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Angels Among Us--Family, Friends and Team Rubicon

by Leora Summers



Left: Jenny's family (sister Brandie Maurer and husband Tony, with their kids and kids' friends) who came to the rescue the night of the storm.

Below: Three "Greyshirts" working on a problem area where water came into Jenny's home.



Above: Some Team Rubicon members with Jenny (in the middle) on training day!

There are angels among us in family, friends and Team Rubicon! At 8:30pm, on June 26, Jenny Gilman in Caldwell was sleeping, but was awakened when that torrential rainfall on that night began to sound violent. At 8:45pm, seeing rain pour off her roof in sheets, she panicked and called her sister and brother-in-law for help and they, their kids, and their kids' friends all rushed right over.

They moved things from her quickly flooding basement upstairs, and immediately tore out carpet and padding and did as much as they could in a short amount of time. They left her home about 2am. Still left, was muck and lots of water dam-

age to sheet rock and more. Jenny continued to suck water out of her basement for 3 or 4 days as water was still seeping in from her walls.

A State of Emergency was declared by the City of Caldwell, allowing Caldwell to receive services for those affected by this storm and Jenny was one of those residents.

In July, Team Rubicon, a veteran-led humanitarian organization, came to Jenny's assistance. This organization came to Caldwell at the request of the City and Canyon County to help our citizens still affected by the damage caused to their homes by the storm. About 18-20 Team Rubicon volunteers, worked at Jenny's home to help restore

it to a livable condition again for her. They cut sheet rock, looked for mold under it, on the back of it, and also looked for mold on the insulation and more. Jenny said, "The Team Rubicon volunteers were all kind and respectful of my home and more than willing to learn and help."

There were 109 homes throughout Caldwell, Nampa and Wilder that requested services from Team Rubicon. Team Rubicon's volunteers, known as Greyshirts (made up of veterans, 1st responders, and civilians), have travelled from all around the region (including local volunteers from Caldwell and the Treasure Valley), to help residents impacted by the floods.



Team Rubicon's mission is to do their best to minimize damage by performing muck outs, tarping, cutting down any trees that have fallen on the property, and clearing away debris, as well as expedient home repair, like covering a window or a door. Their main goal is to make the homeowner safe and sound, so the homeowner can get it fixed at their convenience, without more weather damage.

On July 10, MARC (Multi-Agency Resource Center) set up at Caldwell's Salvation Army for citizens impacted by the storm, to help them find services through several

agencies, one of which included Team Rubicon.

During Team Rubicon's stay, out-of-area volunteers were hosted and equipment was housed at the Caldwell Christian Church.

Team Rubicon's services are at NO COST to the homeowner, the City of Caldwell, or Canyon County. Team Rubicon is a veteran-led humanitarian organization that serves global communities before, during, and after disasters and crises.

For more information about Team Rubicon, visit teamrubiconusa.org.

High School Senior Provides Concrete Work for Those in Need

by Toni Ferro



Before and after pictures of Dale King's sidewalk and steps.

Local resident, Dale King, got a wonderful surprise during July when Deacon Smith, Dale's neighbor and a senior at Gem State Adventist Academy, poured her a new concrete sidewalk and steps for no charge. Deacon did the work, with the help of his brother Levi, as part of his senior project. He's calling the project "Pour It Forward," where he provides free, small cement projects to local people with accessibility needs.

Dale is in her 80s and her

old wooden steps and railing were wobbly and she said her sidewalk was "not really safe" for her, because she uses a walking stick. She was thrilled to receive this incredible gift from her neighbor and said she "could never have afforded this."

Deacon was inspired to do free concrete work as his senior project after seeing videos online like those by SB Mowing, where free yard cleanups are done for community members in need.

Deacon's father, Peter, owns Concrete Pete LLC, a cement business, and has trained all four of his sons (Deacon is the youngest) to do concrete work, so Peter checked in on the project while his sons were working to make sure everything was being done right.

Deacon is looking for more concrete jobs for his project and for donations to help pay for the concrete. Learn more by emailing pouritforwardidaho@gmail.com.

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Pick up the Caldwell Parks & Rec Summer Activities booklet at the Library or Rec Office

Repeating Events

MONDAYS

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

TUESDAYS

Yoga on the Plaza
8-9 am, 120 S Kimball

FamilySearch Center: Free Family History Help
1-4 pm, 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 at the Plaza
5-8 pm, 120 S Kimball, 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

Three Loves Knitting & Yarn Group at the Plaza
9:30 am-1 pm, 120 S Kimball (August 12, 19, and 26)

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
1-4 pm, 3015 S Kimball

THURSDAYS continued

Celebrate Recovery
6 pm, 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

August Nights at Kindred
7-10 pm, 14253 Frost Rd, reservations: kindredvineyards.com/estate

Caldwell Latino Night Market
7-11 pm, 1116 E Albany

Individual Events

SATURDAY 8/8

A Skydive Boogie
7 am-9 pm, Skydive Skydown, 4421 Aviation Way

Vandal Joe Jog
9-11:30 am, Mallard Park, 15200 S 10th

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

SUNDAY 8/9

A Skydive Boogie
7 am-9 pm, Skydive Skydown, 4421 Aviation Way

TUESDAY 8/11

Presentation of City Budget & Fee Schedules
4-5:30 pm, City Hall, 205 S 6th

WEDNESDAY 8/12

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

Horror Book Club at Shared Stories
7-8 pm, 106 S Kimball Book: *Our Wives Under the Sea* by Julia Armfield

THURSDAY 8/13

Windmill Barn Paint & Sip at Williamson Orchards and Vineyards
5:30-8:30 pm, 14807 Sunnyslope Rd, \$15

FRIDAY 8/14

Back-to-School BBQ at Free Dog Wines
1-7:30 pm, 15593 Sunny Slope Rd

Friend, Seeking: Friend at Shared Stories
5-7 pm, 106 S Kimball

SATURDAY 8/15

SIBA Field Trip to Black's Creek Bird Reserve
8 am, E Kuna Mora Rd, Kuna, Register at: SIBAFieldTrip@gmail.com

Romance Bookstore Day at Shared Stories
10 am-9 pm, 106 S Kimball

Wine Warehouse Mini-Market at Williamson Orchards and Vineyards
noon-5 pm, 14807 Sunnyslope Rd

Dunning Estates Chicken Drop Bingo
12:30-6:30 pm, 19937 Vino Ln

Sippin' in the Sunset at Huston Vineyards
5:30-8:30 pm, 16473 Chicken Dinner Rd, Music: Jordan Shaw, \$20

Caldwell Night Rodeo Kickoff at the Plaza
6-9 pm, 120 S Kimball

Live Music at Parma Ridge Winery
6-9 pm, 24509 Rudd Rd, Parma, \$10, Music: Lucky Tongue, Reservations required: 208.946.5187

Ste. Chapelle Concert Series
6-8:30 pm, 19348 Lowell Rd, Music: Bronson & Co.

SUNDAY 8/16

Tejano Music Festival at Caldwell Memorial Park
noon-10 pm, 619 Irving

MONDAY 8/17

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

MONDAY 8/17 continued

Nonfiction Book Club at Shared Stories
7-9 pm, 106 S Kimball, Book: *How Books Can Save Democracy* by Michael Fischer

Caldwell Centennial Band Grand Finale Concert in Caldwell Memorial Park
7:30-9 pm, 619 Irving, Free

TUESDAY 8/18 - SATURDAY 8/22

Buckaroo Breakfast at O'Connor Fieldhouse
6:30-9:30 am, 2207 Blaine

Caldwell Night Rodeo Youth
6-7:30 pm, 2301 Blaine

Caldwell Night Rodeo Professionals
7:45-10:15 pm, 2301 Blaine

WEDNESDAY 8/19

Bilingual Historical Fiction Book Club at Shared Stories
7-9 pm, 106 S Kimball Book: *Covenant of Water* by Abraham Verghese

THURSDAY 8/20

Live Webinar: Fair Housing Basics and Hot Topics
2-3:30 pm, Online, Topic: Disability as a Protected Characteristic, Register: bit.ly/3TTz5KQ

Board Game Night at White Dog Brewing
6-9 pm, 712 Arthur, Ste A

Romance Book Club at Shared Stories
7-9 pm, 106 S Kimball, Book: *Crash into Me* by Robinne Lee

FRIDAY 8/21 - SATURDAY 8/22

Caldwell Night Rodeo Watch Party at the Plaza
6-10 pm, 120 S Kimball

SUNDAY 8/23

Sip + Stroll at Lovely Hollow
9 am-2 pm, 18252 Chicken Dinner Rd

TUESDAY 8/25

Mystery Thriller Book Club at Shared Stories
7-9 pm, 106 S Kimball, Book: *We Begin at the End* by Chris Whitaker

THURSDAY 8/27

Movie Night on the Plaza
11am-1 pm, 120 S Kimball, Movie: Remember the Titans

FRIDAY 8/28 - SUNDAY 8/30

Anniversary Weekend at Parma Ridge Winery
noon-7 pm (noon-4 pm on Sunday), 24509 Rudd Rd, Parma

FRIDAY 8/28

Winery After Hours at Ste. Chapelle Winery
6-9 pm, music: Ashley Rose, 19348 Lowell Rd, Free, reservations suggested: bit.ly/4fTzIve

Poetry Book Club at Shared Stories
7-9 pm, 106 S Kimball, Book: *Ballast* by Quenton Baker

SATURDAY 8/29

Health & Wellness Day at the Plaza
9 am-noon, 120 S Kimball

Live Music at Dunning Estates
2:30-4:30 pm, 19937 Vino Ln, Music: Buddy Devore

Live music at Parma Ridge Winery
6-9 pm, 24509 Rudd Rd, Parma, \$10, Music: Bad Dog Lou, Reservations required: 208.946.5187

SUNDAY 8/30

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

MONDAY 8/31

Sci-Fi Book Club at Shared Stories
7-9 pm, 106 S Kimball, Book: *Wool* by Hugh Howey

FRIDAY 9/4

Brave Hearts Night at Indian Creek Steakhouse
6-11 pm, 711 Main

SATURDAY 9/5

Jefitos Car and Music Festival at Caldwell Memorial Park
11 am-4 pm, 619 Irving

Live music at Parma Ridge Winery
6-9 pm, 24509 Rudd Rd, Parma, \$10, Music: Rochelle & the James Gang, Reservations required: 208.946.5187

Gold Edition Dinner at Huston Vineyards
6-9 pm, 16473 Chicken Dinner Rd, Music: Steve Fultz, \$205

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Caldwell's 4th of July Fashions

Story and photos by Leora Summers

It was fun to see all the people dressed up to celebrate during Caldwell's 4th of July parade! Both young and old put their best patriotic fashions forward. Here are a few folks that stepped up their wardrobe to celebrate!

