

Caldwell High Boys' Soccer Brings Home the 6A State Banner

by Toni Ferro
photos by Jennifer Martinez

In the continuing tradition of Caldwell schools punching well above their weight, the Caldwell boys soccer team has won the state championship in Idaho's toughest division, 6A.

Head Coach Rhys Yeakley said he noticed the determination of this team right away. He could see the boys running at Brother's Park in the off season and they showed up on day one in good shape and ready to get to work.

Caldwell High had been in the second highest division for a while when last year it was bumped up to 6A. The team struggled with the move, ending the season without qualifying for the state tournament.

They set some goals at the start of the season, their highest goal being to make it to state.

Once they achieved that goal things fell into place for them. Yeakley says the matchups they got were exactly the ones he would've picked, and their good fortune felt like divine providence to the team who truly believed in themselves and each other.



Senior Goalie and Team Captain Horacio Hernandez makes a save in the 6A State Championship Game against Borah.



CHS Varsity Boys' Soccer



CHS Boys' Soccer Seniors
Back row: Jorge Ramirez, Miguel Hernandez, Luis Ponce, Horacio Hernandez, Montez Soto, Adan Gamino
Front row: Alex Dijar, Freddy Achibia, Isaac Araiza, Leo Ponce, Omar Torres

Horacio Hernandez is a senior at Canyon Springs, a team captain, and the team's goalie. He made a number of great saves over the course of the state tournament and was the *Idaho Statesman* player of the week for Oct 20 - 27.

This team has meant a lot to him. He'd always heard that "if you really believe in something you can achieve it" but he hadn't heard it from people in circumstances like his and he didn't really buy it.

Now he says that "if you really set your mind to something and you have a good group of people with you, people with the same mindset as you" you can achieve more than you think. "It gives you a different perspective and not just in soccer, but in other parts of our lives."

Hernandez is currently working with his coaches to find a college that will be the right fit for him, so he can keep playing soccer and keep achieving.

Junior and Team Captain Sergio Gaxiola says that after last year's not-so-great season, a lot of people doubted the team and their potential. And all of those doubts fueled them. The doubts "inspired us, we knew we had to prove the doubters wrong, we wanted to do that for us and for the community of Caldwell."

He said the biggest difference from last year to this year, was the attitude of the

team. This year, "everyone came with positivity" and "we come to school, we get good grades, and we motivate each other to get better and better".

Gaxiola will be a senior next year, and is already planning to go to college and study Computer Science and Business (and play soccer!).

In addition to the state championship, the team and the fans won the 2025 Boys 6A State Soccer Sportsmanship Award. The athletic director from each team competing at state takes note of how the teams and their fans interact with the refs and their opposing teams and vote on a winner for the award.

Hernandez says he was really proud that they won the Sportsmanship Award, because it showed that it wasn't just the team that came out with a new attitude this year, it was also the fans.

Caldwell's size is right on the cusp between the 6A division and the 5A division and next year the school will be moving back to 5A.

Coach Yeakley says that this year's 6A State Championship is no reason to get overconfident about next year even though they will be in a lower division. There are no guarantees and no free rides.

Congratulations to this inspirational team, we look forward to seeing the good things the future brings for you on the field and off.

Election Results 2025



Election Winners From L to R: Mayor Elect Eric Phillips, City Councilmember Seat 1 Elect Scott Tilmant, City Councilmember Seat 2 Chuck Stadick, City Councilmember 3 Diana Register

Eric Phillips won the Caldwell Mayor's race with 57.1% of the vote over current Mayor, Jarom Wagoner (30.3%), and current City Councilmember Brad Doty (12.6%).

Scott Tilmant won City

Council Seat 1 with 37.7% of the vote over Brandon Weast (29%), Carlos Hernandez (28.6%), and Jorge Arancivia (4.1%).

Chuck Stadick retained City Council Seat 2 with 47.8% of

the vote over Randy Neary (31.5%) and Dennis Staack (20.8%).

Diana Register kept City Council Seat #3 with 64.5% of the vote over Marisela Pesina (35.5%).

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November 11



November 12

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.
10:30-11 AM: Music & Movement (ages 2-6), Library, 1010 Dearborn St.
3:30-4:30 PM: Afterschool Fun (ages 5-12), Library, 1010 Dearborn.
4:30-6:30 PM: Farmway After-school Program: Slime Lab (all ages), Farmway Village Community Room, 22730 Farmway Rd.

November 13

10:30 AM: Preschool Storytime (ages 3-5), 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.
2 PM: Thursday Read Book Club, This month's book is "Four Winds" by Kristin Hannah (ages 18+), Idaho Room, Library, 1010 Dearborn.
4:30-5:30 PM: Teen Thursday: Picasso Self-Portraits (ages 13-17), Library, 1010 Dearborn.
7-8 PM: Gardening (ages 18+), Learn to garden like a pro with the Idaho Master Gardeners, Library, 1010 Dearborn.

November 14

7 AM-2 PM: Nathan's Greenleaf Cafe 10 year anniversary celebration. We will have specials, some fun prizes and all the family here to see everyone!, 21513 Main St, Greenleaf.
10-11 AM: Tai Chi and Qigong (ages 18+), Library, 1010 Dearborn.
4:30-5:30 PM: Adult Lego Club, (Ages 16+) Haunted House! Library, 1010 Dearborn.

November 15

7 AM-2 PM: Nathan's Greenleaf Cafe 10 year anniversary celebration. They will have specials, some fun prizes and all the family there to see everyone, 21513 Main St, Greenleaf.
9 AM-4 PM: The Knights of Columbus will be distributing free winter coats to kids in need, from toddlers through teen sizes. First come first serve basis; children must be present to receive a coat. Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church, 1122 W Linden St, Caldwell.
10:30-11:30 AM: Stories & Crafts (all ages), Tales After Twilight, Nocturnal Animal Activity. Library, 1010 Dearborn.

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5 PM: City Council Workshop, Destination Caldwell Annual Report, City Hall Council Chambers, 205 S 6th.
6 PM: Family Read Week Kickoff (all ages), Glow Lab: Science After Dark, 1010 Dearborn.
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November 18

9 AM-Noon: The Salvation Army Turkey and Canned food drive, 1015 E Chicago St.
10:30-11 AM: Spanish and English Storytime, 1010 Dearborn.
4:45-5:45 PM: Read to a Therapy Dog. Library, 1010 Dearborn.

November 19

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Caldwell High Students Perform “The Great Gatsby”

by Toni Ferro



Cast and crew of Caldwell High’s “The Great Gatsby”

The Caldwell High School Theater Department celebrated the 100th year of F. Scott Fitzgerald’s book, “The Great Gatsby”, with a moody stage production of the play.

The play opens with the well-to-do Daisy Buchanan (Joryn Wright) greeting her distant cousin Nick Carraway (Rachel Noonan), a young man who has come to New York to make his fortune.

A central conflict in the show emerges right away as Daisy’s husband, Tom (Jayson Dix), is revealed to be a loud brute who cheats on his wife.

We soon learn that Nick’s neighbor, the excessively wealthy businessman Jay Gatsby (Brandon Bake), has been in love with Daisy since they dated years before and wants to win her away from her boorish husband.

Act 2 has many misfortunes in store, though, as Daisy accidentally hits and kills Myrtle Wilson (Samantha Worthen), Tom’s mistress, with Jay’s car on the way home from the city.

