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## IT'S ALL ABOUT EWE



Amid the splendors of autumn in the Wood River Valley, the 27th annual Trailing of the Sheep Festival returns Oct. 4-8, 2023, with numerous events, including a Sheep Folklife Fair, Wool Festival, culinary events, storytelling and Championship Sheepdog Trials in and around Hailey, and the Big Sheep Parade down Main Street in Ketchum on Sunday, Oct. 8. Photo credit: Carol Waller

### Fluffiest Festival Returns To Valley In October

BY KAREN CROWSON

It is estimated that upwards of 25,000 people attend the Trailing of the Sheep Festival in the Wood River Valley every October. For over 150 years, sheep ranchers have trailed their sheep from the high mountain summer pastures to their winter lambing and grazing areas to the south, passing through the Wood River Valley.

The majority of the sheepherders were Basque, as they originated from the Basque region located around the western end of the Pyrenees on the coast of the Bay of Biscay and straddling parts of south-western France and north-central Spain. Many of the Basques immigrated to the United States during the California Gold Rush

before migrating to Idaho and the Wood River Valley, finding work as camp tenders and sheepherders.

A newly developed bike path had been placed through the traditional sheep easement in the Wood River Valley and this caused conflicts to rise between the sheep ranchers, sheepherders, residents and the bike path users. At the peak of this conflict, in 1991, John and Diane Peavey, owners of Flat Top Sheep Company north of Carey, invited residents and visitors to walk with them, following the sheep through town while sharing stories of sheep ranching and herding along the way.

In 1996, Carol Waller, then director of the Sun Valley/Ketchum Chamber and Visitors Bureau, collaborated with the Peaveys, producing what is known today as the

Trailing of the Sheep Festival, created to entertain residents and tourists while educating them about the culture and lifestyle surrounding the sheep.

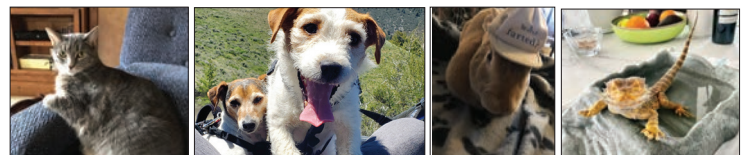
In 2003, the CVB, the Peaveys and many volunteers turned the reins of the Trailing of the Sheep Festival over to the nonprofit Trailing of the Sheep Cultural Heritage Center, the same year the nonprofit was formed.

The festival lasts five days, held this year Oct. 4-8, 2023, with family events that include storytelling, cooking classes, culinary events, multicultural performers, Championship Sheepdog Trials, a Wool Festival and the Big Sheep Parade with 1,500 sheep traveling down Main Street in Ketchum.

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## Blaine County Community Leader Takes Action



Jane Dyndiuk (right) greets a fellow participant on Sept. 14. Photo credit: Isaiah Frizzell

### *A threat to the community is a threat to all*

BY ISAAH FRIZZELL

Seventy-five percent of life is just showing up. Even if you recline toward armchair quarterbacking (pun intended) or watching YouTube instructionals, the people in your life, in your circles—they're hoping you'll show up—whether it's your presence, your voice, a comment on social media or a beautiful photo in your phone. The other 25% is getting along? Let's do it.

#### Connection

Deeper and more fundamental than being our 'greatest' strength, community simply IS our strength. Getting right down to it, our connections are the actual currency we exchange. Any materials—food, shelter, clothing—are simply riding the wave. How did they get to you? Your connections. Go naked, alone into the forest and survive for a year and you get the point.

On a mellow, autumnal evening in Hailey last Thursday, September 14, a meeting was called to bring together disparate groups in an attempt to foster unity and dispel division. Some groups were niche, some broad, but all share values while, perhaps, differing on a detail or a personality. Ok, such is life. However, the theme running through this and future meetups is that NOW is the time to put aside our differences and connect in understanding to make lasting decisions that affect our quality of life. We're being called upon to become coherent with each other and deal with a direct attack on the process with which we potentiate our lives.

#### Enter Jane Dyndiuk.

'Miss Jane' (Dyndiuk was in education for 14 years) has been uniting women in Sun Valley for over a decade. Jane is again president of the Blaine County Republican Women's group, holding meetups in person and online. She is the lighthouse beaming safe harbor in occasionally choppy seas and make no mistake we are currently in those choppy seas.

The premise of her evening event was to educate and bring awareness to a tricky and little known reform of our voting system barreling at us under the name Rank Choice Voting (RCV), also peddled as Instant Runoff Voting (IRV). There's plenty of information online about this intentionally confusing and obfuscating scam which deserves its own hazard symbol. This article is to bring awareness, not dive into the minutiae. You can search Rank Choice Voting to figure it out or, if reading online, click here. Simply put, it is an unconstitutional juggling of votes through multiple counts to allow for shifting tallies and candidates behind a black box—ultimately allowing either party to manipulate the outcome of an election for the opposing candidate. Point blank, it is a weaponization of the voting system.

Integral people recognize that 'One Person, One Vote' is the simplest, most constitutionally secure way of electing a candidate—in any election, at any level. Meanwhile, it is being brought to a ballot near you through propaganda and think-tank money. Idaho roundly rejected RCV through House Bill 179 on March 21, 2023, and yet it still rears its hydra head through one means or another.

