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- Antoinette Van Kleeff

BOULDER MOUNTAIN TOUR TURNS 51



Nordic skiers approach the finish line of the 50th Boulder Mountain Tour in 2023. Photo credit: Nils Ribbi, courtesy of Boulder Mountain Tour

Come And Celebrate The Tour

BY ISAIAH FRIZZELL

There is always something exciting to do in Sun Valley and this time of year, especially after the storms, the snowpack is doing its darndest to deliver the goods for skiers and backcountry recreationists who love that solid white water. "It's like, you know, the ocean, but sitting on top of mountains, right?"

Ready to ski? Ready to watch skiing? The Zions Bank Boulder Mountain Tour (BMT) is on its job – and here in February. As per tradition, the BMT takes place the first Saturday in February and has done so for over a half century. This year, 2024, the BMT is slated for Saturday, February 3rd, so you've got around a week to get geared up, warmed up and hyped to cheer on the festivities. If you want the scoop on trivia from

past races, head over to <https://bouldermountaintour.com/results/> and load up on BMT history so you arrive chock full of cool facts to impress your group and maybe that special someone. For starters, a true finisher,

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PHONE SERVICE PROBLEMS IN BLAINE COUNTY

BY ISAIAH FRIZZELL

What phone service do you use? Verizon? AT&T? GoogleFi? Sprint? Have you experienced an unprecedented number of outages or unusual outages? If not, great! If so, you should know that people all over Blaine County are encountering debilitating phone service issues and it's somewhat unclear why.

If you are a member of Blaine County Rants and Raves, or social media in general, you may have seen posts of a similar ilk describing communication issues. Again, this is more than just a swiping right on Tinder or ghosting issue — this is business and family. As community members, we strive to keep each other informed and aware — what we're seeing is everything from dropped calls to suddenly unsendable text messages, inability to text, inability to make calls to same service phones or those under other plans often where WiFi is the only method for phone use. There's a litany of issues that are interfering directly with people's ability to conduct business, check on loved ones or just go about their daily lives.

When calling the Hailey AT&T store, a friendly employee explained that a tower somewhere south, near Bellevue, had been damaged by the storm. No further details were given, as this information is proprietary and AT&T is reluctant to disclose it, even to store employees. It was explained that the problem was supposed to be fixed by the 17th, but if you're still experiencing downtime, you can go to AT&T to enter your address and see if your neighborhood is one affected. <https://www.att.com/outages/>.

This can be done from a web portal, assuming you have internet access or your phone itself via downloadable app or phone browser. If your service is down, perhaps a friend or family member can step in. Another site to look for outages is <https://downdetector.com/>.

We know AI services are increasing on all technology platforms. In fact, Google recently laid off and they rely on massive amounts of data to train. Could it be malfunctioning updates? Perhaps you heard that T-Mobile was fining customers for sending messages it didn't agree with. Well, that was "fact-checked" to be false (wait, who fact checks the fact checkers?) (usatoday.com)



Cell tower. Courtesy photo: Adobe Stock

Verizon experienced a massive outage in November across the entire North American continent. Many weren't affected but millions were. (datacenterdynamics.com)

So was it just the storm damaging a tower? Likely — and that's the explanation given, so we'll go with that, but in the event of a lengthy outage, a community needs communication, thus it could be wise to have some form of backup communication that didn't rely entirely on monolithic services. There are many of these and they

range from HAM radios that reach into the tens of thousands of dollars to LoraWan bluetooth phone transceivers that go for less than \$100.

If you work from home, do telemarketing, or internet-based work, perhaps it would be a good idea to have a central social media page as well as a physical meetup or message board to keep everyone in the loop. If you can't conduct business, whether it's because of a phone or a phthalate, you can always go for a walk!

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Skijoring – A Bona Fide Blaine County Tradition



A fast horse and skilled rider, towing an equally adept skier, compete in skijoring. Photo credit: David R. Stoeklein Photography

XX-treme Equines!

BY ISAIAH FRIZZELL

“For instant happy, just add horse.”

Love horses? Who doesn't? Throw in some skis and you have an ancient way to get people on the edge of their seats: Skijoring. What began as a mode of transportation has become a sport, and if you live in Blaine County, you're in for a treat as Bellevue's very own are putting on a skijoring event. Courtesy of Carl Browning's beautiful property in the south county, you can indulge in extreme equine escapades on February 17 and 18.

Wait, So What In The Heck is Skijoring?

Skijoring dates back to at least the early 1900s in Europe, and further to the 13th century in China, where a person or persons, on skis, got towed by horse, reindeer, or even dogs. Logic would tell us that as long as people had skis and snow, they trained animals to help them traverse their wintery landscapes. “There is evidence that people during the Yuan and Ming dynasties of China used dogs to pull them on skis, while the Sami people, who are indigenous to Nordic countries, are known to harness reindeer to pull them across snow-covered landscapes.” (advnture.com)

Skijoring via reindeer made its official debut as a sport at the 1901 Nordic Games in Stockholm, Sweden, then showing itself in the U.S. in 1915, only to appear as a pastime in Hanover, New Hampshire, at the Dartmouth Winter Carnival of 1916. On American land, horses reign supreme and so it was all equine.

Enter the Wood River Extreme Skijoring Association (WRESJA)

The WRESJA holds the torch in Sun Valley for this unique sport, led by president Bill Bobbitt, vice president Josh Glick, and secretary/treasurer Michelle Bobbitt. The races are multi-faceted for teams or solo participants with seven divisions, each having its own criteria of speed and skill level: Open Class (Pro), Sport Class (Amateur), Novice Locals Class (Beginner). They offer a Women's Division for, you guessed it, WOMEN ONLY; a Snowboarders Division, Couples Divisions and three Youth Divisions: Pee-Wee (5-10) Junior (11-14) and Intermediate (15-18), where any under-18 will need a parent signature to sign up.

