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The public mingles with Caldwell City Departments prior to the State of Our City Celebration

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State of OUR City Celebrates Community and City Departments

by Leora Summers, Caldwell Perspective



Mayor Wagoner honors Jim Everett with
"Community Hero Award."
photo by Leora Summers



Mayor Wagoner honors Sal and Becca
Alamilla, co-owners of Amanos restaurant
with the "Key to the City."
photo by Leora Summers



Mayor Wagoner presenting Caldwell
lifeguards Jacob McNeece, Zadie Davis
(pool staff) and Beau Ramsey with
"Life Saving Award." Also honored were
Marlee Taylor and Maycee Kimball, who
were unable to attend.
photo by Leora Summers



Mayor Wagoner presenting Lesley Medina
Robles with a "Rising Star" award.
photo by Char Jackson

I loved this State of OUR City address! Employees and citizens were recognized for their efforts within our community. Mayor Wagoner praised the over 400 dedicated employees that provide all the services we have in Caldwell.

During the State of Our City address, Mayor Wagoner talked about the "three ships" that make our community successful: Partnerships, Relationships and Leadership. "Partnerships make us all better together," he said. And as an example, he talked about the partnerships we have with the College of Idaho, West Valley Medical Center, the Caldwell Chamber and the Caldwell Night Rodeo. He spoke of our business relationships within our community, our schools and with members of our community. "We need humility and trust to foster

these relationships," he said. And he focused on leadership development to improve success of the city of Caldwell.

Jim Everett was honored with the "Community Hero Award" as he has done so much good for our community and others through his lifelong dedication working with youth through his efforts with the YMCA, working at the College of Idaho and as Co-President of the College of Idaho. He is now the current fundraiser at the C of I.

Mayor Wagoner presented a "Key to the City" to Chef Sal and Becca Alamilla, co-owners of the Amanos restaurant. Sal earned Idaho's first "James Beard Award" for 2025 Best Chef for the Mountain Region (Idaho, Colorado, Montana, Utah and Wyoming), having been nominated several times and having been a finalist once.

This prestigious award has put Caldwell on the map as a destination place to come dine.

Also honored were lifeguards from Caldwell Memorial Pool (Beau Ramsey, Jacob McNeece, Zadie Davis (pool staff), Marlee Taylor and Maycee Kimball) who received "Life Saving Awards" after an incident at the pool where their quick response saved three lives. Also involved in the efforts were some unknown community members before paramedics and others took over before the victims were transported to the hospital. Also supporting their efforts were paramedics, police officers and hospital personnel.

Student Lesley Medina Robles was recognized with a "Rising Star" award. She was an outstanding leader and member of the Mayor's Youth Council and was a passionate

member of our community and her school.

Prior to the State of Our City address, many city departments and some organizations had booths introducing themselves to the public. Departments present were Parks and Recreation, Caldwell Police and Mounted Unit, Caldwell Fire, City Finance, Library, Idaho Hispanic Foundation, Waste Water Treatment Plant, Engineering, Planning & Zoning, Streets, Storm Water, Economic Development, Human Resources, and the Caldwell Chamber of Commerce.

The City Finance Department had a fun interactive survey table where they gave citizens \$500 of play money to deposit into the "Budgets by the Box" of how they would like their money to be spent.

They had to divide their money among Fire, Parks, Cemetery, Streets, Police, Airport and the Library.

The citizens gave their money in "Budgets by the Box" as follows:

- 21.4% for Parks
- 21% for Streets
- 19% for Police
- 18% for Fire
- 9% for Library
- 6.3% for Cemetery
- 5% for Airport

It was interesting to see how the community that participated in this survey divided their money.

All in all, this State of Our City was a wonderful celebration of our community's people, city's staff, departments and participating organizations. Congratulations to ALL!

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August 1

2025 Summer Ban Jam, three day tournament played on the streets downtown Caldwell. For more information visit www.indiancreekplaza.com.
10 AM: Tai Chi & Qigong. Mindful, holistic exercise for overall health and well-being (ages 18+), Caldwell Library, 1010 Dearborn.
6-11 PM: Brave Hearts Night at Indian Creek Steakhouse, 711 Main St.

August 2

2025 Summer Ban Jam, three day tournament played on the streets downtown Caldwell. For more information visit www.indiancreekplaza.com.
2-3 PM: Art Together: Family Saturday. Join us each month for a new art project-fun for the whole family (all ages), Library, 1010 Dearborn.
7-11 PM: Caldwell Latino Night Market. Indian Creek Plaza.

August 3

2025 Summer Ban Jam, three day tournament played on the streets downtown Caldwell. For more information visit www.indiancreekplaza.com.

August 4

9-11 AM: Yoga on the Plaza. Stretch, Breathe, and Flow — for Free!
10:30 AM: Baby Storytime, stories, songs and activities (ages 0-2), Library, 1010 Dearborn.
11 AM: Baby Storytime, stories, songs and activities (ages 0-2), Library, 1010 Dearborn.
7:30 PM: Caldwell Centennial Band Concert, Memorial Park (619 Irving St.), Music for all ages. Bring your chairs, your families and your friends. FREE!

August 5

10:30 AM: Spanish and English Storytime, stories, songs and activities (ages 2-6), Library, 1010 Dearborn.
5 PM: Farm to Fork Farmers Market. Taste the farm-to-fork difference. Indian Creek Plaza.
6-9 PM: Tuesday's on the Creek. Sunsets, great tunes, and cold drinks all in the "living room" of Caldwell! Indian Creek Plaza.
6 PM: Olivia Harms performing at the Indian Creek Plaza downtown Caldwell. Free Event.
6:30-8:30 PM: Board Game Night, enjoy snacks while playing a variety of board games (all ages). Library,

August 6

10:30 AM: Music and Movement, songs, activiteis and dancing (ages 2-6), Library, 1010 Dearborn.
3:30 PM: Afterschool Fun, new activites every week (ages 5-12), Library, 1010 Dearborn.

August 7

8-9 AM: Coffee Connect hosted by Melad Tree Farms, visit the Caldwell Chamber website for more information.
11 AM-1 PM: Super Soaker Show-down, Indian Creek Plaza.
5-7 PM: Ribbon Cutting, Caldwell Night Rodeo, Aug 7th. visit the Caldwell Chamber website for more information.
10:30 AM: Preschool Storytime. Stories, songs and games (ages 3-5), Library, 1010 Dearborn.
4:30 PM: Teen Thursday. New activities every week (ages 13-17), Caldwell Library, 1010 Dearborn.
7-9 PM: First Thursday Movie o the Plaza: Heavyweights. Indian Creek Plaza.

August 8

10 AM: Tai Chi & Qigong. Mindful, holistic exercise for overall health and well-being (ages 18+), Library, 1010 Dearborn.
4:30 PM: Adult Lego Club. Join our new Lego Club for adults. Big fun with tiny bricks (ages 16+), Caldwell Library, 1010 Dearborn.
7 PM: The Main Event - Live at Indian Creek Plaza. Cool off in the splash pads, play a lawn game or two. Brought to you by the Caldwell High School Class of 1985.

August 9

6 PM: Boots, Buckles, & Brews| Caldwell Night Rodeo Kickoff, Indian Creek Plaza.
7-11 PM: Caldwell Latino Night Market, Indian Creek Plaza.

August 11

9-11 AM: Yoga on the Plaza. Stretch, Breathe, and Flow — for Free! Indian Creek Plaza.
10:30 AM: Baby Storytime, stories, songs and activities (ages 0-2), Library, 1010 Dearborn.
11 AM: Baby Storytime, stories, songs and activities (ages 0-2), Library, 1010 Dearborn.
1-2:30 PM: Knitting & Crochet Social, bring a project and make a friend. All skill levels welcome (ages 18+), Library, 1010 Dearborn.