Chairwoman Dorothy Moon of the Idaho Republican Party spoke eloquently on Thursday of the pitfalls of Rank Choice Voting and, while she explained it well, the very design of the system is to mire one in the mental gymnastics of the adjusting and shifting of votes such that said person will generally glaze over, fade away and give up—a tried-and-true tactic to confuse constitutional simplicity with absurd mathematical chicanery. It's elegant and easy to understand One person, One Vote. The Rank Choice Voting system has proven so devious and foolhardy that in nearly every state where it

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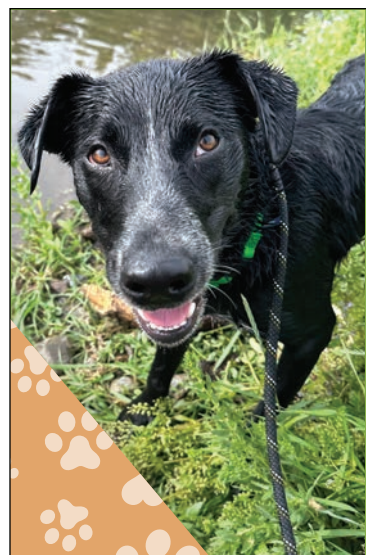


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Dorothy Moon, chairwoman of the Idaho Republican Party, speaks at a gathering of the group on Sept. 14. Photo credit: Isaiah Frizzell

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has been used — California, Maine, Alaska, New York, to name a few — it has resulted in miscounts, wrong winners and truly disingenuous mayhem that was only discovered by external auditors.

Like a shell in a con artist's game, Rank Choice Voting shifts votes between candidates, up and down multiple tallies — think thick layers of bubbly division. And through this we become mired in that division.

In the words of Eric Parker: "It's a threat to democracy! We live in a Constitutional Republic with a Democratic election process, and one of the key pillars of that process is the principle of one person, one vote. Rank Choice Voting turns that Democratic principle on its head by awarding some people multiple votes. It should be banned in the State in order to protect the voting rights of the citizens."

A community does not stand for division and, thus, with RCV exposed, the meeting was a success. Jane secured a large turnout in Hailey with members from as far away as Twin Falls, with many roundtable discussions and very vocal questions and suggestions about the issues facing our constitutional rights. Jane and the Blaine County Republican Women's group generously catered the large turnout with delicious food from La Cabañita and judiciously shared the microphone with all who were willing to speak. While many feel there's a missing demographic in this realm, namely younger folk, as much as 50% of the crowd were under 40. Nice!

Whichever end of the political spectrum you line with, Rank Choice Voting is a tool to manipulate outcome. Speculation on which party is leading the charge is up to you. Don't let them take away your constitutional rights. Weaponization of politics is here in many forms and Rank Choice Voting has had its veil lifted. Stand and be counted!

## Trailing Of The Sheep Festival Selected As One Of The Top 10 Best Fall Festivals By USA Today

The Trailing of the Sheep Festival in Idaho has received another feather in its cap — it was selected as one of the top 10 Best Fall Festivals in the 2023 USA TODAY 10Best Readers' Choice Awards.

The Trailing of the Sheep Festival was initially selected as one of 20 Best Fall Festival nominees by a panel of travel experts, alongside the USA TODAY editors, and then garnered enough votes by readers to come in as fifth on the list of award winners.

"We are thrilled that the Trailing of the Sheep Festival has secured yet another prestigious award, and we are excited to showcase our 27th annual event in just two weeks," said Laura Musbach Drake, Trailing of the Sheep Festival's Executive Director.

The full list of the USA TODAY 10Best Reader's Choice Best Fall Festival can be found at

<https://10best.usatoday.com/awards/travel/best-fall-festival-2023/>

Details on this year's Trailing of the Sheep Festival, to be held October 4-8, 2023, can be found at [www.trailingofthesheep.org](http://www.trailingofthesheep.org)

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# National Pickleball Tournament Hits Sun Valley!



The Sun Valley Pickleball Classic is an opportunity for local pickleball players to test themselves in a national tournament. Or play the social events in the tournament if serious competition is not your preference. Photo credit: Courtesy Woodriver Pickleball Alliance

*Last chance to sign up is today!*

BY WOODRIVER PICKLEBALL ASSOCIATION

The SUN VALLEY Pickleball Classic is the largest pickleball tournament ever held in the Wood River Valley. Over 120 players from the valley, surrounding areas and many other states will play in a competitive tournament based on their level of play (rating) in Singles, Doubles and Mixed Doubles. This is an opportunity for players to show their skills after all the many hours of social play on the courts throughout the year. For players that have never played in a tournament before, there is a fun social round-robin that allows anyone to get tournament experience without any of the pressure. This “first timer” bracket is open to all ages and genders. Give it a try!

The Classic will be held at the Sun Valley Tennis & Pickleball Center from Sept. 29–Oct. 1 starting at 9 each morning. Spectators are welcome to come, cheer and watch. Practice courts are available Thursday, Sept. 28 at noon, followed by a players’ reception at 5:30 p.m. Each player will receive a gift bag, T-shirt and one free drink coupon for entering the tournament.

The tournament is hosted by the Wood River Pickleball Alliance.

Pickleball is extremely popular around the world, and is growing as a fun, social, and healthy activity in our valley, too, with over 340 paid members now supporting the organization. The Alliance will be hosting their sponsors and founding members at the tournament player reception on Thursday, Sept. 28 at 5:30 p.m. as a special thank you for their generous support. Live music, a free drink and a beautiful view on the Sun Valley Tennis & Pickleball Center’s deck is another great start to a wonderful evening in the Wood River Valley.

If you’ve ever thought about playing in a tournament, the SUN VALLEY Classic is a great place to start. Registration closes on Sept. 20. Come join the fun!

