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- Scott Fitzgerald

BALDY HILL CLIMB 2024



At 9 a.m. sharp, hikers set off to climb Baldy. Photo credit: WRW Staff

Stoking for Snow at Baldy Hill Climb

BY ISAIAH FRIZZELL

September 28th, 2024 marked the 46th annual Baldy Hill Climb, hosted by the Sun Valley Ski Education Foundation. Returning to the Warm Springs side of Baldy there were easily 75 - 100 people checking in, getting their numbers and signing waivers.

Created in 1979 by Kevin Swigert, the Baldy Hill Climb served mostly as a fundraiser. Swigert had been the cross-country director for the ski program and wanted an event that put the team in front of the community. As more joined in, the Baldy Hill Climb became a symbol of community building. In the early days turnout was somewhere around

75-100 people. To many it was, and occasionally still is, thought of as too grueling, but is it? In the beginning there was no return lift. After ascending by foot

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Trophy and decorative Family Prize Plates for the Baldy Hill Climb. Photo credit: Kelly Yeates, SVSEF Cross Country Team

Baldy Hill Climb

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you descended by foot, rounding out nearly 3000 feet of steep mountaineering. Perhaps in those days it was more challenging but with access to a ski lift for the return descent, many now recognize the Hill Climb as a bonding and socially exciting way to challenge oneself and bookmark the commencement of the season. All of this due to the mutually beneficial partnership with Sun Valley Company.

Even with their heavy workload of preparing the mountain, moving earth, taming runs and building infrastructure for the coming snow, Sun Valley Company is gracious enough to donate the use and manpower for the lift at this event square in the midst of their most

crucial time of year.

“We can’t say thanks enough to Sun Valley Company for their support with this event, because, you know they’re, right now, hammering to try to get ready for the World Cup finals.” Rick Kapala praises. Kapala managed the Baldy Hill Climb for nearly 35 years. He was the cross-country program director for the Ski Foundation and, now retired, manages education and coach development part-time. He happily stepped in to help with the Baldy Hill Climb this year while their new cross-country program director Becky Flynn was out of the country.

With over 200 people, kids included, coming in recent years on the last Saturday of September, the Hill Climb is an important component of Sun Valley lore.

“It’s that sort of great time of the year where maybe the town’s a little quieter, but everybody’s getting some stoke going about the upcoming ski season. For an event that’s gone on this long this is one of those sort of calls to everybody that, ‘Hey, winter won’t be long, let’s go climb the mountain and support the ski foundation teams.” Kapala waxes enthusiastic.

“What’s really cool about the event is its participatory nature. There are people trying to beat their time, of course, their personal record up to the top, yeah, but what’s really cool is that it’s another one of these community assets that binds us together as a community. I think we can’t have too many of these things. You know, whether it’s the Baldy Hill Climb, the turkey trot on Thanksgiving Day in Hailey, Tuesday Night Alive in Ketchum or the music down in Hailey at Hop Porter Park. These events bind us as a community. The Baldy Hill Climb is about skiing, sure, but it’s more than that, it’s a community building event and what’s cool is how it just connects people as part of a community who like living here and who really value all the great things about this place.” Kapala has dedicated most of his life to skiing and Sun Valley but it’s his love of the broader community that shows in his words and actions.

What type of awards or commemorative trophies can be claimed?

“We do a number of awards at the top. The most obvious awards are first, second, third for the fastest man and woman coming to the top, and then there’s also age class awards but there’s one that we give for the family class which is a big painted plate where we take your three fastest family member times and then we give



The racers set off at 10 a.m. in a fast start.. Photo credit: Isaiah Frizzell

away an award for that. Those decorative plates are sort of bragging rights.” Kapala laughs. “I think there’s a fair number of people over the years that if they’re doing a backyard deck party and they’ve gotten that plate, you can be sure the chips and salsa or charcuterie will be served on it!”

You can visit the race site to see this year’s full results and previous year’s winners at <https://svsef.org/baldy-hill-climb/>

2024 OVERALL RACE RESULTS

MEN	
1—Peter Wolter.....	26 0:36:04
2—Sam Wood.....	28 0:38:30
3—Neil Bangs.....	41 0:39:12
4—Jackson Long.....	30 0:39:56
5—Duncan Fryberger.....	15 0:41:19
WOMEN	
7—Alexa Turzian.....	36 0:44:19
8—Mali Noyes.....	35 0:44:19
16—Taylor Ganz.....	37 0:48:39
19—Grace Sundali.....	30 0:51:05
25—Helen Wilson.....	23 0:53:27

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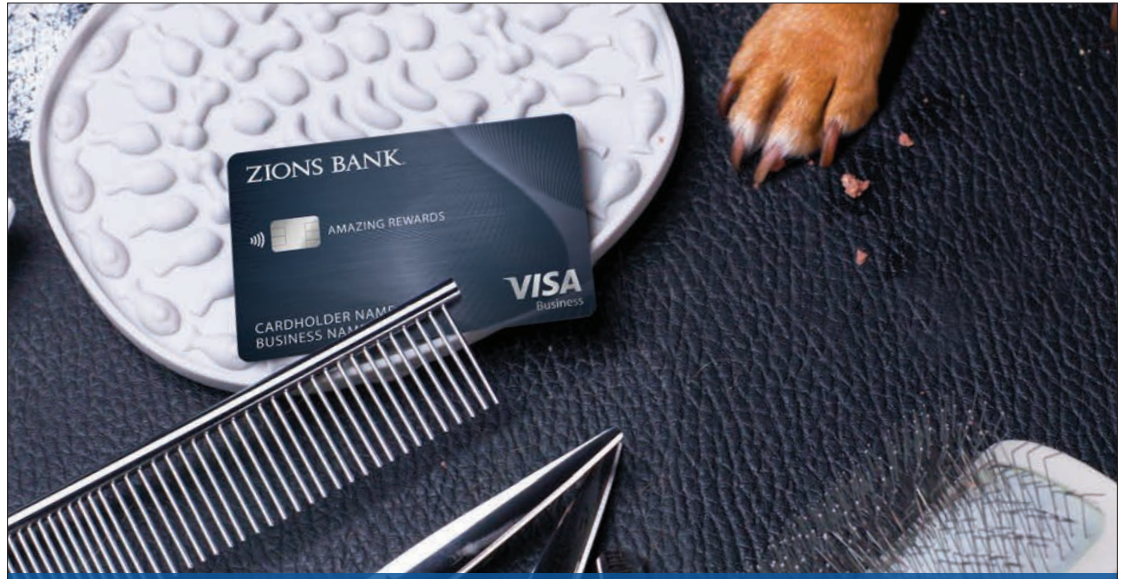
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The Hansen family, wife, Melissa: youngest son, Jonah: oldest son, Daniel. Photo credit: Chris Hansen

BY ISAIHAH FRIZZELL

When you drive through the Wood River Valley, through the side streets and neighborhoods, you see signs in yards. One of the more prevalent signs reads “Chris Hansen.” Many people have asked who this person is and we dug in to find out more.

Music is Math

Chris Hansen has taught math at Wood River High School for eight years. Currently on sabbatical, he is focused on family and a campaign for election to the Idaho House of Representatives to represent District 26B, which covers all of Blaine County all the way down to Jerome.

