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- English Proverb

KETCHUM TAKES A STAND

BY ISIAH FRIZZELL

What happens in Ketchum stays in Ketchum. One of the premier signs of a vibrant, healthy city is its locals. In the north Valley, Ketchum generates the most buzz as a tourist destination with around 60% of residences being relegated to second-home status for their seasonal owners. Ketchum is actively addressing this and while there are many projects on the desks at city council, the Cohesive Ketchum Comprehensive Plan aims to sort out a number of issues for making it local and keeping it local.

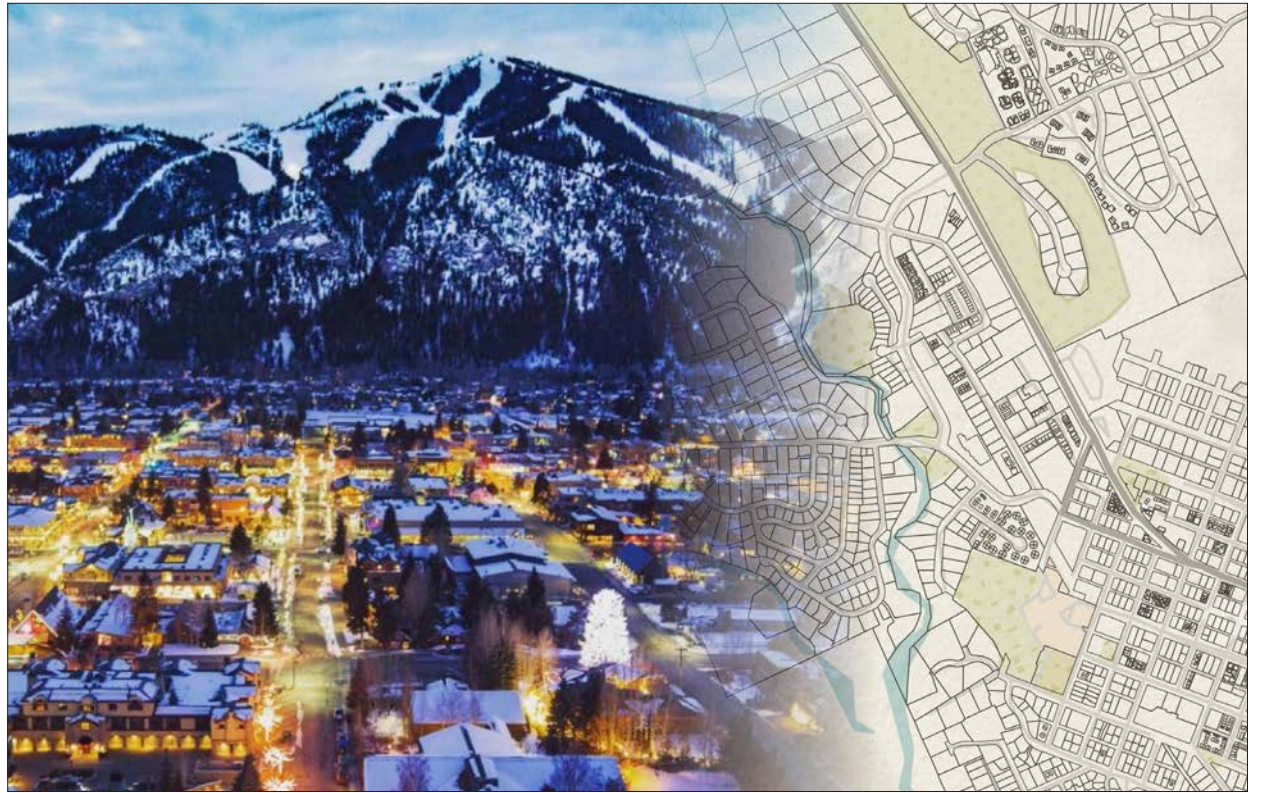
Community Cohesion

The most beautiful thing about Blaine County is the community. Locals and visitors alike love the small-town yet vibrant city vibe that Blaine County reverberates. The traffic may have become more voluminous but that is part of growth. A shared sense of purpose, place and history that defines the Valley is, however, undergoing a rapid change. Some see it as a decline, others a boon, yet plans at the heart of each of the cities hint toward beautification and a locals-first escalation of innovation and enhanced liveability. In addition to the growing population of transplants, there are generational families that inhabit the region with claims going back to the early mining days. In the optimal world, there would be a symbiosis of the two—respect for history as well as adaptation to development.

Ketchum Aims True

The Ketchum 2014 Comprehensive Plan is a continuing effort from their 2001 Comprehensive Plan to increase longevity and liveability in the city. With a recently released update for codes and objectives, the minds at the City of Ketchum have made it clear that they are ready and willing to work with the community and listen to the voices of the people. They hold regular public meetings, consistently publish memorandums and minutes and provide a well-maintained portal to all things Ketchum through their online newsletter and the KetchumIdaho.org website. If you filled out the January survey, your voice and preferences will be heard for upcoming changes.

The 2014 Comprehensive Plan declares, "Unlike many previous planning efforts that focus on one or more topical areas (e.g., downtown improvements and economic development), the updated Comprehensive Plan provides the overall framework to help coordinate these earlier plans, and see that studies, programs



Ketchum 2014 Comprehensive Plan update. Photo credit: City of Ketchum

and investments are aligned to support a common direction." (ketchumidaho.org) It's time to walk the talk, and what the plan is ultimately based on are sustainability goals. While the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are not mentioned, there is an implied link. You can read the 152-page document at a hyperlink (<http://tinyurl.com/3rzvn2me>).

The community mission and core value statement is respectful and optimistic:

"We aspire to be an authentic mountain community with world-class character yet small-town feel. We see our community as one with a high quality of life for a local year-round population and a visiting population. We will be successful by creating, marketing and delivering distinctive choices for jobs, learning, health, outdoor adventure and arts and culture. We value a strong sense of community. Furthermore, we wish to be a place with a strong economy, a vibrant downtown, diverse options for housing, and a varied demographic of people who live, work, and visit here. We will be responsible stewards of our environment, work for a

dynamic economy, and maintain our special way of life for generations to come." (ketchumidaho.org)

With 10 core community values, Ketchum is actively working on sustainable, authentic growth by bolstering intrigue and staying power to provide more options for year-round locals as well as visitors.

1. A Strong and Diverse Economy
2. Vibrant Downtown
3. Community Character
4. A Variety of Housing Options
5. Environmental Quality and Scenic Beauty
6. Exceptional Recreational Opportunities
7. Well-Connected Community
8. Enlivened by the Arts and Culture
9. Working as a Region
10. A "Greener" Community

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(ketchumidaho.org)

These core values are well defined in the document and worth a read. Concern about housing is one of the most reported-on and talked-about issues in all of Blaine County and Ketchum is determined to get it right. The main goal of the housing initiative is to keep year-round locals and workforce in affordable spaces. The Housing Action Plan | 2022-2024 is a direct plan to incentivize year-round workforce and local housing. “This community-designed-and-driven plan takes a holistic approach to address Ketchum and Blaine County’s housing crisis. In May 2023, voters passed a ballot measure to use a proportion of Local Option Tax funds towards affordable housing solutions, which will bring in an anticipated \$1.4 million in the 2024 fiscal year.”

Using feedback from surveys, open houses, census data and local analyses, Ketchum has thrown down the gauntlet for increasing liveability. They are highly aware and active in addressing the three key concerns.

1. There is a massive shortage of affordable homes in Ketchum.
2. Ketchum is losing its workforce and some year-round residents because most local people cannot afford to live here.
3. Our community agrees that there is a housing crisis and wants action.

