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**2025 Elections**

This year we will elect a Mayor and three out of our six City Council members. See the handy pull-out voter's guide inside (pages 7-10) for candidate information.

Each of the candidates filled out a four-part questionnaire and we include their responses in the guide unedited.

You can learn more about the candidates by watching the candidate forums hosted by the League of Women Voters and the Caldwell Chamber of Commerce:

**Mayor's Forum**  
[youtube.com/watch?v=NmSuGrzFwAQ](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NmSuGrzFwAQ)

**Council Members' Forum**  
[youtube.com/watch?v=0YQmf917Fko](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0YQmf917Fko)

If you have more questions, reach out directly to the candidates, they want a chance to talk to you.

Election day is November 4th and early voting runs weekdays from 8am-5pm October 14th through 31st.

If you are not registered or you have recently moved, you can register to vote online at the State's website - [voteidaho.gov](http://voteidaho.gov) - or register in person when you go to vote. (Be sure to visit [voteidaho.gov](http://voteidaho.gov) for information on the documents you'll need before you go.)  
 If you are already registered to vote, you can sign up to vote by mail (vote absentee) on the State's website. The last day to sign up to vote by mail is October 24th.

For more information about voting, visit the state's website at [voteidaho.gov](http://voteidaho.gov) and the county elections office at [elections.canyoncounty.id.gov](http://elections.canyoncounty.id.gov).

**The Indian Creek Festival's Cardboard Kayak Race Never Disappoints!**

*photo and story by Leora Summers*



First place winner No Ka Oi (blue kayak) and 2nd place winner Holo Wa'a (brown kayak)

WOW! What can I say. This is the event everyone truly shows up for during the Indian Creek Festival that was held on September 20th in downtown Caldwell.

Hundreds of spectators lined the creek in anticipation. We all know that we really come to see the kayakers dump as they go over the little rapid just before the bridge that takes us across to the Plaza. It was exciting to

see the participants make it through that tough spot they all fear.

The first place winner was participant #24-No Ka Oi, which had a single rider. Second place went to #25-Holo Wa'a. Third place went to #43-Meridian Marauders and #35-Cushing Terrell unfortunately dumped during the final race but also received a third place standing. These finalists should be commended on the

construction of their kayaks, as their boats had to make it through three runs down the creek without coming apart.

The "People's Choice" kayak was a huge etch-a-sketch kayak that two men actually took down the creek. Perhaps their thought was if they made a kayak so wide maybe no one could get around them and that way they could block them and be the winner. However, oth-

er boats took to the water in front of them and that blew that idea. But they were amazing to watch as they stood on that etch-a-sketch and didn't dump at the rapid.

There were at least 9 flights of 4 or more kayaks entered into this race.

Congratulations to all the participants for the work they put into the construction of their kayaks and their moxie for riding them down the creek.

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**October 10 (continued)**

**7-9 PM:** Ghost Stories in the Graveyard. Meet us at the Canyon Hill Cemetery for an evening of spooky stories with professional storyteller Jim Cogan! All ages are welcome to come enjoy storytime. Please bring your own chair and dress for the weather. Canyon Hill Cemetery BLOCK 78, 2024 N Illinois Ave.

**7-9 PM:** Ultimi by Candlelight, Ultimi (Italian for "latest") combines the impressive vocal and instrumental talents of Isaac Hurtado, Tyler Nelson, and Brian Stucki. Tickets available at [www.caldwellfinearts.org](http://www.caldwellfinearts.org) or by calling 208-717-5368, Jewett Auditorium at the College of Idaho, 2112 Cleveland Blvd, Caldwell.

**October 11**

**10 AM:** RACE for the Rest of Us, Sign-ins between 9-10 a.m. in front of Metro Community Headquarters in Caldwell's Sky Ranch. For more information and to Register online go to: <http://www.metrocommunityservices.net/events>.

**October 14**

**10:30-11 AM:** Spanish and English Storytime, 1010 Dearborn St, Caldwell.  
**11:30 AM-1 PM:** Noon Break Lunch Sponsored by St Luke's. Join us for Noon Break Lunch at Simplot Dining Hall, 2112 Cleveland Blvd, Caldwell.  
**4:30-5:30 PM:** Lego Club. Calling all Lego enthusiasts aged 7-16! Library, 1010 Dearborn St.

**October 15**

**10:30-11 AM:** Music & Movement. (ages 2-6). Library, 1010 Dearborn St.  
**3:30-4:30 PM:** Afterschool Fun. Library, 1010 Dearborn St.  
**4-5 PM:** Ribbon Cutting, Boise Fry Company, 2110 Blaine St.

**October 16**

**10:30-11 AM:** Preschool Storytime, Library, 1010 Dearborn.  
**11-12 PM:** CPL at the Senior Center.  
**12-1 PM:** Ribbon Cutting, Gills Point S Auto Service, 305 S. 34th Ave.  
**4:30-5:30 PM:** Teen Thursday, Library, 1010 Dearborn St.  
**6:30-7:30 PM:** Thursday Read Book Club. This month's book is "House Rules" by Jodi Picoult. Ages 18+, Library, 1010 Dearborn St.  
**5:30-7 PM:** Business After Hours Hosted by Columbia Bank, 506 S. 10th Ave.

**October 17**

**10-11 AM:** Tai Chi and Qigong, Community Room. Participate in mindful, holistic exercise for overall health and well-being. Ages 18+, Library, 1010 Dearborn St.

**October 18**

**10 AM-5 PM:** Huston Harvest Party. Bring your pruners, bring your friends and celebrate the Harvest at Huston Vineyards. Experience a day of picking, stomping and learning as we bring in the fruit from our very first Cabernet Sauvignon block. Tickets: [www.hustonvineyards.com/calendar/harvest-party/](http://www.hustonvineyards.com/calendar/harvest-party/)  
**10:30 AM-4 PM:** Anthony Insurance Group Sign Up Saturday. Library, 1010 Dearborn St.  
**4-8 PM:** Oktoberfest, Our Lady of the Valley, Linden St.

**October 19**

**2 PM:** Canyon County CropWalk Registration at Seventh Day Adventist Church, 307 W. Iowa St, Nampa. Walk begins at 2:30 p.m.

**October 20**

**10:30-11 AM:** Baby Storytime 1, (ages 0-2), Library, 1010 Dearborn St.

## Celebrate the Harvest

Saturday, October 18th • 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

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**October 20 (continued)**

**11-11:30 AM:** Baby Storytime 2, (ages 0-2), Library, 1010 Dearborn St.  
**6-9 PM:** City Council Meeting, City Hall Council Chambers, 205 S 6th Ave.

**October 21**

**10:30-11 AM:** Spanish and English Storytime, Library, 1010 Dearborn St.  
**4:45-5:45 PM:** Read to a Therapy Dog. Library, 1010 Dearborn St.

**October 22**

**10:30-11 AM:** Music & Movement, (ages 2-6). Library, 1010 Dearborn St.  
**3:30-4:30 PM:** Afterschool Fun, Library, 1010 Dearborn St.  
**4-5 PM:** Ribbon Cutting, Shared Stories, Shared Stories is celebrating an exciting milestone; their expansion has doubled their space! 106 S. Kimball Ave.

**October 23**

**10:30-11 AM:** Preschool Storytime, Library, 1010 Dearborn St.  
**4:30-5:30 PM:** Teen Thursday. Make Thursdays your favorite day of the week! Library, 1010 Dearborn.

**October 24**

**10-11 AM:** Tai Chi and Qigong, (ages 18+), Library, 1010 Dearborn.  
**5-7 PM:** Trunk-or-Treat at Archers Auto Repair! 5300 Cleveland Blvd, Caldwell

**October 25**

**10:30-11:30 AM:** Stories & Crafts, (ages 3-5), but all are welcome. Library, 1010 Dearborn.

**October 27**

**10:30-11 AM:** Baby Storytime 1, (ages 0-2), Library, 1010 Dearborn St.  
**11-11:30 AM:** Baby Storytime 2, (ages 0-2), Library, 1010 Dearborn St.  
**1-2:30 PM:** Knitting & Crochet Social, Bring a project and make a friend at our monthly knitting & crochet meetup, Library, 1010 Dearborn St.

**October 28**

**9 AM-2:30 PM:** Saint Alphonsus Mobile Mammogram. Please call (208) 367-8787 to reserve your spot. Library, 1010 Dearborn St.

