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"Some of the best memories are made in flip-flops."

- Kellie Elmore

WHEN THE IMPOSSIBLE BECOMES POSSIBLE



Lightning players had the privilege of visiting Manchester City's Premier League team locker room. Photo credit: Hailey Football Club

Hailey Lightning Football Club Returns From England with New Skills and New Perspectives

BY ROBIN SIAS

n a blazing hot July afternoon on Keefer field, Hailey Lightning Football Club players were laser-focused on drills, preparing for the Park City Extreme Cup. While their cleats were on the uneven field in the shadow of the Idaho mountains, their minds lingered on the pristine turf of the Manchester City football team training facilities — fields where they had run the same drills just a few weeks ago.

The team, accompanied by coaches Larry Schwartz and Weylin Barrett, and a small cohort of parents, spent a week as guests of the Manchester City Football Club in late June. The timing could not have been more exciting for soccer fans as Man City won the elusive 'treble' during the 2022-23 season, clinching the Premiere League, Champions League, and Football Association Challenge Cup.

The U-16 players from the Wood River Valley got to be a part of the excitement, training with the coaches of the Man City Academy teams, playing multiple games, touring not one, not two, but three professional stadiums (Man City, Man United, and Liverpool), and exploring historic Manchester. "Man City is the best in the world," enthused Schwartz. "We love their style of play, so this was a perfect match for us."

Coach Schwartz said the experience was beyond what he imagined. "I had extremely high expectations for this trip, and they were exceeded in every way," he said. Aside from Barrett's luggage being slightly delayed, the team had zero glitches. "I had been planning everything with our liaison from Man City for months and when we arrived, it all went exactly as anticipated. Our liaison was beyond professional, and our stay was seamless," Schwartz added.

But beyond what was planned, it was the unexpected aspects of the trip that will remain with the team and the coaches for years to come. Schwartz said, "For me, as the coach and GM of the team who knew what to expect, the most important thing ended up being having all 21 of our players together. The shared experience, this ultimate bonding experience, can never be replicated."

The players agree. When asked about the highlight of the trip, every member of the team expressed that this once-in-a-lifetime experience was made especially memorable because of their teammates. While the soccer training and competition were life-changing and the boys came home motivated to continue to improve their skills and their level of play, what they said they will remember most is being in England together. Mateo de la Torre only half-jokingly said one of the best parts of the week for him was piling eight teammates into his hotel

room to watch a horror movie. Like every team of teenagers in any part of the world, some of the most lasting memories at a tournament are made off the field! Team bonding was made even more special for the boys when Alejandro Gutierrez, a longtime teammate who has since moved to Costa Rica, surprised the team when he came to train with them. "He arrived before we did with his father," Schwartz explained. "He was waiting in the lobby when we checked in and the kids just went crazy."

Other unexpected highlights included how much the team enjoyed staying in the middle of Manchester and having some down time to explore the city. "We gave them quite a bit of freedom and they were incredibly responsible," Schwartz said. The whole group found Manchester to be a surprise in the best way possible. "I think it's the nicest city I've been to. It's very impressive," Schwartz said. "Everyone was extremely friendly and helpful right out of the gate. And when they found out we were an American soccer team training at Man City, we might as well have been pros. Everyone was really excited for us and incredibly welcoming. We also had fun explaining to people where Idaho is." The boys

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NEWS SPORTS

Lightning Football Club



Members of the Hailey Football Club practice on the Manchester turf, in England. Courtesy photo: Hailey Football Club

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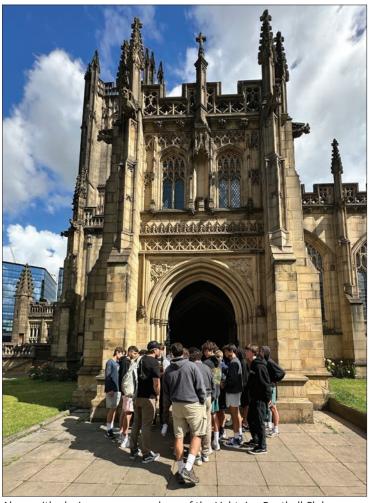
also made friends with some of the competitors on other teams, exchanging social media, and telling each other about their hometowns, explored cultural landmarks, and had fun seeing what unfamiliar items they could buy at the chain grocery/convenience store, Tesco's.

And, of course, the training was exceptional and pushed the team. As goalie Victor Hernandez said, "On the second day, we got humbled real quick!" Nandy Inga explained, "They have a very different style of play, very fast. It's very aggressive and technical. We learned a lot." Victor added, "The intensity was much higher than we are used to." Both the soccer and the experience, collectively, contributed to the group coming back tighter than ever, as closer friends, more supportive team-

mates, and full of new possibilities.

Possibilities are the greatest takeaway for Schwartz, and, he thinks, for the team, as well. "In the middle of all this excitement, we had an impromptu team meeting at the hotel," Schwartz recalled. "It was initially about goal setting, but the theme became not only that but, 'Tell me what's impossible.' We had just trained with Man City that morning. We were playing games in England that afternoon. I told them, given where we were at that moment, 'I don't know what's impossible anymore.' We never thought this could happen, so what else can happen? We are always talking next steps with the players, not only in soccer but in life. This was the perfect moment to remind them that we know they can do big things with their lives."

Back on the bumpy grass at Keefer field, every



Along with playing soccer, members of the Lightning Football Club were able to visit famous sites, like this cathedral, in and around Manchester City, in England. Photo credit: Tim Brown

single player said they were missing the pristine turf of Man City's practice fields. But they were excited for the next game and to keep working to improve their skills. It was obvious they were a tight-knit group and more cohesive than ever for the experience they shared in England.

Schwartz and Barrett said they sincerely thank the generous Wood River Valley community who helped make this trip possible for every member on the team. And Schwartz added the community would be very proud of the kids. "They really rose to the occasion. Everywhere we went, someone commented on how respectful and polite the group was. They represented Hailey, Idaho, and America admirably. We were very proud of them."