When I spoke to Hansen, he was taking care of his 14-year-old yellow Lab, Ollie. He laughed when I mentioned that I, too, know a dog named Ollie and wondered why everyone, myself included, says “olly olly oxen free” when they meet the dog! Where does the saying come from? Hansen knew the answer. “I think it’s a kid’s game, you know, like kick the can or freeze tag or something, when you were a kid. When the game was over everybody could come out, they could stop their hiding, everybody was safe. You’d say, olly olly oxen free.” He laughs, solving the mystery.

Hansen is a dedicated father. His name comes up at the Sawtooth Brewery open mic where he often plays guitar. “The big thing is just to show my two boys that it’s okay to get up in front of people and play, and maybe even make a few mistakes, but still, to just do it and not worry.” A father of two, one of Hansen’s sons has become quite the ukulele talent at C’s Mountain School of Music. “They tell me the ukulele is the new recorder... you know, that plastic flute thing we all grew up with. We’re super stoked to have Daniel, my oldest boy, playing the uke. He’s got all the cowboy chords down. I’m hoping to one day play a duet with him, but maybe a few years down the line.”

A third-generation Idahoan, Hansen’s grandparents immigrated from Switzerland. They settled just north of Shoshone in District 26 as Mormon pushcart pioneers; they were potato farmers. The other side of his family are potato farmers as well, from Colorado. After their farm was swallowed up in the Dust Bowl, they were trying to make it to Oregon but ran out of money and settled right around Melba, Idaho. “My parents were the first members of the family to graduate from college, and they met each other when they were fighting fires in Shoshone for the Bureau of Land Management.”

Public Servants

Hansen grew up in Boise. His mother was a teacher, who became a principal, and his father was one of the civil engineers who built the roads in Ada County. Public service is in his blood. He’s worked as a wildland firefighter and community organizer for conservation groups. He graduated from the College of Idaho in 2006. After meeting his wife, 12 years ago, he convinced her to

go traveling with him. They trekked all through Southeast Asia, finally stopping in Cambodia before deciding to land in Idaho when it was time to make a home.

Hansen began teaching math at Wood River High School in Hailey, creating one of the only new math courses there. He recently, with the help of the Blaine County School District, decided to take some time off. “My wife, who’s the rock star here, at The Nature Conservancy, well, she can’t take days off. And so we just kind of said together, hey, maybe it’s time that I take a break. And so I took what’s called a sabbatical. They offer that to you after seven years. And so it’s a little bit of a pause. I feel really grateful to Blaine County School District that they have that program and that they recognize the need for people to take breaks and try different things.”

Programs like this are what drive Hansen to want to serve in support of families. He believes in the positive forces that proper programs incentivize. “I think that the number one thing is you can’t take money away from public schools, like the Idaho Legislature is entertaining with these private voucher schemes. You can’t rob the public school system, especially in places like Richfield and Dietrich and Shoshone, and these small communities within this district that only have one school. There’s no school choice for those people any way that you paint it. So you can’t take away an institution. You just have to fund it properly.

“I think that if you can provide incentives for daycare providers, for early childhood education folks, and then create a market to incentivize people to be those daycare providers, then you’re going to go a long way. We found that out during COVID. You saw who the essential workers were, you saw who people within the community were. It’s great to be able to teach my kid for maybe a week or two, and then you’re like, I really wish I had the teachers back. And I think that’s the same thing that happens with nurses; the idea of burnout is real. And, you know, giving people those opportunities to take some time off and to deal with their own mental health issues is a huge thing we can invest in.”

“It’s the idea of maintenance, I’m in praise of maintenance.”

This could almost be Hansen’s tagline: managing the upkeep of institutions, people’s mental health and the shifting roles we all play in the post-pandemic world.

“I always call myself a radical centrist. There are things that we need, that are essential things, like education for our children. We need to get over to centralist ideas. Make sure that the roads are paved and in good shape. Make sure we’re paying our teachers and they feel like they’re getting a good end of the bargain. Make sure that people can buy homes in the place in which they live, and

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try to make sure that they have childcare if they've got families.

"You know, the SNAP benefits CHIP program in the summer. The White House would have given us \$16 million if we could have just approved \$500,000 for hungry kids during the summer. The Idaho Legislature voted that down. I have a lot of fiscally conservative views, but that is not one of them. That is not even about being fiscally conservative, it's just being cruel. And people will say, 'Oh, well, you know, if you teach a person to fish, they'll be able to...'; you know the adage, but I don't think that's applicable here. We're talking about children. We're teaching them how to fish right now. They don't have it yet. They're not 18 years old yet, you know? I worked at the high school and I saw what being hungry does to a kid in the afternoon or in the morning if they haven't eaten breakfast. So I really feel like we've got to take care of our school children and those people that are in our public schools."

A teacher and father himself, Hansen cares deeply about the children and public servants who are the future of the community and seeks to help better manage the infrastructure that builds a growing town. The signs are in those lawns for a reason.

NEWS

IN BRIEF

The Blockbuster Musical 'Little Shop of Horrors'



Photo credit: Kristen Shultz

Presented By The Liberty Theatre Company

The Liberty Theatre Company presents the hit Broadway musical, Little Shop of Horrors, October 4-19 at the historic Liberty Theater.

In Little Shop of Horrors, the naive and insecure Seymour Krelborn, a put-upon florists clerk working in the slums of skid row, discovers an otherworldly plant that soon changes his entire life after he secretly discovers it thrives on human blood. As Seymour nurtures the plant, his career too begins to blossom alongside it, eventually gaining fame, fortune, and even love. But as the plant continues to grow, and grow, Seymour learns the deadly truth about the plant, and that it will take more than a few drops of blood to keep his dreams alive... and his nightmares at bay.

"This might be the perfect show for this theater", says R.L. Rowsey, longtime artist of the iconic Liberty Theater, and director/music director of Little Shop of Horrors. "Do you like a good old-fashioned musical where people burst into song - just because? Do you like a good sci-fi flick? A bit of a horror story? Do you like to bop in your seat? Laugh until it hurts? Then Little Shop of Horrors is a must for you."

Capitalizing on the inherent talent found within TLTC's company of artists, Little Shop of Horrors features an all-star cast, many of whom will be familiar to local audiences, including Rachel Aanes-tad, Andrew Alburger, Eryn Alvey, Chris Carwithen, Annebelle Lewis, John Mauldin, Matt Musgrove, and Melodie Taylor-Mauldin. Boise artist Chad Shohet, however, is new to the Valley; brought onboard for this production for a special reason.

Little Shop of Horrors the musical is based on the low-budget 1960 dark comedy film by Roger Corman of the same name. The musical was written by Howard Ashman, with music by Alan Menken and opened off-Broadway in 1982. In a few short years, a popular movie adaptation of the musical was released, directed by Frank Oz and starring Rick Moranis and Ellen Greene. At last, in 2003, a revival of Little Shop of Horrors made the leap to Broadway, cementing its status as one of the most popular musicals in the world.

Little Shop of Horrors runs from October 4-19 at The Liberty Theater at 110 N Main Street in Hailey. Tickets are \$30 general admission, \$15 for students, and can be purchased at LibertyTheatreCompany.org. For questions, call 208-582-8388.



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Jane Drussel of Jane's Artifacts

BY ISAAH FRIZZELL

Local Flavor

What makes a town worth living in? The mountains, the sunlight, the local businesses, and the community, of course. The people who live, work and play in your town are the people that create and maintain the fabric of the community. Imagine a town without a community: strangers who briskly run into each other on the off chance they're not on their phone or laptop? A video game of non-playable-characters and inaccessible terrain? Horrifying. When you get off your computer to take a walk or drive to the market, you step into shops just to see what's going on, what's happening around town. Everyone holds a different facet of the diamond that is community. It can be the people you'll meet who define how you value your surroundings.

