

Property owner responds to city's claims

'WE'RE TRYING TO WORK WITH THE CITY. IF IT HAS TO BE DONE, RYAN AND I WILL DO IT. AT LEAST COMMUNICATE WITH US.'

Mia Suchoski
St. Maries Property Owner

BY TYSON JUAREZ
THE GAZETTE RECORD

Property owner Mia Suchoski responded to claims made by city officials regarding a triplex she owns at 325 Main Avenue.

In the October 2 edition of the Gazette Record, it was reported that Mayor Tom Carver had provided a memorandum written by city Building Offi-

cial Tom Garrison regarding the 325 Main Avenue project.

In the memorandum Garrison wrote "it was made clear to me that the potential buyer was informed of the ongoing efforts to rectify the noncompliance use of the building and that the building had never received the required special use permit."

The city had sent a letter to Suchoski dated September 18

saying the building was out of compliance and that she had 45 days to contact the city on the matter before facing fines and potential jail time.

She said that was the first time she had been contacted by the city regarding the non-compliance issue.

Suchoski claimed she had never been in contact with the Trowers, who were the owners who had started the special

use permit process, about the purchase. Instead she said the Trowers had sold the building to a company in Virginia and that is who sold the building to her.

"We did not buy the property from the Trowers," Suchoski said. "We purchased it from a company in Virginia."

Suchoski said she did not know about the building's

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DONOR WALL GOING UP AT HUGHES HOUSE



A contractor works to fill in around the foundation of the new wall behind the Hughes House Museum. The wall will now display the bricks bearing the names of Hughes House supporters that were previously set in a walkway behind the museum.

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Guilty plea for rape

Cummins faces more charges

BY TYSON JUAREZ
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A local man pled guilty to rape charges in Kootenai County this month.

Jonathan R. Cummins, 22, St. Maries, pled guilty to one count of rape where the victim is 16 or 17 years of age and the perpetrator is three years or more older than the victim.



Cummins

The guilty plea came as part of a pretrial settlement offer with Cummins' sentencing on the matter set for December 17. The maximum penalty for rape in the State of Idaho is up to life imprisonment.

The charges stem from an incident that occurred in July 2024. Cummins was arrested July 30 in Benewah County and transported to Kootenai County Jail on allegations he raped a juvenile in Harrison.

According to an affidavit submitted by Kootenai County Sheriff Detective Broesh, the victim told police that she had recently met Cummins and had invited him to hang out with her and three other friends. Cummins allegedly provided alcohol to them.

Reports from witnesses say the victim left her friend's residence in the early morning hours of July 16 and seemed intoxicated.

The victim said she fell asleep and allegedly woke to Cummins raping her. The victim's

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Harrison sues local business over easement

BY TYSON JUAREZ
THE GAZETTE RECORD

The city of Harrison has again filed suit against a local business owner over an easement agreement dating back to the 1960s.

The city of Harrison has filed a lawsuit against Harrison business owners Jeff and Dona Hall, who own and operate the Gateway Marina.

This is the second time within the last decade that the city has filed a lawsuit regarding an easement on the Halls' property. The easement is a designated area in front of the Gateway Marina that is meant to be used for public parking.

The city alleges that the Halls and Gateway Marina have not been following the easement agreement that was established in 1965 by

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Jeff Hall
Gateway Marina

former owners of the lake-front property Albert Mault and Claris Mault and the city of Harrison.

City of Harrison Mayor Wanda Irish said the two parties had reached a mediated settlement agreement back in

2016. Mayor Irish alleged that the Halls have not followed the agreement by placing signs on the property and not letting people park in the easement area.

"He's (Jeff Hall) supposed to allow parking for the beaches. It is public parking," Mayor Irish said. "He owns the property, we have an easement."

Mayor Irish also accused Hall of putting tickets on vehicles that have stayed in the parking lot which he doesn't deny.

"Yes I do that, I have the right to do what I want with my property. No I have never made anyone pay anything. The point is to regulate the parking," Hall said.

Hall argued that no where in the original easement agreement does it say that he cannot put up signs or

ask people who have been parked too long in the lot to leave.

The original easement states "it is a further condition of this grant that the grantors may use said property in any lawful manner, not inconsistent with the terms of this easement."

"There's nothing specifically in there that I'm violating," Hall said. "There's nothing that prohibits me from doing these things. What it does say is what they (the city) can and can't do."

Mayor Irish said the lawsuit has cost the city over \$4,000 so far. In 2016 the city council had agreed to pay \$10,000 to settle the suit. So far, Mayor Irish said the two lawsuits have cost the city just over \$20,000.

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St. Joe Valley Credit Union celebrating 65 years

BY SUMMER WILLIAMS
THE GAZETTE RECORD

The St. Joe Valley Credit Union celebrates its 65th anniversary this month.

The charter for the credit union was signed Oct. 29, 1959. It started with 33 members and \$173 in assets.

The goal of the credit union then and now is to promote thrift among its members and to be able to make needed loans to members.

Today, Manager Gloria Rauch said the establishment serves more than 1,100 members and has more than \$13 million in assets.

Rauch has been manager for

16 years, but has been with St. Joe Valley Credit Union for a total of 32 years.

Throughout the remainder of the month, Rauch said the branch will be doing giveaways, drawings and refreshments for members and any new ones that join.

Membership was originally only offered to city, county, state, and federal public employees. In 1986, the membership area was changed to those living or employed within a 35-mile radius of St. Maries. Today, Rauch said, credit union membership is open to those living, working,

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SUMMER WILLIAMS | GAZETTE RECORD

The St. Joe Valley Credit Union celebrates 65 years this month. Staff and volunteers with the establishment are holding the original sign that hung at the credit union's original location on College Avenue. They are: Kaela Davis, Rose Greer, volunteer Shawn Hixson, Breanna Harwood, volunteer Pam Shawver, Manager Gloria Rauch, Joanna Dahlkey, Reggie Mourning, volunteer Margaret Davis, Michelle Transue and Tricia Parmeley. Not pictured: Bethany Sanchez.



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HARRISON : Owners of Gateway Marina sued after city says agreement not followed

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“All we want is Mr. Hall to follow the easement agreement from 1965,” Mayor Irish said. “That’s all we want him to do.”

To add to the conflict, Hall has now pressed charges against city council member Joe Cornell for misdemeanor battery after Cornell served the lawsuit papers to him.

Hall alleges that when he was leaving the post office in Harrison, Cornell shoved the papers into his stomach and dropped the papers on the ground saying “you’re served.”

“You can do that, drop the papers on the ground, it’s a le-

gal service, but you can’t touch people,” Hall said.

Mayor Irish argued that Cornell did not shove the papers into Jeff and claims they have witnesses of the incident. She said the attorney had a tough time finding Hall to serve the papers to. Cornell said he had some people who could do it and ended up allegedly serving the papers himself.

Cornell has so far pled not guilty to the charge and has a court date set for October 21.

“I don’t know what’s going to happen there,” Mayor Irish said.

According to court documents, the parties are seeking a jury trial to settle the lawsuit which has been tentatively scheduled for August 2025.

ANNIVERSARY: Giveaways, drawings, refreshments offered all month long

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worshiping, attending school or conducting business regularly in Benewah County and the four adjoining counties: Kootenai, Shoshone, Latah and Clearwater.

Rauch said before moving to its present location at 129 S. 9th Street, St. Joe Valley Credit Union was located on College Avenue where the eye doctor office resides. Prior to that, the credit union books were kept in the home of the board’s secretary/ treasurer.

Rauch said the volunteers who have sat on the board of the credit union were an instrumental part in the credit union’s success.

“The volunteers are a huge reason we’ve grown and why we are still here,” Rauch said.

The late Gene Dundas was one of the longest serving board members, and held the positions president, vice president and treasurer during his tenure. Today’s board includes Dale Hill, president; Roger Nelson, vice president; Teresa Jeffrey, secretary; Dale Baerlocher, treasurer; and Beth Nelson, director.

She added Levene McPoland, who managed the credit union for more than two decades, also played an instrumental role in getting the current building built which houses the St. Joe Valley Credit Unio today.

“She laid the ground work for progress,” Rauch said.

Clyde Miller had the first member account and was a charter member, Rauch added.

For many years, the establishment did not have a loan officer and after applying, a party would have to wait for the application to go before a committee for approval.

“Today, a member can have the loan tomorrow,” Rauch said.

Technology has changed greatly throughout the credit’s union tenure as well, Rauch said, as well as the way things are done.

“We have people who are still shocked we have online banking,” she said.

The St. Joe Valley Credit Union is unique, she said, in that it does not have any other locations. Rauch said most of the credit union’s members live close, but there are many from the Silver Valley that use the services offered.

“People love to be able to call and get a person,” Rauch said. “We have a lot of younger members even who like to come in and talk to someone face-to-face. You always hear people say this generation is all online but I don’t feel you can throw them all in that category. We really have both young and old who appreciate personal service.”

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CITY: Owner says city red-tagged building early

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non-compliance prior to receiving the letter from the city and argued that the building has been a triplex since 2008 and that it should be grandfathered in.

Suchoski said the building was red tagged October 4, just over two weeks after she was sent the non-compliance letter. Suchoski said the red tag with a “do not occupy” order had been placed at the building at 3 p.m. Friday and said that city hall was not open by the time she got the red tag.

“They red tagged us before our 45 days had even gone by,” Suchoski said. “We had tenants who live there com-

City, County reports to print in next week's issue

Due to both the Benewah County and city of St. Maries council meetings being moved to Tuesday due to the Columbus Day holiday, reports on the meetings will be featured in the October 23 edition of the Gazette Record.

ing to us asking if they could even enter the building.”

Suchoski said she has made multiple efforts to contact Garrison to discuss the matter, but says he has not returned her phone calls. She said she has had some contact with Mayor Carver on the matter and that her attorney and the city’s attorney have made contact.

She said she and her husband Ryan are willing

to work with the city on the matter to find solutions.

“We’re trying to work with the city,” she said. “If it has to be done, Ryan and I will do it. At least communicate with us.”

Suchoski said the red tag was removed the following Friday and said she is unsure if city officials removed the tag.

The *Gazette Record* reached out to Mayor Carver regarding the matter and he refused to comment at this time.

CUMMINS: Pled guilty in Kootenai, still to appear in Benewah

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friends had come to her home to check on her when they found Cummins unclothed in the victim’s bedroom. Cummins was asked to leave after they had found out he was 22-years-old.

Additionally, Cummins is facing five felony charges in Benewah County and is awaiting to appear before a Benewah County judge following his sentencing in Kootenai County.

