you take care of your gear, it will take care of you.

Stay safe and warm out there...

Happy Fishing Everyone!



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## COMMENTARY

NO BONES ABOUT IT

FRAN JEWELL

## AFTER THE BITE

BY FRAN JEWELL

I am called so many times being asked to help a family save their dog once it has bitten. There are so many things that go into making a decision about how to handle a dog that has bitten, and there is no easy solution. What I think, however, is very rarely addressed, are the liability issues involved once a dog bites.

"My dog would NEVER DO THAT!" or "I can't believe my dog bit someone! He's never done that before!" In almost all cases, the situation is that the dog has been screaming for help for a long time and no one noticed. Or maybe the owner continued to seek "socialization" for the dog, thinking that would help the dog's fearful feelings, never stopping to consider that each "socialization" event brought the dog more and more stress and reason to bite. Socialization is NOT always the answer to solving the issue of a fearful dog that has threatened to bite.

Many people tell me that the person that got bit was very understanding.

The reality of the situation is that if your dog bites someone, whether on your property or in public, YOU ARE LIABLE FOR THE DAMAGES. If someone falls and hits their head because your friendly dog jumped on them, costing that person thousands of dollars, YOU ARE LIABLE for that person's medical bill! If your dog bites someone at home, and the person that got bit sues you, your insurance company will pay ONE TIME. Then, chances are you will never be able to get homeowners insurance again. What might happen then is, if you don't have insurance, your mortgage company may become involved and create even more havoc for you to deal with. Some insurance companies will not even insure you if you own a



A dog that has learned bite inhibition from an early age and is properly socialized is a joy to live with. Photo credit: Fran Jewell

specific breed. Yes, they can do that.

Your dog can be destroyed if the bite is severe enough.

No one likes to talk about this horrible side of dog bites. Dr. Ian Dunbar has developed a Bite Inhibition Scale to help people determine just how serious a bite is and if the dog is able to be rehabilitated. A quick Google search will find it for you. Usually, a dog biting at a level THREE is considered very unlikely to be able to rehabilitate

While it is noble to claim devotion to your dog and see him through a bite incident, it is

critically important that you realize the liability to you financially when you set forth to rehabilitate. And, in my experience, most people are not really willing to put into it all that is necessary to rehabilitate and manage a dog that has bitten. Honestly, it is impossible to insure that a biter can ever be called "SAFE" again.

If you try to re-home the dog, you may still be held responsible for another bite.

I've written many times about preventing bites, but I see so many people that continue to take huge risks with known biters, even taking the dog out in public where the actions of the public cannot be guaranteed to not provoke another bite.

PREVENTING bites is by far the best thing to do. How do you do that? When you bring a dog into your home, be sure he/she has a stable temperament. Fearful dogs are much more likely to bite. Get professional training for a young dog. There are so many things that can be trained early on that will help your dog avoid feeling the need to bite. There is no such thing as too early to start training.

I could never imagine how I would feel if one of my dogs bit a child in the face, destroying that child's life. While this may sound uncaring, there is a time when we have to consider the life of a human over the life of a dog, no matter how much we love and are devoted to that dog.

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SCIENCE OF PLACE

HARRY WEEKES

## THE TASTE OF WINTER

BY HARRY WEEKES

This fall, I read two books that explored natural history through the lens of how other animals see, hear, taste, touch and smell. The books focused on the vast worlds of other organisms and how those animals interact with their environments.

So, the senses have been on my mind, and the last couple of weeks have provided wonderful circumstances to fuel my mulling.