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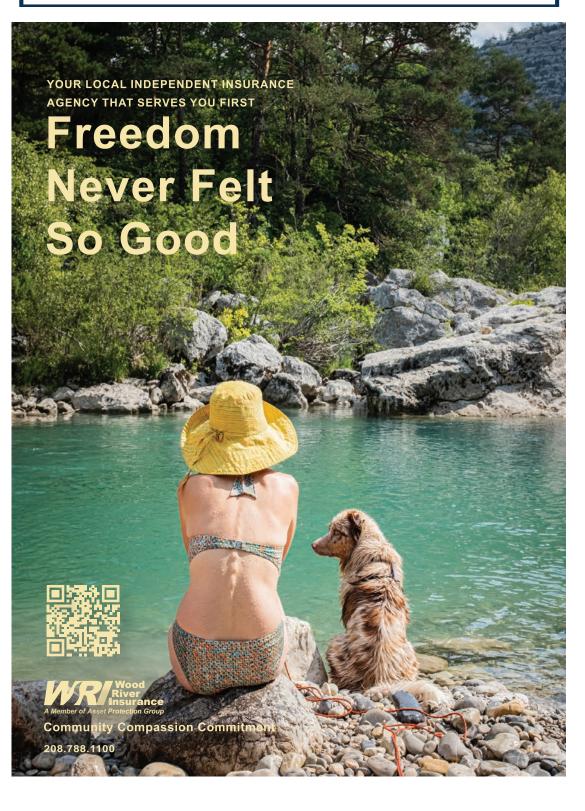
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IN BRIEF

Wood River High's Benjamin Boccabella Receives 2023 Congressional Award

Benjamin Boccabella, a student at Wood River High School, has earned the 2023 Congressional Award Gold Medal.

In June, Bocabella was recognized at the 2023 Gold Medal Summit in Washington, D.C. During the event, gold medalists had the opportunity to meet with members of Congress.

Established by law in 1979, the award aims to inspire American youth with four program areas: voluntary public service, personal development, physical fitness, and expedition/exploration.

To earn the medal, each participant must complete 400 hours of voluntary public service, which requires them to contribute their time to community improvement. Additionally, participants must log 200 hours of personal development, where they explore or enhance their talents, hobbies or interests. They also must complete 200 hours of physical fitness activities that promote their overall health. Furthermore, participants immerse themselves in a new environment or culture for five days and four nights.

Boccabella has been working to achieve the award for more than two years—the minimum time frame to earn the medal.

"Benjamin has truly earned this incredible honor," said Julia Grafft, principal of Wood River High School. "This medal requires an immense amount of self-discipline and determination. We are incredibly proud of Benjamin and we cannot wait to see what he goes on to accomplish in his future."

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Todd Rubenstein, new owner of South Valley Pizzeria. Photo credit: Scott

A Slice Of The Wood River Valley

BY TRISTAN HEAD

interrupting someone in the midst of preparations for a wedding reception is typically ill advised, but with a friendly "Hello," .Dave enthusiastically shared the story of South Valley Pizzeria's inception. As our conversation unfolded, he poured his heart out, expressing how he "felt like one of the luckiest restaurateurs who dealt with the nicest, most gracious customers and made the 26-year journey a genuine joy.'

Risks, both positive and negative, infiltrate our lives, and as humans we must learn to adapt and persevere. Dave Summers, the man constantly kneading the herb crust, portrayed the journey, which began from the encouragement to play the credit card shuffle in order to obtain funds to purchase what became South Valley Pizzeria.

For nearly three decades, South Valley Pizzeria's herb crust has won the hearts of Wood River Valley residents. Everything began when Summers relocated to Ketchum to ski bum it in '79 under the tutelage of Bob at Bob Dog's Pizza located near the base of Warm Springs. While waiting tables across from Lefty's, Summers' dedication exceeded the average worker when he helped Bob relocate the restaurant to the back of Bellevue's General Store, where they tossed pizza under a carryout-only business model.

The business took a drastic turn when Bruce Willis closed The Mint and Bob called, disclosing the fact that Bob Dog's would be relocating to Lake Tahoe. Amidst the changes, Bob encouraged Summers to "take the plunge" into debt, and seize the opportunity to take advantage of the credit opportunities waiting in his mailbox. With the stroke of a pen, Summers adopted not only debt, but a future of his own recipe.

When Dave received an email from "PizzaTodd," he knew he had found the right person to carry on the legacy of South Valley Pizzeria. Todd Rubenstein's experience as director of operations of Bigwood Bread and managing restaurants on Baldy for Sun Valley prove to make him the ideal candidate to continue success. Their connection was immediate as Summers stated, "He [Rubenstein] asked all the right questions revolving around the numbers," which has left a lasting impression.

Rather than starting from scratch, Rubenstein opted to preserve the restaurant's beloved recipes, stating, "The recipes are great. Why start a riot when you can keep the people happy?" He elaborated on areas of growth, specifically bringing his family Caesar dressing recipe and transitioning all salad dressings to being made in-house, reviving wings for football fans, ensuring satisfaction for everyone's palate with cannolis to finish off a meal. Most importantly, he has applied for his beer and liquor license.

Rubenstein immediately made an impact by supporting the local community by feeding hungry kids who participated in Bellevue Public Library's summer reading program. He has future plans to "...be a part of the community by joining in parades and other events that benefit the community at large." He encouraged families to dine in because they are ready to host or cater parties. After all, it has already become a family business with Todd's son, Nicholas, perfecting his dough toss.

The former Silver Dollar Saloon was recently sold by owner Pete Prekeges to La Cabañita owner Armando Armenta. South Valley Pizzeria will continue to operate out of its original location behind the Silver Dollar for the foreseeable future.



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OPINION

Pouring Ukrainian Blood Into An Unwinnable Proxy War

BY CAITLIN JOHNSTONE

In a new article titled "Ukraine's Lack of Weaponry and Training Risks Stalemate in Fight With Russia," The Wall Street Journal's Daniel Michaels reports that western officials knew Ukrainian forces didn't have the weapons and training necessary to succeed in their highly touted counteroffensive which was launched last month.

Michaels writes: "When Ukraine launched its big counteroffensive this spring, Western military officials knew Kyiv didn't have all the training or weapons—from shells to warplanes—that it needed to dislodge Russian forces. But they hoped Ukrainian courage and resourcefulness would carry the day.

"They haven't. Deep and deadly minefields, extensive fortifications and Russian air power have combined to largely block significant advances by Ukrainian troops. Instead, the campaign risks descending into a stalemate with the potential to burn through lives and equipment without a major shift in momentum."

This is as close to an admission you're ever going to find that the establishment has been lying to you massively about the Ukraine war. pic.twitter.com/XumqqccHLz — Max Abrahms (@MaxAbrahms) July 23, 2023

The claim that western officials had sincerely believed Ukrainian forces might be able to overcome their glaring deficits through sheer pluck and ticker is undermined later in the same article by a war pundit who says the US would never attempt such a counteroffensive without first controlling the skies, which Ukraine doesn't have the ability to do:

"America would never attempt to defeat a prepared defense without air superiority, but they [Ukrainians] don't have air superiority," the U.S. Army War College's John Nagl told WSJ. "It's impossible to overstate how important air superiority is for fighting a ground fight at a reasonable cost in casualties."