He has been charged with two counts of rape in Benewah County, one count of child sexual abuse of a minor, one count of felony enticing a minor through the internet and one count of felony administering of drugs. He also was charged with one count of misdemeanor dispensing of alcohol to a minor.

According to an affidavit submitted by Detective Michael Richardson of the Benewah County Sheriff’s Office, a 16 year-old St. Maries victim alleged Cummins had sexual intercourse with her on two occasions between June 2024 and July 2024.

The information was brought forward to the Benewah County Sheriff’s Office after a Kootenai Coun-

ty Sheriff’s Office Detective told Detective Richardson that Cummins admitted to allegedly having sex with a 16-year-old in Benewah County during his interview with law enforcement.

The victim told investigators that during an encounter with Cummins, they and some friends were at the Christian residence at 1403 Center Avenue in St. Maries and were drinking alcohol provided by Cummins.

The victim stated they remember being heavily intoxicated when Cummins initiated sex with them and doesn’t remember saying no. The victim said they don’t remember how much Cummins had to drink and whether or not he was intoxicated when the incident occurred.

The victim told investigators that Cummins had allegedly been doing the same thing to other underaged individuals in the area as well. The victim told investigators that Cummins would talk to girls and tell them he wanted to be with them and that he loved them in order to get them to be with him.

The affidavit states that Cummins had also been discovered to have been having explicitly sexual con-

versations with a 13-year-old victim on Snapchat.

The affidavit states the chats show that Cummins had asked the victim if they would say anything if they were to have sex.

The affidavit states that Detective Richardson interviewed Cummins and that during the interview, Cummins admitted to having sex with the 16-year-old victim and admitted to supplying the alcohol.

When asked about the incident with the 13-year-old, the affidavit states that Cummins said he was “off his meds” and “hung over” and “didn’t mean anything by it.”

Cummins also stated he was originally from Washington State where he claimed the age of consent is 16. In the state of Washington, a person must be 16 years of age to consent to any sexual activity. If under the age of 18, the person’s partner must be no more than five years older than the minor.

In the affidavit Detective Richardson wrote in response to the interview with Cummins: “During my interview with Cummins I observed he exhibited behaviors consistent with grooming children to gain favor for sexual acts.”

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Jenna Bassett
Certified Medicare Counselor

Medicare workshop next week

BY TYSON JUAREZ
THE GAZETTE RECORD

Those who want to learn more about changes to medicare benefits will want to visit an upcoming workshop scheduled for later this month.

A Medicare review workshop will be hosted by Benewah Community Hospital's Certified Medicare Counselor Jenna Bassett next week from 10 to 11:30 a.m., Wednesday, October 23 at BCH's Francie Walters Board Room.

Bassett said she tries to offer two workshops, one which is more geared towards individuals who are new to medicare, and one that is geared towards



those who are on medicare but need to be informed on upcoming changes.

Next Wednesday's workshop will be helpful to those who are on Medicare and want to know if their plan will still work for them in 2025. Bassett said she will be there to help Medicare users navigate the many changes coming to premiums, deductibles and more next year.

Bassett said those new to Medicare are still encouraged to attend the workshop.

"This is to tell individuals why it's so important to review your plan every year," Bassett said. "There are always changes taking place. In Benewah County there will be some big changes."

"People can review what they have against what's com-

ing," she added. Bassett said the workshop will also serve as an opportunity to schedule a one-on-one appointment with her to discuss individual Medicare plans.

Bassett will also host a Medicare enrollment event November 22 which will have limited spots available for those wanting to enroll in or review Medicare plans. Bassett said those who can't make the October 23 workshop are encouraged to set up an appointment with her or get a spot at the enrollment event.

For more information on the upcoming workshop or to schedule an appointment to review your Medicare coverage, call Bassett at 208-245-7682 or email jbaraga@bchmed.org.

Open enrollment through December 16

BY TYSON JUAREZ
THE GAZETTE RECORD

Those looking for medical and dental coverage are able to enroll for 2025 Health Insurance now through December 16.

Your Health Idaho, Idaho's insurance marketplace, issued a press release this week announcing the enrollment period opening and announcing that its services have been improved to include new self-service tools that will make enrollment easier.

Your Health Idaho will have 13 insurance carriers on its site, offering 149 medical and 24 dental plans.

The release said Idahoans will also be able to use a single application to apply for a tax credits and health insurance. The site also features tools to help Idahoans find out the amount of tax credit they qualify for.

"While the cost of medical treatments and services continues to drive premium increases, tax credits are designed to lessen the financial impact on consumers. Idahoans may even see their premium costs go down in some areas," Your Health Idaho

Executive Director Pat Kelly said in a press release.

Tax credits can pay for some or all of monthly insurance premiums and according to Your Health Idaho, around nine out of 10 current enrollees of insurance plans receive a tax credit.

Idahoans can also see if they qualify for Cost-Sharing Reductions which can help lower costs on co-pays, deductibles and out-of-pocket expenses.

Kelly adds in the press release that "this past year has been focused on improving Idahoans' experience when shopping for plans, including adding many new self-service tools."

Kelly said Your Health Idaho has worked to make the process of shopping for an individualized plan easier and recommends those who are unsure where to start to work with a certified agent or broker who can walk them through the steps to get the right plan for them and their family.

"These experts will ensure they receive the correct tax credit amount and other savings they may qualify for, and their help is available at no cost to consumers," Kelly said.

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Pat Kelly
Your Health Idaho Executive Director

Idahoans who want coverage for 2025 must select their plan by midnight December 16 with plans beginning January 1, 2025.

Those already enrolled through Your Health Idaho will be automatically renewed for 2025.

For more information or to view insurance plans, visit yourhealthidaho.org.

Slew of local Halloween activities

BY SUMMER WILLIAMS
THE GAZETTE RECORD

An array of activities will be offered in area communities for Halloween.

EMIDA COMMUNITY CENTER

The Emida Community Center will have a Halloween Carnival from 6 to 9 p.m. Friday, Oct. 25.

There will be food, games, a cake walk and other activities. A \$5 bracelet will let an individual play all the games except for the cake walk. Costume contest at 7:30 p.m. Prizes will be awarded for couples, adults, teens and kids. A spaghetti feed is also planned. Cost is \$10 for adults, or \$5 for those 10 and younger.

UPRIVER PTO

The UpRiver PTO will host the annual Halloween Carnival Saturday, Oct. 26. The event is from 5 to 8 p.m. at the UpRiver School in Fernwood. Bracelets are \$5 and are good for all games except cake walk, gold fish booth and haunted hallway. Tickets are 50 cents. Judging for the pumpkin decorating contest is at 6 p.m. It is for all ages so be sure to bring your pumpkin with you. Costume contest is at 6:30 p.m. Cash prizes for first to third place. Age groups are 0 to 4; 5 to 8;

9 to 12; and 13 to adult. Pizza and drink will be available for \$3.50.

BENEWAH VALLEY ASSOC.

The Benewah Valley Association and Benewah Home Demonstration Club has planned a Halloween party at 5 p.m. Oct. 26 at the Benewah Community Building. Prizes for best dressed, treat bags for kids, dinner and more.

COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Community Presbyterian Church in St. Maries will host a Halloween party from 4 to 6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 26. The event will have music, movies, costumes, games and food. The event is for children in pre-k to fifth grade.

ELKS LODGE TRUNK-OR-TREAT

Bring your little boos and ghouls to the annual St. Maries Trunk-or-Treat, hosted by the Elks Lodge, from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 31. Set-up for trunks will be from 4 to 4:15 p.m. Trunk-or-treaters can participate from 6th Street to 9th Street on Main Avenue, and from Center Street to College Avenue on 7th Street. Candy donations are being accepted at the Elks Lodge.

PLUMMER CARNIVAL

A Halloween Carnival will

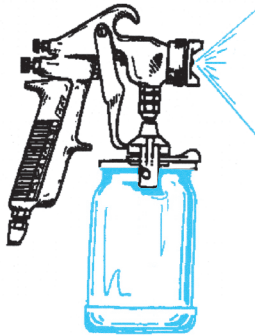
be offered in Plummer as well on Halloween night, Oct. 31. The event will be from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Plummer Community Center. It is a fundraiser for the Plummer Day committee. Hot dogs and chili will be available for purchase. Kids' costume contest at 7:30 p.m. Tickets for games cost \$1 each or six for \$5.

KOOTENAI KIDS COLLEGE

The Kids College at Kootenai School District will host the 5th Annual Trunk-or-Treat event from 5 to 7 p.m. Oct. 31 at Harrison City Park. Community members are encouraged to join, and candy donations are greatly appreciated. Donations may be dropped off at Harrison Elementary. Set-up will be at 4:30 p.m.

CALDER PARENTS CLUB

The Calder Parents Club will host a night of spooky fun Nov. 1 at the Calder School gymnasium. A free dinner (donations encouraged) at 5 p.m. will kick the evening off. Carnival games and a cake walk begin at 6 p.m. Costume and pumpkin carving contests are planned so be sure to dress in your favorite costume and bring a carved pumpkin to enter. Adult and child categories with prizes for best dressed adult, boy and girl.



SMILE
A WHILE

A man and his wife are sitting in the living room. He says to her, "Just so you know, I never want to live in a vegetative state, dependent on some machine. If that ever happens, just pull the plug." So she gets up and unplugs the TV.

Greg looked over to see his friend Kevin scribbling on a piece of paper. "What are you doing?" Greg asked. "Writing a letter to my girlfriend." "Why are you writing so slowly?" "She can't read very fast."

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SHERRIFF'S LOG

FRIDAY, OCT. 4

8:51 a.m.: A Plummer man reported receiving a spam phone call from someone who claimed to be with border patrol. The caller told him they had received a package from him.

2:49 p.m.: There was a walk-in report of an ATV on fire in the Dunn Peak/ Slate Creek area.

4:34 p.m.: A St. Maries woman wanted it logged that she and her husband had a verbal dispute.

5:17 p.m.: There was a report of six to eight kids on their motorcycles driving up and down Milwaukee in St. Maries.

5:40 p.m.: A St. Maries resident reported there has been a vehicle parked in front of the caller's residence for about 30 minutes. There was an older gentleman and younger boy inside of the vehicle.

SATURDAY, OCT. 5

1:36 a.m.: A party that called 911 said it was an accident. The caller said their son was trying to show them how to zoom in on the phone screen.

9:07 a.m.: A St. Maries resident called in to file a report that someone was darting animals inside the city limits.

10:22 a.m.: A Fernwood woman reported there were five cows in her yard with orange tags.

2:13 p.m.: A St. Maries woman reported her neighbor and his son were felling something that was actually on her property and she didn't want to confront them about it.

8:31 p.m.: A caller reported putting \$51 into the ATM and only got \$20 back. The caller was also advised to call the bank Monday.