### SCHEDULE

<b>Thursday, Sept. 28</b> 12 pm- 6 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Player gift packet</li> <li>• Check-in &amp; practice courts</li> </ul>
<b>Friday, Sept. 29</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Women’s Doubles</li> <li>• Men’s Singles</li> <li>• Social Doubles</li> </ul>
<b>Saturday, Sept. 30</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mixed Doubles</li> </ul>
<b>Sunday, Oct. 1</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Men’s Doubles</li> <li>• Women’s Singles</li> </ul>

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Attendees are invited to enjoy a beverage, charcuterie (vegetarian and meat options), and mingling. A presentation will outline the annual events, fundraisers, and local youth organizations we support.

Incoming Co-Vice Presidents, Maureen Dahlen and Kimberly Tenold, invite you to join an informative evening of socialization and connection with our members. We look forward to meeting you!

- Who - You, and your friends!
- When - Tuesday, September 26, 2023, 6:30-8:30pm
- Where - Sun Valley Culinary Institute  
211 N Main St, Ketchum
- Why - Socialize, Enjoy drinks & appetizers, Meet great folks, Learn about Papoose, our fun events, and the local organizations we support.
- RSVP: Email Maureen and Kimberly at [vp@papoosclub.org](mailto:vp@papoosclub.org) or (208) 726-6642

# Papoose Club

## Hello to our Blaine County Democrats!

Blaine County Democrats next meeting is September 20 at 5:30 at the Blaine County Courthouse, 201 Second Ave South, Hailey in the Commissioners large meeting room.

Our speaker will be Keith Roark, the Blaine County School District chair. He will be speaking on the importance of school board.

All are welcome!

Why Blaine County Democrats? We elect Democrats here. But the change in demographics has resulted in a district with voters in Jerome and Lincoln, counties which vote heavily red. Our margins of victory in the last election were slim. To hold those seats next year-and hopefully gain another-will require organization and resources. We invite you to join us with your time, talents, and contributions. This is heavy work, but many hands make light work.

Change in officers-Deborah Silver was elected Blaine County Chair in May. Karen Bliss was elected chair of Legislative District 26 which includes Blaine County, Lincoln County, and Jerome. Bev Robinson was selected as the Regional Chair by the state party following the resignation of Janie Davidson. I want to thank all our past officers for their dedication to our cause. Janie Davidson has been instrumental to our party over the past years, and we thank her for her dedication.

Blaine County Democrats have been represented by tabling at several events over the summer. Thanks go out for the opportunities to represent at Blue Girls events, and this weekend at the Hispanic Cultural Festival. Thanks especially go out to GG Luke for her work.

We were represented in the 4th of July parade in Hailey and the Wagon Days parade in Ketchum. Pamela Ridgway helped us pull off both these events successfully.

More than half of our precinct captains participated in a Strategic Planning Committee which met over the month of August. This planning committee focused on communications, fundraising, budget, and volunteers for the coming election year. The fund raising committee jumped right in and have already held their first event.



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Chili Cooks are always wanted and contestants can represent themselves or their favorite business or nonprofit.

There are a variety of voting categories for chili, including General Public, Best Nonprofit and Public Safety. This year, the entry fee for chili makers is being waived and each entry will also receive a special 5 Alarm Chili Cook-off schwag pack!

To enter or for more questions, please email [info@ValleyChamber.org](mailto:info@ValleyChamber.org) or call 208.788.3484.

**Cultura – Oaxaca, Mexico**

To help celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month, the Hailey Public Library will host Cultura, inviting community leaders to share personal stories, images, and conversation about their home countries.

On Thursday, September 21 at 5:30-7:00 PM, Dirce Flores, a former professional dancer from a small town near Oaxaca, will introduce us to her area's regions, multiple ethnic groups, pre-Hispanic ceremonial centers and the Guelagueta, an annual indigenous cultural celebration. She will conclude by demonstrating a traditional dance.

"There are over 20 countries in Central and South America, including Mexico," commented Kristin Fletcher, programs and community engagement manager at the library, "Each one has a rich, complex heritage, including remarkable histories, beautiful landscapes and unique foods, music, dance and cultural heroes. Our own community has become a melting pot of cultures as people have moved here, bringing their rich traditions with them."

Fletcher continued, "Cultura is intended to be an intimate, cross cultural conversation. It is not a travel guide to the next, best place to visit. It is a conversation with our neighbors and friends, an opportunity to learn more about these fascinating places from our neighbors who know them best of all."

Cultura continues on September 28 when hospitality specialist Jessica Maynard takes us to Arequipa, Peru. Violinista and educator Mauricio Molino will speak about Cali, Columbia, on October 8, concluding the series.

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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The exercise will involve all local emergency agencies and organizations that are part of the Airport's emergency plan. In addition, approximately 30 volunteers ("patient/victim actors") will take part in the drill, which will be a mock aircraft accident at the Airport.

The exercise will begin at 6 p.m. and will run for approximately three hours. The Airport will close for approximately 15 minutes, at the very beginning of the drill, to allow for a realistic emergency response across the airport. However, there will be no impact to normal scheduled operations. SUN passengers, local businesses and neighbors should be aware of emergency response vehicles operating around the Airport during the exercise.

"This exercise is intended to assess the emergency preparedness of the Airport, our airlines and our mutual aid partners," said Airport Director Chris Pomeroy. "The weekday schedule for this year's drill will allow for a strong mutual aid response and will provide an opportunity to test, exercise, evaluate and refine our response protocols and incident command functions. We want to thank all our mutual aid partners, as well as our local hospitals and volunteers, for their participation. Their support is vital to the preparedness of the Airport and the emergency response community in the event of an actual emergency."