These are registered races with associated fees for participation. All entry fees are under \$200 and fairly reasonable considering there are daily “money bags” to be won as well as a \$10,000 winner's purse. The prizes are split between divisions for the teams with the winners taking home buckles, jackets and a few thousand dollars each. From as early as 1949 in Leadville, Colorado, to Utah, Minnesota, and even a query into the WRESJA event last year from Wisconsin, teams move from state to state, attending races as the sport has grown to resemble the finals in the NBA. After the WRESJA event, the winners will advance to The Grand Showdown in Teton Valley, Idaho, and Big Day Skijoring in Big Sky, Montana.

So what exactly does a winning race look like?

“A successful run of this race means crossing the finish line of the 600-900-foot course with the skier having executed one to three jumps ranging from 3 to 6 feet high and grabbing from three to nine rings. The rider must also grab a ring. Points are deducted for missed or dropped rings and missed jumps. Speed – which often reaches 40 miles per hour – is a factor. Winners are based on the combined overall score for both days. All skiers are required to hit the jumps. Some organizations run an oval track, which presents a whole new twist to the already wild race. While most compete for the thrills, winners will receive cash and other great prizes.” (wooddriveresja.com)

Skijoring is firmly in the realm of a team sport as, even when the skier is solo, the rider is expected to grab rings like Sonic the Hedgehog in '91 and the horse as a team member is no small detail. Emphasis must be duly placed on the qualities of each horse that is brought into this unique realm. The horses are bred and bought for speed and agility and then deftly groomed for the twisting, jumping, laser focus of the skijoring competition where no two courses have ever been the same. It's 15 seconds of heart-pounding, human/animal teamwork and extraordinary novelty.

As with any extreme sport, especially of the cold-weather variety, there are risks: horses can

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Along with those racing on skis and snowboards, innertubes and other inflatables provide a fun and challenging ride, as well. Photo credit: Mark LaRowe

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buck or slip, riders or skiers could fall and while that hasn't happened often, the last two years have seen injuries. Mindset is everything and this year hopes are high that teams finish safely.

With nearly 1000 attendees each year — and on each day! — the sport draws an enthusiastic crowd of supporters who are in the know and primed for a full-tilt boogie of thrills. Quite unique — skijoring could very well be the coolest thing you've seen in a while, and it's in Bellevue! And again, make no mistake, it is about adrenaline. Michelle Bobbit, who's been involved on both sides as a rider and behind the desk at WRESJA since the early 2000s, exclaims breathlessly, "It's the adrenaline... pure adrenaline. Blood pumping... it's all about speed."

Spectators can gab, yab and cheer their favorite riders on while food and drinks will be available courtesy of KB's Burritos. Keeping warm, you can drink delicious hot chocolate and/or coffee (mocha anyone?) courtesy of The Crisis Hotline. Like so many of these events, the sponsors are varied and local: Guffy's Gun & Pawn, Sawtooth Rangers Riding Club, and Joe's Backhoe Service are but a few.

When, When, When?

The races can be enjoyed at 81 Browning Lane, in Bellevue, for \$10 or free if you happen to be 12 years old or younger; the whole family is welcome. If you want to compete, you can sign up Friday, February 16th at Mahoney's Bar & Grill in Bellevue; otherwise, the races will be raced on Saturday and Sunday, February 17 & 18.

If you're stopping in from out of town, or just want to get away from the house for a couple of days, the WRESJA has partnered with both the Silver Creek Hotel and the High Country Motel, offering special rates and local flavor. It's a good idea to book early. As always, you can check out a local restaurant you've been meaning to visit or go for a winter hike in beautiful Blaine County.

Also a bonus — start time is 12 noon... you don't have to be an early riser to check this out but you definitely want to be there early to get a decent vantage point, easy parking and stir up the spirits with new friends.

If you'd like to read and plan your attire, check out the glamorous fashion side of skijoring on WRESJA's page: <https://woodriversja.com/2023/10/20/skijor-style-cool-edgy-alpine-chic-western-flair/>.

They always need volunteers, too. If you would like to get involved, visit <https://woodriversja.com/> for more info, incredible photos and to stay in the skijoring loop!



A skijoring competitor glides in after a run. Photo credit: Mark LaRowe



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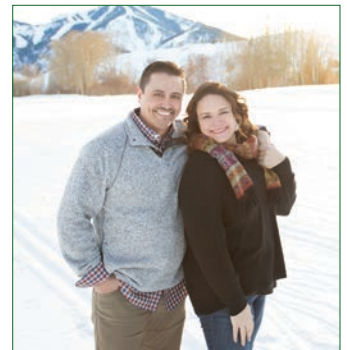
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Hailey's very own Peter Wolter, won in 2023 to become the 14th men's hometown champion, coming in solo at 1:17.55. "I carried my own feeds to avoid a mishap at an aid station, but it was also a tactical maneuver so I could take my feed before Prairie and then gap the field who decided to take a feed there," Wolter said. (fasterskier.com)

While registration has been filled, you can still enjoy hobnobbing with local enthusiasts and watching the races — perhaps place a few bets in Bitcoin? Hey, it's digital money so if the power isn't working, you can't pay — you didn't really welsch!

Spectacular Snow Spotlight

Zions Bank strives to put on a good show with the BMT. If you're participating and registered, then chances are on Friday, February 2, you've got a hat, a bag full of swag, free shuttles and raffle tickets to win prizes from a bevy of tiered sponsors, many from Sun Valley itself: Limelight Hotel, Sun Valley Ski Education Foundation, Atkinsons' Market and Sun Valley Ketamine Clinic, to name a few.

