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Caldwell Rose Garden Nominated for National Register of Historic Places

by Toni Ferro



From L to R: Rachele Castleberry (City Treasurer), Elaine Carpenter (former City Councilor, local business owner, and historical advocate), Kelly Wright Whitlock (Preservation Idaho Operations Director), and Barbara Perry Bauer (Consulting Historian and Researcher)

The Caldwell Rose Garden at Luby Park has been nominated for the National Register of Historic Places. The Rose Garden is not just a beautiful place, it's a monument to how more than 90 years ago our community worked together to bring beauty to an alkali desert covered in sagebrush.

Preservation Idaho hosted two tours of the Rose Garden on June 2nd led by Consulting Historian, Barbara Perry Bauer. Bauer researched the

garden and wrote the application for the garden's national registration.

Caldwell's rose garden is the oldest rose garden in Idaho. It was planned in 1931, started in 1933, and completed in 1937. And our garden was the inspiration for other Idaho rose gardens like those in Boise's Julia Davis Park and Nampa's Lakeview Park.

Bauer credited the College of Idaho's first president, Rev. William Judson Boone,

for bringing roses to Idaho. Boone, a biologist as well as a clergyman, believed rose bushes would survive well in this dry area and he was right. It is estimated that he cultivated 200 different species at his home near the college. He was so well-renowned for growing roses that the LA firm, Howard and Smith, named a rose after him: the President Boone. (In 1936, *The New York Times* reviewed the President Boone as a "fragrant, very large and very



Roses from the Caldwell Rose Garden

dark red rose that grows on a fine bush...")

In 1931, former Caldwell Mayor, Jess Gowen, who was inspired by rose gardens he saw while visiting Chicago, set out to create a rose garden for the entire community.

Twelve acres of land around the 1910 water pump building at the base of Canyon Hill were available. At the time, the area was filled with rubble, railroad ties, tall weeds and salt grass. But community members set about cleaning it up and, in 1933, started building the terraces up canyon hill. Huge rocks line the terraces and pebbles form stairs from one level to the other.

Gowen and other community members designed the garden, and in 1935 further funding was granted through the Works Progress Administration, an agency created to provide jobs during the Great Depression.

Bauer pointed out that one reason the garden is being considered for the National Register of Historic Places is that it remains today much as it was in the 30s (though now it is only 2.7 acres). The garden is in the same place with much the same layout, and serves

the same purpose. And today's arbors and gazebo were constructed to look just like the originals.

Bauer said that she doesn't know how many varieties of roses are currently in the rose garden (though one of our tour members counted over 400 bushes).

If you are interested in taking a tour of the Rose Garden, Bauer will be giving two more tours on June 25th at 10am and 6:30pm. Reservations at preservationidaho.org/archwalks-2026. Cost is \$14.71 per person.

If you are interested in volunteering to help with the Rose Garden you can contact the City Treasurer, Rachele Castleberry at rcastleberry@cityofcaldwell.org.

To learn more about Preservation Idaho and their various summer tours, go to preservationidaho.org.

The rose garden is closed to the public at night and when it is rented for weddings and other special occasions.

If you are interested in reserving the rose garden, the Caldwell Parks and Recreation Office (208-455-3060) takes reservations up to nine months in advance.



A small section of the Caldwell Rose Garden

CHS Student Council Wins Honor



The Award-Winning 2025-2026 CHS Student Council (with Student Council Advisor, Andi Arnold, in the yellow on the far left)

The Caldwell High School (CHS) Student Council has been recognized as a 2026 National Gold Council of Excellence by the National Association of Student Councils (NASC).

This prestigious honor recognizes student councils that demonstrate outstanding leadership, service, and commitment to their school and community.

Over the past year, student leaders have worked hard to create a positive school culture through service projects, school events, and activities

that bring students together and strengthen the Caldwell community.

"The student council at Caldwell High School just pulled off something extraordinary," said CEO Ronn Nozoe. "Their student-driven change has earned them national recognition as a National Gold Council of Excellence, proving that when young people are given the chance to lead, they turn their vision into real-world impact."

To earn the Gold distinction, the council

met rigorous national standards in leadership, organization, student involvement, and community service.

This recognition comes after additional state honors this year, including the Outstanding Student Council Award and the Spirit Supreme Award.

Congratulations to these outstanding students for their hard work and dedication to making Caldwell High School a place where every student can shine!

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Repeating Events

MONDAYS

Monday Fitness at the Plaza
9-10 am, 120 S Kimball, free

TUESDAYS

FamilySearch Center: Free Family History Help
1-4pm, 3015 S Kimball

Local Author Signings at Shared Stories
5-7 pm, 106 S Kimball

Farm to Fork Farmer's Market and Tuesdays on the Creek Concert Series
5-8 pm, 120 S Kimball (The Plaza), free

Community Dinner at Caldwell Church of Christ
6-7:30 pm, 4012 S 10th

Senior Center Bingo
6-7:30 pm, 1009 Everett

WEDNESDAYS

Creekside Kids on the Plaza
5-8 pm, 120 S Kimball (The Plaza), free

FamilySearch Center: Free Family History Help
6-8pm, 3015 S Kimball

THURSDAYS

Coffee Klatch at the Caldwell Veterans' Memorial hall
8-11 am, 1101 Cleveland

FamilySearch Center: Free Family History Help
1-4pm, 3015 S Kimball

Celebrate Recovery
17703 Beet Rd, Deer Flat Free Methodist Church

FRIDAYS

Magic the Gathering Commander Casual at Rubaiyat
5-9 pm, 314 S 6th

SATURDAYS

Magic the Gathering Commander Casual at Rubaiyat
1-11 pm, 314 S 6th

Caldwell Latino Night Market
7-11 pm, 120 N Kimball

Individual Events

SATURDAY 6/6

Beltane Fantasy Festival
10 am-7 pm, Gabiola Field next to Simplot Stadium, 2415 Blaine, 0-8 free, 9+ \$15

Family Fun Festival
10 am-1 pm, Serenity Park near the Library, 1100 Dearborn, free

SUNDAY 6/7

Beltane Fantasy Festival
10 am-6 pm, Gabiola Field next to Simplot Stadium, 2415 Blaine, 0-8 free, 9+ \$15

Sunday Sips & Sounds at Ste. Chapelle Winery
1-4 pm, Devyn Rea, 19348 Lowell Rd, Free, reservations suggested

Lit Garden Party at Dunning Estates Western Winery
2-6 pm, 19937 Vino Ln, Free

WEDNESDAY 6/10

Household Hazardous Waste Collection
10am, 2207 Blaine (O'Connor Field House)

Weaver's Guild Study Group at Rubaiyat
11 am-2 pm, 314 S 6th

THURSDAY 6/11

Super Soaker Showdown on the Plaza
11am-1 pm, 120 S Kimball

Cherries Paint & Sip at Williamson Orchards and Vineyards
5:30-8:30 pm, 14807 Sunnyslope Rd, \$25

Movie Night on the Plaza
6-8 pm, 120 S Kimball, *Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory*

Friend Seeking: Friend - Speed Friending Night at Shared Stories
7-9 pm, 106 S Kimball

FRIDAY 6/12

Walk in Silversmithing Workshop at Oakes Brothers
10 am-6 pm, 718 Main St

MGM Flash - Rockstar Livin' Tour
8-11:30 pm, 815 Arthur St (The Palace), \$18.92

SATURDAY 6/13

Summer Solstice Pickleball Tournament
8 am-8 pm, 1200 N Kimball (Luby Park), \$25

Caldwell Artisan Fair at Memorial Park
10 am-5 pm, 619 Irving St

Music on the Pasture, Grassroots Music Festival
10 am-10 pm, 6310 Little Freeze Out Rd, \$20

Chicken Drop Bingo at Dunning Estates Western Winery
noon-6 pm, 19937 Vino Ln

First Daze of Summer Car Show on the Plaza
noon-6 pm, 120 S Kimball

Wine & Wags String Art Class at Free Dog Wines
3-6 pm, 15593 Sunnyslope

SATURDAY 6/13 (continued)

Saturday Spiritual Support Group with Native Spirit Healing
6-7 pm, 211 Logan B1-1

Keith Biggs Benefit at the White Horse
6 pm, 815 Arthur St

SUNDAY 6/14

Unity Rocks Race Unity Event
1-2:30 pm, 619 Irving

MONDAY 6/15

City Council Meeting
6:00-8:30 pm, 205 S 6th (Caldwell City Hall).
Livestream: youtube.com/@cityofcaldwell178/streams

WEDNESDAY 6/17 -THURSDAY 6/18

Treasure Valley Pollinator Summit at Cof I
8 am-4:30 pm, 2112 Cleveland, \$25/day, register by 6/10

WEDNESDAY 6/17

Bilingual Historical Fiction Book Club at Shared Stories
7-9 pm, 106 S Kimball Book: *Tiger Queens*

Summer Solstice Show at Whittenberger Planetarium
7-8 pm, 2112 Cleveland, Boone Hall, CofI, 4-17 \$5, 18+ \$10

THURSDAY 6/18

Genealogy in the Digital Age Class
6:30-8 pm, 3015 S Kimball, free (every third Thursday)

Romance Book Club at Chop Shop
7 pm, 716 Arthur, Book: *The Night We Met*

FRIDAY 6/19

Dad's Day Golf Weekend at Dunning Estates Western Winery
noon-6 pm, 19937 Vino Ln

The Tempest by the Boise Bard Players on the Plaza
7-9 pm, 120 S Kimball

SATURDAY 6/20

BBQ at Free Dog Wines
noon-they run out of food, 15593 Sunny Slope

Reverberations Workshop: How to Uncage Your Trauma at Shared Stories
1:30-3:30 pm, 106 S Kimball

SUNDAY 6/21

FATHER'S DAY
Father's Day BBQ Cook-Off at Ste. Chapelle Winery
7 am-4 pm, 19348 Lowell Rd

SUNDAY 6/21 (continued)

Father's Day Open-Air Concert at Ste. Chapelle Winery
1-2:30 pm, 19348 Lowell Rd, \$25

MONDAY 6/22

Caldwell Centennial Band Celebrates America 250
7:30-9 pm, 619 Irving (Caldwell Memorial Park), Free

WEDNESDAY 6/24

West Valley Medical Center Auxilliary Annual Meeting
10am-noon, 16895 Marshall Ln, All are welcome.