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## FISHING REPORT



THE "WEEKLY"  
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FROM PICABO ANGLER

Fishing on area waters remains excellent. The cooler temps will put fish on the move and have them feeding in earnest in preparation for fall spawning and the harsher conditions of winter. Now is the time to hunt trophy trout — big browns on Silver Creek, 20-inch cutthroat on the upper Big Lost River, and robust rainbows on the Big Wood River are all prime targets right now!

On Silver Creek, late-morning activity will center on small Baetis (Blue-Winged Olives). Have long, light leaders and a variety of emergers, duns, and spinners on hand. The Callibaetis will start to wane with the cooler weather, but we'll see the Mahogany Dun and October Caddis in stronger numbers. Both of these bugs prefer the cooler weather of fall, and appear during the most pleasant part of the day — late-morning to mid-afternoon. Hoppers, beetles and ants will still produce on the Creek; don't put these bugs away until we get a couple good, hard freezes.

The Big Wood during autumn sees one of our favorite hatches — the Western Red Quill (Hecuba). Large Parachute Adams, Parachute Hare's Ears, H&L Variants, Ausable Wulffs, and Purple Hazes (all in size 10–12) will fool plenty of fish once this bug appears. Your favorite green drake and brown drake patterns will work as well!

The upper Big Lost River system is a great option right now. No need to get there early; hit the river at mid-afternoon and fish your favorite hopper and Western Red Quill patterns. For the lower Lost, keep an eye out for Baetis and Tricos. The nymphing will be very good on this water throughout the fall as flows drop. The river is currently at 500 CFS; a bit lower and the wading will be consistent.

The Salmon River continues to fish well for both floating and wading anglers. Again, the way to go is with hopper/droppers, small attractor dries, and streamers.

Remember that now is when streamers really shine! The Coffey's Sparkle Minnow is a great all-around streamer for our waters.

Happy fishing, everyone!



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## COMMENTARY

NO BONES ABOUT IT

FRAN JEWELL

## Round Dogs, Square Holes

BY FRAN JEWELL

A dog is not just a dog. Dogs were domesticated by selecting wolves that were the most able to work with and enjoy the company of humans. Once the wolves were brought into the human domain, man then started taking certain characteristics of the wolves and began to use those characteristics to help man.

Dogs were not just companions. They were carefully developed as working companions to help with everyday chores man had. This was when different breeds were developed. The wolves were not domesticated just for love. Each breed had a job they did. When you watch the AKC dog shows, such as Westminster, you will see the different "Groups." There are seven different "groups" of dog, according to what they were bred to do. They are: Herding, Sporting, Working, Terriers, Toys, Non-Sporting, and Hounds. Each group has certain jobs.

When you choose a dog, knowing what your dog was bred for can help you in determining the best dog for you and your family. Not all dogs are created equal. As an example, a dog from the herding group will have a tendency to stay closer and keep your family together when you go for walks. They are also more likely to nip or bite things that move.

A dog from the working group may be more protective of you, your home, and your livestock, if you have any. Many are not known for being social with other dogs. Their mission is WORK.

What is difficult for many people to understand is that even if you have a mixed-breed dog, it does not mean that the dog will inherit the traits equally from each breed. If a dog is a mix of many breeds, the instincts may not blend equally. That means that if you have a half-border collie and half-Labrador retriever, or the ever-popular half-Labrador and half-poodle, you may not see the traits you are hoping for. The border collie/Labrador may not be as mellow as many Labradors are, but may inherit a lot of the herding traits and some suspicion. Many times, border collies can be suspicious. The friendliness of the Labrador may not be the dominant personality trait.

When we take any dog into our homes, we must consider the breed or breeds carefully to know if we have a match for our lifestyle and personality. Looking at a dog for its cuteness might not be a good reason to adopt or buy a particular dog.

Dogs are like shoes. Yes, shoes. There are hiking boots, rock-climbing shoes, snow boots, river shoes, school shoes, dinner-party shoes, and so on. You would not choose a snow boot to wear on a river trip. Once you decide on the breed characteristics that fit for you and your personality, then you have to decide on the size. Picking a river shoe



All dogs are not equal. It is incredibly important to honor a dog for who he or she inherently is. Photo credit: Fran Jewell

three sizes too small will be very uncomfortable for the rest of your life and you probably won't wear it. Forcing your foot into that shoe is like forcing some working breeds to be social with every dog they see if that is what you want. It's not fair to your foot or your dog!!! We need to honor a dog for who he is.

The key to successful dog ownership is always to choose a dog with your head and your heart, not JUST your heart. I might like those darned river shoes, but if I intend on wearing them in the winter, I am going to be very sorry. Take your time. Explore breeds you are interested in. If you don't know the breed of a dog you like, have a DNA test done so you do know what you are committing to for the next 12 to 15 years. Never feel pressured into taking a dog. If you go to a good breeder, they will help you decide if that breed is a good fit for you. Be selective so you know your new dog will be a good fit, not like trying to put a round dog into a square hole.

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SCIENCE OF PLACE

HARRY WEEKES

## THE MOLE CRAB

BY HARRY WEEKES

This amounts to Part II of my Crab Extravaganza. After this, I will get back to our own ecosystem with questions such as, and I will leave this as a cliffhanger for now, "What's it like to find a dead deer in your driveway that was not there ten minutes ago?"

Last time, I introduced you to Endo, an Atlantic ghost crab — master scuttler, intrepid hole digger, and eye-stalked denizen of the spray zone. This time, I want you to meet Endo's cousin — the Atlantic sand crab, a.k.a. the mole crab.