**10:30-11 AM:** Spanish and English Storytime. (ages 2-6), but all are welcome. Library, 1010 Dearborn St.

**October 29**

**10 AM-12 PM:** Ribbon Cutting, Saint Alphonsus Caldwell Health Plaza, 712 Aviation Way.

**10:30-11 AM:** Music & Movement, Singing, dancing, and activities for ages 2-6. Library 1010 Dearborn St.  
**3:30-4:30 PM:** Afterschool Fun, Library, 1010 Dearborn.

**October 30**  
**1-2:30 PM:** Bookworm Buddies. This month, we're diving into "Good Inside" by Dr. Becky Kennedy. Stop by the library to sign up today, while supplies last. Library, 1010 Dearborn St.

**4:30-5:30 PM:** Teen Thursday, Library, 1010 Dearborn St  
**6:30-8 PM:** Creepy Cupcake Decorating. Get a taste for terror and decorate creepy cupcakes. Materials provided, while supplies last. Adults 18+, Library, 1010 Dearborn St.

**October 31**



**9 AM-2:30 PM:** Saint Alphonsus Mobile Mammogram. Please call (208) 367-8787 to reserve your spot. Library, 1010 Dearborn.

**10-11 AM:** Tai Chi and Qigong. (ages 18+), Library, 1010 Dearborn.

**3-5 PM:** Ping Pong Club. Come join us for our monthly program: Ping Pong Club! Gather on the last Friday of each month and enjoy a game of ping pong. All ages welcomed. Library, 1010 Dearborn.

**November 3**

**6-9 PM:** City Council Meeting, City Hall Council Chambers, 205 S 6th Ave.

**November 4**



**October 2**

**8-9 AM:** Coffee Connect, Cushing Terrell, 704 Main St., Caldwell.

**10:30-11 AM:** Preschool Storytime, Library, 1010 Dearborn.

**4:30-5:30 PM:** Teen Thursday, Join us for Teen Thursdays, where each week brings something new. Library, 1010 Dearborn.

**October 3**

**9 AM-2:30 PM:** Saint Alphonsus Mobile Mammogram, Please call (208) 367-8787 to reserve your spot. Library, 1010 Dearborn St.

**10-11 AM:** Tai Chi and Qigong (Ages 18+), Library, 1010 Dearborn St.

**11:30 AM-12:30 PM:** Ribbon Cutting, Team Mazda, 6218 Cleveland Blvd.

**6-11 PM:** Brave Hearts Night at Indian Creek Steakhouse, come enjoy great food, dancing, drinks and outstanding door prizes donated by local merchants. All money raised will support Idaho Veterans, 711 Main Street.

**October 4**

**1-5 PM:** Downtown Caldwell's Dogtoberfest, We're celebrating our four-legged friends with an afternoon, Indian Creek Plaza.

**2-3 PM:** Art Together: Family Saturday, Library, 1010 Dearborn.

**3-5 PM:** Ribbon Cutting, Caldwell City Parks Pipe Dream Pump Track, Caldwell, 4700 Skyway Dr.

**5-8 PM:** Sippin in the Sunset, the season finale for our Sippin in the Sunset. Bring your friends, lawn chairs and blanket. Come enjoy music, food and good wine. Tickets: <https://hustonvineyards.com/>, Huston Vineyards 16755 Chicken Dinner Rd.

**October 6**

**10:30-11 AM:** Baby Storytime 1, (ages 0-2), Library, 1010 Dearborn St.

**11-11:30 AM:** Baby Storytime 2, (ages 0-2), Library, 1010 Dearborn St.

**6-9 PM:** City Council Meeting, City Hall Council Chambers, 205 S 6th Ave.

**October 7**

**8 AM-12 PM:** Saint Alphonsus Mobile Health Clinic Onsite, Caldwell Public Library, 1010 Dearborn St. Call Saint Alphonsus to schedule at 208-367-4482.

**10:30-11 AM:** Kids can grow their language abilities, practice their social skills, and get ready for kindergarten through fun stories, songs, rhymes, and play in English and Spanish. (ages 2-6), but all are welcome. Library, 1010 Dearborn St

**October 7(continued)**

**1-2 PM:** Neurodivergent Caregivers Group, Join fellow parents and caregivers in our Community Room for a discussion on the topic "Understanding Your Child's Neurodivergent Strengths and Challenges" with guest presenter Caroline Ewan, Nurture Your Soul Counseling (Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist), Library, 1010 Dearborn St.

**6:30-8:30 PM:** Board Game Night. Free snacks and refreshments provided. Library, 1010 Dearborn St.

**October 8**

**10 AM-12 PM:** Tech Lab, Drop in to ask your technology questions and get one-on-one assistance from a staff member. (ages 18+), Library, 1010 Dearborn St.

**10:30-11 AM:** Music & Movement (ages 2-6). Library, 1010 Dearborn St.  
**3:30-4:30 PM:** Afterschool Fun, Library, 1010 Dearborn St.

**October 9**

**10:30 AM-**Preschool Storytime, Kids engage in fun learning activities (stories, songs, rhymes, and play) designed to help them grow in kindergarten readiness, language, literacy, and social skills needed for school success. Library, 1010 Dearborn St.

**2-3 PM:** Thursday Read Book Club, This month's book is "House Rules" by Jodi Picoult (ages 18+), Library, 1010 Dearborn St.

**4-7 PM:** Ribbon Cutting, Blossom Family Solutions, Blossom is celebrating their one year Anniversary of being in business and thanks to all the growth from the past year, a spot for surrogates and intended parents to connect and learn more about ways Blossom can help bring babies into this world through the gift of surrogacy, 714 Main St. Suite 208.

**4:30-5:30 PM:** Teen Thursday, Library, 1010 Dearborn.

**4:30-6:30 PM:** Farmway Afterschool Program, Create your very own Day of the Dead Scratch Mask! ¡Crea su propia rasca mascara de día de los muertos! Farmway Village Community Room, 22730 Farmway Rd.

**October 10**

**10-11 AM:** Tai Chi and Qigong, (ages 18+), Library, 1010 Dearborn St.

**12-1 PM:** Ribbon Cutting, Les Schwab Tire, 803 Haystack Way.

**4:30-5:30 PM:** Adult Lego Club, (Ages 16+) Haunted House! Library, 1010 Dearborn St.

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## Falcon Ridge Elementary has a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

by Jamie Livingston



L to R: Vice Principal Elizabeth Hatch (red shirt), Board Member Jennifer Cox, Jassmin Solis (5th grade student), Superintendent Lisa Boyd, Principal Travis Poulsen, Assistant Superintendent Joey Palmer, and Camden Johnson (4th grade student).

Vallivue School District celebrated the opening of Falcon Ridge Elementary School, a new school located at 14670 Academic Lane in Caldwell, built for the growing community. Families, teachers, and students gathered with excitement at the ribbon cutting ceremony on Tuesday, September 16th.

More than just classrooms, Falcon Ridge is a place where children will learn, make friends, and create lasting relationships. The school stands as a symbol of growth and pride for the Vallivue School District, bringing the community together around the promise of a bright future.

## Les Schwab Tires set to open 2nd store in Caldwell

by Heidi de Laubenfels



Les Schwab Tires expanded in Idaho, with a new store opening in Caldwell on Sept. 24. The new location is on 20-26 and Hay-

stack Way. This will be Les Schwab Tires' second store in Caldwell, complementing nearly two dozen locations in southwest Idaho and bringing the total number of stores statewide to 55.

There will be a grand opening community celebration, which is currently planned for early October.

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## Kathy Ward! West Valley Volunteer Earns National Recognition



Isabella Chisholm - COO, Kaycee Emery - Director of Communications and Community Engagement, Kathy Ward - West Valley Volunteer and Award Recipient, Dr. Richard Augustus - CMO, Senta Cornelius - VP of HR, Lorene Oates - Volunteer Coordinator, Bill Ward - Kathy's husband and West Valley Volunteer.

Longtime West Valley Medical Center volunteer and Caldwell resident, Kathy Ward, has been recognized nationally for her extraordinary commitment to supporting our community, our hospital and our patients.

"There's no doubt Kathy Ward shines brightly enough to be recognized on a national level," said Senta Cornelius,

Vice President of Human Resources at West Valley Medical Center. "Her selfless commitment to bettering the lives and health of others, along with her innovative efforts to strengthen our community, embody the values of West Valley Medical Center, HCA Healthcare and the Frist Humanitarian Award."

HCA Healthcare, a network

of 190 hospitals and 2400 clinics in the US and the UK, presented its annual HCA Healthcare Awards of Distinction earlier this year at a ceremony in Nashville, Tennessee. These awards—the Frist Humanitarian Award, the HCA Healthcare Innovators Award, and the HCA Healthcare Excellence in Nursing Award—are the highest honors HCA

Healthcare bestows, recognizing employees, physicians, and volunteers who exemplify the organization's culture and values.