As with many events in the Valley, there will be attendees from across the globe featuring world-class skiers of all stripes. "Annually, the BMT recognizes its fastest, oldest and youngest racers, on-course preem champions, wave winners, and Jon Engen Perpetual Awards for most significant time improvement (male/

female) from one year to the next in the Full Boulder." (bouldermountaintour.com)

These races are about more than speed, so strategy is everything, with a crucial key being deep determination as the BMT is a cross-country race. This means conserving your heat, energy and mindset in adverse conditions. If you now know who Averell Harriman is, see the Wood River Weekly article "Sun Valley Resort, Hollywood and WWII" for more on him. The race takes place on the Harriman Trail just north of Ketchum. Skol!

Swish

At 10 a.m. on February 3, the 34-kilometer race begins as 800 skiers slap the snow and measure their breath. The course winds through the magnificent Sawtooth National Forest alongside the Big Wood River — sheer natural beauty to keep the motivation high! The 15k Charley Course Half-Boulder will kick off at 11:30 a.m. Be ready to see, or ski, at Baker Creek and dodge a charlie horse while you're at it.

If you're skiing, you're likely still training and getting your mindset steeled for the annual athletic spectacle. If you're showing up to see the ski, not to worry; in addition to sheer spectacle, you've got a whole lot of celebrating to do. After the races, from 5-7 p.m., the entire Ketchum Town Square will condense into the BMT Block Party and Awards Bash. There'll be food, drink, and glitzy gabbing. Awards will be splashed and prizes presented, so rafflers, it's time to get raffling! If you bought raffle tickets you must be in person to

receive a prize should your ticket get drawn, but there's enough incentive to show up — maybe more, just for the socials and glory. But of course, party people! — the after-party takes place at the newly remodeled Whiskey's on Main so throw on your sun-shades and a cashmere sweater and remember it's OK to wear sunglasses at night, not only for fashion, but to hide the after-after party!

Aid Stations

As always for the security minded, EMTs will be on hand during the entire race.

"Aid stations are hosted and manned by the good people at Sun Valley Community School, Sun Valley Suns Hockey Team, Wood River Pickleball, and Galeana Lodge." (bouldermountaintour.com)

Here's a handy list in case you know someone finishing a race or want to throw in your two cents:

Aid Station Locations, Distance From The Start In Full/Half Boulder, Cut-Off Time

- #1 Prairie Creek 12k/NA, 12 p.m.
- #2 Cathedral Pines 23k/3k, 1:30 p.m.
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Mental Health Initiative Invites Community Input

By Sally Gillespie

Many of you have expressed concern about mental health in the Wood River Valley. For this reason, we want you to be aware of an opportunity to participate in shaping local mental wellness efforts.



I serve as a member of the steering committee for the Mental Well-Being Initiative which seeks to leverage and amplify diverse community efforts in support of a shared, integrated, and comprehensive means to address mental health. We want to drive lasting, systemic solutions that help meet some of life's basic needs, prevent a crisis before it happens, and provide connections and mental health care to all who need it.

In the spring of 2023, the St. Luke's Wood River Foundation and the St. Luke's Health System convened various stakeholders to map the Wood River Valley's well-being ecosystem – from prevention and intervention to treatment and recovery – with the goal of identifying strengths that could be amplified and vital gaps that could be filled.

They are now inviting the public to guide which ideas for improving our collective mental health hold the most promise for our community. The Initiative knows that our diverse population has varying needs. For this reason, it is asking the public to attend one of the six community engagement sessions to be held in Ketchum, Hailey and Bellevue.

- 1/18 YMCA, 6 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. (F/SI)
- 1/24 The Community Library, 12 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.
- 1/25 Hailey Town Center West, 6 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. (F)
- 2/1 St. Charles Church, 6:30 p.m. – 8 p.m. (SO/F)
- 2/7 The Community Campus, 1 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
- 2/15 The Hunger Coalition, 6 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. (SO/F)

SO: Offered in Spanish only

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Neighborhood Spanish Returns

Back by popular demand, the Hailey Public Library's Neighborhood Spanish is a free, eight-week class taught on Mondays from noon–1:30 p.m. by retired local Spanish teacher, Jim King. The class will offer basic Spanish language skills seasoned with a little history and culture. Enrollment is limited to 20 and preregistration required by emailing kristin.fletcher@haileypubliclibrary.org.

"We offered this class last winter and it was a great success," commented Fletcher, the library's education and engagement manager. "Many people in our community want to learn enough Spanish to be neighborhood and this series has proved to be a fun way to do just that."

Fletcher continued, "Jim has a warm and welcoming way of teaching Spanish and sharing about the diverse cultures he so obviously loves and respects. Although this is designed as a beginner's class, intermediate speakers will benefit, as well. Each class is a bit longer this time and we're offering the series for two months, which allows for more practice time."

Classes will be offered on Mondays from January 22–March 18 and be held at Town Center West, 116 S. River St., Hailey. For more information about this and other library programs, call (208) 788-2036 or visit www.haileypubliclibrary.org.

Join the 2024 Wood River Trail Challenge

Blaine County Recreation District invites the community to join in the free 2024 Wood River Trail Challenge, which runs from January 26 through February 23. To complete the challenge, participants must ski, walk, snowshoe, or fatbike the entire 32 kilometers of the Wood River Trail, from Hulen Meadows north of Ketchum to Gannett Road in Bellevue.

Participants may tackle the challenge all at once or break the trail up into sections and complete them over four weeks. Finishers will receive a prize from BCRD and be entered to win a free 2024/25 BCRD Nordic season pass.

The Wood River Trail is a 32-kilometer multi-use, year-round path that provides a non-motorized connection between the Wood River Valley communities of Bellevue, Hailey, Ketchum, and Sun Valley. BCRD grooms the Wood River Trail in the winter, when snow allows, and provides this resource free for all users.

To learn more about the Wood River Challenge, visit bcrd.org.



SVSEF's Sammy Smith competes in FIS Cross Country World Cup

After winning three of the four races at the first U.S. Super Tour in Anchorage, AK in mid-December, Sammy Smith (U.S. Cross Country Development Team, SVSEF XC Gold Team) was offered a spot to compete on the World Cup circuit, in the coveted FIS Cross Country World Cup Tour de Ski and she jumped at the chance.