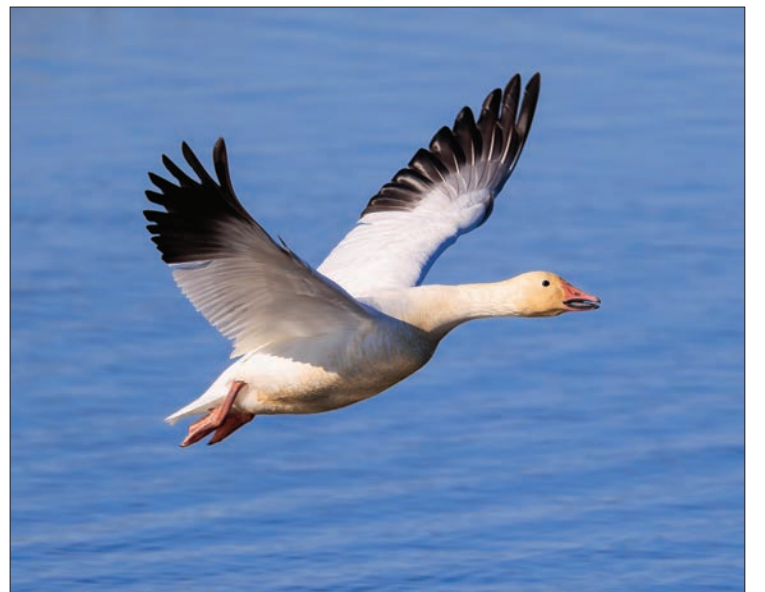
As always, the first dusting of snow highlights so much of what is out there. The rabbit tracks in the driveway. That lone arc of prints that crosses the open field in Indian Creek. The snowy hoofprints of the elk at their various crossings on Buttercup. Yes, I am seeing these creatures, but only the spoor that they leave; the evidence that they were here.

My default to the visual is obvious, so what about those things that we never see? Like the snow geese on Thanksgiving. Who woke up to the tens of thousands of birds flying over the valley? Depending on reports, the geese flew over from midnight until four or five in the morning, a chorus of continuous honking so loud it woke people up, drew them out into the streets, and, for some, sent them into an aurally-driven quest to find out where these things were going to land. As darkness often does when accompanied by thousands of avian voices, the honks came from everywhere and nowhere. The only secondhand report I heard is that a group of the birds landed in a field in Picabo.

What a wonderful little natural history mystery this was. Was this the first time this happened? Why were the geese crossing over here, now? Where were they headed? Was there some kind of storm? Or confusion amongst the birds? The answer to all of these is the same—"We will never know." What I am fairly certain of, though, is there was purpose. Accidental or not, there was intention amongst the geese.

The third sensory event happened as I waded out into the ocean and promptly stepped on something sharp and hard, but definitely alive. Immediate possibilities came to mind—there was a puffer fish carcass on the beach, could it have been one of those? What about some kind of clam or oyster or bivalve with their notoriously sharp shells? However, there was something else in the millisecond my foot compressed the "thing." I don't know if it was the resistance, that the beast moved too, or that I picked up some sense of the creature's anatomy as it nicely sliced my toe, but if I had to guess, I would say it was some sort of a crab. Ultimately, I will never know.

As much as I would love to explore the world in the way that other



Snow goose. Photo credit: Frank Schulenburg, accessed via Wikimedia

animals do, I am currently working on refining the senses that I do have. Sharpening my vision as I look at the scattered tracks in the snow of the gray partridge covey that skittered, bounced, flitted, and flew through the backyard. Working to discriminate the voices of the pack of coyotes that moved through Quigley in the beginning of December. Feeling the different temperatures on my morning walk. And just this morning, wondering, can you taste a coming storm?

Needless to say, I have a lot of work to do. For now, I will content myself with reviewing the audio files of snow geese and that the wound on my toe has healed. Also knowing that each of the senses, however limited mine may be, seems connected to a boundless world of questions, a curiosity that appears to be some kind of sense of its own.

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MONEY MATTERS

SUZANNE HAZLETT

# AMERICANS ARE GENEROUS

BY SUZANNE HAZLETT, MBA, CIMA®, CFP®

Charity Aid Foundation researched countries worldwide to analyze the percentage of people who help strangers, volunteer, or donate to a charity. The resulting World Giving Index of 2022 ranks the U.S. as the third most charitable nation in the world, preceded by Indonesia and Kenya.

This year, many investors have benefited from the rallying stock market. If you're feeling charitably inclined, rather than cash gifts, consider giving away a growing asset, for example, appreciated common stocks, mutual funds, or exchange-traded funds.

If you are considering more sophisticated giving strategies and would like to maximize the benefits of your gift, talk to a tax, legal, or financial advisor to explore your alternatives. Here are a few considerations.

**GIFTS OF APPRECIATED SECURITIES:** Many donors fund charitable contributions with long-held, appreciated securities rather than cash. For some contributors, doing so may yield a more significant tax benefit. You may be able to deduct the total value of the securities while avoiding paying capital gains taxes on the increased value.

**DONOR ADVISED FUNDS:** A donor-advised fund (DAF) is a charitable giving account that is relatively inexpensive to establish and maintain. A DAF allows you to contribute and reap allowable tax deductions immediately.

