

Local couple speaks highly of city building official

'HE HAS DONE EVERYTHING THAT HE CAN TO MAKE THE HOUSE SAFE AND LIVABLE. HE'S BEEN EASY TO WORK WITH AND VERY HELPFUL.'

Vicky Richins
speaking on Tom Garrison

BY TYSON JUAREZ
THE GAZETTE RECORD

As criticism from local business owners and builders mounts towards the city of St. Maries and its building officials, one local couple said they had a different experience. Kyle and Vicky Richins say they had a positive experience working with city build-

ing official Tom Garrison and said he was key in helping them move their project forward with the city of St. Maries. The couple purchased the home on the corner of 14 Street and Jefferson Street. They had their work cut out for them as much of the home was severely damaged and in need of a complete renovation. The two had purchased the home

with hopes of renovating it into a duplex, providing more needed housing options in St. Maries. "We got push back from the city at first, they had wanted to condemn the house," Kyle said. The couple had their work cut out for them as the building had sat uninhabited for more than 12 years. Previous owners had tried to convert

the building into a triplex but could not receive the variance for parking in the area for three units. The couple said once they had Garrison come and see the state of the structure, he was able to provide some ways forward on the project to keep it from being condemned. He said Garrison helped them

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ELECTION DAY



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A line was out of the door of the Benewah County Courthouse on November 5 as poll workers work to get voters their ballots.



Unofficial results from the November 5 General Election were not released until after press time Tuesday evening. The Gazette Record Blitz! will provide unofficial results from the November 5 General Election. A breakdown of election results and election turnout will be in the November 13 edition of the Gazette Record.

Sanders fire declared to be arson

Investigation comes to close

BY TYSON JUAREZ
THE GAZETTE RECORD

The fire that rendered the main dining hall at Camp Sanders has been determined to be an act of arson according to law enforcement. A suspect is now in custody. The Benewah County Sheriff's Office reported that the Idaho State Fire Marshal had determined the fire was human caused following investigations that took place last week. "Through the investigation, it was determined the fire was intentionally set," Idaho Fire Marshal investigator Josh Masterson said. A suspect was arrested October 31 and is a 16-year-old juvenile. At the time of this report, the suspect is in custody with the Juvenile Corrections Facilities in Kootenai County.

'THROUGH THE INVESTIGATION, IT WAS DETERMINED THE FIRE WAS INTENTIONALLY SET.'

Josh Masterson
Idaho Fire Marshal Investigator

The juvenile suspected of allegedly starting the fire has been charged with felony arson, felony burglary and misdemeanor petty theft. BCSO Undersheriff said the arrest was made after BCSO deputies received testimony from residents as well as statements from suspects in the case.

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Outreach Center making an impact

BY TYSON JUAREZ
THE GAZETTE RECORD

The Veterans Outreach Center has had a monumental year in 2024, as it has helped even more veterans in the county, started work on its new building and have led the way in spreading the program through north Idaho. As the end of the year approaches, Hank Thornton reflects on some of the impacts the center has made on local veterans. He said that in the last 12 months, the Veterans Center has seen around 4,163 veterans come through its doors. "We know we've spoken

to thousands of veterans," Thornton said. "We don't know how many vets in the county, but we know it's close to 40 percent." "With that many veterans, and their families that are here, it's no wonder that people are supporting this," he added. "It's because they're family members, it's their dad or their brother." With success of bringing awareness to veterans needs in the county, the efforts are now starting to develop in other parts of the state as well. Thornton recently spoke with county and city officials in

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Free dinner for Veterans this weekend at Elks Lodge

BY TYSON JUAREZ
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Local veterans and their families are invited to a free meal this weekend in honor of Veterans Day. The annual event is put on by the Elks Lodge and American Legion Post 25 who trade off each year footing the bill for the dinner. This year the dinner will be sponsored by the American Legion Post 25 and Elks members Alan and Sherry

Moore will prepare dinner. The Moores have been involved with and have prepared the meal for the event for almost two decades. The couple have said in past interviews that they start on the meal as early as 4 a.m. Many other volunteers with the Elks pitch in to help prepare the meal as well. American Legion Post 25 member Hank Thornton

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The American Legion Post 25 invites local veterans and their families to a free dinner at the Elks Lodge this Sunday to celebrate Veterans Day.

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RICHINS: Garrison was key in providing input, kept project going in right direction

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with solutions to keep the building a duplex so they could avoid a variance and instead install parking on the property.

“He has done everything that he can to make the house safe and livable,” Vicky said. “He’s been easy to work with and very helpful.”

“He’s willing to come up with suggestions and what’s required along with a couple options,” she added. “He’s doing his due diligence.”

They said even issues like having a fire wall installed between the two units came up, and that they were happy to make those changes based on Garrison’s suggestions. They said its an old building and were willing to do whatever it took to get the project done.

“It’s about the safety for people who will be living in it,” Vicky said. “Will it cost a lot of money to put a firewall in? Yes. Is it the right thing to do? Yes.”

The couple had stripped the building down to the studs and did a complete remodel of the house. New roofing, siding, floors and much more have been updated into the home. The couple also installed a fence on the property.

“Good fences make good neighbors, and the one neighbor there appreciated the fences being put in,” Kyle said.

Plumbing work is still being done but the couple hopes to be able to have an open house and rent the units by next year.

Kyle said not only was Garrison helpful in the process but also councilmen Ed Spooner and the employees at city hall who helped with paperwork.

Kyle said he thinks Garrison is an asset to the city and that he is trying to do the right thing to keep the community safe and to help projects move forward.

“This town deserves somebody like him,” Kyle said. “We don’t want to lose him.”

SUBMITTED

This photo shows the duplex before its remodel. The owners say the building sat for 12 years before they purchased it.

SUBMITTED

The duplex on 14th and Jefferson has seen a significant turnaround after being remodeled. The owners are saying that city building official Tom Garrison was paramount in getting the project where it is today.

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Hank Thornton says he's looking forward to the future of helping veterans in Idaho as the local Veteran's Outreach Center works towards completing its new building after a successful year.

VETS: New building nears completion at end of successful year

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Bonnors Ferry and he said they are the next community to start a Veterans Outreach Center of their own.

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Hank Thornton
Veterans Outreach Center

“They will open a vet’s center and have already committed to that and they have a building to get started in,” Thornton said. “I told them once you show the public what you are doing, and how you are helping, the community will commit back to you.”

Other parts of northern Idaho are joining in with the efforts as well.

Thornton said the community in Grangeville already has a Veteran’s Outreach Center of its own, but after

seeing how effective going out to veterans homes has been in Benewah County, they recently brought on people to go out and knock on doors.

“Just those three in the Panhandle area, there are going to be 10,000 veterans in the next few years that will have their doors knocked on,” he said. “If you can help 10,000 people just by a little effort and getting started, that’s amazing.”

“It just shows you in every community, and every part of our country, there is a St. Maries,” he added. “It’s just somebody has got to step up and make it happen.”

Thornton said the efforts made by the St. Maries Veteran’s Outreach center has also started to have influence at the state level. He noted that Governor Brad Little is supportive of the program and made an address calling for six more counties to receive outreach centers in the state by next year.

Thornton also mentioned the state has hired additional veterans support representatives with one to support the northern part of the state and one to support the southern.

He said there’s a possibility that, as the programs grow across the state, more than 100,000 veterans could receive needed assistance over the next five years in the state of Idaho.

“If we can do that in the next five years, which is very achievable, just think of the people’s lives that will get better,” Thornton said.

The center also recently received a visit from the board of Directors with the Innovia Foundation. Thornton said they were impressed with their efforts and noted that one of the directors said the program is successful because it is coming from their hearts.

“They said when it comes from your heart, it touches our hearts,” Thornton said.

As the influence of the local outreach center spreads in the area, the group continues to work on its new building which started construction back in July 2024. Over the last four months, the building has been erected and framed in for the winter. The building has received a wheelchair accessible ramp, doors and windows, siding and more. Most of the interior work remains and will be worked on over the winter.

Thornton said the group hopes to get the building open by Spring 2025 but have no problem opening it later in the year in order to make sure everything is done right.

For more information on the Veteran’s Outreach Center and it’s services, call 208-582-4330.

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ELKS: Veterans and their families invited to Elks Sunday afternoon

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said the dinner garners a large turnout, with last year's numbers coming in around 120 guests. He said the group expects to see even more this year as the event serves as a way for veterans who haven't seen each other in a while to come together.

"A lot of veterans that we don't see on a regular basis in town come out to this," Thornton said.

Thornton said the dinner has a family atmosphere and that it gives local families of veterans a chance to meet those who help to provide support.

"A lot of them come with their families," Thornton said. "We get to meet their families and they get to see what we do and who we are."

Many veteran's groups associated with the American Legion Post 25 will chip in to help with the event including the American Legion Post 25 Auxiliary and the American Legion Riders.

The Auxiliary helps to set up the event and decorate tables while this year the Riders will be handing out gift bags to those who attend the event.

"We want to let veterans know they aren't forgotten, and we are here for them," American Legion Riders Vice President Bill Byes said.