Classics Book Club at Shared Stories
7-9 pm, 106 S Kimball Book: *100 Years of Solitude*

THURSDAY 6/25

Preservation Idaho Rose Garden Ramble at Luby Park
10-11:30 am and 6:30-8 pm, 1200 N Kimball, \$15, tickets at preservationidaho.org/archwalks-2026

Movie Night on the Plaza
6-8 pm, 120 S Kimball, *The Never Ending Story*

FRIDAY 6/26

Winery After Hours at Ste. Chapelle Winery
6-9 pm, Will Burton, 19348 Lowell Rd, Free, reservations suggested

Author Talk with Ashley Manley and Meagan Williamson - Q&A + Signing at Shared Stories
6:30-9 pm, 106 S Kimball

Poetry Club at Shared Stories

7-9 pm, 106 S Kimball, *Forest of Noise*

SATURDAY 6/27- SUNDAY 6/28

Gem State Gaming Convention
9 am-8 pm, 110 County Fair Ave, (The Center), \$20/day

SATURDAY 6/27

Men's Breakfast at New Life Celebration Church of God
9-10:30 am, 1201 Arthur

L&L Glassworks Almost Summer Sale
10 am-5 pm, 16178 Homedale Rd

Shred Day - Caldwell
10 am-2 pm, 2207 Blaine (O'Connor Field House)

Rumbo A Fiesta Fit Presents: Tamborazo Edition
10:30 am-1 pm, 711 Cleveland, \$20

SUNDAY 6/28

Silent Book Club at Bond and Bevel
5-7 pm, 107 S 7th, Chit-chat followed by reading

WEDNESDAY 7/1

Legacy Wind Phone Dedication and Ribbon Cutting
10-11 am, 2024 N Illinois (North end of Canyon Hill Cemetery)

THURSDAY 7/2

Super Soaker Showdown #2 on the Plaza
11am-1 pm, 120 S Kimball

FRIDAY 7/3

Dunning Estates winery 3rd of July fireworks watch party
noon-6 pm, 19937 Vino Ln

SATURDAY 7/4

INDEPENDENCE DAY

2026 City of Caldwell Independence Day Celebration PARADE

9 am, from the C of I down Cleveland, then south on Kimball to Memorial Park

VENDORS AND OTHER EVENTS
11 am - 2pm, 609 Irving (Caldwell Memorial Park)

SUNDAY 7/5

Sunday Sips & Sounds at Ste. Chapelle Winery
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TUESDAY 7/7

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Programs are free and open to the public
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MONDAYS

Baby Story Time: June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, July 6 at 10 am | Ages 0-1; 10:45 am | Ages 1-2; 11:30 am | Ages 0-2

Youth Chess Club: July 6, 4-5 pm | Ages 0-17

Knitting & Crochet Social: June 8, 1:30-3 pm | Ages 18+

Campfire StoryTime: June 8, 7 pm, Tracking Bigfoot; June 22, 7pm, Legendary Beasts; July 7, 7pm Spooky Tales after Dark | All ages

Teen Book Club: June 15, 5:30-6:30 pm | Ages 13-17. *The Inheritance Games* by Jennifer Lynn Barnes.

Summer Reading Evening Special: June 15, 6-7 pm, with The Caldwell Fire Dept.; June 29, 6-7 pm, Terracotta Pot Art | All ages, Serenity Park (by library)

TUESDAYS

Spanish & English Storytime: June 9, 16, 23, 30, July 7, 10:30 am | Ages 2-6

Mobile Health Clinic at the Library: July 7: Call 208-367-4483 for appointment.

Board Game Night: July 7, 6:30-8:30 pm | All ages

Lego Club: June 9, 4:30-5:30 pm | Ages 7-16 Dinoramas.

Paws to Read: June 16, 1-2 pm | Ages 7-14, Children's Area. Read to a dog.

Idaho Crop Spotlight: Potatoes: June 23, 12:30-2pm | Ages 16+

WEDNESDAYS

Summer Reading Special: June 10, 11am, KD Reptiles; June 17, 11am, Birds of Prey; June 24, 11am, Dino Dance by Idaho Rhythm & Ballet; July 1, 11am, Patriot Chest by Idaho Sons of the Anerucab Revolution | All ages

Tech Lab: June 10 10 am -Noon | Ages 18+ **Caldwell Public Library at the Senior Center:** June 17, 11 am, 1009 Everett

Senior Craft: Summer Wreath Arrangement: June 17, 6:30-8 pm | Ages 18+

THURSDAYS

Stories & Stomp: June 11, 18, 25, July 2 10:30-11:30am | ages 2-6.

Teen Thursday: June 11 (Board Game Night), June 18 (Exquisite Corpse Dino Art), June 25 (Prehistoric Slime Lab), July 2 (Stars and Stripes Lanterns), 4:30 pm | Ages 13-17

Thursday Book Club: June 11, 2 pm or June 18, 6:30 pm | Ages 18+, Idaho room. Featured book – *The Last Green Valley*

Farmway Afterschool Program: June 11, 4:30-6:30 pm | All Ages, Community Room, 22730 Farmway Rd.

FRIDAYS

The library is closed on June 19. Friends Book Sale on June 26 and 27 will replace some activities.

Tai Chi & Qigong: June 12, July 3, 10am | Ages 18+

Children's Library Garden sponsored by D&B: June 12, 26, July 3, 10am | Ages 5-12

Plaza Storytime: June 12 (Paleontology), June 26 (Ocean), July 3 (Anthropology), 10am | Ages 5-12

Adult Lego Club: June 12, 4:30 pm | Ages 16+

Library Outreach Book Club: June 12, 4:30 pm | Ages 16+

Friends Book Sale: June 26, 10am-4pm

Ping Pong Club: July 3, 3-5pm | All ages

SATURDAYS

Art Together-Rise of the Dino Art: June 6, 2-3 pm | All ages

Father's Day Celebration: June 13, 2-3 pm | All ages

Storytime around the World – Kenya: June 20, 2-3 pm | All Ages

Friends Book Sale: June 27, 10am-4pm

SUNDAYS

Library Closed.

**Idaho Crop Spotlight for June!
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by Surine Greenway, UI Owyhee County Extension Office

FREE POTATOES CLASS IN JUNE
When: Tuesday, June 23rd, from 12:30-2 p.m.
Where: Caldwell Public Library (1010 Dearborn St, Caldwell),
Register at: bit.ly/yukon26.

Caldwell Teacher, Olivia Whitsel, Awarded James Madison Fellowship



James Madison Fellow and CHS Teacher, Olivia Whitsel

Olivia Whitsel, a Government and Social Studies teacher at Caldwell High School, has been awarded a James Madison Fellowship from The James Madison Memorial Fellowship Foundation. The James Madison Fellowship is the United States' most prestigious

award in constitutional history and government for secondary school civics teachers.

Olivia is one of 45 selected for the James Madison Fellows 2026 class. The award goes to outstanding graduate and undergraduate students committed to a career teaching about the development and history of the United States Constitution. It recognizes promising and distinguished teachers, and it aims to strengthen their knowledge of the origins and development of American constitutional government.

Olivia competed with applicants from all 50 states, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto

Rico, and the nation's island and trust territories. Fellows were chosen for their scholarly achievements and their interest in pursuing a master's degree emphasizing the U.S. Constitution.

This fellowship is named in honor of James Madison, the fourth president of the United States, who is acknowledged as "the Father of the Constitution and the Bill of Rights," a James Madison Fellowship funds up to \$24,000 of each Fellow's course of study towards a master's degree.

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Congratulations to Olivia!

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CHS Farmworkers Appreciation Dinner Awards Honors



Above: Farmworker honoree, Gilbert Godina, and his family at the CHS Farmworkers Appreciation Dinner

At the end of the school year, a coalition of Caldwell High School student organizations hosted an appreciation dinner for farmworkers to honor the school district's migrant families.

The CHS Latinos in Action advisor, Estefany Dorado was in charge of the event. She explained that the dinner was a group effort involving students from Latinos in Action; TRIO Upward Bound; Family, Career and Community Leaders of America; as well as the CHS Mariachi Band, which performed at the event.

The event was a fun fam-

ily evening with a bounce house, face painting, art stations, dinner, as well as free kids books and other educational resources.

The MC of the event was Marisela Pesina, former Caldwell School Board Member and the daughter of migrant farmworkers. She highlighted the fact that the hard work these first-generation American farmworkers have done laid the groundwork for their children and grandchildren to have better lives and to become leaders in their communities.

Maria Gonzalez Carde-

nas, farmworker advocate and author of the book Nosotras: Latinas in Idaho, was the guest speaker at the event. She spoke about the importance and difficulty of farmwork. She said that conditions for farmworkers in Idaho have not improved in decades and there is work to be done to make farmwork safer and more humane.

The 2026 Farmworker of the Year honorees at the event were Gilbert Godina

and Jose Reyes. Gilbert's niece, Virginia Fuentes, bank manager at Caldwell's KeyBank, gave a beautiful speech about her uncle's contribution to their family's success. Virginia's Father Manuel recently passed away and she said that he and Gilbert worked together closely.

MC Pesina spoke kind words about Jose Reyes and many of his family members were there to celebrate this honor. Reyes' children

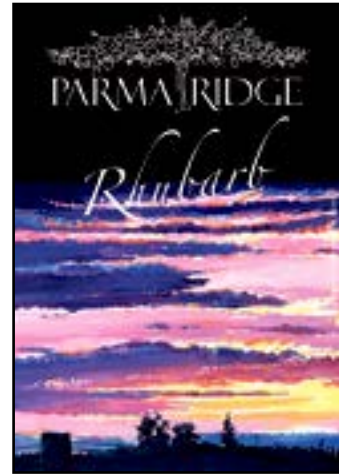
and grandchildren have also been able to be successful thanks to Jose's hard work. For example, Jose's daughter Luisa is a successful business owner and his grandson is a superintendent at an auto shop.

Congratulations to Gilbert Godina and Jose Reyes for being honored as Farmworkers of the Year and congratulations to the Godina and Reyes families for all of your many successes!