"The first Super Tour series was a lot of fun!" said Sammy Smith. "Having some of the top Canadian skiers there definitely raised the level of competition and it was a great opportunity to be in such a competitive environment early in the season. I think it was a good start to the year, but I'm definitely hoping to build off the races and carry momentum into the rest of the season."

And carrying momentum into the rest of the season is exactly what Sammy has done. Arriving in Toblach, Italy after some turbulent travels, Smith competed in the Tour de Ski, a grueling race series that included seven races in nine days with competitions held in Switzerland and Italy. Inspired by the Tour de France of cycling, the event is held annually in Central Europe and typically has six to nine stages. The combined time (and bonus seconds) of the stages decides the winner of the tour.

Smith, one of six women competing for Team USA finished in 26th overall in one of the most competitive fields seen in recent history. Smith had a standout day on January 4, finishing 22nd overall in the skate sprint. The US women showed their depth with Jessie Diggins winning the overall title, Rosie Brennan and Sophia Laukl in 12th and 14th respectively, followed by Smith in 26th. Teammates Novie McCabe and Julia Kern stopped competing after the fifth stage.

"Sammy (Smith) continued her strong start to the season grinding her way through the Tour de Ski—culminating with the infamous Alpe Cermis Hill Climb to finish 26th overall," said SVSEF XC Gold Team Head Coach, Chris Mallory. "We are super impressed with her determination and competitiveness to finish the tour and have some great races along the way."

Sammy's results from the Tour de Ski were enough to extend her stay in Europe to compete in Period 3 of the FIS World Cups where she'll be racing in Oberhof, Germany and Gones, Switzerland. Beyond this, Smith will look to the World Juniors in Planica, Slovenia Feb. 5-11 and the Stifel Loppet Cup Feb. 17-18 in Minneapolis, MN. The Stifel Loppet Cup is a COOP FIS Cross Country World Cup, featuring sprint and distance races. The Loppet Cup will bring the world's best skiers to the United States for the first time in over 20 years.

Officially announced today, Smith will be joined by teammate Peter Wolter who was offered a spot to compete in the World Cups and will soon be headed to Europe.



Sammy Smith charging in the FIS Cross Country World Cup. Photo credit: Mathias Bergfeld

The 2024 Winter Read Is The Great Gatsby

The 2024 Winter Read — a collaboration between The Community Library in Ketchum, Hailey Public Library, Bellevue Public Library, and Stanley Community Library — kicks off on Wednesday, January 31, at The Community Library in Ketchum with author Maureen Corrigan.

The community-wide read, now in its sixth year, is a deep dive into one book that invites adults and high school students around the Wood River Valley, Sawtooth Valley, and beyond to read a book together. This year's selection is *The Great Gatsby* by F. Scott Fitzgerald.

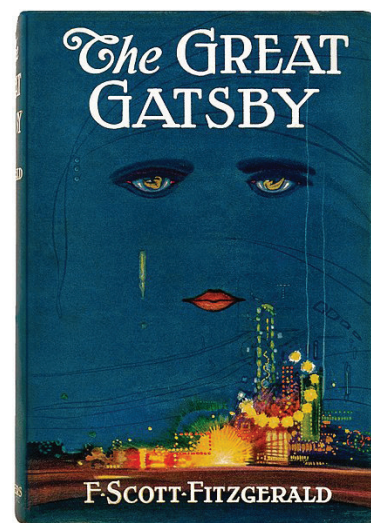
Corrigan, NPR Fresh Air book critic, authored *So We Read On: How the Great Gatsby Came to Be and Why it Endures*. During the January 31 Kickoff, from 5:30–6:30 p.m., she will share the history of the book's writing and reception, and reflections on why some people hate it, others love it, and why we should keep reading and re-reading it. During her time in the Valley, Corrigan will be a guest at the historic Ernest and Mary Hemingway House's Writer-In-Residence apartment, owned and operated by The Community Library.

"I had the privilege of briefly touring the Hemingway House in the company of Salman Rushdie and Erik Larson the summer of 2016," says Corrigan, "when we were all at the Sun Valley Writers' Conference. I'm so grateful to have the opportunity to return as a guest and to work in such a hallowed place."

"We are beyond thrilled to have Maureen helping kick off this year's Winter Read," says Martha Williams, the director of programs and education at The Community Library. "For those new to reading *Gatsby*, she will share reasons to care about this 100-year-old book, and for those revisiting its pages she will deliver keen observations about Fitzgerald's characters and story, the 1920s' social environment, and connections between the novel and the author's own well-known but little understood life."

Following the kickoff event, throughout February and March the community is invited to participate in more programs and book discussions that help delve into the book's many themes: of class and wealth, industrialization and change, and the hopes and disillusionment of the American Dream. Registration is recommended for most events, and some events require preregistration. All events are free and will be hosted by Valley libraries, and many events will also be livestreamed.

Event and press inquiries can be directed to Martha Williams, Director of Programs and Education, at (208) 806-2621 or mwilliams@comlib.org.



FISHING REPORT



THE "WEEKLY"
FISHING REPORT FOR
JANUARY 24-FEBRUARY 6
FROM PICABO ANGLER

Winter has arrived in full force here in the Wood River Valley. Recent days have seen good snowfalls locally and frigid temperatures, and the snowpack for area watersheds has increased to roughly 65%. We still need much more snow this winter; more mountain snow means more water for area rivers, farms, and ski hills!

With the extreme cold temperatures lately, fishing has been unproductive. The Big Wood River and Silver Creek have a fair amount of shelf ice, making fishing access difficult and dangerous. As temperatures rise and the region sees a warming trend, expect decent winter fishing to resume.