Top Row Left to Right:

Tony and Lex Parise
Lady Liberty
Chuck Sciolina and Tyler Parrino



Bottom Row Left to Right:

Frank and Verna Bridgewater
Larry Hendrix
Michelle MacEgan
Mandie and Tom Snow



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Sat: 10 AM-5 PM
Sun: Closed

Events in the Community Room unless noted

Programs are free and open to the public

Books for book clubs available at the desk

Storytimes, Music & Movement, Afterschool Fun and Teen Thursday are on break from Aug 11 to Sept 15.

Ask about reading challenges

Color Code: **Kid** **Teen** **Adult** All Ages

MONDAYS

Baby Story Time: Aug 10 at 10 am, 10:45 am, 11:30 am | Ages 0-2

Knitting & Crochet Social: August 10 and 31, 1:30-3 pm | Ages 18+

Teen Book Club: August 17, 5:30-6:30 pm | Ages 13-17, *Emma* by Jane Austen

TUESDAYS

Spanish & English Storytime: Sept 1 at 10:30 am | Ages 2-6

Mobile Health Clinic at the Library: Sept 1: Call 208-367-4483 for appointment.

Board Game Night: Sept 1, 6:30-8:30 pm | All ages

Lego Club: Aug 11, 4:30-5:30 pm | Ages 7-16, Theme: Come to the Fair

WEDNESDAYS

Tech Lab: Aug 12, 10 am-Noon | Ages 18+

Music and Movement: Sept 2, 10:30-11:30 am | Ages 2-6

Afterschool Fun: Sept 2, 3:30-4:30 pm | Ages 5-12

Caldwell Public Library at the Senior Center: August 19, 11 am | Senior Center, 1009 Everett

THURSDAYS

Little Learners K-Readiness Book Club: Sept 3, 10:30-11 am | Ages 3-6

Teen Thursday: Sept 3, 4:30-5:30 pm | Ages 13-17, Board Game Night

Thursday Book Club: Aug 13, 2 pm or Aug 20, 6:30 pm | Ages 18+, Idaho room, *The Let Them Theory* by Mel Robbins

Farmway Afterschool Program: Aug 13, 4:30-6:30 pm | All Ages, Community Room, 22730 Farmway Rd.

FRIDAYS

Tai Chi & Qigong: Aug 14, 21, 28 and Sept 4 at 10 am | Ages 18+

Adult Lego Club: Aug 14, 4:30 pm | Ages 16+

Library Outreach Book Club: Aug 14, 5 pm | Ages 18+, Caldwell Memorial Park, *Spark of the Everflame* by Penn Cole (Snacks, Crafts, Prizes)

Ping Pong Club: Aug 28, 3-5 pm | All ages

SATURDAYS

Family Art Together, Sept 5, 2-3 pm | All ages

Storytime around the World – The Netherlands: Aug 22, 2-3 pm | All Ages

Dino Slime Lab Packs the Caldwell Public Library's Community Room



Kids making colorful colorful slime in the Caldwell Public Library's Community Room

Dozens of families packed the Caldwell Public Library's community room for library's Dino Slime Lab, a special event for their summer reading program.

Perhaps it was the word "Dino" or maybe "Slime" or possibly "Lab" that attracted lots of families to the event on July 15th. What-

ever it was, there was not enough room for everyone who wanted to attend and those who made it in had to crowd together. It was a fun time and lots of kids came away with homemade slime and a fun memory of their awesome community.

FREE! Caldwell Centennial Band
Grand Finale Concert!

by Leora Summers



Above: Shade under the trees!

Left: Our fabulous trombone section!

We wish to keep our audience and band members safe and apologize for any canceled concerts due to extreme heat or air quality issues. To see our updated news, "friend" us on Facebook on our Caldwell Centennial Band's Facebook page.

After 3 pm on our concert date, if questionable extreme heat/air quality is reported, you can check our Caldwell Centennial Band Facebook page or TEXT 208-880-8426 for an update to see if weather conditions have caused a cancellation. This is an unpredictable summer.

On August 17, our band plans to perform our final concert of the summer season. We hope that you have enjoyed our past concerts. We play because you keep coming to

enjoy our music. We play for you! Check our Facebook page for updates!

We come from all over the Treasure Valley and are an all volunteer band and conductor. We are all ages and come from many different professions and we come together because we all like being a part of a group that makes wonderful music for you. During this final concert we plan to play a variety of great music for all to enjoy!

Concert Details!

Caldwell Memorial Park, 619 Irving Street (across from Fairview Golf Course)

- August 17th
- Concert begins at 7:30 pm
- Bring your friends and your chairs!

Anonymous Donor Gifts \$100k to CNR

The Caldwell Night Rodeo (CNR) is making one of the largest investments in contestants in its 102-year history, announcing a record-breaking \$378,000 in added money for the 2026 rodeo.

An anonymous \$100,000 donation designated specifically for contestants has allowed CNR to increase its purse to \$42,000 per event, surpassing the committee's original plan of \$31,000 per event and creating one of the

largest contestant purses in the Northwest.

In addition to the increased purse, CNR has introduced a new \$10,000 bonus for the winner of the CNR Western Heritage All-Around Cowboy Award. The award recognizes the contestant who earns the most money while competing in two or more events, honoring the versatility, dedication and skill required to compete at the highest level of professional

rodeo.

CNR's success is made possible by the support of its fans, community partners and generous donors. Their commitment allows CNR to enhance the experience for contestants and spectators while continuing to give back through hundreds of thousands of dollars invested annually into local organizations and community initiatives.

Caldwell Night Rodeo Stadium Seat Policy



The Caldwell Night Rodeo (CNR) Board of Directors has heard feedback from fans regarding stadium seating and has updated its policy for the 102nd annual CNR.

Personal stadium seats will be permitted inside the D&B Supply Arena August 18-22, provided they meet specific size and design requirements that help protect sightlines and ensure a safe and comfortable experience for all guests.

Fans planning to bring personal stadium seats are encouraged to check the guidelines before arriving. All personal seating is sub-

ject to inspection at entry, and items that impact safety or obstruct views may not be allowed inside.

"At Caldwell Night Rodeo, the fan experience is always our top priority," said Nicole Cassity, CNR General Manager. "We heard from many of our longtime rodeo fans about stadium seating, and we took that feedback seriously. These updated guidelines allow guests to bring personal stadium seats while helping us protect sightlines, maintain safety, and make sure everyone can enjoy the rodeo. For 102 years, CNR has been about bringing people together to create unforgettable memories. We want every fan to have the best possible experience when they walk through our gates."

What's Permitted

Guests may bring personal stadium seats that meet all the following requirements:

- Maximum width of 19 inches and depth of 14 inches
- Must fit entirely within the assigned seat space
- Low-profile design with no elevation that obstructs views
- Simple seatbacks or cushions without rigid extensions

What's Not Allowed

- Seats with armrests
- Seats with pockets, zippers, or storage compartments
- Oversized or reclining chairs
- Seats that extend beyond one seat space
- Any seating that interferes with aisles, walkways, or neighboring guests

Country Artist Ashley Wineland
Comes to Tuesdays on the Creek

by Kiki Plesha



On August 18th, Country Artist Ashley Wineland will bring her "Love + Heartbreak" national tour to Tuesdays on the Creek, at Indian Creek Plaza. Showtime is 6:00 pm.

Wineland will appear in 60+ cities at venues and festivals nationwide. The tour and the album offer a live-out-loud celebration of

human connection while showcasing the duality of love and loss and the spaces where they collide.

Ashley Wineland's voracious vocals and soulful sounds have left an indelible impression on music audiences, amassing a global colossal fanbase of over one million plus devoted followers! For more, visit ashleywineland.com.



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Donations are needed, and always appreciated, to help with our outreach programs through the year.

SPORTING CLAY SHOOT

The Ninth Annual Sporting Clay Shoot, put on by the Caldwell Veterans Council, is set to take place again this year! All proceeds will benefit the Caldwell Veterans Memorial Hall.

Date & Time: September 12, 2026 at 9am

Location: Idaho Sporting Clays (5040 Sage Rd. Homedale, ID 83628)

Tickets: Sign up and pay at cvmh-vets.org

BEST OF BOISE AWARD

We had the honor of being recognized as the Top Veteran Nonprofit Service Organization at the 2026 Best of Boise Community Choice Awards! Thank you to everyone who made this possible!



Caldwell Publisher's Title Wins 2026 International Book Award



The Far Reach of Yesterday, published by Caldwell's Caxton Press, has been named a 2026 International Book Award Winner. The author, Christine Bender, is a prominent Idaho-based historical fiction writer and Boise State University alumna. The International Book Awards is recognized as one of the world's largest book award programs, drawing thousands of entries from authors and publishers around the globe. Winners and finalists represent major publishing houses, university presses, independent publishers and self-published authors across more than 100 categories.