Thornton will also be this year's guest speaker and will give those in attendance an update on what is going on over at the Veteran's Outreach Center.

The dinner will start at 1 p.m., Sunday, November 10 at the Elks Lodge.

For more information on the dinner, call the Lodge at 208-245-4838.

'SHE ORGANIZES THE VOLUNTEERS AND IS ALWAYS SPENDING TIME THERE WITH VETERANS WHO NEED ROUTINE AND REGULAR HELP. SHE ALWAYS PROVIDEES A WELCOMING PLACE.'

Bill Wheeler
speaking on Wendy Morris

Morris is the 'go-to' volunteer

BY TYSON JUAREZ
THE GAZETTE RECORD

In order for a volunteer organization to have success, it takes a special person to be the backbone of that organization.

For members of the Veteran's Outreach Center, they say they have that person.

Members of the Veteran's Outreach Center said that volunteer Wendy Morris is the reason why the center has been so successful over the last several years. Morris, is the go-to volunteer at the organization and has been with it since its building opened two years ago.

"Wendy came to me day one before we even opened our little building," Thornton said.

He said Morris was enthusiastic about the position and from the beginning wanted to be at the center Monday through Friday.

"She had turned down a job offer to take this position," Thornton said. "She told me she had been wanting to do something like this her whole life and wanted to help veterans."

Thornton said Morris' husband Jason is a navy veteran. Both have been very involved with veteran's activities outside of the outreach as well. Morris and her husband are both involved with the American Legion Riders, and the American Legion. Morris is a member of the American Legion Auxiliary.

Thornton said she puts in more than 150 volunteer hours a month.

"That's a lot of volunteer hours," Thornton said. "You don't find a lot of organizations with someone that volunteers that many hours."

Thornton said that Morris is compassionate and works to make sure those who walk through the door at the Veteran's Outreach Center are comfortable and have their needs taken care of. She also helps to schedule Thornton where he is going, and who he is helping each day.

"When she sees you pull up, she's got your coffee being poured," Thornton said. "She handles the paperwork for all the veterans that come through. She's the trainer, and shows everybody that works here what they are supposed to do. She's who keeps the whole thing going."

"I could not have found somebody who could do a better job," he added. "I'm so proud to have her."

Other volunteers at the Outreach Center have taken notice of Morris' commitment and compassion for veterans.

Volunteer and veteran Andrew Whipple said though Morris is not a veteran herself, she is considered one of them and 'is the cornerstone of the center's day to day operations.'

"She is a huge benefit to veterans and to people in general," Whipple said. "One of her real strengths is she is a leader."

"She sets a good example of what a selfless volunteer is and is a good example to all of us," he added.

Whipple said that he feels that Morris has a gift for helping veterans.

"Her gift is to work with veterans and veterans families regardless if she's worn a uniform," he said.

Veteran Robin Bauer said Morris was a huge part of making her feel accepted and comfortable at the center, and like many others, noted how selfless Morris is at helping veterans.

"The outreach would not be where it is today without Wendy," Bauer said. "I think when I first started coming around, I didn't think I would have felt the inclusion if it weren't for Wendy."

Volunteer and veteran Bill Wheeler said that Morris is the 'heart and soul' or the center.

"She organizes the volunteers and is always spending time there with veterans who need routine and regular help," he said. "She always provides a welcoming place."

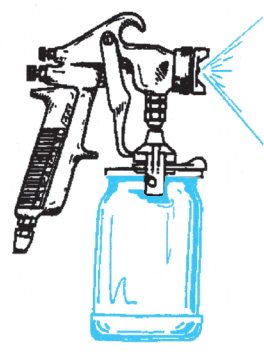


Volunteers and veterans who visit the Veteran's Outreach Center say that Wendy Morris (pictured) is the backbone of the organization.

LOCAL SHRINERS GIVE TO SPOKANE HOSPITAL



The St. Maries Shriners Club recently made a \$2,000 donation to the Shriners Hospital in Spokane, Wash. The donation will go towards equipment and other need items at the hospital says St. Maries Shriners Club member Ron Hodge. The money was given to the St. Maries Shriners Club by Paul Leitholt who donated the money on behalf of an estate he is the executive of.



SMILE A WHILE

They got a registered letter from the city clerk saying they were in arrears on property taxes. The husband rushed to the town hall to settle the matter. It turned out they had paid their taxes a day late and there was a fine. "How much?" he asked the clerk. She checked her computer. "Eight cents. Anything else?" "Yes," he said, counting out the pennies. "Just for the record, you spent 70 cents in postage to tell us this."

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Presbyterian Christmas Bazaar set for Dec. 6

BY SUMMER WILLIAMS
THE GAZETTE RECORD

The 43rd Annual Christmas Bazaar at the Community Presbyterian Church in St. Maries is set for Dec. 6. The event will be from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Soup and pie will be served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost is \$8 per person. There will be a silent auction, raffles, sweet shoppe, Christmas nook and gifts and Rada Cutlery.

The church is located at 1100 College Avenue in St. Maries.

AT THE COURTHOUSE

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Michael S. Clark, b. 1976, of Endicott, Wash, Misdemeanor: driving under the influence, open container (Aug. 31).

Harper J. Barlow, b. 2006, of Coeur d'Alene. Misdemeanor: possession of marijuana (Oct. 15).

Scottie E. Greenwood, b. 1993, of Plains, Mont. Misdemeanor: possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia (Oct. 18).

Wesley B. Banderob, b. 2006, of St. Maries. Felony: domestic battery with traumatic injury, injury to children. Misdemeanor: false imprisonment, domestic battery (Oct. 19).

Robert A. Needham, b. 1976, of St. Maries. Misdemeanor: possession of drug paraphernalia, trespassing with property damage, public nuisance (Oct. 26).

Kasey G. Zurcher, b. 1988, of Tensed. Felony: possession of meth with intent to deliver, possession of fentanyl with intent to deliver, possession of meth. Misdemeanor: obstructing and delaying an officer (Oct. 28).

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Roy E. Dennis, b. 2002, of Fern-

wood. Misdemeanor: failure to report accident (Oct. 19).

Khalil J. Dixon, b. 2000, of Deltona, Fl. Misdemeanor: possession of drug paraphernalia (Oct. 26).

Justin L. Shipman, b. 1990, of Spokane. Misdemeanor: reckless driving (Sept. 22).

Corey A. Pratt, b. 1973, of Spirit Lake. Misdemeanor: interference with hunting, fishing, trapping of wildlife control (Oct. 20).

Leo W. Girtz, b. 1952, of Mesquite, Tx. Misdemeanor: wasteful destruction of game (Oct. 17).

Dustin W. Harrison, b. 1980, of Rathdrum. Misdemeanor: wasteful destruction of game (Oct. 11).

Martin W.D. Fowler, b. 1993, of St. Maries. Misdemeanor: waste of big game through neglect (elk) (Oct. 11).

Mark M.D. Fowler, b. 1962, of St. Maries. Misdemeanor: failure to validate game tag, wasteful destruction of game (Oct. 11).

Luke C. Docken, b. 1987, of St. Maries. Misdemeanor: possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of marijuana, driving under the influence (Oct. 19).

CIVIL DISPOSITIONS

Idaho Department of Lands vs. Paul Brebner, \$1,011.52 petition granted in favor of Idaho Department of Lands (Oct. 25).



This submitted photos shows the aftermath of the Camp Sanders fire that destroyed the camp's main dining hall. After investigation by the Idhaho State Fire Marshal, the fire has been deemed an arson and a suspect is in custody.

FIRE: Building deemed total loss; teenage suspect in custody

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In the state of Idaho, juveniles can be tried as adults for felony arson.

The fire had occurred around 8 p.m., Saturday, October 26 at the Camp Sanders Christian Camp

south of Tensed. Multiple agencies responded to the fire including the Tensed Fire Department, Plummer Gateway Fire, Emida Fire and Potlatch Fire

It was reported in a press release from the Camp Sanders Board of Directors

that many neighbors and bystanders also came to help.

The dining hall at the camp was the one structure that had been engulfed by flames and was a total loss as a result of the incident. No injuries were reported.