SUNDAY, OCT. 6

10:03 a.m.: A Plummer woman reported she was at her daughter's house in Plummer and a male made threats at them.

5:59 p.m.: There was a report of a male with tattoos on his face causing a disturbance at C Street and 10th Street in Plummer. The caller said the individual was possibly intoxicated.

MONDAY, OCT. 7

8:47 a.m.: A Plummer resident requested an ambulance due to having a hard time breathing.

12:26 p.m.: A St. Maries woman reported her sister left her phone in the bathroom at work. When she went back to get it, it was gone. She said she can see the location of her sister's phone on an app and the phone was traveling in a vehicle down Highway 5. She asked what could be done. She was advised to call back with a location when the vehicle with the phone stopped.

12:46 p.m.: A St. Maries woman reported her neighbor's dog killed all her chickens a year ago and today the dog was trying to force its way into her house. She said she has the dog locked in the shed at her house.

1:17 p.m.: A Fernwood woman requested a welfare

check on her sister and her sister's child.

10:23 p.m.: There was a report of an individual walking down Highway 95 near Tensed wearing dark clothing

TUESDAY, OCT. 8

8:36 a.m.: A St. Maries man reported someone stole one of his game cameras off his property. He said he has a picture of the individual responsible. He said one of his neighbor's knows the individual.

8:38 a.m.: A St. Maries resident reported the hounds belonging to her new neighbors bark and howl all the time. The caller did not want to give her name, but wanted someone to go by and tell them they need to try and keep the dogs from barking all day.

11:31 a.m.: A woman reported she lives in Benewah County but has been scammed twice by listings on Facebook marketplace in Kootenai County. She said she was transferred after she said she lived in Plummer.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 9

10:38 a.m.: A Fernwood woman reported she left her apartment and when she went back the door was open and she believes her ex may have been there.

5:50 p.m.: A man called and asked how he can help his friend who is messaging him from Baker City, Oregon that something is wrong.

AT THE COURTHOUSE

PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE

Rex L. Pope, b. 1966, of Puyallup, Wash. Felony: grand theft (Sept 24).

Meggan J. Bragg, b. 1982, of Arco. Misdemeanor: possession of marijuana and possession of paraphernalia (Sept. 27).

Amy N. Larrabe, b. 1976, of Fort McCoy, Fl. Misdemeanor: possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia (Sept 27).

Patrick M. Ragan, b. 2002, of Arco. Misdemeanor: possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia, driving under the influence (Sept. 27).

Jeremy L. Duke, b. 1979, of Fernwood. Misdemeanor: violation of a protection order (Oct.5).

Lucas E. Pluff, b. 2006, of DeSmet. Misdemeanor: driving under the influence (Oct. 8).

Jesse J. Brebner, b. 1991, of St. Maries. Felony: domestic battery with traumatic injury, domestic assault (Oct. 1).

CRIMINAL DISPOSITIONS

David P. Brakebill, b. 1962, of Santa, pled guilty to exhibi-

tion or use of a deadly weapon (MIS). \$600 fine, \$157.50 cost (Oct. 3).

Derrenger R. Bressie, b. 2002, of Plummer, pled guilty to reckless driving (MIS) (originally flee or attempt to elude a police officer in a motor vehicle (FEL)). \$157.50 cost, 3 days jail (3 days credit), 1 year unsupervised probation. Withheld judgment (Oct. 7).

Derrenger R. Bressie, b. 2002, of Plummer, pled guilty to driving under the influence (MIS). \$202.50 cost, 3 days jail (3 days credit), 1 year unsupervised probation, 90 days suspended driver's license (Oct. 7).

Brooks Gregory Kling, b. 1980, of Moses Lake, pled guilty to inattentive or careless driving (MIS) (originally driving under the influence (MIS)). \$300 fine, \$157.50 cost, 2 days jail (2 days credit), 3 months unsupervised probation (Oct. 7).

Braxton J. Vigue, b. 1993, of St. Maries, pled guilty to driving without privileges (MIS). \$150 fine, \$172.50 cost (Oct. 7).



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Many Idahoans are eyeing Proposition 1 which will be on the ballot this November. The Propostion, if approved by voters, could drastically change how Idaho conducts its primary and general elections.

Voters eye Proposition 1

BY TYSON JUAREZ
THE GAZETTE RECORD

While local, state and national candidates have taken the spotlight in this year's election, another item on the ballot is being closely eyed by Idaho voters.

Idahoans will get to vote on whether they approve Proposition 1, which would bring open primaries and ranked-choice voting to Idaho's primary and general elections.

Idaho has been a closed primary state since 2011.

Proposition 1 could drastically change the way Idahoans vote by creating nonpartisan top-four primary elections that are open to all candidates and all voters no matter their party affiliation. The current law has voters declare a party affiliation and those voters must request their party's ballot for the primary election.

Proposition 1 is a ballot initiative which, in the state of Idaho, is a direct form of democracy where the voters decide whether or not to pass

a law. It takes 50 percent plus one of yes votes for it to pass.

Rank choice voting would allow voters to rank candidates in order of preference which would make it to where if a voter's first choice doesn't have a chance to win, the voter's ballot counts towards their next choice and so on.

Some criticism of the ranked choice voting system includes that there may be processing delays and that it may be complicated and confusing for voters. Supporters of the Proposition say that it will allow voters to have a voice in all Idaho Elections.

Idaho House Republicans passed a law in 2023 banning ranked choice voting and have drafted arguments against Proposition 1.

Idaho Governor Brad Little has come out publicly against Prop 1 saying "I am opposed to ranked choice voting and signed House Bill 179 in 2023 banning it in Idaho. We must promote voting practices that are clear, increase voter participation, and don't undermine

confidence in our elections, and ranked choice voting meets non of those standards."

Idaho legislators can still amend or repeal Proposition 1 if it is approved by voters.

Benewah County Elections Clerk Lynn Ragan said that Proposition 1 would certainly change the way elections are carried out locally.

She said the way that the county currently counts votes and carries out elections is not set up for ranked-choice voting. She said the county would have to purchase new voting equipment.

"It would change the way we tabulate. A hand count of votes would go out the door," Ragan said.

Ragan noted she has heard of some instances where election offices have had issues with election results due to issues with tabulation equipment algorithms.

To find out more about Proposition 1, visit voteidaho.gov. Voter informational pamphlets are also available at the Benewah County Courthouse.

Kootenai looks to continue supplemental levy

BY MARY GREVE
THE GAZETTE RECORD

The Kootenai school board has asked the community to support the continuation of the supplemental levy for another couple of years.

Superintendent Scott Davis said he's not yet heard much feedback about the request.

'THE PEOPLE I HAVE TALKED WITH ARE STRONGLY SUPPORTIVE SINCE WE ARE NOT CHANGING THE AMOUNT REQUESTED COMPARED TO OUR CURRENT LEVY ... I THINK THAT PEOPLE UNDERSTAND THAT IN IDAHO LEVIES ARE NOT REALLY SUPPLEMENTAL. THEY ARE AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE SCHOOL FUNDING MODEL AND THEY GRANT A HIGHER LEVEL OF LOCAL CONTROLS.'

Scott Davis
Kootenai School District Superintendent

"The people I have talked with are strongly supportive since we are not changing the amount requested compared to our current levy and we do a lot to provide a quality educational experience for our students," he said. "I think that people understand that in Idaho levies are not really supplemental. They are an integral part of the school funding model and they

grant a higher level of local control."

The district is requesting a total of \$1.373 million per year for the next two years to cover athletics, security, special education, building maintenance, career and technical education and salaries and benefits.

Superintendent Davis said the district has changed the allocations a bit to reflect its current needs, but the total amount, and the number of years of the levy (2), is unchanged from the last request of voters.

Because the overall levy amount being requested has not changed, the district does not expect it to create any additional burden on taxpayers.

The district has distributed a brochure containing information on the levy, including the tax impact required on the ballot by Idaho Code.

The estimated average annual cost to the taxpayer on the proposed levy is a tax of \$87 per \$100,000 of taxable assessed value, per year, based on current conditions. The proposed levy replaces an existing levy that expires on June 30, 2025

Superintendent Davis said the district focuses heavily on academics. It was recently recognized as a "Top Ten" performing informational Public school district in Idaho for ELA. Additionally the district leads the 13 northern Idaho public schools in advanced and proficient ISAT testing scores in math and ELA.

Three levy informational meetings are scheduled. One was held yesterday (Tuesday). The next two are scheduled for 6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 17 at the school district library and 6 p.m. Thursday Oct. 24 at the East Side Fire station in Carlin Bay Area. The levy election is scheduled for Nov. 5.

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WORLEY: Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Veggie, Salad, Birthday Cake

THURSDAY, OCT. 17

FERNWOOD: Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce, French Green Beans, Jell-O, Salad Bar/Sourdough Bread, Milk/Assorted Juices
WORLEY: French Toast, Sausage, Potatoes, Eggs, Fruit

FRIDAY, OCT. 18

ST. MARIES: Fishsticks, Coleslaw, Muffin, Dessert
PLUMMER: Chili Dogs, Potato Salad, Soup/Salad Bar, WW Bread, Dessert, Milk/V8/Fruit Juice

MONDAY, OCT. 21

ST. MARIES: Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy, Carrots, Roll, Dessert
FERNWOOD: Pork Enchiladas, Spanish Rice, Black Beans, Cook's Choice Dessert, Salad Bar/Homemade WW Rolls, Milk/Assorted Juices
PLUMMER: Roast Chicken, Butternut Squash, Soup/Salad Bar, WW Bread, Dessert, Milk/V8/Fruit Juice

TUESDAY, OCT. 22

WORLEY: Pizza, Pasta Sauce, Salad, Garlic Bread

All meals are served at Noon

RMEF Banquet Nov. 9 at Elks Lodge

BY TYSON JUAREZ
THE GAZETTE RECORD

The St. Joe Chapter of the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation (RMEF) will have its annual banquet next month.

The RMEF banquet is slated for 5 p.m., Saturday, November 9 at the St. Maries Elks Lodge.

The banquet will serve to celebrate the RMEF's 40th anniversary and will not only feature a dinner but an auction and games as well.

Those who want to attend the banquet can purchase a meal

and supporting membership for \$70 or the couples package which includes two meals and one supporting membership for \$105. Immediate family members or existing life members can purchase a meal for \$35.

There are additional table packages and raffles packages available to view by visiting events.rmef.org.

For more information or to RSVP for the banquet, contact St. Joe Chapter chair Emmy Masterson at 208-582-2214 or email Emily_ragan1972@protomail.com.

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[WHAT'S UP DOC?]