August 12

CALDWELL NIGHT RODEO!
6:30-10:30 AM: 92nd Annual Buckaroo Breakfast, O'Conner Feild House.
10:30 AM: Spanish and English Storytime, stories, songs and activities (ages 2-6), Library, 1010 Dearborn.
4:30-5:30 PM: Lego Club, join our LEGO club for big fun with tiny bricks (ages 7-16), Library, 1010 Dearborn.
5 PM: Farm to Fork Farmers Market. Taste the farm-to-fork difference. Indian Creek Plaza.
6-9 PM: Tuesday's on the Creek. Sunsets, great tunes, and cold drinks all in the "living room" of Caldwell! Indian Creek Plaza.

August 13

CALDWELL NIGHT RODEO!
6:30-10:30 AM: 92nd Annual Buckaroo Breakfast, O'Conner Feild House.
10 AM-12 PM: Tech Lab, drop in anytime to get help with your technology questions (18+), Library, 1010 Dearborn.
10:30 AM: Music and Movement, songs, activiteis and dancing (ages 2-6), Library, 1010 Dearborn.
3:30 PM: Afterschool Fun, new activites every week (ages 5-12), Library 1010 Dearborn.

August 14

CALDWELL NIGHT RODEO!
6:30-10:30 AM: 92nd Annual Buckaroo Breakfast, O'Conner Feild House.
10:30 AM: Preschool Storytime. Stories, songs and games (ages 3-5), Library, 1010 Dearborn.
4:30 PM: Teen Thursday. New activities every week (ages 13-17), Library, 1010 Dearborn.
4:30 PM: Farmway Afterschool Program: Art at the Park (all ages), Farmway Village, 22730 Farmway Rd.
6:30 PM: Thursday Read Book Club. Enjoy a lively discourse on the chosen book (ages 18+), Library.
7-8 PM: Gardening. Learn to garden like a pro with the Idaho Master Gardeners (ages 18+), Library, 1010 Dearborn.

August 15

CALDWELL NIGHT RODEO!
6:30-10:30 AM: 92nd Annual Buckaroo Breakfast, O'Conner Feild House.
10 AM: Tai Chi & Qigong. Mindful, holistic exercise for overall health and well-being (ages 18+), Library, 1010 Dearborn.
6:30-9 PM: Basquing in the Sunset Experience the rich culture and traditions of the Basque community in a four-course wine and Paella dinner on the lawn at Huston Vineyards, www.hustonvineyards.com visit the website to purchase tickets.

August 16

CALDWELL NIGHT RODEO!
7-11 AM: 92nd Annual Buckaroo Breakfast, O'Conner Feild House.
10:30 AM: Stories & Crafts: Monsters Don't Eat Broccoli. New stories and activities each month (all ages), Library, 1010 Dearborn.
7-11 PM: Caldwell Latino Night Market, Indian Creek Plaza.

August 18

9-11 AM: Yoga on the Plaza. Stretch, Breathe, and Flow — for Free!
10:30 AM: Baby Storytime, stories, songs and activities (ages 0-2),Library, 1010 Dearborn.
11 AM: Baby Storytime, stories, songs and activities (ages 0-2), Library.
7:30 PM: Caldwell Centennial Band Concert, Memorial Park (619 Irving St.), Music for all ages. Bring your chairs, your families and your friends. FREE!



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August 19

10:30 AM: Spanish and English Storytime, stories, songs and activities (ages 2-6), Library, 1010 Dearborn.
4:45-5:45 PM: Read to a Therapy Dog, practice reading with a friendly and fluffy therapy dog (ages 7-14), Library.

August 20

10:30 AM: Music and Movement, songs, activiteis and dancing (ages 2-6), Library, 1010 Dearborn.
3:30 PM: Afterschool Fun, new activites every week (ages 5-12), Library 1010 Dearborn.
5 PM: Farm to Fork Farmers Market. Taste the farm-to-fork difference. Indian Creek Plaza.
6-9 PM: Tuesday's on the Creek. Sunsets, great tunes, and cold drinks all in the "living room" of Caldwell! Indian Creek Plaza.

August 21

10:30 AM: Preschool Storytime. Stories, songs and games (ages 3-5), Library, 1010 Dearborn.
11 AM: Caldwell Public Library at the Senior Center, 1009 Everett St.
4:30 PM: Teen Thursday. New activities every week (ages 13-17), Library, 1010 Dearborn.
5:30-7 PM: Business After Hours hosted by Caldwell Police, Aug 21st, 110 S. 5th Ave.

August 22

6:30 PM: Thursday Read Book Club: "The Aviator's Wife," by Melanie Benjamin. Enjoy a lively discourse on the chosen book (ages 18+), Library.
10 AM: Tai Chi & Qigong. Mindful, holistic exercise for overall health and well-being (ages 18+), Library, 1010 Dearborn.

August 23

7-11 PM: Caldwell Latino Night Market Indian Creek Plaza.

August 25

9-11 AM: Yoga on the Plaza. Stretch, Breathe, and Flow — for Free! Indian Creek Plaza.
10:30 AM: Baby Storytime, stories, songs and activities (ages 0-2), Library, 1010 Dearborn.

August 25 (cont.)

11 AM: Baby Storytime, stories, songs and activities (ages 0-2), Library, 1010 Dearborn.
1-2:30 PM: Knitting & Crochet Social, bring a project and make a friend. All skill levels welcome (ages 18+), Library, 1010 Dearborn.

August 26

10:30 AM: Spanish and English Storytime, stories, songs and activities (ages 2-6), Library, 1010 Dearborn.
5 PM: Farm to Fork Farmers Market. Taste the farm-to-fork difference. Indian Creek Plaza.
6-9 PM: Tuesday's on the Creek. Sunsets, great tunes, and cold drinks all in the "living room" of Caldwell! Indian Creek Plaza.

August 27

10:30 AM: Music and Movement, songs, activiteis and dancing (ages 2-6), Library, 1010 Dearborn.
3:30 PM: Afterschool Fun: Focused on Japanese Yayoi Kusama. New activites every week (ages 5-12), Library 1010 Dearborn.

August 28

10:30 AM: Preschool Storytime. Stories, songs and games (ages 3-5), Library, 1010 Dearborn.
4:30 PM: Teen Thursday: Outdoor Game Night. New activities every week (ages 13-17), Library, 1010 Dearborn.

August 29

10 AM: Tai Chi & Qigong. Mindful, holistic exercise for overall health and well-being (ages 18+), Caldwell Library, 1010 Dearborn.
3-5 PM: Ping Pong Club. Join us each month for some ping pong fun (all ages), Caldwell Library, 1010 Dearborn.

August 31

12-5 PM: Sunnyslope Wine Festival, Ste. Chapelle Winery, 19348 Lowell Rd, Caldwell, Idaho 83607
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Survey about the future of the north downtown area.

July saw more activity on the potential improvements coming to the area north of downtown between the railroad tracks and the freeway. Citizens met on July 23rd to offer feedback





Citizens meeting about the future of the north downtown area.

Citizens voting on their priorities.

to Arch Nexus, the consultant hired by Caldwell's Urban Renewal Agency, to determine if an urban renewal zone is feasible for the area. Arch Nexus would like to hear from all of Caldwell's residents and especially those that live between downtown and

the freeway about your priorities for that area. You can take their survey by following the QR code above or going to tinyurl.com/42md9h66. Roger Brooks will be back in Caldwell for part of August. He was hired by the city to create a long-term action plan for the north downtown area up to the College of Idaho and to Wolfe field. If you have ideas you want to share for these areas, contact the Caldwell Chamber of Commerce (info@caldwell-chamber.org).

News clippings from the Caldwell News Tribune newspaper: August of 50 Years Ago

August 4, 1975

The board of trustees of the Caldwell School District #132 will hold a special session at 8 to consider leasing the Canyon County multipurpose complex.

August 13, 1975

Caldwell Night Rodeo Action. More people showed up to watch more cowboys compete for more money


ever before on opening night at the Caldwell Night Rodeo on a pleasant Tuesday evening. An estimated 4700 fans packed an arena which is sporting expanded seating this year to watch the first crowd of 250 cowpokes get the first of two chances to make performances good or fast enough to get to the Saturday finals.