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WORLEY: Baked Ham, Au Gratin Potatoes, Veggie, Salad

THURSDAY, NOV. 7

FERNWOOD: Chili Dogs, Tater Tots, Chocolate Torte, Salad Bar/ Homemade WW Rolls, Milk/Assorted Juices
WORLEY: German Sausage, Kraut, Hash Browns, Fruit

FRIDAY, NOV. 8

ST. MARIES: Spaghetti, Corn, Fruit, Garlic Toast, Dessert
PLUMMER: Breakfast Casserole, Fruit, Soup/Salad Bar, WW Bread, Dessert, Milk/V8/Fruit Juice

MONDAY, NOV. 11

ST. MARIES: Salmon Patties, Scalloped Potatoes, Mixed Vegetables, Garlic Toast, Dessert
FERNWOOD: Parmesean Chicken, Quinoa, Cook's Choice Dessert, Salad Bar/Homemade WW Rolls, Milk/Assorted Juices
PLUMMER: Pizza, Fruit Salad, Soup/Salad Bar, WW Bread, Dessert, Milk/V8/Fruit Juice

TUESDAY, NOV. 12

WORLEY: Spaghetti, Veggie, Green Salad, Garlic Bread

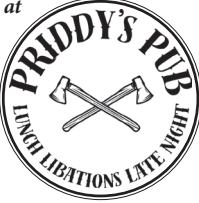
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BetterCARE Winter Gala tickets on sale

BY SUMMER WILLIAMS
THE GAZETTE RECORD

Tickets are now available for the BetterCARE Winter Gala. This year's semi-formal event is Dec. 8 at the Cormana

Building in St. Maries. There will be dinner, entertainment and an auction. Social hour is at 4 p.m. Dinner is at 5 p.m. with the auction to follow. Proceeds benefit BetterCARE, which works to support

Benewah Community Hospital. Tickets are \$30 per person and must be purchased by Dec. 2. For tickets, call (208) 245-0786.

WHAT'S UP DOC?

Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD) is a type of depression, usually starting in October-December through the winter months and goes away during the rest of the year. When daylight hours start to decrease and it gets colder outside, many people may find themselves experiencing symptoms resembling depression. For some the symptoms are relatively brief and mild. Tempers may seem shorter for parents stuck inside with cranky or sick children, and an increased sense of lethargy is not uncommon on a dreary winter day. For others, however, these symptoms can be quite disabling. Other symptoms may include fatigue, pervasively sad mood, loss of interest, sleep difficulty, or excessive sleeping, craving and eating more starches and sweets, weight gain, feelings of hopelessness or despair, and for some even thoughts of suicide. If your winter blues are severe, you might have a case of SAD. Doctors will diagnosis you with SAD if you felt depressed during the last two winters but felt much better in spring and summer; rarely, some people even may have SAD during the summer months.

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goes down as you age).
• People who have a close relative with SAD.

Tips to manage Seasonal Affective Disorder

- 1 Experience as much daylight as possible. The lack of sun exposure is part of what causes SAD and soaking up as much as you can, can lessen your symptoms. Sit by a window or get out for a walk during daylight hours. You could even take up a winter sport to get you outside and keep you moving.
- 2 Eat healthily. Comfort foods do not have to be loaded with extra calories and lots of sugar and fat. Get creative and look for hearty, low-calorie recipes that are easy to prepare. Instead of eating cake and cookies, try making a desert from seasonal fruits like apples and pears.
- 3 Spend time with your friends and family. Spending time with your friends and family is a great way to lift your spirits and avoid social isolation. Snuggle with your kids or pets; visit with your friends while drinking a hot cup of tea or play board games with your family. Friends and family can be good to talk to about how the season is affecting you. Take the time to educate them about SAD so they can better understand your situation.
- 4 Stay active. Do not stay cooped up in your house all winter. Get out and enjoy your community this season. Volunteer, join a local club, go for a walk, or go snow shoeing with your loved ones to start. Also, if you know you experience SAD year after year, be proactive about planning out a schedule in advance of winter to keep active and engaged with others. Research shows exercise and scheduling pleasant activities can be effective ways to lessen the impact of SAD.
- 5 Light therapy. Experts think light therapy works

Anyone can get SAD, but it's more common in:

- Women.
- People who live far from the equator, where winter daylight hours are very short.
- People between the ages of 15 and 55 (the risk of getting SAD for the first time

WINTER BLUES

by resetting your biological clock. It helps most people who have SAD, and it is easy to use. There are two types of light therapy:

- Bright light treatment. For this treatment, you place the light box at a certain distance from you on a desk or table. Then you sit in front of it while you read, eat breakfast, or work at a computer.
- Dawn simulation. For this treatment, a dim light goes on in the morning while you sleep, and it gets brighter over time, like a sunrise.

Light boxes use fluorescent lights that are brighter than indoor lights but not as bright as sunlight. Ultraviolet lights, full-spectrum lights, tanning lamps, and heat lamps should not be used. Light therapy is usually prescribed for 30 minutes to 2 hours a day. The amount of time depends on how strong the light is and on whether you are starting out or have been using it for a while. You may start to feel better within a week or so after you start light therapy. Remember you need to stay with it and use it every day until the season changes.

- 6 Seek professional help. If you continue to struggle with feelings of depression, you may want to seek help from a health professional. Your doctor may recommend light therapy, an antidepressant and perhaps a visit to a counselor for cognitive behavioral therapy, which is also an effective treatment for SAD.

Light up your Life and Be Happy.
Doc Ralph

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BOOK REVIEW

BY TERRI SCHILCHENMEYER

My Three Dogs

BY W. BRUCE CAMERON

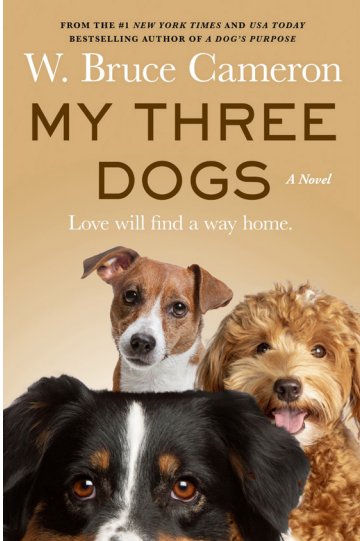
Nothing starts until you're all together. You'll hold dinner until the last person's seated. The engine doesn't start until all seat belts are buckled; and if everybody's not paying attention, you'll wait. Hail, hail, the gang's all here: as in the new novel, "My Three Dogs" by W. Bruce Cameron, things aren't right until everyone's gathered.

Liam was nearly mute with awkwardness when he met Sabrina.

He didn't know how to engage her, couldn't manage to charm her, but she fell in love with him anyhow and they moved in together. Riggs, Liam's Australian shepherd, was distant with Sabrina at first, but he warmed up to her. Luna, Liam's Jack Russell terrier, chose Sabrina as his "person." And they lived happily every after, mostly.

But this puppy was the last straw.

When Liam brought Archie, a neglected eight-month-old Labradoodle, home with him, he was afraid Sabrina'd be angry and he was right. Wasn't it chaotic enough that they had to move every time Liam finished fixing the houses they lived in and then sold them? Wasn't there enough pressure



at Sabrina's job? And now a puppy? She told Liam she needed space to think. She went to stay with her sister in a nearby Denver suburb.

This wasn't right, and Riggs knew it but he was powerless to fix Liam's sadness. Luna missed her Sabrina terribly; even Archie knew something was wrong.

And then things got worse. One day, Liam left the house and he didn't come back.

Luna finally figured out how to reach water and food, and they all felt like bad dogs but there was no human around to let them. Days later, Liam's brother came and took the dogs for a car ride to a noisy

place with lots of animals in many cages. Riggs was watchful. Luna became depressed. Archie, well, he was clueless. How would Liam and Sabrina ever find them all?

Okay, here's fair warning: bring glue when you read "My Three Dogs."

Bring lots of it because, by around page 80, your heart is going to break into a thousand tiny pieces. And it'll shatter just a little bit more for the next 150 pages or so. You'll need that glue to hold yourself together somehow, since author W. Bruce Cameron won't let you go until you're nearing the end of the tale.

Sorry-not-sorry. The heart-break only makes you love each of the characters more as you get to know Riggs, who drives this novel and makes the story make sense. He's your typical Aussie: responsible, logical, loyal, watchful, and his love of his pack will charm the socks clean off you. Even the bad characters are good here, and you'll wish there was more; in fact, this book is one you really won't be ready to finish.

Obviously, "My Three Dogs" is a treat for animal lovers, dog people in particular. You'll want to sit and stay until you run out of pages, or introduce it to your book club and you can read it together.

Rhubarb Bars: 3 Tablespoons Cornstarch, 3 cups chopped Rhubarb, 1 ½ cups Sugar, 1 teaspoon Vanilla, 1 ½ cups Oats, 1 ½ cups Flour, 1 cup packed Brown Sugar, ½ teaspoon Baking Soda, 1 cup Shortening, ½ cup chopped Nuts

Dissolve cornstarch in ¼ cup cold water in saucepan. Add rhubarb, sugar and vanilla. Cook over medium heat until thickened, stirring occasionally. Combine remaining ingredients in bowl, mix until crumbly. Pat ¼ of the flour mixture into greased 9x13-inch baking pan. Top with rhubarb mixture. Sprinkle with remaining crumbs. Bake at 375° for 30 minutes. Cool. Cut into bars.

November’s Spotlight: The Tri-Community Library’s monthly author spotlight for November is C.S. Lewis. Every month the library will highlight an author. Complete an author focused challenge and choose a small prize.

Weight Club: Rhonda Wilks was the Queen of the Week. The UpRiver Weight Club meets on Friday mornings at the Fernwood Senior Center from 8 to 9 a.m. New members are always welcome.

Recognition: The UpRiver School was recently mentioned by Josh Noteboom, Federal Programs Director during a meeting with other state representatives and Congress about the school’s improvement. Math, English, language and art scores went up and absenteeism has gone down to 18% from 35%. The state chronic absenteeism for the school year of 2023-2024 is at 16%.