As the chilly weather creeps into our community, we are reminded that winter is just around the corner with ice, snow, and freezing temperatures.

Not only is it a time to make sure our health cabinet is up to date with supplements, medicines and supplies for the winter: Acetaminophen, Ibuprofen, vitamin C and D, zinc, cough or elderberry syrup, Pepto-Bismol, cough & flu medicine, a working thermometer, hot water bottle, refillable ice pack, a variety of band-aids, hydrocortisone cream, and my fav for tummy aches, activated charcoal (1-2 gelpacs for indigestion, nausea, gas or diarrhea).

I wrote this article last year and I thought it would be a great reminder to look at our auto health before Jack Frost nips at our noses. So, the winter roads can be dangerous and having to drive somewhere during a winter storm can be a real burden. Be prepared ahead of time and save a lot of grief during any adverse event; winter storm, breakdown, accident, etc. by servicing your car, driving safely, and packing a winter car emergency kit.

I keep a tire gauge in the glove compartment and check all the tire pressures monthly, especially after temperature changes. I also check the oil, antifreeze, and windshield fluid often. Remember in the 50's/60's, service stations would fill your car with fuel and check the oil, the fluids and wash your windshield. Now we need to immolate



DR. RALPH SUTHERLIN

those same tasks to keep our vehicles healthy. I make sure each vehicle has an emergency car kit: jumper cables, flares, an emergency blanket, a towel, water, kitty litter, first aid kit, ice scraper, flashlight, gloves & wool cap, WD-40, small shovel, granola bars, juice boxes and a zip lock bag with duct tape, screwdriver, adjustable wrench and needle nose pliers. You never know when you'll need any of these things, but you'll sure be glad you have them when you need them!

- Check your tire tread. When getting your car ready for winter, be sure to inspect your tires for tread wear and rotate them during every oil change. To check your tire's tread, use the Penny Test. You do this by taking a penny and placing it in the tread groove of your tire. Place the penny with Lincoln's head facing you and stick the penny in the tread so that the top of Lincoln's head is no longer visible. If his entire head is visible while in the groove, it's time to replace your tires.
- Fill up your tires. Low air pressure in your tires can be potentially dangerous on winter roads.
- Consider snow tires. Switching to studded snow tires can help driving on snowy and slippery roads.
- Change your oil and antifreeze. Regular maintenance to your vehicle can help prevent any car troubles.
- Check your heater and defroster. Short drives are not too burdensome when you don't have heat in your car but consider what would happen if you were stuck in your car for an extended period of time, while not having heat.

CHECK YOUR VEHICLE'S HEALTH FOR THE WINTER

- Inspect your battery. Your vehicle's battery capacity lessens in cold weather. Inspect your battery's fluid and cables or have your auto professional perform a winter check on your vehicle.
- Lube weather stripping and window tracks with a silicone spray.
- Lube your door locks and latches/hinges with WD-40.
- Check your windshield wipers and replace if needed.
- Replace your engine and cabin air filters.

Also, always keep your fuel tank above half full, to not ever run out of gas as well as adding extra weight while driving in the snow. I have fueling gloves when I am at the gas station because my hands get cold and I know many people have touched the handle with dirty hands. When you think winter, remember colds, flus, bronchitis... Keeping your hands protected and clean will prevent illness as well as dryness/cracking.

Please drive slow in the snow and ice this winter. Don't be in a rush; give yourself plenty of time! Do not brake or accelerate in a turn. Doing two actions at once while driving on an icy road is a recipe for slipping. Spend some time this week and take a look at your car.

Drive Safe and Be Well,
Doc Ralph

DR. RALPH SUTHERLIN is a board-certified physician specializing in Family & Preventive Medicine. He is accepting new and existing patients at Syringa Health & Wellness in St Maries, "Where Your Health Comes First" (208) 568-7800. Questions or Comments: idahoirsurgeon@aol.com

[BOOK REVIEW]

BY TERRI SCHILCHENMEYER

BY MASON COILE

The second the door shut, you knew where your keys were.

Not in your hands. No, they were on the kitchen table.

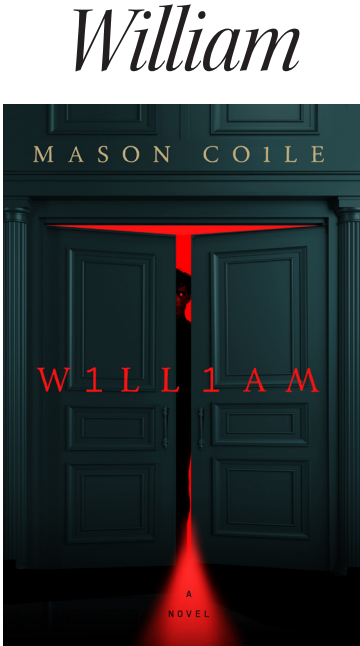
So you locked yourself out but no worries, your smart phone is tied to your door locks. Your house alarm is, too, as are the lights and the coffemaker. Technology is a wonderful thing, isn't it? Although, as in the new novel "William" by Mason Coile, having certain "smart" devices can be a dumb idea.

Once upon a time, Henry had a loving wife and a happy life.

Where did everything go wrong? Why did his wife treat him with such disdain? Was it because of the new baby coming, and Lily's feelings about it? No, their problems undoubtedly stemmed from Henry's agoraphobia; they hadn't left the house together in months. Henry was only really comfortable within the confines of their expensive, uber-safety-enhanced Victorian-era home, in his attic laboratory, his creative space.

That was where he'd made the little robot that repelled Lily so much, though the butler-robot was basically harmless.

No so with William, Henry's AI creation.



The attic laboratory was where William got out of hand. Henry knew about that, but he didn't want to tell Lily, in case it caused more problems between them.

Once, they'd been a team; with their technological talents and her money, they would change the world. And then she got pregnant, he stopped going outside, and she started looking at him in a way that made him worry that she didn't love him anymore. Henry was, in fact, sure she was having an affair with one of her former co-workers.

When that co-worker and another of Lily's colleagues insisted on seeing his laboratory, Henry had a very bad

feeling about it. He was aghast when William assaulted Lily, and threatened everyone else. And as his guests tried to escape a robot with a mind of its own, Henry was terrified when William took control of the house's doors and windows...

So what do you know about artificial intelligence (AI)? The average person probably doesn't know much and might be somewhat nervous about its implications and possibilities.

"William" will make you feel even edgier about it.

Even if your knowledge of the subject is vast and wide, author Mason Coile will terrify you with this twisty tale of tech gone too far. Coile's Henry is a hot mess, unsure of himself, no confidence, and no guts and Lily is oddly cool, almost cruel in her dismissal of his anxiety. This seems menacing almost from the first page, and it plays out wickedly throughout the rest of the story. Readers shouldn't be blamed for thinking that Henry's robot is a truly bad idea, and you shouldn't feel guilty for wanting to pause and pace around awhile to settle your nerves.

Good luck with it.

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Lyden Robertson chats with some of the vendor's at the Elks Lodge's Autumn Market Saturday.

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UpRiver PTO eyes new playground equipment

BY TYSON JUAREZ
THE GAZETTE RECORD

The UpRiver Elementary School may be joining the trend of receiving new playground equipment as local parents, teachers and businesses are joining together to fund the project.

'IT HAS BEEN A LONG TIME GOAL OF THEIRS (PTO) TO GET NEW PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT. AT THE END OF LAST YEAR, PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT BECAME A FOCUS WITH THE STRUCTURE REALLY SHOWING ITS AGE, INCLUDING A POST THAT WAS COMPLETELY ROTTED THROUGH.'

TJ Blackwell
UpRiver Principal

The UpRiver PTO is leading efforts to bring new playground equipment to the UpRiver Elementary School. As of the beginning of October, the PTO has raised more than \$8,853 towards the project with \$5,000 of that having been donated by the Fernwood Mercantile. The total needed to purchase the new equipment will come to around \$48,000.

"It has been a long time goal of theirs (PTO) to get new playground equipment. At the end of the last year, playground equipment became a focus with the structure really showing its age, including a post that was completely rotted through," UpRiver principal TJ Blackwell said.

Blackwell said the need for new equipment was brought forward by some 1st and 2nd grade students. He said the students had met with him several times and sat in on a meeting with him and the UpRiver Community United. Blackwell said it was the PTO though that took the reigns and started serious fundraising towards the project.

Along with support from local entities and businesses, PotlatchDeltic had also purchased a 4H pig and donated it to the UpRiver PTO. The donation has now become a significant fundraiser in the effort to bring the playground project to fruition.

"The PTO however, really moved on this and is doing a lot of fundraising for this initiative including putting 100 percent of the profits from their pig and freezer raffle toward the playground equipment," Blackwell said.

Blackwell said that since the issue had been brought to the school's attention, the old equipment was removed due to its condition.

For more information on the playground project or to find out how to donate to the cause, call the UpRiver Elementary at 208-245-3650.

Tribe hosing foster care information night

BY MARY GREVE
THE GAZETTE RECORD

The Coeur d'Alene Tribe will host a foster care information night Tuesday.

The first 10 people through the door will receive a free pumpkin.

The session runs from 5 to 6:30 p.m. in conference room C of the Wellness Center in Plummer.

The program will be presented by the tribal social services department.

Attendees can learn and get questions answered about fostering and Kinship Care

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on and around the Coeur d'Alene Reservation. Those interested in volunteering for the program or wanting help with supporting children

are not required to be tribal members.

The program can help with folks already caring for a native child that is not their own. It may also be able to help with resources and advocates and help those who are interested become licensed foster parents. Resources available include a monthly stipend, tribal TANF, winter clothing voucher, and paid sports and membership fees.

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Apples and cabbage are both ready for harvest, so this recipe is a great one to combine the two flavors together for a delicious coleslaw salad.

Apple and Cabbage Coleslaw: In a large bowl, combine 4 cups shredded green cabbage, 1 large thinly peeled and sliced granny smith or honeycrisp apple, 1/2 cup dried cranberries, 1/4 cup shredded carrots, 1/4 cup sliced almonds. Toss gently to mix. For dressing: In a small bowl, whisk together 1/2 cup mayonnaise, 2 Tbsp. apple cider vinegar, 1 Tbsp. honey, 1 tsp. Dijon mustard, 1/4 tsp. salt, 1/4 tsp. pepper. Pour dressing over the coleslaw and toss to coat evenly. Chill in the refrigerator for at least 30 minutes before serving.

Knit and Nosh: The Harrison Knit and Nosh is Oct. 16 from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. at the Harrison Library. Bring you knitting, crocheting or other needle craft and visit while you stitch. Hot beverages are provided. For adults.