Antiwar's Dave DeCamp writes the following on the latest WSJ revelation: "Leading up to the Ukrainian counteroffensive, which was launched in June, the Discord leaks and media reports revealed that the US did not believe Ukraine could regain much territory from Russia. But the Biden administration pushed for the assault anyway, as it rejected the idea of a pause in fighting."

So the empire is still knowingly throwing Ukrainian lives into the meat grinder of an unwinnable proxy war, even as western officials tell the public that this war is about saving Ukrainian lives and handing Putin a crushing defeat whenever they're on camera.

This attitude from the empire is not a new development. Last October The Washington Post reported that "Privately, U.S. officials say neither Russia nor Ukraine is capable of winning the war outright, but they have ruled out the idea of pushing or even nudging Ukraine to the negotiating table"

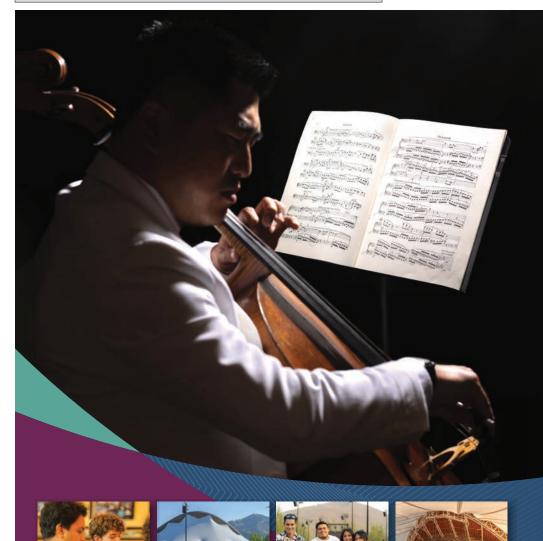
Now why might that be? Why would the western empire be so comfortable encouraging Ukrainians to keep fighting when it knows they can't win?

We find our answer in another Washington Post article titled "The West feels gloomy about Ukraine. Here's why it shouldn't.", authored last week by virulent empire propagandist David Ignatius. In his eagerness to frame the floundering counteroffensive in a positive light for his American audience, Ignatius let slip an inconvenient truth:

"Meanwhile, for the United States and its NATO allies, these 18 months of war have been a strategic windfall, at relatively low cost (other than for the Ukrainians). The West's most reckless antagonist has been rocked. NATO has grown much stronger with the additions of Sweden and Finland. Germany has weaned itself from dependence on Russian energy and, in many ways, rediscovered its sense of values. NATO squabbles make headlines, but overall, this has been a triumphal summer for the alliance"

Anyone who believes this proxy war is about helping Ukrainians should be made to read that paragraph over and over again until it sinks in. The admission that the US-centralized power structure

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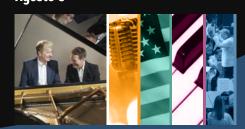
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ing this war is only going to perpetuate the death and devastation.

benefits immensely from this proxy conflict is revealing enough, but that parenthetical "other than for the Ukrainians" aside really drives it home. It reads as though it was added as an afterthought, like "Oh yeah it's actually kind of rough on the Ukrainians though — if you consider them to be peo-

Proxy War

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The claim that this war is about helping Ukrainians has been further undermined by another new Washington Post report that Ukraine is now more riddled with land mines than any other nation on earth, and that US-supplied cluster munitions are only making the land more deadly.

That's right kids! We're turning Ukraine into an uninhabitable wasteland of death and dismemberment to save the Ukrainians.

We should probably talk more about the fact that the US empire is loudly promoting the goal of achieving peace in Ukraine by defeating Russia while quietly acknowledging that this goal is impossible. This is like accelerating toward a brick wall and pretending it's an open road.

The narrative that Russia can be beaten by ramping up proxy warfare against it makes sense if you believe Russia can be militarily defeated in Ukraine, but the US empire does not believe that Russia can be militarily defeated in Ukraine. It knows that continu-

"Beat Putin's ass and make him withdraw" sounds cool and is egoically gratifying, and it's become the mainstream answer to the problem of the war in Ukraine, but nobody promoting that answer can address the fact that the ones driving this proxy war believe it's impossible. In fact, all evidence we're seeing suggests that the US is not trying to deliver Putin a crushing defeat in Ukraine and force him to withdraw, but is rather trying to create another long and costly military quagmire for Moscow, as western cold warriors have done repeatedly in instances like Afghanistan and Syria.

Wanting to weaken Russia and wanting to save lives and establish peace in Ukraine are two completely different goals, so different that in practice they wind up being largely contradictory. Drawing Moscow into a bloody quagmire means many more people dying in a war that drags on for years, with all the immense human suffering that that

The US does not want peace in Ukraine, it wants to overextend Russia, shore up military and energy dominance over Europe, expand its war machine and enrich the military-industrial complex. That's why it knowingly provoked this war. It's posing as Ukraine's savior while being clearly invested in Ukraine's destruction.

It is not legitimate to support this proxy war without squarely addressing this massive contradiction using hard facts and robust argumentation. Nobody ever has

NEWS

Hailey Public Library will host "A Slide Tour of the Universe" with the Central Idaho Dark Sky Alliance 2023 Astronomer in Residence, Dr. Joel Weisberg, on Thursday, July 27, from 5:30-7 p.m. The talk is co-sponsored by CIDSR and Boise State University Physics Department. It will be held at Town Center West and live streamed.