About the only thing Endo and the mole crab have in common is the first part of their common name — Atlantic. OK, OK, that's not true. Taxonomically, they are both crustaceans, they are both decapods, and they live within about 5 feet of each other in the sands of the Outer Banks (and beyond).

Outside taxonomy (and all that it implies), the dissimilarities I am talking about are how one encounters these beasts.

This is how you come across a mole crab. Find that magical place in the middle tidal zone. This is the area where almost every 4-10-year-old stands, giddily awaiting the waves, then sprints to avoid the rushing water. It is also that place where, if you stand, the wave action moves in, changes the physicality of the sand, and you sink in what has become quicksand. The sand here gets "fluidized" — moving from solid to liquid and then returning to solid.

If you pay attention to your feet in this scenario, which you invariably do, you might giggle a bit from the tickling of the sand moving in and around your toes. You also might jerk a bit when you feel something decidedly not sand move around your feet.

If this happens, you have found the mole crab. Or, rather, it has found you.

When I felt the telltale movements, I knew I was in the right spot. As the next wave washed out to sea, I plunged both my hands into the fluidized beach and scooped up. No fewer than 20 little animals shot down and out in every direction, with one going right into my fingers, where he, or she, stopped immediately. There I was, face to antennae with the Atlantic sand crab.

I placed the little beast on the beach and watched. It sat there (stood?) until a wave came in and at the proper fluidization, disappeared into the sand.

Each time I dug my hands in, I came up with a dozen crabs. Look-



ing up and down the beach, which was sand as far as I could see, I estimated the population to be about 6 gillion.

When I caught a particularly hefty one, I had the natural thought, "Can you eat these?" Deciding to leave snacking until later, I simply marveled at this little creature who, I learned, digs in backwards, leaving its front legs, antennae, and eyes facing out where they can filter food from the surging surf.

The mole crab conducts all elements of its life in a transient zone, in a transient state of matter, sifting through the debris brought to it by the sea. I love anthropomorphizing in cases like this, wondering what this Great Crab Civilization must be like, predominantly because it helps cast my own behavior in a different light. Up and down the beach, here is this one guy, jamming his hands into the shore, giggling into fistfuls of sand.

Then, he stares — two aliens, face to face, each asking the same question: "What's up with this guy?"

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## MONEY MATTERS

KRISTIN HOVENCAMP

## SLEEP AT NIGHT

BY SUZANNE HAZLETT, MBA, CIMA®, CFP®

When developing a relationship with your wealth management team, the team must understand and appreciate you and your family's uniqueness. You are investing in a group you trust to make the best decisions. They will take the time to research potential outcomes, so you do not have to watch the market all day and lay in bed worrying at night. To facilitate a robust and long-lasting connection, I encourage the following:

Communicate frequently and honestly with your advisors and keep everyone up to date on noteworthy changes in your life. Make it a habit of sharing future financial wants and needs and any anticipated adjustments to cash flow. Portfolio reviews should occur quarterly.

Investment portfolio management, annual tax planning, and estate matters are integral in ongoing financial planning. Surround yourself with professionals willing to maintain an open dialogue with one another. You never want to be caught off guard and have a forced sale of assets to pay taxes due or be unprepared for the untimely passing of a loved one.

Stay true to your agreed-upon portfolio strategy and avoid the herd mentality. Just because someone says "it" is a good investment does not mean "it" is a good investment for you. Along with your input, your team will create a portfolio that wrings out the most returns with the least risk.

Be cautious of alternative investments and products that need to be simplified. Alternatives can play a valuable role in your portfolio. However, investment products that would not ordinarily be on your radar may start looking attractive during a recession or periods of prolonged inflation. Talk to your team and learn about the pros and cons of an investment before making any decisions.

Once you and your team have developed a financial plan in alignment with your life goals and risk tolerance, stay the course. Even if you must make a slight detour, you will comfortably sleep at night.

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## INSPIRATIONS FROM MY HEART

DOVE

## PREPARATION

BY DOVE

As I watch the chipmunks rapidly scurrying around my house gathering seeds and supplies for the winter, I am reminded that we all need to prepare for the next season. I ask myself, "What is it I need to do to be prepared for the journey into winter?" The answers come in from past experiences. Do I have enough food, clothing and is my shelter in good condition? I assess all of these physical things and I realize that my wellbeing begins in my heart and mind. Can I maintain personal peace in all circumstances and how do I do that with so many outrageous acts being committed? How do we as a society get back to a common-sense reality?

From my logical mind, I feel there is so much that is out of balance. First, I must balance my diet and exercise. That keeps the physical in alignment. Next, I must find time for my connection to my higher self every day. Friends and family are important. I choose to have time and joy with them. I establish a routine that gives me structure and energizes the priorities I have chosen. Then, I realize I have not created a space for amazing laughter. I put that in my schedule.

I find things to read, like a book about a talking mule, and space aliens. This takes me totally out of my current reality. It is a nice escape. My focus becomes, "How do I make a difference on this planet? How can I help?"

I think the changes that are coming will require all of us to pitch in and become aware of what we have to give. Now is not the time to be silent. Determine the truth you want to support and do something about the changes you would like to see. Become the changes you desire. Hold the changes as already being done and manifested in your heart. Feel that energy of accomplishment. You do not have to know how the changes will take place. The Universe will take care of the details; just hold the energy you want to see evolve and it will become.

I daily pray for peace, truth, justice and integrity in all things, mostly in myself. I release the focus of all I perceive as being out of balance and I choose to be in balance and let source take care of the details. I prepare myself to be at peace.