August 19, 1975

Bike way Report Slated. A report from the Beautification Committee on bicycle pathways will be heard Tuesday during the regular Tuesday 7:30 pm Caldwell City Council meeting according to the agenda.

(NOTE. The proposal was approved at the meeting to create a path linking the

Washington & Jefferson elementary schools and the Caldwell High School and the new Caldwell library.) Ronee Sue Blakley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Blakley of Caldwell, will be in Caldwell Wednesday evening following the premier of the movie she starred in "Nashville". Miss Blakley has received nationwide praise for her performance in the movie and has been on the cover of Newsweek magazine. She is a Caldwell High School graduate.



Caldwell Housing Authority Celebrates Annexation

CHA Facebook Page

we have big news! After 85 years of existence, the City of Caldwell has approved our requested annexation. For many of us, this feels like coming home. CHA residents contribute millions of dollars each year to the Caldwell economy. You shop, eat, own businesses, and recreate here. Now, you are city residents! While most of you won't see any significant change as a result of annexation, the symbolism is significant! It feels like this place, home to over 15,000 residents since the late 1930s, has come home. We are so grateful to everyone who worked hard to bring this to completion. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to let us know.

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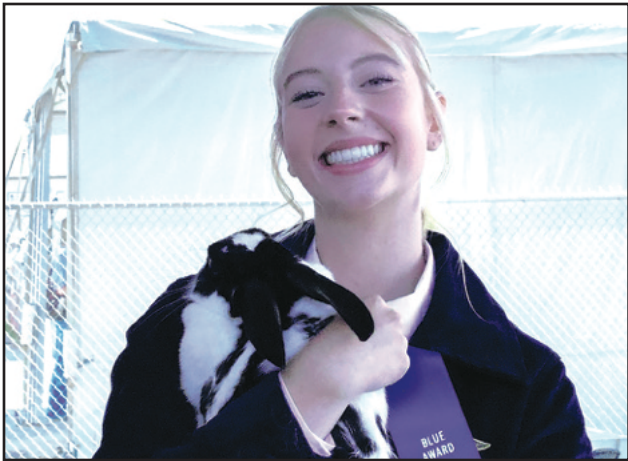
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Fun at the Canyon County Fair

by Toni Ferro, Caldwell Perspective



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July 27th marked the last day of the 2025 Canyon County Fair. It was another great year of 4-H and FFA with kids showing off their prize-winning animals and their prize-winning handling skills. Ribbons were also awarded for art,

photos, cake decorating (my favorite was the chicken cake that won Best in Show), flowers, fruits and veggies, Lego builds, and much more.

Lots of booths were at the fair again this year. One of the most popular was hosted by Grow Idaho, where kids learned about land zoning, shucked popcorn, and got to spin a prize wheel if they correctly answered a question about local agriculture. Out on the fairway there were lots of rides for little kids and big kids and performers did a great job entertaining audiences even in the heat of the day. New to the fair this year were Free-style Motocross (FMX) riders who performed thrilling aerial acrobatic stunts.

And that is just scratching the surface of course. There were concerts, dueling pianos, pie-baking competitions, an Alpaca Meet and Greet, a Goat Costume Contest



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Idaho Organizations & Businesses Help Caldwell Night Rodeo Reach Capital Campaign Goals



As the Caldwell Night Rodeo (CNR) gears up to host its 101st rodeo in just a couple of weeks, athletes and fans can expect a significant change at the historic arena grounds – a brand new, state-of-the-art announcer stand.

CNR, a national top-20 professional rodeo, top-five outdoor rodeo, and longtime Caldwell community staple, will be ushering in its 2025 season with the successful completion of phase one in its \$7.5 million capital campaign. In addition to the major upgrade to the announcer's stand, construction has expanded to include six premium skyboxes, offering rodeo fans an unparalleled viewing experience. This momentous elevation to the D&B Supply Arena is thanks to the generous support of additional donations and grants from the following Idaho companies and organizations: Ahlquist, Crookham Company, Johnson Thermal Systems, Kendall Auto Idaho and the Laura Moore Cunningham Foundation.

"A big thank you to Ahlquist, Crookham Company, Johnson Thermal Systems, Kendall Auto Idaho, and the Laura Moore

Cunningham Foundation for their generous contributions to our rodeo and capital campaign. Because of this continued support from local businesses and our community, Caldwell Night Rodeo rides into its second century of celebrating our Western heritage," said Edward Lodge, President of the Caldwell Night Rodeo Board of Directors. "The rodeo is first and foremost a shared space – a place where the top cowboys, cowgirls, and animal athletes can test their hard-earned skills; where families and friends can gather to make lifelong memories; and where Idahoans from all walks of life can join together to uphold our shared Western values. The gift of support from these Idaho organizations is a vote of support for our community, and as the 101st year draws near, we can't wait to share this historic start with all of you."

The two-phase capital campaign has been led by Caldwell Night Rodeo and its sister non-profit organization, the Caldwell Night Rodeo Foundation, with the vision to respectfully honor the rodeo's authentic, rustic charm while ensuring it thrives as a premier destination for competitors and fans for generations to come. The successful completion of phase one includes the new announcer stand and skyboxes, which will

debut during the upcoming rodeo from August 12 – 16. Rodeo attendees will also enjoy expanded seating, improved accessibility options, and upgraded amenities that will enhance every fan's experience.

D&B Supply and the J.R. Simplot Company Foundation each committed significant grants to the capital campaign earlier this year, anchoring the community-led campaign with gifts that reflect deep Idaho roots and shared values of hard work, tradition, and family. The CNR Foundation also invites the community to be a part of building the rodeo's next 100 years. Donations of any amount are welcome and appreciated.

The final touches of phase one's construction are underway. Upon completion, CNR and the CNR Foundation will host a ribbon-cutting ceremony to unveil the new announcer's stand and skyboxes. Local media will be invited for a sneak peek inside the new and improved areas before the gates open for rodeo week. More details to come – stay tuned!

Tickets for the 2025 Caldwell Night Rodeo are still available, running from Tuesday, August 12, through Saturday, August 16, but they are selling quickly. Head to www.caldwellnightrodeo.com to secure your seats for this world-class rodeo, Where the Cowboys Are the Stars.

Invitation for Citizens Interested in Running for Elected Office



The City of Caldwell invites all citizens interested in running for elected office in the upcoming 2025 General Election to attend an informational meeting on Tuesday, August 5, at 6:00 p.m. The meeting will take place in the Caldwell City Hall Council Chambers, located at 205 S. 6th Avenue.

This session will provide valuable information for individuals considering candidacy for the mayor's seat or one of the City Council seats #1, #2, or #3, which will be on the ballot during the General Election scheduled for November 4, 2025.

City staff will be available to walk attendees through important dates, candidacy requirements, and election procedures to ensure all prospective candidates are fully informed and prepared.

For questions, please contact the City Clerk's Office at (208) 455-4502.

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Pain comes in many shapes and sizes. One of the most debilitating being the burning and tingling that comes with peripheral neuropathy. Neuropathy, a disease that was once classified as irreparable, is a disease that comes with years of shooting, stabbing pain that gradually ends in severe numbness, balance problems and, in extreme cases, amputation.

David R. was facing such a fate:

"I stopped golfing. I wasn't taking walks with my wife. I was living on Gabapentin and antidepressants and everywhere I went, my doctor, neurologist, the pain clinic, told me there was no cure. How are you supposed to live your life knowing that everyday brings pain and feeling unstable on my feet?"

I Can Enjoy Walks With My Wife Again!

Local acupuncture clinic is treating the untreatable peripheral neuropathy with incredible results!

Peripheral neuropathy is a result of damage to the nerves, commonly caused by a lack of blood flow to the nerves in the hands and feet. This causes the nerves to begin to degenerate due to lack of nutrient flow. Most peripheral neuropathy sufferers experience a heightened sensitivity to touch, making it almost impossible for those diagnosed to even wear socks or shoes, much less, enjoy life.