"We are incredibly proud to see *The Far Reach of Yesterday* and a local author receive this international recognition," said Scott Gipson, publisher of Caxton Press. "To be honored among thousands of entries from around the world is a tremendous achievement. This award speaks to the enduring appeal of the

Western genre and the power of exceptional storytelling to transport readers across generations."

Set against the backdrop of the American West, *The Far Reach of Yesterday* distinguished itself in a highly competitive field, earning top honors in the Fiction: Western category.

"This story has always been a labor of love," said Christine Bender, author of *The Far Reach of Yesterday*. "To know that it has resonated with readers and judges on an international stage is both humbling and deeply gratifying. I hope the characters and their journey continue to inspire readers to reflect on the resilience, courage and quest for a new life that connect us to our early pioneers."

For more than a century, Caxton Press has championed authors and stories that reflect the spirit, history and character of the West. This latest recognition continues the publisher's longstanding tradition of bringing compelling voices and meaningful stories to readers everywhere.

To learn more about the novel or Caxton Press, visit caxtonnnn.myshopify.com. To learn more about the International Book Awards, visit internationalbookawards.com.

About Caxton Press

Founded in Idaho in 1907, Caxton Press is one of the Northwest's oldest independent publishers and printers. Based in Caldwell, Idaho, Caxton is dedicated to publishing books that inform, inspire and preserve the stories of the American West through a commitment to quality craftsmanship and exceptional storytelling.

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the Wind Phone Legacy Project

by Karla Berg



Mayor Phillips (center) with Carla Berg (left) and Travis Palmer (right)

A Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the Wind Phone Legacy Project took place on July 1 at the Canyon Hill Cemetery.

The Wind Phone serves as a symbolic tool for those experiencing grief, offering a private space to share memories and find comfort. This project was made possible through the collaboration of the City of Caldwell and the generous support of our community partners.

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to: the City of Caldwell, Brett Concrete, Home Depot-Caldwell, Empire Title, and Boise Valley Monument.

We also want to recognize the labor and support provided by Future Techs Water, Syme Realty, Idaho Farm and Home Realty, Silver Creek, and Pioneer Title.

Visitors are encouraged to visit the Wind Phone at the cemetery and scan the on-site QR code to listen to the full audio story of this legacy project. We hope this space brings peace and reflection to our community for years to come.

Craft Lounge Voted Best Caldwell Restaurant



Congratulations to Craft lounge on being voted Best Caldwell Restaurant in the *Boise Weekly* Best of Boise awards!

Caldwell had several outstanding finalists this year, which speaks to the strength of our local restaurant community. Congratulations to Craft Lounge for earning this well-deserved recognition.

Idaho Power Donates to the Rice House

story and photo by Leora Summers



Mike Dittenber (Executive Director of the Caldwell Housing Authority), Steve Jenkins (Idaho Power Economic and Community Development Advisor), Jerry Nelson (Idaho Power Energy Advisor), Taylor Dunn (Idaho Power Economic Development), and Erika Perez (Idaho Power Energy Advisor)

On July 1st, Mike Dittenber, Executive Director of Caldwell Housing Authority, received a check for \$5,000 from Idaho Power. The check was delivered by Steve Jenkins, Economic and Community Development Advisor for Idaho Power, Jerry Nelson and Erika Perez, both Energy Advisors for Idaho Power, and Taylor Dunn, Economic Development for Idaho Power.

Donations like these have been helping move the Rice House project forward. If you drive by, you can see many of the names of other business donors lining the fences surrounding the house. Caldwell Housing Authority continues to work on this project with the help of donors like Idaho Power and others.

This house was first the home of John C. Rice. It was built in 1895 and was originally located on 15th and Cleveland. It was later purchased by Richard and Shirley Crowley in 1983 and moved to the corner of Oak Street and College Avenue, near the College of Idaho campus. In June of 2024, it was moved a second time to where it sits today, on the northeast corner where Kimball and Chicago Street intersect. The house is being refurbished to become workforce housing, having 5 apartments for first responders within it. It will also include a public coffee shop on the main floor.

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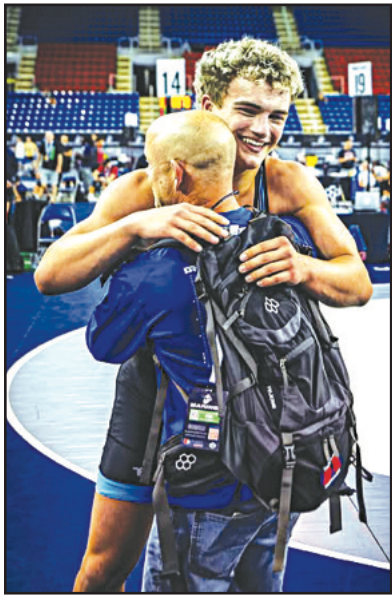
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CHS Wrestler Liam Rodebush Earns Fargo Freestyle All-American



Liam Rodebush after winning his "All American Title!"

A big shout out to our local high school standout Liam Rodebush (16U - 215 lbs bracket) from Caldwell High School. He traveled to Fargo, ND and became a high school All American this past July. This is the largest, and toughest high school wrestling event in the world, and is simply known as "Fargo." It hosts over 8,000 high school athletes every year. It is the pinnacle of high school wrestling and finishing top 8, makes you an "All American" forever. It is a nine-day grueling tournament held in Fargo, ND. It's the hardest feat in wrestling and one of our local kids pulled it off! Congratulations to Liam and the Caldwell Wrestling Club!

Sawtooth Sockeyes Win World Series!

by Ty Morris



The Sawtooth Sockeyes return to Caldwell as champions after winning the Utah Yaks World Series for the Collegiate Division. Hosted in Salt Lake City at University of Utah's new \$38 million facility, the Sockeyes went 5-1 en route of winning the championship. The Sockeyes' post-season success peaked with a dominant 15-5 final score against the Rawlings

Tigers. Catcher Aiden Herrera was named the team MVP for the tournament and played a key role in the Sockeyes' wins. Notably, in a pool play game win against Team Lucas Parker, Sockeye pitchers Myles Anderson, Cooper Crutcher, and Zach Wright combined to throw a 6 Inning 12 K No-Hitter. The Sockeyes final combined record for both the blue and black team was 37-25. Congratulations to all players on bringing a well-earned World Series trophy back to Caldwell!

Alyssa Mendoza and Team USA's Boxers Went to Italy



Caldwell's boxer Alyssa Mendoza was one of Team USA's four female boxers sent to Italy with four male boxers to represent Team USA for the 2026 USA vs Italy Duel on July 25. The female team included: Jennifer Lozano (51 kg) of Loredo TX, Alyssa Mendoza (57 kg) of Caldwell ID, Jajaira Gon-

zalez (60 kg) of Glendora CA, and Kendra Samargis (75 kg) of Twin Falls ID. Team USA closed the duel on a high note as Malachi Georges won by points over World Boxing Cup: Brazil 2026 bronze medalist, Chimé Dean Nwokedi in the 90-kg division. Georges entered the duel after winning silver at the 2026 Copa America, and Saturday's victory improved the New Jersey native to 7-2 internationally in 2026. Team USA's boxers including Jennifer Lozano, Alyssa Mendoza, Jajaira Gonzalez, and Dustin Jimenez went the distance in three rounds of Olympic style boxing but came up short by points. You can follow Alyssa and other Team USA Boxers at their website: www.usaboxing.org.

Dr. Julie Yamamoto Named Idaho PTA's Advocate of the Year



Dr. Julie Yamamoto and Alexis Morgan, Idaho PTA's Advocates of the Year. At their annual convention in Meridian earlier this year, the Idaho PTA named Caldwell resident and former legislator, Dr. Julie Yamamoto, as their 2025 Advocate of the Year alongside Alexis Morgan of Eagle. The Advocate of the Year Award is given to someone who goes above and beyond in their work advocating for the well-being of Idaho's children and families. Dr. Yamamoto is a former educator and administrator in the Caldwell and Vallivue School Districts and was

Chair of the Idaho House Education Committee for two years. She was chosen for this award because of her "fierce dedication to Idaho kids both in and out of her official capacities" and because she "exemplifies Idaho PTA's mission to engage and empower families and communities to advocate for all kids." The award was also won by Alexis Morgan. She is a past president of the Idaho PTA and currently serves as their Director of Public Policy. Morgan also hosts the popular podcast, The Purple Zone, which bridges the "Gap Between Public Policy, Practice and People." The Idaho PTA is a statewide parent teacher association whose mission includes "encouraging parent and public involvement in the public schools of this nation." The organization has been active in Idaho since 1905. To learn more about the Idaho PTA visit idahopta.org. Congratulations to Dr. Yamamoto for winning this prestigious award!

Caldwell Rotary Awards Scholarships and More!

by Shellye Wilson



Kensington Kerr



Ava Shaw



Keira Ferro



Carl Anderson with Everardo Mendoza

The Caldwell Rotary Club once again awarded scholarships to local high school seniors. It was a tough decision between all of the applicants, but these three young women rose to the top of the pool. Each award was worth \$1,500. Kensington Kerr graduated from Vallivue High School and will attend Idaho State University in the Fall. Ava Shaw graduated from Parma High School and will attend University of Idaho. Keira Ferro graduated from Caldwell High School and will attend University of Utah. We wish these "winners" the best of luck as they set out to change the world! In July, we honored the outgoing president, Carl Anderson and recognized our new Club President, Everardo Mendoza. Everardo

is a College of Idaho graduate and the Branch Manager of the newest North Ranch Branch of ICCU in Caldwell. We look forward to a year of welcoming new members and doing even more good in the community! The club is gearing up for the rodeo where we will be selling the best Super Nachos and our famous Walking Tacos. Please stop by and say hi. Profits from the rodeo booth support our Scholarship program along with donations

to the YMCA and other youth organizations in Caldwell. A big thank you to CHA for set-

ting up additional seating for attendees of both the Canyon County Fair and the Caldwell Night Rodeo!