Myrtle’s husband George (Cole Kopke) learns the car belonged to Gatsby, finds him and kills him before taking his

own life. Money is not enough to keep tragedy at bay.

Nick decides to go back home to the midwest where people have less money and glamour, but are less callous and miserable.

Over the course of the play we also meet Jordan Baker (Saphron Garza), Nick’s girlfriend and professional golfer; Wolfsheim (Sophie Miller), Gatsby’s business partner; Mr. and Mrs. McKee (Sophie Miller and Allie Massie), friends of the Wilsons; and Mrs. Michaelis (Allie Massey), witness to the collision that kills Myrtle.

Director Lance Morris explains that the mature themes of the play gave the actors a chance to dig deep and develop complex characters and emotional performances that go beyond hitting their marks and saying their lines.

And the young performers delivered. The dialog was dense, but the actors did a great job getting their lines across. And the well-paced play moved along quickly to its sad conclusion.

Mr. Morris explains that students were responsible for

more than just the acting. Students took ownership of stage management, set design and painting, sound design, house management, costumes, hair, makeup, props, sound and lights.

They started work on the production way back in August and the students spent nearly every day since after school working on different aspects of the production.

Their hard work and preparation came thorough in the polished final product.

I asked some of the actors if they were planning to pursue theater after high school. Brandon Bake is planning to attend BSU in the fall and major in Film and Television Arts. Rachel Noonan, who was in the cast and did the play’s hair, makeup, and costume design, is planning to attend Wesleyan in Connecticut next year because they have a renowned theater department. She is especially interested in costume design.

Congratulations to all of the students involved in this production and to the directors, Lance Morris and Piper Gearheart. We look forward to your spring production.



Seniors L to R: Liz Jones (House Manager), Hadessa Blood (Backstage), Brandon Bake (Jay Gatsby), Jayson Dix (Tom Buchanan), Joryn Wright (Daisy Buchanan), Rachel Noonan (Nick Carraway; Costume, Hair, and Makeup Design), and Adrianna Eldredge (Stage Hand/Dancer)

Christmas in October!



After a great summer season, our Caldwell Centennial Band is back to rehearsing and I have been humming Christmas songs which began in October when I went home from rehearsal every Monday night. So from October through December, we rehearse not only Christmas music, but also music for our spring and summer concerts in 2026.

We have purchased a lot of wonderful new music and

look forward to adding it for your listening pleasure for this December’s Christmas concert and for next year’s free summer concerts in Memorial Park. We have more new members and are bigger and better than ever!

We look forward to seeing you during our Christmas concert at our new location, Caldwell High School Auditorium, on December 8th!

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Ribbon Cutting Celebrates Shared Stories Expansion

by Leora Summers



“Worker Bee” George Decker (holding ribbon), Sarah Pinchock (employee), Allie Gonzales (employee), Dr. Jocene Skinner (owner), and Courtney Smith (employee, not visible)

On October 22nd, Shared Stories celebrated the expansion of their book store with music, beverages and treats and a ribbon cutting with chamber members, city dignitaries, friends and our community present.

Mayor Wagoner addressed the crowd saying that Shared Stories is a great addition to our community. Dr. Jocene, owner, told the crowd that this dream of owning a bookstore was a long time coming. She said this “nerdy girl” from Jordan Valley had a love of books and dreamed of having a bookstore and that she loves bringing people together and this bookstore allowed her to do both.

George Decker (worker bee husband of Dr. Jocene), who manages the daily activities of the store, put it this way, “I’ve always said, I see us as a community service. Nobody opens a book store to make a million dollars. Every town of a certain size deserves a book store.” So Dr. Jocene and George put together their love of books to create this new business in the name of service to our community.

We now have two wonderful bookstores that complement each other, Shared Stories and Rubaiyat Book Store (314 S. 6th Ave, Caldwell) run by Sazja Fletcher.

Shared Stories first opened in April of 2024 at 106 S. Kimball right near Indian Creek Plaza and first-time business owner Jocene Skinner and her worker-bee husband, George Decker, realized their business dream. And after a little over one year in business, they have now doubled their space bringing this bookstore to life. Employee Sarah Pinchock says “we have expanded the store and now it is bigger and better!” The new space is filled with light and is a wonderful space!

The store carries all genres of books and has novelty book clubs to match many of them, including clubs for fiction, nonfiction, cookbook, romance, romantasy, poetry, sci-fi, graphic novel and even a silent book club. Coming in

January they will start up a gardening book club.

What a great addition to downtown Caldwell and wonderful service to our community! Thank you Dr. Jocene and George!

Bring a Book! Pick a Book!

Shared Stories will be celebrating Children’s Book Week (Nov. 3-11) all month long with a “Bring a Book! Pick a Book!” program.

Anytime during the month of November, if you bring your children in with a children’s book to leave on the table, they may pick a book from the table to take home! This is a win-win program for everyone! So come on down and share the joy of reading with your kiddos! This epitomizes the true meaning of “Shared Stories!”



Shared Stories new expanded area with sunlight!

West Valley Medical Center Earns Another 5-Star Rating from CMS



West Valley Medical Center has been nationally recognized for its commitment to quality and patient safety for the third year in a row. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) awarded West Valley a 5-star rating in its 2025 Overall Hospital Quality Star Ratings update, placing the hospital among 290 facilities nationwide to achieve this honor.

CMS assigns star ratings annually based on performance in five critical quality categories, includ-

ing safety of care, readmission, patient experience, and mortality.

West Valley’s commitment to excellence stands out nationally and across Idaho. West Valley Medical Center is the only hospital in the state to earn both the CMS 5-star rating and an “A” Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade.

“This recognition is a direct reflection of the dedication, expertise, and compassion of our colleagues and medical staff,” said Dr. Richard Augustus, Chief Medical Officer at West Valley Medical Center. “We are proud to provide safe, high-quality care close to home for our patients and families, and this award affirms that commitment.”

Domes Project - DevCo Residential Group Breaks Ground in Caldwell



Aerial view of the domes.

On October 20th DevCo Residential Group broke ground at 821 N 16th in Caldwell, where the Domes Church was located, to kick off construction of their affordable housing project on that site.

The three white geodesic domes were a Caldwell landmark for many years and used to be quite a sight from the freeway.

In 1977, the domes were built to house the First Assembly of God Church. Not long ago, the land was sold and the iconic Domes were demolished sometime after January of 2024 to prepare for this new housing project. The church relocated to 110 S. 5th in Caldwell.

Upon completion of this project, there will be 152 new one, two, three, and four bedroom apartments available on the local market, offering quality and affordable housing to the community.

This project will feature amenities including a playground, fitness center, dog park, community room, and solar carports, which are designed to offset 80% of the site’s electrical load.

St. Alphonsus Opens New Health Plaza in Caldwell



St. Al’s Caldwell Health Plaza opened November 3rd.

Saint Alphonsus Health System celebrated the completion of their newest facility, the Caldwell Health Plaza, on October 30th.

The Caldwell Health Plaza is located on the corner of Highway 84 and 20/26 at 712 Aviation Way.

The three-story multispecialty clinic sits on more than 18 acres of land and will be home to more than 30 physicians, more than 15 specialties, and will have the

capacity to grow to meet the community’s expanding healthcare needs.