A Slide Tour of the Universe

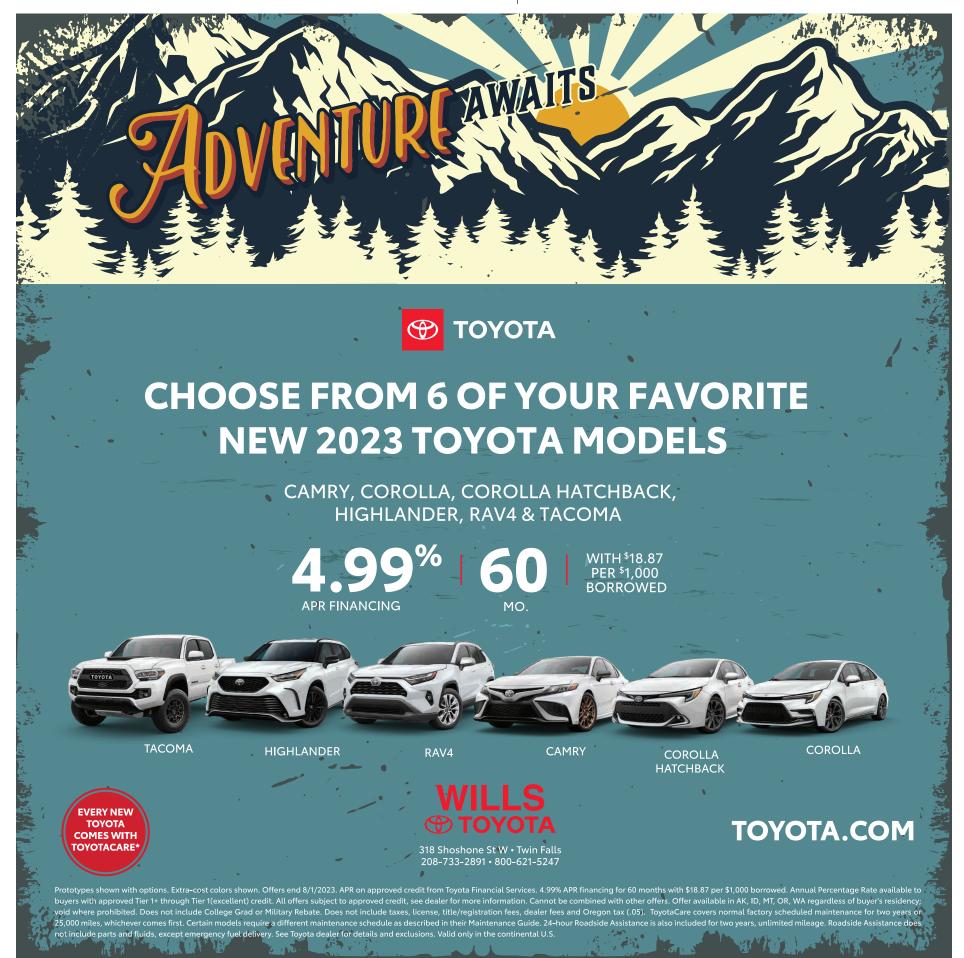
"This presentation is intended for anyone age 12 and older who is interested in astronomy and our beautiful dark skies," commented programs and engagement manager Kristin Fletcher. "Dr. Weisberg will take us from our Earth to the farthest reaches of the universe, stopping along the way to view various beautiful astronomical images and to learn about these fascinating objects. Audience questions are encouraged."

Joel Weisberg, Ph.D., is a lifelong stargazer who loves sharing the night skies with others. He is a 2023 Astronomer in Residence with the Central Idaho Dark Sky Reserve STEM Network. This is a NASA-funded program through Boise State University Physics Department, which works closely with the Central Idaho Dark Sky Reserve to bring science to classrooms, libraries, and other public venues

Dr. Weisberg received his bachelor's degree in earth and planetary sciences from Massachusetts Institute of Technology and a master's in astronomy and a Ph.D. in physics, both from the University of Iowa. He served as Assistant Professor of Physics at Princeton University from 1981–1984 before becoming the Stark Professor of Physics and Astronomy and Science Policy at Carleton College in Minnesota. He retired from teaching four years ago.

Dr. Weisberg will also lead a nighttime observing session on Saturday, August 12, from 9:30-11:30 p.m. out Croy Canyon west of Hailey. Highlights will include the Perseid Meteor Shower, deep sky objects, bright planets and spectacular summer constellations. The BSU AstroTAC team plus popular local astronomer Tim Frazier and friends will be on hand with cool telescopes.

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ISHING REPORT



THE "WEEKLY" FISHING REPORT FOR **JULY 26 - AUGUST 8** FROM PICABO ANGLER

e're officially in the dog days of summer here in the valley, so peak fishing on local rivers has shifted accordingly. Early mornings and late evenings are the prime times to be on area waters, as bug and fish activity is heaviest then.

We're seeing incredible Trico hatches on Silver Creek, particularly on the lower water from the Highway 20 access downstream to the North Picabo Road bridge. Get out early and enjoy some of the most incredible dry-fly fishing of the season. Be sure to have both male and female Trico imitations, as the fish will often key in on one or the other. Baetis (BWOs) have been mixed in with Tricos, so be prepared to switch up bugs at a moment's notice. Once the morning dry-fly activity wanes, fish hopper imitations, beetles, ants, and adult damsels. The Callibaetis have continued to show during the afternoons, as well. Evenings on the Creek can be special; expect a mix of bugs including Baetis, Callibaetis, PMDs and caddis.

The Big Wood River also fishes well early and late. In the mornings, small attractor dries fished at the heads of riffles is very effective. Your favorite small dropper nymph will take those fish not willing to eat on the surface. There are a few Yellow Sallies and Tricos around, so keep an eye out for the naturals. Hoppers and Hopper/Droppers will produce throughout the day. In the evening, the fish will be focused on caddis, and the fishing can be fantastic during the last couple hours of daylight.

The waters of Copper Basin are a great option right now. Conditions are perfect for wet wading and covering the Upper Big Lost, East Fork, and North Fork in search of large cutthroat. Hoppers, Stimulators, Chubby Chernobyls, and Fat Alberts are all great bugs to throw. Cover ater and make sure your fly hits all the juiciest water!

The Salmon River continues to fish well, and the river's cutthroats are looking up for Hoppers, Golden Stones, Yellow Sallies, and Green Drakes. Your favorite dropper nymph will clean up on the cutts and whitefish, as well.

Happy fishing, everyone!



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NO BONES ABOUT IT

THE UNDOER

By Fran Jewell

o you love to touch and pet every dog you see? Does it make your heart smile when a puppy jumps up on you to say "Hello" with a sweet wagging tail and a goofy face? Are you someone that will say, "Oh, I don't mind if she jumps on me!" then pats your legs or gets down on the puppy's level to smooch her? Are you someone who can't control yourself and will pet a dog even if the handler tells you not to because the dog is so nicely behaved and soft?

You are probably an "undoer!"

What is an "undoer?" It is someone that knowingly or unknowingly disregards and undermines training that an owner is doing with their dog. In some cases, it can be life threatening for the owner, especially when a service dog is involved.

So many of us LOVE dogs to such a point that we cannot control ourselves and we must pet and fawn over any dog we see. We lose self-control, and think only of our own desires, not the need or work another is doing with their dog. Frankly, this is disrespectful to both the other person AND the dog, providing no regard for the other person. These are hard words for me to say, but, it is the

When someone is working a service dog, whether the dog is in training or operational, taking the dog's attention away from the handler could be life threatening to that person. Unless the handler/owner gives you permission, it can literally be against the law. Anyone that knowingly interferes with the work of a service dog is in violation of Idaho Statute, which is prosecutable because of the danger to the disabled handler.

When someone is working hard to train a puppy to not jump, and you invite the jump with the reward of petting, you are setting the training backward enormously. Remember, that same dog might grow up to be 95 pounds and may still jump on you as an adult dog, knocking you or someone else over, causing injury. It's not funny, nor is it fair to anyone, including the dog.