Breakfasts and Lunches: UpRiver Elementary’s breakfasts and lunches for Nov. 6-biscuits with country gravy or trix cereal, fresh fruit and

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RHONDA WILKS

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pepperoni pizza, sunflower seeds, cucumber slices, broccoli with cheese, pears; Nov. 7-apple crumble or cinnamon toast crunch cereal, applesauce and spaghetti with meat sauce, mini garlic toast, side salad, diced peaches; Nov. 12-pancake breakfast sandwich or multi-grain cheerios, string cheese, fresh fruit and turkey with gravy, mashed potatoes, peas, fresh fruit, animal crackers.

Head Start: UpRiver Head Start’s snack and lunch for Nov. 6-original sun chips, string cheese and pepperoni pizza, cucumber slices, diced pears, string cheese; Nov. 7-fresh fruit, vanilla graham bears and spaghetti with meat sauce, cheese filled bread stick, diced peaches; Nov. 12-cheerios and turkey with gravy, mini garlic toast, mashed potatoes, fresh fruit.

Fall Festival: A Fall Festival Family Engagement night will be at the UpRiver Elementary School on Nov. 7 from 5 to 7 p.m. Dinner will be provided by the PTO members.

End of Quarter: The end of quarter one is on Nov. 7.

No School: There will be no school for students Nov. 8.

Food Bank: The UpRiver Food Bank, located at the Fernwood CAF Building will have a food distribution on November 8th from 8:30 to 10 a.m. Please bring your own box.

CSFN Boxes for seniors (already registered) will also be distributed.

Homeschool Art 101: The Tri-Community Library will have “Homeschool Art 101” on November 8th from 2 to 3 p.m. The course is geared to sixth through twelfth grade students.

Family Movie Night: The UpRiver Elementary’s PTO

will sponsor “Family Movie Night” in the UpRiver gymnasium on November 8th. Contact the office for the time. Children must have a supervising adult attend with them.

Veteran’s Appreciation Breakfast: There will be a “Veteran’s Appreciation Breakfast” on November 9th at the UpRiver Bible Church in Fernwood beginning at 9 a.m. The church invites all veterans and their families. The church members would like to serve breakfast and say, “thank you” for their service on behalf of our freedom.

Please call 208-245-2258 to reserve your seats. Limited seating will be available.

Beaded Corn Craft: The library will have a Beaded Corn Craft Day on November 9th from noon to 2 p.m. Everyone will make a pony bead corn. Enjoy a cup of coffee or cocoa while you finish your make and take craft.

Veteran’s Day Lunch: A Veteran’s Day Lunch will be at the Emida Community Center on November 10th from noon to 3 p.m. It will be free to all veterans and their families. All others will be by donation, taken at the door. The menu will be a choice of soups, rolls and desserts. Sponsored by the Emida Community Center Association. All proceeds will go to the Veteran’s Outreach Center in St. Maries.

Veteran’s Day Assembly: The UpRiver Elementary School will have a Veteran’s Day Assembly on November 12th from 2:10 to 3:10 p.m. All area veterans and their families are invited to attend.

AA: An open Alcohol Anonymous meeting meets in the library of the Emida Community Center on Wednesday evenings at 6 p.m. An open Alcohol Anonymous meeting meets in the basement of the UpRiver Bible Church in Fernwood at 3 p.m. The door facing the parking lot will be open.

Japanese desserts aren’t as sweet as we are used to in America but still delicious. This recipe is for a very light and airy cheesecake that only uses 3 ingredients. It is very much like a souffle.

Japanese Cheesecake: Line an 8 inch springform pan with parchment paper. Melt 8 ounces of white chocolate in a double boiler. (or melt in microwave, stirring every 30 seconds). Mix in 8 ounces of softened cream cheese. Stir until smooth and fully combined. Separate 3 eggs. Add the yolks one at a time. Mixing after each addition. In a separate bowl, beat the 3 egg whites until they form stiff peaks. Gently fold the whipped egg whites into the cream cheese mixture. Pour the batter into the prepared pan and smooth the top. Place the cake pan in a larger baking dish and fill with hot water halfway up the side of pan. Bake at 325 degrees for 40 to 45 minutes or until a toothpick inserted into center comes out clean. Turn off the oven and leave inside with the door ajar for about 15 minutes. Remove from oven and cool completely before removing from the pan. Dust with powdered sugar and serve.

Visionary: The Visionary Missionary Society luncheon and meeting is Nov. 7 at noon at the Harrison Community Baptist Church.

Parent/Teacher: The Kootenai Jr./Sr. High and Harrison Elementary Schools Parent/Teacher Conferences is Nov. 7 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. and Nov. 8 from 8 a.m. to noon.

Book Fair: The Harrison Elementary Scholastic Book Fair is still open today Nov. 6 from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and during parent/teacher conferences on Nov. 7 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. and Nov. 8 from 8 a.m. to noon in the multipurpose room. Online shopping is also available until Nov. 14 at www.scholastic.com/bf/harrisonelementaryschool1. The school goal is to sell 450 books. All purchases benefit the students at Harrison Elementary School. Payments can be made by cash, card, e-wallet and

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Veteran’s Sunday: The Harrison Community Baptist Church will be honoring Veterans on Nov. 10 at the 10 a.m. worship service. There will be a potluck meal following the service.

Veteran’s Day: The Kootenai Schools will be hosting a Veteran’s Day Assembly on Nov. 11 at 12:30 p.m. Veterans and their families are invited to attend. They are asked to arrive by noon so they can be seated and informed of the agenda.

City Council: The Harrison City Council meeting is Nov. 14 at 6 p.m. at the Harrison Senior Center.

Breakfast: The Community Family Breakfast is Nov. 16 at 8 a.m. at the Crossroads Community Church in Rose Lake. There is no charge for the breakfast and everyone is welcome.

Christmas Child: The Operation Christmas Child Packing Party is Nov. 16 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Harrison Community Baptist Church. Every Year the Harrison Community Baptist Church partners with Samaritan’s Purse ministry sending gift-filled shoeboxes to children in need all over the world, together with the message of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Contact Julie Gunderson for more information, 208-699-6689.

Wine Tasting: A Wine Tasting Evening is Nov. 22 at 6 p.m. at the Carlin Bay Community Hall. The Cost is \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door. The ticket price includes a glass of wine, and a chance to win one of three raffle prizes. You don’t need to be present to win the raffle. There will also be a 50/50 raffle to benefit the community hall. Raffles will be drawn at 7 p.m. Bring along an appetizer to share. Wine will be supplied by Sheppard Fruit Wines. Additional wine will be available for sale. For tickets, contact Mary Mills, 208-660-8510, Pam Henderson, 208-967-2078 or Karen Beneditti, 303-358-0511.

Mac and Cheese Festival: Harrison’s Annual Mac and

Cheese Festival is Nov. 23 from noon to 3 p.m. throughout the town of Harrison. Sample homemade mac and cheese and vote for your favorite. Pick up your tickets, ballots and mac and cheese map at the Harrison Senior Center. Tickets are available from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Limited number of tickets available. It is \$10 for 5 tastings and a drink or \$20 for 10 tastings and a drink. To enter your mac and cheese, contact the Harrison Chamber of Commerce on facebook or e-mail at harrison-chamber.idaho@gmail.com. All proceeds to benefit local non-profits.

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: Brandi Godsby was the Star of the Week and Best Loser and Eileen DuHamel was the Officer of the week for Oct. 31. The Chapter had a no gain week last week.

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.

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BRYCE IS CURRENTLY AN EMT VOLUNTEER WITH BENEWAH COUNTY EMS AND A LIEUTENANT WITH THE ST. MARIES FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT. HE IS AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE HARRISON BAPTIST CHURCH, ALONG WITH HIS WIFE AMY. WHEN HIS 4 ADULT CHILDREN WERE YOUNGER, BRYCE VOLUNTEERED AS A CUB SCOUT AND BOY SCOUT LEADER. BRYCE, ALONG WITH HUNDREDS OF OTHER MEN AROUND THE COUNTRY, HELPED FOR TRAIL LIFE USA. THIS WAS A CHRIST-CENTERED SCOUTING ORGANIZATION FOR BOYS. HE ALSO ASSISTED WITH HIS DAUGHTERS’ AMERICAN HERITAGE GIRLS TROOP WITH OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES.

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MARY GREVE | GAZETTE RECORD
Tara Wolf looks over items as she decides what to put in the box.



MARY GREVE | GAZETTE RECORD
Levi Orr carefully considers which gender and age group he wants to pack that box for.



MARY GREVE | GAZETTE RECORD
Angela Steben attempts to fit a soccer ball into one of the boxes she packs.

OCC Packing Party

October 31, 2024



MARY GREVE | GAZETTE RECORD
Delisa Zapfe gives direction to Caleb Grevé during the packing party.



MARY GREVE | GAZETTE RECORD
Hailey Jones was one of several youth who showed up to pack gift boxes.



MARY GREVE | GAZETTE RECORD
Theresa Tobon checks boxes for quality as volunteers finish packing them.