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Oven-Roasted Vegetables

by Leora Summers



Oven-Roasted Vegetables

I just love fresh, oven-roasted vegetables. You can use whatever veggies you have available, and go to the store to add the ones you don't have that you want to add to the mix.

Ingredients

- Lots of veggies like broccoli, zucchini, peppers, sweet onion, carrots, mushrooms, sweet potato, and the like. Note: If I use broccoli, I do not use the zucchini and vice-versa.
- ~2 tbsp olive oil
- ~1 tsp salt
- ~1/2 tsp black pepper

Directions

1. Preheat the oven to 375 degrees.
2. Cut up enough of the veggies to fill a large bowl and mix them together.
3. Pour the olive oil over the veggies and mix thoroughly.
4. Sprinkle the salt over the veggies and mix thoroughly.
5. Sprinkle the black pepper over the veggies and mix thoroughly.
6. Spray your oven's broiler pan or large baking dish with oil.
7. Pour the veggies onto the pan and spread them evenly.
8. Cook for about 20-30 minutes until veggies are tender.

When I use broccoli in the mixture, I cover the baking dish or broiler pan with foil, so the broccoli doesn't burn on the top. Otherwise, I leave it uncovered.

This recipe is so fresh and healthy for you and so delicious to boot! It is a great side dish for whatever you are making for dinner. You don't need any other sides because this has it all and it is low carb! Try it! You will like it!

Leora's Fresh Salsa

by Leora Summers



Leora's Fresh Salsa

This is my very favorite fresh salsa recipe! So clean and fresh tasting!

In a bowl, mix together the following:

- 4 large vine-ripened tomatoes (or other kind), diced
- 1 4 oz. can mild diced chilies (or fresh)
- 1 T. minced garlic
- 4 chopped green onions
- ¼ cup chopped cilantro
- 1 small can of sliced black olives

Mix these dressing ingredients together:

- 2 T. olive oil
- 1 ½ T. vinegar
- 1 tsp. salt

Directions

1. Pour the oil/vinegar dressing over the mixed salsa ingredients.
2. Refrigerate for a couple of hours for best taste.

Note: You can turn up the heat in this salsa by using a hotter pepper, but the mild chili pepper is quite wonderful in this salsa. I love the fresh taste of the cilantro in this salsa, but if you are not a cilantro fan, just leave it out.



Zucchini Brownies and Frosting

adapted by Brent Sullivan from allrecipes.com



Brownies made by Brent Sullivan for our 50th Wedding Anniversary! YUMM!

Ingredients

- 1/2 cup vegetable oil
- 1 1/2 cups white sugar
- 2 tsp vanilla extract
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1/2 cup unsweetened cocoa powder
- 1 1/2 tsp baking soda
- 1 tsp salt
- 2 cups shredded zucchini (Brent uses 3 or 4 cups)
- 1/2 cup chopped walnuts (optional)

Directions

- Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
- Grease and flour a 9 X 13 inch baking pan.
- Mix oil, sugar and vanilla together in a large bowl until well blended.
- In a separate bowl, combine flour, cocoa, baking soda and salt.
- Stir the flour mixture into the sugar mixture using an electric mixer to mix it up good.
- Fold in the zucchini and walnuts and again, mix that up good with your electric mixer.
- Spread evenly into the prepared pan.
- Bake in the preheated oven, until the top is dry and edges have started to pull away from the sides of the pan and the brownies spring back when gently touched, about 35-45 minutes. You can also stick a tooth pick in the middle and if it comes out clean, it is done.
- Let cool about 20 minutes. Makes 24.

Frosting Ingredients

- 3 tbsp butter softened
- 1 1/3 cup confectionery sugar
- 1/4 cup unsweetened cocoa powder
- 1 tsp vanilla
- 1/8 cup milk (monitor and add enough for spreading consistency)

Directions

- Blend the softened butter, confectioners' sugar, cocoa and vanilla together.
- Add the milk, little by little until you get the desired consistency for spreading.
- Spread it over the cooled brownies before cutting into squares. Brent says this is just enough to cover the brownies.

Editor's Note: *Never leave your home on a Sunday afternoon, or you might find a bag of 20 or more zucchinis on your doorstep from newbies, who never planted zucchinis before, and put in 10 or more plants! They move fast up and down neighborhoods. They "drop and dash!"*

Just in Case You Have More Zucchini, Crispy Homemade Zucchini Fries!

Adapted from Damn Delicious



Bake at 425°F for 20 minutes or air fry at 400°F for 10–12 minutes.

To make crispy homemade zucchini fries...

- Cut 2 medium zucchini into sticks (about 1/2 inch wide and 3 inches long).
- Put them on a paper towel lined plate, then pat dry to remove excess moisture so the coating sticks and turns crispy instead of soggy.
- Dredge them in flour. This insures that the egg sticks to them.
- Dip them individually in a bowl of 2 large beaten eggs,



Zucchini Fries

- Mix 1 cup panko breadcrumbs, ½ cup parmesan cheese, and seasonings together.
- Dip them individually in the above mixture.
- Place them on a parchment lined baking pan
- Avoid Crowding: Give the fries space on your baking sheet or air fryer basket so they roast properly rather than steam.

Serving Ideas

Serve your hot zucchini fries right away with dips like warm marinara sauce, ranch dressing, or a garlic herb aioli.

Serve with burgers, wings or whatever you like! Enjoy!

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Oregon Youth Spend Week in Caldwell Helping Those in Need

by Toni Ferro

Twenty-one high school students from the Southwest Church of Christ (SCC) in Tigard, Oregon spent the last week in July in Caldwell, doing service work for some grateful Caldwell residents. For the last 20 years youth from SCC have participated in a summer project trip, and for the last five years they have been coming to Caldwell.

They all stayed with about twenty adults, who also made the trip, at their sister church here in Caldwell, the Caldwell Church of Christ (CCC). They woke up at 5:30am each day to eat breakfast and get to their job sites before it got too hot.

This year, they completed projects at four homes. Altogether they rocked a front yard and added rock around trees in a backyard, replaced a front porch, replaced a back deck, replaced some fencing, added a gate,



The Southwest Church of Christ students and chaperones who visited Caldwell in late July to do service work.



Above: SCC Students at work. Below: Before and After of a back deck replaced by SCC students.

built new front steps, and enclosed a back porch with plexiglass and sliding doors.

The Caldwell residents that got these updates were all very grateful and impressed with the youngsters who were “always smiling” through their work.

To find residents in need, members of the CCC kept their eyes open during the past year. Dan Sims is the CCC member who coordinates the projects on the Caldwell side. One of the residents who received help



this year is someone whose yard Dan passed by a few times. He noticed the weeds were getting really high, so he went to the door to find out if the person inside could use some help around the place. He found Lil, who is in her late 80s and has some mobility problems. She was “ecstatic” at all of the help she got.

Lincoln Shotts, SCC Youth Minister, and Garrett Kimball, SCC church member and construction pro, took a scouting trip to Caldwell a few weeks early to look at the homes that were tar-

geted and to think through how their group of students could help.

The students did all of the fundraising for the trip including for the cost of the building supplies. David Burnette, SCC church member who has chaperoned the youth service trips for the last twenty years, explained that the students do can and bottle drives during the year, sell flower baskets in the spring, do a homemade pie auction at the church, and have a large yard sale at the church in the summer. Burnette explains that “the

Tigard community knows about these trips and always looks forward to shopping and supporting our teens”.

The students had a fun week being together on a trip and serving others. They also learned a bit about construction. Many of the students have come to Caldwell multiple years and in some cases their parents also did the same type of service trip when they were in high school.

Many thanks to the SCC and the CCC for serving residents in need in our community.

Lions Clean Up Lions Park! ROAR!

by Lynn Johnson



Lions Alex Esparza, Jim Watkins, Chris Hasenoeuhl, Lea Martinez, Debbie Lehman, Lynn Johnson, Debbie Geyer, and Norman Geyer

The Caldwell Lions had a fun day cleaning up Lions Park. The playground area was weeded and raked, branches were picked up, and one of the dead trees was removed.

The Lions requested that the city rename the old JC Park to Caldwell Lions Park in 2016. A Memorandum of Understanding was signed in 2017 and the Lions planted trees and dedicated the park. The old bathroom has been replaced and upgraded. R&M Steel donated a large pavilion and the Lions filled the pavilion with nice picnic tables and the city installed barbeques. It is now a nice

gathering space for families.

The City contracted with Cushing Terrel to design the new park. That exciting new design will include concrete walking paths, resurfacing a basketball court, another pavilion, an outdoor gym, a new baby football court, and a berm next to the freeway to help mitigate the highway noise. After the park renovation, estimated to be completed in 2028, the Lions will conduct a funding campaign to replace the playground equipment.

The Lions Club is pleased to work with the city to help make the park a family fun place to use for centuries.

Connecting Caldwell: The Power of JustServe

by Kelli G. Jenkins & Jamie Wilson



Feed the 2C: Youth making lunches



Operation School Bell: Personal care kits

Service does far more than accomplish a task. It builds friendships, reduces loneliness, strengthens neighborhoods, and reminds us that we have far more in common than what divides us. When people from different walks of life work together to help others, walls come down and communities become more resilient.

Whether you're a student looking to complete service hours, a family hoping to teach children the joy of giving, a retiree ready to share a lifetime of experience, or simply someone looking to make a difference, JustServe offers opportunities for everyone. You don't need special skills or endless free time to change someone's day—you simply need a willing heart.