The Inklings: The Inklings (aka Writing Club) is Oct. 16 from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Harrison Library. Join fellow writers and scribblers for brainstorming, critiquing, writing prompts and inspiration. For adults.

Game On: Teen Hangout: Game On! Is Oct. 16 from 3:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Harrison Library. Play board games with other teens ages 11-18.

Levy Meeting: Kootenai School District Levy informational meetings are Oct. 17 at 6 p.m. at the Kootenai High School Library and Oct. 24 at 6 p.m at the East Side Fire Station in Carlin Bay.

Family STEAM: The Homeschool Library will be exploring Rube Goldberg on Oct. 18 from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Open to ages 5 to 10 yrs. old.

Breakfast: The Community Family Breakfast is Oct. 19 at 8 a.m. at the Medicine Mountain Grange Hall. The breakfast menu is ham and egg bake, muffins, fruit, juice and coffee. Everyone is welcome. There is no charge for the breakfast.

Young Author's Club: The Young Author's Club meeting is Oct. 19 from 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Harrison Library. Learn the ins and outs of creative writing. For ages 14 to 18 yrs. old.

Soup and Pie: The Harrison Seniors and TOPS Soup and Pie Fundraiser is Sunday, Oct. 20 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Harrisons Senior Center. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy some home-made soup and pie and visit with neighbors.

Blood Drive: The Kootenai High School Blood Drive is Oct. 30 from 9 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. It is sponsored by the Kootenai Kids College. Decorate your trunk or tailgate and bring along your candy for the children.

Trunk or Treat: The Annual Trunk or Treat is Oct. 31 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Harrison City Park. Set up is at 4:30 p.m. Donations of candy can be dropped off at the Harrison Elementary School. Community Members are encouraged to participate. Contact Tara Atkin, 208-689-3511 for more information.

Bazaar: The Holiday Bazaar is Nov. 2 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Kootenai Jr. High Gym. There will be hourly raffles, student talent show, craft vendors,

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cake walk, food and drink, cake walk, and much more. The vendor fee is \$25 per table space. Additional tables are \$20. Tables can be provided. Donations of items for the hourly raffle are appreciated. All proceeds from registration and raffles will go to the Harrison Elementary Parent Teacher Organization. If you are interested

in being a vendor, contact Shawna Reinhardt or Nancy Maitland at PTO@sd274.com or call 208-689-3511 for more information.

Car Raffle: Kootenai High School is selling raffle tickets for a 2024 Nissan car donated by Coeur d'Alene Nissan and Post Falls Volkswagen. The tickets are \$10 each and all money from tickets sold will stay with each school. Contact the high school at 208-689-3311 to purchase a ticket. The drawing will be held at the Boys Basketball Jamboree in November. Do not need to be present to win.

Pig Raffle: The Harrison Elementary PTO is raffling off a whole pig and freezer. Tickets are \$5 each or \$20 for 5. The drawing is Nov. 2 at the Holiday Bazaar. Contact Harrison PTO for tickets by e-mail, PTO@sd274.com or call 208-689-3511. Make Checks out to the Harrison PTO and turn into the Harrison Elementary Office. The local 4-H pig and freezer are donated by Potlatchdeltic.

Food Bank: The Food Bank donations can be dropped off in the basement of the Harrison Community Baptist Church. Monetary donations are also welcome. Make Checks out to the Harrison Food bank and mail to HCBC, P.O. 25, Harrison, Id. 83833. If your family or you know of someone who is in need of food this summer, call Char Unger, 208-689-3472.

Weight Support Club: Sheri Lomas was the Star of the Week, Best Loser and Susie Rodgers was the Officer of the week for Oct. 10. Brande Godsbey had the biggest weight loss for the quarter and also won the quarterly contest. Jo Prophet and Eileen DuHamel were tied for second place. Gwen Wadley, Marian Jones and Penny Bratton were tied for third place.

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meeting is every Thursday at the Harrison Senior Center. TOPS is a support group for those who want to lose weight. Weigh-in are from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. followed by the meeting from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. New members are welcome. For more information, contact Gwen Wadley, 208-245-3019.

Exercise Class: The Fit and Fall Proof Exercise Classes are Mondays at 9:30 a.m. and Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. at the Harrison Senior Center. The classes last between 45 and 60 minutes. It is an exercise program supported and funded by the State of Idaho. It is a group of exercises to strengthen your core and improve your balance. For more information, contact 208-689-3194.

Senior Meal Site: A Senior Meal site is every Tuesday at noon at the Rose Lake School in Rose Lake. The lunch has resumed as a senior meal site so food will be provided. Call 208-752-1194 to reserve your spot.



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Chicken Casse-role Mexicana: 1 package Tortillas, 1 large Fryer, 1 large Onion-chopped, 1 Bell Pepper-chopped, ¼ pound Cheddar Cheese-grated, 1 can Cream off Chicken Soup, 1 can Cream of Mushroom Soup, ½ can Tomatoes-chopped, 1 teaspoon Chili Powder, Garlic Powder

Boil chicken in salted water until tender. Bone and cut into small pieces. Put tortillas in boiling chicken stock (one at a time) until wilted. Place in 9" x 12" greased dish. Add a layer of chicken, onion, pepper and cheese. Sprinkle garlic powder to taste. Spread 2 soup mixtures overall. Place tomatoes in bowl add chili powder-mix, spread overall. (Make two layers.) Bake at 325* for 1 hour. Makes 6-8 hardy servings.

Bingo: October 10th UpRiver Bingo winners were Tina Smith, Bess Boutillier, Jody Brittain, David Groth, Jeanette Baptiste, Patsy Wernecke, Betty Jones, Jim Hanson, Rhonda Manley and Kristie Hunter. Betty Jones won the Super Blackout. The Hot Ball is now \$49. The progressive Super Blackout is \$220 in 53 numbers or less.

UpRiver Bingo is played Thursday evenings at the Fernwood Senior Center from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Must be 18 or older to play.

Weight Club: Belinda Myers was the Queen of the Week. The UpRiver Weight Club meets Friday mornings at the Fernwood Senior Center from 8 to 9 a.m.

Drawing: The UpRiver Elementary PTO will be drawing the winner for the Pig and Freezer Raffle October 18.

Book Blast Winners: The remaining Book Blast winners were Marnie Dittman, Kimber Price and Leigha Cheyney.

Breakfasts and Lunches: UpRiver Elementary's breakfasts and lunches for Oct. 17-cheese omelet or cinna-

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mon toast crunch cereal, pork sausage links, diced peaches and chicken noodle soup, cheese filled breadstick, corn, broccoli with cheese, applesauce; Oct. 18-pumpkin bread or chex cereal, apple-sauce and peanut butter and strawberry uncrustable, sun chips, baked beans, side salad, pineapple tidbits; Oct. 21-strawberry smoothie or cocoa puffs cereal,

lil graham squares, pears and chicken tenders, crinkle fries, baked beans, pears; Oct. 22-Texas toast apple cinnamon or multigrain cheerios, mixed fruit and macaroni with cheese, snap peas, corn, mandarin oranges.

Head Start: UpRiver Head Start's snack and lunch for Oct. 16-string cheese, vanilla graham bears and pepperoni pizza, green beans, diced peaches; Oct. 17-fresh fruit, all sports bites crackers and chicken noodle soup, corn, applesauce, string cheese; Oct. 18-lil graham squares, string cheese and peanut butter and strawberry uncrustable, side salad, pineapple tidbits, string cheese; Oct. 22-fresh apple, state and capital crackers and macaroni with cheese, corn, mandarin oranges.

UCU: The UpRiver Community United will meet at the Fernwood CAF Building October 17 at 6:30 p.m.

New Event: The Tri-Community Library will have a "Writers Club" October 18 at 10 a.m.

Santa-Fernwood Sewer Project: The Santa-Fernwood Sewer Project will meet October 22 at 5 p.m.

Santa Water and Sewer District: The Santa Water and Sewer District will meet October 22 at 5:30 p.m.

Both meetings will be held at the Santa-Fernwood District Office, 65290 Highway 3 South, Fernwood. Contact the office at 208-245-3554 for further details.

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The St. Maries and Genesis Prep volleyball teams, following the Lumberjacks' Pink Out the Gym night. The event raised more than \$1,700 for BetterCARE.

Lakeside, Clark Fork football game nixed

BY COLLIN SCHEEL
THE GAZETTE RECORD

The Lakeside football team suffered its first loss last week, falling in overtime to Coeur du Christ, 58-60. Lakeside answered a Saints' touchdown in overtime, but failed its two-point conversion. The two teams, which are both playing their home games at the Coeur Center in Worley, met Aug. 23 in their season openers, with the Knights taking a 54-32 win. Coach Jerry Louie-McGee did not respond for comment, and stats were unavailable.

UP NEXT: Lakeside's (5-1, 3-1 NSL) home game Friday with Clark Fork was canceled early this week due to a lack of Clark Fork players. Lakeside returns to action Oct. 25 at Wallace.

'WE KNEW IT WOULD BE INTENSE. WE STRUGGLE WITH DIGGING OURSELVES OUT OF A HOLE WHEN WE GET BEHIND, AND WE FOUGHT OUR FIGHT, BUT LOST IT.'

Devyn Moore
Knights Coach

Lakeside netters at districts this week

BY COLLIN SCHEEL
THE GAZETTE RECORD

The Lakeside and Wallace volleyball teams met for a third time, Oct. 15, with a spot in the SIC semifinal on the line. The two teams went to five sets in both regular-season meetings, most recently playing at Wallace Oct. 8. Tylah Lambert dished out 11 assists to go with 10 kills, five digs and eight aces as the Knights fell 21-25, 27-25, 14-25, 25-23, 8-15. Kimberly Pluff added nine kills and seven digs for Lakeside as it suffered its fourth loss. "We knew it would be intense," Coach Devyn Moore said. "We struggle with dig-

SEE **KNIGHTS, P15**

Season on the line

SM, Priest River to play in loser-out

BY COLLIN SCHEEL
THE GAZETTE RECORD

The last time St. Maries and Priest River met on the volleyball court, the two teams went the distance. Friday, the Lumberjacks and Spartans will meet a third and final time, both with their seasons on the line. The two are scheduled to meet at Kellogg High School, the site for this season's CIL District Tournament, Friday at 10 a.m. in a district play-in match, the winner advancing to face top-seed Kellogg. The loser's season will end. St. Maries wrapped up its regular season Oct. 15 against Timberlake, and hosted Orofino Oct. 12, falling in three sets.

'IT WAS A GOOD NIGHT OF VOLLEYBALL, AND WAS GOOD TO SEE THINGS WE HAVE BEEN FOCUSING ON IN PRACTICE EXECUTED IN THE GAME.'