The Frist Humanitarian Award honors those who demonstrate a commitment to service that goes beyond everyday acts of kindness, inspiring others with compassion and dedication. Established in 1971 and named in honor of HCA Healthcare co-founder Dr. Thomas F. Frist, Sr. (1910–1998), the award includes a \$10,000 cash gift and a \$10,000 donation to the recipient's charity of choice.

This year, Kathy Ward was announced as one of the 2025 Frist Humanitarian Award recipients. While her decades of volunteer service distinguished her nomination, the award particularly recognized her work with breast cancer patients through the Pink Angel Project. Ward raised funds to assemble comfort bags for women recently diagnosed with breast cancer. She personally delivers each bag to patients.

"I was overwhelmed and uncertain when I received my diagnosis," said Mary Armstrong, a patient who received a Pink Angel bag. "When

Kathy presented me with the bag, I felt so special and loved. It was exactly what I needed in that moment. It was like a comforting hug from the community and the hospital."

"Kathy Ward lives the Frist ideals. With each bag, she delivers the unmeasurable, elusive thing we call hope," said Lorene Oates, Volunteer Coordinator at West Valley Medical Center. "Kathy exemplifies what it means to raise the bar, and I'm so proud that she is part of the West Valley family."

In addition to her work with the Pink Angel Project, Ward's impact extends far beyond the hospital walls. She was the founder of the Power of Pink walk/run and the Caldwell Night Rodeo golf tournament, efforts that raised thousands of dollars annually to help local women access mammograms and diagnostic services.

"Kathy Ward is an exceptional volunteer, driven by a relentless spirit to serve her community and patients," said Kaycee Emery, Director of Communications and Community Engagement at West Valley Medical Center. "Her leadership and generosity have touched countless lives, and we are so proud to see her honored at the national level."

by Leora Summers

## Educator Dr. Melyssa Ferro Earns Big Honor



Dr. Melyssa Ferro has been honored a second time winning Idaho's 2026 Travelers Award for Teaching Excellence. She also won this award in 2018. Dr. Ferro is an amazing teacher at Syringa Middle School in Caldwell, having taught science classes there for many years.

I visited one of her classrooms in past years when they were preparing for the

"Future City Competition." Her students were excited and involved. And then there have been many other out of the ordinary learning experiences that she has afforded her students through extraordinary field trips.

She currently serves on the Idaho Education Association's board of directors and is active in the Caldwell educators' union. She not only serves

her students and school, but also to her profession and colleagues.

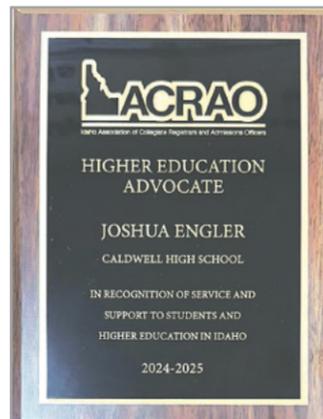
Past honors Dr. Ferro has received: 2016, Teacher of the Year by the Idaho Department of Education; 2025, Idaho Education Technology Association's Technology Educator of the Year Award; 2024, one of the Idaho Business Review's Women of the Year award nominees; and was selected as Teacher of the Year by the Idaho Middle Level Association.

Having earned Idaho's 2026

Travelers Award for Teaching Excellence puts her in the pool of 48 educators from which five winners of this award will receive the Horace Mann Award for Teaching Excellence. Winning the Horace Mann Award comes with a \$10,000 prize and a mini-documentary. One of these five will receive the NEA Members Benefits Award and \$25,000. These five winners will be honored at a gala in Washington D.C. on February 13, 2026.

Congratulations Melyssa!

## Caldwell Teacher Joshua Engler wins Higher Ed Advocate Award



Joshua Engler, the TRIO Upward Bound counselor at Caldwell High School, recently received the Higher Education Advocate Award from the Idaho Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers (IACRAO). TRIO Upward Bound is a program that prepares students for higher education through mentoring and instruction.

Joshua helps TRIO students prepare for college entrance exams, tackle admissions applications, navigate the world of financial aid and scholarships, and more. Congratulations Joshua!

# Veterans Who Still Serve

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# VETERANS DAY

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### Caldwell PD's Newest Team Members



Bret Howell, promoted to Sergeant



Andrew Thomas, promoted to Corporal

Please join us in welcoming our newest team members and those congratulating those who've been promoted.

**Sworn Personnel:** Bret Howell – Promoted to Sergeant and Andrew Thomas – Promoted to Corporal.

**New Hires:** Jaiden Woolley, Tyler Perkins, Raymond Stagen.

**Professional Staff:** Ethnea Strassel – Commu-

nity Service Officer, Zachary Townsend – Community Service Officer and Julie Tilmant – Records.

We're excited to have each of you on the team and look forward to the skills, experience, and dedication you bring to our community. Welcome aboard!

### City Honors Alyssa Mendoza



Alyssa Mendoza

The City of Caldwell proudly welcomed Alyssa Mendoza home. She recently represented Team USA on the international stage at the 2025 World Boxing Championships in Liverpool, England.

Mendoza, a Caldwell native and Olympian, showcased her talent, discipline, and dedication while competing at the world level, bringing honor to her hometown and her country.

Our community attended a "welcome home" gathering at Indian Creek Steakhouse on September 23rd. Family, friends, and community members had the opportunity to congratulate Alyssa and show their pride in her outstanding achievements.

"Alyssa's journey is an inspiration to our community and a testament to what hard work and determination can accomplish," said Mayor Jarom Wagoner. "We are excited to celebrate her success and to have been able to give her the warm Caldwell welcome she deserves."

Congratulations to Alyssa Mendoza for her remarkable representation of Caldwell, Idaho, and the United States.

### City Recognizes Street Department Certificate Earners



L to R: Steven Tracy (Road Master), Shawn Torres (Road Master), Wylliam Moore (Road Scholar), Kresta Smout (Road Master), Don Gouwens (Road Scholar), Jarrett Matteri (Road Scholar). Not pictured: Roger Hasselbach (Road Scholar), Gage Callaway (Road Scholar), Rafael DeLaGarza (Road Scholar)

At the Sept 3rd City Council meeting, the Local Highway Technical Assistance Council presented six members of our Street Department with Road Scholar Certificates and three with Road Master Certificates.

The Idaho Road Scholar Program is a way for local road professionals in our state to be recognized for successfully completing a series of training courses. The program curriculum is designed to provide participants with the fundamentals of safety,

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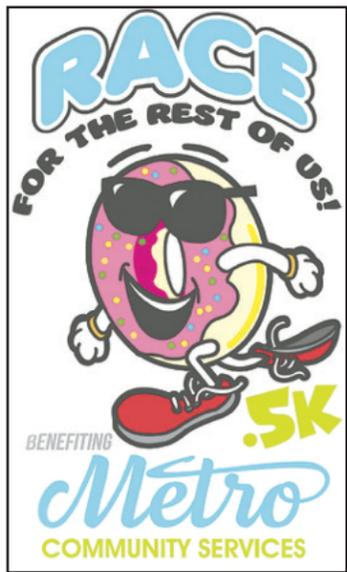
Metro Community Services offers free, door-to-door service for seniors and people with disabilities in Canyon County to medical appointments, senior centers, grocery and drug stores, Caldwell YMCA, Nampa Recreation Center, and other locations.

For many passengers, Metro's service is their only transportation option. "Mobility is a key factor in providing independence for these folks," stated Grant Jones, CEO of Metro Community Services/ Meals on Wheels Metro Boise. "Our passengers depend and rely on our service."

Metro Community Services provided transportation to nearly 11,000 Canyon County residents in 2024 and is on target to meet or exceed that number in 2025.

Treasure Valley Subaru is the Title sponsor, and CR Higer Plumbing is a Bronze level sponsor.

Interested participants can sign up for the Race at [www.metrocommunityservices.net/events](http://www.metrocommunityservices.net/events).



Mark your calendars for Saturday, October 11, and the inaugural "Race For The Rest Of Us." The "grueling" 0.5k event (one third of a mile, 546.8 yards, 1,640 feet, and 19,685 inches) will take place in front of the Metro Community Services headquarters in Caldwell's Sky Ranch.

Sign-ins will take place from 9 a.m. – 10 a.m., and the walk will begin at 10 a.m. "Racers" will re-energize with donuts halfway through the event!