A strong infographic can be found at: https://www.projectketchum.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/2023-24-Housing-Action-Plan_FINAL.pdf

Code Red

The recently published update addresses building and development with a remarkably short execution timeline. “The plan and code updates are being led by Planning and Building Department staff with support from Clarion Associates, a consulting firm with extensive experience in comprehensive planning and municipal development code projects. The full project will be executed in three phases that are anticipated to take approximately two and a half years to complete.” (KetchumIdaho.org)

Project Objectives

- Achieve alignment between the updated Com-

prehensive Plan, other adopted plans, and the code to support the community’s vision, goals, and policies.

- Integrate sustainable policies and practices to support sustainable growth and environmental stewardship.
- Develop regulations that improve the citizen experience by making the code user-friendly, written in clear, simple terms that are streamlined and fair, and include high-quality visual references (images, graphics, tables, etc.).
- Develop design review guidelines and processes that foster creativity and quality design.

“User-friendly,” “written in clear simple terms,” these phrases read like the city is already engaging with their community to accomplish the goals set forth. And yes, Project Main Street is one of the missions Ketchum seeks to address.

UPCOMING EVENTS

PARTICIPATE IN THE CITY’S COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND CODE UPDATE PROJECT, COHESIVE KETCHUM

The city will host several presentations about the Comprehensive Plan and Code Update process throughout March. These events will cover topics such as community survey results, opportunities to get involved, and why the project is important. Please join the discussion at one of the sessions below.

- Wednesday, March 13 | 5:30 PM at Hemingway STEAM School Library (presented in English with Spanish translation)
- Thursday, March 14 | 5:30 PM at the Hotel Ketchum Meeting Room by Barrio 75
- Friday, March 15 | 1:30 PM at Zenergy
- Tuesday, March 19 | 11:30 AM at Ketchum City Hall (also presented online)
- Tuesday, March 19 | 4:00 PM at Wood River Community YMCA
- Wednesday, March 20 | 10:30 AM at The Community Library

As with most growth, there can be growing pains. Some historic landmarks and venues, like Whiskey’s, have been aesthetically altered, for better or worse, depending on who you talk to. Perhaps seeking to attract a new crowd, the designs in many renovated structures have generated heavy talk in the Valley. Many locals have voiced their opinions on standard social media; sentiments like “what has happened to our valley” or “we’ve lost our history” and the dreaded “Californica-

tion” are abundant. (Facebook). While these are subjective statements that express a sense of loss, the solution is clear—the community must be more engaged, vocal and have access to an urgent forum to communicate through. Scattered Facebook groups and the occasional forum update might not cut it. The community needs a timely, bidirectional outlet for communication between the city and amongst themselves.

What is your city doing about the community’s problems? Do they provide an outlet for open-ended feedback and reconciliation of ideas? At what point is it incumbent upon the community member to stand up and take action? You can make your voice heard by attending meetings, completing surveys, volunteering and writing emails or even good old-fashioned paper letters.

Learn more about the project at projectketchum.org/cohesive-ketchum.

Visit KetchumIdaho.org to sign up for the newsletter and access the info.



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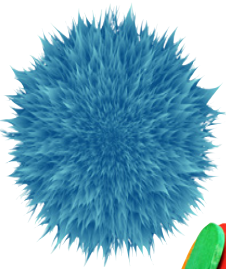
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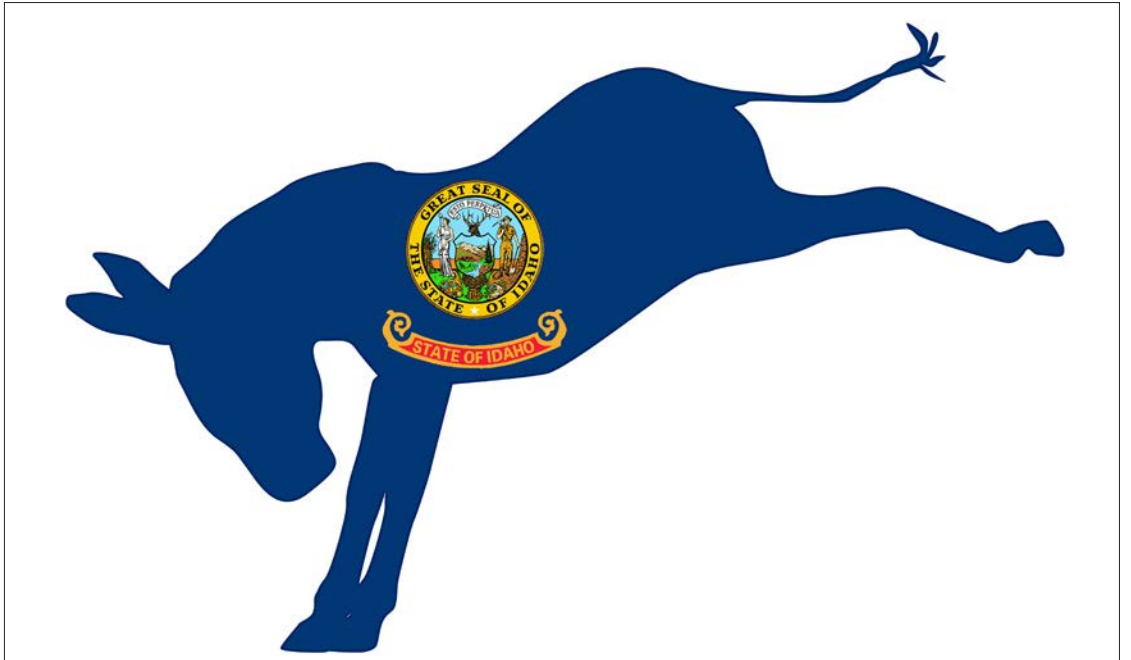
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Blaine County Democrats Event Update



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Organization, recruitment are focus

BY ISAIAH FRIZZELL

With primary elections proceeding in several countries around the world, those in the United States are about to watch a changing of the top guard. The battle between red, blue and independent has been ferocious and the ultimate match arrives this November 5th. In our last issue, we brought the news of the Blaine County Republican Women's (BCRW) group and their game-changing community updates. This week, the Blaine County Democrats (BCD) are in the spotlight, with Brent Robinson the Blaine County State Committeeman.

Enter Brent Robinson

Brent Robinson is a longtime Blaine County resident, having owned property in the Wood River Valley for nearly 40 years and lived here full time for the last 14 of those years. Robinson was president of several banks and previously held the position of treasurer for the BCD. It's safe to say he knows finance and how it plays such a huge role in their organization. Finances are critical to all ventures and the ethics of finance ultimately define the organizational aptitude you see play out in the community.

Organization and recruitment is the primary strategy the Democratic Party fields. It's in the language of their mission statement: "Our goal is to recruit, elect, and support public officials who share our core democratic values. Join us in promoting progressive and effective policies for our county community. Working together, we will make Blaine County a safe and healthy environment for all" (blainecountydemocrats.org). With 16 Democratic precincts in Blaine County, each has a captain; 14 of the 16 precincts have captains serving presently while the BCD are recruiting new captains for Carey and Yale.

"Blaine County is part of Idaho District 26, which consists of three counties: Blaine, Lincoln and Jerome. We have state Senate positions occupied by Democrats and there are two positions in the Idaho House of Representatives who represent our district. One of the two is Ned Burns, who is a strong Democrat. The other is occupied by a Republican, Jack Nelson. We're in the process of recruiting someone to run against Nelson on the Democratic side."

The BCD are adamant about change and are working to effect it.

"It turns out that Blaine County is the bluest county in Idaho," Robinson laughs, explaining how Blaine County, with a population of roughly 24,000, made blue waves in 2020. There were around 9,000 votes for Biden and 4,000 votes for Trump, churning over double in a landslide local victory. And what about the Independent voters? As Robinson exclaims, "The majority of the Independents vote Democratic."