"It was like walking on sharp river rocks. I barely left my recliner," shares David, whose experience is not uncommon for those diagnosed with peripheral neuropathy.

Quality of life for David seemed uncertain. That is, until he found Dr. Kimberly Thompson at Meridian Family Acupuncture. Meridian Family Acupuncture has pioneered a cutting edge, medical solution to treat neuropathy; eliminate, or greatly reduce the symptoms of neuropathy, and give people their lives back. And they're doing it without the use of prescription medication or invasive surgeries.

"Acupuncture is incredible at restoring blood flow and stimulating damaged nerves, preventing them from dying off," tells Dr. Thompson. "We take our treatments a step further by integrating Frequency Specific Microcurrent" which targets specific nerves in the body using microcurrent. Frequency Specific Microcurrent is like watering a plant. This treatment will stimulate the blood vessels to grow back around the peripheral nerves and provide them with the proper nutrients to heal and repair.

Three months later, David is thrilled with his progress...

"I can enjoy walking my dog around the neighborhood with my wife and I feel more stable on the golf course."

Success stories like David's are not atypical at Meridian Family Acupuncture, "We have a 90% success rate—but only doctors care about the numbers. How people feel and what improves in their lives is what really matters," shares patient care coordinator, Susan.

The number of treatments needed to allow the nerves to fully recover will vary from person to person and can only be determined after a detailed neurological and vascular evaluation. Meridian Family Acupuncture offers hope for neuropathy where there once was none.

While David's neuropathy was idiopathic, meaning the cause is unknown, treatments at Meridian Family Acupuncture can also help people whose neuropathy is caused by diabetes or chemotherapy.

"We have seen tremendous success in treating neuropathy of all types through very personalized treatments specifically tailored to treat each individual case."

Neuropathy discomfort should not be the trade off for enjoying your golden years! To schedule a consultation and complete evaluation, call Meridian Family Acupuncture at 208-965-3777.

Idaho Business Review honors Garret Nancolas with Icon Award

by Leora Summers, Caldwell Perspective



Former Caldwell Mayor Garret Nancolas was recently honored among others according to the Idaho Business Review with an "Icon Business" award. This award recognizes individuals who have shown great leadership, achievements and contributions, who have made positive changes during their

careers and in organizations they have been a part of. Garret was awarded this for his many achievements during his 20 plus years as mayor of Caldwell, his leadership helping with the Mayor's Youth Council during his tenure as Mayor, being a part of the development of the Indian Creek Plaza and the many other different organizations that had the privilege of having him on their teams. We were very fortunate to have had him on our team for so many years. Congratulations on this well deserved award. Thank you Garret and thank you Pam for sharing him with our community and all the other organizations that benefitted due to his dedication serving our community and state.

KCID Building Honored by Preservation Idaho

by Toni Ferro, Caldwell Perspective



Caldwell's KCID building on 10th and Cleveland in the 80's



The KCID building today



The KCID building full view

On July 26th Preservation Idaho awarded Valerie and Steve Hruza an Orchid Award for Contribution to Historic Preservation. They won the award for their careful restoration of the KCID building located at 921 Cleveland Blvd. The building originally opened in 1960 as the home of the KCID radio station and the Caldwell Chamber of Commerce. At the time Cleveland Blvd was a part of US Highway 30, an important route to the west. The KCID building's distinctive architecture made it Caldwell's premiere landmark. The KCID building was originally owned by Clair Hull, owner of KCID radio, and was built in the Googie Architectural style, with dramatic rooflines, floor-to-ceiling windows, and a revolving globe on top. The globe was accompanied by a sign that read "On the corner where the world turns" on one side and "Twin City Radio" on the other.

The building was sold in 1971 to Duane Wolfe, Hull's son-in-law, and Dale Peterson. By 2010 the KCID building had lost its luster. The radio station with its iconic signage had moved out of the building, the globe was long broken and removed, and the building's historic architectural style was marred with corporate logos, a vinyl bubble awning, and whitewash covering some of the original rock exterior. That's when Valerie Hruza stepped in and bought the KCID building, which she had admired since her childhood. She and her team renovated the building's interior by opening up closed-off spaces and replacing electrical, plumbing, and mechanical systems. In addition, Valerie restored long boarded-up windows and

carefully stripped whitewash from the original exterior. At the awards ceremony Valerie and Steve Hruza gave special thanks to Caldwell's Historic Preservationists, Elaine Carpenter and Chuck Randolph; Art Gregory with the History of Idaho Broadcasting Foundation; Dale Peterson, owner of KCID radio; and Duane and Grey Wolff, (son-in-law and grandson of Clair Hull). Preservation Idaho is a non-profit organization with a mission to "preserve Idaho's historic places through collaboration, education, and advocacy." Since 1977 they

have been awarding Orchid Awards to "individuals and organizations that have made a positive contribution to historic preservation" and Onion Awards to "projects that have shown insensitivity to the state's cultural history." Caldwell has had previous Orchid Award winners including Cole Architects who won in 2018 for restoring the building at 523 Main Street that houses Crossroads Church. To learn more about Preservation Idaho visit website at preservationidaho.org.

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Anti-Trafficking: The Bigger Picture

by Deborah Kraft-Canyon County Anti-Trafficking Task Force

The online victimization of youth by sexual predators is one of the biggest crimes today involving minors. But to focus solely on the setting of the Internet misses the greater threat to keeping youth protected from the advances of sexual predators. Our committed effort to helping communities prevent child sexual abuse has required a closer look at the factors that contribute to youth opening themselves up to such dangerous relationships in the first place. Enter Karen Brook and her book, Safe Behavior –

Strange Behavior. This sensitively written guide for youth describes the three main categories of relationships that a minor should consider when facing a possible new association with someone else. It guides the reader to ask, “Is this a person I could trust to be respectful of my feelings and decisions?” If the answer is, “Yes,” then the relationship falls into the Green Flag category. If “Maybe” the newly developing relationship would be assigned a Yellow Flag. And if “No,” that is the Red Flag relationship that

should be avoided at all costs. Youth are also encouraged to reassess any developing relationship that may turn from a Green Flag to a Yellow Flag or from a Yellow Flag to a Red Flag category. Each chapter is written as a stand-alone package of information. The chapter topics include safe behavior, romantic, friendship and peer relationships, dangerous money making job offers and finally the nature of trafficking and exploitation. Included in each chapter is a review of how to assess

specific situations against the Behavior Flags. The information is delivered using age-appropriate language without getting into nitty gritty details of sexual abuse. Karen writes from an impressive background of formal education, professional training and work experience. She has provided services to former victims, schools, the justice system, foster care, youth and adult organizations as well as Law Enforcement. At an age when youth are hungry for building new relationships this is a must-have



guide. For more information on Karen Brook and her work, you can visit her website at: <https://www.karen-brook.com/>

Salvation Army: 75 Years of Service made possible by the generous support of donors and volunteers

This summer marks an incredible milestone for The Salvation Army Caldwell Corps: 75 years of dedicated service to the community. Over the decades, The Salvation Army has provided support to families, individuals, and youth, ensuring that no one walks alone in their time of need.

“We have been blessed to serve such an amazing community,” said Captain Amy Lewis, Caldwell Corps officer. “And we look forward to providing another 75 years of continued support to those who are struggling the most.” The Salvation Army Caldwell serves the community in a variety of ways, providing a monthly food box to families and individuals, educational classes for parents with babies, character building programs for youth, utility assistance to qualifying applicants, and other essential services. The local nonprofit also offers a variety of church programs including weekly Bible studies, youth activities, and fellowship for adults. Wherever there is a need in Caldwell, The Salvation Army will be there to help.

Since its inception, The Salvation Army has relied on the hearts and hands of supporters and volunteers in Caldwell and neighboring areas. From collecting supplies from local donors and partnering businesses, to stuffing backpacks and helping at holiday events, the support and time of many people has made the nonprofit's efforts possible. If you

would like to get involved, please scan the QR code or go to caldwell.salvationarmy.org to learn more about their volunteer opportunities. About The Salvation Army of Caldwell Serving Caldwell, Idaho, since 1950, The Salvation Army provides nutritious food boxes, programs for children and adults, seasonal support, and hope to those in need. Guided by Christian values and a commitment to serving all without discrimination, The Salvation Army responds with love and practical help in times of crisis and recovery. For more information, visit SalvationArmyUSA.org.