"The Race For The Rest Of Us" is intended to be a fun and wacky event for all ages and abilities. Wheelchairs, walkers and strollers are welcome. Prizes will be awarded for the

### Were you part of the amazing movement In September?

by Kelli Jenkins & Jamie Wilson



Volunteers getting ready to stock the community fridge at Flying M

event didn't just fill cupboards—it filled hearts with gratitude and hope.

Another meaningful effort is happening inside the Flying M: a community fridge called FEEDTHE2C, stocked entirely by volunteers. It provides 60–100 sack lunches weekly to local kids and families. Recently, a group of young girls packed 30 lunches with PB&Js, snacks, and handwritten notes. When they arrived, the fridge was empty—offering a first-hand lesson in how real the needs are in our community.

It's especially inspiring to see young people stepping up to serve. You can too! There are many ways to get involved—visit [Just-Serve.org](http://JustServe.org) to find opportunities near you.

Save the Date! November 8th: Scouting for Food Drive, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Drop off at Caldwell City Hall (205 S 6th Ave). Rake-Up Caldwell: This annual event always brings out incredible volunteers. Help clean up yards for those in need and beautify our public spaces downtown!

There's no better time to get involved. The needs are great—so get out there and JustServe!

At JustServe, we believe community service builds unity—and the citizens of Caldwell truly showed their love for one another during last month's 9/11 National Day of Service and Remembrance.

So many acts of kindness brought our community together. Here are just a few inspiring highlights:

At Curtis Park, Tim Rhoades from the recreation department helped lead a large-scale service project. With support from about 75 adults and 50 children, volunteers repaired paths and the boardwalk, painted, pruned, and cleaned up the 15-acre park, which features nature trails, wildlife, and natural springs.

Meanwhile, over 120 families received food boxes

from the Traveling Table Food Pantry, which distributes food every second Wednesday of the month at Wilson Elementary School from 4–7 p.m. Paul Webster noted, "It was pretty busy. We had a hard time keeping the line out of the street on Linden!" But thanks to 25 dedicated volunteers—including the Middleton Women's Volleyball team and students from Caldwell High School—each family received fresh produce, snacks, and even a gallon of milk. One touching moment stood out to Leslie Babbel, a JustServe volunteer: "A gentleman and his 7- or 8-year-old son came to help after seeing the opportunity on JustServe. They were a powerful example of service in action." This record-breaking

### Fall Prayer Walk, Come Join Us!

by Arlene Robinett

Join us Saturday October 18, 2025 at 3:00 p.m. for our Fall Prayer Walk. We start at the Caldwell Memorial Park. People can stay at the park to pray. We walk around downtown praying at the Gazebo, Indian Creek Plaza, Police Station, City Hall, Fire Station and back to the park.

We pray for all schools and colleges, all students, teachers, administrators and bus drivers and that everyone everywhere will be safe. We pray for the police, paramedics, firemen, the mayor and city council members, all healthcare workers, for graffiti to go away and for all the business to do well.

We pray for all peoples from all walks of life. We pray for a day shelter for the homeless, for food insecure people, human trafficking to go away, as well as the gangs to become better people, for drugs and violence to go away. We pray the gang members will be ministered to and find Jesus

in their lives. Also for more people to know God and Jesus in each of their lives and know how much they're loved.

This is a family event for people of all ages! All are invited to come! We have a wonderful time of being together and praying for our wonderful city!

A Potluck Dinner follows the walk. Those who attend are invited to bring a dish to share.

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### The Library Wants to Hear From You



English Survey



Spanish Survey

On September 22nd, The Caldwell Public Library held an open house complete with delicious food, information stations all over the library, and a raffle for book sets and kindles.

In addition, the library launched a community survey about their services. They would love to hear from you.

To take the survey in English scan the link on the upper left or go to: [bit.ly/3ICUMKO](http://bit.ly/3ICUMKO).

To take the survey in Spanish scan the link on the lower left or go to: [bit.ly/3VIZI2Y](http://bit.ly/3VIZI2Y).

Your input will help the library as they plan their programs and services into the future.

### Canyon County Crop Walk

by Kathy Neufeld



Our goal is to raise money to alleviate hunger here and around the world. Individuals who raise \$100 will earn a t-shirt. This movement is 55 years strong. The funds raised provide life-saving support including emergency food and resources, along with the seeds, tools and programs that will help families feed themselves in the future. For info on how to participate, go to our Facebook page, Canyon County CropWalk.

**Date:** Sunday, October 19,  
**Registration Time:** 2:00 p.m.  
**Where:** Seventh Day Adventist Church, 307 W. Iowa St, Nampa  
**Walk Begins:** 2:30 p.m. along the Wilson Path



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**Why are you running for Mayor?**

I am running for re-election for Caldwell Mayor so that we can continue the wonderful progress we have made over the past 4 years. Caldwell has truly become the place to be in the Treasure Valley, and this has not happened by accident. It has taken well-thought out planning, as well as difficult decisions to put us in a place to succeed. There are many projects still underway and at their beginning phase that I want to continue to work on and see to their fruition.

Giving back to my community has been one of the most rewarding events of my career and I hope to continue that for another four years.

**What qualifies you to be Mayor of Caldwell?**

I have the experience of being the Caldwell Mayor for the past four years and achieving great results. Prior to that I also served in the State Legislature and have 20 years of experience as a land-use and transportation planner.

I have led the city with integrity and a hard work ethic and will continue to do so for the next four years.

**What is the biggest issue Caldwell is facing and how will you resolve it?**

While growth has been one of our biggest assets attracting new businesses and shopping to Caldwell, it also presents challenges. Continuing to provide the necessary services to our citizens and infrastructure in an ever changing landscape continues to be a challenge.

We are solving this challenge by planning for the future, ensuring our roadway network is adequate, and enhancing that network.

**What is the 2nd biggest issue Caldwell is facing today and how will you resolve it?**

We need to continue to look to the future and adapt as we grow. We are no longer a community of 30,000 people. As we near the 80,000 mark in population and our downtown continues to flourish we need to continue working with partners to provide the needs of a thriving downtown.

The answers are not simple, but these complex issues can be answered by involving the community and creating citizen task forces to help determine the direction in which our community wants to go to solve these issues.

**Why are you running for Mayor?**

I'm running for Mayor to restore trust in how Caldwell is governed. My mission is to work with citizens and professionals to rebuild transparency, ensure smart growth is balanced with the preservation of Caldwell's identity, and create a city government that serves every resident with integrity, accountability, and a clear, shared vision for our future.

**What qualifies you to be Mayor of Caldwell?**

With over 20 years of service in the U.S. Navy, fifteen years as a Caldwell Police officer, and two years as the school district's Director of Student Safety, I have developed my leadership and crisis-management skills to be ready to serve as Mayor.

I've spent thousands of hours studying city meetings and policies, preparing to lead Caldwell with transparency, accountability, and real-world experience. I will not only listen to the public, I will hear what they are saying.

I currently have an associate's degree in political science and criminal justice from the College of Western Idaho, a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Boise State University, and I'm completing my master's in criminal justice from Arizona State University.

**What is the biggest issue Caldwell is facing and how will you resolve it?**

Caldwell's rapid growth is straining roads, water systems, city services, and schools. I support the current building moratorium to allow time for responsible planning.

If elected, I will ask the council to use the Idaho Land Use Planning Act, particularly its subdivision section, to ensure infrastructure keeps pace with development. I also support adopting an ordinance like Middleton's that ties subdivision approval to school capacity, protecting students and teachers. Additionally, I will advocate for maximizing impact fees so growth pays its fair share.

Thoughtful, balanced growth is key to preserving Caldwell's quality of life.

**What is the 2nd biggest issue Caldwell is facing today and how will you resolve it?**

Caldwell's second most significant issue is the lack of transparency and accountability. We're repeatedly in the news for negative reasons, with \$550,000 in lawsuit payouts. City leaders have broken laws and even verbally attacked citizens in meetings.

As mayor, I'll restore trust by hiring the right people in leadership roles, ensuring integrity and professionalism. I'll create a government that listens and carries out the will of Caldwell's citizens, operating with complete transparency, open communication, and a clear shared vision for our future.

**Why are you running for Mayor?**

We have a distinct opportunity for leadership through communication and teamwork. One priority will be to utilize everyone's strengths to supplement the goals we all are trying to achieve. Promoting an atmosphere that strives to help others with our experiences rather than keeping them siloed or close to the chest should be paramount.

I have found service to others meaningful and filled with purpose. Representing our citizens while on city council has been one of the most difficult yet rewarding jobs. Always trying to do what is best for the whole should be the standard we all serve by. I will base my decisions on fact rather than speculation and make the best decision I can with the information I have.