Giving a dog a mixed signal is so confusing and anxiety producing for the dog. When you violate an owner's direction, you are only serving to make things more difficult for everyone, including the dog you may love so passionately.

Respect is at the heart of the matter. Simple respect for the owner's direction and wishes can go such a long way toward everyone's happiness. Respect is so important in today's world. Let's share the respect!

Fran Jewell is an IAABC Certified Dog Behavior Consultant, NADOI Certified Instructor and the owner of Positive Puppy Dog Training, LLC in Sun Valley. For more information, visit positivepuppy.com or call 208-578-1565.



At breakfast last Sunday, someone with a supposed service dog stopped to let her dog sniff Pele, my diabetic alert dog in training. Even though the owner of the other dog did not pet Pele, letting her dog stop to sniff and "socialize" another working dog was simply disrespectful – an undoer. Photo credit: Fran Jewell

SCIENCE OF PLACE

ESCALANTE TIME

BY LARRY BARNES

heavy drizzle came and we sought refuge in a quartet-sized amphithe-Later made by water and time in Utah's Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monu-

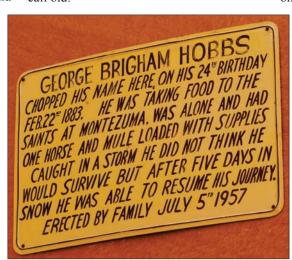
ment. The plateau 1,000 feet above us captured the water where it gathered into rivulets on slickrock and ran down to black vertical streaks in the Kayenta Formation rising around us. The rain stopped and we stepped into the open, the brightening sky, the singing canyon wrens, and continued toward our camp at the confluence a mile down canyon.

The generous snows of 2022-2023 foretold a brief springtime pulse of water that might fill the Escalante River with enough water to carry small watercraft down its length to the river's end, Lake Powell. After paddling our inflatable kayaks a few hundred yards downstream, the three of us became committed to the entire 10-day float. But southern Utah was thirsty and stingy with its melting snows, and little water reached the muddy Escalante.

For the next 80 miles, the river, "too thick to drink, and too thin to plow," concealed the rocks and mud bars that were just below our fingertips.

There were a few rapids and occasional dry-mouthed fear but there was mostly deep concentration in reading the water, reading between the lines, divining the subtext, and even using Braille with our paddles to predict the river's depth and seek the deepest channel to avoid sudden bumps, lurching stops, and subsequent dragging, pushing, and cursing. There were others on the river, too, and they used packrafts, tiny high-tech, expensive pool toys, often technicolored and traveling in whirligig pods of 5-10. Their occupants over-used the word "literally," encouraged their mates to "send it," and lacked

gray hair. Our boats weighed three to four since he nearly froze in 1883. That today, for times more than theirs and frequently got stranded in the shallow water. We were using film in a digital age. It's strange to be within the age class that the whirligig tribe might



Silver Canyon, Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument. Photo by Larry Barnes.

over us 1,000 feet, and we are all the same age; fellow travelers in a nanosecond of time through rock that formed 200 million years ago. Even pioneer George Brigham Hobbs, contemplating his mortality 140 years earlier when stranded by winter snow in Silver Canyon, was a traveler in the same time frame - at least in the Kayenta Formation scale, one having deeper meaning than the blink of a human life.

While the rock has changed little and the canyons have only grown a few millimeters deeper since George Brigham Hobbs chopped his name into the rock, other changes have been profound. We wondered what Mr. Hobbs, a Mormon settler, would have found most astonishing about the changes

a few days' wages, he could fly across America in machines that make straight white lines in the sky. That still, after 140 years into these latter days, there has been no Second Coming. That today we carry devices in

> our pockets that communicate with the world through the ether. That today you could be fined for hacking your initials into these very rocks. Or that travelers now must carry their solid human waste with them down the river and out of the canyon in "wag bags."

> Upon leaving the quartet amphitheater I realized that I had forgotten my water filter and turned to walk back up the dry wash. But there was soon an alarming sound, a sudden realization, and an angry front of muddy churning water, blackish with cream-colored froth on its leading edge. A quick scramble to higher ground and there below me the flash flood grew into a chocolate milkshake river, carrying the land to the sea.

Two time scales had collided. To the Kayenta Formation, this was a trivial But looking up to the red cliffs leaning event, one that happened with monotonous regularity over the previous 200 million years, during which these canyons had been carved. To the nanosecond human scale, this was a marvel of a lifetime.

All historic times were special to the people who lived through them, but the last 140 years were extra special. Earth is rapidly heating and its human population has doubled three times. Novel challenges await us in the next 140 years. But as long as the sun burns, geologic periods will come and go and life on Earth, in some form, will continue.

Larry Barnes retired from 26 years as a biology teacher at Wood River High School and is now transitioning to spending more time exploring the natural world.

MONEY MATTERS

KRISTIN HOVENCAMP

READ, READ, READ

BY KRISTIN HOVENCAMP, CPWA®

everal years ago, I wrote an article talking about books I recommend reading if you want to become more financially literate. I recently reviewed my selections and still believe these are some of the best books written on finance.

Historic Perspectives

The presence of brilliance can be found in Benjamin Graham's foundational texts, *Security Analysis* (with David Dodd), and *The Intelligent Investor*. Touted as the "father of value investing," Graham was a professor at Columbia University, where he came to mentor then-graduate student Warren Buffett.

I'm drawn to everything Warren Buffett – books, articles, the annual Berkshire Hathaway shareholder letter, and essays. If I had to choose a book that most influenced me, it would be *The Essays of Warren Buffett*.

When I first voiced my interest in working on Wall Street, I received a copy of Peter Lynch's 1989 book, *One Up On Wall Street*, which the author followed with publishing *Beating the Street*. To this day, I still reference examples from the book.

Academic Resources

I love referencing Mark Anson's *The Handbook of Alternative Assets* and *The Handbook of Traditional and Alternative Investment Vehicles: Investment Characteristics and Strategies* he co-wrote with Frank Fabozzi and Frank Joseph Jones—although Fabozzi's *The Handbook of Fixed Income Securities* is my favorite pick.



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Storied Approaches

I enjoy reading almost every book written by New Orleans native Michael Lewis. Four of my favorites are *Liar's Poker, Panic! The Story of Modern Financial Insanity, The Big Short, and Flash Boys.*

When Genius Failed: The Rise and Fall of Long-Term Capital Management, by Roger Lowenstein, is a fantastic read about the defunct hedge fund, Long Term Capital Management (LTCM). Almost 40 years later, I still hear people discuss LTCM.

Whether you are interested in becoming educated on investing history, increasing your financial literacy, or gaining a better understanding of today's markets, these suggestions may be helpful and entertaining.