Rachele Fischer
Lumberjacks Coach

After going down 7-17 in the first set, St. Maries strung together a 9-2 run to cut the score to 16-19 before falling 20-25, 12-25, 20-25 in its final league match of the season. The Lumberjacks hosted Genesis Prep Oct. 9, winning in four sets, 25-15, 24-26, 25-19, 25-15. "It was a good night of volleyball, and was good to see things we have been focusing on in practice executed in the game," Coach Rachele Fischer said. "It was a great Pink Out night, raising awareness for breast cancer, and we want to thank Genesis Prep



COLLIN SCHEEL | GAZETTE RECORD
Naomi Mueller attempts to block a Genesis Prep attack Oct. 9.

for participating and our amazing community for all their donations." All proceeds from the evening went to BetterCARE. Raevyn Yearout led the team in kills, with 10, to go with two aces and 14 digs. Brenna Elliott dished out a team-high 16 assists, and had two kills, one block and three

digs in the effort. **UP NEXT:** St. Maries (7-16, 0-8 CIL) plays Priest River (8-7, 3-5 CIL) Friday at Kellogg High School at 10 a.m. The winner will face Kellogg Friday at 2 p.m. **St. Maries 0, Orofino 3**
SM 20 12 20
OHS 25 25 25

St. Maries 3, Genesis Prep 1
SM 25 24 25 25
GP 15 26 19 15
R. Yearout - 10 kills, 1 as., 2 aces, 14 digs; Asbury - 8 kills, 12 as., 2 blk., 7 aces, 8 digs; Mueller - 7 kills, 2 blk., 5 digs; M. Yearout - 4 kills, 1 dig; Tefft - 4 kills, 1 blk., 3 digs; Elliott - 2 kills, 16 as., 1 blk., 11 aces, 3 digs; Zook - 3 aces, 17 digs; Brebner - 2 aces, 1 dig

Jacks score season high in Grangeville loss

BY COLLIN SCHEEL
THE GAZETTE RECORD

'THE OFFENSE DID A GREAT JOB, WE PUT UP SOME GOOD NUMBERS THAT WE HAVE BEEN LOOKING FOR.'

Greg Rouse
Lumberjacks Coach

The St. Maries football team jumped back into league play last week, and scored more points against Grangeville than it has in more than a decade. The Bulldogs responded with a high-mark of their own, putting up a season-high 64 points.



COLLIN SCHEEL | GAZETTE RECORD
Hayden Defoort is met by a Sandpoint special teams player on a first-half kick return Aug. 30.

SEE **FOOTBALL, P15**

Boys soccer team falls to Bonners Ferry

BY COLLIN SCHEEL
THE GAZETTE RECORD

The St. Maries boys soccer team’s season came to an end Oct. 14 as it fell to Bonners Ferry in the opening round of the IML District Tournament by a score of 0-13.

Kody Tefft made 22 saves in the effort and faced 38 shots.

St. Maries put two shots on goal in the loss.

The Lumberjacks hosted Timberlake Oct. 8 on senior night, getting a goal from Titus Sullivan in a 1-6 defeat.

St. Maries put five shots on

goal and got 16 saves from Kody.

The team concludes its season with a 0-14, 0-11 IML record.

St. Maries 0, Bonners Ferry 13				
SM	0	0	0	
BF	6	7	13	

Shots: SM 2, BF 38

Saves: Tefft - 22

St. Maries 1, Timberlake 6

SM	0	1	1
TL	2	4	6

Goals: Sullivan 71’

Shots: SM 5, TL 23

Saves: Tefft - 16

KNIGHTS: Looked for second win over Wallace early this week in district action

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ging ourselves out of a hole when we get behind, and we fought our fight, but lost it.”

Saydee Peone had 11 assists, four aces, three digs and four kills in the effort.

“Sadie Leo didn’t have any stats, but she played the net like a beast on varsity tonight,” Coach Moore said. “She was getting her hands all over the ball up there, and she covered and passed so well for us.”

The Knights played a tri-match at Genesee Oct. 10, falling to Genesee in three sets, and losing to Deary in five sets.

UP NEXT: Depending on

Tuesday’s result, Lakeside (7-6, 3-3 SIC before Oct. 15 vs. Wallace) will continue its run in the SIC tournament Thursday or Saturday. A win over Wallace would send the Knights to an SIC semifinal against Genesis Prep or Clark Fork Saturday at 6 p.m., while a loss would force Lakeside to play Thursday in a loser-out match.

Lakeside 2, Wallace 3

LHS	21	27	14	25	8
WAL	25	25	25	23	15

Lambert - 11 as., 8 aces, 5 digs, 10 kills; Pluff - 7 digs, 9 kills; Schatz - 3 as., 3 aces, 3 digs, 3 kills; Peone - 11 as., 4 aces, 3 digs, 4 kills; Charley - 6 digs, 5 kills; Hendrickx - 5 digs

'I HAD MY SENIORS PLAYING ALL THROUGHOUT THE NIGHT. IT WAS GREAT PLAYING ST. MARIES. WE LOOK FORWARD TO PLAYING THEM NEXT SEASON.'

Elexus Moore-Rich
Warriors Coach

Warriors wait for district match with Mullan

BY COLLIN SCHEEL
THE GAZETTE RECORD

The Kootenai volleyball team is idle this week leading up to the NSL District Tournament, which begins Oct. 22 at North Idaho College.

The Warriors will take on Mullan, a team they have beaten twice this season, once in three sets and once in five sets.

The winner will take on Coeur du Christ Oct. 24 for the District Championship.

Kootenai closed its regular season at home Oct. 8 against St. Maries JV, falling 24-26, 25-21, 22-25, 16-25.

The evening also served as senior night for Koote-nai.

“I had my seniors playing all throughout the night,” Coach Elexus Moore-Rich said. “It was great playing St. Maries. We look forward to playing them next season.”

UP NEXT: Kootenai (3-11, 2-2 NSL) and Mullan (2-10, 0-4 NSL) square off Oct. 22 in the NSL semifinal, the winner advancing to face Coeur du Christ (7-6, 6-0 NSL) in the championship match Oct. 24.

Kootenai 1, St. Maries JV 3

KHS	24	25	22	16
SM JV	26	21	25	25

Watkins leads JV netters to win over Orofino

BY COLLIN SCHEEL
THE GAZETTE RECORD

Going into October without a win, the St. Maries JV volleyball team came out on top in three of its last four matches before playing its season finale with Timberlake Oct. 15.

The girls won a decisive third set over Orofino Oct. 12, taking a 25-22, 16-25, 15-8 win behind four kills apiece from Hailey Jones and Addison Tweedy.

Lyssa Watkins racked up 12 assists and five aces in the win.

The team hosted Post Falls Oct. 11, falling 10-25, 15-25, 4-15.

Hailey led the team with four kills, and Lyssa had 10 assists in the effort.

UP NEXT: St. Maries JV (3-12 before Oct. 15 vs. Timberlake) wrapped up its season Oct. 15 with a home match against Timberlake.

St. Maries 2, Orofino 1

SM	25	16	15
OHS	22	25	8

Watkins - 12 as., 5 aces; Tweedy - 4 kills; H. Jones - 4 kills; S. Jones - 1 blk.

St. Maries 0, Post Falls 3

SM	10	15	4
PF	25	25	15

H. Jones - 4 kills; Watkins - 10 as.; Jameson - 3 digs; Scheffellaier - 3 aces

FOOTBALL: Gustaffe's big night propels Lumberjacks in league game

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St. Maries got 186 receiving yards from Isaiah Gustaffe, 77 rushing yards from Julien Ceja-Grimaldo and 235 passing yards from Jack Barta as it recorded season high totals in multiple categories Oct. 11 in the 34-64 defeat.

“The offense did a great job, we put up some good numbers that we have been looking for,” Coach Greg Rouse said. “Isaiah had a great game, made some great catches and pretty much owned that corner, so I was happy to see that.”

Isaiah caught five passes and averaged 37 yards per catch to go with one touchdown.

Julien ran four times, and had one rushing touchdown. St. Maries’ other rushing score came from Brock Barta, who carried once for a six-yard trip to the end zone.

St. Maries scored 26 of its 34 points in the second half.

“We do need to figure that

one out, how to not just be a second half team,” Coach Rouse said. “That one has plagued us all season, and that’s at the top of the list for our goals going into these next two games.”

The Lumberjacks have two home games to conclude their season, the first coming Friday when Priest River visits.

The Spartans have one common opponent with St. Maries, having lost to Grangeville 8-36 in week one.

Priest River comes into Friday’s matchup on a four-game winning streak, beating Kettle Falls, WA, Medical Lake, WA, Colfax, WA and Orofino, and averages 31 points per game.

“It’s kind of hard to judge them, just because they’ve played all these Washington schools that nobody else has played, but I think we can get some good production out of our passing game again this week. We see a few things we think we can take advantage of

their, so hopefully those come to fruition and we can keep scoring points.”

UP NEXT: St. Maries (0-6, 0-2 CIL) and Priest River (4-2, 1-1 CIL) kick off Friday at 7 p.m. at St. Maries High School.

St. Maries 34, Grangeville 64

SM	0	8	20	6	34
GHS	24	6	22	12	64

Passing: J. Barta - 10/20, 235 yds., 3 TD

Rusing: Ceja-Grimaldo - 4 carries, 77 yds., 1 TD; Dittman - 6 carries, 11 yds.; B. Barta - 1 carry, 6 yds., 1 TD

Receiving: Gustaffe - 5 rec., 186 yds., 1 TD; Ceja-Grimaldo - 4 rec., 28 yds., 2 TD; Sloper - 2 rec., 22 yds.

Defense: Yearout - 9 tkl.; Rice - 5 tkl.; Ceja-Grimaldo - 4 tkl.; Sloper - 2 tkl.; K. Morris - 2 tkl.; Harpole - 1 tkl., 1 TFL; K. Brusseau - 1 tkl.; B. Barta - 1 tkl.; Mitchell - 1 tkl.; Gentry - 1 tkl.; Speakman - 1 tkl.; Stewart - 1 tkl.

Kick Return: Dittman - 3 returns, 10 avg., 20 long; B. Barta - 2 returns, 14 avg., 17 long; Ceja-Grimaldo - 3 returns, 4 avg., 5 long

Punting: Ceja-Grimaldo - 6 punts, 33 avg., 43 long



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St. Maries' Division One, Team One youth football team (front from left) Sawyer Brown, Uriah German, Driggs Sexton, Asher Scheffellaier, Byron Morris, Archer Megee, (middle) Aiden Tetherow, Eli Megee, Braxton Appel, Isabelle Harvey, Kevin Keneally, Bryden Appel, (back) Coach D.J. Moore and Coach Bryant Appel.