Food Pantry volunteers including Mayor Wagoner and other City Staff

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Caldwell Firefighters Assist Coeur d’Alene Crews During Time of Loss

This past weekend, three members of the Caldwell Fire Department—Captain Jake Ives, Engineer Chase Jablonski, and Firefighter Jeremy Powers—traveled to northern Idaho to cover shifts for the Coeur d’Alene Fire Department.

The crew departed Wednesday morning and returned home Saturday evening, spending over 48 hours covering the downtown Coeur d’Alene corridor and answering calls for service so local crews could attend funeral services and support one another. While stationed at Station One, the Caldwell crew responded to 14 calls while operating Coeur d’Alene’s Ladder One.

“Our crews were proud to be there, but heartbroken for the reason we had to go,” said Caldwell Fire Chief Bryan Daniels. “This is the fire service at



L to R: Richie Lucas (Lewiston Fire), Firefighter Alec Johnstone (Worley Fire), Captain Jake Ives (Caldwell Fire), Engineer Chase Jablonski (Caldwell Fire), Firefighter Jeremy Powers (Caldwell Fire), Captain Brent Bailey (Nampa Fire), Firefighter Mike Strickley (Nampa Fire) and Chief Scott Campos (Worley Fire).

its core, departments supporting each other in times of tragedy. I’m proud of Captain Ives, Engineer Jablonski, and Firefighter Powers for stepping up without hesitation.”

Captain Jake Ives reflected on the experience: “It was an honor to help shoulder the load so our brothers and sisters in Coeur d’Alene and Kootenai County could mourn together.



Some firefighters in Coeur d’Alene

truly appreciated how hospitable and kind everyone was.” We’re grateful that our partners from Nampa Fire, Middleton/Star Fire, Meridian Fire, Eagle Fire, and Boise Fire were also able to travel north and serve alongside us. It meant a great deal to stand together as a unified Treasure Valley fire service family, helping to provide coverage and support during such a difficult time. Special thanks to Mayor Wagoner and the Caldwell City Council for their support in allowing our crews to make this deployment possible. The Caldwell Fire Department extends its continued support and solidarity to the Coeur d’Alene Fire Department, the Kootenai County fire departments, and the entire community. It was an honor to serve you

CFD Response during the July 4th Holiday



The Caldwell Fire Department (CFD) responded to a steady number of calls during the July 4 holiday period, handling 121 total incidents between July 2 and July 6. These included ten fires, 68 medical emergencies, and 43 other

calls for service. The activity was nearly evenly distributed across the five-days, with a peak of 29 calls on July 2. Fire-related incidents that crews responded to:

- One structure fire involving two homes, one boat and one camp trailer
- One vehicle fire
- Eight grass or rubbish fires

Several of the grass and rubbish fires appeared to be linked to fireworks, while others may have stemmed from outdoor burning activities, despite a citywide burn ban currently in effect. CFD crews

provided medical support at several incidents, including multiple trauma calls, such as a shooting that occurred over the weekend. Crews also responded to a high number of alcohol related incidents. CFD reminds residents to remain vigilant about fire safety, especially during the dry summer months when the risk of fire spread is elevated. The department also extends its thanks to community members for their cooperation and to our partner agencies who provided mutual aid support.



West Valley Medical Center Sweeps #1 Rankings in Idaho on National Hospital Index

Caldwell hospital earns top rankings in equity, outcomes, patient experience and more. West Valley Medical Center has earned multiple “A” grades and a number one status in the state of Idaho across six key areas in the 2025–26 Lown Institute Hospitals Index. This places West Valley among the top acute care hospitals in the United States. The recognition highlights leadership in health equity, patient outcomes, and commitment to serving as an inclusive community partner.

West Valley Medical Center received straight “A” grades across nine key categories, earning top marks in the state of Idaho.

- Social Responsibility Grade: A**
- Health Equity Grade: A
 - Patient Outcomes Grade: A
 - Clinical Outcomes Grade: A
 - Patient Satisfaction Grade: A
 - Community Benefit Grade: A
 - Inclusivity Grade: A
 - Racial Inclusivity Grade: A

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- Social Responsibility
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- Patient Outcomes
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- Patient Satisfaction
- Inclusivity

“This recognition affirms our deep commitment to high-quality, equitable care for every member of our community,” said Isabella Chisholm, interim chief executive officer of West Valley Medical Center. “Our team shows up every

day not just to treat patients, but to improve lives. Being named one of the most socially responsible hospitals in the country, among other recognitions, is a direct reflection of our colleagues’ compassion and excellence.” The Lown Institute—an independent healthcare think tank—evaluated more than 3,600 hospitals and 300 health systems nationwide. The index is the only comprehensive measure that assesses hospitals on metrics beyond clinical care, including health equity, community benefit, inclusivity and value of care. With no application process or fees, the Index provides an unbiased look at how hospitals perform as stewards of community health.

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July 4th Parade Marshall Donna Shines and The Mentoring Network! Become a Mentor

by Leora Summers, Caldwell Perspective

The 4th of July's Parade Marshall this year was Donna Shines, Executive Director and CEO of The Mentoring Network. What a great community partner this nonprofit organization is to the children of our and other communities. The Mentoring Network has been around for many years and matches up volunteers with children who would benefit with this extra support in our schools.

The Mentoring Network matches up adult volunteers with at-risk children in grades 1-8 and continues through high school to meet with them once a week on school grounds during the school year. Attendance,

grades and behaviors show improvement in these students when they can count on someone that shows up and gives them some special attention. These relationships makes Donna Shines' heart smile. The Mentoring Network serves five rural Idaho school districts (Nampa, Caldwell, Parma, Homedale and Vallivue).

Interested parents and school officials fill out request forms for their children or students and go through a process to accept students into the program. Volunteers also go through a process which includes completing an application form, a background check, written referrals, inter-



view and training before being accepted as a mentor. Then as openings occur, mentors and students are matched up. Congratulations Donna and

to "The Mentoring Network" for a job well done! For more information and if you are interested in becoming a mentor, go to: <https://mentoringnetworkid.org/>



to apply. Click on "Become a Mentor." The application form is online.

City Council Prepares to Approve '25 -'26 Budget

by Toni Ferro, Caldwell Perspective

Caldwell's budget approval for the Oct '25 - Sept '26 fiscal year will happen at the August 18th City Council meeting. I sat down with the City's Finance Director and go-to budget wizard, Raelynn North, to get a high-level picture of how the City's budgeting process works and how Caldwell's citizens can learn more about the City's ~150 million dollar budget.

The budget process began way back in January as departments started identifying their needs for the 25-26 fiscal year. Departments turned in their initial budget proposals in March. At that time, Raelynn reviewed the City's health plan to identify needed changes and determined the possible wage increases for City workers.

During April and May, Raelynn and Mayor Wagoner met

with each department to talk through and prioritize their requests, discuss budget goals, needed reallocations, places to cut expenses, and more.

During late May and early June four budget workshops totaling 11.5 hours were held with the City Council. During the workshops, each department presented their proposed budget to the Council, who asked questions and discussed different budget options.

Now the budget is being adjusted due to Council feedback, other requests that have come in (think West Valley Humane Society), and anything else that has been missed to date. Raelynn is also working with the County and the State Tax Commission to understand the revenues that can be expected from property taxes and sales taxes.

The Budget Hearing, where the Council will approve the final budget will happen August 18th, 8 months after the budgeting process began. During the hearing Raelynn will present the final budget to the Council, highlighting what has changed since the budget workshops.

If you want to know more about the City's budget, Raelynn is dedicated to transparency and so has made a number of resources available to you.