MARY GREVE | GAZETTE RECORD
Many volunteers turned out on October 31 to help with the Operation Christmas Child packing party.



MARY GREVE | GAZETTE RECORD
Elijah Orr carefully considers what to put in his box.

Jack Wendell Harold

Jack Wendell Harold (86) passed away on November 1, 2024 at Valley Vista Care Center in St. Maries, ID. He was born to Olga (Patterson) Harold and Wendell Harold on August 4, 1938 in San Francisco, CA. His mother moved he and his brother to St. Maries around 1939. Jack started work at the ripe age of 12 setting up bowling pins at the bowling alley for Wilma Torchey. At age 14 he then started work for the railroad. When he was 16 he met the love of his life, Dolly Carpenter, to whom he married in 1956 and spent his life with. Jack and Dolly ran off to Alaska for a year after marriage and upon his return he worked for many different local businesses. In 1974, Jack and Dolly purchased St. Maries Concrete from Art Bryntesen. They ran the business together until they sold the business to their youngest son Tucker and his wife Becky in 2002.

Jack was always a hard worker and could figure out how to build or fix almost anything even though he only completed school through part of the 8th grade. He was always willing to give a helping hand to anyone and was well known for smiling and sparking up a conversation with a stranger. He had a love for tinkering on old cars or strumming on his guitar. He spent countless hours in his shop after retirement working on his many projects, taking care of his wife

Dolly before she passed, and cruising around town stopping for a meal or visit at local establishments.

Jack is survived by his son and daughter in-law Tucker and Becky Harold of St.



Maries; grandchildren Holly Jo (Josh) Shea, Lexie (Ryan) Barbour, and Gabriel Harold all of St. Maries; 5 great-grandsons; numerous nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his parents Olga Anderson, Mabel and Wendell Harold; wife Dolly Harold; son Tony Harold; brother James Harold; and sister Janice Anderson.

A visitation will be held on Thursday, November 7, 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. at Hodge Funeral Home. Graveside services will be this Friday, November 8, 2024 at 1:00 p.m. at Woodlawn Cemetery in St. Maries, ID. A Memorial Service will follow at 2:00 p.m. at the Elks Lodge with a gathering of family and friends to share a meal at the Elks after all services. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations are suggested to an organization near and dear to Jack's heart: North Idaho CASA, 1417 N. 4th Street, Coeur d' Alene, ID 83814. You may visit Jack's online tribute at hodgefuneralhome@gmail.com.

Joy Ellen McGee

Joy Ellen McGee (87) longtime resident of St. Maries, ID passed away at Pacifica in Coeur d' Alene, ID on October 26, 2024. She was born to Clarence and Flora Baisdon on May 30, 1937, in Durham, OK. Joy grew up between Sanger and Fresno, CA. She graduated from Roosevelt High School with the class of 1955.

Following high school, Joy married her high school sweetheart James Holmes. They made their home in Fresno, CA and had 2 children. For the most part Joy stayed home to take care of her children and home, but she went to work as a Tax Examiner for the IRS and served in this job for over a decade. In 1975 her marriage ended in divorce, but she was blessed with the love of her life a year later when she met Jim McGee. The couple instantly fell in love and married in 1978. California was becoming less desirable to live in, so the family sold all of their belongings and moved to St. Maries, ID in August of 1980. Joy found St. Maries when she was reading a book about the small town and community and figured it would be a nice place to live and finish raising her family.

Joy and Jim fit in with the community and became active in one of the local churches. Joy started out as a home maker but went to work as the secretary for the Four-Square Gospel Church. Later when they implemented their private school, Joy served as a teacher's aide among other job duties. Her and Jim were members of the Four-Square Church, but they were also active in the Nazarene Church volunteering for a Sunday a month running the fellowship portion of church.

Joy had a true passion for fly

fishing, and her and Jim went often. Not that it was a competition, but Joy always caught the biggest fish, and Jim would pout about it; however, she made him proud. She also enjoyed gardening, her flowers, toll-painting, and crafts.



She was extremely talented and made cloth bunnies in velvet outfits. She was also a phenomenal cook, and her family's favorite was a complete old fashioned fried chicken dinner; however, she made the best authentic Chinese food around and that was her specialty. Joy was small but mighty; the sweetest person you could ever meet, but she was a spitfire who could be ornery at times too.

She is survived by her children Jennifer (Dic) Robbins of Fernwood, ID and Scott Holmes of St. Maries, ID; sister Patsy Talley of Tennessee; 4 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by her parents; husband Jim McGee; and siblings Mary Swangle, Robert Baisdon, Leroy Baisdon, Lynn Baisdon, and Wayne Baisdon.

A memorial service will be announced at a later date. Joy's family would like to extend a big and gracious thank you to the 4 caregivers that were special to them and Joy - Thank you to Ronnie, Moe, Kaylea, Marly, and Cadence at Pacifica for the amazing care, friendship, and compassion you gave to our mother. You may visit Joy's online tribute at hodgefuneralhome.com.

] DEATH NOTICE [

Berton Lloyd Miller

Berton Lloyd Miller (85) longtime resident of St. Maries, ID passed away at Benewah Community Hospital on November 3, 2024. He was born to S.B. and Vivian Miller on November 30, 1938 in Pomona, CA.

A Memorial Service will be held on Friday, November 15, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. at the St. Maries Nazarene Church. A gathering of family and friends to share a meal will follow at the church. A complete obituary will be in next week's Gazette Record. Hodge Funeral Home has been entrusted with his arrangements.

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Running club hosts Turkey Trot in Fernwood

BY SUMMER WILLIAMS
THE GAZETTE RECORD

The Mountain Gliders Running Club will host the 1st Annual Turkey Trot in Fernwood this year.

The event will be the Saturday before Thanksgiving, Nov. 23. Participants will have a choice between a one-mile or 5K.

Registration will be at 8:30 a.m. at the pavilion near the CAF Building. The race will start at 9 a.m.

Ages 11 and under, or 65 and over, may participate for free. The cost is \$5 per person ages 12 to 15. Registration for ages 16 to 64 is \$10 per person. Cash payments only.

The run is an informal event with unofficial timing. Participants should bring their own water.

All proceeds from the event will be donated to UpRiver Community United.

For more information, join the Mountain Gliders group on Facebook.

Elks Lodge's second annual Turkey Trot Nov. 28

BY SUMMER WILLIAMS
THE GAZETTE RECORD

Run like a beast before you feast.

The St. Maries Elks Lodge will host the 2nd Annual Turkey Trot. The event will be held on the Thanksgiving holiday, Nov. 28. All are invited to participate.

Registration will be at 8 a.m. with the race at 8:30 a.m. it is a family-friendly 3K walk or run.

Registration fees are \$10 for adults; \$5 for ages six to 18; and children under six are free.

The registration fee includes one refreshment before or after the race. Additionally, there will be free coffee and tea for everyone.

During the event, there will be a donation box for the Elks Christmas Baskets.

For more information, call the Elks Lodge at (208) 245-1418.



TYSON JUAREZ | GAZETTE RECORD

Members of local bands invite the public to a concert to benefit school music programs Saturday. Pictured: Ryan Huddleston, Keaton Buell, Ricky Avalos, Ryan Harpole and Nickole Huddleston.

Musicians team up, support school music

BY TYSON JUAREZ
THE GAZETTE RECORD

A group of local musicians spanning multiple genres will come together this Saturday to raise money for local school music programs.

A line-up spanning not only genres but also generations of St. Maries musicians will take the stage at the Eagles Lodge. The afternoon of music will feature Gabe Mowry, Ryan Harpole, Ray Roberson, New Crisis, Better Daze and Altaira. DJ Baile will perform sets between artists as well.

The show will be all ages with \$5 admission at the door. Money raised from the event will go back to the St. Maries School District to help support its middle school and high school band programs.

Local musician and organizer Ricky Avalos said he wanted to put together a show to not only bring community musicians together but also give local youth a taste of live original music in their hometown.

"I wanted to have some community solidarity and wanted to get different generations and genres of St. Maries music," Avalos said. "It's investing in the future of music in St. Maries."

Ryan Huddleston, guitarist and vocalist of Better Daze, said it's about raising awareness to support youth who take an interest in music and want an outlet at their school. Funding to support music programs and other extra curricular activities usually come from community support.

"I feel like people forget it takes a village," he said.

Solo artist Ryan Harpole said raising the money is important as he didn't have many outlets to play music when he was a high school student, noting the school usually lacks funding to purchase new instruments.

"There were not much options for instruments either, I had wanted to play six string guitar but at the time they didn't have that," he said. "It detoured me from playing in band."

The groups hope to spark a want to play live music among youth as some of the musicians on Saturday's bill said that previous punk and metal shows that came through the area were huge inspirations to them. They hope to do that for the next generation of up and coming musicians.

"I remember a couple shows that went on down at the Cormana building. Those were some of the most inspirational things for me," Keaton Buell, drummer for Better Daze, said.

Avalos expressed satisfaction with the Eagles Lodge being supportive of the bands as well.