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St. Maries' Division One, Team Two youth football team (front from left) Landon Kolar, Hunter Adams, Tucker Pulley, Walker Starrh, Rocky Jones, Ridge Lockard, Jax Bodey, (middle) S.J. Mende, Trystan Stromburg, Odysseus Larkin, Ridge Yearout, Colt Schoemaker, Tucker Leas, Owen Wilcox, (back) Coach Alex Adams, Coach Keith Starrh and Coach Vince Wilcox.



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St. Maries' Division Two youth football team (front from left) Matejo Amaya, Darby Schierman, Dylan Reid, Grady Harvey, Kenneth Morris, Axel Cox, Jayden Short, Elisaac German, (middle) Arlo Ravert, Vincent Herzog, Joseph Horton, Colt Starrh, Mack Renner, Hunter McPeak, Lane Shuman, Carson Shuman, (back) Coach Elizabeth Kolar, Coach Keith Starrh, Coach Ethan Kolar and Coach Luke Kolar.

Youth football teams nearing postseason

BY COLLIN SCHEEL
THE GAZETTE RECORD

St. Maries’ youth football teams are nearing the conclusion of their respective seasons, having kicked off play in the Junior Whitepine Football League Aug. 5.

The Division Two team defeated Troy/Deary, Julietta/

Kendrick, Genesee, Pomeroy and Potlatch during the regular season.

St. Maries fielded players for two Division One teams, with Team One having beaten Potlatch during the regular season. Team Two earned its win over St. Maries’ Team One.

All three teams travel to

Kendrick Saturday, where Division One Team One will play Liberty, Division One Team Two will face Julietta/Kendrick and the Division Two team will take on Liberty.

Following Saturday’s action, playoff matchups will be determined. The trophy games are set for Oct. 26 at Kendrick.

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be heard. Copies of the application, supporting documents and related records are available for review at the office of the Benewah County Clerk, Benewah County Courthouse, 701 W. College Avenue, Suite 101, St. Maries, Idaho. Any person interested may appear at the Public Hearing, and will be given the opportunity to be heard, either for or against the proposed abandonment and vacation. Also, written testimony may be submitted prior to or at the Public Hearing. The Benewah County Courthouse is accessible to persons in wheelchairs. If you are hearing impaired and will require special services, please notify the County Clerk at 245-3212 at least three days in advance of the public hearing. DATED this 9th day of October, 2024. BENEWAH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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This transfer proposes to add an additional point of diversion located at NW1/4SE1/4 Section 6, Twp 43N, Rge 01E from existing Well No. 3 to a new well (Well No. 4) located on the same site on the existing water right 97-7231. For additional information concerning the property location, contact Northern Region office at (208)762-2800. Protests may be submitted based on the criteria of Idaho Code Sec. 42-222. Any protest against the proposed change must be filed with the Department of Water Resources, Northern Region, 7600 N MINERAL DR STE 100, COEUR D'ALENE ID 83815-7763 together with a protest fee of \$25.00 for each application on or before 11/4/2024. The protestant must also send a copy of the protest to the applicant. MATHEW WEAVER, Director Published on 10/16/2024 and 10/23/2024
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All count the same

Read this then decide if you don't agree that we need a new way to count votes.

While this bit of news has no direct effect on the rest of us, it does focus on the fallacy of the wisdom of "one man, one vote."

This recent bit of idiocy gives reason for a new standard for counting votes. And while the name is not one for slogans, it does state the case.

We call it the "All votes count the same unless you insist of doing really stupid stuff then your vote won't count very much at all."

Like so many such antics this latest example is what happens when liberals take total control. And, given it is such fertile ground for such nonsense, it comes to us from Oregon.

It's hard to know how the world



SOB'S STORY
(Spouse Of Boss)
DAN HAMMES

managed before we had "experts" in diversity, equity and inclusion. For those who don't know, "experts" in diversity, equity and inclusion are a creation of the Democratic Party.

While nobody can say for certain how one gets to be an expert in such things, when they do attain the status they are much-revered by liberals.

So adored are these experts that some say their status is similar to that of a High Priestess of ancient times – without the beating drums and human sacrifice.

So critical are these people among the liberal faithful, many wonder what we did before Democrats brought us experts in diversity, equity and inclusion.

Mike Shaw knows what he did. He went to work.

But he's not working this week. He was sent home by his boss because the expert in diversity, equity and inclusion accused him of horrible things.

It seems Mike Shaw insisted on hiring the most qualified person for the job.

Megan Donecker – she is the DEI expert – accused Mike Shaw of looking "beyond gender and identity in hiring." She said that he only hired the "candidates most qualified for the job."

Don't call your optometrist. You read that correctly. A guy was put on leave because he insisted on hiring only the best people.

What makes this even a bigger deal is Mike Shaw was a big deal in Oregon state government.

Before being sent home because he hired the best people, Mike Shaw was the second-in-command of the Oregon Department of Forestry. That ain't nothing in a state like Oregon. Oregon sold some \$90 million in timber last year and 61,000 of its residents are directly employed in the industry.

Critics will say we exaggerate. They would charge there must be more to the story. And they would be right.

Hiring the best people wasn't Mike Shaw's only offense, according to the diversity expert. He committed other horrible acts.

The diversity expert reported that

six queer staffers did not "feel safe or comfortable" at work because they could not have "conversations about pronouns."

Once again, your eyes are fine. You read that right. The lack of pronoun office-talk makes the place are in fear environment.

No doubt the Department of Forestry will conduct a lengthy investigation while Mike Shaw continues to draw pay – and his work remains undone.

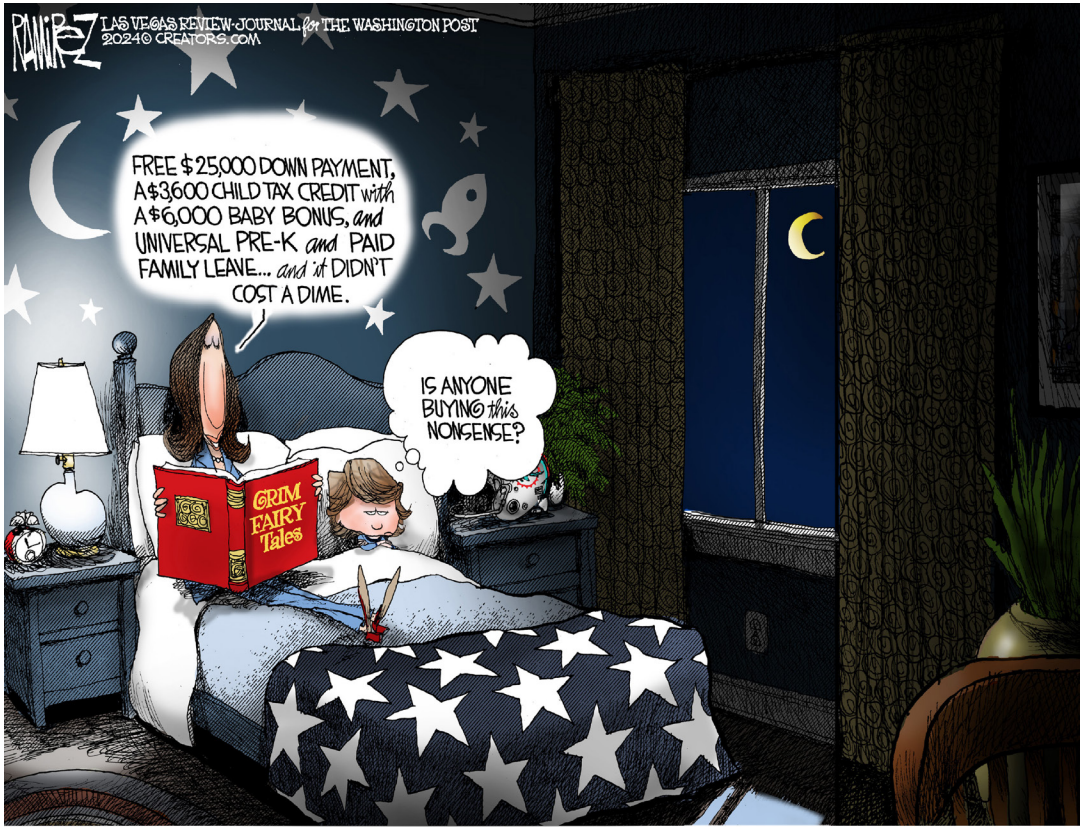
We predict there will be little urgency to get back to work because the bureaucrats who populate the place are in fear of the diversity crowd. Besides, somebody else is paying the bill.

But eventually, and many thousands of taxpayer dollars later, something will be decided.

Megan Donecker, the diversity expert who started all this, quit her state job. While we smell a lawsuit, she now calls herself a DEI consultant and is for hire.

And next month, she will vote.

DAN HAMMES is the former publisher of the Gazette Record.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Idahoans: vote to defend our freedom

No one need look any further than the evening news to get a lethal dose of political irony. We have two communists running for the highest offices in the nation in order to "preserve Democracy." The only clear policy history the Harris/Walz axis of evil can lay any claim to is ruining the economy and putting tampon dispensers in boy's restrooms.

We have a braindead zombie for a sitting president who has blown the national treasury on Ukraine and any number of other third-world cesspools but has only \$750 for hurricane victims.

As "Border Czar" Harris has been quite successful at importing the third world to America. Free food; free cell phones; free 5-Star hotel rooms - all for various pet-eating and fentanyl-peddling illegal aliens; and all of it at the expense of the next six generations of American taxpayers.

Speaking of criminal activity, if the names on

the Epstein Client List and the P-Diddy Party List were ever to be released, 90% of Washington D.C. politicians, bureaucrats and Hollywood A-Listers would be in prison for life.

Calling the election in November the most important election in American history isn't a cliché or hyperbole, it's the grand canyon of understatements. And, I am not just talking about the national election. At some point, the states need to rise up and throw off the federal shackles. Preserving state sovereignty and our freedom, as codified in the US Constitution, should be Job One for our state legislators.

Forget the platitudes about how long someone has been in public service, how much they love education, how their family came to Idaho in a covered wagon, or any number of other feel-good but irrelevant political catchphrases and buzzwords. The most important thing

Idahoans can do in this election is to vote to defend our freedom.

I am urging a vote for Rep. Dale Hawkins, Sen. Phil Hart and Rep. Heather Scott. These statesmen are on the front lines in the battle to protect your liberty. Everything else is a very distant secondary concern. I am also urging a NO VOTE on Proposition 1. Many of you reading this moved here from the Democrat controlled sewers of Washington, Oregon or California to escape the suicidal communist policies implemented there. Proposition 1 is the surest way to Californicate Idaho and destroy this beautiful state. Just look at who is behind this proposition: Democrats and other far-left, out-of-state special interest groups. Don't fall for the BS. Vote Right. The only option after the ballot box is the cartridge box.