A sample of current opportunities includes:

- Assistance League Boise Canyon County Branch is collecting personal care kits for more than 200 local students.
- Advocates Against Family Violence is collecting healthy snacks for their youth groups. You can drop off donations of granola bars, chips, crackers, juice boxes, applesauce, trail mix, cereal or dried fruit to the AAFV Community Center at 1508 Hope Lane.
- Boys & Girls Club of Caldwell needs volunteers during the school year to help serve supper to elementary students at Lincoln Elementary.
- Feedthe2C Community Fridge Food Drive at Flying M with non-perishable food items and snacks like canned foods, peanut butter, soup, macaroni and cheese, boxed foods, cup of soups, top ramen, and even baby food, and baby formula. The policy at the Community Fridge is:

Take what you need, leave what you can, no questions asked!

- Caldwell Back to School Open House will be held August 8 from 10am-3pm. They would love help setting up and cleaning up for the event, someone to hand out lemonade and popcorn and other volunteers to run an activity booth for the kids. There will also be a clothing swap for students there so bring your children's gently-used items that they've grown out of, and find some new things for them!

Every act of kindness, no matter how small, has the potential to bless another life. To discover volunteer opportunities or post a community service project, visit JustServe.org. Together, we can continue building a community where neighbors know, serve, and care for one another.

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FREE PRODUCE at The Share Stand

by Leora Summers



This little produce "share stand" is located just outside 624 W Linden across the from 709 W Linden. Dawn and James Worley have shared all kinds of fruits and vegetables from their garden and set up this stand for a number of years. They encourage you to stop by and take what you want and share what you have from your gardens. We thank them for this wonderful opportunity to benefit us all!

St. Clare's Food Pantry Resumed August 5th!

by Sheila McGregor



Beginning August 5 at 11:30am, St. Clare's Food Pantry started distributing food boxes again. Distribution takes place at 1122 W Linden. Food boxes will be distributed in the back parking lot of Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church. Enter through the back parking lot off of Ash Street. Food boxes will be distributed until 1:30pm every Wednesday. Everyone is welcome. If you are coming for the first time, you will need some form of ID.

Caldwell's American Legion Post Targets Growth

by Toni Ferro



Mike Conners - outgoing American Legion Post 35 Commander, Tom Marmon - incoming American Legion Post Commander, and John Muirhead - Legionnaire of the Year award winner for American Legion Post 35.

On July 21st, The Loren M Trotter American Legion Post 35 awarded Mike Conners, the outgoing Commander, a Certificate of Appreciation and awarded John Muirhead the Legionnaire of the Year award.

Tom Marmon, the incoming Commander, says Post 35 is active and interested in growing its membership. The Post's home is now in the Caldwell Veterans Memorial Hall. The Post has been around since 1919 and is named for Loren Trotter, a Caldwell man who was one of the first Idaho soldiers killed in combat in WWI.

Marmon says they are not only interested in growing the post, but also the American Legion Auxiliary. Active and former service members are eligible to join the American Legion and

certain relatives of service members are eligible to join the American Legion Auxiliary. Post 35 would also like to establish an American Legion Riders chapter, made up of American Legion members who like riding motorcycles for the

good of the community. The American Legion plays an active role in the community by doing charitable work and sponsoring Gem Boys State and Idaho Syringa Girls State, week-long conferences attended by high school students where they learn more about the role of local, county, and state government. The Legion also holds an annual speech contest, The American Legion Oratorical Contest, which "exists to develop a deeper knowledge and appreciation for the U.S. Constitution among high school students".

If you are interested in joining the American Legion, contact Tom Marmon at 208-284-0955, or attend a meeting on the third Tuesday of the month at 6pm at the Caldwell Veterans Memorial Hall. The next meeting is Tuesday, August 18th at 6pm.

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St. Clare's Food Pantry Launches Campaign to Build a Permanent Home

by Keri Crookham

For more than 30 years, St. Clare's Food Pantry has quietly served thousands of families throughout Canyon County, ensuring that neighbors facing food insecurity have access to healthy, nutritious food with dignity and compassion.

What began as the vision of Bill and Kathryn Beumeler started in a small camper parked at St. Mary's Catholic Church. Their mission was simple: no one in the community should go hungry. Over the years, that mission grew into one of the area's most trusted food assistance programs.

One of the guiding principles of St. Clare's Food Pantry is that anyone who needs food is welcome. There are no income qualifications or eligibility requirements to receive assistance. If someone is hungry, the pantry is there to help.

After the sale of the St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store property, St. Clare's lost the building it had called home for decades. Today, volunteers operate a mobile pantry, transporting food from a warehouse each week and distributing it from the parking lot at Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church. While this temporary solution allows the pantry to continue serving approximately 150 families each week, limited space and time prevent the pantry from meeting the growing needs of the community.

To address this challenge, St. Clare's Food Pantry has launched its \$1.2 million Capital Campaign, "A Stronger Table for All," to build a permanent pantry facility on the grounds of Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church in Caldwell. The new building

will provide expanded storage, refrigeration, volunteer work areas, and a welcoming space where families can receive food with dignity. It will also allow the pantry to increase distribution hours, rescue more food, and serve even more individuals experiencing food insecurity.

The community is invited to become part of this important project through donations and special fundraising events.

One exciting opportunity is the Caldwell Night Rodeo Skybox Raffle. One lucky winner will receive exclusive use of a private Skybox for Championship Night, accommodating up to 20 guests. The package includes catered food, beverages, and one of the best views of Idaho's premier rodeo. Every raffle ticket purchased helps bring the new pantry one step closer to reality.

Building a permanent home for St. Clare's Food Pantry is about much more than constructing a building—it's about creating hope, strengthening our community, and ensuring that no family has to wonder where their next meal will come from.

Community members interested in supporting the "A Stronger Table for All" Capital Campaign or purchasing Caldwell Night Rodeo Skybox Raffle tickets can find complete information at svdpid.org/st-clares-pantry. St. Clare's Food Pantry thanks our community for its continued generosity, support, and commitment to helping ensure that no one in our community goes hungry. Together, we can build a stronger table for all.

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Caldwell Joins the Nationwide Debate About Flock Cameras

by Toni Ferro



Two Flock cameras located near Van Buren School at Aviation and Marble Front.

At the July 6 Caldwell City Council meeting, a number of citizens spoke out about their concerns over the Caldwell Police Department's (CPD's) use of Flock cameras.

Flock provides equipment and data storage for 89 cameras located around Caldwell. The cameras take photos and videos that recognize and log license plate numbers. The photos and videos are stored for 30 days and can be searched “with AI-powered analytics.” In addition, the system alerts the CPD when a license plate from a “hotlist” is detected.

The CPD's Transparency Portal indicates that the data

from the cameras is shared with 22 other law enforcement agencies (all in Idaho) and the department has access to data from 35 other law enforcement agencies located around the country including in Nevada, Michigan, and Florida.

Law enforcement officers explain that the Flock system provides valuable information that helps them solve crimes. Flock information makes them more efficient and speeds up their investigations. Opponents to Flock argue that this new heightened level of surveillance is against the law and the community has not had the opportunity to understand and provide input on this dramatic change in policing.

The people who spoke out at the Caldwell City Council meeting were not part of an organized group, but were loosely connected through social media on the Facebook group DeFlock Idaho, which now has over 19,000 followers. The issues expressed here in Caldwell are similar to those expressed in a growing number of communities around Idaho and the US.

The concerns discussed by citizens during the Council meeting and in conversations after the meeting include legal issues, a lack of

control over the data collected about Caldwell's citizens, the use of the data collected, and more.

Legal Concerns Federal Law

The 4th amendment protects citizens from “unreasonable searches and seizures” without probable cause and a warrant. The 4th amendment has been used to protect citizens from the use of a variety of technologies without a warrant. For example, law enforcement is not allowed to place a GPS tracker on someone’s car without a warrant and is not allowed to search historic phone location information without a warrant.

Citizens argue that court decisions like these and others indicate that a search of stored license plate information that includes location data and images from cameras located around the city, state, and nation should require probable cause and a warrant. Currently, no warrant is required to search the CPD data collected by Flock cameras.

Legal Concerns Idaho State Law

The Idaho Legislature passed a law in 2025 stating that information gathered by license plate readers can only be used by an agency's

authorized personnel and can only be used for the investigation of crimes, traffic accidents, and missing persons. However, CPD monitors the cameras during the day, shares the data with other agencies, and receives real-time alerts, all of which citizens argue violates the narrow requirements outlined in state law.

In addition, Flock controls the images and videos taken by their cameras and so it is difficult for law enforcement agencies to know for sure that their data is being used in accordance with State law. Researchers in Washington have found that some of their local Flock data has been searched by agencies that were not given explicit permission to do so.

Misuse of Data

Idaho State law says that traffic cameras can only be used for the investigation of crimes, traffic accidents, and missing persons. However, citizens are concerned that law enforcement officers could use the data inappropriately for personal or political reasons. This has happened in other states like Georgia where nearly two dozen officers were found to be searching Flock data for personal reasons, including tracking romantic partners and acquaintances.

In addition, citizens are concerned that bad actors hacking into flock data could put stalking victims and others at risk.

Errors

Sometimes the AI used to analyze the photos and videos from Flock cameras misreads license plate information. In some cities this has led to innocent people being held at gunpoint, detained, and handcuffed. The lawsuits that ensued have been expensive for the cities where this has happened.

Cost

The City Council's initial approval of the Flock systems was in October of 2023, was for 30 cameras for 3 years, was paid for by Federal funds, and was for \$318,450. Since then, the number of cameras has nearly tripled.

Law enforcement agencies argue that Flock systems are making a difference and helping them keep our communities safe, which is what the City and the citizens expect them to do.

To learn more, go to Flock's website at flocksafety.com, the CPDs transparency portal at transparency.flocksafety.com/caldwell-id-pd-, and search the internet for "Flock camera news."

Cyclospora: Symptoms, Prevention and Treatment

by Southwest District Health

You may have heard about Cyclospora in the news lately. There's now a case in Idaho related to out-of-state travel. Learn the key facts, prevention tips, and guidance on when to contact your healthcare provider.