**CHARITABLE REMAINDER TRUSTS:** With a charitable remainder trust, you donate assets to a charitable trust and receive an immediate tax deduction. During your lifetime, you receive an income stream. Your designated charitable organization will receive the remainder of the assets upon your death.

**PRIVATE FOUNDATION:** Establishing a private foundation provides benefits similar to a donor-advised fund, although at a higher cost and with more complex administrative responsibility. In establishing a foundation, you are creating an institution. It is not for the casual charitable giver. The upside is you will have greater control in achieving your giving goals.

Each donor's situation is unique. While this short list is just an introduction, familiarity with these terms may help initiate discussions with your family, advisors, and charitable organizations you are interested in supporting.

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ON LIFE'S TERMS

JOELLEN COLLINS

# THE PURSUIT OF THE TRIVIAL

BY JOELLEN COLLINS

The most recent news reports have featured yet another mass shooting. According to statistics, the United States has suffered this year over 600 mass murders (defined as those where four or more are dead, not including the killer).

Since we are now able, through vast communications and media access, to see, graphically, what is really happening all over the world, learning about events is almost inescapable. I can hardly bear the news of violence inspired by hatred and anger, and yet I want to be able to help my world with what knowledge I have. This holiday season, the resurgence of antisemitism and hostile protests about Islam and other religions has sparked the need for more security during Hanukkah and Christmas. Synagogues and mosques are wary of the vocal dislike and fear of Jews and Muslims.

So how can I live with my sense of helplessness and also make things better, even in a modest, trivial way?

A victim of the Nazi holocaust refused to let her fright keep her from a belief expressed in an innocent statement about the horrible war she was hiding from. Anne Frank, in the middle of World War II, near the time it ended, said, "How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world." She didn't have many moments left in her brief life to "improve" the world.

Most of my generation thought that WWII had made the world ultimately a safer place. I was born with others who generally believed that if we tried hard enough, America would be able to remind the rest of the world how to live without fear and in safe comfort. Unfortunately, we know that violence and extremism has accelerated in hideous fashion. No one can count on the typical sanctuaries of home, school, and religious institutions anymore.

After the 1994 "Tutsi" genocide in Rwanda, which resulted in an estimated one million deaths, the International Criminal Tribunal was established to discover and try the many people who had murdered neighbors and family members. The method, simplified here, was to ensure that if the perpetrators of these murders admitted their guilt, they were allowed freedom only if they would return to their original neighborhoods and build positive lives. What a challenging prospect! I once visited Rwanda and was deeply moved at its genocide memorial, where the corpses of great numbers of innocent and often unidentified people lay just beneath the massive slab where one walks to the museum.

The thought in this tribunal was that one must fix close relationships. Perhaps the only way that we can build a safer society here and in the rest of the world is to individually take this moment as Anne wished, to settle one's hateful instincts and to cherish one's family, neighbors, and encounters wherever they may be. Hopefully, then, we will live in a more civil world. This requires a tolerance of varied spiritual and societal beliefs in each of our lives.

That is not a trivial pursuit.



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."

INSPIRATIONS FROM MY HEART

DOVE

# INTENTION WITH ACTIONS

BY DOVE

As I was driving my almost-teenage grandson home from school the other day, I asked him if I should make eggnog for Christmas. He replied, "Yes, and quiche and cinnamon rolls and pies!" This made my heart smile as truly I do love to bake. The next day I was at a dental appointment, and I checked with my dentist to see if he wanted his normal Christmas treat and his response was affirmative.

At this time in our history, where sugar has been declared a villain, I questioned the wisdom of giving sugary treats. I thought about the energy I put into the creation of such items, and I know my heart loves every moment of preparation. I remember with such joy as a child raptly watching as my mom make homemade candies. She truly was a candy master and I waited anxiously to lick the pan. I learned well from her.

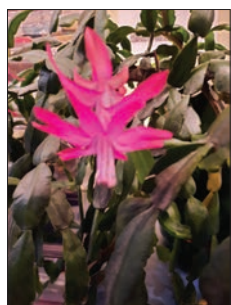
Now, as I am retired from an 8-to-5 job, my thoughts go to, How can I show appreciation for those who continue to clerk in the stores, pick up my garbage, deliver my mail; I go back to my roots of giving gifts from my kitchen. I hope they bring as much joy to the receivers as I get from making them.