The Caldwell Health Plaza opened to the public on No-

vember 3. At the ribbon cutting on Oct. 30th leaders from Saint Alphonsus and the community gathered for a celebration in the facility’s front lobby.

“Saint Alphonsus is ready and honored to serve the people of Caldwell,” said David McFadyen, President and CEO of Saint Alphonsus Health System. “TheCaldwell Health Plaza facility gives our providers and colleagues the opportunity to deliver compassionate and healing care for one of the fastest-growing communities in the country.”

The Caldwell Health Plaza will offer patients access to primary care and a wide range of specialty services, including:

- Family Medicine
- Pediatrics



St. Al’s Caldwell Health Plaza ribbon cutting by David McFadyen, President and CEO of St. Al’s Health System, and Mayor Wagoner.

- Obstetrics/Gynecology
- Urgent Care
- Cardiology
- General Surgery & Bariatrics
- Sports Medicine
- Podiatry
- Ear, Nose and Throat & Audiology
- Occupational Medicine
- Orthopedics
- Lab and Imaging
- Sleep Medicine
- Urology

The clinic, designed by Boise-based architectural and construction partners Lombard Conrad Architects and Andersen Construction, used a modular, pod design, which creates space to adapt to fu-

ture demands for specialty services.

Construction on the more than 60,000 square foot clinic began in November 2023.

“By creating more access to primary and specialty care in Caldwell, better health outcomes in our community are possible, not just today but for the long haul,” said Dr. Mark Nassir, President of Saint Alphonsus Medical Group. “This clinic goes beyond being a facility, it is a place where we will live out our mission to serve as a compassionate and transforming healing presence in Canyon County.”



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Boise Fry Company Opens in Caldwell

by Toni Ferro



Purple potato fries
photo by Boise Fry Company

Boise Fry Company held the official ribbon cutting for their new Caldwell location, 2110 Blaine Street, on October 15th.

If you haven't been to a Boise Fry Company before, I'll tell you they aren't serving up your grandpa's burger and fries. To order your fries you first get to choose your potato: red, russet, gold, sweet, or purple (yes, that's right, purple). Then you get to choose your cut: regular, homestyle, curly, shoe-string, or po'ball.

And the choices don't end there. Once you have your fries, you'll pick your salt (the fries come unsalted) and your sauce. Per-

haps some cajun salt with Carolina BBQ sauce? Or maybe smoked salt with garlic aioli? Don't worry, you can pick more than one combination.

Though fries are the main course at Boise Fry Company, they have burgers, sandwiches, and sides to go along with them.

The Caldwell location is the seventh Boise Fry Company and their first new location since 2019. And the Caldwell location has a special feature that other Boise Fry Company locations don't have - a drive through.

The ribbon was cut at the Caldwell location by Boise Fry Company CEO, Brad Walker, and COO, Sarmad Jasim.

Speaking before the cutting, Brad talked about how excited he is to get to be a part of the Caldwell business community. He is looking forward to getting involved with local groups and schools as well.

Welcome to Caldwell!



COO Sarmad Jasim and CEO Brad Walker cutting the ribbon at the new Caldwell location of the Boise Fry Company.

Blossom Family Solutions Comes to Caldwell

by Leora Summers



Blossom Family Solutions co-owners Chrissie (with scissors) and Jeremy Hayden (black shirt and sunglasses), flanked by surrogates, employees, chamber members and Mayor Jarom Wagoner (back row, blue shirt) during their ribbon cutting ceremony. Photo by Leora Summers.

The Caldwell Chamber hosted a ribbon cutting for Blossom Family Solutions on October 9th. The new office space is located at 714 Main Street, suite 208, in downtown Caldwell. The business is 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.

The Haydens, upon their one year anniversary of being in business and due to

all the growth of their business, have opened this new office in Caldwell. Mayor Wagoner welcomed them saying, "This is a celebratory occasion, not just here for today, but for the long term." Chamber Executive Director, Travis Palmer, also welcomed Blossom Family Solutions to our business community.

Chrissie Hayden, co-owner, told the attendees that she saw the struggle people have gone through and has been a four-time surrogate

herself. She had worked in another business and felt something was missing, so she started this one. She wishes to bring education and awareness to families who are struggling and help guide them on their journey to becoming parents.

Currently, the business has 50 surrogates and the first baby from Blossom Family Solutions is due on Christmas day. What a great Christmas present that will be for that family. Welcome to our community!

The Home Depot opens in Caldwell



Home Depot employees donating \$5000 to the Caldwell Veterans Memorial Hall.

Caldwell's The Home Depot, located at 4106 Hwy 20-26, had its grand opening on October 1st. The store will employ 125 associates.

As part of The Home Depot's investments in its communities the retailer contributes to job programs, veterans' causes, and emergency response efforts. To commemorate the new store opening, The Home Depot donated \$5000 to the Caldwell Veterans Memorial Hall.

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Remembering Richard Renstrom, Motorcycle Historian, 1935 - 2025

by Toni Ferro



Top: Renstrom at a book event (photo from BSU special collection)
Bottom: "Pin up" picture from the Japanese magazine Young Machine

Top: Local newspaper clippings about Richard Renstrom
Bottom: Renstrom's book covers

Richard Renstrom called himself a motorcycle historian, but that description feels like too small a package for all of his achievements. From his house on Arlington Ave, Renstrom wrote over 800 magazine articles, published over 5000 pictures, and wrote six books. His work was published in the US, Japan, Australia and all over Europe in more than a half-dozen languages. As far as I can tell he is still Idaho's most published non-fiction writer.

In addition, Renstrom was appointed by Governor Smylie in 1967 as one of the founding commissioners for what is now the Idaho Commission on the Arts. He was named the Idaho Employee of the Year in 1968 by Governor Samuelson while a manager at the Idaho Department of Employment here in Caldwell. He was named Writer of the Year by the Idaho Writer's League twice (1968 and 1977). He chaired the Advisory Committee of the Caldwell Memorial Hospital from 1968 to 1971.

Renstrom co-founded the Idaho Vintage Motorcycle Club, which is still going strong and will hold its 50th annual club rally and show in Caldwell, March 20-21,

2026. He started a small business, Classics Unlimited, that imported and sold vintage motorcycles from around the world (and he even sold a part to actor Steve McQueen).

Renstrom's interest in motorcycles began in the early 1950s when he started collecting motorcycles as well as motorcycle books, articles, and photographs. He started freelance writing in 1962 when he was working at the Idaho Department of Employment. He said it was difficult getting into freelancing and it required a lot of work. On top of his day job he would spend 30 hours a week researching and writing.

He was very successful as a freelancer and gave a lot of credit to his wife Betty (Chambers) Renstrom. He said that no articles went out without a critique and edit from her.

He also credited Ted Trueblood, a successful outdoors writer who lived in Nampa. Trueblood advised Renstrom to pick a topic and become an expert. Most importantly, Trueblood told Renstrom to get good at taking photographs. Magazines were more likely to buy great pictures ac-

companied by a factual article than they were to buy a great article with mediocre illustrations.

In 1971 Renstrom had a health scare and the husband and father decided to quit his day job and become a full-time freelancer.

In 1972 he started Classics Unlimited and over the years imported and sold about 240 classic motorcycles. He spent 80 hours a week writing, uncrating his imports, servicing them, and selling them.