Cyclosporiasis is an intestinal illness caused by a microscopic parasite that can spread through contaminated food or water and may cause prolonged diarrhea, fatigue, stomach cramps, and loss of appetite.

RISK FACTORS

- Contaminated fresh produce, snow peas, bagged lettuce and salads, raspberries, basil, cilantro, and green onions.
- Travel to tropical or subtropical regions.
- Contaminated recreational water -- lakes, rivers, pools, splash pads.

ACT

Cyclospora is treatable. If you feel sick, do the following:

1. Contact your healthcare provider. It's typically treated with antibiotics.
2. Rest and stay hydrated. Important if you are experiencing diarrhea.
3. Seek care promptly if it worsens. If you can't keep fluids down or show signs of dehydration.
4. Do not swim in pools. You can spread the illness if you swim while you have diarrhea.

PREVENTION

- Wash hands with soap and water before and after handling fresh produce.
- Wash fruits and vegetables under running water before consuming.
- Scrub firm produce, like melons or cucumbers, with a clean produce brush.

Editor's Note: I hear now that maybe lettuce can kill you, but chocolate is good for you. I have been training for this moment! To be clear...this is a joke!



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CFD Seeks Donations to Assist Wildfire Efforts

As wildfires continue to impact communities across the region, the Caldwell Fire Department (CFD) has deployed firefighters to assist with suppression efforts and has joined a regional donation drive to support fire agencies battling the ongoing fires.

CFD deployed a squad to Silver City for structure protection. The team is assigned to the Big Grass Incident, which crossed into Idaho and is being managed by the US Forest Service and the Idaho Department of Lands. The deployment may last up to 14 days.

As wildfire activity continues across the region, firefighters are working long hours in challenging conditions to protect lives, property, and natural resources. The high number of fires and personnel assigned across the region means resources are stretched.

While donations of bottled water, electrolyte drinks, individually packaged snacks,

sunscreen, insect repellent, body wipes, and other firefighter essentials are welcome, the greatest current need is financial support to help offset fuel costs for responding fire agencies.

Donations may be dropped off at: Caldwell Fire Department Station 1, 310 S 7th, Caldwell, ID 83605.

Financial donations will directly benefit Rangeland Fire Protection Associations (RFPAs) and fire departments across Eastern Oregon and Western Idaho.

Funds raised will be sent directly to participating fuel companies to help cover the immediate fuel costs associated with wildfire response, helping keep apparatus and equipment operating where they are needed most.

For questions about the donation drive, contact Bianca Stevenson at bstevenson@cityofcaldwell.org or 208-504-7651.

Caldwell Fire Department Recognized by Envision



The Caldwell Fire Department (CFD) was recognized by Envision Sight through the First Responder Donation Recognition Program for the vital role firefighters and paramedics play in making organ, eye and tissue donation possible.

During the recognition ceremony, firefighters were honored for their compassionate care in three donor cases from 2026 that ultimately gave hope and healing to others.

While every response begins with the goal of saving a life, life saving efforts can also provide families the opportunity to honor a loved one's final wishes through donation when survival is no longer possible.

Together, these three donors will impact dozens of lives across the United States and internationally through organ transplantation, restored sight and life-enhancing tissue donation.

According to Envision Sight, organ donation remains rare in the Treasure Valley. To date this year, there have been only five organ donors throughout the region, and CFD had the privilege of caring for two of those donors. Through organ, eye and tissue donation, a single donor has the potential to save and heal up to 70 lives.

"First responders are the very first link in the chain of donation," said Jay Lugo, Executive Director of Envision

Sight. "Their professionalism, compassion and commitment to providing exceptional care make it possible for families to honor their loved one's wishes and create an incredible legacy. While these firefighters and paramedics may never meet the people whose lives they have changed, their work has given hope to recipients not only here in Idaho, but across the country and around the world. We are proud to recognize the Caldwell Fire Department for the extraordinary impact its crews have made."

Envision Sight's First Responder Donation Recognition Program was created to honor firefighters, EMS professionals and emergency responders whose care, professionalism and compassion help make organ, eye and tissue donation possible. The program recognizes the critical role first responders play in preserving the opportunity for donation and celebrates the lasting impact their work has on recipients and families alike.

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City Updates



Budget Hearing

Everyone's invited to attend the presentation of Caldwell's final budget and fee schedule at 4 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 11, at City Hall, 205 S. 6th Avenue.

After four workshops open to the public in June, followed by two weeks of online comments on the proposal, a budget book is now available.

City Hires Jessica Watts as New Public Information Officer



Mayor Eric Phillips welcomes Jessica Watts to the team!

The City of Caldwell welcomes Jessica Watts as the City's new Public Information Officer (PIO)!

As PIO, Jessica will work closely with the Mayor's Office, City Council, and City departments to provide timely, accurate, and transparent information to residents, businesses, and members of the media. She will oversee the City's external communications, media relations, community outreach, and digital communications efforts.

Welcome to the team Jessica!

Earlier Trash and Recycling Collection Times

Due to the extreme heat, Republic Services will begin residential trash and recycling collection at 6am, one hour earlier than the normal 7am start time. The temporary schedule will remain in effect through August 31.

Residents are encouraged to place their trash and recycling carts at the curb the night before their scheduled collection day to ensure they are ready for the earlier pick-up time.

The city appreciates the community's cooperation as Republic Services takes steps to protect the health and safety of its employees while continuing to provide reliable service. For questions regarding residential trash and recycling collection, please contact Republic Services customer service at 208-466-3302.

City Recognizes Street Department Employees



Congratulations to Street Department employees for completing Local Highway Technical Assistance Council (LHTAC) professional development programs.

Recognized employees include:

- Daniel S. – LHTAC Road Scholar Program
- Joe E. – LHTAC Road Scholar Program
- Gage C. – LHTAC Road Master Program
- Kevin N. – LHTAC Leadership Development Program
- Don G. – LHTAC Road Master Program
- Jonathan K. – LHTAC Road Scholar Program

These programs help strengthen leadership, technical knowledge, and professional skills that support the important work of maintaining and improving our community's transportation infrastructure.

Current Road Projects

Lanes on Blaine Street between 7th and 9th will soon open up as construction of the new Kimball Bridge really gets underway. Expect noise -- crews will soon be driving bridge pilings 150 feet deep. Work will be going on Monday through Saturday.

Please slow down and pay attention near the work zone.

Construction is finished on Middleton, Linden and Ustick roads.

Several City Jobs Open

Application deadlines are coming soon for police officers, a wastewater operations coordinator and a technician to archive and retrieve records.

Applications are ongoing for jobs in departments for firefighting, city parks and recreation maintenance, wastewater treatment, and water service.

For information, visit cityofcaldwell.org/Departments/Human-Resources/Career-Opportunities. (Computers are available at the Caldwell Public Library, 1010 Dearborn.)

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Dave's Big Backyard

by Dave McCormick

Overhead Frigate birds soared as effortlessly as clouds passing by, their angular wings nearly motionless, my blissful moment was interrupted by our guide, John, "9 o'clock, 30 feet, strip-strip, leave-a-dare (leave-it-there), long-strip, go-again, short-strips, hold-the-fly." This cadence would be repeated time and time again over the next three days.

My daughter Shannon, son-in-law Todd, and I went to Turneffe Flats, a large atoll, 30 miles southeast of Belize City to do some fishing. Upon arrival, we met our guide, John. Our luggage was portered to our rooms and we relaxed on the Veranda.

We made our way to the main lodge for dinner and were joined by two gentlemen and a younger couple. One of the ancillary benefits from international travel are the acquaintances you make. The conversation started with, "Where are you from? And what brought you to Turneffe?" Our reply was, "Idaho and fishing of course."

After breakfast the next day, we took off to go fishing. After a 20-minute boat ride, our guide Johnny pulled back on the throttle and I jumped up on the casting platform and Johnny took his position on the polling platform, "11 o'clock, cast-strip-strip" and suddenly my reel was



Dave, his daughter Shannon and his son-in-law, Todd Banta.



Dave, his guide John, and his bonefish. The mask is standard for sun protection.



Todd with a bonefish.

screaming louder than the two-year-old on the 4-hour flight over. After a couple of shorter runs, we boated the bonefish, my first one on a fly rod. I surrendered the casting deck to Todd and he boated a bonefish as well. The rest of the day was pretty much the same with the addition of a couple of small barracuda.

Back at the lodge, the air was abuzz with fishermen comparing notes. The consensus, fishing was tough, but a couple tarpon were caught and a fisherman from Italy caught a permit, arguably the most sought-after fish by saltwater fly fishermen. The saltwater "Grand Slam" is catching a bonefish, tarpon and permit with the difficulty in that order. Two fishermen had spent the whole day pursuing permit. One fisherman said, "I had six perfect casts

and not a take." I could hear the frustration in his voice.

Shannon was scheduled to fish with me one day, but after the first day of snorkeling, she said, "Dad, it was so much fun, I want to go again tomorrow." "Go!" I said. She and five other ladies had created their own little sorority. I was happy she was having so much fun.

On day two, Todd and I were hunting tarpon. Three were spotted in a cut in the mangrove jungle. Johnny polled me closer, "Go!" he barked. I cast the 12-weight into the cut, "strip-strip-slow." The jungle erupted with hordes of mosquitoes. "Go again!" I was trying to cast while a gazillion blood suckers, were all over me, biting through my shirt and buff (neck covering). The tarpon disappeared into the

mangroves and John polled back into open water, but the damage was done! I itched for three more days. We got shots at more tarpon that day, and Todd hooked one briefly.

Back at the lodge, we had tenderloin for dinner and some lively conversation over a couple of sundowners. The weather was forecasted to turn for the worse on our last day. The morning wasn't bad.