KEN De VRIES
St. Maries

Unplanned, abandoned and adopted

April 1960 my heart started beating... an unplanned beat. By January I became an abandoned baby, sent to a boarding home, entered the foster care system, and in the fall of 1964 was adopted.

My mom always said my

birth mother's choice was the most unselfish act she could do, to carry a baby despite her unplanned pregnancy.

My birth mother chose life! A healthy choice, both physically and mentally.

Without her I wouldn't have the blessing of becoming a daughter, wife, mother, sister, auntie and friend.

I'm grateful to God for His plan in "my" right-to-life!

KATHY WOLTER
Santa

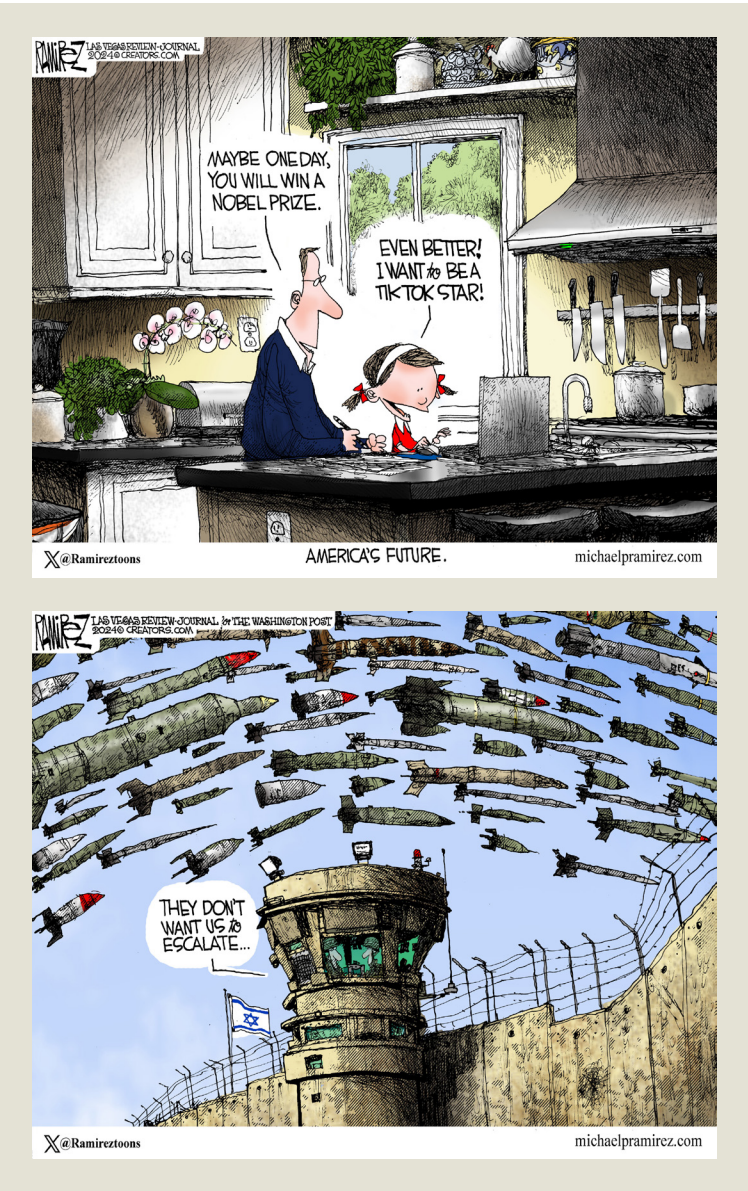
LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

We won't see those prices again until we get rid of Biden/Harris

When Trump left office I had 2 full freezers, and a full pantry. I was able to go on week long trips with my sisters and their husbands. We could afford week end BBQ's with the kids, grandkids and great grand kids. Today I have 1 freezer and it's far from full, my pantry is no where full either. We can't afford to go on trips with my sisters and their husband's anymore, no more camping trips either. Cant afford the gas, Kids, grandkids and greatgrand kids have only been able to come up 3 times this year and no more steaks at our BBQ's. When I buy groceries I have to settle for generics, some good some not so good. I can't even afford to stock up when things go on sale, like I use to. Eggs in January 2021 were affordable, 18 pack for \$3.99, yesterday they were \$9.18. A bag of Dog food was \$10.99 for Purenia today generic \$42.99 and I don't know what's in it. How about your prescriptions, no they're not cheap or affordable anymore. No more robbing Peter to pay Paul, because there is no more Peter. Savings, ALL GONE. Had to use it to pay bills. Are you aware your insurance has gone up even though there are no new claims against them. Electricity rates went way up, they were approved by State of Idaho last winter, that come as no shock just the amount it went up was. Gas is one of the

biggest issues, in 2021 when Trump left office gas here in St. Maries was \$1.97 a gal. We will not ever see those prices again until we get rid of Biden and Harris. We haven't had an issue here in St. Maries with illegals and homeless but communities close by have. Currently I don't have to be afraid to go away, but if we keep these same people in control of our government, I can guarantee we will have a big problem. In my opinion I truly believe Kamala is saying whatever she thinks will get your vote, she has no intention of keeping any promises she might make. After the debate Kamala has been fact checked 25 times. I call them pure lies on her part. And all of the 5 items that Trump was fact checked on by ABC, all have since been proven to be true. Democrats are good at giving you what you want just before the election, only to renege after they get elected. Trump did his best to keep all the promises he made the last time he was President, even though 75% of the time he had to fight off Democrats and anti-Trumpers to get it done. I believe, Trump will fulfill all his promises once he's our new President. I also believe Kamala is all talk and has no intentions of keeping her promises, I DONT TRUST HER.

JANETTE DOHERTY
St. Maries



ST. MARIES SCHOOL DISTRICT

TERESA RENSCH, SUPERINTENDENT

Entering the Fall Season:
We started the year running. The schools set the bar high with the goals and plans to see our students be safe and excel in school. Staff welcomed the students and taught the school etiquette so students felt safe in a kind setting. Staff wasted no time, embarking with teaching and assessing the grade-level skills the first week of school.

As we move into fall, the SD 41 Vision Statement remains at the forefront:
SD 41 is committed to quality education and collaboration by teaching skills, developing knowledge, and fostering responsibility and confidence so all students become productive and successful citizens.

Goal 1. Academic Achievement for all students.

- Emphasize K -3 early literacy
- Implement an instructional model with five key strategies for K -12
- Use Professional Learning Communities
- Response to intervention.

Goal 2. College and Career Readiness.

- Offer a variety of CTE and

elective courses

- Offer a range of college-ready courses.

Goal 3. Setting a safe and welcoming school setting.

- Have a K -12 Behavior matrix
- Systemically recognize “the Lumberjack behaviors and be consistent/firm in consequences
- Grow the building safety measures and the student’s mental safety.

Goal 4. Improve Communication between SD 41 and the families/community.

- Communicate in a variety of venues (i.e., Newsletter, newspaper, phone
- Communicate frequently with the different venues (i.e., monthly)
- Hold several two-way communication options (i.e., workshops and input sessions)

October Message
October has Bus Safety Week and Appreciation. Please know that the primary concern for SD 41 is to provide transportation services that are safe and even enjoyable.
To support the safe transportation of the students, SD 41 has implemented the follow-

ing practices:

- The drivers carry the responsibility to follow all state bus safety and operations regulations.
- The District has updated the Transportation policy 8100
- The transportation department developed a transportation behavior matrix (similar to each school’s behavior matrix)
- This fall, the students in grades K – 3 will review the bus expectations with their teacher and their bus driver. The students and teacher will also take a practice bus ride together.

Calendar Events
October 24. Information on the Supplemental Levy at the District Office at 5:30 pm
November 18. A Regular Board Meeting at the District Office

Supplemental Levy Information

- October 18 at TimberPlus, starting at 7:00 am at the St. Maries Firehouse (one of their agenda items)
- October 17 at Kiwanis, starting at 12:00 pm at the St. Maries Firehouse (one of their agenda items)
- October 24 at the District

Office, starting at 5:30 pm
You can find the information graphic on the District website, or at the school and district offices. There will also be face to face information evenings scheduled as written above. You can also email questions to levyquestions@sd41.org

Facts

- Tax Credit. Your current levy tax rate of \$1.68 should be even less with this next supplemental levy.
- The current levy tax rate of \$1.68 is lower than it has been in prior years.
- The next levy tax rate is expected to be less than \$1.68 per \$1000; \$1000 of your taxed property assessed value. There are exemptions to how much of one’s property is taxed. See page two of the information graphic document.
- The supplemental levy amount of \$2,073,385 has been the same amount since 2012.
- The \$2,073,385 helps the School District fund its current operations, staffing, and programs.

The Supplemental Levy Funds the Following:

- Extra-curricular and co-cur-

riculum programs such as athletics

- A Pre School Program at Heyburn
- Classroom student support staff such as bus drivers, librarians, and instructional aides
- Elective Teachers and programs such as Music, Band, Art, and business
- Career Technical Education (CTE) teachers and College Ready programs such as Welding, Forestry, Woodshop, Nursing, and Auto-repair
- The operation of a small school in a remote area, Up-River School

Working together as a team. Dr. Teresa Rensch, the superintendent of SD 41, remains open to phone calls, emails, and face-to-face meetings. A person can drop into the District Office, call/email, or make an appointment. Communication is one effective way to continue to improve St. Maries Joint School District 41. Teamwork, trust, and a strong belief/commitment are important for SD 41. I look forward to the continued work and efforts; improvements and accomplishments in the upcoming school year!

UpRiver Elementary

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

September Students of the Month at UpRiver Elementary include (front, from left) Meredith Rohrich, Carter Curtis, Ryleigh Riddle, Timber Docker, (middle) Laydon Shelton, Roland Cox, Bradley Mayton, Karlei Lewis, Cynthia Ford, (back) Sofia Schnebly, Ella Gallagher, Emberlie Shoesmith, Daniel Edwards and Kinsley Nash. They were recognized for being friendly.

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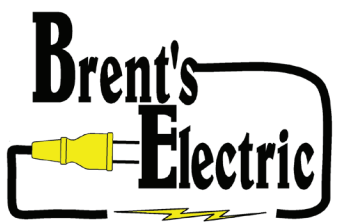
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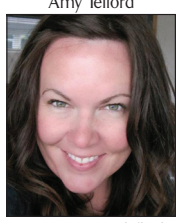
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