By the early 1980s, after 20 years, Renstrom was burning out on freelancing. He had carefully invested his money over the years and was able to semi-retire and pick and choose what he wanted to write.

In 1985, at age 50, Renstrom told his wife he was going to take a year off from motorcycle writing and he never went back. Instead he took to the mountains and went hunting.

Renstrom spent the next 14 years in the mountains during hunting season doing a different kind of research. His final book "Understated Elegance: A Story of the Ruffed Grouse in the Central Idaho Mountains" was published in 1999.

In the opening of the book he explains that "Over 8000 hours of my life has gone into this research, I have walked over 6000 miles in the mountains to collect my data, have climbed nearly 300,000 vertical feet, put 10,000 miles on my Honda trials bike over mountain roads and trails and racked up 50,000 miles on my pick-up and camper." He says he didn't have the help many researchers had and instead, "All I had was a love affair with the ruffed grouse and a burning desire to do something about it."

Renstrom wanted motorcycle enthusiasts and ruffed grouse enthusiasts to be able to learn from his efforts far into the future.

If you are interested, Renstrom's articles are available in hard copy in the Boise State University

Special Collections library. There you can also see newspaper clippings and letters Renstrom received from people like US Senator Frank Church.

Unfortunately, most of Renstrom's articles are not available online. Some are available at the Cycle World archive at magazine.cycleworld.com where they have articles back to the 1960s online.

If you are searching, know that sometimes editors gave him the pseudonyms Geoffrey Wood and Brian Carrick because they didn't want to have too many articles by the same person in their pages.

Renstrom was a unique voice and an important part of Caldwell's history. We send love and comfort to his family and friends.



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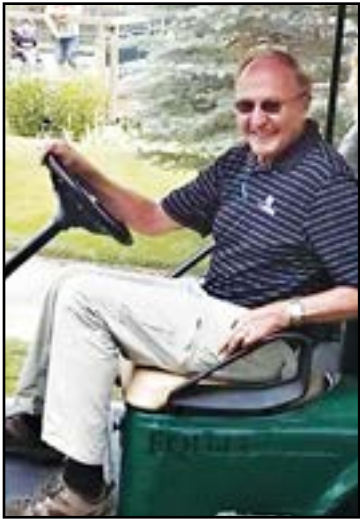
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Dale Peterson - A Part of Caldwell's History

by Leora Summers



Dale Peterson

I met Dale years ago when I first joined the Caldwell Rotary Club. He had that great radio voice. And then I came to learn that he had been a part of the history of Caldwell's radio station KCID (known as Twin Cities Radio), which was located on the corner of 10th and Cleveland. The building had that iconic globe that rotated and it was known as being "On the corner where the world turns!"

Many of you remember that big revolving world at that radio station located in downtown Caldwell. It was there for years.

Dale began working at KCID part-time when he went to the College of Idaho beginning in 1957. He soon began working there full-time, holding several key positions, learning every aspect of the business where he eventually became the General Manager.

In 1971, Dale and Duane Wolfe purchased KCID. Dale continued as General Manager, with Duane as his corporate partner. In 1986, KCID FM 107.1 was added. Mr. Wolfe died in 1993 and Dale purchased his stock from his sons Graye and Timbre Wolfe.

Dale worked at KCID for 41 years. Both stations were sold to American General Media in 1996, and Dale worked as a consultant for two years as part of the sales agreement. He served as President of the Idaho State Broadcasters in 1975 and was presented the "Lifetime Achievement Award in Broadcasting" in 1996.

After selling Twin Cities Broadcasting Company in 1996, and completing that two-year consulting contract, he became Executive Director of Buy Idaho, Inc. and enjoyed the interaction with business and industry leaders throughout Idaho for over twelve years, retiring in 2010. Dale was a huge part of our community before moving to Utah in 2012 to be near family.

He passed away on his 87th birthday this past October 8th. He left his footprint on our community's history and on our hearts. He was a friend to many. He will be greatly missed by his family, his friends in Caldwell and the State of Idaho.

Farewell my friend and save me a place wherever you may be, because I know it will be a good one.



KCID "On the corner where the world turns"

"Light the World Giving Machines" return to the Treasure Valley

by Kelli G. Jenkins



We all know vending machines as sources for chips or candy bars. But the Light the World Giving Machines offer something far more meaningful—allowing anyone, regardless of age or income, to become a philanthropist. With the push of a button, lives on both sides of the glass are changed.

Back for their second year in the Treasure Valley, these life-changing vending machines will help support seven local Idaho nonprofits and two global charities during the holiday season. In 2024, over \$1.3 million was donated through Idaho's Giving Machines, and with an expanded list of charities, organizers hope to surpass that impact this year. The Giving Machines will be placed at:

- The Grove Plaza, Boise: November 20 – December 1
- Indian Creek Plaza, Caldwell: December 2 – December 15
- The Village at Meridian: December 16 – December 31

Join us for the Caldwell Launch & Ribbon Cutting of the "Light the World Giving Machines" on "Giving Tuesday," December 2nd, at noon at Indian Creek Plaza. All are welcome!!!

2025 Participating Local Charities

Boys and Girls Club of Ada & Canyon County:

Supporting youth through after-school and summer programs focused on health, academics, and leadership.

Camp Rainbow Gold: Creating joy and healing for Idaho kids with cancer, and developing a medical camp for nonprofits across the state.

CATCH: Offering housing-first solutions to end homelessness for individuals and families in the Treasure Valley.

Faces of Hope: Providing free, immediate crisis care for victims of abuse, assault, and trafficking.

Foster + Heart: Supporting foster children with care and stability, especially sibling sets and new placements.

Hope House: A safe home and education for children from traumatic or unstable backgrounds.

Idaho Diaper Bank: Distributing free diapers to families in need, helping babies and caregivers alike.

2025 International Charities: Lifting Hands International and American Red Cross

Each machine offers over 30 donation options, ranging from \$8 to \$200, including diapers, hygiene kits, clean water, goats, and camp sponsorships for kids with cancer. Every donation—big or small—goes 100% to the selected charity.

"This is a way to reach out and serve individuals, one by one, just as the Savior did," said Elder Stephen J. Larson, Area Authority for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. "These Giving Machines bring more light to our already caring community."

Globally, the machines appeared in over 107 cities across 13 countries in 2024. Locally and worldwide, they invite us all to light the world through giving.



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CHS Golfers Put in the Work

by Toni Ferro
photos by Jennifer Martinez



CHS golf team



Seniors Charlie Ihli and Jesse Pedraza

CHS had 5 varsity golfers this year, Seniors Charlie Ihli and Jesse Pedraza, and Juniors Adam Villegas, Danny Villegas, and Connor Fullerton.

Coach Jay Ozuna says

that many of his golfers hadn't ever picked up golf clubs prior to two years ago "yet they spent their summer on the course, improving their game and showing what true dedication looks like."

Danny Villegas was the team's number one player all season long with Charlie Ihli and Connor Fullerton battling during the season for the number two and three positions.

According to Coach Ozuna, the other varsity team members were also great competitors this year. Adam Villegas was "a steady and

competitive force, never letting a bad shot get him down." And Jesse Pedraza "made a big leap from JV last season to Varsity this year—going out with a bang!"

Overall, Coach Ozuna says that this season the "group showed what hard work, growth, and sportsmanship are all about" and that he "couldn't be prouder of their progress and the heart they brought to the course each week."