BCD Community Events

BCD members are active in the community with a number of upcoming events. They hold committee meetings every month and the next one will be at the Blaine County Courthouse in

Hailey on March 25. The public is invited. On May 3 is the Clint & Michelle Stennett Social, which generally, Robinson says, results in a turnout of several hundred people.

One of the Idaho Democratic Party's biggest fundraising events takes place on Saturday, March 9. The 30th Annual Frank and Bethine Church Gala kicks off at 5:30 p.m. on 850 West Front Street in Boise and it is a sold-out show. At the podium will be big names like Boise Mayor Lauren McLean, Idaho House of Representatives Minority Leader Ilana Rubel and Idaho Democratic Party Chair Lauren Necochea. The keynote speaker is Pennsylvania Senator John Fetterman.

Key Issues

Robinson says the BCD are raising more money this year than they ever have as they have some serious concerns. "Women's rights are so difficult in Idaho that we're losing a great number of physicians from the state... doctors who provide care for women... they actually fly the women down to Utah where they can obtain an abortion. So we worry about that and the banning of books. We're obviously very supportive of public school. We're concerned about the effort in the Legislature to create vouchers for private schools, which will take money away from the rural schools. Most of Idaho is rural and there are no private schools in those counties. We're still about 49th in the nation, but we have made some progress in the last couple of years."

Currently, one of the biggest concerns of the Democratic Party is House Bill 415. Robinson refers to the bill, which encourages school faculty to carry concealed weapons purportedly in the interest of protecting children against school shootings. "In some places in Idaho there needs to be people who are armed but the training involved is around several weeks [to operate a firearm safely in a school environment] but this bill only requires around a three-hour training session and that's frightening."

Prime Time

The BCD as of last year have organizations in all 44 counties of Idaho. "There's a group called the Blue Girls, a women's organization, and they're very active and successful in getting people involved; the Blaine County Democrats work closely with them. Through rallies and programs the Democrats are organized to fundraise and recruit.

"My parents were Republican and I grew up in southern Idaho, which was very Republican, but I think my family would not recognize the Republican Party these days." Robinson echoes an often published sentiment that the Republican Party has been overrun by the far right. "It's not all bad, obviously, but some of the legislation that is proposed and often passed is very far right. It's become the Trump Party, rather than the Repub-

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ican Party, in my opinion.”

As most readers know, due to changes in the Legislature in Idaho, there will be no presidential primary. Instead, both parties will have to run their own caucus and, according to BCD, “count their own votes, and follow the rules of their own party” (blainecountydemocrats.org). This time it’s up to the party leaders to find the organizational passion to get the job done.

Switcheroo

When asked about the switching of sides to change the vote, which was advertised in a Lincoln County paper, “Hey, 5B Democrats, be sure to register as a Republican prior to March 11 so that you can vote for the least offensive candidate. As you know, the Democratic candidate won’t stand a chance in the general election.”

Robinson laughs. “There’s certainly no formal effort by anyone to get people to switch parties, but it does happen, probably in both directions, but [that was] mainly Democrats who wanted to vote for Governor Little versus one of his opponents. And so they do that occasionally.”

All’s fair in love and politics.

Check out their website at <https://blainecountydemocrats.org/> and if you’re interested, show up at the county courthouse in Hailey on March 25. You can be sure the BCD will have a strong presence and the invite is open to all.

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IN BRIEF

Idaho Republican Presidential Caucus Update

As you may know, the Idaho Republican State Central Committee, held in Challis, placed the upcoming presidential election in the powerful hands of the parties through an overwhelming vote. Each party will be tasked with creating its own caucus. This allows Idaho Republicans to vote before Super Tuesday. A resolution was passed urging the Legislature to reinstate the March presidential primary; however, should that not pass, the caucus serves as a plan to bolster the candidate selection process.

Saturday, March 2, was the date of the Idaho Republican Presidential Nominating Caucus, with doors opening at high noon, 12 p.m. MST.

In Blaine County, the caucus was held at three locations, with Nicholas Purdy presiding as Blaine County Republican Presidential Caucus coordinator.

North Valley Caucus for Precincts 1–4

(Ketchum, Sun Valley and North Blaine County) held at the American Legion Hall on Cottonwood Street in Ketchum.

Mid-Valley Caucus covered Precincts 5–13

(Hailey and Bellevue) at the Community Campus in the well-known Minnie Moore Room on Fox Acres Road in Hailey.

Picabo, Gannett and Carey Caucus finished with Precincts 14–16 at the Picabo Angler on Highway 20 in Picabo.

Who’s Running?

After four candidates—Ron DeSantis, Vivek Ramaswamy, Chris Christie, and Ryan L. Binkley—withdrew, there are two on the ballot for the Republicans, Donald J. Trump and Nikki Haley

The results will be announced in a press release and for more information and engagement visit <https://www.idahorepublican-caucus.com/>

Water Runs Right Onto The Highway

Ketchum is famous for a plethora of beautiful things but perhaps notorious for one controversial quirk. The spot colloquially known as “The Hole” recently flooded but has been patched and cleared for safety as of Friday, March 1, 2024.

At the south end of Main Street, a misdirected soil pin broke the water main’s line, which resulted in flooding across Highway 75 as well as significantly backed up traffic all the way to Elkhorn Road.

While water was cut to at least one house, and several condominiums saw pooling, no damage has been reported.

The Ketchum Water Department claims it was a relatively simple fix, although the effort required several man-hours of digging and maneuvering underground as fiber optic communication lines lay directly above the leaking pipe. No damage to the communication network has been reported and traffic flows freely on Highway 75.

The question on the lips of community members: How has “The Hole” been allowed to maintain its status for nearly a decade? Ketchum has a slew of civil updates in action to address these and other concerns.

See <https://www.ketchumidaho.org/> to sign up for their newsletter and stay in the loop on Ketchum’s continuing efforts to address community concerns.

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Anam Thubten

Tibetan Buddhist teacher Anam Thubten will be giving a public talk on Thursday, March 14, at St. Thomas Episcopal Church on Sun Valley Road in Ketchum at 7 p.m. Suggested donation is \$15 but no one will be turned away for lack of funds.

There are three important aspects of meditation: mindful attention, open awareness and lovingkindness. By practicing these, we can let go of negative mental patterns and expand our heart and mind, bringing about joy, peace and inner freedom.

Anam Thubten will teach and guide participants in developing these three aspects of meditation and share Buddhist wisdom on working with our thoughts and emotions.

Anam Thubten grew up in Tibet and at an early age began to practice in the Nyingma tradition of Tibetan Buddhism. He is the founder and spiritual advisor of the Dharmata Foundation located in the Bay Area of California. He teaches widely in the U.S. and abroad. He is also the author of various articles and books in both the Tibetan and English language. Anam Thubten is extremely fluent in English and he brings alive the timeless teachings and essential wisdom of Buddhism through his own personal experience on the spiritual path.



Silas Thompson, Caleb Meyer, Bart Walker

Artists' Reception: Kneeland Gallery, Friday, March 8, 5-7.30 p.m.



Caleb Meyer, "A Moment in Time", oil on canvas, 24" x 24"

A native of Hailey, Idaho, and now residing in Montana, Caleb Meyer has always enjoyed the rugged beauty the Northwest has to offer. A graduate of Boise State University, he continued his education through an apprenticeship with renowned artist Robert Moore. Meyer compares his time in Moore's studio to the laying of a strong foundation. "The painting process is like building a house; a painter must understand the principles of design to create a strong painting, and much like a carpenter must understand the principles of architecture to build a strong house." Meyer is now an established artist in his own right and is featured in public and private collections nationwide.