This week we look at who makes the Wood River Valley the special place it is in the hearts of the community. These are the people you will run into and talk with—talk shop, talk weather, crack jokes or maybe even partner with for business. The community is for the people, with the people, by the people. It's real life happening right there in your neighborhood.

Jane's Artifacts

Jane Drussel is perhaps one of the most well-known businesswomen in the Valley. Drussel is the owner of Jane's Artifacts, an absolutely unique and community-defining shop in downtown Hailey. For sure, Drussel has an aura and many call her a comedian. At a spry 84 years old, she can be found working the aisles and phones of her jam-packed art supply, paper goods, gift shop.

A funny thing happened in 2019 and it comes up in nearly every conversation.

"We still advertise our open houses, which we used to do before COVID. Everything seems to be before COVID!" Drussel opines on the way things have changed, and not that the store or products have changed, it's that people have, dramatically. Jane's Artifacts' open houses are community events of legend. A packed house with food, drink, prizes and great company in a stimulating environment. If you're savvy, you take one look around her store and immediately get ideas for jewelry, scrapbooks, journaling, toys, games, or business. They sell a wide variety of essentials you'll need in any office and can quickly grab there instead of forfeiting your attention and time to Amazon's analysis paralysis machine. In fact, during the pandemic, for this very reason, Jane's Artifacts was deemed an essential service. Let that sink in.

The locals of community-oriented towns genuinely LIKE supporting the local shops and chatting with the personalities who keep the vibe going every day. Consider the cold, empty alternative, mentioned above.

Drussel has lived in the Valley since 1970. She arrived with her first husband from Utah and quickly became part of the culture. After working at JJ Office supply and managing the Bank of Idaho, she eventually helped Gemini Art, a loft above Atkinsons', grow from selling strictly art supplies into a diversified market of office essentials, but Jane had a dream.

Drussel needed her own shop. She found a small basement in Giacobbi Square just after the fire and started Jane's Paper Place. "We had to wash every single peg, it was all smoky from the fire!" Drussel laughs. After months of hard labor and exacting business acumen, she had her shop. As the concept grew, she also opened a Christmas store in Ketchum and the present location in Hailey—three stores total.

In 2004, an investment group would buy these from her but after they went under in 2009, during the huge economic downturn, she decided to open again but under a different name.

"The building was sitting here empty, and obviously nobody was going to rent it, you know, at that stage of the economy. So I reopened a store. I called Georgia [a well-known JA personality] and I said, 'I'm going to reopen the store. Wanna come back to work?'" She said, 'Oh yeah!' So she came back and her, myself and Rachel, we reopened the store. And, you know, we didn't have much inventory in here for a while, but it gradually grew and did really, really, really well up until COVID, and then things, life, changed in all kinds of ways. And then, unfortunately, I lost my husband, who passed away five years ago." The current Hailey location is that store, now known as Jane's Artifacts. Drussel's husband she met on a fateful evening at Sam's, a club in Bellevue, where Mahoney's now sits.

Bruce Willis, Demi Moore, Barbra Streisand and many celebrities have frequented her shop, but Drussel reminds employees, "yYu need to leave them alone, let them wander around." But, naturally, a high-school-aged employee approached Willis once, for a photograph. "I just looked at him [Willis] and kinda grinned and said, 'He's young.'" Drussel laughs with a hint of embarrassment. Willis took it in stride and posed for a happy photograph with the young man. You should ask her yourself about a funny incident with Streisand.



The hard working Jane Drussel in her store, Jane's Artifacts. Courtesy photo

What do you feel about community?

"I try to be very involved in the community. I was president of the chamber for several years and I've been very active in Rotary [Club] and very involved in city matters. I'll be 85, my next birthday, so it's time I let some of the younger people take over responsibilities."

What do you like to do outside of the shop?

"We used to laugh, I had several fetishes, one was socks and the other was ribbon." Drussel's laugh is contagious and the statement almost becomes an inside joke if you know what she keeps in her 'secret' cabinet. "I paint a bit. When my husband passed away I took up quilting and I got really obsessed. I started embroidering squares and then got involved with the fabric store here and went to their Moonlight Sews and fabric has become my fetish. I can't go into a fabric store without buying something." She has three machines on her kitchen table. Always community minded, Drussel makes quilts for the men's halfway house, hospice, the Senior Connection and pillow cases for Camp Rainbow Gold.

The Future of Hailey

"It's kind of interesting, as the years have gone by, how I've seen the community change. When we moved here, Hailey was a booming little town. It had everything. There was no Costco, no box stores, nobody drove to Twin to buy groceries. Nobody did that. You just didn't do that. We had the Triple S, we had The Merc, which was an old-fashioned general store with groceries and clothing. I bought all my kids' clothes there. We had lots of little shops. We had an old-fashioned fountain over where, I think, the Jiu Jitsu place is now. It was Broyles Pharmacy. All the business guys would come in the morning and have their coffee and gossip. They were worse than women! It was the guys thing. It was an old-fashioned drug store and this was a booming place. As the years went by you could see the shops kind of go away. Costco opened up and the energy, the whole demeanor, changed. I don't know what the future will be.

"I would hate to see our store go away. This is a thing of the past. People come in here and they're amazed. They always say, 'I wish we had a store like this in our town. But everything has changed. There's challenges now with the way people buy everything and never leave their houses.'"

Why should you pop into Jane's Artifacts?

"We love to give hugs, hugs are free. We have the coffee pot on all the time, come get some coffee! I've been known to tell a joke or two [understatement noted as everyone laughs]. We try to offer that old-fashioned service where we have a one on one with our customers. Every day people come in and say, 'Oh my god, we're so glad you're here!' and I don't think it's because we have the best stuff or the best deals but it's just a happy, friendly place to go to."

The community is made from the people you'll meet. Find any and all manner of art supply, stationery, office supplies, toys and gifts at great prices. Jane's Artifacts is at 106 S. Main St., Hailey, Idaho 83333.

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MYTHBUSTING IMMIGRATION

Community Leaders Discuss Failed Driver's License Legislation For Undocumented Residents

BY MONICA CARRILLO

The Community Library, The Alliance of Idaho, and The Hunger Coalition held a panel discussion last week, confronting the myths and facts about immigrants in Blaine County and Idaho.

Luis Campos, legal director for The Alliance, provided a short presentation debunking several common myths about immigrants and immigration before joining others for the panel.

This included Steve England, Hailey police chief, Rick Naerebout, Idaho Dairyman's Association's chief executive officer, Becky Lopez, executive director of The Alliance of Idaho, and Naomi Spence, co-executive director of The Hunger Coalition, where they eventually shared their thoughts on "Manejando Sin Miedo" (Driving Without Fear) – a campaign that supported legislation for driver's licenses for the undocumented community.

"It's something we've all worked hard to try to get on the floor, and it's failed twice now," Spence said. "So we will try to keep working on that but God bless Idaho."

"Manejando Sin Miedo" was started in 2021 by Poder of Idaho, a nonprofit organization that mobilizes and organizes the Latino and immigrant community for cultural and policy change.

According to their website, the campaign supported the Driver's Authorization Card, but the bill did not pass. They tried again in 2023 by supporting the Restricted Driver's License Bill and were able to collect over 10,000 signatures across Idaho.