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INSPIRATIONS FROM MY HEART

DOVE

KEEP LIFE JUICY

BY DOVE

have discovered that the key to joy in life is to keep it juicy. We are much like the plants of nature. The picture you see was completely barren of blossoms two weeks ago and I thought the plant had run its course. I remembered that I had an old box of Miracle-Gro from a few years back and decided to fertilize the plant. The above picture is the result of a little fertilizer applied at the right time

If you want a gardenia to bloom in our environment of low humidity, you must spritz the leaves on a regular basis to get the fragrant blossoms. We as humans are much like the plants of nature; to enjoy life and bloom, finding joy in everyday things is a necessity. Our thoughts create the reality we experience. Where your focus goes, energy flows. Ask yourself, "How do I fertilize my mind? my



thoughts?" Do I just do it in a haphazard fashion and let whatever random thoughts float by become my reality, or do I make a conscious decision to direct happy thoughts to my world?

Can you make a ritual of each morning when you get up to thank your body for another day, your residence for your shelter, gratitude for the food you eat. Find a focus for your thoughts. Don't let random energy clutter your mind.

I start my day with gratitude for all that I have—for the beauty of this area, for good friends and wonderful family. I am grateful for my garden and all the nourishment it provides, not for just me but for all I share it with. I am in awe of having a garden at 6,000 feet. I love the plants, and they grow with joy.

Make a list of thoughts that fill your soul and raise your frequency. Remind yourself each day, many times a day, to be conscious of the energy you entertain. When less than joyful thoughts pop in, as they always do, be conscious of the energy, choose a thought to change your focus. How does the energy make you feel? Have an emergency supply of happy thoughts to substitute for the negative ones coming by. After all, the thoughts may not even be yours. Your brain is an antenna and picks up miscellaneous thoughts just as if they are radio waves. Be conscious of what comes in. You get to choose whatever you entertain. You are in charge of your reality.

No matter what is going on, find a thought, or music or a pet that changes your energy. Fertilize your mind with joy. It is the best thing you can do to bloom wherever you are planted. To a beautiful garden of the mind. Blessings, Dove

ON LIFE'S TERMS

IOELLEN COLLINS

OPENING UP AFTER OPPENHEIMER

BY JOELLEN COLLINS

I tend to look upon the past with rose-colored glasses, a quality not much admired in our current civilization, where we try to live more for the moment than for memories. In my downsizing efforts, I often come across something appealing to my more sentimental nature, like letters written to me, followed by bittersweet readings remembering the writer.

However, I am also fascinated by the emerging "truths" revealed in contemporary studies of events that were censored, controversial, or simply too horrendous to be covered candidly at an earlier time.

The newly released film "Oppenheimer" brought back memories of the early days of the use of the atomic bomb and how little I learned about it as a child. Only when we began classroom drills to hide under desks in the case of a nearby attack did I deal with the fear and some of the history of that event. That bombing, occurring so far away and to a country whose emperor was pictured on an ugly poster as an inhuman monster named TOJO, seemed just one other horrible result of World War II. My mother possessed silver pins for her '40s jacket like the tiny shovel engraved with the sentence, "Bury the Japs today." That piece of jewelry, worn by my loving and kind mother in a time of justified and fervent patriotism, is hard for me to imagine.

As I matured and read books like John Hershey's *Hiroshima*, I began to understand the horror and the intense pain caused by that conflict. I started having nightmares about a black, ashy image of my mother burned into our front door. They were pervasive enough to remain in my memory as unremovable etchings.



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."

A prominent subject of "Oppenheimer" was the known as "Bibi Jo." absolute need for secrecy in all facets of the creation of the bomb, and the possible evolution of a hydrogen bomb, perhaps obliterating much of the world. I do think if most citizens had been aware of its ferocity, it may never have come to fruition. The war was won by the attacks on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, and no one can say for sure how many allied lives were saved as the result of that effort by some of the most brilliant scientists ever.

I am glad I watched that difficult movie because it added information to my very incomplete knowledge about a time in which I was a child. Adopted, I didn't even know that my biological father won honors as a paratrooper who broke his back in three places from a faulty parachute. I just received a picture from a newly contacted half-brother in California of my birth father and his five brothers posing together in their uniforms in 1945. One of them had survived a prisoner-of-war camp. Had I been raised in that family, I may have experienced another view of the war. I never met any of them. Who will ever know what those men believed needed to be done to finish the war?

WRANGLER'S WRITINGS

BRYCE ANGELL

MY FATHER'S SADDLES

I stood next to my aged father, of ninety-seven years. He looked around the saddle shop. His brown eyes shed some tears.

The saddle shop is where my father kept the tack and gear. The smell of leather wafted a memory of a yesteryear.

It's where my father taught me more than leather-goods repair. I could hear his words of sound advice still hanging in the air.

He was parting with his saddles and was giving them to me. The shop would be

an empty room, so full of history.

He said, "Today I feel the darkness, but for you the sun will shine. Mother

Nature's got my number and she's run me out of time."

The saddles held a precious memory of my father's life. Again, I felt as proud

back when he gave me my first knife.

He reached, then gave a tug and pulled away a dusty tarp. He knew the saddle's

history, and his mind was razor-sharp.

He pointed to a saddle. Said, "While fighting off at war. My father bought it for me, back in 1944."

He said, "The saddle ain't horse worthy, but it doesn't seem quite fair. There oughta be a use and could you find that use somewhere?"

He pulled another saddle. Said, "Remember good of Fred? This was his favorite saddle. Now Fred is long since dead."

My father stretched, then slid the final saddle off the rack. A Heiser Denver

saddle was the finest of the tack.

I don't believe I'd ever seen this saddle in the shop. He said he'd used it years

ago on a bucking saddle bronc.

A Heiser Denver high-back saddle right before my eyes. My father showed no

interest but to me more than a prize.

So, I gave the saddles purpose. They're now in my workshop. My grandkids sit

the saddles and I pray they'll never stop.

I told my dad I'd put the saddles where the crowd would meet. Now four of

those old saddles are a brand new barstool seat.

Each saddle shows the years of wear. You wonder, were they ever new? But they jog my memory of a man who was cowboy through and through.

- 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.

NUESTRA VOZ CUENTA MONICA CARILLO

MonicAchievement!

BY MONICA CARILLO

OUR VOICE COUNTS

For about 10 days in June, I went to Washington, D.C., for the POLIT-ICO Journalism Institute Program, where I was one out of 16 students selected to attend workshops and network with top-writing journalists. Through their empowering words, I finally realized what drove me most passionately.

Local journalism.