I made a list the other night when I woke up about all the things I cherish during this time of year, and I called it my gratitude list. I think I shall post it on pretty paper and look at it often all year long. I love the smell of pine and fir trees, the pink blossoms on my Christmas cactus, Christmas music from Hauser playing on his cello, walking in the snow, the twinkling lights the neighbors have across the street, the plethora of multi-colored lights about halfway to Hailey on Highway 75, old Bing Crosby and Jimmy Stewart holiday movies, flannel sheets, down comforters, stars, the silence in the middle of the night, and the humor of sharing an online Advent calendar with my sister-in-law. We play all the games and challenge each other to find each of the special effects within the game.

But maybe most of all I love the ability to feel filled with love as I decide what I will create for those special people in my life. The gifts I give are really for me because the creation of them brings me total fulfillment. So I am thankful for all those in my life that allow me to create for them.

I suggest that no matter what your schedule is, take a moment to consider all the things that make you feel and give gratitude for them. One of the things special about humanity is the ability to feel with so many different senses. How rich we are in sensation.

I am so grateful for all of you letting me share my memories and those things that fill my soul. My prayer is that you each have time to contemplate the gift of really feeling all experiences presented. Savor life as best you can, for it is a gift of joy. Take time for your heart to just find that emotion of wonder in all things. Keep it simple. Blessings, Dove



WRANGLER'S WRITINGS

BRYCE ANGELL

# THE SQUEEZE CHUTE

The old squeeze chute sat useless. It was boneyard to the core. It hadn't seen a cow pushed through for twenty years or more.

The squeeze chute served its purpose but was old and obsolete. The boneyard was a junkyard where you'd rob old parts for cheap.

The squeeze chute's iron frame and metal intricate worn gears were fair game for the cutting torch, the worst of all my fears.

The squeeze chute was our senior project back when still in school. The class was Ag where I gained confidence, a brand new tool.

I called my cousin just to see if he remembered 'bout, the squeeze chute that we built with little brains and more of stout.

His memory was much better than my 70-year-old brain. He said, "Don't you remember 'bout that night not using chains?"

He said, "Each year the Ag teacher would hold a shop-room night. You could work on projects all night long, if your parents thought it right."

My cousin jogged my memory. It came flooding back to me. I remembered what had happened. It was plain enough to see.

We had cut out parts and pieces, not a minute's time to shirk. But, the shop room was so crowded there was barely room to work.

So we started into welding on our homemade cut-out gears. When I soon fell into dizzy and a ringing in my ears.

I could hear the teacher yelling, "You should have used the tie-up chains." For all I know he might have said, "Cats and dogs fall when it rains."

Well, about that time I noticed I was laying on my back. I soon deduced, with foggy brain, that something weren't on track.

Another student's twelve-foot pipe broke loose and hit me on the head. It's good that's where it hit me. Somewhere else I might be dead.

So the other students loaded me in back of someone's truck. One night in the infirmary would prove my kind of luck.

That night was just a setback. A story of our cattle squeeze. And a memory we can laugh about the good times, if you please.

So we loaded the old squeeze chute in my Chevy half-ton truck. And with elbow grease and red spray paint, no need to reconstruct.

It will always be our project, but for cattle it is moot. More a memory of two boys who built a homemade cow squeeze chute.

— 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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# Police Empowering Neighbors

BY HERBERT ROMERO

## OUR VOICE COUNTS

We had an amazing Friday, Nov. 17, 2023, with our second annual Neighborhood Thanksgiving Dinner at Jhony's restaurant. Thank you, dear neighbors, families and friends, for joining us and spending time sharing your gratitude and concerns. Also, what a wonderful turnout of new and old families of diverse cultures, such as Salvadorean, Panamanian, Mexican, Peruvian and our white community.

Special Thanks to Karina, Jhony, Hailey Police Department, LDS church, St. Thomas church, Seventh-Day Adventist church, Scott Trevor, I.B.C Outdoor Hispanic Leaders/Young Achievers group and Neighbors Helping Neighbors/Crisis Hotline.

## NUESTRA VOZ CUENTA

Tuvimos una increíble segunda cena anual de Acción de Gracias del viernes 17 de noviembre en el restaurante Jhony's. Gracias queridos Vecinos, familias y amigos por acompañarnos y dedicar tiempo a compartir su gratitud e inquietudes. Además, qué maravilloso resultado de familias nuevas y antiguas de diversas culturas, como la salvadoreña, panameña, mexicana, peruana y nuestra comunidad blanca.