The legislation was sent to the Senate floor "without recommendation" — the farthest the bill has gotten in the state of Idaho.

"I shouldn't say we, I'm not speaking for all law enforcement. Excuse me on this, because there's a lot of law enforcement don't want to see this – but I, as a law enforcement official in the state, Idaho and in our community, would like to see that we get a driver's permit for all persons that are able to and of age in Idaho," England said.

"One thing I see in our job is it would give us a chance to identify that person, fill out a correct citation on them, and actually feel comfortable of who we're dealing with."

Campos also said the potential for increased driver's license infractions within the immigrant community comes from the lack of legislation allowing them to obtain licenses. However, he clarified this doesn't necessarily mean they increase crime in a community.

However, with the political makeup right now, Naerebout said it might not be possible to pass a similar bill in the near future.



From the left: Naomi Spence, Co-Executive Director of The Hunger Coalition, Luis Campos, legal director for The Alliance, Rick Naerebout, Chief Executive Officer of the Idaho Dairyman's Association, Becky Lopez, Executive Director of The Alliance of Idaho, and Steve England, Hailey Police Chief. Photo credit:WRW

"We're just not going to have the legislative makeup to try and move that bill forward and take it back in front of the legislature. It's unfortunate, but that's the political reality of the state we're in right now," Naerebout said.

Estefanía Mondragón, executive director of Poder of Idaho, confirmed that the "Manejando Sin Miedo" campaign is currently on hiatus and will be postponed until further notice.

Derribando Mitos Sobre La Inmigración

Líderes comunitarios discuten legislación fallida sobre licencias de conducir para residentes indocumentados

PORMONICA CARRILLO

The Community Library, The Alliance of Idaho, y The Hunger Coalition tuvieron un panel de discusión la semana pasada, confrontando los mitos y los hechos sobre los inmigrantes en el condado de Blaine e Idaho.

Luis Campos, director legal de The Alliance, realizó una breve presentación en la que desacreditó varios mitos comunes sobre los inmigrantes y la inmigración antes de unirse a otros en el panel.

Esto incluyó a Steve England, jefe de policía de Hailey, Rick Naerebout, director ejecutivo del Idaho Dairyman's Association, Becky Lopez, directora ejecutiva de The Alliance of Idaho, y Naomi Spence, co-directora ejecutiva de The Hunger Coalition, donde finalmente compartieron sus pensamientos sobre "Manejando Sin Miedo" (Conducir sin miedo) – una campaña que apoyó la legislación sobre licencias de conducir para la comunidad indocumentada.

"Es algo por lo que todos hemos trabajado duro para intentar lograrlo, y ahora ha fallado dos veces", dijo Spence. "Así que intentaremos seguir trabajando en eso, pero que Dios bendiga a Idaho".

"Manejando Sin Miedo" fue iniciado en 2021 por Poder de Idaho, una organización sin fines de lucro que moviliza y organiza a la comunidad latina e inmigrante para un cambio cultural y político.

Según su sitio web, la campaña apoyó la Tarjeta de Autorización de Conducir, pero el proyecto de ley no fue aprobado. Lo intentaron de nuevo en 2023 apoyando el proyecto de ley de licencia de conducir restringida y pudieron recolectar más de 10,000 firmas en todo Idaho.

La legislación fue enviada al pleno del Senado "sin recomendación", lo más lejos que ha llegado el proyecto de ley en el estado de Idaho.

"No debería decir nosotros, no hablo en nombre de todas las fuerzas del orden. Disculpe por esto, porque hay muchas autoridades que no quieren ver esto, pero a mí, como funcionario encargado de hacer cumplir la ley en el estado, Idaho y en nuestra comunidad, me gustaría ver que obtengamos un permiso de conducir para todos. personas que pueden y son mayores de edad en Idaho", dijo England.



Esta conferencia sobre inmigración tuvo una gran concurrencia en la hermosa sala de conferencias de la Biblioteca Comunitaria. Crédito de la foto: WRW

"Una cosa que veo en nuestro trabajo es que nos daría la oportunidad de identificar a esa persona, completar una citación correcta y, de hecho, sentirnos cómodos de quien estamos lidiando".

Campos también dijo que el potencial de un aumento en las infracciones de licencias de conducir dentro de la comunidad inmigrante proviene de la falta de legislación que les permita obtener licencias. Sin embargo, aclaró que esto no significa necesariamente que aumenten la criminalidad en una comunidad.

Sin embargo, con la composición política actual,

Naerebout dijo que tal vez no sea posible aprobar un proyecto de ley similar en el futuro cercano.

"Simplemente no vamos a tener la composición legislativa para tratar de hacer avanzar ese proyecto de ley y presentarlo nuevamente ante la legislatura. Es desafortunado, pero esa es la realidad política del estado en el que nos encontramos ahora", dijo Naerebout.

Estefanía Mondragón, directora ejecutiva de Poder de Idaho, confirmó que la campaña "Manejando Sin Miedo" se encuentra actualmente en pausa y será pospuesta hasta nuevo aviso.

FISHING REPORT



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FROM PICABO ANGLER

Silver Creek shines during autumn. The fall bugs will hatch during the most pleasant part of the day, and the surrounding scenery on the creek is breathtaking. We are seeing excellent hatches of small Baetis/BWO (size 20–24) on the entirety of Silver Creek, along with a good showing of Callibaetis (size 16). The October Caddis and Mahogany Duns remain steady, and blind fishing an orange or tan Stimulator, Goddard Caddis, or Elk Hair Caddis in size 10–14 or size 16 Mahogany Duns can be incredibly effective on breezy fall days. The resident brown trout are starting to prepare for spawning in the next few weeks, so be aware of redds and spawning fish. Focus your attention on actively feeding fish, and if you are tossing streamers, look to the deeper slots, undercut banks, and troughs on the creek. A day spent on the creek this time of year can be magical—ducks are flying, elk are bugling, and moose are on the move.

The Big Wood River is another gem. Again, small Baetis are the ticket on the river right now if you're in search of some dry-fly fishing, along with the Hecuba (Western Red Quill). For Baetis, a small (size 18–22) Spilt Flag Adams, Purple Haze, or Mercer's Missing Link will fool plenty of fish, and large (size 10–14) Green Drake Patterns, Parachute Adams, and March Browns imitate the Hecuba. Nymphing is extremely productive this time of year on the Wood, and fishing streamers on the lower river is the way to go when you are in search of big fish. Our custom-tied Coffey's Sparkle Minnow is deadly on all our area fisheries.

The upper Big Lost River system and Salmon River continue to fish well, particularly in the afternoons once the water temperature rises a bit. Concentrate your fishing efforts after lunch and target the juiciest water on the mainstem and East Fork. Look for small Baetis, midges, and Hecubas. Small, subtle terrestrials can be particularly effective as well.

The lower Big Lost River flows have dropped to a fishable level; however, the water levels continue to fluctuate. Once flows stabilize, fishing will be excellent. Again, fall Baetis are a staple on the river, and your favorite attractor dry/dropper setups will move fish that are actively feeding. In addition, fish can be caught with nymphs and streamers.

And don't forget the South Fork Boise River as well. The same flies and techniques used on the upper Big Lost River and Big Wood River are very effective on the South Fork and expect to see plenty of Pink Alberts as well (size 16).

Now is a wonderful time to be an angler here in the Wood River Valley; get out and enjoy some spectacular autumn fishing.

Happy fishing, everyone!