**What qualifies you to be Mayor of Caldwell?**

I have dedicated a lifetime to serving others. Whether it was to my country while serving in the military, to my county serving as a Deputy Sheriff, to my state serving with the Idaho State Police or to my city serving as the City Council President, these combined experiences have prepared me as a candidate for Mayor.

My executive leadership and experience led me to identify and recommend budget reductions that were supported by the council. I have a proven record and support public safety for the well-being of our city.

Throughout my career, I have hands on experience managing complex issues with proven results. Using data driven information to make the best decision possible leads to effective solutions with a measurable result.

**What is the biggest issue Caldwell is facing and how will you resolve it?**

Growth-The city has spent hundreds of thousands of dollars to create a new comprehensive plan since I have been on council. My commitment to building a city using expert advice with citizen input has produced one of the best comprehensive plans according to outside sources.

It is imperative we have a plan in place so those choosing to build within our city can prepare as they invest in Caldwell.

Blended infill projects should be a top priority. This supports the concept of preventing urban sprawl. I am a strong supporter of private property rights and do not believe we should be moving the goal post based on emotion. I will make decisions that are based on finding of facts and conclusions of law.

**What is the 2nd biggest issue Caldwell is facing today and how will you resolve it?**

Leadership-The opportunity to have effective communication and teamwork rest with this election. It is imperative to have a mayor that works with the council. Having a well-informed council and citizenry provides guidance for the direction of the city to grow.

Building trust with the ever-changing needs of the city is a must to be successful. Knowing your personnel and our citizens' strengths can be significant when making difficult decisions. Collaborative efforts produce the best outcomes. Beneficial information can be gained from being inclusive to all.

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### Why are you running for Caldwell City Council?

I'm running because I believe Caldwell deserves leadership rooted in accountability, community engagement, and forward-looking policies. I want to ensure our city grows responsibly, protects neighborhoods, and provides opportunities for all residents.

### What qualifies you to be on Caldwell City Council?

My Master's in Public Administration and current MBA studies have equipped me with strong skills in governance, financial oversight, and policy analysis. Combined with my career in project management and community board service, I am prepared to serve Caldwell with accountability and foresight.

### What are the 3 biggest issues Caldwell is facing today?

Caldwell is facing challenges with housing affordability, infrastructure strain from rapid growth, and maintaining transparency and accountability in city government while supporting public safety.

### How would you solve these problems?

I will advocate for affordable housing solutions, invest in infrastructure planning, and ensure open, transparent governance. Drawing on my MPA, MBA studies, and project management experience, I will promote responsible development, fiscal accountability, and continued support for first responders to keep Caldwell safe and thriving.



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### Why are you running for Caldwell City Council?

I believe my experience and background in civil engineering would benefit the City Council by bringing a different perspective to the issues.

### What qualifies you to be on Caldwell City Council?

For the past three years, I have attended nearly all City Council meetings, actively speaking on record on many issues. Two years ago, I ran for City Council Seat 6, and I currently serve on the City Impact Fee Advisory Committee. My civil engineering background gives me an understanding of Caldwell's infrastructure needs.

### What are the 3 biggest issues Caldwell is facing today?

Building effective working relationships within the City Council, the community, and with other stakeholders. Balancing commercial and residential growth to serve all residents and not overwhelm our infrastructure. Ensuring a sustained high level of quality of city services in the future.

### How would you solve these problems?

I aim to balance growth with infrastructure needs legally by leveraging existing state statutes to enact codes that assess the impact of development on critical services, such as schools and utilities.

I will work to increase our commercial base to provide for a more stable, long-term tax base to pay for city services. I will also work to limit land annexation and urban sprawl to preserve Caldwell's character.



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### Why are you running for Caldwell City Council?

I'm running for city council to give a voice to the people. I'm not a politician I'm a veteran, neighbor, concerned citizen. I plan to ask the hard questions and expect with a transparent council to get the answers for the people.

### What qualifies you to be on Caldwell City Council?

I believe my 14+ years in the military and my leadership for Team Rubicon and Wounded Warrior Project that sets me apart from the rest. I can manage under pressure and am compassionate when necessary. I think leading with integrity, accountability, and commitment is an integral part of this office.

### What are the 3 biggest issues Caldwell is facing today?

Growth, Trust, Leadership

### How would you solve these problems?

First, I don't think you can lead without trust, so that has to be restored for the community to get behind you and believe in your vision. That is done by community involvement.

Second, growth has to be responsible, and infrastructure and services need to be on par with that, not behind. Caldwell has to get back to leadership that cares about one another and the people.

My experience in the military and working with diverse people will help implement that back to our community and council. And when those things are done, trust is there, and the community will see it.

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**Why are you running for Caldwell City Council?**

I am a Caldwell native and I truly want to give back to my community which I have been raised in. Also I believe with my small business background I can bring a new approach to fiscal responsibility.

**What qualifies you to be on Caldwell City Council?**

I currently sit on the airport board and report to city council now. Also as a business owner I know what fiscal responsibility means. I know how tough decisions are not always favorable but still have to be made.

**What are the 3 biggest issues Caldwell is facing today?**

Growth. Fiscal responsibility. And precipitation of why things and how things are done.

**How would you solve these problems?**

Fiscal responsibility - I will bring a small business mind set to the conversation.

Growth - I will ask questions that will start a conversation about hard and clear boundaries and stick with the plan.

Precipitation - Work with making the council more transparent in the why we do things and the how things are done. So much misinformation is causing a great divide in the city that needs to be repaired and I would hope I could help heal this divide.



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**Why are you running for Caldwell City Council?**

To continue Advocating for the Taxpayer to make sure they get fair treatment re reducing their tax burden.

**What qualifies you to be on Caldwell City Council?**

Good listener, researcher and communicator, understanding processes, policies and proper procedures.

**What are the 3 biggest issues Caldwell is facing today?**

Common Sense Development for In-fill projects; overcrowded classrooms; reasonable tax burden sharing between Homeowners, Commercial/Industrial and Ag.

**How would you solve these problems?**

Work with City Councilors and Developers to restrict senseless growth. Work with state officials to address monetary needs for new schools and their repair and maintenance for the near and distance future.

Work with state officials to pass tax reform to produce a fair balance between Homeowners, Commercial/Industrial and Ag to attain a fair balance of taxation.



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**Why are you running for Caldwell City Council?**

I have talked about doing it for years, but have never really done more than talk to friends. Lately though, I feel I can no longer just sit back and stay silent. It was a friend that actually gave me the final push I needed after saying it's getting harder to stay quiet, they suggested I run for City council.

So here I am, wanting to help voice others' concerns and do something about it.

**What qualifies you to be on Caldwell City Council?**

I learned teamwork and listening, not just talking, by serving in the military. I learned to give respect to others and to help be the voice for others.

I have worked as a

Special Education Teacher and learned strategic thinking and planning for the long term not the short term. I feel all of these are important in a city council position as we can make long term plans and not the short term that might need to be replaced sooner.

I also work on a farm, I understand the meaning of a hard day's work and not stopping until you get things done. I get up early most of the time before sunrise and don't slow down until work is all done.

This is the drive I will give to a city council position.

**What are the 3 biggest issues Caldwell is facing today?**

-The biggest issue I see impacting Caldwell in the next 2 years is how population growth will impact our basic services and infrastructure. Our infrastructure is struggling and everything from road congestion to emergency services is affected as our city grows.

-I see issues with school overpopulation, which does tie into our infrastructure, but it is affecting everything from keeping good teachers to keeping the school safe for children to learn.

-I feel we need to start focusing on bringing in commercial real estate

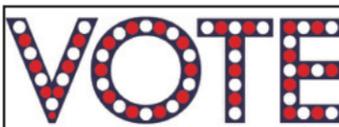
and focus on how to balance out our taxes. As we keep putting in subdivisions to allow more growth without balancing it with grocery stores, hardware stores, clothing stores, we are creating other problems.

**How would you solve these problems?**

We need to help our overwhelmed infrastructure with flexible zoning. We need to implement a mixed and flexible zoning setup. This will allow for a wider range of residential and commercial, but still allow farm land and cultural spaces to stay vibrant.

We need more community involvement, to actively involve residents in the planning process, including urban and budgeting projects, and ensure future projects are what our community sees as important.

If we did these things we could start to balance the other issues I discussed earlier as it would help rezone schools and effectively help infill areas in the city that are empty lots while avoiding removing precious farming lands and not removing what makes Caldwell



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**Why are you running for Caldwell City Council?**

I have watched as the city council has become far less functional than it has been in the past. I believe representation is important to good government, and that Caldwell residents want to see their process as respectful, deliberative, transparent, and efficient. I was approached by several Caldwell residents who know me to be someone with a history of bringing those aspects to the boards I sit on and the processes I engage in. I understand the collective decision-making process and want to see it healthy and working in Caldwell.