Congratulations to these student athletes for their hard work and dedication.

CHS Volleyball Builds

by Toni Ferro
photos by Jennifer Martinez



CHS varsity volleyball team



Seniors Mia Victoriano (#7) and Bailey Kingford (#10)

This year was a building year for CHS Volleyball as they are graduating only two seniors, defensive specialist Mia Victoriano and middle hitter Bailey Kingford.

Head coach Maisie Hancock explains, "From day one, we've focused on learning, improving, and shifting the mindset of what this program can be. We've gone back to the basics, worked to raise expectations, and put effort into creating a more competitive and accountable environment. I'm excited for what's ahead."

Standout players this year include junior middle hitter June Hokom (#12). Coach Hancock says June "consistently delivers in key moments" and lead the team with over 20 blocks while being consistent on offense.

Junior defensive specialist Bristol Runnels (#2)

is another standout who Coach Hancock calls relentless and says, "Her energy is unmatched. She's scrappy, athletic, and just has a natural feel for the game." Coach also says Bristol would be good in any position, but she's "made the biggest difference in the back row."

Coach Hancock credits Sophomore Kloe Fogle (#11) with "bringing energy every day, hyping up her teammates, and keeping the mood light and fun when we need it most." She plays an important role in the "team chemistry and morale" by "showing up ready to support and encourage."

Coach Hancock says that seniors Mia and Bailey "will be missed as they move on — their time with us has helped shape this team and push us forward."

Other members of the team are Junior Anea Whittington (#1), Junior Ella Corner (#3), Sophomore Maryn MacDonald (#4), Sophomore Sophie Yokel (#5), Sophomore Brooke Nelson (#14), and Sophomore Kylie Green (#15).

Congratulations to the CHS volleyball players and coaches on a great year, we are looking forward to seeing what you accomplish next year.

GO YOTES! November Schedule!

by Leora Summers



Overall Win/Loss
8-1

We are getting down to the wire during the end of the month of November. To see how the Yotes fare during this month, go to yotesathletics.com and check out the 2025 Football Schedule.

On November 15 (Senior Day) you can cheer your team on at our own Simplot Stadium in Caldwell. Then it is on to the NAIA Championship Series.

Go Yotes!

October Game Outcomes
Oct 4, vs. Simpson University: W 48-7

Oct 18, vs. Montana Western: W 28-21

Oct 25, vs. Eastern Oregon University: W 7-0

Nov 1, vs. Arizona Christian University: W 28-7

Nov 8, vs. Carroll College: W 36-13

November Schedule

Nov 15: 1 p.m. vs. Southern Oregon University, Simplot Stadium
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Nov 22: TBD, NAIA Championship Series

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- May 26:** Memorial Day (set up American Flags on May 23rd at Canyon Hill Cemetery. Remove Flags May 27th).
- June 7:** DAV breakfast fundraiser - 8-11am at CVMH
- July 4:** Independence Day Parade - 9am
- September 13:** 9th Annual Sporting Clay Shoot - Tickets can be purchased on our website.
- December 24:** Christmas Eve Dinner - 11:30am - 5pm (open to the public)
- 2025 Shotgun Raffle:** \$20 per ticket. Tickets can be purchased at the Veterans Hall or on our website.

OUR 2025 MEETINGS

- Veterans Service Officer:** Mon-Fri - 8 am-5 pm by appointment (Kelly - 208-616-0622, Able - 208-793-1226)
- Alcoholics Anonymous Meetings:** Every Thursday - 6pm at Caldwell Veterans Memorial Hall.
- Behavioral Health and Wellness:** Mon-Fri - 8 am-5 pm by appointment at Caldwell Veterans Memorial Hall.
- VET Center Counseling:** Mon and Tues 8 am-5 pm by appointment at Caldwell Veterans Memorial Hall.
- Veterans Coffee and Doughnuts:** Every Thursday - 8 am-11 am at Caldwell Veterans Memorial Hall.
- DAV Meetings:** 2nd Tuesday of the month - 6pm at Caldwell Veterans Memorial Hall.
- Building Stronger Veterans:** Fridays from 6:30-8:30pm at The Caldwell Veterans Memorial Hall.

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Gratitude & Giving

by Kelli G. Jenkins



Community Food Drive from a past year.

Fall is here! With this time of year, we turn our minds and hearts to gratitude for all the gifts and people who have touched our lives. We find ourselves especially grateful for the many blessings our beautiful Treasure Valley provides us. We can also be a blessing to others when we turn our gratitude outward by giving to those needing a lift up and kindness within our communities, our neighborhoods, our schools and our families.

On November 8th, the community is encouraged to donate toward the Community Food Drive/Scouting for Food. The food drop off will be at the Caldwell City Hall parking lot at 205 S. 6th Ave from 9am-12pm. All food donations will stay local and help local families and individuals in need.

All of our local food pantries are working hard to feed the hungry in our community. Consider donating throughout the holiday season, as the need is con-

stant. So invite your families, neighbors, businesses, and churches to join the spirit of giving.

As the leaves start falling, the City of Caldwell is encouraging all to come out and “Rake-Up Caldwell” to give the blessing of beautifying the yards of our senior citizens and those who are disabled. This is truly a blessing for all who participate, so grab everyone you know and meet up at the Caldwell City Hall parking lot at 205 S. 6th Ave on Saturday, November 15th, at 9am. Make sure to bring your gloves and rakes. Leaf collection bags will be supplied.

In addition to “Rake-Up Caldwell” and the “Community Food Drive,” here are few ways you can make a difference in the lives of others and throughout our community:

The Boys & Girls Club of Caldwell: Volunteers are needed to help “Serve Supper” to elementary students after school. Starting Mon-

day Nov. 3rd through Thursday, Nov. 20th, 3:45pm-5pm at Lincoln Elementary School. It’s a great way to have kids see adults that care.

Blessing Boxes: The Library, Caldwell Police Station and Idaho Corrections all have blessing boxes that need constant stocking of hygiene items and easy to open non-perishable food items.

The Salvation Army: The Caldwell Salvation Army is looking for volunteers to help with the Angel Tree program on Nov.10th, 14th, 17th and 21st. Also come help spread some Thanksgiving love by helping to distribute Thanksgiving boxes on Nov. 25th to families in need.

This is the season for gratitude, blessings and giving. Visit JustServe.org (enter Caldwell or a Caldwell zip code to sort for local needs) today to find more details on community service opportunities to lift, love, and give the gift of kindness.

Help Feed Our Hungry Neighbors This Season
Turkeys Needed at The Salvation Army Caldwell



Most families look forward to the tradition of sharing a delicious meal with their loved ones during the holiday season. With the increase in grocery expenses, it will be difficult for many people who are in need to provide a hearty dinner at their table. The Salvation Army Caldwell is reaching out to the entire community to help with frozen turkeys and non-perishables for their holiday food boxes.

Captain Amy Lewis, Caldwell Corps officer, estimates the demand for seasonal food boxes will be even greater this year. “We typically provide nearly 1,000 holiday food boxes for both holidays,” she said. “The price of a turkey or ham is even higher now, so we anticipate at least a 10% increase in people lining up for a holiday food box this Thanksgiving and Christmas.”

The Salvation Army Caldwell serves the community in a variety of ways,

providing a monthly food box to families and individuals, educational classes for parents with babies, character building programs for youth, utility assistance to qualifying applicants, and other essential services.