Un agradecimiento especial a Karina, Jhony, Departamento de Policía de Hailey, iglesia LDS, St. Thomas, Iglesia Adventista de los Siete Días, Scott Trevor, Líderes Hispanos al Aire Libre de I.B.C/grupo Young Achievers y Vecinos Ayudando a Vecinos/Línea Directa de Crisis

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# When You Sell Your House, Where Do You Plan To Go?

BY ANNA &amp; MICHELLE

If you're thinking about selling your house, you may have heard the supply of homes for sale is still low, and that means your house should stand out to buyers who are craving more options. But you may also be wondering, once you sell, how does the current supply impact your own move? And, will you be able to find a home you want to buy with inventory this low?

One thing that can help you find your next home is exploring all your options, including both homes that have been lived in before as well as newly built ones. Let's look at the benefits of each one.

## The Pros of Newly Built Homes

First, let's look at the advantages of purchasing a newly constructed home. With a brand-new home, you'll be able to:

1. **Create your perfect home.** If you build a home from the ground up, you'll have the option to select the custom features you want, including appliances, finishes, landscaping, layout, and more.
2. **Cash-in on energy efficiency.** When building a home, you can choose energy-efficient options to help lower your utility costs and reduce your carbon footprint.
3. **Minimize the need for repairs.** Many builders offer a warranty, so you'll have peace of mind on unlikely repairs. Plus, you won't have as many little projects to tackle.
4. **Have brand new everything.** Another perk of a new home is that nothing in the house is used. It's all brand new and uniquely yours from day one.

## The Pros of Existing Homes

Now, let's compare that to the perks that come with buying an existing home. With a pre-existing home, you can:

1. **Explore a wider variety of home styles and floorplans.** With decades of homes to

choose from, you'll have a broader range of floorplans and designs available.

2. **Join an established neighborhood.** Existing homes give you the option to get to know the neighborhood, community, or traffic patterns before you commit.
3. **Enjoy mature trees and landscaping.** Established neighborhoods also have more developed landscaping and trees, which can give you additional privacy and curb appeal.
4. **Appreciate that lived-in charm.** The character of older homes is hard to reproduce. If you value timeless craftsmanship or design elements, you may prefer an existing home.

The choice is yours. When you start your search for the perfect home, remember that you can go either route – you just need to decide which features and benefits are most important to you. As an article from The Mortgage Reports says:

“When building, you gain more freedom to tailor the design, materials, and features, but it demands more time and involvement. Conversely, buying an established home offers immediate occupancy . . . yet may require compromises. Your choice should align with your budget, timeline, customization preferences, and the local real estate landscape.”

Either way, working with a local real estate agent throughout the process is mission-critical to your success. They'll help you explore all of your options based on what matters most to you in your next home. Together, you can find the home that's right for you.

## Bottom Line

If you have questions about the options in our area, let's discuss what's available and what's right for you. That way you'll be ready to make your next move with confidence.

## 1,000 Cranes Peace Project

In honor of the holiday season, the Hailey Public Library is inviting the community to participate in a valley-wide project to fold 1,000 Origami cranes. The cranes will be then be displayed at the library for a month. Cranes are a symbol of peace and happiness in many Asian countries and folding origami cranes is said to bring good luck. Workshops are free and can be taken singly or together. Materials will be provided.

“With all the grim news coming in from around the world, we are offering this hopeful project in partnership with our community,” commented Fletcher, the library's education and engagement manager, “We believe that this symbolic project will help bring peace in the world by gathering people together to complete a collective project with a deeply heartfelt message.”

Fletcher continued, “Intention is such a powerful force. It's a little like tossing a pebble into a pond and watching the ripples undulate outwards. We hope to send ripples of peace into this troubled world from our small valley. But we couldn't do this without the help of a number of community leaders and thank Flourish Foundation's Compassionate Leaders, Mary Ann Chubb, Kimber Traue, Marjolaine Renfro and Chiyo Parten for their help. Additional facilitators are needed; if interested, email kristin.fletcher@haileypubliclibrary.org.”

The facilitated, 2-hour workshops will be held at Town Center West in Hailey,

from 5:30-7:30 PM on Thursday, December 7 and another from 2:00-4:00 PM on Saturday, December 9. Each workshop begins with a short loving kindness meditation followed by a lesson in folding Origami cranes.