Back in the skiff, Johnny idled to open water, then back to the area where I had previously been a blood donor. Now armed with repellent, I vowed I would rescind my volunteer status. The guide took his position on the polling platform. I was on the casting deck, "12 o'clock, 30 feet." After two falls, "cast-the-fly, hit-the-water, slow-strip, leave-a-dare," the line sizzled as the tarpon ap-

proached warp-speed. He launched a good three feet airborne and just like that he was gone, faster than the first girl I ever loved.

The weather set in downpours and Todd and I realized we were not going to catch a tarpon. Johnny said, "It's just too rough to fish." We headed for the lodge. After breakfast next morning, we boarded the transport boat and headed for the mainland.

Friends have asked me, would you go again? It was a great trip in an unspoiled environment with 5-Star accommodations. But it's a big world and I think I will spend my travel dollar on a new adventure.

Tight lines my friends!

Local Dirt

by Pat King



At the time of writing this article, the Treasure Valley is socked in by a partially weather-related smoky inversion, not too much unlike a winter inversion, but with smoke instead.

Wind or a lack thereof,

is the primary cause of the stagnation of the air, keeping the smoke in the valley. Our mountains are perfectly situated to create a bowl-like effect and hold the dirty air trapped in our valley. Without heavier winds to blow out the cruddy smoke, we are stuck with the unhealthy air that looks like a morning mist hovering just inches above a green pasture being groomed by horses. It is very unhealthy to spend a lot of time out in it, especially if your health is already compromised.

This also has a very negative effect on your garden plants, but granted, there is more CO₂ in the air for your

plants to gobble up for their nutritional needs.

The problem lies in two areas; smoke has suspended particles in it that come to rest on the plants leaves blocking the absorption of CO₂ and emitting oxygen. And the particles block the sun's beneficial spectrum, lighting that helps the plants turn that CO₂ into food for the plants.

Now in the short term, the slowdown is very temporary and the plants quickly recover, but if this is a prolonged inversion of smoke, the plants struggle to recover and produce much before the weather changes to fall and winter,

as we are over a third of the way through summer. There really isn't much you can do at this point, but maybe hose off the particles covering the surface of the leaves. As the plants slow down, watch that you are not over watering and yes, don't forget to feed your plants especially during this time. Of course putting the fires out will help, but a decent sustained wind is also crucial to improve air quality.

As I've said in the past, I've given up making weather forecasts, because it has rained three times during the time we never get rain and because of a very warm winter bringing my 30 peach

trees to early blooming, to then have a very late spring frost, I have yet to find one peach in my trees.

I am very sad because I was all set to learn how to can peaches this year in various forms. No, I have never canned before. I would give peaches away with the caveat that I get a couple jars of what they canned. But that person just can't do it anymore, so I was going to give it a go.

I hope you all had a marvelous 4th of July. I did and now, are you ready for back to school sales?

Until next time, Pat

Southwest Idaho Birders' Association

by JC Clancy

If this is August, there must be shorebirds. As some start migrating, we'll see a dozen or more species joining the American Avocets, White-faced Ibis and Black-necked Stilts already breeding in Canyon County and surroundings. Many of them are annual visitors, but there's always the possibility of a species that's been seen here rarely or never. Birders are pleased about this, partly because identifying these birds brings new challenges.

Where do you find these birds? Almost anywhere there's a little shoreline, whether it's on a farm pond south of the lake or on the beach near the lower dam. Sometimes it's on the lower dam, where we're occasionally startled to see a Marbled Godwit, one of the larger species with its long legs and

barely up-curved bill, standing on the rail of the dam.

But more likely it will take a closer look to find small shorebirds on the lower steps where the lapping waves serve as a substitute for the shore. Some of these birds, Western Sandpipers, Semi-Palmated Sandpipers, Least Sandpipers, and Sanderlings, make our familiar Killdeer look like giants. For more confusing identification, there's the Semi-Palmated Plover, which looks almost exactly like the Killdeer except that it has only one black ring around its neck instead of the Killdeer's two. Occasionally, there's a real surprise, like a Black-bellied Plover or a Ruddy Turnstone.

Some of the birds, such as the Long-Billed Curlew, are more likely to be found near the farm ponds, flooded fields

or irrigation ditches, and all of the above birds may be found there too. In fact, you might find a flock of long-legged, long-billed rusty-colored birds together and just about the only way you'd tell one was different would be that its bill turned down instead of slightly up – one curlew in a flock of godwits.

These and more shorebirds are likely to be seen at Black's Creek Bird Reserve in Ada County on SIBA's next field trip, on Saturday, Aug 15, 2026. Birders will meet at 8 am at the Parking Lot with the Pit Toilet. Registration is required by email to trip leader James Jarrett at SIBAFieldTrip@gmail.com.

Besides wading birds and waterfowl, birders are likely to see migrating songbirds and sage steppe species. After birding the reserve, the group



Marbled Godwit

may move on to other nearby locations. This is an all-day trip with a good bit of walking so bring hiking shoes, water, lunch, and binoculars or scopes.

SIBA's next meeting at the Deer Flat NWR Visitor Center will be at 7 pm Oct 8, 2026. The speaker will be announced later.

Riding the Bus

by Stan Soran

Almost all of us rode a bus to school at some time during our early educational years except for those who had to walk to school three miles uphill both ways. Buses didn't deliver to kindergarten, so riding in Mom's taxi service was the usual mode.

The kindergarten I went to was located on the C of I campus on the corner of Fillmore and 20th, which was about 4 blocks from our house by the Kwik Kurb on Oak Street. Once in a while, Mom would let me walk there which sounds nuts, but things were a lot safer in Caldwell of the old days. The walk took me past what I was told was the science building where they did experiments with rotten eggs. At least that's what it smelled like.

Valerie was my girlfriend, though some of my affection was because her brother had a really cool toy gas station with a battery operated elevator. Since I was walking to school by myself on a college campus, my 5-year-old mind reasoned that I was grown up enough to visit my girlfriend without letting Mom know where I was. Boy was I wrong about that! Mom tracked me down and very clearly explained to me how incorrect my assumption was! I still got to walk to kindergarten, but no romantic side trips were allowed.

Nuclear attack drills were popular at that time and we had our share of getting under those old cast iron desks with the ink well hole in the top. It was nearly impossible. One of the drills had a twist to it. Rather than cowering under a desk, we were let out of school to walk home and were supposed to record how much time it took. They probably should have made the instructions more clear, because to a second grader there was no such thing as "go straight home." I took the scenic route with my friend Craig and loitered at his place for a while before leisurely making my way home.

Winter bus rides were an ordeal. The fleet was made up of early 1950s GMCs, and if they had a heater, it didn't work or wasn't turned on. Out of fairness, it would only provide a little warmth for the ankles of the person sitting on the seat directly above it. Seat frames, walls and glass were all at below freezing temperatures. It was like cruisin' to school in a meat locker. At our house the boarding procedure went something like this. Someone would watch out the front window for the bus to go by on Marble Front Road and call out, "first bus!" That signaled that we had about 20 minutes more of being warm before dashing out the door to the corner when the bus had made its long loop around the block.



Going to Washington and Wilson schools took walking home off the board, but we could still get off the bus at the bottom of Canyon Hill. That gave us some exercise and at least a half hour more play time, because in our neighborhood it wasn't a question of "what to do" but "what to get into first." There were some hazards though, and electric fences were just one of them. That was a good time to have a little brother or a gullible friend. "I'm pretty sure it's not on."

Van Buren School was built, so that kids would not have to walk across the railroad tracks to get to school. That was before there was an interstate freeway to contend with. To be fair, there was an overpass, but kids still had to cross the on-ramps to get home on the hill.

Buses were just the thing to deliver us urchins to and from the school, but you had to get on the right one to get where you were supposed to go. Dave insisted that #3 was the bus we should get on, but after a trip nearly to Notus, and nowhere near our neighborhood, it was pretty clear that this was the wrong ride. The driver dropped us off back at school. Fortunately, someone was still there, Moms were called and we were rescued. It was just one of our early misadventures for Dave and me.

Huckleberry Season is Upon Us!

by Leora Summers

It's finally here! Huckleberries are ripening and it's time to get out there to pick them! We have found a few good spots in McCall.

To go "huckleberrying," you really need to wear a long-sleeved shirt and some long pants to avoid the scrapes and scratches from the bushes as you pick along. It is also good to bring a little tripod chair to help you sit while you pick.

Huckleberries are so small, so you want to find some good places to go. Many folks will tell you when asked, "Where do you find

them?" And many pickers will tell them, "South of the none-ya," meaning, "none of your dang business!" Haha!

After we get home, we rinse them, let them dry a little, and then spread them on a cookie sheet and put that flat sheet in the freezer. After they are frozen, we scrape them into zip lock baggies. This keeps them individually frozen and not clumped together, so it makes them easier to use when needed.

We put them in pancakes, muffins and beverages. They are a great little condiment



Leora sitting and picking! to have around, and the picking is fun too!

My sister and I found a nearly full bottle of Bacardi rum on one of our hikes. Quite a find! We reasoned that some underage party-goer had tossed it out of the car before sneaking back into their house. We stashed it in one of the basement bathroom cupboards, so it came as a big surprise when Dad's voice came over the intercom, "Danise, Stan, come upstairs." How did he know it was us? There on the table were two glasses and the bottle of demon rum. Dad asked, "How 'bout a drink?" Didn't know what "rhetorical" meant at the time, but was pretty sure that a response was not needed. Seems like we got a talk about the evils of alcohol, but don't remember much of it, so we were doomed to repeat this several times in the future.

By the ninth grade, the only thing that made riding the bus tolerable was that all my friends were in the same boat.... er, bus. Riding the bus really cut into casting a cool image, but within a few months, there was driver's training. I managed to pass the class, even though my instructor, Coach Hawley, told me I was a public menace behind the wheel. Then with a few months of searching and a small loan from my Aunt, the clouds parted and the angels sang..... I got a car!