They also offer a variety of church programs including weekly Bible studies, youth activities, and fellowship for adults. Wherever there is a need in Caldwell, The Salvation Army is there to help.

Want to donate a frozen turkey or canned goods? The Salvation Army Caldwell is accepting food donations on November 17-24 (Monday–Friday) from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Frozen turkeys and nonperishable foods can be dropped off behind their main office building at 1015 E. Chicago Street in Caldwell. For additional information on how to help feed neighbors in need, please contact Amy Lewis at (208) 459-2011, ext. 202.



Knights of Columbus of
Our Lady of the Valley
Coats for Kids Give-Away!

by Leora Summers

The Knights of Columbus of Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church is having a “Coats for Kids Give-Away!” The donated coats and money for this project were earned during the Knights of Columbus’ Octoberfest on October 18th.

The give-away event will be

at Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church (1122 W. Linden St, Caldwell) on November 15th from 9am - 4pm. If you have a child in need of a warm winter coat feel free to take advantage of this wonderful program for those in need.



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WVMC's "Crush the Crisis" prescription take back day!



WVMC employees and police officers during "Crush the Crisis"

West Valley Medical Center and the Caldwell Police Department collected 93 pounds of unused prescription medications during the 6th annual "Crush the Crisis" prescription drug take back day.

The event, held Saturday, October 25 along with the DEA National Prescription Drug Take Back Day, helps raise awareness about the dangers of prescription drug misuse and the importance of safe and proper disposal of unused or expired medi-

cations.

West Valley Medical Center is participating as part of HCA Healthcare's seventh annual national "Crush the Crisis" prescription take back day. Since 2019, HCA Healthcare has helped safely dispose of more than 88,000 pounds of unused or expired medication.

The journey continues this year as the Company continues on the road to 100,000 pounds of collected medication.

National drug overdose

deaths decreased by nearly 27% in 2024, however, prescription drug misuse remains a public health crisis in the United States. In Idaho alone, 212 deaths in 2024 were related to opioid overdose, according to the Department of Health and Welfare.

Research shows that a significant number of drug addictions and overdose deaths come from individuals accessing unused medications from family and friends.

Caldwell Lions sponsor two new Leos Clubs

by Lynn Johnson



L to R: Juan Rosas Rangel, Naomee Vizarraga, Aylin Tabanico & Isabella Warner are new Leos who volunteered to serve at the Caldwell Lions Booth for Yotes football games.

A new generation of young leaders is stepping up to serve their community with the formation of two new Leo Clubs sponsored by the Caldwell Lions Club.

The Caldwell High School Leos Club and Caldwell Boys & Girls Club Leos Club, have been organized by Lion Annette Perez, Community School Coordinator, and Lion Sara Waters of the Boys and Girls Club.

Annette Perez said, "So excited to see our students helping out our community and getting involved in leadership opportunities."

The Leos Club will provide local students with

opportunities to develop leadership skills, volunteer in the community, and learn the value of service. These Leos will focus on volunteer service, leadership development, and community engagement.

The Leos Club program, which stands for Leadership, Experience, and Opportunity, encourages young people to serve others and build character through hands-on projects.

Members of these new

clubs plan to participate in a variety of service initiatives, including local food drives, environmental cleanups, and fundraising efforts for charitable causes.

"Starting a Leos Club here at Caldwell High is an exciting step for our students," said Mrs. Chantel Kelly, principal of Caldwell High School. "It gives them a meaningful way to connect with the community and develop lifelong leadership skills."

Ham Radio Group Expands Regional Emergency Communications



The Voice of Idaho Amateur Radio Club (VOI) has combined five of their mountain-top repeaters dramatically extending the club's auxiliary communications support for emergency use by state, regional, and local agencies. The system now covers 20,000 square miles including much of the region from McCall to Boise to Twin Falls and parts of Oregon and Nevada.

Amateur Radio systems are often the only wide-area communication systems operating at the onset of an emergency that affects the power grid. This is regularly seen in the aftermath of powerful seasonal hurricanes, and other disasters such as the recent Midwest tornadoes and the Texas floods. Many times these essential volunteer communication efforts go unnoticed.

"We are pleased to be able to offer this resource to local and state agencies, and stand ready to step in and assist whenever we are needed", said Rob Oates, VOI President.

Amateur Radio operators often set up individual repeater stations, which receive a signal and re-transmit (repeat) it

from a high mountain top. This makes it possible for licensed Ham Radio operators to communicate over an extended range by using a small, walkie-talkie radio that can fit in a shirt pocket. The result is the ability to communicate far beyond the limited range of the small radio.

Five years in the making, the VOI Linking Project links five of its individual high-level repeaters into a continuously-operating network. It is now possible, under grid-down conditions, for someone in Twin Falls, Idaho to talk with a person in McCall, 250 miles away, using low-power amateur radios costing less than \$100.

The Voice of Idaho Amateur Radio Club is a 501(c)(3) corporation. The club has approximately 300 members, making it one of the largest Amateur Radio clubs in the country. It is located in the Boise, Idaho area.

Many talented and public-service minded people are attracted to Amateur Radio. In the VOI, the repeater systems are designed, constructed, installed and maintained by club members who typically have engineering backgrounds. Other club members provide operational support, and regularly practice the special communication techniques necessary in emergency situations. The club is always pleased to welcome new members who have similar interests.

For more information, contact Rob Oates, VOI President roboates@yahoo.com, 208-880-7319.

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YMCA has 5th Annual Values Awards Ceremony
2026 YMCA Camp Registration Begins



Honesty award winners being honored at the YMCA Camp 5th Annual Awards Ceremony.

YMCA Camp recently celebrated youth achievements at their 5th Annual Values Awards Ceremony. Campers and families from YMCA Camp at Horsethief Reservoir gathered to celebrate the 5th Annual YMCA Camp Values Awards Ceremony, a heartwarming event that honors youth who exemplified the YMCA core values of Caring, Honesty, Respect, and Responsibility during their 2025 YMCA Summer Camp experience.

Each year, camp counselors nominate youth who go above and beyond in demonstrating these values, making a lasting impact on their peers and the camp community. The ceremony not only recognizes individual achievements but also reinforces the YMCA's commitment to nurturing character development in young people.

"These campers remind us what it means to live with purpose and integrity," said Daniel Alpers, Associate Executive Director of YMCA Camp at Horsethief Reservoir. "Their actions, whether helping a friend, showing

leadership, or simply being kind, are the building blocks of a stronger, more compassionate community."

The Values Awards welcomed 300 guests to the auditorium space at JUMP in downtown Boise. Speakers at the event included Charlie Williams, Tyson DeLaune, Hank Reberger, and Jayden Klure, all inspiring young adults who served as leaders and counselors in training during the 2025 Summer Camp season.

David Duro, CEO of the Treasure Valley Family YMCA, added, "The Values Awards are a reflection of the transformative power of summer camp. We are proud to celebrate these young leaders who embody the spirit of the YMCA and inspire us all to be better every day."

The YMCA Camp Values Awards continue to be a cherished tradition, celebrating the character, courage, and kindness of campers who make a difference.

Registration for the 2026 YMCA Summer Camp season will open on November 10 at ycampidaho.org.