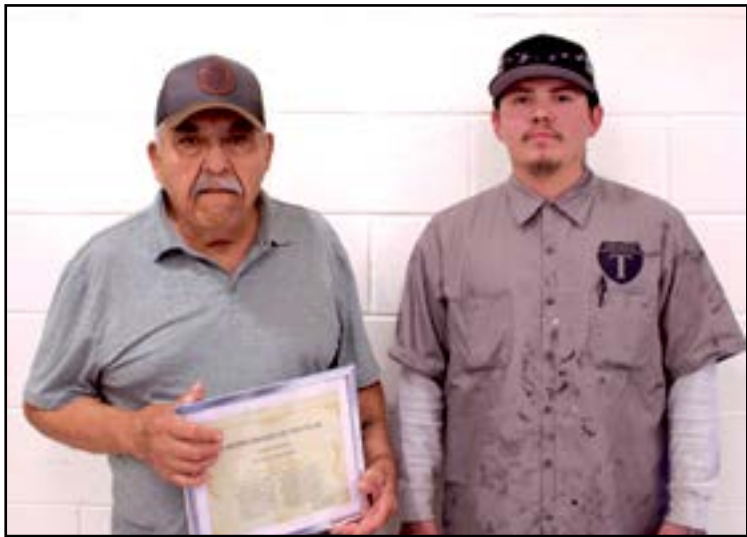
Parma Ridge Winery's Rhubarb Wine Wins People's Choice Award



Left: Storm and Stephanie Hodge, owners of Parma Ridge Winery & Bistro
Below: Stephanie created the art work on their new Rhubarb wine bottle.



This year's Indian Creek Wine Festival, held in May, featured several Idaho wines. During the festival, Storm and Stephanie Hodge's Rhubarb wine from their Parma Ridge Winery, made with local rhubarb, won the People's Choice Award. Their winery had also recently won several gold awards in competitions with some of their other wines. Congratulations to the Hodges! Go check out their winery's selections, their beautiful view and their dinner menu!



Farmworker Honoree, Jose Reyes and his grandson

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Dr. Jerry Bauman Honored with YMCA's 2026 Vern Emery Award

by Leora Summers



Treasure Valley YMCA CEO David Duro and Jerry Bauman

The YMCA's Vern Emery Award, established in 1991 in memory of Vern Emery, a former Y Executive Director, was created to honor Vern for his long term leadership of our Treasure Valley's YMCA. This award is presented annually to a person whose involvement in the Y shows caring, compassion, leadership, positivity and other qualities and characteristics exemplified by Vern Emery.

On June 3rd, the Vern Emery Award was presented to Dr. Jerry Bauman of Caldwell for his dedication, involvement and volunteerism in the development of and his continuous support for our Caldwell YMCA since its inception. It was said that Jerry hit every one of those characteristics described in that award. George Crookham said that there was one that the award missed, that Jerry had, "humility."

Jerry was deeply involved during the initial feasibility studies prior to our Y being built. For that study, through Rotary, he helped

raise \$35,000 selling raffle tickets for a couple of motorcycles that the club raffled off for two years in a row and even trailered one up to McCall in the summer to sell tickets up there. "It was worth it!" he said. Our YMCA has been open for 26 years since being built. One thing the feasibility study showed, was that our people insisted on having a pool and the pool was completed the year after our Y opened.

To this day, Jerry volunteers annually to call upon donors for their pledges to our Y's "Strong Kids Campaign," twisting their arms without quite breaking them. He is a "bulldog" for the cause! He said he always felt good about asking people for money for the kids. The icing on the cake came when he recently donated land adjacent to the Y worth seven plus figures. At this time, the Y plans to run an agricultural team to work it this fall. Jerry said, "Once I start something, I just can't stop!"

Erik Bullock, Executive Director of Caldwell's YMCA said, "How blessed are we as a community to have

a leader in Jerry. He has created generational impact for years to come."

Upon receiving this award, Jerry said, "David Duro and Jim Everett stepped up when we wanted a YMCA partner in Caldwell. They were very supportive." He then thanked the Caldwell YMCA and Scott Curtis, whom he said was instrumental when we started the process, and said the rest is history. He then thanked all the volunteers and employees of the Y and that there were a lot of people involved in making it all work. His final comment was, "I love you all and God Bless You!"

Jerry's volunteerism goes beyond the Y. He retired from his family medicine practice after 40 years. He was the team doctor for CHS for 45 years. After his medical practice retirement, he did some work for Southwest District Health and also became deeply involved with his Caldwell Rotary Club where he has been busy with delivering dictionaries and delivering reading books to elementary schools, ringing the bell for the Salvation Army, helping with Rotary's annual blood drive, working at Rotary's Taco Booth at the Rodeo which raises funds for community projects, and helping with Rotary's Brewfest which raises funds for our local veterans and others. He truly exemplifies Rotary's motto of "Service Above Self!"

Congratulations to Jerry, who tuned 90 years young this year. We who know him, are the ones who are blessed! God Bless you Jerry Bauman!



Jerry Bauman and Caldwell YMCA Executive Director Erik Bullock

Caldwell Optimists Award More Scholarships!

by Ivy Hunt, Scholarship Chair



Aide Salinas, Andrea Arredondo, Lupe Arredondo



Megan Fly, Madelyn Fly, Bridger Fly

The Caldwell Optimist Club is proud to announce a tie for the 2nd place winner of the Claire Ruehl Memorial Scholarship for 2026. Applicants were asked to reflect and submit an essay describing acts of service and community understanding.

The Caldwell Optimist Club received many qualified applications and ultimately awarded the 2nd place scholarships of \$1,000.00 to Andrea Arredondo from Caldwell High School and Madelyn Fly from Vallivue High School.

The Caldwell Optimists are excited to contribute to the success and future of the

youth in our community. We are proud to see them achieve their goals and stay

optimistic! Congratulations to both Andrea and Madelyn!

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The Music Association of Canyon County

by Jennifer Tipton



The Canyon County Symphony with Conductor Dr. Nick Harker in Jewett Auditorium

Canyon County musicians have new opportunities to exercise their talents since the founding of the Canyon County Symphony in 2021.

Since then, the Symphony has grown into The Music Association of Canyon County (MACC). The MACC includes the Canyon County Symphony as well as other ensembles such as the Canyon County Youth Symphony, Canyon County Children's Choir, Canyon County Flute Choir, Canyon Winds, and more.

Dr. Nick Harker is the MACC Artistic Director, and the Conductor and Co-Founder of the Canyon County Symphony. He earned his Doctor of Musical Arts from the University of Utah, and has a decade of experience in professional, community, and educational ensemble conducting.

It all began when he was offered a job at the Idaho



Dr. Nick Harker

Arts Charter School in the fall of 2020. "When I arrived," he said, "I spent some time trying to get to know the music scene in the valley." Through these efforts he became acquainted with David Hoffman, the string instrument salesperson at Dorsey Music.

During one of their discussions, the topic of community ensembles came up. David was well acquainted with the area and mentioned that there were few

opportunities west of Meridian for musicians to play in community ensembles. The most accessible ensembles were the Meridian Symphony, the Treasure Valley Heritage Symphony (in Ontario), and Serenata (in Boise). Not only did these require a drive, but they were also usually full, which left musicians with very few options. Dr. Harker shared, "It was right then and there that we decided to start a new ensemble that would be more accessible to Canyon County residents."

The first auditions for the Canyon County Symphony were held in the spring of 2021, and the orchestra immediately had enough musicians to form an entire symphony. In fact, there were so many flutes that they formed the Canyon County Flute Choir at the same time.

Because it is a community ensemble, anyone interested

can audition. Dr. Harker emphasized, "You do not need to have a degree in music, even high schoolers play."

He continued, "Part of our mission is to provide a place for people to learn and to grow. Many of our members thought they were at a skill level below what was necessary, but they practiced, worked, learned, grew, and are now integral parts of our ensemble." Currently, the age range is 16 to the late 70s.

Dr. Harker stated that they were honored to perform with the recently retired Boise Philharmonic Concertmaster, Geoffrey Trabichoff. They also proudly performed with pianist Julia Ganske, Assistant Professor of Music and Director of Piano Studies at NNU; and Dr. Andrew Peck, former artist in residence at Opera Idaho and current choir teacher at Kuna High School; the pianist Carlos Torres, current piano performance major

at BSU; and the local folk-rock band out of Boise, Optiflynn.

The Canyon County Symphony has premiered works by local composer Benjamin Blessing, and performed alongside the NNU Symphony Orchestra and the Kuna High School Choirs.

Many of the concerts are held here in Caldwell at Jewett Auditorium or the Caldwell High School auditorium. May 16 was the last concert of the 2025-2026 season; the first concert of next season will be October 17.

Although the Canyon County Symphony does not return until fall, they host dedicated summer programs, such as the Canyon County Summer Strings Camp for kids.

For more information, visit: maccidaho.org.

Caldwell Centennial Band Invites You to Celebrate America 250!

by Leora Summers



A past Celebrate America Concert shell! We will be celebrating America with a variety of patriotic tunes and other fun music.

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June 22nd, Celebrate America Concert

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The year 2026 marks a significant milestone in American history as the nation celebrates its 250th anniversary. Caldwell Centennial Band invites you to celebrate America!

On Monday, June 22nd at 7:30 p.m., Caldwell Centennial Band will have its first concert of the season in Memorial Park, 619 Irving St, in Caldwell at the band-

Matthew Crane - Local Man Tours with Mamma Mia



Matthew at his sound board

Matthew Crane grew up in Caldwell on Harvey Road and graduated from Middleton High School in 2010. He graduated from BSU with a BM in Music Education and a BA in Media Communications. After graduating from BSU, he worked for several years as a stagehand at the Morrison Center.

In September of 2024, he joined the North American touring production (25th Anniversary Tour) of Mamma Mia as an Assistant Audio Technician. In August of 2025, the production trans-

ferred to Broadway, and he went with it for the limited Broadway engagement. The show went back out on the road in February 2026.

This tour will be coming to the Morrison Center from June 9th through June 14th. They currently have dates scheduled until July 2027, wrapping up the tour in Honolulu.

Congratulations to Matthew Crane in joining this show's very successful run! And may his good times continue throughout his career.

What's your best dad joke?

Jennifer Tipton



Phil Whitbeck
Father of 1

Q: What do you call a bear with no teeth?
A: A gummy bear.



Travis Palmer
Father of 3

One guy says to the other, "This is intense!" Another guy says back, "No, it's not! We're indoors!"