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COMMENTARY

NO BONES ABOUT IT

FRAN JEWELL

FIRST THINGS FIRST

BY FRAN JEWELL

We all know how incredibly important early baby experiences are for human children. We have wonderful mobiles for them to watch while in their cradle. We leave beautiful lights twirling around the room at night, play music for them to listen to when they sleep and read to them every chance we get.

Puppies are exactly the same in that they are sponges of learning even the second or third day after birth. The military created and studied the Early Neurological Stimulation process for puppies to learn how to cope with stimulus they would never get otherwise, which makes them more resilient to stress and better learners. With my puppies, I add scent stimulus of flowers, fruit, even essential oils used for nose-work competition. It is simply incredible to see a four-day-old puppy, with no eyes open or the ability to hear, follow the scent of something new! This ENS program is no different from the entire baby learning we do with mobiles and ocean/soothing sounds for the human baby.

What is even more astonishing is that puppies can learn simple things like sit and down by the time they are just THREE WEEKS OLD!!! They can even learn to start retrieving small objects! By the time they are four weeks old, they are off and running and able to learn about social behaviors like eating together, having human hands petting them while they eat, even learning their names!

The sad thing is that many people think that obedience training shouldn't start until a puppy is 6 MONTHS OLD! By then, the puppy has learned huge amounts by way of his own exploration. He learns that the grass smells good and that those odors are better than your voice calling him. He learns that if he jumps, he gets petted by friendly strangers. He also learns that if he growls when someone comes near his food dish, he gets left alone.

What is IMPERATIVE for us to do is to

direct that learning and teach him to focus on us in order for us to even have a relationship with him. If we allow him to just explore all on his own, without direction, he will continue to do that for the rest of his life. Exploring and performing natural instinctive behaviors is a GREAT thing, but if we want a responsive dog, we need to direct those instincts and we need to teach him early that his behaviors must fit in with our human world.

What few people really understand is that what we teach our puppy FIRST is what he will do when he is stressed, over-aroused or excited. Exactly what that means is that whatever we reward the first day he comes home is what he will do when he doesn't know what else to do. SO, if we want our puppy to be a polite greeter, we must make sit be our priority in teaching immediately—sit for everything. Sit at the door to go out, sit for petting, sit for food, and sit for toys, and so on.

My best example was my first purebred German shepherd, Giselle. I got her to do competition with including the conformation ring. So, the very first thing I taught her as an itty-bitty baby was the German shepherd "stack," with her front legs together, and one back leg under her while the other back leg was set exactly perpendicular to the ground. It takes a lot of work. But, I figured if I wanted to take her into the show ring, I knew she would get nervous. If the first thing she was taught was her stack, she would do that automatically. It worked! When she got into the show ring, she was wonderful and so easy to handle. In fact, whenever she was unsure of any situation throughout the rest of her life, she would do her German shepherd stack. It was amazing!

With Kalidor, I started man tracking with him at nine weeks old! At his first tracking test the judge came up to me and said, "It was an honor to watch your dog track today!" Needless to say, I was so honored myself that a judge would say that to me.

If we want a hunting dog, we should be



I have two puppies right now that I am training—Lenny, the Labrador retriever, and Tooley, the German shepherd. At this young age of 11 weeks old they can both "leave it," "watch," "sit," "down," and come to their names. It is such a joy to watch them learn every day. Photo credit: Fran Jewell

teaching our dog hunting skills right from the get-go. If we want a tracking dog, imprint that tracking behavior. If we want a dog that doesn't jump on every person he meets, teach him sit for everything.

As puppy owners, we want our puppy to grow up sound, stable, happy and able to live in our human environment. If we are intentional about this very simple, extremely important rule, we can set our puppy up for success easily. Before you even pick up your puppy, you should be thinking about what your goals are for your puppy. Then, immediately when that puppy comes home, start working toward that goal. Your puppy will love the work and the direction and you will find fewer behavior problems down the road. Prevention, prevention, prevention is ALWAYS the best way! Behavior intervention is always much more difficult and not always successful.

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SCIENCE OF PLACE

HARRY WEEKES

Twitchy Time

BY HARRY WEEKES

I am writing this in the very first hours of fall, what, in the birding world, is a particularly twitchy time.

The double entendre here is that birders in Britain have been dubbed "twitchers" for their penchant to flit about, looking for birds. Then, there is the fact that birds in the fall in the United States (and parts north) all get a bit jumpy as they start thinking about heading south for the winter.

To get a glimpse of the extent of this avian twitchiness, BirdCast is a website where you can find live migration maps of birds in the U.S. that are compiled by aggregating information from weather surveillance radar (we can now determine the difference between clouds and flocks of birds).

By way of example: The last night of summer (September 21 to the wee hours of September 22) had as many as 700 million birds in flight over the United States. You read that correctly—700 million birds. That is a few more than two birds for every U.S. citizen.

Well, I managed to find one of my allotment. Actually, he found me.

Years ago, a small willow emerged in the corner of our yard, not accidentally in the same place as one of the sprinkler irrigation boxes.

In the two decades we have lived in our house, this willow has grown from volunteer shoots, to a 30-foot, multi-stemmed behemoth. This tree literally glistens with insect activity: ants, flies, bees, wasps, aphids, and what seem to be dozens of different kinds of

walking and winged critters adorn the stems, leaves, trunk, and every nook and cranny of the plant. All of these plump bodies add up to a kind of high-density protein and butter buffet for a whole series of tiny birds as they move across the landscape fattening up for migration.

Early in the morning, I heard the unmistakable thump of a small body on the window and had a bird in my hand within seconds.

I do what I always do in these cases—I gently pick up the bird and then walk around bobbing and cooing, doing everything I can to cause no further injury while also working to keep the bird conscious and alive.

And that is how I spent my breakfast—one hand lightly cupping a bird as I made lunch, wrote Hilary a note, and otherwise prepared for the day.

From generally stunned, to mildly alert, to sitting upright on my palm, the bird moved in the right direction, before moving in the right direction, which was out of my hand and onto the grass in a short burst of wingbeats.

I picked him up one more time, then perched him on a lounge chair before stepping away, hoping he would have a little more time to recover. This enabled me to take his photo, learn that I had found my first ever orange-crowned warbler, and generally marvel at how this nine-gram bird was currently making its way to as far south as Mexico.

While there is no direct comparison of weight to travel distance, it is fun to consider myself against this bird. I weigh roughly 10,000 times as much, which means my equivalent annual migration journey would



take me to the Moon and back over 50 times.

I know, I know... it doesn't work like that. But just imagine embarking on this kind of journey. The first crisp winds of September would awaken some part of your brain. This would overlap with signals telling you there was less and less light each day. Some unknown magnetic pull from the planet would make you a little jumpier. And then, on a cool, clear night, amidst the twinkling constellations, you would look to the Moon, silently whisper, "Here I come," and head out for the stars.

Twitchy, indeed.

Harry Weekes is the founder and head of school at The Sage School in Hailey. This is his 53rd year in the Wood River Valley, where he lives with Hilary and two mini-Dachshunds. The baby members of their flock have now become adults—Georgia and Simon are fledging in North Carolina, and Penelope is fledging in Vermont.

MONEY MATTERS

SUZANNE HAZLETT

THE HIDDEN TAX

BY SUZANNE HAZLETT, MBA, CIMA®, CFP®

Inflation is sometimes referred to as a hidden tax as it reduces the purchasing power of your earnings. Essential personal finance news you need to know for September – the Federal Reserve has cut its key interest rate by half a percentage point as inflation has fallen to its lowest level since 2021.