ABOUT THE TREASURE VALLEY FAMILY YMCA

Established in 1891, the Treasure Valley Family YMCA (the Y) is a cause-driven, nonprofit organization that works to strengthen the foundation of our community by developing successful youth, engaging people in healthy living, and instilling a commitment to social responsibility. Annually, it operates over 100 programs that serve more than 110,000 youth and families throughout its 4 facilities, 440-acre summer camp, and more than 30 child development sites. The Y believes all people deserve the chance to achieve their highest potential: therefore, it does not turn anyone away due to an inability to pay. The Treasure Valley Family YMCA provides more than \$4 million in financial assistance every year to ensure access to resources, relationships, and opportunities for all to learn, grow and thrive. Learn more at ymcatvidaho.org.

CFEO Scholarship
Application Window Opens

by Leora Summers



CFEO distributed 64 scholarships to Caldwell School District seniors in 2025 and gave away just under \$90,000. If you snooze, you lose! So get ready to apply.

The application process will open on Friday, Nov. 21st and close on Sunday, Feb. 8th. That allows students 12 weeks to complete the application process.

To see what scholarships

are available go online to www.cfeo.org.

CFEO will host a couple of workshops during the application window for students and parents who need help. They will also have some availability to help students during their scheduled lunches. Dates to be determined.

If you have questions or need help during the CFEO application process, email Erin Smith at: erin.sullivan.smith@aim.com.

Follow CFEO online! A lot of dates and deadlines are posted there for students. CFEO is on Instagram and Facebook.

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by Leora Summers



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Jan Pedersen--85 and flying high!

by Leora Summers



Jan (top) and Cassi (bottom) with Skydive Skydown instructor Chris Galt. (photos by Chris Galt)

So what do you do to celebrate turning 85? You jump out of a plane! And that is just what Jan Pedersen did in front of a group of family and friends. She wanted to do this for her 80th birthday, but that was during the COVID era, so it didn't happen then. Nothing was going to stop her this time.

Jan called her granddaughter Cassi Dowling from Fair Grove, Missouri, and asked her to take this dive with her. Cassi, though this was something she herself never thought about doing, told Jan that she would do it. "When your 85 year old Nan asks you to skydive with her on her special day, you don't say NO," said Cassi.

When Jan told family and friends of her plan, they were excited and came from near and far to Caldwell to witness the big event.

So the big skydive happened on Jan's birthday, October 1st, at the skydiving center, Skydive Skydown, at Caldwell Executive Airport on Aviation Way.

Jan's friends and family waited with baited breath as her dive was delayed for a little while due to gusty winds and too many clouds. Finally the time came and out she jumped, somersaulting with her tandem jump skydiver, Chris, who helped with the

dive and the landing. There was lots of cheering to the song "Live Like You Were Dying," by Tim McGraw, after her safe landing. Soon after, her granddaughter Cassi, did the same.

So take a lesson from Jan! You are never too old to try something new. She said she would do it again. Jan, you are much braver than me, so don't look to see me doing this on my birthday or any other time! Happy 85th!

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50 Years ago November - Caldwell, Idaho



Summers has served as president of the Caldwell Rotary Club, chairman of the Caldwell Memorial Hospital Board of Directors, and chairman of the Salvation Army Advisory Board.

November 5, 1975

A housewife, a postman and a retired businessman captured the three vacancies on the Caldwell City Council in balloting Tuesday. Marilyn Bauman got 1191 votes to lead all candidates, Jack Raymond, a postman was second with 1045 votes and Pete Olesen was third with 940 votes. In all 2089 votes were cast.

November 8, 1975

Les Summers, Caldwell businessman and a past President of the Caldwell Chamber of Commerce will be honored Monday, November 7, by the Treasure Valley Chambers of Commerce as an outstanding civic leader.

November 18, 1975

The first three Saturdays of December will see something special going on. A Christmas Festival sponsored by the Caldwell Retail Merchant Association and the City Parks and Recreation Department is planned for those 2 days. Two major events are scheduled. A Christmas parade on Saturday December 13 at 11:00 am. A caroling at the Shoppers Mall 3078 Kimball Avenue by community school choirs each Saturday of the Festival.

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Southwestern Idaho Birders Association

by JC Clancy

For birders, the best thing is finding a great new bird and for many of us, the next best thing is photographing it. The third best thing is sharing it, and that's what SIBA 's meeting at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 13th will be about. For weeks, we've been culling favorite stills and videos from thousands taken in the past year. These will be combined in a slideshow for the enjoyment of all.

We will meet in-person at the Deer Flat NWR unless the government is still shutdown and then it will be all by Zoom. For the Zoom link, please email: sibainfo1@gmail.com. We will also have the Election of Board members for 2026 and talk about the future of SIBA and possible changes.

On Saturday, November 15, the club will head to Ted Trueblood WMA and CJ Strike Reservoir meeting at 7:00 AM at the Liquor Store at 6584 S Federal Way, Boise, ID, to form car pools. James Jarrett is the trip leader. Registration is required so email James Jarrett at: SIBAFieldTrip@gmail.com. We hope to see migrating waterfowl, gulls, terns, and loons. This will be an all-day trip, so bring water, lunch, binoculars, and layers for fall weather.

Dave's Big Backyard - Old Dogs

by Dave McCormick

Young Halley could chase a chukar down. Old Halley is happy to just hang around. Mid-age Dave could always keep up, Old McCormick, not so much.

When chukars flushed, they knew there was trouble. Halley was eager to retrieve a daily double. Once I was called double down Dave, A title bestowed by one of my faves

Those days are fading in the autumn sun. Though slowing down, I'm not yet done. Halley is fading a bit faster, This year it's porch to pasture.

Greg Allen and me, long time pals, He's got a couple of shorthairs, really great gals. This pair of canines are any hunter's dream. Fall in behind em, you'll see what I mean.

So maybe we have a few years left To chase chukar across the sage brush steppe. Without Halley it won't be the same, A nimrod's dog is half of the game.

Halley was running strong at age twelve, At thirteen not nearly as well. My dogs hunting career is done. When I pick up a shotgun, I will miss someone.

As I write, Halley asleep by my chair, When a field we made a great pair. I write this ode and lament. She was not only a hunter but a fine pet.

I'm too old to raise a new pup. It takes dedication. I'm just not up. So I will sigh, recalling hunts of yesteryear, Grateful Halley is still here.

Being happy, fulfilled is everyone's goal. Remember dogs are good for the soul. Ain't but three things worth a solitary dime, Old dogs and children and watermelon wine.

The late great Tom T Hall wrote the last two lines.

Local Dirt

by Pat King



It's turkey time. As I continue to reminisce on the many blessings that this time of year brings, I recall the many aromatic smells of fall and the clean air after a rain fall. Now, the yard work takes on a much different look. Fall is the best time to put all things like plants and tools to bed for the long winter's rest. If done properly, you won't be pulling your shoulder out starting your mower or string trimmer or wondering why your pruners are rusted shut.

First off, you're not done mowing until the grass height is reduced to as low as you can go and there are leaves on the ground. Our cool season grasses love this cooler weather and will grow as long as the sun shines. Once your mowing is done, give your mower a bath and sharpen the blade.

My practice of putting fuel stabilizer in with ethanol free gas, then running it for 20 minutes, then draining the oil while hot, changing the oil filter and fuel filter and then replacing the oil should then in the spring, get your mower to start right up.