Silas Thompson has quickly become a familiar name amongst our collectors. On annual backpacking trips with his father, he began to treasure the distinct birthmarks and icons of beautiful rivers, valleys and mountains that carve through the high desert and farmlands of the West. His desire to create work that evokes a memory continues to be a driving force, which pushes Silas to be innovative in his choice of subject matter and composition. Thompson's work also shows the influence of his mentor, Robert Moore, through his use of textural brushwork and vivid color.

Bart Walker paints the allure of the wild land. He uses oil sketches done in the field to recollect nature's beauty on the finished canvas. His radiant plein-air paintings are reminiscent of the early California impressionist landscapes, alive with deft brushwork and nuances of light. He and his wife Tracy have made their home in the dramatic setting of Teton Valley, which forms the inspiration for much of his work.

Hunter-Gatherers During The Ice Age

The Hailey Public Library has invited Dr. Charles (Andy) Speer, Department of Anthropology, Idaho State University in Pocatello, to share in an exploration of hunter-gatherer cultures at the end of the last ice age. The free talk will be offered on Thursday, March 7, at 5:30 p.m., via Zoom. Click on <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83702946334> to join.

"Dr. Speer's previous talk in 2021, Peopling the New World, is our most-watched video, with over 88,000 views and counting, so

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Lions Park Shooting

On Friday, Sept. 1, 2024, William R. Butler, of Hailey, made a decision that changed the lives of many in Blaine County.

Michael Bosse, a 34-year-old dog trainer from Hailey, was enjoying a day at Lions Park when former Reserve Police Officer William Butler, 73, approached and shot Bosse in the head from his vehicle. Bosse survived the shooting but carries the weight of being blinded for life in one eye, countless medical bills and severe psychological trauma. The reason for the shooting is somewhat confusing as neither man knew the other; however, what is clear is that Butler is severely mentally disturbed.

After being booked by Hailey PD, Butler spent three weeks in jail on a \$1.5 million bail. At his hearing, Butler, charged with attempted murder, admitted to the court both guilt and premeditation—claiming he shot Bosse out of annoyance. He explained he'd been contemplating killing Bosse for weeks on the supposition that Bosse would sit in a vehicle using his cellphone at the park where Butler and his wife walk their dog.

After evaluations by forensic psychologists Linda Hatzenbuehler and Jason Gage, Butler was deemed by 5th District Court Judge Ned Williamson to "lack capacity to make informed decisions." His public defender has suggested he suffers from "brain atrophy" and cannot fully understand the charges being brought against him.

On January 3, Butler was committed to the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare, who claimed his condition to be untreatable. State Hospital South in Blackfoot, however, does not seek to hold Butler, as it is claimed that he is not dangerously mentally ill.

The punishment for murder in Idaho is life in prison with the possibility of parole after 10 years. Attempted murder, a felony offense, is generally punishable by around half the sentence of murder.

While the psychological analyses of Butler are under seal, he was deemed psychologically unfit for trial. As of Friday, March 1, 2024, Butler remains at State Hospital South with a status conference set for April 1, 2024.

According to Idaho Statute Title 18, Chapter 2, 18-207: "Mental condition shall not be a defense to any charge of criminal conduct." (legislature.idaho.gov)

Barring any diagnosed mental condition, according to the law, Butler committed premeditated attempted murder. If Butler is unfit to stand trial, is he also unfit to live freely as a citizen of Blaine (or any other) County?

The facts are absolute. Butler has admitted his guilt along with premeditation. This qualifies as a first-degree attempted murder which is generally punishable by life in prison.

The family has a gofundme account (tinyurl.com/2978bcd9) to help with the exorbitant hospital bills and future treatments Michael Bosse will require.

The Idaho Department of Health and Welfare can be found online at healthandwelfare.idaho.gov/ or by phone at (877) 456-1233.

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we're excited to invite him back for another fascinating exploration of North American prehistory," commented Kristin Fletcher, the library's education and engagement manager. "This time, Dr. Speer will unravel ancient techniques like human-generated fire and bison jumps, illuminating manipulation of prehistoric landscapes for survival. He'll offer insights about how archaeology and advanced analytical techniques have the potential to unlock the secrets of early human mobility and migrations."

Fletcher continued, "Dr. Speer will also explore the mysteries of Clovis Period mammoth hunting and the unique behavior of caching stone tools for hunts. He'll discuss how new technology using laser sampling and trace element analysis can help determine the source locations of rocks used to make spear points, knives, and other critical tools as well as the different water sources that mammoths may have visited throughout their lifetimes."

Dr. Speer was born and raised in South Texas. He received his Ph.D. from the University of Texas at San Antonio in Ecological Anthropology in 2013. Following graduation, he served as a post-doctoral researcher at Texas State University in the Department of Anthropology and worked primarily with Clovis Period materials from the famous Gault Site. His research focuses on geochemical analysis of knappable stone to determine mobility patterns of prehistoric hunter-gatherers.

Dr. Speer's current work focuses on sourcing Paleoindian and Protohistoric artifacts from the American Southwest. For this research, he finds it integral to engage Native American perspectives as they relate to Indigenous knowledge of ecological resources and archaeological findings.

Dr. Speer's other research areas focus on interdisciplinary approaches to understanding the Peopling of the New World, lithic technology, experimental archaeology, ancient craftsmanship, and GIS predictive modeling. He has been an avid flintknapper and prehistoric skills enthusiast for over 20 years and enjoys fishing, hunting, hiking, and kayaking.

Currently, Dr. Speer is Associate Professor, Department of Anthropology, Idaho State University, and Curator of Anthropology, Idaho Museum of Natural History, both located in Pocatello, Idaho.

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

SummerFest24

Sun Valley Opera and Broadway presents the Metropolitan Opera's Live Simulcast of "La Forza del Destino" Saturday, March 9 at the Magic Lantern.

On March 9, Music Director Yannick Nézet-Séguin conducts Verdi's grand tale of ill-fated love, deadly vendettas, and family strife, with stellar soprano Lise Davidsen as the noble Leonora, one of the repertory's most tormented—and thrilling—heroines.

Director Mariusz Treliński delivers the company's first new Forza in nearly 30 years, setting the scene in a contemporary world and making extensive use of the Met's turntable to represent the unstoppable advance of destiny that drives the opera's chain of calamitous events. The distinguished cast also features tenor Brian Jagde as Leonora's forbidden beloved, Don Alvaro; baritone Igor Golovatenko as her venge-

ful brother, Don Carlo; mezzo-soprano Judit Kutasi as the fortune teller Preziosilla; bass-baritone Patrick Carfizzi as Fra Melitone; and bass Solomon Howard as both Leonora's father and Padre Guardiano.

Doors open at 10:30am. The concession counter will be open. The production begins at 10:55am.

The Magic Lantern is located at 100 East 2nd Street in Ketchum and tickets can be purchased at the door. Magic Lantern is a cash only business. Mlcinemas.com

Expansion Of Hailey Greenway

The Wood River Land Trust is proud to announce an addition to the Hailey Greenway: the acquisition of the Grassi Property, a 30.8-acre parcel teeming with ecological treasures. This achievement is a testament to the unwavering support and generosity of the Wood River Valley community, whose donations have made this dream a reality.

The property includes riparian and floodplain habitats and wetlands, forming a sanctuary for a myriad of wildlife species. This parcel boasts over 18 acres of mature riparian cover, a bustling thoroughfare for elk and other wildlife, while nurturing a rich tapestry of biodiversity for migrating and resident bird populations. Moreover, with over 23 acres of floodplain, this acquisition will safeguard water quality, mitigate flood risks, and replenish groundwater, ensuring the longevity and vitality of the local environment.