Think about that which you want to create and give it some energy. If you complain and do nothing, nothing will change. It is time to step up to the plate and do your part. Prepare yourself for change and you will be at peace. Let us establish an attitude of c.s., not b.s.—common sense, not bullshit.

Blessings, Dove



## ON LIFE'S TERMS

JOELLEN COLLINS

## HOLD ON

BY JOELLEN COLLINS

I have been experiencing a time of great ups and downs while considering major changes in my later life. For years I have tucked away pieces of paper with relevant quotes or articles, and one of them slipped out of a box full of pieces I may or may not keep. It perfectly summarizes what I hope to achieve today, staying steady emotionally during simultaneous highs and lows. This Pueblo Indian Prayer shows me the way. Here it is.

"Hold on to what is good, even if it's a handful of earth. Hold on to what you believe, even if it is a tree that stands by itself. Hold on to what you must do, even if it's a long way from here. Hold on to my hand, even if someday I'll be gone away from you."

This remarkable paragraph reminds me of one of my favorite passages from Hemingway's *For Whom the Bell Tolls*. As Robert Jordan faces certain death waiting behind a tree trunk for the approaching enemy's advance, his mind focuses on what his senses have helped him love in his life: "The pine trunks were hard and clear now, their trunks solid and brown and the road was shiny with a wisp of mists over it. The dew had wet him and the forest floor was soft, and he felt the give of the brown, dropped pine needles under his elbows." Just as the "thudding of the bombs" filled the air, he "smelled the pines and he heard the stream and the bridge showed clear now and beautiful in the morning light." Robert Jordan held on to what was good in the face of evil.

Sometimes, even when I am very aware of the blessings of a life fully lived, I lapse into honoring something less than wonderful, or fall out of my own sense of life's joys into needless worry.

One recent afternoon I was busy and frustrated with the many chores facing me, so I took just half an hour to sit in the small red chair out on my deck and read a bit of poetry. I decided to test all my senses at that exact time in my existence. I relished the cool shade mixed with light enough to savor the beauty of literature; I could smell faintly the odor of one of the bright flowers filling up my stash of different-sized pots. And I was further blessed by my dog Suki joining me near my feet on the warm deck — a doggie caress.

I was amazed at how taking that bit of time to simply feel and see and hear and touch and smell my immediate surroundings was so restorative. The last poem I read was by Mary Oliver, called "I Worried." Its concluding stanza expressed my wish to behave as she did.

"Finally I saw that worrying had come to nothing.

And gave it up. And took my old body and went out into the morning, and sang."

I mustn't fail to hold on to beauty.



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## WRANGLER'S WRITINGS

BRYCE ANGELL

## Farm Driving

My first experience at driving a truck was when I was seven years old. Back then farmers' boys learned to drive at a young age simply because there was no one else to do the job.

At seven years old, and being short, a trait in my family, I couldn't press down on the clutch and see over the steering wheel at the same time. So, while driving to the hay bales, I would listen for Dad to holler "Whoa," then I would slide under the steering wheel and press down on the clutch. Occasionally, I would take the truck out of gear. When Dad hollered "Go," I would shift it back into granny, let out on the clutch ever so easy and then slide up until I could see to drive, a maneuver I got pretty good at.

Our flatbed truck made it easier to stack a well-balanced load of hay. My father always rode on the truck and stacked the bales of hay. A man on each side of the truck lifted the hay bales up onto the truck bed.

On one particular morning, one of the men made me his target to yell at. His claim was I wasn't getting close enough to the bales, making him have to carry the bale and then lift it up onto the truck. In fact, if I'd have driven any closer, I would have run over the bales.

Again and again he chose to yell at me. I stopped the truck, leaned out the window and hollered, "I'm doing the best I can! Don't yell at me!" I may have used a cuss word. Back in those days a young one never talked back to his elders.

The disgruntled man looked to my father to see what he was going to do. My father looked up and calmly said, "Find someone else to yell at." No one yelled at me from then on.

As the years went by I was able to reach the clutch and see over the steering wheel at the same time. There were times I would have to drive the truck on a county road to the house where we stacked the hay by the corrals, even into the dark. I didn't have a driver's license but it seemed to be a necessity of farm life.

When I was 14, I received my daylight driver's license—finally driving legally, at least in the daytime.

One late fall, on a Saturday, my cousins and I were duck hunting and stayed out a little too long. I ended up coming home 45 minutes after dark. My mother was angry and made it clear I was breaking the law. In reality, I was guilty, so I took my medicine without any argument. However, it was confusing to me as, at times, I was expected to drive at night, yet "illegal" for my own recreation. Soon enough, though, I acquired my nighttime driver's license, which solved the problem. And with time and age I learned to accept that there are many gray areas in most aspects of life.

— 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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## Strengthening Our Heritage

BY HERBERT ROMERO

### OUR VOICE COUNTS

What an amazing Sixth Annual Hailey Hispanic Heritage Festival! The diversity of heritages represented was extraordinary. Our festival is growing in a positive way and having an impact in our neighborhoods and with our neighbors. Mental health professionals have stated that cultura is key to our mental wellbeing. It brings happiness, security and a sense of belonging, connection and purpose in this beautiful country.

Families and their children were experiencing just that. Now we continue with our Hispanic celebrations throughout the whole month and greater Blaine County, continuing with the Bellevue Public Library on Saturday, Sept. 27 from 5:30–7:30 p.m., Itty Bitty Farms in Carey on Saturday, Sept. 30 from 4–7 p.m., The Spot in Ketchum, with the Play ALMA (meaning HEART). Check their website for schedule. Cultura Series with the Hailey Public Library, The Community Library Youth Leadership panel Friday, Oct. 13, finally wrapping it up at the Wood River Community YMCA on Sunday, Oct. 15.