Quarterly reports are available on the Finance department's website cityofcaldwell.org/Departments/Finance. If you want to know how much in revenues the water department budgeted for the 24-25 fiscal year (\$12.6 million) and what percentage of that they had collected at the end of Q3 (84%) then the quarterly reports are

for you. These reports are at the department level and go back to 2020.

If you want more detailed information, the line-item level "budget book" is also available on the Finance department's website. If you want to know how much the Caldwell Event Center budgeted for Custodial services in 24-25 (\$2600) the budget book is for you.

The 11.5 hours of budget workshops, where the departments presented their 2026 budgets to the Council, are available to watch on the City's YouTube channel at: <https://www.youtube.com/@cityofcaldwell178/streams>.

If you have questions, Raelynn says that you can reach out to her. However, she encourages people to reach out to their elected City Council



Raelynn North

Members. They are very knowledgeable about the budget and happy to talk with citizens who have questions.

Finally, if you want to get even more involved with the budget you can volunteer for the City's Audit Committee. You can learn more about the Audit Committee and apply to volunteer at the City's Boards and Commissions website: cityofcaldwell.org/Government/Boards-Commissions.

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West Valley Medical Expands Mental Health Services

West Valley Medical Center is proud to announce the launch of its Mental Health Intensive Outpatient Program (MHIOP), designed to provide adults in our community with critical mental health support in a flexible outpatient setting. This program offers a structured, therapeutic environment for individuals who need more than weekly therapy but do not require inpatient care.

The MHIOP includes group therapy sessions held three times a week, totaling nine hours, and is led by licensed mental health professionals. The program emphasizes healing through community and connection, with participants grouped by shared experiences and goals.

Key components of the MHIOP include:

- Individualized assessments and treatment planning
- Evidence-based group therapy
- Medication management
- Skills training for stress, mood, anger, and communication
- Support for self-awareness, self-esteem, and social skills
- Goal setting and life skills development

“This program fills a vital gap in mental health services in our area,” said Angie Merrell, Chief Nursing Officer of West Valley Medical Center. “There are so many individuals who are struggling with their mental health but don’t meet the threshold for inpatient care. The MHIOP provides a safe, therapeutic setting that helps them build resilience and move forward with their lives.”

Jen Gorder, Director of the Behavioral Health Unit, emphasized the strength and commitment of the team behind

the program: “Our clinicians are passionate about providing compassionate, evidence-based care. We’ve built a supportive environment that meets people where they are and helps them grow as individuals.”

In addition to the MHIOP, the hospital continues to serve the community through a medical detox program. This program is aimed at supporting individuals beginning their recovery from substance use who are also in need of medical care, and is part of West Valley’s broader mission to address the growing mental health and substance use needs in our community.

For more information about West Valley’s Mental Health services, visit our website.[https://www.westvalleymedical.org/behavioral-health](https://urldefense.com/v3/https://www.westvalleymedical.org/behavioral-health)

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WW-II B-25 bomber visits Caldwell

by Toni Ferro, Caldwell Perspective



Jerry Washburn and Mel Pepitone with the Maid in the Shade nose art.



Restored B-25 bomber that flew fifteen missions in WWII.



Visitors to the B-25 bomber that flew fifteen missions in WWII.

Caldwell citizens recently had the opportunity to experience a unique piece of history, one of only two flyable B-25 bombers that flew missions in WWII. The B-25, “Maid in the Shade,” is owned by the Mesa, Arizona unit of the Commemorative Air Force (CAF) and stopped at the Caldwell Executive Airport as part of its summer tour. I spoke with CAF volunteers Jerry Washburn and Mel Pepitone about the B-25 and the CAF.

The Maid in the Shade was built in 1944 and flew 15 missions over Yugoslavia and Italy in November and December of 1944. In January of 1945, the plane came back to the US and was used as a training plane until it was put into storage and eventually sold by the military in 1961. The plane was then used as a Fire Ant Sprayer in Alabama for several years, changing hands a few times, until it was finally donated to the CAF in 1981.

By then, the plane was highly corroded and needed to be rebuilt. Over many

years the CAF took on the project of restoring the plane, and by March of 2009, it flew again for the first time. Now the plane tours the country in the summer and the rest of the year is on display with the unit’s five other historic aircraft at the Arizona Commemorative Air Force Museum.

The CAF was started in 1969 by three WWII fighter pilots who were upset that many WWII planes were being chopped up or sold as scrap. They started buying WWII planes to preserve them and now the CAF has grown to 12,000 members in the US, with three units in Europe. The Mesa, Arizona unit is one of the largest at about 400 members. All of the work done to restore, maintain, and fly the planes as well as run their museum is done by volunteer members of the unit.

Many of the members are veterans, but Jerry says about half of their members, including himself, are not. He has been active in the group for about 25 years, because he “likes old WWII history and aviation.” He was a pilot for years and so it was a “natural fit.” He believes in the mission of the CAF, which is to honor the sacrifice of veterans and active service members as well as to “educate newer generations” and “build memories and experiences with the planes” by “selling rides

on the planes, letting people tour the planes, and being there to answer questions.”

One of the newest units of the CAF was started right here in Caldwell by pilot Ben Cook and his wife, who own a North American T-6, a WWII advanced training plane.

To learn more about the Commemorative Air Force visit their website at: commemorativeairforce.org.

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“Best Laid Plans”

by Leora Summers, Caldwell Perspective

What began as a trip to a cousin’s Celebration of Life turned into a spring break trip with our 10 year old granddaughter to the Oregon Coast. The original plan was to spend three nights in a hotel in Washougal, WA and come home. We planned to take our daughter, who lives in Vancouver, WA up to Des Moines, WA to go to a family member’s Celebration of Life. She wanted to go up and back on the same day, so the plan was to leave Caldwell on a Friday and come home that Sunday. Well, the daughter said, “Hey! It’s Gwen’s spring break that following Monday, so wouldn’t you like to take her somewhere?” Well that changed everything!

I had already made reservations for the hotel, but how could we say no to our granddaughter? I kept the hotel reservation to see if I could make reservations at the RV park that we liked in Pacific City, OR. I got that done

and then hubby Sam pulled the RV onto our driveway to check out all the systems before the trip.

Well, good thing! The slide-out for the bedroom remained silent and didn’t budge an inch, so now to get it to the RV repair shop to see if we could get this fixed in time. I kept the hotel reservations until I could see how that panned out. Luckily it was fixed in time, so I canceled the hotel and off we went.

The trip went well on the coast with the granddaughter and after whale watching, swimming in the RV Resort pool, feeding the bunnies and other fun things, we hooked up the Jeep and back to Vancouver, WA we went. We got the Jeep disconnected and got the RV all parked fine and dandy in the Vancouver Elks RV spot. We then loaded up the Jeep with Gwen’s things to take her back to her house.

As we pulled out of parking lot, a weird sound came

from the Jeep that I had never heard before, but we continued and entered the freeway towards Gwen’s house. Suddenly there was a funny smell and the engine cut out. We were in the far left lane of a two-lane southbound road and Sam had to cut across the right lane to get to the emergency pull-out on that side of the road. There was a lot of honking as we coasted our way over, hoping not to get hit with the granddaughter in the car. We sat a second or two and he tried the ignition and the Jeep fired up. He reentered the highway, but stayed in that right-hand lane just in case. Very shortly after, the electrical panel went out and the Jeep once again died, but at least we were by the emergency pull-out lane.