Tools should be cleaned, sharpened and oiled because moist winter air will rust up those tools and affect performance and longevity. That's why I buy really good quality tools and yes, they're typically more expensive. I have these wood handled manual hedgers that are over 30 years old.

It might be a good time to repaint shovel handles. Even the fiberglass handles need some sort of protection on them or you might start seeing fibers and those can cause painful slivers in your hands.

I say buy good quality wooden handled shovels, they tend to last longer.

Now that tools are sleeping, after of course the yard work is done (this is not chronological), your vegetable garden needs a complete removal of all plant debris, either by tilling it into the soil, raking it up and burning it, or putting it in compost bins, or heaven forbid, putting it in the garbage. Almost all plant materials can be composted and reused, except some weeds like goat heads.

Leaving a clean garden will help limit the bad insects by minimizing places they can hibernate for the winter.

That brings up a very good reason why leaving all sorts of debris anywhere on your property can increase the amount of bugs you see in the spring. Please thoroughly clean up planter beds, especially up against the house. You want to make the bugs homeless and uninvited.

This is now a very good time to apply a low nitrogen fertilizer and a pre-emergent weed control to control early spring weeds. Do this last bit of work and you and your garden can rest well for winter.

Until next time, Pat

2026 Idaho Master Naturalist Enrollment begins Nov. 1st



The Deer Flat Chapter of Idaho Master Naturalists is recruiting new members for its 2026 program. Idaho Master Naturalist is sponsored by the Idaho Department of Fish and Game.

Classes will be held in person 1 – 4 pm on Fridays from February 6 through May 15, 2026, at the Deer Flat National Wildlife Refuge

Visitor Center in Nampa. Participants will learn about our regional flora, fauna, habitats, natural resources as well as issues and projects relating to each. You will work with local agencies and organizations to help with projects such as collecting data, monitoring wildlife, improving habitat, educating, and

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CFD Welcomes Nine New Fire Academy Recruits



The Nine New Firefighter Recruits

The Caldwell Fire Department has launched a 16-week Fire Academy, welcoming nine new firefighter recruits to the organization. This academy marks an important milestone for the department as it continues to grow to meet the needs of Caldwell's expanding community. The nine recruits will undergo an intensive training program designed to prepare them for the physical, mental, and technical demands of the fire service. "We are proud to welcome this new class of recruits," said Fire Chief Bryan Daniels. "They are slated to help us meet the staffing needs for the opening of Fire Station 4, ensuring we continue to provide the highest level of service to the residents and visitors of our community."

The department extends

its gratitude to the City for their continued support in improving the department's training grounds. A special thank-you goes to our internal teams, whose hard work and dedication (often on their own time) made it possible to rehabilitate existing structures and host the academy locally at Caldwell Fire's own facility. Upon successful completion of the academy, recruits will earn State Firefighter I and II certifications, Wildland Firefighter Type 2 certification, Hazardous Materials First Responder Operations certification, Emergency Vehicle Operations Course (EVOC) certification, Confined Space Rescue Awareness training, Technical Rescue Awareness training (including rope, water, and vehicle extrication), and Firefighter Survival training.

Canyon County Juvenile Probation GED Program Empowers Youth Through CWI Partnership



Canyon County is leading innovation and education through its partnership with the College of Western Idaho (CWI). As the only program of its kind in the state, the Canyon County Juvenile Probation Program provides at-risk students with not only needed educational opportunities but also life changing support networks. The program started back in 2017 and since then, has helped students reach major milestones, including high school diplomas and career advancements. With the support of grants such as the Idaho Launch program, students have been empowered and encouraged to pursue a wide range of paths, from becoming nail technicians and firefighters to starting their own businesses. "I think this program works because we understand that students don't just need an education, they need to be in an environment where people value them and see their potential. Our role is

not just to provide educational services, but also to build meaningful relationships," said longtime tutor Lynda Cartwright. Through this support, students gain the confidence and skills needed to build brighter paths for themselves and their communities. The program's success comes from strong community connections and ongoing engagement. Tutors stay in touch weekly with students during school breaks, ensuring ongoing motivation and achievement despite life's challenges. The program extends support beyond probation by maintaining connections that inspire and uplift youth for years. "Our commitment is to provide every student with not just an education, but also the encouragement and care to reach their full potential," Lynda added. Canyon County remains dedicated to enhancing educational access and positive outcomes for all youth. Community members are encouraged to learn more about this one of a kind program and how it's helping shape the county's future.

City News

Indian Creek Bridge Closure
The City of Caldwell will close Kimball between Blaine and Arthur to replace the bridge over Indian Creek. The project will begin this fall and is expected to be complete in summer of 2026. The bridge has reached the end of its design life and needs to be replaced.

Caldwell's Comprehensive Plan Recognized with Statewide Award
Caldwell's Comprehensive Plan has been recognized by the Idaho Chapter of the American Planning Association. Each year, the organization accepts nominations in several planning award categories from communities across the state. This year, the competition was especially strong with an overwhelming number of submissions. A committee of planning professionals and agencies from around Idaho reviewed each entry and selected the winners. Caldwell was honored with the "Outstanding Plan Award" for our new Comprehensive Plan—a recognition of the hard work, collaboration, and vision that went into shaping a roadmap for our community's future.

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Caldwell Opens Idaho's Largest Pump Track

by Leora Summers and Toni Ferro



Top Left: Rider on the wooden berm turn Top Right: Inside track from above Bottom Right: Rider pumping the pump track (photos by Spoke & Wheel-ID, Caldwell)



Rider pumping the pump track, photo by Spoke & Wheel-ID, Caldwell



Art Galviz and sons (photo by Toni Ferro)

On October 4th young kids, parents, teens and adults with bikes, scooters, roller skates and skateboards tried out the new Pipe Dream Pump Track, designed and built by American Ramp Company, on Skyway in Caldwell. It is the largest pump track in Idaho.

But wait, what's a pump track?

A pump track is a loop made of small rolling bumps and banked turns that is designed to be ridden without pedaling or striding. A rider's speed on the downslopes and the turns takes them up the upslopes if they are pumping along just right. Riders can also incorporate tricks and other skills as they complete the pump track loop.

The new park serves local families and is expected to be a cycling destination.

It is designed for casual recreation as well as competitive training and sanctioned events.

Pump tracks originated in the BMX world, were adopted by mountain bikers, and are increasingly popular with the general public. You can find other pump tracks in Meridian, Boise, Nampa, Tamarack, Hailey, and more.

Art Galviz was at the opening with his three boys aged from 4 to 8. They live nearby and are excited about the new pump track. Art previously worked in the BMX industry and says it is ideal to have the pump track located in the same place as the existing BMX course and skate park.

Nick Winters, his friend Sam Walker, and Sam's son Landon came from Nampa for the opening. They belong to a family and

friend group of about 50 riders called the 208 Slow Riders and were having a good time riding the small inner loop of the pump track as well as the outer loop. (The outer loop is longer and less difficult.) They said that it is still fun to ride on a crowded day, and it isn't hard to "make room for everybody." They are glad to see little kids getting into pump track riding.

This park gives our youth another great place for a fun physical activity to keep them busy and active after school. Caldwell has stepped up to meet the needs of our youth to help keep them healthy and happy. Thanks City of Caldwell and Parks and Recreation Department for another wonderful, family friendly, recreation option for our community.

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