Concentrate your fishing efforts on the warmest part of the day and look for stable weather conditions. On rivers like the Big Wood, lower Big Lost and South Fork Boise, nymphing will be the name of the game, and patterns such as tiny Zebra Midges, Brassies, Rainbow Warriors, RS2s, and WD-40s are all good bets. Fishing these flies in tandem with large stonefly nymphs, leeches, or jig nymphs can be very productive. Expect some midge activity during the right conditions, and look for rising fish in foam lines, eddies, and slow tailouts.

On Silver Creek, fishing leech patterns or small streamers low and slow will be your best option. A black Pine Squirrel Leech or Balanced Leech will serve you well.

Winter is a good time to check all your gear and prep for the upcoming summer season. Organizing flies, cleaning fly lines, and replacing old leader and tippet will put you in the best position for success on the water.

Better winter fishing is yet to come during late February through March, but until then, we can all hope for more snow to provide robust flows for all our local waters.

Happy fishing, everyone!



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COMMENTARY

NO BONES ABOUT IT

FRAN JEWELL

STOP THE INSANITY!

BY FRAN JEWELL

Living in a dog-friendly environment, we tend to overlook the things that are truly safety issues for our dogs. We become cavalier in our handling and guidance to keep our dogs safe.

Yesterday I was outside of the grocery store and there laid a nicely obedient dog waiting patiently for his owner to return from inside. Just about that minute, two youth came up to the dog and started barking at the dog trying to arouse him and tease him. The owner, still inside, was oblivious to what was happening to the dog. The dog stood up. He started to posture the young boys striking laughter between them. Defensively, the dog tried to tell them to stop it, because it was offensive to him. No one was there to protect the dog or the young boy from this potential horrible escalation that could have ended in a dog bite or worse. The consequence to the dog and the boys was unimaginable!

So, my question is, why leave a dog in a situation like that just because you have a nice dog? Not all pedestrians are nice. Those boys were a perfect example.

The second incident I witnessed several times this week was a dog with his head hanging out the backseat window of a car. The temperatures were horribly low this past week and the wind chill was about -14 degrees. Now, imagine the wind chill on this dog's face and ears as the car was moving at 35 mph?!?! This is a huge potential for frostbite on his ears and nose.

Even during the summer, a dog hanging its head out the window is dangerous! In one event, a friend's dog lost BOTH of his eyes when bees flew into eyes! Who would have thought? One of my own dogs stepped on the electric window control and closed the window on her neck! I had to immediately pull over to release the window and check to see if she was alright!

The veterinary office is NOT the place to allow your dog to be off a leash. Waiting dogs are usually there because they are sick. A sick dog does not have the patience to be friendly. Would you? It is also the potential for your dog to be exposed to that illness if it is contagious. If a dog is on the way out of the office, many times that dog may have just had surgery. My first 110-pound male German shepherd had just had torsion surgery. We were attempting to go to the car to go home, and a strange dog ran up to him with the owner waving and saying, "He's friendly!" Honestly, how naive and inconsiderate was it to believe that my horribly sick male German shepherd that had just had a life-threatening surgery was going to tolerate such an intrusion by an off-leash dog with bad manners and an irresponsible dog owner? A veterinary



A dog hanging its head out the window is NOT safe! Photo credit: Fran Jewell

hospital is NOT the place to socialize your dog!

My last severe warning goes out to all those dog owners who think that because their dog is friendly and well behaved, he should be allowed to walk downtown off a leash. All it takes is a friend they see across the street, or a squirrel or another distraction to entice your dog to run through traffic, potentially causing him to get hit or cause an accident where someone ELSE is injured.

Please think ahead about the potential consequences of some of the "freedoms" you allow your dog. No one is impressed nor will they feel sorry for your loss when lack of leadership and lack of common sense was the cause for your dog's demise. Owning a dog is a commitment to being responsible for your dog's safety and his life, not for your convenience or for your ego to prove what a good dog trainer you are. Even my obedience champions walk on leash in dangerous situations.

PLEASE be kind, thoughtful and responsible handling your precious dog!

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SCIENCE OF PLACE

HARRY WEEKES

On Wolves, People, and Miniature Dogs

BY HARRY WEEKES

For Christmas, we added another miniature dachshund to our family. This comes at a time when my students are exploring the world of wolves.

As you can imagine, sitting with a four-pound dog, who stands three inches at the shoulders, and runs about two miles an hour, makes the idea of how we got from a 125 pound, two and a half foot tall, 30 plus miles an hour sprinter particularly stark.

When I imagine our human ancestors walking into Europe, it's even more comical, and seemingly harder to figure out.

Here was a band of upright animals without serious teeth (at least not in the predatory sense), skin so thin they couldn't survive outside in the winter without some accommodation, and virtually no ability to run, at least from a wolf's perspective.

In the First Contact scenario, I imagine the wolves simple used one of their already existing words for us and barked out the equivalent of "Hey look, snacks."

Think about wolves' main food- elk and other deer. At this ancestral time, we are talking about animals that routinely weighed over 500 pounds, lived in groups, had thick hides, and specialized in running.

The main danger of history, of course, is reading it backwards, so I work to figure out what those first humans entering Europe had going for them. What was their story?

Humans were latecomers to the scene, and as such, the niche open to us was incredibly restricted. While it's not even close to this simplistic, it was as though the ecosystem gave our early ancestors this design chal-

lenge: "You want to grow up and become your own species? Great. Here is what you get: Tropical Africa during the day." Sounds awesome, right? Except, you currently live in the trees, don't really know what walking is much less running, and are covered in a hair-suit that is simply a bad fashion choice in the sun.

Time and the pure stubbornness associated with the will to survive and reproduce can do some fantastic things, though. After a couple of million years, you can walk around and even find strength in a kind of Meerkat-style observation of the plains. Running is great but not necessary if we stick together and coordinate our defenses and attacks. Hair? Well, it can be moved around over time, and there are other ways to stay warm when we need it.

And it was this version of us that walked into Europe. Directed by several million years to survive well together and turn our weaknesses into strengths.