Oscar Klaas
Father of 4

There were two muffins in the oven, and one turned to the other and said, "My gosh, it's hot in here!" The other muffin says back, "Oh my gosh! You're a talking muffin!"



Dion Trimble
Father of 3, who according to Dion, all think he's hilarious

Q: Why do chicken coops have two doors?
A: Because if they had four doors, they would be chicken sandals!



Chad Harrod
Father of 2

Chuck Norris was playing rock-paper-scissors with a mirror. Chuck won.

Delicious Ideas for Father's Day

Easy Savory Ribs

by Jennifer Tipton



Baby backs are great! They cook more quickly, and are leaner, but they are not as meaty as their competitors. A full spare rib comes from the belly area of the pig and includes the meatier rib bones along with a flap of cartilage and the tougher "rib tips." St. Louis-style ribs are simply trimmed spare ribs. Because they contain more fat and connective tissue, the spare ribs and St. Louis-style ribs are exceptionally more flavorful and benefit from low-and-slow cooking. They are

Ingredients

- 5 pounds baby back ribs (about 4 racks) or St. Louis ribs (about 2 racks)
- Kosher salt & freshly ground black pepper
- 1 bottle of your favorite barbecue sauce

Instructions

1. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Line a sheet pan with foil. ****Be sure to use a deep pan – Do NOT use a cookie sheet or the juices will go everywhere!**
2. Place the ribs on the sheet pan, meat side up, and sprinkle with Kosher salt and freshly ground pepper. Pour the barbecue sauce generously on each rack.
3. Cover loosely with aluminum foil and bake for 1 ½ hours for baby backs, and up to 2 hours for St. Louis ribs, or until the meat is very tender when tested with a fork.
4. As soon as the ribs are out of the oven, spread them generously with additional barbecue sauce. Grill right away, or refrigerate them to grill later.
5. To grill, place on a well-oiled grill to prevent sticking, and grill about 5 minutes, or until nicely browned on each side. Add more sauce if you'd like.

usually more economical as well. I prefer St. Louis-style ribs because they are larger, flatter, and meatier, but any type of ribs can be prepared using this recipe.

When I recently set out to make these, I was planning to make the barbecue sauce too. Then I realized that's a lot of work! So instead, I grabbed a bottle of Kondiment Kings Smoked Hickory BBQ sauce. The preparation couldn't have been easier! (Or more delicious!)

6. Before serving, place on a cutting board and cover tightly with foil, allowing the ribs to rest for 10 minutes before cutting.
7. Serve hot with extra sauce on the side. Enjoy!

Note: The Kondiment Kings brand was created by Mark Pyne, a local friend and neighbor of mine, right here in Caldwell! You can find his sauces and rubs at the Spice Shop in Indian Creek Plaza, and he is often seen at the Farmer's Market in the Plaza on Tuesdays. Or visit: kondimentkings.com.



This recipe was adapted from the cookbook *Barefoot Contessa Fool-proof*.

Best Potato Salad

by Jennifer Tipton



Although there are many ways to prepare potato salad, after trying lots of them, I came up with my own, and here it is! Living in Idaho, we should probably all be potato aficionados, but did you

Ingredients

- 5 pounds Yukon Gold potatoes
- 2 cups mayonnaise
- 1 cup sweet pickle relish
- 2 tbsp. Dijon mustard
- 1 tbsp. apple cider vinegar
- 1 tbsp. celery seed
- 4-5 hard-boiled eggs
- 3 celery stalks, diced
- 1/2 cup sweet onion, diced
- 1 small can sliced black olives
- 1/2 tsp. paprika
- Salt & Pepper to taste

Note: For my Vegan friends, use an egg-free mayonnaise and omit the chopped eggs.

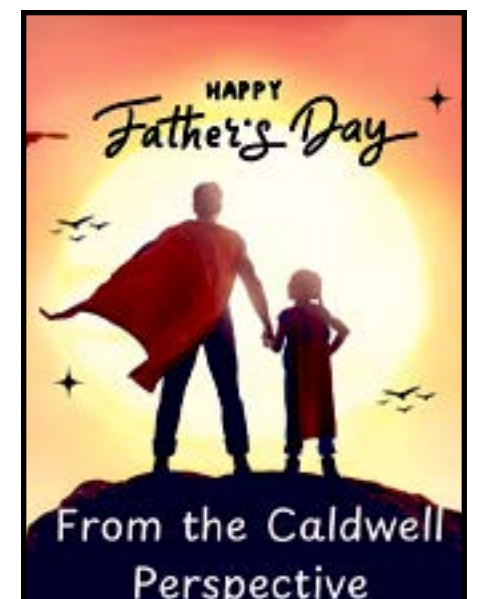
Instructions

1. Peel the potatoes and cut them into 1 to 2" chunks. Place them in a large pot. Fill the pot with cold water until it is just over the top of the potatoes. Bring to a boil over high heat. Once boiling, add 1 tbsp. salt and cook for 13 to 15 minutes or just until fork-tender.
2. In a medium bowl, mix the mayonnaise, sweet pickle relish including juices, Dijon, apple cider vinegar, celery seed, and salt & pepper to taste. Stir until smooth.
3. Chop the eggs, celery, and onion.
4. Once the potatoes are tender, drain off all the water, and place them in a large bowl. Gently mix in the dressing until it coats the potatoes well. Then stir in the eggs, celery, onions, and olives. Add salt and pepper to taste. Garnish with paprika.

know there are over 4,000 different varieties of potatoes? That makes it hard to narrow it down to just one, but in this recipe, I like to use Yukon Gold potatoes. Oh, that creamy goodness with just a bit of crunch!

Cover the potato salad and refrigerate. Enjoy!

Note: The secret to this great-tasting potato salad is to mix the potatoes with the dressing while the potatoes are still warm, allowing them to soak up the dressing. The longer it's in the refrigerator, the better it tastes. Variations? Of course! Try adding bacon, cheddar cheese, or substituting sliced scallions for the chopped onions. If you don't have pickle relish, finely chop some sweet pickles and add a little of their liquid, too. If you don't have celery, try chopped bell pepper.



Lions Donate to Ronald McDonald House

by Lynn Johnson



Lions Chris Hasenoehrl, Alex Esparza, Lynn Johnson, 2nd Grader Sam Rogers, Sam's Dad, Orry Rogers and Lion Mike Machos

The Caldwell Lions donated almost 372 pounds of pull tabs to the Ronald McDonald House in Boise. The Ronald McDonald House recycles the tabs and uses that money to buy incidentals for their guests using the house. The Ronald McDonald House offers rooms for families whose children are being treated in area hospitals. There are also game rooms and other rooms available for a little respite.

This is the 9th year the Lions Club has gathered tabs for the house. The club offers contests to local elementary schools and gives the class in each school that has gathered the largest amount of pull tabs an ice cream party at the end of the school year.

Vallivue Resource Officer Honored Nationally



The National Association of School Resource Officers (NASRO) awarded its 2026 Floyd Ledbetter National School Resource Officer of the Year Award to a Vallivue Middle School Resource Officer (SRO), Deputy Darr Anderson. The award recognizes SROs who have made significant con-

tributions to their local communities or school districts. SROs are specifically trained law enforcement officers assigned to work in schools.

Through his initiative, Deputy Darr's Donut Shop, he fundraises while providing students a safe and welcoming environment to interact with law enforcement. Deputy Darr's Donut shop has raised \$20,000 so far and has been used for things like "challenge coins" that recognize students for good behavior and strengthen education around topics such as the dangers of drug use.

Congratulations to Vallivue's Deputy Darr Anderson!

Volunteer opportunities listed on JustServe



How does a team that counsels and cares for kids far from town keep kids engaged when school lets out? They send out a call for volunteers to help with activities through justserve.org.

And that's just what the Idaho Youth Ranch located out by Sand Hollow has done. They are seeking volunteers who can help kids practice yoga, gardening, ceramics, frisbee, basketball, music, dance, acting, painting, etc. - if it appeals to kids, they want it.

If it appeals to you, go to justserve.org, search for Idaho Youth Ranch near zip code 83605 and scroll down until you see what interests you. Or contact Nathan

Gilbert at 208-092-5373 or ngilbert@youthranch.org.

If you want just a one-time commitment - maybe one you could do with your teenager - the Caldwell Veterans Hall is hosting a barbecue on June 23, Caldwell Veterans need 15 volunteers to set up, serve, and take down for a barbecue they're hosting on Saturday, June 13. (Check Justserve or contact Scott Ray at 208-992-7070 or caldwellveterans@gmail.com.)

The Caldwell School District might need your help sorting food for their Traveling Table Food Pantry on June 10 (the 2nd Wednesday of each month). Contact Annette Perez at 208-546-2831 or aperez@caldwellschools.org.

And the Deer Flat Wild-

life Refuge is asking those with access to a canoe or kayak to help clean up Lake Lowell on Saturday, June 13, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Volunteers need life jackets, paddles, an invasive species sticker, and a whistle. Contact Melissa Rodriguez at 208-696-8172 or deerflat@fws.gov.

Some asking for a few hours weekly include the Caldwell Veterans looking for someone to greet visitors and direct them to the right staff member and the Caldwell Salvation Army seeking someone to help update the Baby Haven classroom.

There are dozens more listings.

Helping others, especially when working with a team, can make a day great.

Church Announces Site for Caldwell Temple



Burley, Idaho Temple dedicated earlier this year

The First Presidency of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints has announced the site for a Caldwell Temple. The

Temple will be built on a 19.2-acre site located at the southwest corner of Orchard and Florida. Plans call for an 82,000 square foot, multistory temple, including a meetinghouse and an accompanying ancillary building.

"Temples are sacred and special places of worship, and we are filled with gratitude knowing one has been announced for Caldwell, Idaho," said local leader Elder Stephen J. Larson of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Besides the Caldwell Tem-

ple, there are 10 additional temples under construction or in operation in Idaho in: Boise, Burley, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho Falls, Meridian, Montpelier, Pocatello, Rexburg, Teton River, and Twin Falls.

Idaho is home to over 480,000 Latter-day Saints meeting in around 1,300 congregations.

The new Caldwell Temple was one of 15 announced by President Nelson in April 2025. "Regular worship in the house of the Lord increases our capacity for both virtue and charity," he said.