Why It Matters

The move and the potential for another rate cut before year-end indicate interest rates will come down for many borrowers while lowering the rates that financial institutions pay savers.

Auto loan rates + car prices have been trending lower as dealerships are expected to continue offering incentives and discounts.

Credit card interest rates on carried balances reached an average rate of 22.76% in May. More competitive rates are on the horizon, particularly with smaller banks or credit unions.

Mortgage interest rates have been uncomfortably high for nearly two years, disrupting the housing market and pushing mortgage payments to record highs. That trend has shifted. According to Freddie Mac, the average interest rate for a 30-year fixed-rate mortgage hit 6.46% in mid-August, the lowest point since May 2023.

Savings Accounts, Money Market Funds + CDs have benefited savers in recent years. Variable yields will decline with the FED's decisions.

Fixed-income investments with locked-in yields typically increase in value as rates decline, as previously purchased bonds become more attractive than newly issued bonds with lower rates.

Stocks tend to perform well when borrowing costs decrease.

A personally tailored investment mix that factors in liquidity needs, risk tolerance, and time horizon is well worth the time it takes to assess changing market opportunities and protect long-term purchasing power.

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INSPIRATIONS FROM MY HEART

DOVE

Asking For Help

BY DOVE

How many of us resist asking for help when we truly need it. Does the mental narrative you listen to you say, “I don’t want to be a burden. I can do this by myself. Everyone is so busy that I don’t want to impose.”

The reality is that we all need help sometimes and loving ourselves means we are not afraid to ask for help. I am not talking about financial help per se, but physical help to move a piece of furniture, or when you are feeling bad, being willing to call a neighbor to pick something up at the grocery store. How often do we just choose to suffer rather than do the loving thing of “asking for help.”

I will confess that asking for help is one of the hardest things I do. I absolutely resist the idea of being dependent on anyone other than family and I certainly don’t want to impose upon them as they have busy lives. I suggest that maybe we create a list of “helpers” for those that are sick or feeble or unable to drive. Those of us that are able could facilitate the needs of others. Isn’t that what being human is all about? Learning to care for each other without a fee. Maybe just making a phone call and checking to see if some of our older friends need something. I know I get caught up in my chores and projects and don’t always think of those around me that need a kind word, or some arugula from my garden. Most often people just need a hug—that connection to others so they know they are not alone.

I have come to the realization that the essence of being truly human is to love, first yourself, enough to ask for help when needed, and then to give assistance when you are able. I had a strange dream about a friend the other night and I followed through on calling them. Sure enough, they had just been to the ER because of a virus.

Learn to listen to that still small voice inside. When someone pops into your thoughts, it is probably not an accident, it is a message to connect with them and find out what is going on.

I am blessed beyond measure because I have family close and a husband of sixty years who do everything they can to keep connected with me. When my dad was passing many years ago, he was in and out of the body. When he popped back in for a brief moment, he said, “The only thing you get to take with you is the love.” Then he was out of there.

Let us live our lives from that place of not acquiring but loving. After all, that is what humanity is capable of more than any other species. Who knows, maybe we create a help hotline just for those that are lonely and need conversation or hugs or a break from their current reality. Put aside your ego and ask for help when you need it. That takes great courage and self-love. Blessings, Dove



ON LIFE'S TERMS

JOELLEN COLLINS

ERADICATE OR IMPLEMENT

BY JOELLEN COLLINS

When I read of California Governor Gavin Newsom’s issuance of a state legislative bill directing all public school districts to “place limits on student smartphone use on campus during school hours, unless approved by teachers or administrators for academic, emergency, or other purposes,” I was at first surprised that this measure was initiated, and then I pictured the difficulties ahead for classroom teachers and other staff to fulfill this difficult though healthy change.

As a former public and independent schoolteacher, I am aware of the relatively recent preponderance of smartphone presence in school. Even many years ago it was difficult to ask students to open their laptops only for schoolwork. It was a challenging use of teacher effort and time to ask students to develop a discipline where they would not be sneaking private messages or looking up things on their devices. However, I did learn that this could be implemented, especially in the newer methodology of more student participation rather than teacher lectures. I understand the difficulties involved in accepting any edict applying to all students.

Many comments from legislators and pundits reflect the need for exceptions to a complete elimination of phones, probably impossible to impose. There will be exceptions for emergency use of a phone in a critical situation. Staff and administrators will find ways to assure access in a true emergency or a desperate need or illness of a child, or threatening objects outside of classroom or an environmental problem.

I have always enjoyed teaching in a classroom that is cooperative enough that all students, while they can express themselves, are aware that others also need to learn. Thus, excessive talking, passing notes, sneaking something around the room or making fun of another student, and now use of smartphones, are situations that distract from the essence of a teacher’s purpose. A student can always contribute orally in turn and work in small groups. I imagine limiting this new temptation may be a difficult process and one I worry about as a concerned teacher and parent and grandparent.

Many scholars, teachers, and doctors have warned of the frightful possibilities of the overuse of smartphones especially by children and an increased problem existing in many varieties of class discipline and behaviors. I have known very strict teachers who tightly control their classrooms and observed some pupils struggle with such rigid environments. However, many of those students often later recall an amazing learning experience with those teachers. Other classrooms may have looser environments, which encourage more student participation, individual paces of learning, and even moments of relaxation. There is no perfect model.

I am excited that the overuse of this method of communication can be altered to assure a healthier environment, and that the emotional and learning growth of our young people will not be damaged by the omnipresent mobile. I prefer face-to-face connections, gestures and surroundings. I pray this new attempt works, but I admit that it is another stress for teachers who must deal with a tough new cultural pattern. Good luck, all!



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WRANGLER'S WRITINGS

BRYCE ANGELL

THE RANGER'S CABIN

The higher-mountain autumn air came early with a bite. We made our stop at the ranger station cabin for the night.

The ranger’s old-time Franklin stove was ready for a fire. We chopped some kindling, lit a match, and watched the flames grow higher.

We warmed our hands, then held our boots up to the stove for heat. I finally rubbed some circulation back to my cold feet.

The rustic old guard station was now feeling toasty warm. We’d stay here for the night and weather out the mountain storm.

Our Coleman propane lantern gave the needed light to see. It must have been nostalgia, at least a feeling over me.

I gazed around the quarters, not a plug-in on the wall. No Internet to check on and no cellphone use at all.

I only could imagine ‘bout this cabin long ago. Two rangers eating biscuits, prob’ly made from sourdough.

One ranger was much older. He was tall and extra lean. His face was weather-chiseled, didn’t show an ounce of mean.

The other ranger, young in years, was smart enough to know he would learn more while he listened than a big mouth just for show.

Were they eating steaks of venison or rations from canned beef? Did the younger get a sip of gin that later caused him grief?

Did they talk about their lives out in the vastness all alone? The older ranger said this was the only life he’d known.

I’m sure he told the young buck, “Just keep thinkin’ ‘bout your work. Those gals are mighty pretty, but they’ll drive you plumb berserk!”

They finished eating supper. The older rolled a Bull Durham smoke. The younger ranger moved on back. The tobacco made him choke.

They finished washing dishes. Dumped the coffee from the pot. Then they turned in for the evening, sleeping bag and army cot.

The rangers used the cabin for their safety and for rest. Now it’s used for recreation. Did the rangers ever guess?

Has the cabin seen life’s changes from the day that it was new? Does the cabin miss the rangers over men like me and you?

— 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.