Rose Marie Gabiola
1936-2026



Rose Marie Gabiola passed unexpectedly in her home, July 14, 2026 in Caldwell, Idaho.

She was born September 12, 1936 in Melba, Idaho, the fourth of five children to Ernest "Lee" and Myrtle Wood.

She grew up in Gifford, Washington, graduating from Columbia high school in 1954. Rose Marie attend the College of Idaho while also going to school to become a licensed cosmetologist. She married Tony Gabiola on November 2, 1957, and they moved to Seattle, Washington where Tony worked for Boeing.

In the early 60's they moved back to Caldwell to be closer to family and built their own home on the Gabiola farm, which included her Beauty Shop business that she ran for many

years. She later worked for the U.S. Postal Service after Tony became ill.

Rose Marie will be remembered as strong, driven, multi-talented and a fabulous cook. She always had a natural elegance, witty sense of humor, passionate opinions (right or wrong)... and a youthful, spitfire spirit! She was a wonderful mother and grandmother.

She is survived by her two children, Lisa Gabiola-Weitz (Tony), and Antone Gabiola (Lori), 8 cherished grandchildren, 5 treasured great grandchildren children, and 5 adored great, great grandchildren; 2 sisters, a sister in law, and her beloved and faithful companion, "Chewy".

The family invites all to wear your summer casual, pastel colored clothes and attend her Celebration of Life, at the Caldwell Train Depot, 2-4 pm, Tuesday, August 11th, 2026.

Condolences may be shared and a full life story can be read at dakanfuneralchapel.com.



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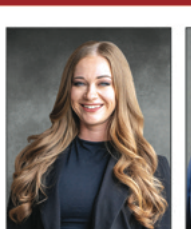
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Longtime Caldwell Citizen
Dorothy Kidd Turns 100!

By Elaine Carpenter



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Dorothy Kidd celebrating her 100th birthday

Dorothy Kidd, longtime Caldwell citizen and educator, celebrated her 100th birthday at the Caldwell Senior Citizen's Center on July 15, just two days prior to her actual birthday.

Dorothy was born on July 17, 1926. Raised in Burley, ID, she was the youngest of ten children. She graduated from the College of Idaho and notes that when she enrolled as a freshman, she was nine or so years older than the other members of the incoming freshman class.

Dorothy was an institution at Caldwell High School, teaching PE to generations of students and completing her career at CHS as a counselor. When she retired, she successfully ran for the Caldwell School Board and

continued to serve education in that capacity for several years.

Always active, Dorothy has been a familiar sight as she routinely walks around Caldwell neighborhoods. She participated with great joy in both the Caldwell Ladies Golf Association and bowling leagues. Playing Mahjong with her close circle of friends was a favorite pastime.

Dorothy has lived her life with precision, grace and good humor. Her motto to live by has been: Stay on track, get it done, and do it well.

Dorothy has given unselfishly of her time, talent and treasure to our community, with a focus on education and the welfare of children and young people.

For untold years, she has faithfully supported the missions of Caldwell City Recreation, Caldwell Foundation for Educational Opportunity (CFEO), the Caldwell Family YMCA and other philanthropic and charitable organizations.

Happy 100th Birthday, Dorothy! Caldwell thanks you and salutes you on this milestone in your life.

A Birthday Trifecta

by Toni Ferro



Tim Rosandick, Darrell Diede, and Chuck Randolph at their joint birthday party on July 25 at the Caldwell Elk's Lodge.

On July 25, three long-time institutions of the Caldwell education system celebrated their decennial birthdays at a joint celebration at the Elk's Lodge.

Darrell Diede turned 90. Darrell graduated from Caldwell High School (CHS) in 1954, was an educator and administrator in the Caldwell School District, served as the Caldwell School District Superintendent for 20 years (1975-1995), served as Caldwell's State Senator for 6 years (1996-2002), and is credited as the founder of the Caldwell Foundation for Educational Opportunity (CFEO), which has since awarded over \$1.5 million in grants and student scholarships.

Chuck Randolph turned 80. Chuck graduated from CHS in 1964, taught at Jefferson Junior High for 7 years before moving to the High School and teaching Government for 14 years. He then held the job of Associate Superintendent for 16 years (1989-2005). He served on the CFEO board for nearly 30 years as Vice President and then Secretary, resigning from the board in May 2025.

Tim Rosandick turned 70. Tim graduated from CHS in 1975, started teaching in 1980, was a Vice Principal and a Principal before moving to the district office as Assistant Superintendent for 7 years (1998-2005). He was District Superintendent in another district before coming home to the Caldwell School District as Superintendent.

Happy birthday times three to these dedicated, long-serving Caldwell educators!

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Historic Home Sold in July - Here's the Story of its Original Owners

by Toni Ferro



1424 Dearborn, the Glen L. Evans house.

"The biggest fish story in Caldwell, Idaho, is a whopper. It has the added novelty of being true." This is how Inez Robb, a nationally syndicated, New York-based columnist from Caldwell started her August 1952 column about her friend, Ruth Evans.

Robb goes on to tell the story of the Glen L. Evans company, which was started by Ruth and her husband in a basement in Caldwell and grew to be one of the largest tackle companies in the world.

As Robb tells it, Ruth and Glen were both "crazy about fishing" and "one day Ruth decided to try her hand at tying a few fish flies for her bridegroom." On their next fishing trip they came home "loaded with trout." Friends heard of their success and wanted to try their flies as well. And that's where their business began.

In the May 22, 1938 edition of the *Statesman* Walt Beesley writes that Glen and Ruth were already making flies when they moved to Caldwell from Ontario in 1923. They "found so many fishermen wanted them they couldn't keep up with the demand." So, Evans sold his auto shop and together they started their fly business.

They hired a woman to help them, "taught her how to make the various kinds of flies that were in demand then and did a whale of a business." Soon they needed another helper, they expanded on the variety of flies they sold, and it was "just a succession of expansions."

By 1938 the business was the 2nd largest of its kind in the nation. They had moved from their basement to the second floor of the building at 7th and Arthur, had 80-100 year-round employees, did half-a-million dollars in business annually, and their tackle was "sold in nearly every state in the union."

Glen explained in Beesley's article that when their business started in 1923, "the wholesalers and distributors in the western half of the United States carried only English made flies." And it had taken "tireless sales effort, expensive advertising, endless free samples, etc. for American manufacturers to gain a foothold with distributors."

Ruth was in charge of production. Tying flies is labor intensive, and the factory included rooms of women working away on different parts of the fly production.

In the mid-40s, according to another *Statesman* article, Glen L. Evans Inc. built a bigger factory, in Caldwell's "new industrial area" on "Paynter Avenue between Evans and Garber streets."

By 1959 according to an article in the *Bonner's Ferry Herald*, Glen L. Evans Inc. was "one of the world's oldest and largest manufacturers of fishing tackle." At this point the company manufactured "over 10,000,000 items annually of line, leaders, hooks, flies, and lures for anglers in all parts of the world" and had about 240 employees. (And if you ask a local you might run into a former Glen L. Evans employee, for example, I told



Glen Evans at work in the 1930s, from the *Statesman*.



Glen L. Evans flies, from the collection of Chuck Randolph.



Women at work tying flies in the Glen L. Evans factory in 1938, from the *Statesman*.

my mom I was writing this article and she told me she tied flies there for awhile.)

In Robb's article (written in the 50s) she remarked that, "Four American Presidents, Calvin Coolidge, Herbert Hoover, Franklin D. Roosevelt and Dwight D. Eisenhower, have used Ruth's flies on fishing expeditions..."

In 1965, the Evanses must have gotten an offer they couldn't refuse, because they sold their stock in the company to the A-S-H company of Pennsylvania.

They remained active in the company and in 1967 an article in the *Idaho Free Press* said Glen L. Evans was the world's largest producer of fishing tackle with yearly gross sales of more than \$1.5 million. And Ruth and Glen were moving to Taipei, Taiwan (at the ages of 71 and 73!) to help set up a new factory there.

Ruth and Glen were incredibly hard workers with good business sense and they turned a lovely hobby into a successful international business and they did it all right here in our little town of Caldwell.

The Evanses had another important hobby that gave them some notoriety, rock collecting. So much so that when Glen Evans passed away in 1976, multiple newspapers ran a story about his death that referenced his rock collecting before his founding of the Glen L. Evans company.

The *Statesman* explained that "he traveled to more than 50 countries in pursuit of his hobbies of fishing and collecting semiprecious rocks and

gems" and "his collection was known as one of the largest in the United States."

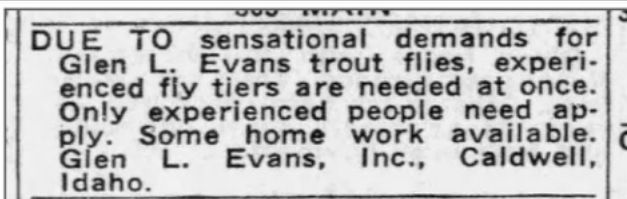
Ruth had served on the College of Idaho Board of Trustees for 15 years and in 1970 she and Glen donated their entire rock and mineral collection to the College to be on permanent display at the Boone

Hall science building.

Ruth passed away in 1972 and Glen passed away in 1976. And, sadly, the Glen L. Evans company filed for bankruptcy in 1981. A *New York Times* article explained that many tackle manufacturers were struggling at the time because of an interest rate increase.

There you have it, a small story of the original owners of 1424 Dearborn, also known as the Glen L. Evans house. The house itself is on the National Register of Historic places along with many houses near it in the Steunenberg District. It was built in 1940 in the Tudor Revival style and was built with clinker brick.

Hopefully this story will be a warm welcome to the new owners.



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