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Caldwell Church of Christ Celebrates 25 years with Pastor Jay Hawkins

by Toni Ferro



Above: The Hawkins family; Avery, Jay, Caroline, Jackson, and India

Below left: A portion of Joel Free's painting of the Boise River in the Church of Christ Baptistery
Below right: The middle section of a representation of Christ's Feeding of the 5000 by Joel Free



In May, Caldwell Church of Christ celebrated 25 years with their beloved pastor, Jay Hawkins, and his wife Caroline. A lunch in honor of Jay and Caroline was held after Sunday service. The church dining area was packed with tables full of congregants and friends marking this noteworthy milestone.

At the celebration, a number of speakers offered touching, light-hearted reflections about the blessings that Jay, his wife Caroline, and their three children have brought to the church over the past quarter century.

Chad Bewley recounted fond memories of traveling to Texas to meet Jay as part

of the church's pastor search committee. He quickly became a fan of Jay and an advocate for him with the rest of the search committee and the elders. Chad's grandmother, Donna Young, talked of acting as a local grandparent to Jay and Caroline's young kids. She cared for the kids when the Hawkins' needed her and loved getting to watch them grow into adults.

Dave Moody, pastor at Caldwell's Christ Community Church, sent comments about Jay. He noted that a pastor typically stays with one congregation six to eight years and Jay has long outlasted that "through thick and thin" and "ups and downs,

reasons. Among them, the Hawkins' didn't come to Caldwell to prepare themselves to move on to bigger congregations and better pay, instead they came here to make a home, serve their new community, and look after the spiritual needs of their new congregation wholeheartedly. Jay and Caroline's three children (Jackson, Avery and India) are all graduates of Caldwell High School and Jay and Caroline were active supporters of their schools and activities.

Jay is committed to continuously working to better himself as a Christian and as a pastor. He fosters strong relationships with other pastors and meets with a group of local pastors regularly. He organizes the NW Expositors Seminar, an annual workshop for preachers, teachers, elders and other Church of Christ leaders in the Pacific Northwest.

Jay is not flashy, does not try to draw attention to himself, and has no hidden agendas. He just preaches Christ every week, is kind, competent, and emotionally steady. Jay doesn't rush to judgment and instead is deliberate and thoughtful in his decision-making. He has that rare talent where he is both a leader and a follower. He both leads his congregation and is comfortable placing himself under the leadership of the elders and the congregation.

As part of the celebration, Jay and Caroline were given a beautiful print of a section of the painting in the church baptistery. Joel Free painted the artwork, which depicts the Boise River in the northwest of Caldwell, where the now 111-year-old congregation baptized new members

in years past. The Hawkins were also given a box filled with individual messages from the congregation and two weeks of vacation to be taken at their leisure.

Elder Dennis Evans reminded the crowd that the event was a marking of a milestone and not a retirement party. Dennis has been an elder under only one pastor and remarked that he hopes that will remain true for his many years to come.

Jay and Caroline decided to come to Caldwell because they had heard good things of Caldwell through friends. When Jay learned the Caldwell Church of Christ was looking for a minister, he watched closely for the job posting and sent his application in quickly.

Having members of the congregation come and watch him preach in Texas showed him that the Caldwell Church of Christ was committed to finding just the right pastor for their congregation. And the Hawkins' visit to Caldwell for the interview was a "terrific weekend" and so they came and joined our community.

Jay had completed his Master's Degree and had considered continuing his studies and becoming a professor. However, he found that he "prefers the variety of ministry." He enjoys the "preparation for teaching and preaching" and the face time that he gets with real people living their real lives. The congregation has also been generous over the years with some sabbatical time allowing him to continue studying and to refresh himself.

Congratulations to the Hawkins for 25 years of service here in our Caldwell community at the Caldwell Church of Christ. We are glad you came and stayed and made Caldwell your home.

The Church of Christ hosts a community dinner every Tuesday night at 6pm. To learn more about the Church of Christ, visit caldwellcofc.org.

Wind Phone Dedication at Canyon Hill Cemetery



The Caldwell Board of Realtors has chosen to commemorate its 105 years with a gift to the city: a Legacy Wind Phone.

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A Sign of Spring!

by Leora Summers



Mama robin feeding babies, *photo by Mandie Snow

One of the biggest signs of spring, are the birds building their nests, laying their eggs and taking care of their hatchlings. Some of them build their nests in the strangest places, like this robin!

She and her mate return annually to the fan blades on my sister's patio in the

Manchester subdivision. My sister often has to anchor the fan blades so they don't spin until the baby birds mature and take flight. So until then we get to watch this amazing process of how the mama and papa birds care for their young. So much fun!

Running for America Right Through Caldwell

by Joyce Boykin



Noah Coughlan on his 5th run across the United States

"What does the American flag mean to you?" That is what Noah Coughlan, 42, has been asking people all across the country this year while on his 5th remarkable run across America.

Noah was raised in California and currently lives in Nashville. His first run across America was in 2011 when he was raising awareness for Batten Disease. Since then he has run across America three more times in 2013, 2015, and 2023.

This time, his goal is to have run across all 50 states by July 4th, 2026, which will be America's 250th anniversary. Only two other people have crossed all 50 states on foot.

He has family here in Caldwell, so, of course, we were part of his run through Idaho in early May. He was first seen in the area jogging down a highway in Caldwell

pushing his wheeled cart containing all his supplies.

He started this last and final run in October and was through Caldwell on day 202. He ran into the Pacific Ocean at Newport, Oregon on May 25th, day 220.

Next, he will fly from Oregon to Canada, drive to Prudhoe Bay on Alaska's North Slope and then run the 1000 gruelling miles to Anchorage. From there he will fly to Hawaii and run across several islands, completing his journey on July 4th, 260 days in total.

This run is a tribute to the American people. Noah has pushed through rain, snow and sleet. This journey has been 5,500 miles of running, jogging and walking. Going through 6 pairs of tennis shoes, and with aching feet, he has persevered onward to reach his goal.

Noah sees America as a more united country than one divided. People along the way have helped him, welcomed him and supported his efforts. Some have run next to him and voluntarily assisted him in many different ways.

"I would just urge Americans to really think about the flag, and realize that we are living in an amazing nation." Noah is a testament to the American spirit of setting a noble goal, advancing forward and achieving the best results. America will turn 250 years old on July 4th and as Noah stated, "...an amazing nation."

To learn more and see pictures of his amazing journey check out his Facebook, facebook.com/noah.coughlan.50 and his website, runforusa.com.

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Special Olympics Torch Runs Through Caldwell

by Joyce Boykin



Special Olympians with Mayor Eric Phillips (far right), Police Chief Rex Ingram (center back), and torch bearer in center.



Police Chief Rex Ingram with 'Flame of Hope' bearer Special Olympics participant

For the past 55 years, our state has held the Idaho Special Olympics for children, youth and adults with cognitive disabilities.

A Special Olympian Torch Runner entered Indian Creek Plaza to a crowd of about 75 supporters with 20 other Olympians waiting on the stage. This runner with his 'Flame of Hope' ignited a cauldron.

After the cauldron was ignited, Caldwell Chief of Police Rex Ingram read the motto, "Let me win, but if I can't win, let me be brave." "Everyone needs to be seen, valued and heard," was the statement of the day. Another was the anthem that the

athletes represent unity, grit, resilience, and perseverance.

The runner taking the torch to Nampa, then began his journey to Bulldog Stadium for the kick-off ceremony of Special Olympics Idaho. This state-wide event was held for two days in several locations in Nampa including Nampa High School's Bulldog Stadium, Skyview High School and the Harward Recreation Center.

The Law Enforcement Torch Run (LETR), is supported by law enforcement agencies in our state including the Idaho State Police. The Idaho Special Olympics has many corporate and local partners.

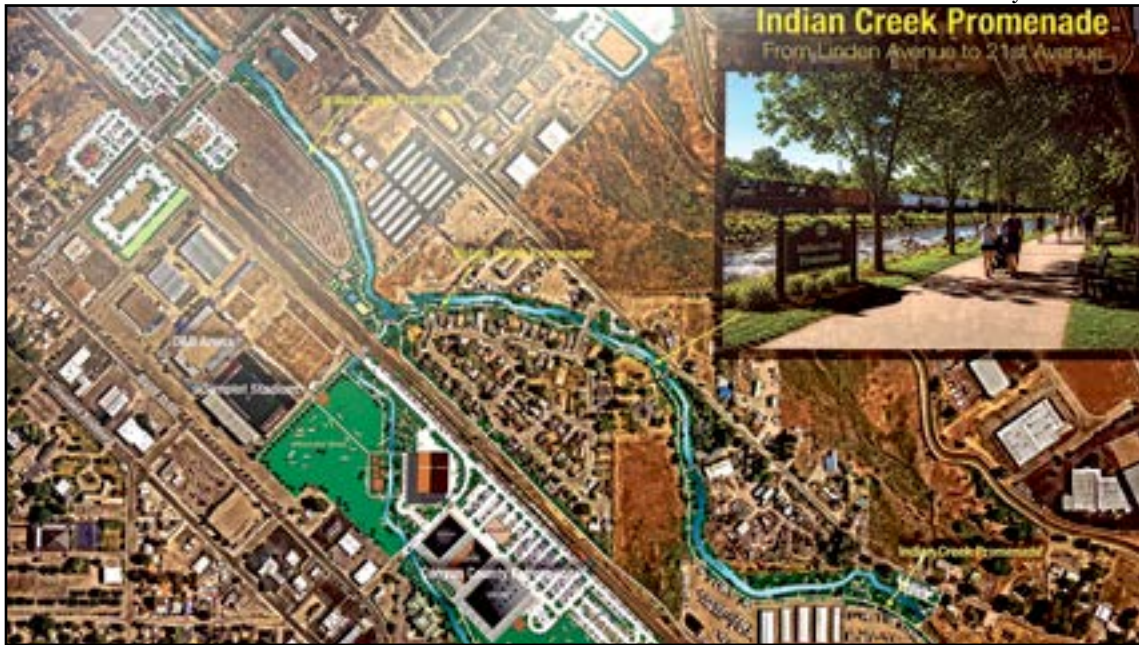
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Destination Development Association Proposes 3-mile Indian Creek Promenade

by Toni Ferro



Map overlay showing the south-eastern section of the proposed 3-mile "Indian Creek Promenade"

The Destination Development Association's (DDA), Roger Brooks, was in town during the first week of June to present an expanded version of the company's proposed 25-year vision for Caldwell's central areas.