Before attending this program, I wasn't exactly sure if I wanted to head into a big newsroom in a city, but after hearing their advice and talking to journalists from newsrooms like POLITICO and NPR, I realized how important local journal-



Monica at POLITICO. Photo credit: Keara Shannon, POLITICO Journalism Institute participant

ism is right now, especially in small towns where it's nice to be able to know who is in your local newsroom.

I'm now working at the Times-News in Twin Falls, Idaho, writing specifically about Hispanic life and affairs and I couldn't ask for a better first job out of college. I've been learning, challenged and am constantly curious to see what I can do to carve this beat.

In the meantime, feel free to email me at monica.carrillo-casas@magicvalley.com for any tips, suggestions, or if you'd just like to sit down and have a conversation.

Also, make sure to check out www.magicvalley.com to read more about my work in both English and Spanish.

NUESTRA VOZ CUENTA

Durante unos diez días en junio, fui a Washington, D.C., para el Programa del Instituto de Periodismo de POLITICO, donde fui una de 16 estudiantes seleccionados para asistir a talleres y establecer contactos con los mejores periodistas escritores. A través de sus palabras de empoderamiento, finalmente me di cuenta de lo que me apasionaba más.

Periodismo local.

Antes de asistir a este programa, no estaba exactamente segura de si quería ir a una gran sala de redacción en una ciudad, pero después de escuchar consejos y hablar con periodistas de salas de redacción como POLITICO y NPR, me di cuenta de lo importante que es el periodismo local en este momento, especialmente en pueblos pequeños donde es bueno poder saber quién está en su sala de redacción local.

Ahora estoy trabajando en el Times-News en Twin Falls, Idaho, escribiendo específicamente sobre la vida y los asuntos hispanos y no podría pedir un mejor primer trabajo fuera de la universidad. He estado aprendiendo, desafiando y estoy constantemente curiosa por ver qué puedo hacer para tallar mis historias.

Mientras tanto, no dude en enviarme un correo electrónico a monica.carrillo-casas-magicvalley.com Para cualquier consejo, sugerencia o si simplemente desea sentarse y tener una conversación.

También, asegúrese de revisar www.magicvalley.com para leer más sobre mi trabajo tanto en inglés y en español.

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BETTER HOMEOWNERS NEWS



Understanding How Homeowner's Property Taxes Are Calculated

BY ANNA & MICHELLE

roperty taxes are an essential part of homeownership, but understanding how they are calculated can feel like unraveling a complex puzzle. However, by unlocking the secrets of property tax calculation, homeowners can gain valuable insights into their tax obligations and make more informed financial decisions. In this article, we will demystify the property tax calculation process, providing homeowners with a comprehensive understanding of the factors involved.

Understanding Assessed Value – The first piece of the property tax puzzle is the assessed value of your home. Assessed value refers to the value assigned to your property by the local taxing authority for tax purposes. It is typically determined by professional assessors who consider various factors such as property size, location, improvements, and recent sales of comparable properties. Understanding how assessed value is determined is crucial, as it forms the foundation for calculating your property tax.

Individual states will adjust and publish the assessed value for the upcoming year. This is usually done in advance of the tax rates being set by the different tax authorities. The property owner will be notified of the valuation and may challenge it. Reasons that could affect the valuation include material mistakes like square footage or others, the deteriorated condition of the property, comparable sales not known to the assessor, and other possible things.

In the assessment notification, there will be timelines for challenging, as well as specific information on the different remedies that may be available.

Knowing the Tax Rate – Once your home's assessed value is established, the next step is to determine the tax rate, which is set by local taxing authorities, which can be multiple ones like city, county, school, hospital, and other special districts. The rate is expressed as a percentage of the assessed value. Tax rates can vary from one jurisdiction to another, and they are often determined based on the needs of the local government to fund public services and infrastructure projects.

The tax rate usually varies annually and even if the property valuation goes up, it doesn't mean that the property taxes for that year will necessarily be

Accounting for Exemptions and Deductions -Many jurisdictions offer property tax exemptions and deductions that can help reduce your tax liability. Common examples include homestead exemptions, which provide tax relief to homeowners who use the property as their primary residence, and exemptions for senior citizens, veterans, or individuals with disabilities. These exemptions can significantly reduce the amount of property tax you owe. It's crucial to research and understand the available exemptions in your area to maximize your tax savings.

There may be deadlines for qualifying for a particular exemption for a particular tax year.

Performing the Calculation – Now that we have the assessed value and tax rate, let's put the pieces together and calculate your property tax. Multiply your home's assessed value by the tax rate (expressed as a decimal) to determine the preliminary tax amount. For example, if your assessed value is \$200,000 and the tax rate is 1.5%, your preliminary tax would be \$3,000. Remember to consider any exemptions or deductions you are eligible for, as they will directly impact your final tax amount.

Anticipating Changes and Planning Ahead -Property taxes are not static, and they can change over time. Factors such as reassessments, improvements, changes in tax rates, or modifications to exemptions can influence your future tax bills. Staying informed about potential changes and planning can help you anticipate and manage fluctuations in your property tax obligations. Keep an eye on local tax policies, attend public hearings, and consult with local tax authorities or professionals to stay ahead of any potential changes that may impact your fi-

Conclusion - Understanding the secrets of property tax calculation empowers homeowners to make informed decisions and better manage their finances. By following this step-by-step guide, you can gain clarity on the factors involved in property tax calculation, such as assessed value, tax rates, and exemptions. Your real estate professional can be a resource to help you understand the process and provide comparable sales data and other recommen-



WEED OF THE WEEK

BLAINE BUG CREW

BY: BLAINE BUG CREW

This week's noxious weed spotlight falls on leafy spurge. Although this weed does not have a strong presence in Blaine County yet, it is a constant problem one county to the west, in Camas.

This plant contains a "milk" in its stem much like milkweed. Be sure not to get this substance in your eyes because it will cause eye damage. Blaine County residents need to be able to recognize this plant so it can be eradicated quickly before it can get a foothold in our county.

Leafy spurge is a deep-rooted, aggressive, persistent perennial that reproduces vegetatively and by seed. Plants have an extensive root system which grows horizontally and is capable of reaching depths of up to 20 feet. Stems are thick clustered and have narrow, alternate leaves which exude a milky latex when damaged. The flowers are small and yellowish-green and are enclosed in showy vellow-green bracts. Seeds are oblong and occur in clusters of three. When the seeds are dry, the capsules shatter and spread the seeds as far as 15 feet from the plant.

Leafy spurge is commonly found in grassland and

rangeland habitats, but is also capable of invading forest and riparian areas, displacing native vegetation. Leafy spurge has an insect predator.