What would it have been like for the first pack of wolves to charge a band of humans... and have the humans immediately huddle into a tight group, turn a bunch of sharpened sticks outward, and quickly make a series of continuous vocalizations that coordinated their movement?

Just think of what you would do if you ran at a flock of pigeons and instead of flying, they aggregated into a big pigeon ball and came at you? I, for one, would think twice.

And what if these pesky people kept showing up after you killed one of the other animals that is so big you can't really eat it all? And what if they also had the ability to do the same, so occasionally you could eat what



they killed, too? Hmmmm. A begrudging reciprocity.

There a thousand other steps to consider between those first interactions and domestic dogs. But like they say, a thousand-mile journey starts with a single step. I think I am about four steps in- the approximate length of 10 or so miniature dachshunds.

Harry Weekes is the founder and head of school at The Sage School in Hailey. This is his 52nd year in the Wood River Valley, where he lives with Hilary and one of their three baby adults—Simon. The other members of the flock are Georgia and Penelope (Georgia recently fledged from Davidson College in North Carolina and Penelope is at Middlebury College in Vermont).

MONEY MATTERS

SUZANNE HAZLETT

FINANCIAL FINE-TUNING

BY SUZANNE HAZLETT, MBA, CIMA®, CFP®

January is nearly over, but the year has still just begun. Now is an excellent time to start if you have yet to try to whip your finances into shape. You don't have to think of these as financial tasks as resolutions but more like a reboot to your yearly financial to-do list.

- **Organize for tax time:** Prepare for smooth filing: By mid-February, you should have tax forms in hand. Make sure to organize them in a dedicated spot and any receipts if you itemize. Talk to your advisor about coordinating with your tax professional to ensure all is in order.
- **Get set for 65:** This is the age you become eligible for Medicare; a 10% premium penalty applies for each year you go without Part B coverage beyond this birthday in most cases. You have seven months to enroll, starting three months before your birth month. Ask your advisor about healthcare planning resources that can guide you.
- **Become a benefits whiz:** Research your company's open enrollment schedule and decide whether to make changes.
- **Fine-tune your health spending:** If you participate in a flexible spending account (FSA) or health savings account (HSA), review contribution levels to take full advantage – without exceeding limits, which are adjusted regularly for inflation. If you have an FSA, plan to use available funds before your plan's use-it-or-lose-it deadline.
- **Finesse your bonus:** Plan how to use your annual bonus before it hits your checking account. Consider paying down high-interest debt, shoring up your emergency fund, or increasing your 401(k) contribution.
- **Pay yourself first:** Start now if you need to automate retirement contributions. It's also a good time to reconfirm your employer match and increase your contributions to allow more time to generate tax-deferred gains.
- **Revisit an IRA:** Pre-tax contributions to IRAs can reduce taxable income. Roth IRAs might be the answer if you're above the income threshold to make a tax-deductible traditional IRA contribution. You have until the tax-filing deadline (not including extensions) to contribute for the prior tax year.



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ON LIFE'S TERMS

JOELLEN COLLINS

Another Kind Of Family Tree

BY JOELLEN COLLINS

I have acquired a couple of family trees through the sites I've used researching my birth and adoptive families. I respect the names of those listed and possibly still to be accessed. I've learned, finding compatible elders in my new residence, to acquire some friends who might, though not genetically, be close to becoming "family."

I share with you some brief instances when I have discovered compassion or humor or loyalty in my acquaintances here, along with tales of remarkable lives and well-earned wisdom. Thank goodness these new friends are so much dearer than I expected.

My first dinner in our large dining room gave me a hint of what lay ahead. Across from me sat a tall, brightly dressed woman who shared a bit of her rich life as a girl born in Australia, and as an artist who would live with her American husband in 10 U.S. states. After she left, one of the diners revealed that this remarkable woman would celebrate her 100th birthday later that week. I could only hope that in the years ahead I will be as warm, welcoming, and vivacious as she.

Another day, worried that I was spending too much time with just a few of my new friends, I joined a different group at an afternoon tea and met an East Indian woman who, that afternoon, brought me a book she thought I might like. Later, I literally bumped into a beautiful Japanese woman younger than I am, I'm sure, who has become a source of inspiration. I am with residents of many ethnic backgrounds, a diversity that is a great part of the richness here.

Then there are amazing coincidences. I dined across from a brand-new acquaintance and discovered that I was married next door to her home, near UCLA. We also learned we shared a friendship with one of my fellow Santa Monica High School teachers. How lucky we were! Last week I sat in a very crowded dining room, with two other women soon joined by a gentleman. As with anyone else, I asked his name and said, "I'm delighted to meet you." The woman next to me said, "HE'S TAKEN!" I guess they thought I had flirted by just being friendly. We all giggled a bit after I replied, "Well, I'm not taking anyone at this time!" Turns out he grew up on a potato farm in Jerome, Idaho! We then had fun reminiscing about the "old" Ketchum of Slavey's, and Louie's, etc.

A pair of petite women love my dog Suki and, while there is a language barrier between us, we smile a lot at each other. The other day, a musical group did not show up for the daily "Happy Hour." Some time later, someone approached Iris, the smaller and elder of the two, and helped get her up. She pulled out a harmonica from her walker bag and played "Auld Lang Syne." We all sang along, and I felt blessed with her courage and the sweetness of that moment.

She's another "ornament" on my long-life tree!



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

INSPIRATIONS FROM MY HEART

DOVE

PRIORITIES

BY DOVE

As I contemplate what I want to share today, I look at what is important to me at this section of my journey on the planet. The sun is shining, and it has been shivery cold for several days, and having a lovely warm home is such a blessing. I am grateful for every warm blanket and hot cup of tea that exists in my life. I am grateful for movies that fill my soul with faith and I have been blessed with a few lately, but mostly I am blessed by the environment I get to live in and the people around me.