**What qualifies you to be on Caldwell City Council?**

I was born and raised in Caldwell, graduated high school here and raised my children here. I have served on boards, including the St. Luke's Community Board, Community Council, Caldwell Housing Authority, and served 8 years as a Caldwell School Board Trustee. I came from a farmworker family, attended Head Start, CHS, then attended BSU.

I believe my most important qualification is my ability to build relationships. The current dynamic among city council members is untenable and inefficient and has turned the process into a spectacle. The years I have spent on Boards have helped me understand the Public Records and Public Meetings laws and their importance in maintaining decorum and transparency. All of those actions stand to cost taxpayers.

**What are the 3 biggest issues Caldwell is facing today?**

1. Managing growth is certainly a significant issue.
2. Housing is an issue that goes hand in hand with growth.
3. City Communication is an issue.

**How would you solve these problems?**

1. The City has a new Comprehensive Plan and new guiding ordinances for implementation. I am certain

there is no legal way to stop growth for more than a few months. But we must ask good questions, deliberate carefully, and use smart growth principles.

2. Ensuring we have enough attainable housing for service workers, disabled residents, and to those with low to moderate incomes, will be critical as we move forward. I will look to developers for mixed use housing

3. There are many high-profile projects going on in our busy city, simultaneously. Our city communication staff does a great job informing the public. I just want the public to be inundated with all the key details of every project: what, where, why, when and who?



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**Why are you running for Caldwell City Council?**

I am running because Caldwell deserves a voice. True representation is about listening, being accessible, and standing up for every resident, no matter who you are or where you come from. I have proven I will listen, ask hard questions, and fight for the people I represent.

For me, this role has always been about accountability, transparency, and integrity. Our community deserves to know what decisions are being made and why. Government works best when it is open, when choices are explained, and when people feel they have someone on their side.

I am a community member and neighbor first, and my goal is to do the right thing for Caldwell.

**What qualifies you to be on Caldwell City Council?**

I bring both professional experience and personal commitment to serving Caldwell. As a Realtor and small business owner, I understand growth pressures, fiscal responsibility, and the challenges families and businesses face. With a history in law enforcement, I also know the importance of public safety, accountability, and trust in government. As a current Council member, I've shown I will listen, ask hard questions, and stand up for accountability, transparency, and integrity in city government. I also research every issue thoroughly so the people I represent can be fully informed. My qualifications come not just from titles, but from a proven record of service and a willingness to represent every resident fairly and honestly.

**What are the 3 biggest issues Caldwell is facing today?**

One of the biggest challenges we face is a lack of trust in city government. When people feel shut out of decisions, it breaks down relationships between residents and their representatives. People want to know they matter, that their voices are valued, and that the decisions being made reflect what is right for the whole community.

Another challenge is what feels like unchecked growth. Our community has been handed projects that are unwanted and, in many cases, not right for Caldwell. Growth without communication or accountability only deepens frustration and makes residents feel ignored.

Above all, the greatest issue we face is the exhaustion and frustration our residents have carried over the last four years. Caldwell needs to heal.

**How would you solve these problems?**

All I can do — and all I have ever done — is continue to advocate for the community, show up, ask the hard questions, and make sure everything is on record during meetings. I will keep demanding answers, pushing for information, and doing the research so I can be fully informed — and so residents can be fully informed as well.

I believe in transparency through action: speaking up when others stay quiet, making sure the public has access to the truth, and reminding people that their concerns matter. I cannot promise to fix every problem overnight, but I can promise to keep fighting for accountability, to listen to every resident, and to represent Caldwell with honesty and integrity. My commitment is to do the right thing for everybody.

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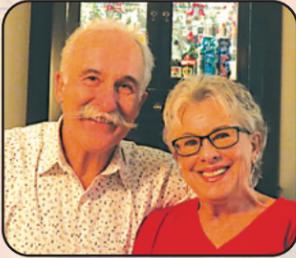
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**Scott Wallace, Beloved Community Partner Passes**



Scott Wallace

Did we ever lose a good one with heaven gaining an angel this past month. Scott Wallace passed away unexpectedly on August 24th, two days before his 60th birthday. A Celebration of Life was held at the Elks on September 17th and the size of the crowd was a testament to the impact his life has made on the people in our community. There will be some very big shoes to fill. So many people knew Scott and he always greeted everyone with that big beautiful Scott

smile. Scott had been the 4th caretaker of "Ship It!" which had started in the 80s as the Postal Exchange. Ship It was originally on Kimball before moving to its current location (521 N. 10th Ave, Caldwell) on September 10th, 2001. Scott took over ownership in January 2004. By 2009, Ship It! was selling FedEx & USPS services and printing. Scott purchased Copy Cat Copies and Prints in 2009 from the estate of Brad Car-

row who had been the previous owner. It was in January of 2024 that his business, Ship It/ Copy Cat Copies and Prints, celebrated its 20 years of business in our community. Scott made many friends through his business and

through his love of cars with his activities with the Heap Herders club that he belonged to. Scott, wherever you are, we were the lucky ones to have crossed your path. You will be missed.

**The Salvation Army to Kick Off Red Kettles at YOTES Basketball Game**



The Salvation Army, Caldwell at a Yotes basketball game for the 2024 Red Kettle kick off.

The Salvation Army Caldwell will be kicking off their Red Kettles for the holidays at The College of Idaho's YOTES men's basketball game on November 8, 2025, at 7:30 pm. The kick-off, featuring the jolly Red Kettle mascot, will be held during half-time at the J.A. Albertson Activities Center. The Salvation Army's Virtual Red Kettle, an online fundraising platform for the Caldwell Corps, will be presented to participants. Online giving can be accessed 24/7 via a QR code for payment using a credit card, Pay Pal, or Venmo. It's safe and easy to use, especially for those who don't carry cash.

Chair for The Salvation Army Caldwell. The sound of the bells is a great way to inspire everyone to spread joy throughout our city!" Every dollar you give to a Red Kettle can bring joy to someone in need. Donations help people eat well, sleep better, keep the power on, and so much more. It's a wonderful time for the Caldwell community to come together in the spirit of Christmas.

There will be many opportunities to give joy throughout the holiday season. In keeping with tradition, you will find bell ringers at Red Kettle stands outside of local retailers in Caldwell. Look for their smiling faces at Walmart, Albertson's, and Bi-Mart. "We have such a supportive community in Caldwell," said Captain Amy Lewis, Caldwell Corps officer. "We know we can count on our local partners and residents to help others in need. They are incredibly generous with their time and donations year after year." Ninety percent of the money donated to Red Kettles stays local to support The Salvation Army Caldwell's social programs, such as

providing a monthly food box to families and individuals, educational classes for parents with babies, utility assistance to qualifying applicants, seasonal support for children, and other essential services.

Want to volunteer at a Red Kettle? Bell Ringing opportunities are available! To sign up online, please visit [www.registertoring.com](http://www.registertoring.com) or call Amy Lewis at (208) 459-2011, ext. 202.

**About The Salvation Army of Caldwell**

Serving Caldwell, Idaho, since 1950, The Salvation Army provides nutritious food boxes, programs for children and adults, seasonal support, and hope to those in need. Guided by Christian values and a commitment to serving all without discrimination, The Salvation Army responds with love and practical help in times of crisis and recovery.