By eliminating development threats, this acquisition ensures the perpetual health of invaluable natural resources. This initiative not only secures the rich biodiversity of the region but also bolsters the health and resilience of the Big Wood River ecosystem, extending the reach of the beloved Hailey Greenway.

The Wood River Land Trust is a nonprofit organization dedicated to conserving and protecting land in the Wood River Valley. Since its inception, the Land Trust has worked to safeguard natural resources, open spaces, and recreational areas for the benefit of the community and future generations. With this addition, the Hailey Greenway is now a 498-acre preserve that provides public access to over 1.5 miles of the Big Wood River, within walking distance from downtown Hailey. The Hailey Greenway has been pieced together from individual acquisitions like this, over the past 20 years.

The Wood River Land Trust extends their deepest gratitude to the partners of this project. The community's unwavering support, through donations and collaborative efforts, has been instrumental in bringing this conservation endeavor to fruition. This achievement is a demonstration of the Wood River Land Trust's mission: "to protect and sustain the treasured landscapes and life-giving waters of the Wood River Valley and inspire love for this special place for generations to come."

SV Food & Wine Celebration - Après Ski Tasting

Sun Valley Food & Wine Celebration has partnered with the Limelight Ketchum Hotel to present an Après Ski Tasting on Saturday, March 16, from 2 to 4 p.m. with participating festival and local chefs, including international Cazadores tequila spokesperson and mixologist Manny Hinojosa. Tasting stations throughout the Limelight Lounge will be prepared by the Celebration's celebrity chefs and the Limelight Ketchum Hotel. This grand tasting event includes wine tastings and signature cocktails. Ages 21 and Over Only! Questions: 208-913-0494

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FISHING REPORT



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FISHING REPORT FOR
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FROM PICABO ANGLER

March madness is here. Recent snow has bumped up our snow-pack levels to almost 100%, and more precipitation is on the way. Great news for our valley and fisheries!

Flows on the Big Lost River below Mackay Dam are holding stable at about 90 CFS, allowing for easy wading and concentrating fish in winter holding areas. Nymph fishing is incredibly productive, and midges and some baetis will appear during the afternoons. When nymphing, concentrate your efforts on pockets, runs, and current seams. Effective flies include Rainbow Warriors, Copper Johns, Zebra Midges and San Juan Worms. Hint – a bit of orange or red on your nymphs is a very good idea. Surface-feeding fish are often found in slow, skinny water; a stealthy approach is necessary. Baetis activity will ramp up toward the end of the month, extending through April. This can be some of the finest angling of the year on the lower Lost. Trail Creek Road is closed for the winter, but fishing the lower Lost in March is well worth the longer drive. Keep in mind that as the month progresses, there will be significant spawning activity on the river; be aware of fish on redds and let them do their thing.

Fishing on the Big Wood River remains decent. Anglers are having success nymphing, fishing midge dries, and throwing sculpin patterns for the river's biggest fish. Look for the best midge activity to occur during the afternoons. Griffiths Gnats, Trailing Shuck Midges, Sprout Midges and Zebra Midges should all be in your Big Wood winter fly box.

The South Fork of the Boise continues to fish fairly well with stable flows. Flies used on the Big Lost and Big Wood are equally as effective on the South Fork. Be prepared for any weather if you make the drive.

All of Silver Creek below the Highway 20 bridge remains open through the end of the month, as does Kilpatrick Pond. Expect very good fishing with streamers and leeches this month, and excellent midge and baetis activity for the latter half of March.

Happy fishing, everyone!



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COMMENTARY

NO BONES ABOUT IT

FRAN JEWELL

The Pendulum of Dog Training

BY FRAN JEWELL

When I had my first dog, my father taught me so much about training. That was 63 years ago! We had a Brittany spaniel named Susie. My father would have me hold her upstairs, and then he would hide a piece of cheese or lunch meat in the living room. He would say, "Go hunt!" and I would let Susie go. Off she would run downstairs to find the cheese. My father would then hide it under a rug, a chair, on the bookcase, any place he could think of. He started teaching Susie to use her nose when she was just a pup about 8 weeks old! By the time hunting season came, she was excellent in finding the pheasant. Nobody trained their dogs with food back then. I have to chuckle that my father knew about canine enrichment before there was such a thing.

Dog trainers at that time (the early '60s) primarily used compulsion or correction-based training with dogs. There was no such thing as food training. (When I started training, not one company made dog treats. I had to make my own.) Consequently, since compulsion training is very difficult to master for the human and in many cases the dog would shut down and not perform anything, gradually other forms of training started to metamorphose. More praise was introduced for the behaviors we wanted.

Eventually, along came "clicker training," or operant conditioning. It was a method that trainers of whales and dolphins, particularly, were using. Operant conditioning was developed by B.F. Skinner. If you have studied much of Skinner, you know that many of his theories were not highly regarded. Some were. Soon, the dog training world with Bob



Food paychecks, not bribes, can enrich your relationship with your dog. Here, searching for food in a box is a great way to train a puppy to use her nose and enrich her life. Photo credit: Fran Jewell

Bailey ("Chicken Training with Clickers") and some of the other clicker pioneers, including Morgan Spector (a dear friend of mine) and author of one of the first clicker-training books, Clicker Training for Obedience, took hold and changed the dog-training world. Later came Karen Pryor.

The dog-training world that consisted mostly of compulsion and correction soon grabbed the operant-conditioning method, so successful with dolphins and whales, and soon began an entirely positive method that involved no consequences at all.

As we know even from our human society, if there were not consequences for unaccept-

able behavior, like robbing a store, we would live in complete chaos. We also do not thrive in a "no-choice" condition.

Now, here we are with dogs that must chase instinctually—maybe after game, a scent, or cars—in which the chase is more rewarding to the dog than any food or play toy we could control. How do we become more important to dogs than their instinctual behaviors? On the premise that dogs are opportunists, how do we make something we control the best

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SCIENCE OF PLACE

HARRY WEEKES

BALDIES

BY HARRY WEEKES

Bald eagle.

It's one of those birds so iconic the mere mention of its name brings a certain reverie.

You've heard other names in these pages, most recently ferruginous hawk, hooded merganser, Northern saw-whet owl. Exotic names, beautiful birds, each a unique feathered beast uncommonly seen. I am willing to bet that if we were walking together and I pointed and said one of those three names, you would look over, squint to see what I was looking at, and maybe ask one or two questions, one of which would be, "Is that unusual?"

Now, if I just leaned a little forward in the car and looked toward the sky and said, "bald eagle," I bet you'd stop what you're doing, crane your head and neck, and then hit me with a slew of questions that would start with "Where?", proceed to "Are you sure?", and then continue with working to show the rest of the people in the car the bird—"There, there! Do you see it!"

You would also make some sort of comment about America, patriotism, and the grandeur of Nature. That's Nature with the capital N.

Of course, the 'you' in the above scenarios is any one of my family members. Perhaps, though, it might be you... you.

There is something about bald eagles that draws us in. Maybe it is as simple as the fact that they are our national symbol (which, in case it was not obvious, is a bird; how cool is that?).

A brief tangent. In cases like this, where I start thinking about choosing a symbol to represent a country (tangent within a tangent—Ben Franklin wanted the national bird to be the turkey, in so many ways a better choice, except when the Founding Fathers pretended they were at a sporting event and started yelling, "Go Eagles!" and "Go Turkeys!" ... you know the path history chose), I invariably think, "What bird would represent me?"

My penchant for grouse, flickers, and chickadees leaves me wondering. I do think it would be cool to embody the sage grouse as a family and once a year all gather in some strange place to dance.

Back to bald eagles.