Participants will then be invited to take their new skills and Origami paper home and fold more cranes with family and friends. Finished cranes will be gathered on December 18 at HPL and hung in the library on the Winter Solstice, December 21, where they will remain on display for a month.

For more information about this and other talks, call 208-788-2036 or visit [www.haileypubliclibrary.org](http://www.haileypubliclibrary.org).

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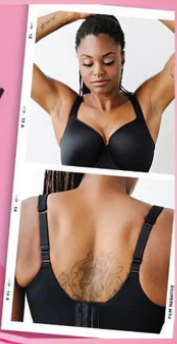


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### CLASSIC SUDOKU

See answer on page 11

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| 1 Light-bending item             | 75 Geological period         | 10 EMTs' destinations      |
| 6 Cider source                   | 76 Midwives' assistants      | 11 City near San Jose      |
| 11 Porcine abode                 | 78 Slippery swimmer          | 12 ___ and Tobago          |
| 14 Pack (down)                   | 79 Top team player           | 13 Pup's sound             |
| 18 TV feed part                  | 82 Movie fan web site info   | 14 "Have a sip!"           |
| 19 Town employee of yore         | 85 Humdrum                   | 15 Garlicky sauce          |
| 20 Hindu woman's garment         | 86 Arguments against         | 16 Respectful title        |
| 21 Mideast coin                  | 88 Jazz phrase               | 17 Sort of shaver          |
| 22 Movie fan web site info       | 89 Took a card               | 20 Skim over               |
| 24 Movie segment                 | 90 Plumlike fruit            | 23 High point              |
| 25 Jedi master                   | 91 Having taken no cards     | 28 Thunderstorm by-product |
| 26 Grassy field                  | 92 Sticky situation          | 29 007 film studio         |
| 27 Hurries along                 | 95 Movie fan web site info   | 30 Needing directions      |
| 28 Major water line              | 100 Pony up in advance       | 31 Garden tool             |
| 29 La Scala's city               | 102 "Great blue" bird        | 32 Back of the neck        |
| 30 Madagascar primates           | 103 Casino game              | 33 Sign before Libra       |
| 31 Movie fan web site info       | 104 Muffin                   | 34 More frosty             |
| 33 Rainbow color                 | 105 Melodramatic music genre | 35 Set (down)              |
| 35 Young fellow                  | 108 Racetrack shape          | 37 Shady deal              |
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| 38 Overly diluted                | 112 Communicate verbally     | 40 Trade grp.              |
| 40 Letters indicating urgency    | 113 Sandwich loaves          | 41 Strauss of waltz fame   |
| 41 Deceptive talk                | 114 Up to                    | 42 Checked credentials     |
| 45 Movie fan web site info       | 115 Uplift                   | 43 Schnitzel meat          |
| 50 Rendered readable             | 116 Poetic spheres           | 44 Swirling water          |
| 52 Era                           | 117 Beast of burden          | 46 Unlawful                |
| 53 Stole from                    | 118 Mexican money            | 47 Univ. part              |
| 54 "___ live and breathe!"       | 119 Some rec centers         | 48 Wanders around          |
| 56 In the lead                   |                              | 49 Central Texas city      |
| 57 General rule of proper living | <b>DOWN</b>                  | 51 Model train car         |
| 59 Clickable symbols             | 1 One of the Beatles         | 55 Angrily                 |
| 61 In the worst way              | 2 Artful dodge               | 58 Once more               |
| 62 Movie fan web site info       | 3 Thinker's spark            | 59 Under the weather       |
| 66 Multiple choice options       | 4 Respectful title           | 60 Absolut rival           |
| 69 Thread holder                 | 5 Tasty tidbit               | 63 Rookies                 |
| 70 Hymn and him                  | 6 Play charades              | 64 ___ further (stop)      |
|                                  | 7 Earlier                    | 65 All-in-one computer     |
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| 72 Parcels (out)       | 91 Big leaguer         | 101 Proportional pair    |
| 73 Barbecue side dish  | 92 Awards with ribbons | 104 Hamlet, for one      |
| 76 Encouraging words   | 93 Candid              | 105 Explorer ___ the Red |
| 77 Not quite right     | 94 Got used up         | 106 High, flat land      |
| 80 Rights org.         | 95 Instagram upload    | 107 Pays later           |
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