"We are excited to ring in Red Kettle season at the YOTES game this year," said Brent Orton, Advisory Board

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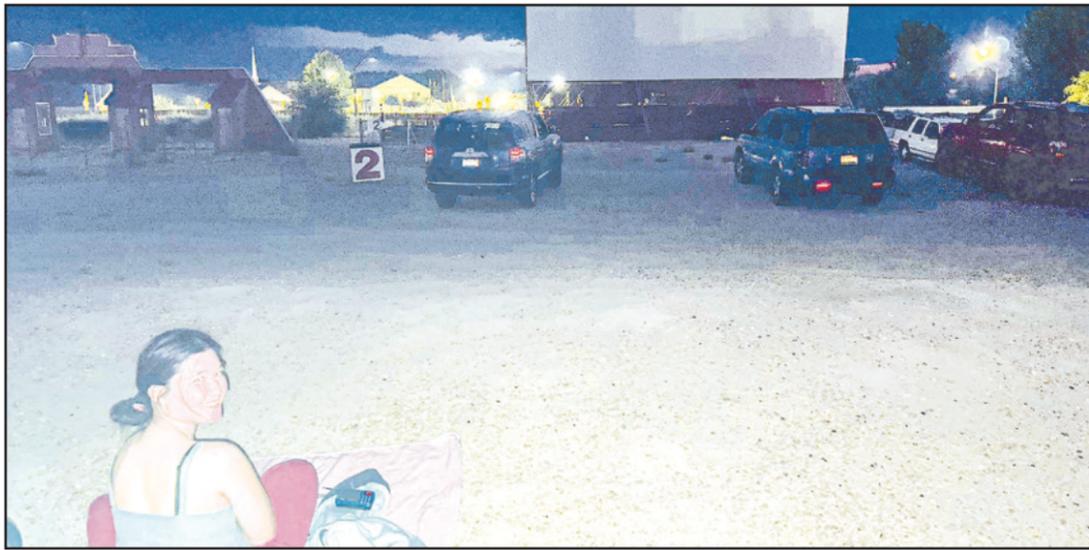
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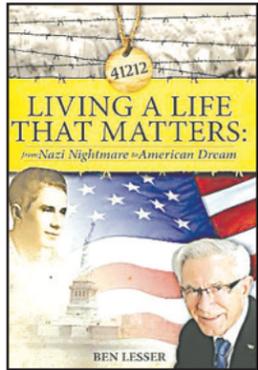


### Holocaust Survivor, Ben Lesser, Spreads Message of Remembrance

by Toni Ferro, Caldwell Perspective



CHS junior Dawn Chadwick attending Ben Lesser's presentation



On September 6th, Caldwell's Terrace Drive-In hosted a presentation by Ben Lesser, a 96-year-old Holocaust Survivor. The Zoom presentation was attended by Ben's daughter and granddaughter, however Ben was unable to attend due to illness. Ben's family played a video of Ben's testimony that was recorded earlier this year.

The story Ben told began during the German invasion of Poland when he was only 10 and ended in 1945 when he was 16 and liberated from a concentration camp by US forces. The details of his story are gut-wrenching. His par-

ents were murdered trying to escape Poland, a sister and a brother were killed on arrival at Auschwitz, and another brother died in less certain circumstances. His own experiences were filled with horror, brutality, and starvation.

Ben started sharing his story after his retirement in 2012 and has worked tirelessly teaching young people in particular about the Holocaust and hoping to put an end to this type of inhumanity. Ben started a Holocaust Remembrance foundation, Zachor (remember), and wrote a book, *Living A Life that Matters: from Nazi Nightmare to American Dream*.

In the book, Ben writes about his life during the Holocaust and after the war. After being liberated from a concentration camp, he was reunited by chance with his sister and her husband, immigrated to the US, met his soul-mate, had two children, worked at UPS for 25 years, and then worked as a successful real estate broker. His story is one of remarkable resilience.

Christie Nielsen said she attended the presentation here in Caldwell because she has read a lot about WWII and is always interested to hear people's personal stories. It also bothers her that some people don't believe the Holocaust happened. Jerry Mohr said he's worried people have forgotten the Holocaust and that young people just don't know anything about it. He feels everyone can use refreshers about the terrible events of the Holocaust.

Caldwell High School junior, Dawn Chadwick, rode her electric scooter to the event and found a good spot to watch from a blanket. She explained that she is very interested in history and her teacher, Mr. Wurtz, requires students to get History in Action credits. This event was one way to earn those credits and she said she would also be attending a 9/11 event to earn more.

To learn more about Ben Lesser and his story, visit <https://www.zachorfoundation.org/>.

### Free Shakespeare on the Plaza

by Toni Ferro, Caldwell Perspective



Ferdinand and the Princess engaging in witty banter.

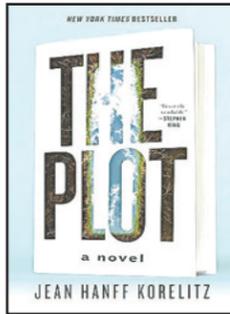
On the evening of September 12th, Caldwell was treated to Shakespeare's *Love's Labour's Lost* at Indian Creek Plaza. The play is one of Shakespeare's jaunty farces and it was made even jauntier by the Boise Bard Players' upbeat interpretation. The play includes flirtatious witty banter, wrongly delivered love letters, four suitors disguised as Russians, and four women disguised as each other. On top of it all the actors rolled with the ambient noise that comes along with performing on the plaza - loud music from

passing cars was met with dancing and train horns were met with shock and confusion (what monstrous beasts make such a noise?!).

The play does not end happily as the women are called to France with news that King Charles, the Princess' father, has died. The men entreat the women to stay, but alas they won't, telling the men that if they are still interested in one year they should come to France. All of their witty banter and wooing (love's labour) has been lost.

### "The Plot" by Jean Hanff Korelitz

book review by Jasper LiCalzi



Wow! Oh Wow! Korelitz also wrote "Admission," which was a Rom Com made into a movie with Tina Fey.

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Korelitz lets the reader in on the plot only through excerpts from the book. You are left trying to figure out the plot of the book and the plot of the book written by the protagonist.

I am usually awful at figuring out the secrets of a book, but I was able to figure out both of these plots.

Korelitz has a follow up to this, naturally called "The Sequel." I am going to read it as soon as I can.

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### Southwest Idaho Birders Association

by JC Clancy



Black-throated gray warbler

Don't look now! And even if you look hard, you won't see the Birds of Summer. They've gone South. Forget those Western and Eastern Kingbirds, orioles, tiny hummingbirds with their gemstone gorget feathers flashing in the morning sun.

But there are compensations. Fill your feeders with nuts and seeds, and watch for dark-eyed juncos, black-capped chickadees and red-capped house finches to flock to your yard. Look for well-camouflaged brown creepers creeping up tree trunks and red-breasted nuthatches creeping down the trunks head first.

Walk by the lake to see and hear hordes of geese flying over or landing on the water. Along with the ring-billed gulls, you might find a dainty short-billed or sabine's gull. Maybe a common tern sitting on a buoy, while the buoys are still there! Before all the western and clark's grebes take their maturing offspring away, you might find among them a few eared, horned and even red-necked grebes.

The more people who are looking, the more likely it is that someone will spot migrating common loons. Just rarely, local birders also get Pacific, red-necked or yellow-billed loons.

Louisa Evers is one of the local birders not just looking for the unusual bird but also collecting infor-

mation on the habitat that sustains the bird population. On Oct. 9, she'll bring to SIBA's meeting some of that insight on "Birds of the Owyhees," noting that the Owyhee River basin is lightly birded, but has some interesting species to find. This presentation was originally prepared for Friends of the Owyhees via Golden Eagle Audubon Society and is aimed at both birders and non-birders. Louisa will explain how she analyzed what birds might be present, their relative abundance, and what species may be commonly found in what habitat.

Louisa moved to Idaho upon retirement in 2019 and has since immersed herself in local birds and birding. She is the current Program Coordinator for SIBA and Vice President and Education Committee chair for Golden Eagle Audubon Society. Louisa also helps with bird banding at the Intermountain Bird Observatory's site at the Diane Moore Nature Center, coordinates the Garden Valley Christmas Bird Count (CBC) and participates in the other three CBCs in the Southwest Idaho, and in National Audubon Society's Climate Watch.

SIBA's next field trip will be to Cascade Lake on Saturday, Oct. 11, meeting at 7:30 a.m. at the Chevron gas station in Horseshoe Bend. Registration is required. Contact trip leader James Jarrett by email: SIBAFieldTrip@gmail.com. At the gas station, carpools will form for the drive to Cascade Lake. Migrating species including waterfowl, gulls, terns, and loons are expected. This will be an all-day trip so bring water, lunch, binoculars, and layers for fall weather.

October might possibly be the finest month of the year for area sportsmen. Weather is usually mild and stable. Water fowl season opens and upland seasons are in full swing. General deer season opens and some controlled hunts are underway. If you are a fisherman's fisherman, your season may be winding down, but it's not over. As water temperatures drop, fish of all species get more aggressive.

October's fall colors also mark the return of one of nature's most magnificent, the steelhead. These ocean run rainbows are truly a marvel of evolution. In Idaho, life begins in the Clearwater, Snake and Salmon Rivers, including tributaries. Adults lay eggs in what are called reds, depressions in the gravel. The fry hatch and feed on the yolk sac and become smolt. The smolt hang out in the river for one to two years, feeding on insects and insect larva. When river life becomes boring, the smolt decide that the Washington or Oregon coast would make better digs, so they opt for a five or six hundred mile sojourn to salt water. This little scamper is fraught with danger. Walleyes, small-mouth bass, squaw fish, and terns to name a few, all see steelhead smolt as the perfect entrée. Assuming they make it to salt water and survive to complete the life cycle, they must return to their birthplace. How nature believed this strategy was good for the sustainability of a species, I will leave to the Ichthyologist to ponder for eons. The steelhead flourished and provided sustenance for the American Indian, black, and grizzly bear and many others.