SUNSHINE TOWNHOMES

The Heart of Elkhorn Village



Sunshine Townhomes

Nestled in the heart of Elkhorn Village, Sunshine Townhomes present an unparalleled opportunity for those envisioning a private slice of paradise in Sun Valley, Idaho. The first phase of this exquisite collection of 42 mountain-modern residences is nearly complete, thoughtfully designed to harmonize style, comfort, and accessibility. Embodying the essence of refined Sun Valley charm, Sunshine Townhomes offer a seamless blend of luxury and tranquility. With the convenience of nearby Mountain Rides bus stops and easy access to Dollar Mountain, residents will enjoy effortless immersion in the surrounding natural beauty.

Ready for occupancy, Sunshine Townhomes offer a variety of meticulously crafted floor plans. Future phases will expand this selection, with current options ranging from two- to five-bedroom configurations, each with private attached garages, high-end finishes, and mountain views. The development takes full advantage of Elkhorn's premier recreational amenities, including pools, hot tubs, tennis and pickleball courts, and golf access—solidifying Sunshine as one of the most coveted addresses in Sun Valley.

Infused with contemporary elegance, Sunshine Townhomes are as well-suited for year-round residents as those seeking a part-time retreat. With two-, three-, and five-bedroom units currently available, the expansive, open floor plans are spread across three levels and accessible via stairways or elevators. On the ground floor, private garages offer ample storage space for outdoor enthusiasts, with room for tandem vehicles, skis and snowboards, mountain bikes, and more. A generously sized utility room on the ground floor of the larger units houses central air and heating systems along with an energy recovery system, ensuring absolute comfort and modern convenience in every part of the home.

"We set out to create a townhome project and product on par with the nicest in the Sun Valley/Ketchum area," explained Stan Nix of Timberline Real Estate Partners, based in Austin, Texas. "Hand-blown glass for lighting, incredible amounts of storage, a kitchen for all to be in, and upgraded plaster throughout the bedrooms are just a few of the many things we thought about for an upscale home in Sun Valley. We wanted Sunshine to be special, unique, appealing, and built over time so there is some breathing room in the market."

Each residence features Rocky Mountain Hardware fixtures, an interplay of clean, modern lines with warm timber and stone accents, and a striking gas-lit fireplace that evokes the coziness of a mountain cabin within a contemporary setting. The gourmet kitchens are fitted with Wolf, Sub-Zero, and Cove appliances, complemented by leathered quartzite countertops and rift-sawn oak millwork. Private terraces for outdoor dining offer sweeping views, while balconies off the living and dining areas and third-floor bedrooms provide serene outdoor space.

Luxurious bathrooms are beset with soaking tubs, walk-in showers, and elegant tiling. The four- and five-bedroom units boast elevators and flexible media rooms. With soundproof construction, an abundance of natural light, and a focus on luxury design, Sunshine Townhomes offer an unparalleled living experience for families, discerning vacationers, and those seeking an elevated lifestyle.

"Sunshine offers a truly exceptional living experience in the heart of Elkhorn, and we are thrilled to be part of the team," said Grady Burnett of Keller Williams Sun Valley Southern Idaho. "It's been wonderful working with Timberline Real Estate Partners, as they are passionate about this community and committed to delivering an outstanding, timeless product."



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BETTER HOMEOWNERS NEWS

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Falling Mortgage Rates Are Bringing Buyers Back

BY ANNA & MICHELLE

If you've been hesitant to list your house because you're worried no one's buying, here's your sign it may be time to talk with an agent. After months of high rates keeping buyers on the sidelines, things are starting to shift. Rates are already coming down due to a number of economic factors.

And the Federal Reserve cut the Federal Funds Rate again this month. And while they don't control mortgage rates, this sets the stage for mortgage rates to fall even further than they already have — especially since more cuts from the Fed are expected into next year. And lower mortgage rates are bringing more buyers back into the market. Lisa Sturtevant, Chief Economist at Bright MLS, says: "A drop in the cost of borrowing will help fuel more homebuyer demand ... Falling rates will also bring more sellers into the market." The best part? You can take advantage of that renewed buyer interest.

As Rates Fall, Buyer Activity Goes Up

The graph below illustrates the relationship between falling mortgage rates and rising buyer activity. The orange line represents the average 30-

year fixed mortgage rate, while the blue line shows the Mortgage Bankers Association (MBA) Mortgage Application Index, which tracks the number of mortgage applications.

As you can see, as mortgage rates (orange) come down, the Mortgage Application Index (blue) rises, showing more people start to re-engage in the process (see graph below):

What This Means For You

According to the National Association of Realtors (NAR), home sales increased in July, which was a welcome shift after four straight months of declines. If you're a homeowner thinking about selling, this uptick in buyer activity works in your favor.

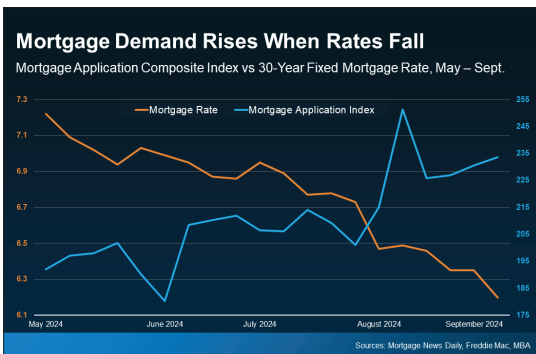
More buyers means more competition, which can lead to higher offers and shorter time on the market for your house. And, according to Edward Seiler, AVP of Housing Economics at the Mortgage Bankers Association (MBA), this trend is expected to continue: "MBA is expecting that slower home-price appreciation, coupled with lower rates, will ease affordability constraints and lead to increased activity in the housing market."

All in all, the market is becoming more accessible to a wider range of buyers, which could result in even more people looking to purchase a house like yours.

With more buyers entering the market, now's the time to start getting your house ready to sell.

What's Next?

The recent decline in mortgage rates is already driving more buyers into the market, and experts project this trend will continue. Let's work together to take advantage of this increased buyer demand and get your house ready to sell.



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NUESTRA VOZ CUENTA

Monica Making A Difference!

BY MONICA CARRILLO

OUR VOICE COUNTS

It's been almost three months since the last time I did an update on the Washington State University fellowship I accepted. And so far it's been an honor to be able to work in such a diverse city and two notable newsrooms.

Three months ago I started a position as a rural affairs reporter through a joint partnership between The Spokesman-Review and Spokane Public Radio. Washington State University created 16 fellowship positions in different newsrooms across the state to increase coverage in underserved communities.

Never having had experience in radio before, it has been fun and exciting to learn a new form of informing the public of events and issues happening in our community. And through this, I have been able to provide news coverage on electric vehicle increases in northeastern Washington's rural communities, Latino and other cultural events, water



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NUESTRA VOZ CUENTA

Monica!

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infrastructure updates in a rural community outside of Spokane, and more for both newsrooms.

Although some days are long (more so when you are navigating moving to a new city), each week is full of exciting and long days of researching and writing and I am eager to see how the rest of this fellowship plays out.

NUESTRA VOZ CUENTA

Han pasado casi tres meses desde la última vez que hice una actualización sobre la beca de la Universidad Estatal de Washington que acepté. Y hasta ahora, ha sido un honor poder trabajar en una ciudad tan diversa y en dos

redacciones destacadas.