Brooks presented at a City Council Special Workshop, which can be watched here: [youtube.com/watch?v=WTlpLCxPrbQ](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WTlpLCxPrbQ) and at a presentation to the public held in the Caldwell High School Auditorium.

The benefit of having a 25-year vision for Caldwell's future is that it provides city leaders a high-level plan for how to spend public dollars and where to focus the energy of the Urban Renewal Agency, The Parks Department, the Economic Development Department, and much more. The vision is intended to be vigorously discussed, frequently referred to, and refined over time.

Our February 2026 edition included an article about the DDA vision (bit.ly/4x5YEHI). The article noted that the 25-year plan is overwhelming taken all at once and so provided information about the planning process as well as information about only one of the major elements of the proposal, the Garden District.

This article will include more detail about the proposed Indian Creek Promenade.

The Indian Creek Promenade would expand the current downtown blocks of Indian Creek that have already been improved and are pleasantly walkable, into a three-mile walking path extending from Rotary Pond Park to where the creek crosses Linden (near Chicago).

Brooks argued that Indian Creek is an "amazing gem" and that there aren't very many cities that have a "stunning, beautiful creek" running through them. Therefore, the "creek would be a focus" and a "great attraction" in Caldwell.

The Promenade would connect key destinations in town, would be 12-ft wide, paved, and ADA accessible.

Amenities would include public restrooms, benches (some with shade trellis structures), picnic shelters with tables, Wi-Fi, small playgrounds, trash receptacles, lighting all along the trail, security cameras, lookout areas, interpretive signs, parking, bike racks, art installations, drinking fountains and more. Businesses such as restaurants and grocery stores would eventually go in along the trail.

Brooks concluded that if Caldwell did this it would be "the best trail in Idaho by far and one of the best in the country."

Brooks concedes that the promenade project would

not be easy to complete. He estimated that the project would take about ten years.

Eighty properties would be affected (only eight of which are residential properties) and the City would need to get permission from all eighty property owners. Brooks is quick to note, that nobody would be required to participate and if some property owners say no, then the trail can re-route around them and away from the creek for some sections.

There will need to be engineering studies done, planning for ongoing maintenance, and finding funding.

Brooks said, however, that "this city is really famous for figuring out a way to make it happen, it wasn't cheap to move the creek location in downtown and it wasn't cheap to build the plaza. If any city can do this, it will be Caldwell."

If you want to see more details of the DDA's proposed 25-year vision for Caldwell, you can go to [envisioncaldwell.com](https://www.envisioncaldwell.com). The website also has videos of local leaders talking about the plan, an interactive map that lets you dig into each of the plan's proposed projects, and a link where you can submit comments.

In addition, you can follow Envision Caldwell on Facebook for updates.

The Rice House A Community Endeavor

by Leora Summers



Fence line with community partners

It has been awhile since I visited the Rice House project, so I wanted to see where we were at with it. What I found out was that this project is an amazing community endeavor. The project is a not-for-profit project, therefore there are many hands involved in making this come to fruition and the timeline is dependent upon its donors and laborers and their availability. The project was designed to provide community-serving, workforce housing.

This historic house was originally built in 1895 and the plan is to restore and renovate it into five units for first responders and others with a commercial area for a coffee shop or other like business on the main floor. The plan for the main floor also includes an ADA apartment with 2 beds/1 bath. The second floor will have two apartments, one with 2 beds/2 baths and the other with 2 beds/1 bath. There are two planned apartments in the basement, one with 1 bed/1 bath, and the other with 2 beds/1 bath and large living and bedroom areas.

The Rice House was moved on June 29, 2024 from its location on College and Oak to where it sits today on the southwest corner of Kimball and Chicago. It was set down on the corner while a foundation was poured and readied so the work could begin.

Since I last visited, an addition was added to the main floor. That's where the majority of the work has been focused so far. The ADA ramp accessibility has been improved. Also added are the concrete steps to the front door. The curbs, gutters,

driveway into the alley and the sidewalk are being worked on. A fire hydrant has been added which will also service the block, and a fire suppression line and main water line to the house has been added.

As I walked through the interior, the space has been framed up for the layout of the rooms and the stairway to the second floor has been moved to accommodate the new layout per code requirement. The layout for the entire house is roughly 95% complete. These are things you don't see from the outside. All things take time and need to be done right.

The next phase is the "trades" phase which includes fire suppression, mechanical (HVAC), plumbing, electrical and low-voltage site security. Once framing is 100%, there will be coordination with the building department for a building inspection and trade inspection. When one trade is finished being inspected, then the next one will begin until they are all completed. Once they are all completed, then the "finishings" can begin, including insulation and moisture protection. Then hanging the sheet rock, tape and texture can happen. After that, the "trade" finishers can come in to complete the HVAC, install outlets, vent covers, etc. Everything that happens is inspected.

The interior will then be finished including cabinets, mill work, flooring, interior paint, trim and doors. The final inspection develops a "punch" list of minor fixes and once that is completed, a request for a certificate for occupancy can be made.

So there you go! The project has been totally funded and will be completed when everything comes together all in good time thanks to our community partners!

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Church of Christ: corner of Ustick and S 10th, Free Tues night dinners, 6 pm.

Caldwell High School: 3401 S Indiana, June 1-29, Breakfast 7:45-8:45 am, Lunch 11:30 am-12:30 pm. For children ages 1-18. Must be consumed onsite.

Lewis & Clark Elementary: 1102 Laster, June 29-Jul 24, (closed July 3rd), Breakfast 8-8:30 am, Lunch 11 am-noon. For children ages 1-18. Must be consumed onsite.

Oasis Summer Feeding Program: Free lunches from Now-August 14th, Monday-Friday (closed July 3) at 8 parks, schools and community locations (including Caldwell Memorial Park, Luby park, and Pipe Dream Park). For places and times go to oasiswc.org/oasis-summer-feeding.

FOOD BANKS

Salvation Army: 1023 E Chicago, Tuesday through Thursday, 1 to 3:30 pm, food boxes and services available for those in need in the Caldwell area.

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WICAP: 502 Main St, Caldwell, generally operates Monday through Friday from 8 am to 5 pm, though food distribution hours may vary. It is recommended to call 208-454-0675 to confirm hours and availability before visiting.

Caldwell School District Food Pantry: Wilson School, 400 E Linden, Weds 4-6 pm. The 2nd Wed of each month, the Traveling Table Mobile Pantry visits Wilson School and operates instead, Serves families in the Caldwell School District.

St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry: (St. Clare's Pantry) 1122 W Linden (back parking lot of Our Lady of the Valley), Wednesdays from 11 am to 1 pm. Please enter from Ash St. Tailored to benefit low-income families, veterans, individuals with disabilities and refugees.

Oasis Food Center Choice Food Pantry: 506 W Simplot Blvd, Caldwell, Weds: noon-2 pm, Thurs: 4-6 pm. New Visitors need to fill out intake form, show valid Photo ID to receive Oasis Food Center Card. Bring Photo ID and Center Card each time you visit. You may visit once a week.

World Harvest Church: 803 Main St, Open every 3rd Saturday of the month from 10 am to noon, Phone 208-724-9462.



Left: Food Distribution at St. Clare's Food Bank located at Our Lady of the Valley Church, Caldwell

Caldwell Road Closures



Three roads have reopened in recent weeks – Lincoln, Ware, and Moses – and the roundabout at Ward and Linden should open soon.

Five more roads are scheduled to reopen in the first half of June. June 12 is the predicted date for the roundabout at Middle-

ton and Linden and for the roundabout and irrigation work that's closed Middleton and Skyway.

The three other intersections expected to open soon are W. Linden from Farmway to Marshall (water line); Homedale between Bear Lane and S. Tenth (asphalt); and Lincoln between Suncrest and Correa Way (asphalt).

Two more sites are scheduled to open by the end of

June: Dorman between W. Linden and Quail Meadow Loop (water line) and S. 10th at Homedale Road (water and sewer lines).

Work replacing the Kimball bridge over Indian Creek will keep Kimball closed near the Blaine Street intersection until Sept. 18.

Other road construction downtown will start as the sewer project on Main and Albany streets wraps up.

City Update on Sewer and Road Improvements

Sewer and road infrastructure improvements which started in Caldwell in September 2025 are nearing completion. Reconstruction on Main Street and Albany should be done by the end of June if changes pass all inspections and tests.

Then Gentry Civil Construction will complete the final sewer connection at

Stocktrail Road and remove the existing sewer lift station which was over capacity and had occasional backups.

Roadway improvements will come next. City workers will be minimizing adverse conditions and dampening dusty streets. Gentry Civil Construction is to work with homeowners if temporary relocations are needed.

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YAY! Finally! Farmway/Ustick Roundabout Opens!



The Farmway & Ustick roundabout is finally open! It has been a long time coming.

The completion of this project marks an important investment in transportation safety, traffic flow, and infrastructure improvements for the growing Caldwell community.

Caldwell's Public Information Officer Moves On



Char Jackson, former Public Information Officer (PIO) for the City of Caldwell, has taken a new position as Assistant News Director for Idaho News 6.

She worked in local television news as a producer at

KTVB for 6 years prior to working in a variety of government communication roles for 11 years. The past 3 years she was Caldwell's PIO, where she was responsible for public messaging, media coordination, and communication during both routine operations and high-profile or breaking events.

The PIO position was posted during May and closed on May 20th. Bianca Stevenson is serving as the interim PIO for the City of Caldwell until a new person has been hired.

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Occupational Medicine: Defined and Discussed

by Jennifer Tipton



Dr. Brandon Isaacs

Dr. Brandon Isaacs, an occupational medicine physician with St. Alphonsus, was the guest speaker at the Noon Break Lunch, hosted by the Caldwell Chamber of Commerce on May 12th. Dr. Isaacs began his presentation by acknowledging that, for most, hearing “occupational medicine” prompts the question, “What is that?” What it is, he said, is something that nobody really thinks too much about – until there’s a problem.

Dr. Isaacs pointed out that occupational medicine probably dates as far back as 1700 BC, when someone must have said, “Hey, maybe we should do something about all the slaves dying in the mines – we’re losing our workforce!” It was only after recognizing that the working environment was potentially dangerous that a solution was implemented, and the workers began wearing masks.