1938 was the completion of the Bonneville Dam, the first one on the Columbia River. It incorporated a fish ladder to help get adult salmon and steelhead up river. Forward thinking for that era! More dams were built in years that followed. Anadromous fish became one of the most heated topics of the northwest, ongoing to this day. Restoring native runs is seen as the best long-term solution. Meanwhile hatcheries supplement wild runs

### Dave's Big Back Yard

by Dave McCormick



A wild steelhead smolt, Photo credit: Idaho Fish and Game making an uneasy truce for all parties concerned. I see no future changes.

Had a great dove shoot on the opener. Four gunners

shot right close to a limit of mourning doves with a few Eurasians mixed in. Brandon Banta's dog, Huckleberry did most of the work.

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### Knights of Columbus Oktoberfest Supports Coats for Kids!

by Pat King



Who are the Knights of Columbus? Well I can give you a history lesson of where the Knights of Columbus came from, but you can search the internet and get much more information about the Knights than I have room for in this article. The Knights started 143 years ago in New Haven, Connecticut by a Catholic priest by the name of Father Michael McGivney, who died shortly after he started it. The Knights are now the world's largest men's fraternal organization. The Knights are now in many countries and commit millions of dollars and millions of volunteer man hours every year to the needs of their local communities and all over the world.

One good source of information on who Father McGivney is in the book, "The Parish Priest." The men who make up the local councils are volunteers and they donate from two to untold number of hours every week, month, and year for a good portion of their adult lives. They do community projects to help the poor and others in need.

This 2nd annual Oktoberfest on Saturday, October 18th at Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church (1122 Linden St, Caldwell) is open to the entire community and there will be live polka music! The purpose is for our annual "Coats for Kids Drive," where we collect new and very good used coats and also purchase many more new coats for winter in various sizes for kids in need. We all know kids grow up rapidly and a coat one year won't fit the next. This coat give-away will happen on November 15th

from 9am to 4pm at Our Lady of the Valley Church. This is just one of many charities or efforts to help those in need throughout the year.

I think the best attention getter is the POW MIA hot air balloon, piloted by none other than our own Knights of Columbus member Luke Cesnik. Luke spends most of the fair weather months traveling about the countryside attending balloon festivals, bringing awareness to those military personnel still missing in action throughout the world. Prisoners of War and Missing in Action hot air balloons have been traveling about America through the generous support of sponsors, but mainly patriots who get a further understanding of the importance to never give up the effort to locate those still missing from foreign wars and conflicts.

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A free will offering will be accepted to offset the costs for the day or you can support their efforts by informing the public of this ongoing concern.

I pray that you come and join us for this very family friendly event of good food, games, children's blowup obstacle course, great music and of course the big deal, the POW MIA hot air balloon. Bring a new children's coat and receive a free giant pretzel while supplies last. God bless.

### Local Dirt

by Pat King

Autumn is one of my favorite seasons of the year. It's the beginning and ending of many things that culminated from winter into summer.

Many take great solace at this time for things coming to an end like the hard hot labors of gardening or the constant motion of keeping your kids entertained or busy with farm chores as I did growing up. It is the end of free time with kids or the ease of travel because the weather is ideal and the end of those long summer days.

Now the beginnings of school, football, volleyball, and if you're a grandparent, you almost need a calendar glued to your glasses so you always know which grandkid is playing where and at what time. My friend Tom has a real dilemma because he's got so many grandkids within driving distance that he can't believe he's retired. I feel for him but my days are coming in a few years.

For me, fall means that I can soon stop mowing and a winter's rest is around the corner. I love the cooler days and the sights of fall. I see the grass slowing its growth and the leaves showing tinges of color change. Being so intimate with

plants, I tend to notice every little change. That's my point here.

If you learn to notice these changes, then you'll know the plant is telling you what to do next. For example, if your lawn seems a little more spongy, that's an indicator that the grass isn't needing as much water, so you can reduce frequency or run times or both. Over watering at this point is damaging to dormancy and uptake of vital nutrients. It also tells you to start cutting shorter and picking up grass clippings and to apply a low nitrogen fertilizer like a 9-9-9 with iron or a similar ratio. Low nitrogen with iron keeps the green, but phosphorus and potassium are for root health and it's for all plantings. Sharp lawnmower blades are a must as you cut shorter. I take mine down as short as my mower can go by the end of the fall. Do it gradually and no, it won't hurt your lawn.

Advice for pruning trees and various shrubbery: You can prune trees now without forcing a lot of replacement branching, but never more than a third at a time or it will hurt its dormancy process. Or at least identify branches you want to remove by paint or colored tape.



Through empty branches it is easier to see the shape and crossover branches, but pruning in safer conditions is better for you.

Shrubs can be pruned most anytime, but know your shrubs sensitivities to cold weather. A rose for example, can be killed during winter freezing temps if you prune it to where it should be in spring. If it's done before winter, you expose the roots of roses to extreme temperatures and that could kill it. I prune my roses down to about two feet high and then in mid-April, I prune it back to 5-8 canes spread apart. But again, know your plants to know what they can tolerate, but it is always best to remove dead branches as soon as possible.

Until next time, Pat.



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The Medical Staff of West Valley Medical Center have awarded eight students in the valley the 2025 West Valley Medical Staff Scholarship. This annual scholarship supports high school seniors who recently graduated and plan to pursue careers in healthcare.

This scholarship was established to help students from local communities access the education needed to make a differ-

ence in the medical field. "The members of our medical staff have a strong connection to Caldwell and these scholarships are an expression of that connection," said Dr. Lyndon Box, West Valley Medical Staff President. "The students receiving these awards have demonstrated the characteristics that are necessary for a successful medical career. Our hope is that these scholarships will help realize their goals

and as a result, many others will be helped."

Each recipient has demonstrated outstanding academic achievement, community involvement, and a clear commitment to pursuing a healthcare career as a physician, registered nurse, physician assistant, or other vital medical role. The eight scholarships range from \$500 to \$1,000. 2025 Scholarship Recipients include: Caitlyn Wagner (Homedale

High School Grad, Rachel Pawlak (Homedale High School Grad), Kylie Goostrey (Marsing High School Grad), Katelin Norton (Parma High School Grad) and Addilyn Eshelman (Ridgeview High School Grad). There will be two additional graduates

from the Vallivue School District and one graduate from the Caldwell School District.

Students can contact their school counselors if they would like more information about the scholarship program.

CFOE Scholarships and Higher Ed Event

by Leora Summers

The Caldwell Foundation for Educational Opportunities (CFOE) awarded 64 scholarships for a total of \$90,000 to Caldwell seniors in 2025. Yet not every available scholarship was awarded, because some had no applicants. One of these was the Class of 1972 scholarship honoring Jimmy Marcus, an exceptional CHS student who lost his life in a boating accident in 1975.

The application process for CFOE scholarships opens on Friday, Nov. 21st, 2025, and closes on Feb. 8th, 2026. To see what scholarships are available go online to: cfeo.org.

Students wanting more information can speak with CFOE reps during the Higher Education Information After School Event in the CHS library from 3:30 - 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 21.

This event will address basic scholarship information in-



Jimmy Marcus, CHS Class of 1972

cluding when students should apply for scholarships and what types of scholarships may be available to them.

This event is created to help students look forward and be prepared to know when they need to get things started for the next phase of their education.

If students have questions or need help during the CFOE application process, they can contact Erin Smith at: erin.sullivan.smith@aim.com.

GO YOTES! October Schedule

by Leora Summers

Overall for the season so far is 3-1 (W-L).



Superfan Sheila with the C of I Yotes Mascot

The College of Idaho Yotes continue to do well. And what a great Homecoming game on September 20th against Montana State University! Let's see what October brings! You can keep up by going to: yoteathletics.com/sports/football/schedule/2025.

Upcoming October Games

- Oct 4, 12:30pm (MT) vs. Simpson University in Redding, CA
- Oct 18, 7pm (MT) vs. Montana Western, Simplot Stadium
- Oct 25, 7pm (MT) vs. Eastern Oregon University, LaGrande, OR
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I Back The Blue and have hired over 25 new police officers, which has led to a decrease in crime, despite a growing city. We have hired over 30 new fire fighters and are building two new fire stations.

### Smart Responsible Growth



Growth must reflect our community's values and protect our quality of life. I only support responsible development that aligns with our long-term vision and planning.

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