"The venue has always been open minded, caring and nice," he said.

Those who want to additionally support the fundraising efforts can also help by sponsoring the show this Saturday. Those interested can visit the Facebook event page High school/Middle music fund raiser to reach out to one of the organizers.

The show will begin at noon, Saturday, Nov. 9. The bar will be open to those 21 and older and there will be a pool tournament during the show as well.

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Jyden Short collects candy in his dinosaur costume.



TYSON JUAREZ | GAZETTE RECORD
Garrett Masterson collects candy at the Elks Lodge during Trunk or Treat last Thursday.



TYSON JUAREZ | GAZETTE RECORD
Jasper Juarez waits in line for games and the haunted house at the Elks Lodge.

Halloween Trunk or Treat

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A large turnout was seen at last Thursday's Trunk or Treat.

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John Chambless with Chambless and Son Towing hands out candy to a line of trick or treaters.



Doug Payne and Mandi Knapp hand out candy in front of St. Maries Realty.

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Grant Lee takes a candy break with his sons Henry and William Lee.



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Driggs Crane rides his dinosaur to the candy line.

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Lakeside grads begin college seasons

BY COLLIN SCHEEL
THE GAZETTE RECORD

Brutis SiJohn and Blaze Callahan, both 2024 Lakeside High School graduates, started their college basketball seasons last weekend.

Brutis and Blaze joined the Salish Kootenai College Men's Basketball team in Pablo, MT, which plays the majority of its games against Montana Colleges.

Brutis and Blaze were both members of Lakeside's 2023 State 1AD1 boys basketball championship team, and were seniors on the 2024 state runner-up squad.



JESSICA HARVEY | HARVEY PHOTOGRAPHY + FILM

Bryon Morris won two matches against one loss last weekend, earning second place in the Intermediate division.

Wrestlers with big day at Lake City

BY COLLIN SCHEEL
THE GAZETTE RECORD

The St. Marie's wrestling club competed at the NIWL Viper Tournament at East Valley High School last weekend and continued its winning ways.

Bentley Asbury remained undefeated, going 3-0 and taking first place in the bantam division. Teammate Landon Holt also took first with a 3-0 record.

Other Lumberjacks to place in the bantam division included Liam Dodson (2-1, 2nd) and Eloise Baker (1-1, 2nd place, boys bracket).

Barrett Bauer won three matches against one loss, claiming third place.

The remainder of St. Marie's bantam wrestlers included Ryder Omarro, Sean Clark, Destry Pugh, Atlas Barker, Graham Yearout, Jackson Quinn, Kendrick Carson, Lincoln Carson, Eloise Baker and Olivia Pulley.

The intermediate division was led by Sawyer Wemhoff and Tyler Moore, Nathan Moore and Isabelle Harvey, who all went 3-0 and finished in first place.

Runner-up finishers in the intermediate group were Byron Morris (2-1), Korbyn Solom (2-1) and Sauier Lyons (1-1), and Cash Buell was St. Marie's lone third-place earner, going 1-1 on the day.

Archer Megee (2-2), Isabelle Harvey (2-2 boys bracket) and Rhyder Marek (1-2) each earned fourth place.

Other Intermediate wrestlers included Sauier Lyons (boys bracket), Driggs Sexton, Jax Bodey, Bladen Dahlkey and Tucker Pulley.

The novice division was led by Vincent Herzog, who won three matches and lost none, taking first place. Axel Cox, Matejo Amaya and Peter Nelson also took first in their brackets, each going 2-0 on the day.

Anna Lozano wrestled in the boys and girls' novice brackets, going 1-1 for second place in both. Bridger Jennison and Grady Harvey both overcame early losses and finished 3-1 for third place in their respective brackets.

Antonyo Mascarena rounded out St. Marie's novice wrestlers that competed at Lake City.

Two middle schoolers competed for the team, led by Rylen Harvey with a 2-1, second-place mark. Teammate Parker Thomas went 3-1 for third.

St. Marie's pre-bantam athletes were Clyde Quinn (0-3), Maddaux Lyons (1-2), Rhegan Carson (1-2), John-Iron McGuire (2-1), Alex Avalos (3-0), Kysen Thomas (0-3), Kooper Powell (0-3), Levi Pulley (2-1), Garrett Masterson (3-1), Gerrett Pederson (0-3), Oaklynn Harvey (1-2), John Maddy (2-1) and Maxwell Bodey (0-3).

Refurbished fishing gear getting new life

BY MARY GREVE'
THE GAZETTE RECORD

A large lot of used and discarded fishing equipment got a new lease on life this month when they were refurbished and handed out to local children.

Henry Madsen has been collecting equipment for several months with plans to fix it up and give it away. The idea was formed when he, an avid fisherman and tackle collector himself, noticed a lot of equipment being discarded. He felt moved to do something to save it and give local children a chance at some of the experiences he had growing up.

So he shared his plans with the community and they responded. Over the last several months he's collected and refurbished piles of fishing poles and equipment and last month he was able to bless more than 15 children with new gear.

"It was pretty exciting and a lot of fun," Madsen said. "There was a bunch of pretty excited kids. One of the boys that showed up said he desires to be a pro bass fisherman."

One child became excited and picked out a small mick-eye-house pole that turned out to be just like the one his mom learned how to fish with when she was a girl.

It went so well that he is already making plans to do it again next year.

He's also helping the local Elk's Lodge revamp its annual fishing derby. Next June he hopes to have another pile of refurbished gear to give away the weekend before Father's Day.

He also wants to try and have makeshift trout ponds for children to practice using their equipment in and to learn a few things before being let loose on local waters.

Madsen said he received support with people sending gear all the way from Kingston, Idaho. He said he had 'growing piles of reels and fishing poles at my office.'

While he continues to want to collect quality used equipment, Madsen said storage is an issue. Contact him at his office at (208) 664-8080 with equipment questions and offers.



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Lyden and Matthew Robertson were just two of the youngsters who received free fishing gear last month.

IN ON THE HALLOWEEN FUN



Gazette reader Jess Marratt, of Plummer, stopped by the Tensed/DeSmet Library on Halloween and was greeted by librarian Carole Wallar, who was dressed in her mother's Old Pecos Bill costume that she wore on her 100th birthday. "Just one thing that makes librarians special," Marratt said.

Successful or not, hunters and anglers must stop

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Check stations are an opportunity for Fish and Game staff to talk to thousands of hunters and see thousands of harvested animals. The goal is for Fish and Game personnel to get information and learn what's happening in the field and also answer questions, collect samples for chronic wasting disease, and then quickly get folks back on their way.

If you didn't harvest any game, staff will ask you some questions and then, boom, you're done. But remember you still have to stop, and you can be cited for bypassing a check station.

If you have harvested game, Fish and Game staff will want to look at the animal—as well as your license and tag. In the interest of saving you and everyone else's time, keep your animal in an easily accessible spot. It only takes a few minutes to collect all the needed data.

Most check stations are "management stations" where the main goal is to collect data from harvested animals. You will typically see these in the same places year after year. You may also see an enforcement check station, which are unannounced and in different locations.

CWD SAMPLE COLLECTION
Idaho Fish and Game officials remind hunters about special chronic wasting disease rules to help test for and manage the disease. Hunters are encouraged to get their deer, elk, or moose tested for CWD, except in the following hunting units where testing is mandatory:

- * Unit 1
- * Unit 14
- * Unit 18
- * Unit 23
- * Unit 24
- * Unit 32A

After three white-tailed deer tested positive for chronic wasting disease near Bonners Ferry, Fish and Game recently added a portion of Unit 1 within Boundary County and east of the Selkirk Mountains crest in the Panhandle Region as a new CWD Management Zone.

Deer hunters have mandatory CWD testing for six hunting units (shown above), including a portion of Unit 1 in the Panhandle and in central Idaho along the U.S. 95/Highway 55 corridors south of Grangeville. Elk and moose are exempt from mandatory testing in 2024.

Unit 14 and Unit 18 and a portion of Unit 1 comprise the CWD Management Zone for 2024. CWD testing is mandatory for all harvested deer in those units. Unit 15 was removed from the CWD Management Zone after extensive testing showed no animals testing positive for CWD.

After a mule deer buck tested positive in Unit 23 last fall, CWD testing is mandatory

in Units 23, 24, and 32A for all mule deer and white-tailed deer, but does not apply to elk and moose taken those units. Units 23, 24, and 32A are not within the CWD Management Zone, so carcass transportation restrictions do not apply.

Hunters play a critical role in CWD testing because there is no live test for the disease, and getting accurate and current information requires annual testing statewide. Active and adaptive CWD management that keeps the number of infected animals low typically results in reduced spread, fewer sick animals and more healthy deer available for hunters.

COMMON VIOLATIONS TO AVOID

Year after year, Fish and Game staff working check stations see repeated mistakes, which may result in a reminder, a written warning, or possibly even a citation. Hunters can avoid that situation by brushing up on these common violations:

FAILURE TO PROPERLY VALIDATE YOUR TAG

Make sure the notches for the correct day and month are fully removed from your tag immediately after you harvest the animal. Again, completely notch the tag. A slice through the day and date won't cut it.