I have come to the conclusion that dusting is not on my lists of priorities, but it probably should become one, maybe later. Hot homemade soup fills my food needs and I am deciding what I want to bake for a new neighbor that just moved into the area. These are simple things but they give a sense of stability in a world that is so rapidly changing.

One of my favorite priorities is a 501(c)(3) organization called Charity Water. Every dime you donate goes to building wells for fresh water in Third World countries. When you have fresh clean water, your health improves, your ability to grow your food eases and this organization gives you a regular report on what they are doing. What better way to help bring peace and health to the planet than by easing the life of those that do not have the conveniences we take for granted.

So we don't have the Internet — can we survive? If you have to walk for miles to just get a necessity of life, all your energy is spent just trying to survive. There is so much suppressed technology that has been available for decades, but greed overrides all other priorities and we continue to struggle with problems that were solved long ago. Let's make it a priority for 2024 to seek to know more truth, to demand truth from our leaders, to choose to be proactive and have courage to speak our truth. No more hiding behind "I'm small and I can't make a difference" because we can if we come together.

Research anti-gravity travel. Get serious about where you plan to use your energy. Energy and money equate to one another. What are you going to support? More control or more freedom? There is a quote by Thomas Connellan that states, "There is no point in doing well that which you should not be doing at all." I look at this quote every day and it reminds me to ask myself, "Have I made the world a little better today with my thoughts, my energy, my actions?" That is going to be my priority for 2024.

What is your priority for 2024? Be more of that which you want to see. Blessings, Dove.



WRANGLER'S WRITINGS

BRYCE ANGELL

Britches In A Dither

I'm short by all the standards, 'cuz I stand at five-foot-three. It had never been a problem, 'til one day I'd disagree.

I shopped at Merkle's country store. He carried all we'd need. From Wrangler pants to fresh farm eggs, right next to chicken feed.

On pay day I drove down to Merkle's store to buy some jeans. Old Merkle said, "You'll find 'em stacked behind the pork and beans."

I fumbled through the sizes, found a pair that fit just right. But the Wranglers were all priced the same, no matter what your height.

I'd taken economics and this wasn't making sense. The cowboys with the longer legs weren't sharing my expense.

My inseam's length is 30 and that's stretching it a bit. An inseam long as 36 would reach to my armpit.

So 36, then take away my 30, leaves some doubt. 'Cuz now there's 6 whole inches that a short man's paying out.

Mr. Merkle did his best to reason out with me. He said, "Those pants are always priced right from the factory."

Well, paying more for trousers kinda stuck right in my craw. I said to Mr. Merkle, "Sir, there oughta be a law."

Mr. Merkle probably thought, "This guy's a case, for sure. And hopefully he'll grab his pants and head on out the door!"

I vowed to get my money's worth and prove the price was wrong. So I bought a pair of brand-new pants six sizes extra-long.

I pulled my brand-new britches on and cinched my belt up tight. Ole Merkle shook his head and said, "You're really quite a sight."

I thanked him for the compliment. How nice of him to say. Then hiked my extra-long jeans up and headed on my way.

It only took a minute for my long pants to slip down. They snagged a small but jagged rock — face planted to the ground.

My extra-long new Wranglers were all frayed and torn by noon. So I trimmed 'em with my knife. Looked like a country boy buffoon!

I'd stewed in such a dither and I've never been more wrong. 'Cuz I bought my brand-new Wranglers six sizes extra long!

So, I hurried back to Merkle's for some 30-inseam jeans. Old Merkle stood there smiling, said, "Behind the pork and beans."

— 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.

Why You Should Check The Claim History On The Home Before You Make An Offer

BY ANNA & MICHELLE

Buying a home is a big decision, and there are a lot of things to consider. One important factor to consider is the home's claim history. A home's claim history can tell you a lot about the property, including its potential risks and liabilities.

It is important to identify potential risks because a home with a history of claims may be more likely to experience future claims. This could be due to the location of the home, the age of the home, or the materials used in construction.

The cost of insurance can be higher for homes with a history of claims. Insurance companies factor in the risk of future claims when setting premiums.

You may be able to negotiate a lower price if you discover the home has a history of claims. This is because the seller may be motivated to sell the home quickly to avoid future claims.

The Comprehensive Loss Underwriting Exchange (CLUE) is a database that tracks insurance claims filed on homes. A CLUE report can be purchased for a fee, and it will show you the number and type of claims that have been filed on the property within the last seven years.

Sellers are entitled to one free copy of their LexisNexis CLUE report each year; there is a nominal fee for additional, original reports. Contact LexisNexis by calling 888-497-0011 or by emailing consumer.documents@lexisnexisrisk.com. As a potential buyer, your agent can request a copy of the report from the listing agent who may have to ask the seller to order it themselves, if they haven't done so recently.

Another option is to instruct your home inspector to look for signs of damage that may have been caused by



previous claims.

Checking the claim history of a home is an important part of due diligence in the home-buying process. It is important to remember that the claim history is not a perfect predictor of the future. Just because a home has had claims in the past does not mean that it will have

claims in the future. However, the claim history can give you valuable information that can help you make an informed decision about whether to buy the home.



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MONICA CARRILLO & BOB KNOEBEL

MONICA AND BOB'S STORY

BY MONICA CARRILLO & BOB KNOEBEL

OUR VOICE COUNTS

Working at the Twin Falls Times-News has not only allowed me to cover Twin Falls and surrounding counties, but also the place I call home — Blaine County.