They were a good choice because they are so impressive. First, they're huge—at almost 3 feet long with nearly a 7-foot wingspan, and coming in at 10 pounds, they're like a flying, feathered tiger. Then add the obvious, the heads and tails of the adults are white, making the answer to "Are you sure?" obvious even to a total novice.

Yeah, I'm sure.

And the particular beauty of baldies around here? They are just rare enough. The ones you see driving up north. The one that cruises the river corridor by the Bow Bridge. The one that perches along



The bald eagle is an opportunistic feeder which subsists mainly on fish. It builds the largest nest of any North American bird and the largest tree nests ever recorded for any animal species. Sexual maturity is attained at the age of four to five years. Photo credit: Andy Morffew from Itchen Abbas, Hampshire, UK, licensed under Creative Commons

Buttercup Road in the cottonwoods. Some of these might be the same bird. It might be two. It might be more. Regardless, we see them just intermittently enough not to know and to still be wowed.

The one my students and I saw flying out of Alturas Lake when we were there at the end of February for our Winter Ecology Field Study? That one cutting across the deep green pines, cutting through the falling flakes of snow? The one that came when I was asking, "How do you think animals adapt to winter up here?" "How do you think that animal adapts?"

There was no need to answer, mostly because we all just stood there, silently, watching it fly by. Just what you should do.

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

Strategic vs. Tactical

BY SUZANNE HAZLETT, MBA, CIMA®, CFP®

Strategy without tactics is the slowest route to victory. Tactics without strategy are the noise before defeat. – Sun Tzu

Long-term strategy matters and will always be a spot on the horizon for investors to focus. At the same time, history can offer us a lens through which we may wish to view the future and engage in some degree of tactical navigation.

When financial markets shift, they can impact the balance of different types of assets within a portfolio. Rebalancing is clever when your investments get over-weighted in some areas and under-weighted in others. For investors who choose to be more active in their portfolios and make adjustments based on a shorter-term outlook, a tactical asset allocation can be appropriate when factoring in an individual's asset allocation policy, risk tolerance, and investment objectives.

U.S. Large Companies (Large Cap)

The S&P 500 Stock Index returned over 20% in 2023, surpassing even the most bullish expectations. Prices are trading near the top of the market's 20-year range. Investors should temper their expectations given upcoming federal elections and expected interest rate-induced volatility.

U.S. Small Companies (Small Cap)

Small caps historically outperform large caps coming out of a recession. Small-cap stocks also historically outperformed large caps following the first Fed interest rate cut. Since small caps are trading at a discount relative to large-cap equities, investors may want to check their allocation toward the smaller market counterparts.

Ex-U.S. Companies (Developed + Emerging International Markets)

Developed market international equities are cheap relative to U.S. equities, but political headwinds could disappoint in the near term. Emerging markets remain a long-term opportunity for investors, especially with a modest weakening in the dollar and a rebound in economic growth in Asia and Latin America. Select opportunities in India and Mexico provide a foundation for growth.

Every market can present opportunities and provide valuable reminders. Periodically reassess your plan and confirm your investments align with your intended strategy. If the allocation or percentage of one more asset type is out of your intended proportion, it's time to rebalance.

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ON LIFE'S TERMS

JOELLEN COLLINS

IF TRUTH BE TOLD

BY JOELLEN COLLINS

How to ascertain the truth seems harder than ever. Even a diligent seeker of actual facts and situations may find it frustrating to dig confirmed sources, see through the hype, and study carefully intricate versions of events in a society conditioned by the hype by sound bites and simplified accounts and nasty political rhetoric. Fact-checking is, of course, a necessary practice, but even then, one needs to understand the issues by analyzing them and those who hold them.

By the time you read this column, I will have the results from the first time I have voted in California in over 40 years. I miss recognizing precinct workers on election day in a smaller town and a place where I am familiar with and have understood the background of most issues and candidates. I hope my own ability to read carefully and decipher the context of election materials has helped me in this case.

When I opened the official primary election booklet with the details of Proposition 1, California's most expansive attempt to improve the challenge of the state's huge population of unhoused and often hopeless individuals, I gulped. The details filled 68 pages! I can't imagine most people will fully consider this document. Many voters may well know about candidates for the presidency, the congress and for state government, but how many voters will be able to absorb the massive details within the proposition, which notes how the billions will be spent statewide and locally. Where do we discover the truth after an exhausting search?

I now feel somewhat better about the homeless crisis in this state because at least there are proposals to remedy the disastrous consequences of mental illness, extreme poverty and drug and alcohol addictions in a state which may be warm enough for sleeping outside but has lacked the ability to touch hearts and pocketbooks to help an increasing number of its citizens. Nonetheless, I have become cynical about the truth behind the promises from people of power.

Writing this column has reawakened some anguish, which I acknowledge is natural, about the widening distance between what we are told and what is true. I recently was the ashamed victim of an embarrassing scam. I believe that my vulnerability was that I tend to believe people and am surprisingly gullible when I think someone is trying to help me in a project. I grew up believing that most of what I was told was true, in an era where information was not immediately available, as it is today, through all the media outlets and flattering portrayals of newsmakers and influencers.

I wonder what we can do to be more aware of deceitful language and the influence of charismatic celebrities and pundits and those who seek attention through exaggerated gossip, to find a way to dig through all the gloss and immediate interpretation of public communication. How can we search with assurance that the found information is not valid? If truth be told, where can we find it? I'd like to listen.



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

Purpose

BY DOVE

I think all of us at some point or another wonder why we are here. It takes great courage to decide to incarnate on Planet Earth, and once you do, you come to a time when you ask yourself, “Why am I here?”

Humans are said to be a species that has the greatest capacity for joy and pain of any species created. I know only a very few that came in knowing why they took this particular journey. My son knew what he came in to do at age three and never looked back. Most of us don't have that kind of clarity. I think only very old souls come in with that kind of knowingness. They have no karma left to clean up and they just came for a specific experience. The rest of us struggle and strive to find where we belong and how to contribute in a meaningful way to this journey.

I have come to the conclusion that we may have many experiences that take us down different paths and expand our life knowledge with the friends, family and occupations we choose. There is a saying on my office wall that states, “All of the Animals on this Earth, except Man, Know that the Principle Business of Life is to ENJOY IT.” Contemplate what this means to you and how you can apply this message to your current existence.

I never considered being a writer of any kind because my high-school English teacher told me I didn't write well and I took that as fact. Thus, I pursued math and science because they always had an answer. Nothing was subjective and I liked that. I have come to know that my belief was not true and that the answers change all the time for each of us. How well we adjust to those changes is a measure of our strength of character.

Can you shift in a moment's notice? Can you let go of the old and embrace a new paradigm? It is so easy to get stuck in our practiced belief systems but as the Earth and reality changes, so must we if we plan to keep an ounce of personal peace.

I believe that we are going to experience some large changes in the near future. I can't say what they are going to be, but I pray that these changes will bring truth, integrity, abundance, health and laughter to all of us, not just a few that sit at the top of the financial ladder and dictate their agenda on us. Now is really the time to know yourself and stand for what you want to create. Stand for freedom. Stand for the children. Stand for God (Source). Stand for the animals and the trees. Stand for Peace. Be ready to take action for the highest good. I trust we can do this rather than let someone else carry the ball.

We all must become warriors and servants of peace. Do your part. We all are needed as change takes place. Blessings, Dove



WRANGLER'S WRITINGS

BRYCE ANGELL

STOLEN SOLITUDE

I rolled out of my sleeping bag, still fighting sleepy haze. Then turned ten hungry horses out. I watched them as they grazed.

In my sixteenth year I guided at our Bechler Meadows Camp. The nights were cold. October frost turned dry grass into damp.