Adult Oberea erythrocephala have red heads, black eyes and slender bodies, with antennae that are nearly as long as the body. Males emerge several days before females and both sexes are sexually immature for two weeks before they start mating. Females often gridle the upper part of the stem, gnaw a hole into the stem above the girdle, and deposit an egg into the hole from the end of June to mid-July. Each female can produce approximately 60 eggs during her lifetime. Larvae hatch 10 days after eggs are laid and feed in leafy spurge stems on the pith, tunneling downward to the root crown, where they remain during the winter.

Mined stems dry, wilt and do not produce flowers or seeds. Crown and root feeding reduces the plant's root reserves and allows pathogenic fungi to enter infested leafy spurge roots.

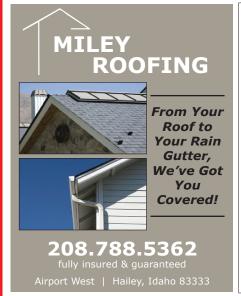
Oberea prefers moist areas with trees and can survive subfreezing winter temperatures. Some research suggests that this agent may be biotype specific—only attacking certain biotypes of leafy spurge.



Euphorbia esula, commonly known as green spurge or leafy spurge,[1] is a species of spurge native to central and southern Europe. photo credit: Ivar Leidus, accessed via Wikipedia

Vigilance is the key to controlling any noxious weed. If you happen upon an infestation of this weed on your property, pull it immediately. If it is on public land, be sure to call Morgan Baird at the Blaine County Weed Department at (208) 788-5543.

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JERSEY GIRL ADDS SOME SALT 'N' PEPPER

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There's an old saying amongst great friends that goes, "We're sisters (or brothers) from another mother." As soon as Holly Trahan and Kelty Jensen met, they knew the saying applied to them.

Both women are originally from Montana and met over 20 years ago, but they became good friends because of their mutual love of Hailey and the Wood River Valley. They wound up spending years working together, first at Sun Valley Brewery and then as the friendly, dynamic duo at Zou 75. They have both also been working at Christopher & Co. Holly and Kelty even have their own successful mobile bartending business called Big Sky Sisters.

The two have remained fast friends as their lives have sped by from their single days to each getting married and becoming moms. They obviously make a great team, so it's only fitting that they're stepping in to take over Jersey Girl.

The local's favorite sandwich shop on East Croy Street in Hailey has been going strong since Hannah McNeese first opened in 2015. But Hannah is ready to do something new and knew that closing Jersey Girl would break the community's heart. Thankfully, the Big Sky Sisters were ready for their next challenge.

Holly and Kelty are officially taking over as owners of Jersey Girl.

"Our dream was to own our own restaurant and we've looked at some other options, but didn't think they were the right fit," Kelty said. "We had eaten at Jersey Girl for years and loved it. For us, it's a perfect marriage.

"We've been friends with Hannah for a long time and love what she created with Jersey Girl," Holly said, adding, "The legacy that Hannah created will live on and the favorite items will still be available. It's a passing of the torch. We're just going to sprinkle in some of our own spices.'

Holly, who is blond, and Kelty, who's a brunette, also have the nickname of "Salt 'n' Pepper." They'll eventually change the name of the sandwich shop to match that nickname, but that's further down the road. Right now, they're just focusing on trying to keep Jersey Girl's customers happy.

We're sandwich lovers, so we get it. We want to cater to locals and families," Holly said. "We're locals and we understand how hard and expensive



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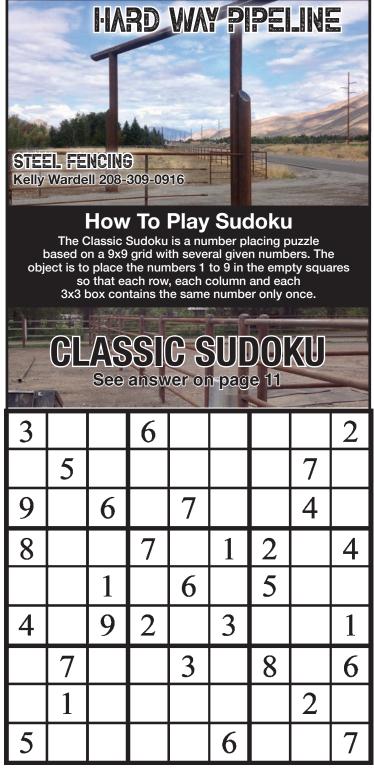
it is to live here, especially for families. We want to keep offering quick, tasty and affordable meals."

They also understand that living with food allergies, as Kelty does, can be very challenging. So they plan on increasing the options for people with food allergies or sensitivities. They also want to bolster their breakfast options and add a delivery

But, for the most part, the Big Sky Sisters, aka Salt 'n' Pepper, will just keep doing what they've been doing for decades now—running successful small businesses in Hailey and being great friends.

Jersey Girl will host a "Passing of the Torch" Party on Wednesday, July 26 from 5-7 p.m. To find out more call (208) 788-8844.





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- Those on foot, for short
- Pulverize, as potatoes Honor Thy Father
- author Tries to win over
- Forelimb bone "Short" suffix in music
- *Timepiece with hands *Flier's selection
- State representative
- High anxiety
 Common practice
- Is priced at and void
- Pixies and elves Glossy finish
- Lack of danger
- Large fruit Built for two Urban transportation
- Central Iowa city
- *Pasteur discovery 56 French abstract artist
- Unsuccessful film Boone, for short
- Lang Syne Like brine Alpine falsetto
- Russian mountain range Bit of antiquity
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- Sports comeback 3/17 honoree Rapper's aides
- - Flight board nos.
 - Glove brand

- Cannes contraction Water bordering Ohio 80 Paint crudely
- Small Spanish number French season
- *Basic Assoc. or org
- Measure of force Certain undergrad
- Director DuVernay "Blah, blah, blah Solemn ceremonies
- Parents-to-be class Old Testament prophet 102 103 Don't take seriously
- Yawn producer
- 107 City near Bonn personality (anchorwoman, e.g.) City near Mauna Kea,
- for short Orbital extreme *Nimbus, for instance
- 119 *Sleepless in Seattle, e.g. 121 Baby photographer
- 122 Chopped down 123 Carpet coverage
- 124 Amend further 125 Retrieves Small bouquet
- 127 Feudal toiler 128 Emphasize

DOWN

- Thick head of hair Special flare
- Tightened, as shoes Construction toys

- Cloverleaf part Scottish tourist draw Invite to dinner
- Person instructed
- Reenact
 - Franc's successor Fogg emulator
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 - *Wartime detainee Any energy source
 - Tyler Perry film persona
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- Sparkling success *Bulk letter
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- 92 White weasels 96 Pine or cypress
- "As my memory tells me" text Chat room chuckle
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