If the animal is intact, the tag can be placed on the antlers. But if it's already been quartered, the tag must be attached to the largest portion of the meat (along with evidence of sex) until it is processed and reaches the place of final storage or consumption.

Now take note, hunters: If you're in a CWD Management Zone, there are rules for whole carcasses, so the tag would need to be placed on the largest portion of the meat.

FAILURE TO HAVE A PROXY STATEMENT

One is issued with your tag, and if you're transporting game for someone else, you must have a proxy statement. Proxy statements are also available on page 101 in the 2024 Big Game Seasons and Rules booklet, along with other important rules.

MAINTAIN PROOF OF SPECIES
In seasons restricted to mule deer or white-tailed deer only, proof of species must remain naturally attached, as demonstrated in this informational video. If you remove the head, you must leave the fully-haired tail attached.

FAILURE TO KEEP EVIDENCE OF SEX

Even in either-sex hunts, the head or other evidence of sex needs to be naturally attached to the carcass until you get it home. In hunts with antler-point restrictions, the antlers must accompany the carcass. For more information about preserving evidence of sex see page 101 of the 2024 Big Game Seasons and Rules booklet.

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Countywide Veterans Day events

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Three events across the county aim to honor and pay thanks to veterans of all military branches for their service this Veterans Day.

Veterans Day is Monday, Nov. 11, and the events will be held the weekend prior.

UpRiver Bible Church in Fernwood will host a Veteran's Appreciation Breakfast at 9 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 9. The breakfast will be held at the church.

Pastor Brian Primer said veterans who plan to attend with the families should call to reserve seats as space is limited.

"A number of years ago we used to do the breakfast," Primer said. "It was the dream of David Penner, who lived in our community and attended church, to do something for the veterans."

Primer said the breakfast used to be held at the CAF Building, but when the

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UpRiver Bible Church

church restarted the breakfast in 2023 the congregation decided to do in in the church sanctuary.

The breakfast is free for veterans and their families. The congregation will be cooking and serving the breakfast. Primer added the congregation also presents the veterans with some sort of gift as well.

"The whole event is about saying thank you to those who were willing to sacrifice their life for the freedom of another. That's what Christ did for us," Primer said.

Amish breakfast casserole, sausage links, fruit platters, cinnamon rolls, orange juice and coffee will be served.

To reserve seats at the breakfast, call (208) 245-2258.

All veterans and their families are invited to the annual Veterans Day Dinner, which is co-hosted by the St. Maries Elks Lodge and American Legion Post 25.

This year's event is at 1 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 10, at the Elks Lodge in St. Maries.

As always, the dinner is free for veterans and their families. Not only does the event

seek to honor veterans, but it also provides an opportunity for veterans to be with their peers.

This year, the menu includes roast beef, ham, potatoes and gravy, bread and beverage.

This is the 18th year Alan Moore and his wife Sherry will cook the meal along with a handful of volunteers.

"When we started this, we fed about 30 people and now we feed about 160," Alan said. "The Elks are very supportive of our veterans."

During Sunday's meal, Hank Thornton will be speaking. Thornton said he will share about the Veterans Outreach Center.

"I'm going to be talking about how far we've come with the center and what our future plans are," Thornton said.

Take-out and delivery options available.

For more information about the event, call the Elks Lodge at (208) 245-1418.

Finally, the Emida Community Center is hosting a Veterans Day lunch. The lunch is from noon to 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 10, and will be held at the community center in Emida.

Everyone is invited to stop by and celebrate area veterans. Veterans and their families will eat for free. For all others it is by donation.

Soups, rolls and dessert will be served.

All profits raised at the lunch will be given to the Veterans Outreach Center in St. Maries.

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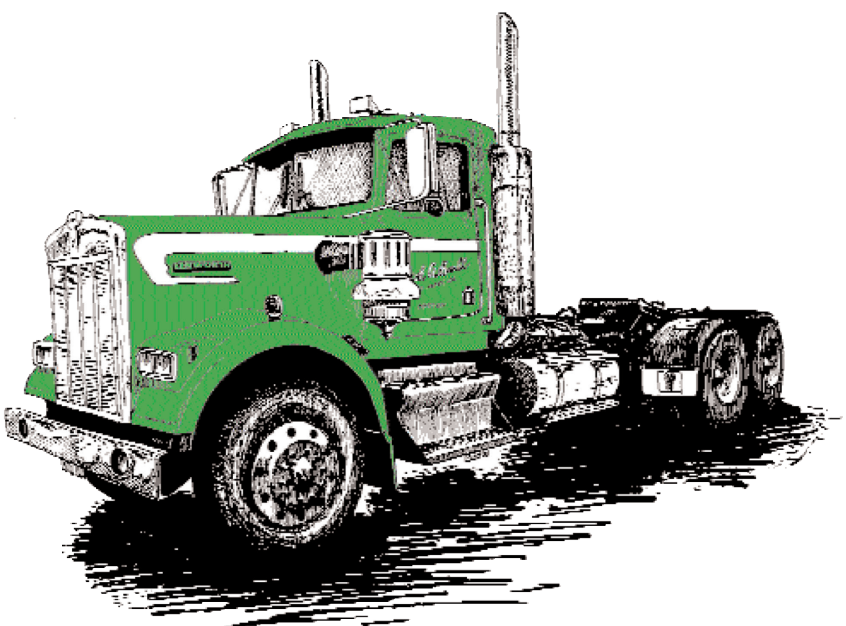
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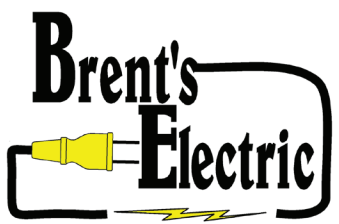
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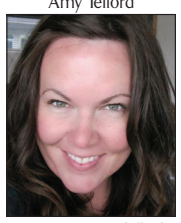
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More of the same?

You may remember when Kristi Noem, governor of South Dakota, lost any chance of being the next vice president. It happened back in May when she released her book.

While unsaid, the book was her coming-out-party. That is, her chance to introduce herself to the country and garner favorable publicity to enhance her chances of being selected as Trump’s running mate.

And it might have happened if not for that damn dog.

Ms. Noem is known as one governor who remembered this country had a constitution when Covid struck. Gov. Noem refused to order businesses closed, churches shuttered and taxpayers medicated.

Instead she said individuals could decide for themselves how they wanted to live during the pandemic.

She did not force small business owners into bankruptcy while allow-



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ing big-company stores to thrive. She did not close public places. She did not order people to stay home. She did not mandate medications.

To say it another way, unlike governors who closed churches but kept liquor stores open, Gov. Noem let people choose for themselves.

You know, like what should happen in a free country.

The point is Gov. Noem was quite popular among conservatives for how she handled Covid. Given that, she was among the front-runners to be Trump’s running mate.

Then we heard she shot that dog.

It was in her book. Long story short she had a dog that killed the neighbor’s chickens then bit her when she tried to drag it home. That was the end of that dog. She shot it, which is what should happen to any dog that bites people.

But city people and media types were aghast. They couldn’t fathom how anyone could shoot a nice puppy, even one that bites. Hey, they’re city people.

The onslaught of media coverage about the horrible, no-good, dog-hating governor from South Dakota ended any chance Ms. Noem had at being vice president.

We were reminded of the story about the chicken-killing, owner-biting dog in South Dakota when we read about the death of P’nut the Squirrel.

This is one of those bizarre stories that should infuriate every taxpayer.

Long story short, officers from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation seized P’nut the Squirrel and his buddy, Fred the raccoon from the owner of an animal refuge. They took the animals because ?

After seizing P’nut the bureaucrats at the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation did something that would only make sense in a bureaucracy where, as in most bureaucracies, sense is rare.

They killed P’nut.

And, for good measure, they offed Fred as well.

The bureaucrats said they had to kill P’nut because the damn squirrel bit them. Guess who didn’t read Kristi Noem’s book? As expected, lots and lots of people are mad as hell. The story continues to broil.

So why are we yammering about Cricket the dog, P’nut the Squirrel and Fred the raccoon?

Accuse of being light of material

– and you would be right – but we’re tying this into what Elon Musk said in the last week of the campaign. He said the government spends too much and promised the budget would be slashed if Trump won.

That would be great news. Any government that has enough money to fund a group of armed officers – every member with generous pay, medical and retirement benefits – to search for fugitive squirrels has too much money.

And yes, we’re bunching state and federal spending here but so often the dollars are mixed.

At this writing, we don’t know who won the election. What’s more, we’re skeptical if the politicians who inhabit government today could find the collective spine to cut any spending.

But what seems certain is if Trump did not win, bureaucrats will target Elon Musk and every one of his businesses – making the squirrel patrol appear lenient by comparison.

That doesn’t say much for how things are working. Here’s hoping we made a change this week.

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- Use Professional Learning Communities for teaching and learning

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.

- 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.