Hace tres meses, comencé a trabajar como reportero de asuntos rurales a través de una asociación conjunta entre The Spokesman-Review y Spokane Public Radio. La Universidad Estatal de Washington creó 16 puestos de becas en diferentes redacciones de todo el estado para aumentar la cobertura en comunidades desatendidas.

Como nunca antes había tenido experiencia en la radio, ha sido divertido y emocionante aprender una nueva forma de informar al público sobre eventos y problemas que suceden en nuestra comunidad. Y a través de esto, hemos podido brindar cobertura de noticias sobre aumentos de vehículos eléctricos en las comunidades rurales del noreste de Washington, eventos culturales latinos y de otro tipo, actualizaciones de la infraestructura de agua en una comunidad rural en las afueras de Spokane y más para ambas salas de redacción.

Aunque algunos días son largos (más aún cuando te mudas a una nueva ciudad), cada semana está llena de días largos y emocionantes de investigación y escritura, y estoy ansioso por ver cómo se desarrolla el resto de esta posición.

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CHAMBER CORNER

MIKE MCKENNA

Thanks To The Community Idaho Lumber celebrates 50 years

BY MIKE MCKENNA

In a world full of “me first” people, it’s nice to live in a community where so many folks put “us” or “we” first. It’s these types of people, folks who care deeply for this place and put their time, talents and energy into supporting it, that make the Wood River Valley so special.

And there’s no better example of this “we first” attitude than Idaho Lumber.

Originally opened in 1974 as a truss company, Idaho Lumber will be celebrating its 50th Anniversary with a free concert and birthday party (see details below).

There once was time, however, when Idaho Lumber wasn’t as community-focused. In fact, it used to be known as “I Don’t Know Lumber” and shopping there was about as enjoyable as getting a root canal.

But that all changed after the Hunters bought the place in 2015.

Todd and Angie Hunter decided to purchase Idaho Lumber and move their family of three boys (Gavin, Cash and Lennon) back home to Idaho. On their first night in town, Todd went out to grab some pizza to celebrate. While waiting for their to-go food, Todd asked the bartender what he thought of Idaho Lumber. He told Todd its negative nickname, which everyone else at the bar confirmed.

While this news may have been a setback for some folks, the Hunters quickly realized it was actually a setup for success. They instantly made some major changes, including a big remodel, adding over 20,000 more products, becoming an Ace Hardware partner and creating the new tagline, “We do know lumber ... and hardware and much more.”

“We just embraced that challenge as an opportunity,” said Todd, who’s coached local high school football for the last nine years.

Idaho Lumber business instantly took off. While all the aforementioned changes made a difference, Todd said the real keys to their success are their employees.

“A big focus for us is our staff. We really value our employees and we treat them like family,” Todd said. “We want this to be the type of place where people want to come to work.”

Angie oversees much of the staffing details, while all three Hunter boys can be found working at the store when they’re not in school or playing football. “Angie and I make a really great team,” Todd said.

Idaho Lumber just redid its parking lot and is in

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the midst of a remodel that will add another 2,500 square feet. The new space will expand their RV and camping products as well as a variety of home and sporting goods.

“We’re adding more things that people in this community need,” Todd said.

Already well known for giving back, Idaho Lumber’s birthday bash is just another example of the “we first” attitude that makes it so great.

As Chamber Board President Sarah Benson said, “We need more Todd Hunters in this community.”

Idaho Lumber’s 50th birthday celebration will take place on Saturday, October 12 from 3-9 p.m. at the Hailey rodeo grounds. Food and beverages from Sawtooth Brewery will be available for purchase. The concert is free and everyone in the community is welcome.

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

CLASSIC SUDOKU

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LUMBERING AROUND: From out of the woodwork
by Gail Grabowski

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| ACROSS | 74 Model of virtue | 5 Veranda |
| 1 Mineral springs | 75 Every now and then | 6 Starting squad |
| 5 Duo | 78 Censure | 7 Lombardy's locale |
| 9 Mamma Mia! group | 82 Farm pen | 8 Frolic |
| 13 Source of suds | 83 Golf major tourney | 9 Feeling guilty |
| 17 Within the law | 84 Decree | 10 Conked on the noggin |
| 19 Beetle Bailey pooch | 85 Goes to bat for | 11 Type of money |
| 20 Salty septet | 86 Fleece source | 12 Exhibit curiosity |
| 21 Variety show | 88 Put back to work | 13 Poker variety |
| 22 Japanese dog | 90 That lady | 14 No longer happening |
| 23 Paper purchase | 91 Pennsylvania port | 15 Subtle glow |
| 24 Handful of hair | 92 To the ___ degree | 16 Hotel no-nos, maybe |
| 25 Out in the open | 93 Nanotechnology tool | 18 Back muscle, for short |
| 26 Certain convention principle | 96 Lavish celebration | 21 Lasso |
| 29 Carmen and Salome | 97 Familiar with | 27 Column style |
| 30 Palmistry practitioner | 99 Chicago-to-Atlanta dir. | 28 Hideout |
| 31 "Goodness!" | 100 "Keep it a secret!" | 29 Prefix for present |
| 32 Congregation's cry | 102 Quaint plaint | 33 Look forward to |
| 34 Charged atom | 105 Time-line slices | 35 ___ left field (wrong) |
| 36 Restrict | 109 Himalayan guide | 36 Univ. test graders |
| 37 Fossil fuel | 112 Ambassadorship, e.g. | 38 Cincinnati's river |
| 41 Microchip locale | 115 Bother incessantly | 39 Cannonballs and buckshot |
| 47 Mai ___ cocktail | 116 Ristorante beverage | 40 Impolite look |
| 48 Quaint plaint | 117 Penchant | 41 Honduras house |
| 49 Oktoberfest exclamation | 118 Rigatoni relative | 42 Words of concern |
| 50 Immune system components | 119 Cambodians' neighbors | 43 Limerick feature |
| 51 Luau souvenir | 120 Polish prose | 44 ___ firma |
| 52 Theft, e.g. | 121 Long ago | 45 Goodyear fleet |
| 53 Introduce oneself | 122 Menu selection | 46 Ancient |
| 55 Free (of) | 123 Lecture site | 51 Young lady |
| 56 Bikini top | 124 A whole bunch | 52 Not pppd. |
| 58 Coupe descriptor | 125 Steinbeck's East of ___ | 54 Very rapid transit |
| 60 Closely allied | 126 Scattered, as seeds | 56 Like 20-Across |
| 62 Ground cover | | 57 Raise the roof |
| 64 Paid pitches | | 59 Witty ones |
| 65 Brain wave test, for short | DOWN | 61 Square-mile fraction |
| 66 Maritime journal | 1 Open-handed hits | 62 Manner of walking |
| 69 Menlo Park monogram | 2 Tea variety | 63 Insignificant |
| 72 That lady | 3 Limber | 67 Subdue with a zap |
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| 70 Get off the couch | 88 Gridiron judge | 106 Sonata movement |
| 71 ___ Sketch (drawing toy) | 89 Winemaker Carlo | 107 Good ___ (repaired) |
| 73 Sci-fi beings, for short | 92 Grandma | 108 Unyielding |
| 76 Hammer parts | 93 Some fish traps | 109 Adam and Eve's third |
| 77 Apple topper | 94 Lounge around | 110 "That's a riot!" |
| 78 White hat wearer | 95 Paging devices | 111 Bibliography abbr. |
| 79 "This is for you" | 98 Keep under control | 113 Clarinet cousin |
| 80 Landed (on) | 101 Chooses, with "for" | 114 USN noncom |
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