Dr. Isaacs also shared the story of the Great Boston Molasses Flood of January 1919, when a massive steel storage tank containing 2.3 million gallons of molasses ruptured in the middle of town, causing multiple deaths and injuries. The cause was later determined to be a poorly constructed tank that went unnoticed until the disaster occurred. Dr. Isaacs casually added, “It was a sticky situation...”

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were the result of mercury poisoning. Not only were the hat makers affected, but also the hat wearers, because when these hats were worn, sweat caused the mercury to be absorbed into the wearer's head. It was a classic example of an industrial disease. Other examples of industrial diseases include exposure to asbestos, lead paint, and radium-painted glow-in-the-dark watches.

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“The point being,” he said,

“sometimes you don’t know what’s bad for you until somebody else looks at it and tells you what’s wrong. It all begins by identifying potential hazards.”

Dr. Isaacs continued, “Today, our focus is prevention. But when an injury occurs, the focus is on getting the employee back to work as soon as possible. We conduct tests in accordance with OSHA guidelines to determine whether the injured employee can return to work and perform regular duties. It’s a safety issue. If they can’t, we want to ensure they receive compensation.”

To summarize, occupational medicine is the liaison between the employer and the employee. The objective is to reduce workplace injuries and lost workdays, which improves overall workplace productivity. It also serves as an advocate for employees, helping them navigate the system.

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Question from the audience: “What do you think are some of the easiest things an employer can do to prevent injuries down the road?”

Dr. Isaacs: “There are so many variables, but I would say to create safety protocols, change the ergonomics or modify them if needed, improve working conditions to lessen the risk for injury.”

Occupational medicine is a specialized branch of medicine that focuses on the prevention and management of work-related injuries, illnesses, and disabilities.

For More Information

Saint Alphonsus Occupational Medicine
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Canyon County Paramedics Bringing Whole Blood Transfusions To Patients



Canyon County Paramedics

Canyon County Paramedics, working together with St Alphonsus and the American Red Cross, will now deliver lifesaving prehospital whole blood transfusions directly to the region’s patients in need, such as victims of car accidents, falls, snow injuries, bike accidents, and gunshot wounds.

Whole blood is a clinical term referring to the blood, as it flows through the body. It contains all its components including red blood cells, white blood cells, platelets, and plasma, and it is the gold standard for trauma patients who require large volumes of all components of blood. Until now, delivering whole blood transfusions beyond an acute-care setting, like a hospital, has been limited to air medical transport.

The milestone program, which launched February 1, marks the first ground EMS whole blood capability in Idaho and reflects a multi-year, multi-agency effort built on collaboration, shared resources, and the region’s commitment to improving emergency care for Idahoans. Less than 2% of EMS ground programs nationally have this capability,

and experts estimate if deployed nationwide, these programs could save nearly 10,000 lives annually.

“When we begin resuscitation in the field, we can save lives,” said Canyon County Paramedic Chief Michael Stowell. “Studies show that the earlier whole blood is administered, the less blood a patient ultimately needs and the better their chances of survival.”

The wholeblood program depends on a tightly coordinated partnership between Canyon County Paramedics, St Alphonsus, and the American Red Cross. Saint Alphon-

sus Regional Medical Center in Boise supplies and manages the blood inventory, ensuring units are safely stored, temperature controlled, and immediately available for field deployment. The Boise hospital serves as the region’s most advanced trauma center, with a 24/7 in-house trauma team dedicated to caring for the most critically ill patients suffering complex traumatic injuries.

From there, paramedics carry whole blood in specialized coolers that maintain stable temperatures for up to 72 hours, returning unused units to the hospital five days before expiration—a system that prevents waste and protects a scarce resource.

“This program extends the reach of the trauma center directly to the patient,” said Saint Alphonsus Trauma Surgeon Dr. Caleb Mentzer. “Moving the administration of whole blood to the prehospital setting not only saves the patient stability and critical time, it saves units

of blood, which is in critically short supply nationally.”

St Alphonsus provides clinical oversight, quality assurance, and logistical coordination.

The program became financially feasible after voters approved the Canyon County Ambulance District levy in May. The levy provided essential funding to purchase specialized equipment, build an inhouse training program, and secure the infrastructure needed to provide wholeblood transfusion services. Prior to the levy, the cost of supplying and potentially wasting whole blood made the program unattainable.

As Idaho’s first ground EMS agency to carry whole blood, Canyon County Paramedics hopes the program will serve as a model for others. The

team has already shared its training and protocols with agencies across the state, and with wholeblood administration now included in the paramedic scope, leaders say additional EMS programs are well positioned to follow.

For more than three years, leaders at St Alphonsus, Canyon County Paramedics, and the American Red Cross have partnered with one goal – better patient outcomes.

“This became a reality because we had people at every level who said, ‘yes—how can I help?’ That kind of support saves lives,” said Division Chief Jade Parsons. “You don’t see this level of cooperation everywhere in the country,” Parsons said. “Our Treasure Valley truly works as a team.”

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Local Dirt



The very weird weather continues as parts of late spring were colder than mid-winter. On top of that, we saw a record high temperature in early May. I say all this in hopes that you notice the different causes and effects weather patterns have on the landscaped areas on your property.

To just look at your own property and not observe the properties in surrounding areas, is to ignore what could possibly be coming your way. It will teach you ways to be pro-active in regards to your property.

I get a lot of people asking how they can get a lawn as green as my neighbor? Well, it takes effort, I tell them. Most people may apply fertilizer religiously, but don't power rake every couple years, or they don't cut their lawns short, very short going into winter and stay short in early spring, so their lawn can see some sunlight and then cleanup winter kill of grass.

Plants also need extra care

to stay healthy long-term and even more importantly, your biggest investment is your trees. This winter was so dry that I see a lot of trees that are dead or struggling to fill in, especially evergreen trees. Evergreens are in need of water all the time, especially in the winter when there are not normal wet conditions.

Another observance I've seen much earlier than normal, is how many very yellow-leaved trees there are out there. All trees should be the very bright shiny/fresh looking color of their nature. But seeing normally green trees, a bright yellow, is very concerning about the health and longevity of

by Pat King

that tree. Bright yellow with a green skeletal structure indicates the tree has a tremendous need for iron for a healthy vibrant life. The bigger the tree, the more iron it needs, but not on a one and done basis, but on a life of the tree basis.

A lot of the condition of a tree is caused by the surface area in which it gets nutrients. For example, a tree planted on an open acre of ground, has a much better chance of getting most of its nutrients through natural means, than a tree that's surrounded by concrete, asphalt and a house, basically on a postage stamp size of actual dirt. The trees roots are far more extensive, be-

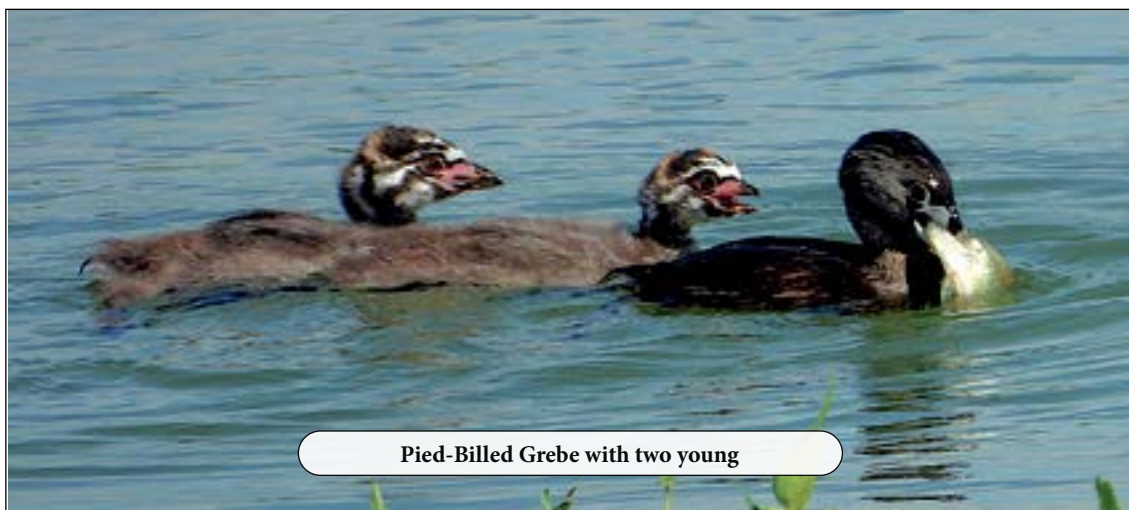
yond just the drip line. I found a tree root over 40 feet away from its drip line and it was still going.

The other very important aspect of a healthy tree is proper pruning and maintenance on a regular basis. Removing broken and dead branches is vital to prevent further damage and/or diseases which are more costly to repair. It is even more important to be very attentive to your trees in tightly packed subdivisions, where there are far more trees than the ground can support to get that proper spacing for proper growth.

Until next time, Pat.

Southwest Idaho Birders' Association

by JC Clancy



Pied-Billed Grebe with two young

There's nothing like a baby to draw "oohs" and "awwws," and that's true whether the species is human or avian or whateverian.

If you've been driving around, you may have seen signs saying "duck crossing," or "cows on road," meaning especially calves, or some variation.

We don't necessarily blame the parents for putting the young ones in jeopardy, but sometimes you do wonder about the parenting skills. One recent day, a driver crossing the lower dam was concerned to see

four young mallards running along the dam wall, struggling to climb the wall without quite the wing strength to lift them onto it. No adult mallards in sight. Stopping to look, the driver saw a pair of adult mallards below in the water swimming circles in apparent distress, and the driver put two and four together to guess those were the parents of the four stranded babies.

The parents apparently missed the offspring, and it seemed they could easily have flown up to lead the babies to safety. But no,

these parents just left the young to rescue themselves. Eventually two of the four struggled up onto the wall and safely down to the water and were soon swimming around with the adults. The driver managed to scoop one up and set it on the wall, from where it rejoined the family below. The 4th duckling ventured into the road and crossed safely a couple of times before going down on the land side and who knows what happened?

Some parents seem vigilant and competent. Pictured here is an adult Pied-Billed Grebe, as featured

in this column last month, working with two young. The adult caught a fish, small but not small enough for the baby grebe to handle. The adult mauled the fish a bit before handing it off to a young one, which got the fish partly into its mouth and struggled to swallow it but failed. The adult repeated the process and again handed the fish off with the same result. Finally the adult swallowed the fish, clearly a lesson to be repeated. Definitely parenting skills here.