So, I hopped up on ole Stretch's back to keep my cold feet dry. I could hear the cook a cussin' 'bout the fish he had to fry.

I pulled my Stetson past my ears. The fall air nipped a bite. Then I looked out on the river, not a fisherman in sight.

The Bechler flowed so quietly with sounds all to her own. And one thing was for certain. We were out there all alone.

My father's rule of hard and fast was, first the horses eat. And when they ate a belly full, you've earned a cook tent seat.

With the horses fed and watered, it meant breakfast time for me. The mountain air with eggs and bacon smelled so heavenly.

The hotcakes made of sourdough with butter gobbled on top, were drowned with maple syrup till the cook told me to stop.

I shoveled in my breakfast, fast enough to barely taste. Then picked out five sound horses and I saddled them in haste.

Our fishermen were ready. They all wore their waders well. But to climb up in the saddle was another story to tell.

We rode next to the Bechler with its color clearest blue. Then they'd fish their way back to our camp in time for dinner stew.

I made a point of telling them, “The Bechler's still unknown. I hope you don't get lonely 'cuz the river's all your own.”

The memory of that day was 55 short years ago. The Bechler's been discovered. It's the place for all to go.

Last fall we saddled up and rode the meadow for a day. We witnessed scores of hikers. They were hellbent on their way.

My face showed disappointment from the masses, I was told. What brought the hordes, the multitudes? Did someone holler, “Gold!”

As Edens are discovered we are going to feel the hurt. The droves will keep consuming. God ain't makin' no more dirt.

The world will deem it progress of the wonders up for bid. I call her Bechler Meadows and I wish she could have hid.

– 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.

NUUESTRA VOZ CUENTA M. CARRILLO



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Voices Latinas!

BY MONICA CARRILLO

OUR VOICE COUNTS

A few weeks ago, I told some of my friends I was heading to Boise for an internship reunion, and they looked at me funny. “An internship reunion? Never got one of those.”

But this internship reunion was special and came with a different meaning.

The Voces Internship of Idaho Program was started in 2022 by two former Idaho journalists, Nicole Foy and Ximena Bustillo, to encourage Latino Idahoans to pursue a career in journalism and news.

Foy now works at ProPublica and Bustillo works at NPR.

When we had met for the reunion last week, Foy said that one of the things she was told when they were first bringing up this idea to possible partners was that they would be surprised if they could find even one person interested in this internship.

However, now almost two years later, that definitely hasn't been the case.

Over 10 of us are already alumni of the program and a handful of us in full-time positions at KTVB, Idaho News 6, Times-News, Idaho Capital Sun, and the Post Register, increasing our Spanish-language news and the Latino representation in Idaho media.

Additionally, we've created a huge Latino family through it all.

If you are interested in hearing more about the program or have questions, go to <https://www.vocesinternship.com/>.

NUUESTRA VOZ CUENTA

Hace unas semanas, les dije a algunos de mis amigos que me dirigía a Boise para una reunión de pasantía y me miraron raro. “¿Una reunión de pasantía? Nunca agarre uno de esos”.

Pero esta reunión de pasantía fue especial y tuvo un significado diferente.

El programa de pasantías de Voces en Idaho (Voces Internship of Idaho) fue iniciado en 2022 por dos ex periodistas de Idaho, Nicole Foy y Ximena Bustillo, para alentar a los latinos de Idaho a seguir una carrera en periodismo y noticias.

Foy ahora trabaja en ProPublica y Bustillo trabaja en NPR.

Cuando nos reunimos para la reunión la semana pasada, Foy dijo que una de las cosas que le dijeron cuando plantearon esta idea por primera vez a posibles socios fue que se sorprenderían si pudieran encontrar al menos una persona interesada en esta pasantía.

Sin embargo, casi dos años después, ese definitivamente no ha sido el caso.

Más de 10 de nosotros ya somos alumnos del programa y un puñado de nosotros ocupamos puestos de tiempo completo en KTVB, Idaho News 6, Times-News, Idaho Capital Sun y el Post Register, lo que aumenta nuestras noticias en español y la representación latina en las noticias de Idaho.

Además, hemos creado una gran familia latina a través de todo esto.

Si está interesado en saber más sobre el programa o tiene preguntas, vaya a <https://www.vocesinternship.com/>.

BETTER HOMEOWNERS NEWS ANNA AND MICHELLE

It's Time To Prepare Your House For A Spring Listing



BY ANNA & MICHELLE

For Sellers

If you're thinking of selling your house this spring, now is the perfect time to start getting it ready. With the market gearing up for its busiest time of year, it'll be important to make sure your house shines bright among the competition.

Here are some valuable tips you can use to get your house market-ready.

Declutter and Organize

First impressions matter, and if your house is a mess, that can easily turn off potential buyers. Before listing, take the time to declutter and organize each room. Decluttering is about more than just tidying up – it's about creating a sense of space and openness that allows potential buyers to envision themselves living in your home. According to Moving.com:

“Decluttering and organizing your space will go a long way in appealing to potential buyers... decluttering will help the buyers see themselves living in your home. Less clutter inside a home also helps a place appear larger and cleaner, which should attract more buyers.”

Deep Clean Your Kitchen and Bathrooms

The kitchen and bathrooms are focal points for many buyers, and often influence their overall opinion of the house. Ensure these spaces dazzle by giving them a thorough deep cleaning. Pay attention to details like scrubbing grout lines, polishing fixtures, and decluttering countertops. A sparkling kitchen and bathroom can leave a lasting positive impression on potential buyers.

Maintain Your Yard

Your home's exterior is the first thing potential buyers see, so it's important to make a good impression from the moment they arrive. A well-maintained yard not only enhances curb appeal, but also shows buyers the home has been well taken care of.

Take the time to spruce up your yard by mowing the lawn, trimming bushes, and clearing away any debris or dead plants. Remember, the goal is to create a welcoming environment that entices buyers to step inside and imagine themselves living there. U.S. News says:

“A beautifully landscaped front yard can elevate an ordinary house into a charming home and will help homes sell faster and for more money.”

Find a Listing Agent

A skilled listing agent is your partner in minimizing stress when selling your home. Lean on your agent for advice on decluttering, staging, and enhancing your home's appeal to potential buyers. Their insights into market trends and recommendations for reliable contractors and stagers are invaluable. As Realtor.com says:

“A good listing agent will help you price your home ... recommend a photographer and stager to make it look its best, and put your home on the multiple listing service.”

Bottom Line

By decluttering, deep cleaning, and tidying up your house, you can create a welcoming environment that resonates with buyers and increases your chances of a successful sale. Let's connect on what you need to do to get your house ready to sell this spring. Call us for help!






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The Pendulum of Dog Training

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opportunity for the dog?

Here is a short story for your consideration: Many years ago I had clients, a husband and wife, both retired professionals. For their retirement enjoyment, they got a Labrador retriever puppy. Truly, that was a nice choice for them. As we all know, Labradors are well known for their extremely social desires with people and other dogs. They took several classes from the time the dog was a puppy. They were told never to say “No,” never to use a leash to correct the dog that was pulling and they were told never to provide any consequence at all, only food reward for the desired behavior. So, when the woman was walking her dog with food reward by her side to keep her dog in the heel position next to a five-lane busy road in Seattle, her over-friendly Lab saw another dog on the other side of the street and bolted to play with the other dog. In doing so, he pulled the woman over, breaking her face that required three reconstructive surgeries to repair. The dog somehow made it across the street without getting hit, but then he also was positively reinforced for pulling the leash out of her hand and causing her to fall on the pavement when the Lab got to the other dog and began to play. The play with the other dog was the reward for pulling the leash out of the owner's hand and bolting across the street without harm. Then, shortly after that incident, the dog pulled the husband over and he required six months of physical therapy.