Here is a summary of my stories from 2023 in the Wood River Valley:

- Wood River Valley resident Bob Knoebel opened his home to sheepherders after spotting them sleeping near a herd of 2,000 sheep. "I would meet them each morning at their campsites with breakfast from McDonald's, and then follow behind them in my car, jumping out for photos when possible," Knoebel told the Times-News. Read more about this story at https://magicvalley.com/news/local/2023-recap-sheepherders-mental-health-stigmas-and-students-leading-the-community/article_d644fbc2-a412-11ee-b45e-9758555aba64.html
- Immigration attorney Nicole Derden opened a law firm on December 7 in Hailey after doing a survey that showed a large amount of immigration clientele are traveling from Blaine County and the Magic Valley areas. "It's been 100% immigration law since 2004," Derden told the Times-News. "If you have a notice of deportation, I know exactly how those processes work in Idaho." Read more at https://magicvalley.com/news/meridian-immigration-attorney-opens-law-firm-in-hailey/article_c00a84ba-8d46-11ee-a318-37a4162254c4.html
- The Lee Pesky Learning Center, a nonprofit organization that helps kids with learning differences, expanded its literacy programming services this fall to English learners in Blaine County after a surge of Hispanic residents into the area over the past couple of years. The Lee Pesky Learning Center started the literacy pods with eight students in the summer of 2020. Read more here: https://magicvalley.com/news/teaching-literacy-lee-pesky-learning-center-boosts-english-learning-in-blaine-county/article_04499ee6-824c-11ee-bc42-ef01b410bd86.html

NUESTRA VOZ CUENTA

Titular: Resumen de 2023: pastores de borregos, estigmas de salud mental y estudiantes que lideran la comunidad



Photo credit: Bob Knoebel

Trabajar en el Times-News no sólo me ha permitido cubrir Twin Falls y los condados circundantes, sino también el lugar en que yo crecí: el condado de Blaine.

Aquí hay un resumen de mis historias de 2023 en Wood River Valley:

- Residente de Wood River Valley, Bob Knoebel, abrió su casa a los pastores después de verlos durmiendo cerca de un rebaño de 2.000 ovejas. "Me reunía con ellos cada mañana en sus campamentos con el desayuno de McDonald's y luego los seguía en mi auto, saltando para tomar fotos cuando era posible", dijo Knoebel al Times-News. Lea más sobre esta historia: https://magicvalley.com/news/local/2023-recap-sheepherders-mental-health-stigmas-and-students-leading-the-community/article_d644fbc2-a412-11ee-b45e-9758555aba64.html
- La abogada de inmigración Nicole Derden abrirá un bufete de abogados el 7 de diciembre en Hailey después de realizar una encuesta que mostró que una gran cantidad de clientes inmigrantes viajan desde el condado de Blaine y las áreas de Magic Valley. "Ha

sido una ley de inmigración 100% desde 2004", dijo Derden al Times-News. "Si tienes una notificación de deportación, sé exactamente cómo funcionan esos procesos en Idaho". Lea más aquí: https://magicvalley.com/news/meridian-immigration-attorney-opens-law-firm-in-hailey/article_c00a84ba-8d46-11ee-a318-37a4162254c4.html

- El Lee Pesky Learning Center, una organización sin fines de lucro que ayuda a niños con dificultades de aprendizaje, amplió sus servicios de programación de alfabetización este otoño a estudiantes de inglés en el condado de Blaine después de un gran aumento de residentes hispanos en el área durante los últimos años. El Centro de Aprendizaje Lee Pesky inició los grupos de alfabetización con ocho estudiantes en el verano de 2020. Lea más aquí: https://magicvalley.com/news/teaching-literacy-lee-pesky-learning-center-boosts-english-learning-in-blaine-county/article_04499ee6-824c-11ee-bc42-ef01b410bd86.html

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A Force For The Artistic Community: Footlight Dance Centre

BY MIKE MCKENNA

If you know anyone who has danced in the Wood River Valley over the last four decades—from ballet to hip-hop, modern to jazz or tap—he or she likely has Footlight Dance Centre to thank.

Hilarie Neely is the heroine behind Footlight Dance. Ever since fate first brought her to Sun Valley in 1980, Hilarie has been a tireless and impassioned force for the dance community in the Wood River Valley.

“We provide the spark and help people pursue their passions,” Hilarie said. “We also help provide educational enrichment through dance and support opportunities for everyone to see and enjoy dance as an artistic expression.”

Hilarie first came to Sun Valley as a member of the Portland Dance Theater. She had recently graduated from Southern Methodist University with a degree in Dance and had no idea that a tour stop in Idaho would change her life.

After spending a day running a dance program in a Quonset hut for the then-Sun Valley Center of the Arts & Humanities, Hilarie was asked to accompany a fellow dancer on a blind double date. She met a local guy, Steve Job. “We fell in love and the rest,” as she says, “is history.”

Hilarie moved to the Gem State shortly thereafter and immediately immersed herself in the region’s dance community. She helped found an ensemble that toured Idaho and Wyoming, became involved with the Idaho Commission on the Arts, and in 1984 she founded Footlight Dance Centre.

“I am extremely passionate about dance and I work 24/7,” Hilarie said. “I try to run our program like what you’d find in a big city. We work with everyone from four-year-olds to aspiring professionals. So kids can move on for here if they want and have a good foundation to do anything.”

Hilarie has taught thousands of local kids over the decades, but one of her favorite things to do is to share her art form with local schools each year.

For 35 years now, Hilarie has led School Enrichment Performances, free for all Blaine County students. This winter, the touring troupe from Footlight will be performing “Water Is Life.” The



performances will use different styles of dance to express the lifecycle of water.

“We show how the arts can bring new ways to think about and see things,” Hilarie explained. “It’s a great way for us to give back to the community and make sure local kids can experience dance at least once a year.”

Interestingly enough, boys tend to have the strongest reactions from these annual performances and how athletic the dancers are. “They will come up to me afterwards or see me around town,” Hilarie said, “and they’ll say, ‘You’re the dance lady. That was awesome!’”

The dance scene has been pretty awesome locally ever since Hilarie landed here. But as much as she has done for our community, she feels like the lucky one.

“I feel really blessed that I could pursue my passion in such a beautiful place and be able to positively impact so many people over the years,” she said.

“Water Is Life” will take place from January 23–February 1, including a free public performance at the Community Campus in Hailey at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, January 31. Find out more at FootlightDance.com.

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