We called our son-in-law and he was just 10 minutes away, traveling in our direction on that same highway. We sent Gwen home with him and got a tow truck to tow us back to the Elks. We knew if we could get it to the Elks, we could tow it home with the RV. This was a Friday. We knew we would have to leave

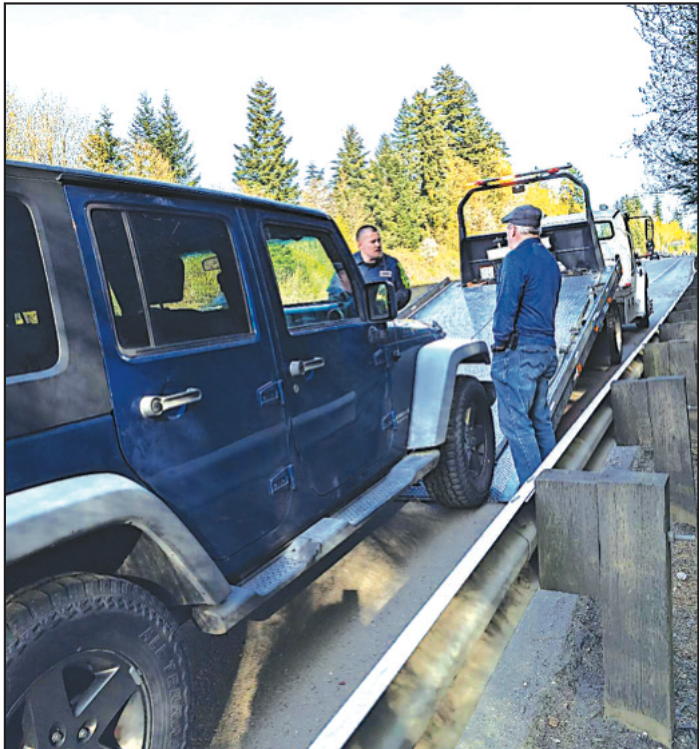


photo by Leora Summers

Summers’ Jeep being loaded onto the tow truck!

the next day because the Elks rent their building out to a church for Sunday services and we wouldn’t have room to hook up the Jeep on a Sunday.

So we counted our lucky stars that this all happened at the end of the trip. We were able to safely tow it home. At home, Sam charged the bat-

tery and it charged up enough to get it to a shop. We thought it was just the alternator, so maybe \$500, but alas, it had also blown the electrical panel. But after all was said and done, we had a great vacation with Gwen and made it home safely. Isn’t that what it is all about anyway?

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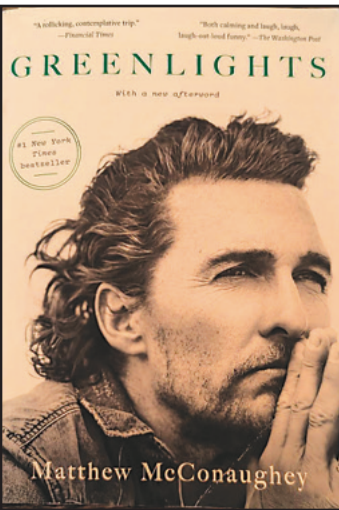
BOOK REVIEW: “GREENLIGHTS” by Matthew McConaughey
reviewed by Leora Summers

This book was so much fun to read. Someone told me about it and about the experience Matthew had as a Rotary Exchange Student in Australia. I knew then that I had to read it. That was only one of the experiences that took him to where he is today in his life. *Green Lights* refers to

experiences he had that took him in different directions in his life.

He wasn’t always an actor. There were many side trips along the way. As I read about them I laughed out loud and some I read with shock and amazement! He took trips in a souped-up van all over the place, eventually bought an Airstream trailer and even lived in a trailer park for a short time. He once took a trip to Africa and lied to the natives about what he did for a living. He told them that he was a writer and a boxer. He was in excellent shape at the time and very muscular. They did not recognize him. He was challenged by one of the champion wrestlers of the village. What a match that was! You will have to read the book to find out what happened.

The many stories about experiences in his life brought



great insight into the man he is today. This book was thoroughly enjoyable and if you need something fun to read, I highly recommend reading this one. It is also available in an audio-book which is also fun to listen to, as McConaughey does his own reading with that great southern dialect of his!

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Caldwell Honored as a JustServe City

by Jamie Wilson



For Memorial Day, volunteers set up flags along cemetery pathways and on Veterans' graves..

Did you know that Caldwell has been honored as a JustServe City? JustServe believes in spreading hope, goodness, and unity through the vital role of volunteerism. With motivated individuals and communities, we can build united and harmonious societies.

The JustServe City program, in conjunction with the free JustServe volunteer platform, links individuals from every walk of life with local service projects. Through this program, we strive to partner with and recognize cities for their efforts. Caldwell is one of 78 cities in the US with this honor. You as volunteers highlight the city's commitment to community involvement, recognizing valuable service organizations, and encouraging citizens to contribute to the city's wellbeing through volunteering and civic engagement. Well done Caldwell volunteers and all those who serve within these organizations that help

our vulnerable citizens! Here are two wonderful stories of service from our city.

The Safari Squad - In June, 8 volunteers and a mom & daughter from Nyssa and girls from Caldwell High School, joined in helping to set up the Safari Squad Early Learning classrooms for preschoolers.

Chasity Martin, owner and director of Safari Squad Early Learning gave a big thank you to JustServe for helping to find volunteers. "Thank you so very much for enlisting the help for Safari Squad! The volunteers were able to move items from room to room sorting and organizing it all. From cleaning supplies and the entire art room. They did a fabulous job!"

Honoring Heroes - On Memorial Day, JustServe volunteers came together to honor the brave men and women who served in the Armed Forces by participating in a heartfelt service project at two local ceme-

teries — Canyon Hill in Caldwell and Greenleaf Cemetery in Greenleaf, Idaho.

Volunteers set up American flags at every veteran's gravesite, as well as along the pathways leading into each cemetery. But the true highlight came after Memorial Day, when an astounding 80 volunteers arrived to help retrieve the flags. Their overwhelming response transformed what could have been a long and laborious task into a smooth and uplifting experience.

"All of a sudden on Tuesday, a whole bunch of people showed up to help. It was great!" said Scott Ray, co-chairman of the Caldwell Veterans Council. Their service is a meaningful reminder of the freedoms we enjoy — and the sacrifices made to preserve them.

Here are just a few events and projects that are happening right here in our city during the month of August. Check out JustServe.org for details.

"6th Annual Caldwell Community Baby Shower" on August 7th at the Caldwell Train Depot - Help the littlest ones in our community. Look for more details including online donations through Amazon.

FREE Caldwell Community Clothing Exchange - Donate clean, stain free and pre-sorted by gender and size used clothing. Drop off at City Hall Mon-Thurs July 28th-31st, 8am-5pm. Donations are welcome, but not required to receive free clothing on August 2nd from 9am to

noon at 4509 S Montana Ave.

Volunteer to help at the 9th Annual Caldwell Veterans Council Clay Shooting Competition Event - Sept. 13th.

The Caldwell Community Fridge - Help to stock this fridge with 100-200 "grab & go" sack lunches a week! The policy at the fridge is: Take what you need. Leave what you can. Located inside Flying M Coffee in Caldwell.

Be a Spanish Interpreter for

Genesis Community Health - Help patients navigate language and cultural differences both in-person during clinic hours and over-the-phone.

Next Month is 9/11 National Day of Service - Take back the day by turning the anniversary of September 11th into a day of doing good. LOOK for some great ideas on JustServe.org and more ideas in next month's Perspective.

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Caldwell Centennial Band August Concerts

by Leora Summerra Caldwell Perspective



Jeannie Marie, our esteemed vocalist, singing during a past band concert.

We have played three of our five free concerts in Memorial Park so far and have had amazing audiences and great music for all. There are only two more summer concerts left before we close our summer season.

On August 4th, concert goers will enjoy some selections from Mary Poppins, Annie, some fun music from Henry Mancini and Glen Miller, some

marches and some beautiful music that celebrates America and others.

During our August 18th concert there will be some music from "The King and I" musical, a little swing music by Benny Goodman, and the tune "Salute to Bob Hope among others for all to enjoy. Remember Bob Hope? And as always some wonderful vocals by Jeannie Marie.

All concerts begin at 7:30 p.m. and are played in Memorial Park (619 Irving St., Caldwell). There are a lot of shady places to sit under the trees to listen to the music. The concerts are FREE and there is music for all to enjoy! Be sure to bring your chairs and your families and friends.