You don't have to look hard or far to see adults feeding their young. You may see gray and yellow Western Kingbirds or iridescent blue and rust Barn Swallows feeding their young on utility wires or fence posts. You may soon see robins feeding worms to their young in your backyard.

If you have feeders or flowers in your yard, you may be seeing Black-Chinned Hummingbirds, although probably no young for a while. You might still see a Calliope or Rufous Hummingbird on its way north.

The joy of viewing hummingbirds is one of the big attractions for SIBA's field trip June 17 to Silver City. Birders will meet at 7 a.m. at the Walter's Ferry boat ramp on the south side of the Snake River heading south on Rte 45. Registration is required by email to trip leader James Jarrett at SIBAFieldTrip@gmail.com.

The caravan will bird several spots in the lowlands and travel up through the Owyhee Mountains to Silver City. Target birds include Black-throated Gray Warbler, Green-tailed Towhee, and several species of flycatchers. Silver City usually provides views of 3-4 hummingbird species, Cassin's finches, Pine Siskens and more. This will be an all-day trip, so bring plenty of food and water, sun and pest protection, and sturdy shoes for moderate walking.

SIBA's next meeting at the refuge visitor center will be July 9 at 7 p.m. Meanwhile, the monthly email newsletter will help you keep in touch. If you're not getting it, check at Sibainfo1@gmail.com.

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Dave's Big Backyard

by Dave McCormick



What a project! Karen and I are in the middle of renovating the interior of

our home with new floors and new paint throughout and moving every piece of furniture into our garage. We will be living in our modest little motor home for the next few days. Been too busy this month to even

wet a line and fishing has been great this month in a plethora of reservoirs.

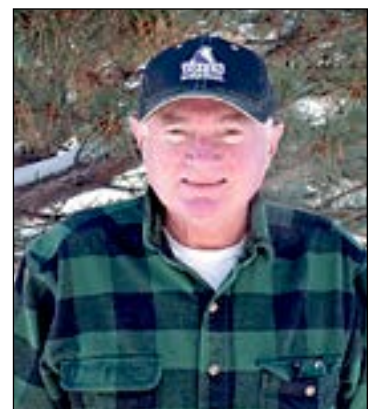
I do have a fly-fishing trip planned for late June. I will have a complete report in the July issue of the *Perspective* and hopefully some good fish pictures too. June is still a great fishing month before the summer doldrums, so take advantage. Good luck on the water!

Donald Frank Gaines

July 26, 1936 - May 2, 2026

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Shrinkage! The Measuring Stick of a Good Long Life

by Leora Summers



your height and the date? Well I have a story for you...

So our YMCA added a new way to torture us, but in a good way, the E-Gym! So this gym is a circuit gym of 11 torture devices that work on all your different muscle groups. The great thing about it, is that each station's exercise only takes one minute, and there is another minute to get from one station to the other. It is very efficient if everyone cooperates and uses it in the way that it is meant to be used. But in order to use the E-Gym, you must be "on-boarded" by a staff member, before you even start. This is an "add-on" extra that the Y

makes available if you choose to take advantage of it.

So before you are able to begin, a staff member has you stand in front of this station that does several things, and one of the things it does, is it somehow measures your height electronically by having you step in lit up footsteps on the floor. So I step in the footsteps and they said that I was recorded as being 5 feet 4 inches. To which I retorted, "That's not true! The machine is WRONG! I'm 5 feet, 5 and 1/2 inches tall." And the Y staffer who was my on-boarder said, "Yes! You are 5 feet, 4 inches." I argued a little more telling them that the machine

was WRONG! She insisted that the machine was correct. I said, "Whatever."

Next up was my husband, Sam. When it came to the time he had to step in the lit up footsteps, the machine recorded his height at 5 foot 9 inches. I heard him say, "No I'm not! I'm 5 foot 10 and 1/2 inches tall. They insisted again that the machine was correct. He argued a little more as they laughed, but also gave up on it.

When we went home, we got out the measuring stick, took off our shoes and stood up against the door frame and measured each other. Go figure! I was 5 foot 4 inches

tall and he was actually 5 foot 9 inches. We had both lost 1 and 1/2 inches from our full grown height! Hmmm.....the machine was right....

So now we start a new tradition. Once a year, we will measure our height at that doorway, like our parents did when we were growing children, and date that mark with our name and the year. It's paradoxical! We thought the grandkids were getting remarkably taller as we stood by them, but it's a double whammy. As they are getting taller, we are getting smaller.

If shrinkage is the measuring stick of a good long healthy life, we'll take it!

Remember when you were a growing kid? And once a year, maybe your parents made you stand up against a door frame and took a measuring tape and measured you to see how tall you grew that year? And then they put a mark with a pencil on the door frame with

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Caldwell's Extraordinary Visit from Evangelist Mattie Crawford by Toni Ferro



A photo of the Mattie Crawford revival in 1924 near Caldwell Memorial Park. Mattie Crawford can be seen standing a little above the crowd on the far left. From the personal collection of Chuck Randolph.

During the 1920s and early '30s towns in Idaho and across the US were frequently visited by evangelists hosting impassioned tent revivals. In 1924, Caldwell was the site of a revival campaign that was large enough and long enough that word of it spread across the country.

Evangelist Mattie Crawford, a popular Pentecostal evangelist, drew crowds of thousands here in Caldwell during a five-week tent revival in the summer of 1924. The Caldwell Tribune reported on August 29, 1924 that on her final Sunday in Caldwell "two thousand automobiles jammed every avenue of approach to the Boise River bridge where 5,000 people witnessed the baptism of 170 persons." Adding in the people baptized earlier during the revival and "others awaiting this service" more than 300 were baptized. It was hard to know the total number converted, but "estimates place this figure at about 1200."

These numbers would sound remarkable enough for an event today, but in 1924, Caldwell was just 41 years old and had a population of around 5,000 people. Granted, in those days people had fewer avenues for learning about the world and for connecting with others (no social media, no wi-fi, no TV). Therefore, live events with charismatic speakers were an exciting diversion.

At the time of Crawford's visit to Caldwell, she was a well-travelled missionary and a popular evangelist. She had written two books, The Story of My Life and the widely popular On Mule Back Through Central America With the Gospel, (which can still be purchased on Amazon in English, German, and French).

Following a successful revival campaign in Boise in February of 1924, a group of Caldwell citizens, led by Caldwell First Baptist pastor Rev W. G. Burchard, got together at City Hall and voted to ask Mattie Crawford to hold a revival campaign in Caldwell. She responded to the invitation by telegraph from a revival in Sherman, Texas saying she would be in Caldwell from July 20-August 10.

The Caldwell Tribune reported on July 18 that "several tents" were being erected. One was "the big tent seating about 2,500 people" (though, other accounts say it seated 3,000 people) as well as "an office, a nursery tent, a tent where lun-

cheons can be had, and several others."

The revival campaign was so successful that when August 10 arrived, instead of the revival winding down, the crowds were still building. The decision was made to extend the revival to August 17 and later, it was extended again to August 25. Word of the incredible event was getting to people around the country and some were heading to Caldwell to take part in the excitement. On August 8, the Caldwell Tribune reported, "Attendance continues at a high mark and is daily increasing, it is said. Parties arrived in Caldwell this week from Nebraska, Missouri and California to attend, according to those in charge. Others are said to be en route to Caldwell."



Ad for the Mattie Crawford revival campaign in Caldwell from the Idaho Statesman June 22, 1924

Crawford's draw was not just that she was a dynamic and uplifting speaker. She was a healer. On August 15, the Tribune reported, "a parade of those who are said to have been healed at her special 'Divine Healing' services will be held as a feature of that day's [Aug 17] program. Her services continue to attract large crowds, the tent with seating capacity of 3000 not infrequently be-

ing jammed to capacity." Crawford did not claim to have the power to heal, instead she would say that the healings were accomplished through the power of prayer and faith. The *Statesman* and the *Caldwell Tribune* both recorded the testimony of some who said they had been healed at Crawford's revivals.

August 24, the final Sunday of her revival campaign, culminated in a mass baptism of 170 people, witnessed by thousands more, at the Boise River bridge, which had been erected only two years earlier in 1922.

In addition to her Boise and Caldwell revivals, Crawford held campaigns in Twin Falls, Rupert, Nampa, and Emmett. And throughout the 20s and early 30s she returned a number of times to various Idaho cities.

Caldwell's 1924 revival in particular was a big success for Crawford who used stories of this campaign to promote her events around the country. And at least one Caldwell clergyman and a Caldwell businessman had letters published in newspapers in other parts of the country praising Crawford's work.

After she left a city, many of her followers would get together to continue her work. In some cases, new churches were established in her wake. Caldwell's First Full Gospel Church was built in 1926 at 11th and Blaine after a 1926 Crawford revival meeting. Emmett's New Life Christian Center credits a 1924 Mattie Crawford revival campaign as the beginning of their church, and they identify three other churches in Emmett that formed as a result of Crawford's visit. Twin Falls' Bethel Temple Apostolic Church was incorporated in 1926 as a result of a Crawford revival campaign.

Unfortunately, it's not easy to learn more about Crawford. She doesn't have a Wikipedia page, and Amazon and Google mention only the two books she wrote before gaining fame.

If you are interested in learning more you could try the 1988 book, Prevailing Westerlies: The Pentecostal Heritage of Maine, by James E. Peters, a Maine pastor, with researcher Patricia Pickard. The book tells "How the Pentecostal Fire Spread from Topeka, Kansas to Houston — to Los Angeles — to Bangor, Maine."



Upper left: Part of a full-page ad for a Mattie Crawford revival in the *Calgary Albertan* May 2, 1925 (The picture is not of the Caldwell baptism, and instead is of a baptism in Pueblo, Colorado.)

Upper Right: Ad for the Mattie Crawford revival in Caldwell, *Idaho Statesman*

Lower Right: Offer to bring the poor and sick to Caldwell for the Mattie Crawford revival, *Idaho Statesman* August 22, 1924

Lower Left: A picture of Mattie Crawford from her book, On Mule Back Through Central America With the Gospel



ANY sick or poor person unable to pay car fare to the Mattie Crawford revival at Caldwell Sunday apply to Salvation Army, 615 Main street.