Now, I would like to give special thanks to our proud partners and compadre comadre sponsors: Crisis Hotline, The Chamber, Visit Idaho, COX, H Property Service, Kiwanis, Papoose Club, Rotary, Jane's Artifacts, Idaho Central Credit Union, Idaho BaseCamp, Building Materials Thrift Store, Shorty's Diner, La Cabañita-Hailey, Lago Azul, Chapalitas, Burger Grill, Benny's Auto Shop, Jiu-Jitsu 100 Academy, Devot Gelato, Albertsons, and Worth Printing. Once again, muchisimas gracias from our Hispanic Latino America familias!!!!

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### NUESTRA VOZ CUENTA

Qué increíble sexto Festival Anual de la Herencia Hispana de Hailey. La diversidad de Patrimonios representados fue extraordinaria. Nuestro Festival está creciendo de manera positiva y teniendo impacto en nuestro barrio y vecinos. Los profesionales de la salud mental han afirmado que la Cultura es clave para nuestro bienestar mental. Aporta felicidad, seguridad y un sentido de pertenencia, conexión y propósito en este hermoso país.

Las familias y sus hijos estaban experimentando precisamente eso. Ahora continuamos con nuestras celebraciones hispanas durante todo el mes y en el condado de Greater Blaine. Continuando con la Biblioteca Pública de Bellevue Sábado 27 de septiembre de 5:30 a 7:30, Carey Itty Bitty Farm Sábado 30 de septiembre de 4 a 7 p. m., Ketchum The Spot, con la obra ALMA (que significa CORAZÓN), consulte su sitio web para conocer el horario, Serie Cultura con Hailey Biblioteca pública, panel de liderazgo juvenil de la biblioteca comunitaria el viernes 13 de septiembre y finalmente concluirá en la YMCA el domingo 15 de octubre.

Ahora, me gustaría dar un agradecimiento especial a nuestros orgullosos socios y patrocinadores del compadre comadre: Crisis Hotline, The Chamber, Visit Idaho, COX, H Property Service, Kiwanis, Papoose Club, Rotary, Jane's Artifacts, Idaho Central Credit Union, Idaho BaseCampamento, Tienda de segunda mano de materiales para constructores, Shorty's Diner, La Cabañita-Hailey, Lago Azul, Chapalitas, Burger Grill, Benny's Auto Shop, Academia de Jiu-Jitsu 100, Devot Gelato, Albertsons, Worth Printing. Una vez más, MUCHISIMAS GRACIAS de parte de nuestras familias Hispano Latinoamericanas!!!!

A las organizaciones que participaron en brindar información, servicios y recursos clave. Realmente apreciamos su tiempo y compromiso con nuestras familias. Le apreciamos St. Luke's Wood River, POWER Engineers, Sun Valey Culinary Institute, Sun Valley Music Festival, W.R.H.S Choir Colla Voce, Advocates, NAMI, Blaine County, Charitable Foundation, Blaine County Education Foundation, Hailey Police Department, Blaine County Sheriff Department.

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## How to Buy Your First Home as an Investment and Retire Rich

BY ANNA &amp; MICHELLE

As young people enter the full-time workforce and begin to think about living on their own, it may not seem practical or wise to consider buying a home. However, it may be a pivotal decision for your financial security and future retirement.

Rents are going to increase based on the shortage of rental units needed for the demand of the market. Buying a home is a way to control those costs and even provide income by converting it to a rental as you decide to move up into another home.

There is an advantage to buying a home before a person gets married, starts a family, and has their standard of living at a higher pace. Their expenses are lower, and it is easier to not only qualify for a loan but, possibly, take advantage of programs for down-payment assistance, grants, or other options like gift funds or co-signers.

Purchasing a home is a significant financial decision, particularly for first-time homebuyers. However, there are several benefits to buying a home early in your career, even if it is not your dream home.

One of the most significant benefits of buying a home as an investment is that it can help you build equity. Equity is the difference between the value of your home and the amount you owe on your mortgage. As your home's value increases, so does your equity. This can be a valuable asset in the future, as you can use it to finance other investments or retirement expenses.

Another benefit of buying a home as an investment is that it can generate passive income. If you rent out a room or two in your home, you can use

the rent to help cover your mortgage payments and other expenses. This can free up your disposable income to invest in other areas, such as your retirement savings.

Of course, there are some risks associated with buying a home as an investment. The value of your home may not always increase, and you may have to deal with unexpected expenses, such as repairs or maintenance. However, the potential benefits of homeownership can outweigh the risks, particularly if you are strategic about your investment.

When choosing a home to purchase as an investment, it is important to consider the location. A home in a desirable area that is likely to appreciate in value over time is a wise investment. It is also important to consider the size of the home. A home with three or four bedrooms will be easier to rent than a property with less.