Neither the husband nor the wife could walk the dog any longer. What were their

choices at this point? Was it fair for the dog to learn there were consequences for bolting? Or should they have euthanized the dog? Should they have given the dog they loved to rescue? Or given the dog back to the breeder for someone else to get pulled over by this 110-pound bulldozer?

Compulsion-based training is the pendulum swinging to the top of one side. The only positive reinforcement is the pendulum swinging all the way to the other side. The point I am trying to make is moderation in everything; the midway of the pendulum. Let's let every dog know exactly what we want him to do with reward in whatever form is most valuable to the dog. At the same time, provide some guidance about what is not acceptable with meaningful (not brutal or abusive) consequences. Would we run our own society without any consequences for unacceptable behavior?

Guidance does not have to be abusive. Sometimes, no guidance without consequences can be just as devastating to the dog always trying to guess what he should be doing. I love operant conditioning and learned it from the greats when it first came to be in dog training. But, not all dogs have the confidence to provide offered behaviors that the completely operant condition method relies on. And, many dogs have so much instinct it overrides any reward we humans can provide. From my perspective, when we train dogs, we must take each dog in front of us and have ALL the tools necessary to apply them appropriately, just as teaching humans does.

All dogs learn differently, but, then we add instinctual behaviors into the mix. We need to be open to what works for each dog.

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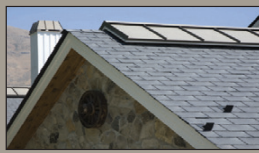
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SUDOKU

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Finding Inspiration: Elvis Insurance

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You never know when a simple conversation can make a big difference. A few encouraging words can sometimes turn hopeless into hopeful, can help turn doubt into determination.

But if you don't believe me, just ask Elvis Lau-reano.

Elvis grew up in Junin, Peru, and describes his childhood as "wonderful years." His family created a deep connection with Idaho when his dad spent many years working at the Flat Top Sheep Ranch out of Carey.

In 1996, the family of four moved to Hailey. Elvis began working and going to Wood River High School. One day, his ESL teacher had a conversation with him. She told Elvis he was hardworking and smart enough to go to college. It inspired him to study at CSI and then Boise State.

"It was really tough, but I had great support from my family," Elvis said. "I have a lot of respect for teachers because they can change lives."

While his classroom education was beneficial, Elvis also learned a lot from all the jobs he's had along the way. Elvis has a rich résumé, which he says is highlighted by some of the great local business owners he's worked for.

Elvis was the first employee hired at the old Rico's restaurant. He worked as a painter and a prep cook, a dishwasher and has done flooring. Elvis worked in practically every department at Atkinsons' Market and was at Wells Fargo Bank for 13 years.

"Everything I did built me up to who I am today," Elvis said. "And all these experiences help me understand everybody better."

Elvis also credits some of the great employers he's had over the years for inspiring him. People like Don Pyle at Atkinsons', Richard Schupack from Quality Painting and Kent Jeppesen, who recruited Elvis to join Farm Bureau Insurance. Elvis also credits his "idol," his dad, Raul, with his business side.

"These people really taught me and inspired



me to open my own business," Elvis said. "They showed me that if you can change one life at a time, you can make a difference."

Elvis Insurance (208-309-0208) opened last year. What he likes best about being a Farm Bureau Insurance agent is that they're an Idaho-based company and that they offer great benefits clients can start taking advantage of from day one. They provide all the regular insurance coverage as well as financial advising and loan options. Elvis is bilingual and offers office hours until 6:30 p.m. so folks don't have to take time off work to get his help.

A year into his business and Elvis is happy to be fulfilling "not the American dream," as he put it, "I'm living the Hailey dream. This is a town where I feel like I belong."

Elvis and his wife, Sheryl (who is originally from the Philippines), and their two daughters, live in Bellevue. He will continue to chase his dream of making an impact in the place he calls home.

"You never know when a few positive words will make a big difference in someone else's life," Elvis said. "I want to be that person who inspires others."



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CLASSIC SUDOKU

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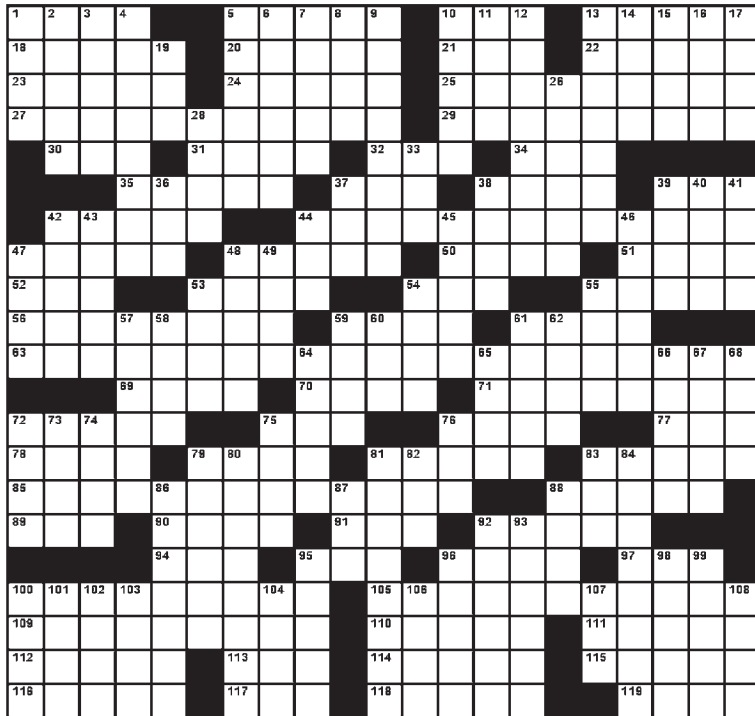
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- 23 Seize, to Caesar
- 24 The Hunger Games country
- 25 Modular sofa
- 27 "American football's most-renowned coach"
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- 30 PD alert
- 31 Very dark
- 32 Family nickname
- 34 Thin battery
- 35 Build, as a nest egg
- 37 Wine barrel wood
- 38 SFO postings
- 39 Air rifle pellets
- 42 Capital of Ghana
- 44 With reliable regularity
- 47 Rips off
- 48 "According to" game rules guy
- 50 Offend
- 51 Jacob's twin
- 52 John Lennon
- 53 Install, as a walkway
- 54 Crony
- 55 Santa's incoming mail
- 56 Western-themed festival
- 59 Director from India
- 61 See 96 Down
- 63 Scheherazade composer
- 69 Pepper partner
- 70 Hockey play
- 71 Unchanging charge
- 72 "Let me explain . . ."
- 75 Peace, to the Pope
- 76 Edinburgher, for instance
- 77 Not just any
- 78 Golden State, for short
- 79 Calorie-laden
- 81 Bern-born
- 83 Expanse above
- 85 Pro home at Madison Square Garden
- 88 Surname from the German for "Bavarian"
- 89 "Sure thing!"
- 90 Pop singer Tori
- 91 Merlot, for example
- 92 Antique auto starter
- 94 Didn't go slow
- 95 Badge wearer
- 96 Former Swedish carmaker
- 97 USSR's CIA
- 100 Colorado's NHL team
- 105 Descriptor for the fully filled grid
- 109 Cuddled up
- 110 Great Plains natives
- 111 Intro pro
- 112 Capital of Belarus
- 113 "Be" with "you"
- 114 Belief in brief
- 115 94 Across competitively
- 116 Gladden greatly
- 117 They're permitted
- 118 Roomy ride
- 119 Norwegian "Nicholas"
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- 3 Sundae stuff
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- 7 Small digit
- 8 Get two fives for
- 9 Junior, to Senior
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