- You should see more information on the website and the school/district

Facebook pages

- You can find more school events on the District Front page calendar as well

Communication. The principals and I are taking diligent steps to communicate regularly. Important information, especially calendar events, can be found on the website’s front page. We are also making efforts to showcase events happening with a school FB post once a week.

Check out the District or Schools’ website pages and Facebook pages. You will find current information, pictures students and staff participating in different events, and more activities listed on the website and/or Facebook pages

Important Information

- The High School CTE New Shop. The general manager and contract manager, Ginno Construction, is working on the pre-construction steps with hopes of breaking ground this December.
- The Renew American Schools (RAS) Project for capital outlay projects. The HVAC units per school will start to be installed this summer.
- HB 521 Modernization Funds for capital outlay projects. St. Maries is slated to get \$3 million over the next ten years to fund needed capital outlay projects. (i.e., upgraded plumbing for Heyburn, interior reme-

TERESA RENSCH, SUPERINTENDENT

dies at the High School, a new gym interior roof at UpRiver).

- School Resource Officer. The Benewah County Sheriff’s Department and the St. Marie School District are looking to hire an SRO. We received a grant to fund the SRO for the next three years.

Calendar Events

November 8. A non-student attendance Day and

November 14. PK – 8 after-school parent/guardian and school conference evening

November 15. PK -12 All Day Conferences

November 18. A Regular Board Meeting at the District Office. The Board will discuss the input gathered around a Carry Conceal Weapon Policy.

December 9. A Regular Board Meeting at the District Office. The Board will discuss the first reading of a CCW policy.

Working together as a team. Whether our students attend a private school, a public school, an online school, or a home-school, I think it is safe to say we want to provide a quality education to teach the necessary skills and knowledge so our children can be productive and successful citizens. Let’s continue to work together to make decisions that benefit every child. Sincerely, the superintendent of St. Maries Joint School District.

Little, Critchfield unveil new steps to restrict cell phone use in schools

Recognizing the significant distractions brought about by cell phones in classrooms, Governor Brad Little and Superintendent of Public Instruction Debbie Critchfield rolled out Executive Order 2024-11 today, the “Phone Free Learning Act.”

'WHEN KIDS ARE MORE CONCERNED ABOUT WHAT'S HAPPENING ON THEIR CELL PHONES THAN WHAT THEY ARE LEARNING IN CLASS, WE NEED TO RESPOND.'

Brad Little
Governor of Idaho

The Governor’s “Phone Free Learning Act” encourages all schools to adopt a comprehensive, district-wide policy restricting cell phones in schools by the end of the 2024-2025 school year and offers districts that adopt a policy a \$5,000 one-time award.

“When kids are more concerned about what’s happening on their cell phones than what they are learning in class, we need to respond. Cell phones, and social media in particular, present negative effects on young Idahoans’ mental health and learning environments. We are encouraging school districts to adopt cell phone restriction policies that best fit the students, families, and teachers they serve,” Governor Little said.

“Research has shown that phones have changed our kids’

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FROM THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

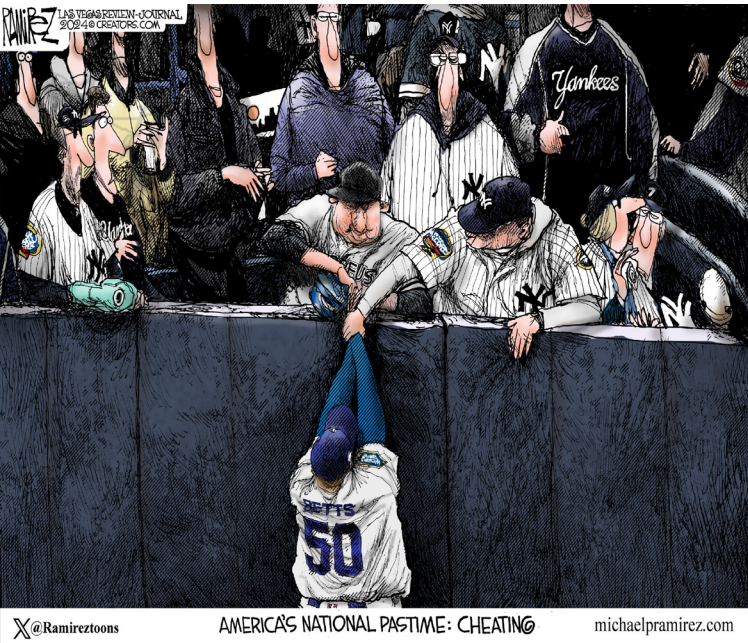
brains and that their presence in the classroom makes learning more difficult,” Critchfield said. “This gives our students the break they need so they can focus their full attention on what they’re at school to do – learn. Thoughtful policies implemented well will support parents, schools and communities in setting their students up for academic success.”

The executive order also signals collaboration between Governor Little, Superintendent Critchfield, and the Idaho Legislature during the upcoming legislative session to codify a policy on cell phone use in schools.

Addilyn Lewis, a senior at Owyhee High School in the West Ada School District, was on hand during the executive order signing ceremony to express support for the Phone Free Learning Act. The West Ada School District adopted a district-wide policy to restrict cell phone use in classrooms earlier this year.

“Whenever my phone used to buzz in my pocket during class, my mind would go from focusing on what my teacher was saying to what I had to check on my phone. Ever since West Ada adopted a phone free policy in classrooms, my grades have gone up and I feel more productive. I am grateful for the policy. We still have access to our phones in the hallways and at lunch, but now we can stay more focused on learning when we’re in

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LITTLE: Parents of West Ada students voice support for limited cell phone use in class

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class,” Lewis said.

Natalie Aurich and Janel Hafen, both parents of West Ada students, also expressed support for limiting cell phone use in classrooms and the Governor’s new executive order.

“Since the new phone free policy was put in place, I notice students’ grades are improving. They are talking to each other more and seem more focused and engaged in class,” Aurich said.

“It’s just a no-brainer to limit cell phone use during class.

Even as an adult, my phone is such a distraction. We need to create the best learning environment for our students. I support this policy because I’ve seen the positive impact it’s had on our students’ lives,” Hafen said.

The Phone Free Learning Act can be found at this link: <https://gov.idaho.gov/wp-content/uploads/2024/10/eo-2024-11.pdf>

Additional resources, including a policy checklist and more information on the award, are available at this link: <https://sde.idaho.gov/topics/cell-phone-policy/>



Heyburn Elementary
STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Heyburn Elementary recognized students each week through the month for showcasing certain character traits. Sept. 30-Oct. 4 for Perseverance: Emberly Galloway, Jed Morris, Ripley Appell, Bryce Rees, Wyatt Piersall, Hope Grosvenor, Emmalie Mays, Maisyn Dahlkey, Cloe Arnold, Makenna Dodson, Alyssa DeGravio, Alex Avalos, Braelee Slutter, Emma Cordle, Hadessaah Ricketts, KennyAnn Streisguth, Tracker Fuller, Avery Gauthier and Frankie McPeak. Oct. 7-11 for Cooperation: Cassidy Flowers, Melody Dittman, Mila Aviles, Heidi Tucker, Ameila Wicks, Gracelynn Barrus, Abigail Albineau, Anastia Douglass, Tyler Moore, Harken Doupe, Canaan Sexton, Sagan Wright, Lucy Avalos, Drew Silva, Kennedy West, Evelyn Dole, Julie Hughes, Emma Rogers. Oct. 14-18 for Curiosity: Hunter Vint, Ridge Lockard, Jayden Coehlo, Finnley Stoltzfus, Jax Jones, Audrey Coleman, Kevin Keneally, Grayson Herrell, Kale Hansen, Leighton Nelson, Ivan Patzer, Harper Wolf, Tristan Wolf, Gunner Gauthier, Will Brown, Brook Shuman, Megan Steele (JuJu), Niko Smith, Winter White. Oct. 21-25 for Kindness: Hannah Halvorsen, Jax Bodey, Belle Hollis, Ridge Yearout, Tobey Gable, Ryder Ooyman, Sophie Williams, Finn Rees, Sawyer Wemhoff, Artemis (Paige) Benson, Emmy Short, Kendrick Carson, Milo Gutierrez, Bridger Poirier, Remy Smith, Olivia Pulley, Tripp Lewis, Ricky Pointer and Cheyanna Hossfeld.

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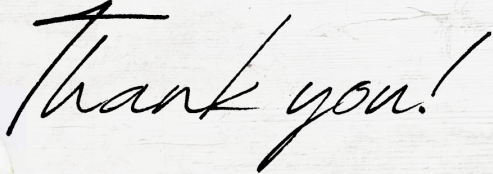
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Fill in the name of your favorite below:

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Food Selection / Menu _____

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Coffee / Espresso _____

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Grocery Store _____

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Meat _____

RECREATION / TRAVEL

Park _____

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Lake _____

Hiking Trail _____

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Drive with a View _____

Live Music _____

Hotel / Motel _____

SHOPPING

Clothing _____

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PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

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Roofing Company _____

Concrete Company _____

Tree Service _____

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PEOPLE

Teacher _____

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Musician / Band _____

Log Truck Driver _____

Logger _____

Officer of the Law _____

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Service Organization _____

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