The strategy can be as simple as:

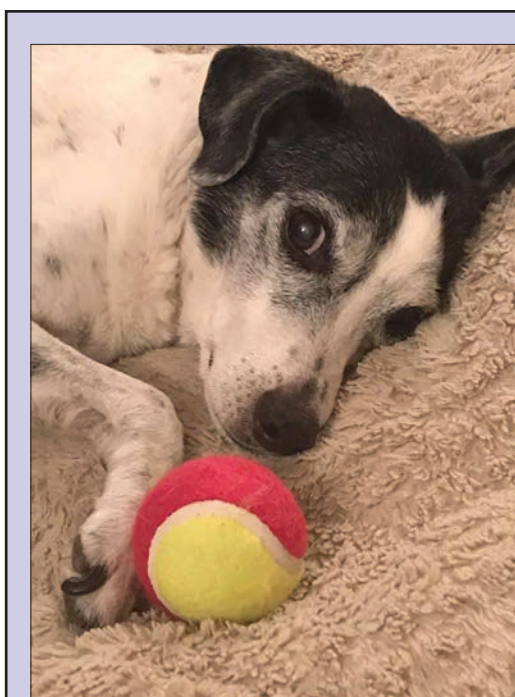
- Buy a house when you enter the workforce and take on paying roommates. Declare the income on your income tax.
- It doesn't have to be the perfect home, but it does need to be a good home in a good area.
- Never sell the home; instead, convert it to a rental when you move up in the near future as your income goes up.

If you have young adult children who would benefit from this advice, please share it with them along with our Buyer's Guide. If they would like to learn more specifics, we would love the opportunity to meet with them.


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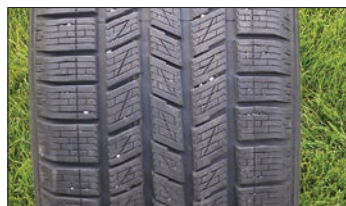


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CLOTHES	PINS	GALABALLS	
KNEE	PAIN	TEENS	MEAT
LEND	RRS	APIECE	
TALLONE	MAINE	CLASPED	
BRAINS	DINNER	ROLLS	
SATS	REACTS	AMES	HAM
BETWEEN	HOT	IRON	MALE
EARL	DOW	SEE	TACET
MAIN	FRAMES	AIR	STRIKES
INPUT	TIM	CGS	TAUT
SNAP	TIKIBAR	LATERAL	
TAD	SHOE	ARENAS	ENYA
BLIND	ALLEYS	REDTOP	
SPRAINS	BLADE	CONSENT	
TAUNTS	BYE	MOBS	
ANGE	FASTS	SALE	ITEM
LEGS	SPLITS	CENTER	LANES
ARE	EERIE	AMIE	TENDER
GAD	RISKS	RUTS	ASKSTO

## SUDOKU

answer from page 12

7	3	6	5	1	8	2	4	9
2	5	1	6	9	4	8	3	7
8	4	9	7	2	3	5	6	1
6	1	2	4	8	9	7	5	3
5	7	8	3	6	1	9	2	4
3	9	4	2	5	7	1	8	6
9	8	5	1	3	6	4	7	2
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# Filling Our Toolboxes For Suicide Prevention & Awareness Month

BY MIKE MCKENNA

Life can be hard for everybody. Even some of the biggest smiles are hiding deep scars. But the good news is we're not alone, especially in a tight-knit community like ours.

There are lots of great people and resources to help us fill up our personal toolboxes so we can tackle any challenge life throws at us.

"We're not supposed to avoid challenges, we're meant to experience them and realize that we have overcome other challenges before," said Tammy Davis of The Crisis Hotline. "When we overcome something we become stronger, more resilient and we grow our emotional toolboxes to make us better equipped for the next challenge."

September is National Suicide Prevention and Awareness Month. It's something we should all be aware of because suicide impacts every demographic, regardless of age, ethnicity or gender.

Unfortunately, suicide rates have increased nationally over the last few years. A sign of what the U.S. Surgeon General said, "underscores the depths of the devastating mental health crisis in America."

Idaho currently has the 12th highest suicide rate in the country with the entire Rocky Mountain region topping the nation in per-capita occurrences.

"Our community has been impacted immensely by this subject," Tammy said.

As disconcerting as this subject is, there are reasons to be hopeful with one of the big reasons being that we can all help. Studies have shown that 94% of American adults think that suicide can be prevented. Thanks to groups like The Crisis Hotline and 5B Suicide Prevention Alliance there is a lot of help and guidance just a phone call away. As they remind us, "Suicide prevention is everyone's job."

While there are no foolproof signs that someone is considering suicide, there are usually some common behaviors that we can be on the lookout for—both in others and within ourselves.

A general sense of helplessness or expressing suicidal thoughts are often two telltale signs, according to Tammy. "If people mention anything about suicide, we should take it seriously," she said.

If we hear friends or family say things like,



"Nothing ever changes" or "I can't do anything right" that can be the cue for us to simply stop and listen.

"Listening is the most important thing you can do. Be present, be aware, be kind. Offer support and get help if it's escalating," Tammy advised.

The real aim is to not let a bad moment turn into a moment we can never get back.

"At that moment, when we're in that place, nothing else matters," Tammy explained. "We're not thinking with our rational brain. Our toolbox is empty."

But as Tammy reminds us, the good thing about any challenge is that it gives us a chance to grow, to overcome, to become stronger and add to our toolbox for tackling life's challenges.

"We need to realize that life experiences, whether they're happy or challenging or stressful, are just experiences," Tammy said. "We should be grateful for them and how they help us grow. We should also be kind and accepting of ourselves for who we are."

For more information go to [5BAlliance.org](http://5BAlliance.org). For help, dial 988 to reach the CDC's national hotline or call The Crisis Hotline at 208-788-3596.



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

## CLASSIC SUDOKU

See answer on page 11

9x9 Sudoku grid with numbers: Row 1: 3, 8; Row 2: 1, 3; Row 3: 8, 4, 7, 3, 5, 1; Row 4: 2, 8, 7, 3; Row 5: 7, 6, 2; Row 6: 3, 4, 5, 1; Row 7: 9, 5, 1, 6, 7, 2; Row 8: 6, 3; Row 9: 9, 1

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