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LOCAL DIRT

by Pat King



Welcome to the middle of summer. I wonder why I never got this mild of a summer when I was out working in it every day. This is a type of summer I enjoy working in. Highs not quite a hundred and the lows, almost every single night, is in the low 60s. Someone posted a question that I just received, but because of the short notice

and the earlier call for my column, I will just briefly give my thoughts of what I've seen over my 40+ years in the green industry. Mind you, this is just my observation, not a conclusive answer to the question. I plan to research this matter for my next column in September.

A reader wrote in after they noticed my temporary writer's block. Although it was more of a very very busy month of work on the farm with my main job and then my part-time fun job, while trying to have some fun myself, that I hadn't given any thought to my column.

The reader asked about the loss of some trees on his property, a couple of cherry trees, a maple and possibly soon a plum tree. The reader didn't mention their living circumstances like country, rural small spread out neighbor-

hood or compact city subdivision living. And maybe the reader will write in again to give more details on approximate living conditions and surrounding areas.

As someone who maintained many subdivisions in many differing locations and estates like mine, where my closet neighbor is about a quarter mile away and downwind of me, these differing scenarios each have their own challenges to health and well-being of plant life. Also is this a newer development or a long established one? Or an old one that was recently encroached on by new development?

Because of the rapid growth of this area, things are experiencing pressure from

the speed in which it is happening. These play a role in the spread of diseases and pest because most plants are grown somewhere else and imported. These come with non-native soils that could have bacteria in the soil that may thrive in our heat or the fact that we had a very mild winter and not the deeper cold that could kill a lot of soil borne diseases. Also the tightness of housing and the desire for privacy hedges or trees, sound barriers or simply to add ambiance to your backyard can cause other issues.

I recently had to tell a friend who had some nice mature trees in his backyard that the damage and the poor pruning of the trees were unrecover-

able and it would be cheaper at this point to take them down and start fresh with trees better suited for the area. But really, there are so many trees in other's yards, so why bother?

Trees, just like roses, need adequate spacing for air flow, sunshine, root growth and lower disease pressures. When everything is so tight, nothing grows properly because of the lack or competition for nutrients and all the other elements that I mentioned before. So if the dear reader will give me a little more information on their situation as soon as possible, I could probably give them more help. But I will talk on soil reconditioning and tree management next month.

Until next time Pat.

SOUTHWEST IDAHO BIRDERS ASSOCIATION

by JC Clancy

When it comes to mid-summer birds around here, the littlest things are the big thing! Black-chinned Hummingbirds hit their peak, buzzing around backyard feeders and flowers. Rufous hummers, already coming down from the mountains and needing to fatten up for their long trip south, get pretty aggressive about guarding a favorite feeder. Tiny birds most often seen in small glimpses may now be watched for a whole minute as they move around the red salvia trying to sip from every single blossom. Other

favorite fuel stations include Agastache, bee balm, honeysuckle and other "hummingbird" vines.

Much larger birds will be spotlighted at SIBA's August meeting as speaker Terry Rich discusses "The Corvids of Idaho." Calling them "one of the most fascinating families of birds on earth," he adds, "They are intelligent and social and are deeply woven into the superstitions and folklore of countless cultures."

He will touch on features of the family as a whole and then look at the nine species that can typically be found in Idaho, including the Steller's jay pictured here and other jays. Often seen and heard locally are Black-billed Magpies, American Crows and Common Ravens.

Terry is known to many for his weekly column on birds for the Idaho Press. He leads field trips, and gives programs on birds around Boise and beyond. He is an Honorary Life-time Member of the American Ornithological Society. He and his wife, three kids, and seven grandkids all live in the Boise area.

Terry has a BS in Wildlife Ecology from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and an MS in Zoology from Idaho State University. He worked for the U.S. Bureau of Land Management for 20 years and the U.S. Fish and



Wildlife Service for 15 years.

The in-person meeting will be at 7 p.m. on August 14 at the Deer Flat NWR Visitor Center. It can also be seen by Zoom. For the link, go to: sibainfo@gmail.com. The next field trip, on Aug. 23, will be a bit farther afield than usual as the group heads for Duck Valley near the Nevada border. For more information about the trip and for the required registration, email trip leader Cheryl Huizinga at: bchuizinga@gmail.com.

The many ponds and marshes on the reservation provide views of many wading birds and waterfowl including Snowy Egrets as well as Great Egrets, Marbled Godwits, White-faced Ibis, and various gulls and terns. Sage steppe species may include Sage Thrashers and Greater Sage Grouse.

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Late summer usually makes fishing tougher. Sometimes in late summer, events can unfold that will

put a smile on any angler's face. In the late eighties, fishing in Owyhee Reservoir, the bite was sensational, all due to the robust explosion of red-legged grasshoppers. Red-legs are not great flyers, only making 30 to 40 feet on a good day. As poor as they are at flying, they are even less proficient at swimming, and many found themselves swimming for their very lives.

When a surplus food supply presents itself, predators are not far behind, in this case, mostly largemouth bass. Our spinner baits blurring across the surface, brought strike after strike, a most memorable

Dave's Big Backyard

day on Owyhee Reservoir. Carp also got in on the banquet, slurping behind hapless red-legs and eventually sucking them in. Unfortunately, there was nary a fly rod in the boat. Hooking a carp on a fly rod would surely have been a hoot. Carp are considered non-game species, but anyone that's hooked one can attest to their fighting ability. Another similar event took place on the South Fork of the Boise in the early 1990s. Rick Wakefield and I were casting blue-winged olives (a small mayfly) when the breeze picked up. Large terrestrials were being forced

down into the river so we switched from casting #16s and #18s to #10 and #12 hopper patterns. Our fortunes changed. I fished C.J. Strike mid-July with Bill Graves. We thought we might catch a few crappies or maybe a perch or two, but not one perch or crappie. However we did catch some nice smallmouth bass. Bill was using a baby brush Hawg rigged wacky on a drop shot. I was rigged Carolina with same brush Hawg fishing in about 20 feet of water. Bill did better with the drop shot rig. Later in July, I fished An-

person Ranch, good for Kokanee, pulling gold blades and a green Kokabow spinner tipped with Berkely mag-gots. The upper end of Brownlee has a huge algae bloom. Owyhee fishing is good for bass and small crappie. Oh, and C. J. Strike has no length limit on bass, one over 16 inches. Archery hunting for antelope opens this month. Doves and forest grouse are on the horizon. Scouting always leads to a more productive hunt. Get out there summer soon to make a memory.

by Dave McCormick

Canyon County Public Survey on Land Divisions

Canyon County Development Services Department (DSD) is requesting the public's feedback on administrative land division. As of right now, administrative land divisions in Canyon County are reviewed by county staff and do not require a public hearing, unlike subdivisions, which typically undergo a more formal public review process. In the Agricultural ("A") Zone, specific requirements apply when dividing land. Each newly created parcel must be at least one

acre in size. A property may be divided into up to four residential parcels from the original tract (depending on the size of the parcel). However, properties smaller than 120 acres may be limited to fewer divisions. In certain cases—such as when the land is not viable for agriculture or when building permits are being transferred from another property—smaller parcels may still qualify for further divisions. "We are hoping to update the ordinance to make to

make them clearer and more effective for our community," says Jay Gibbons, Canyon County Development Services Director. "We want to hear from you—landowners, farmers, developers, and residents—about how these regulations impact you and whether improvements are needed." This survey gives you a chance to share your thoughts on how land divisions are managed in the Agricultural ("A") and other zones. Your feedback will

help shape future updates to Canyon County's land division policies. We appreciate your time and input. Your responses will help us strike a balance between growth, property rights, agricultural preservation, and community needs. The survey should take about 10 minutes to complete. Note, DSD will also be hosting a Public Open House on Thursday, August 14, 2025, at the Canyon County Administration Build-

ing (111 N. 11th Ave.) from 4-6:30 pm! Link to survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/canyoncountylanddivision> Link to Information Website: <https://www.canyon-county.id.gov/electedofficials/commissioners/development-services/land-divisions/###> For more information, please contact Aaron Williams at (208) 614-5011 or email zoninginfo@canyon-county.id.gov

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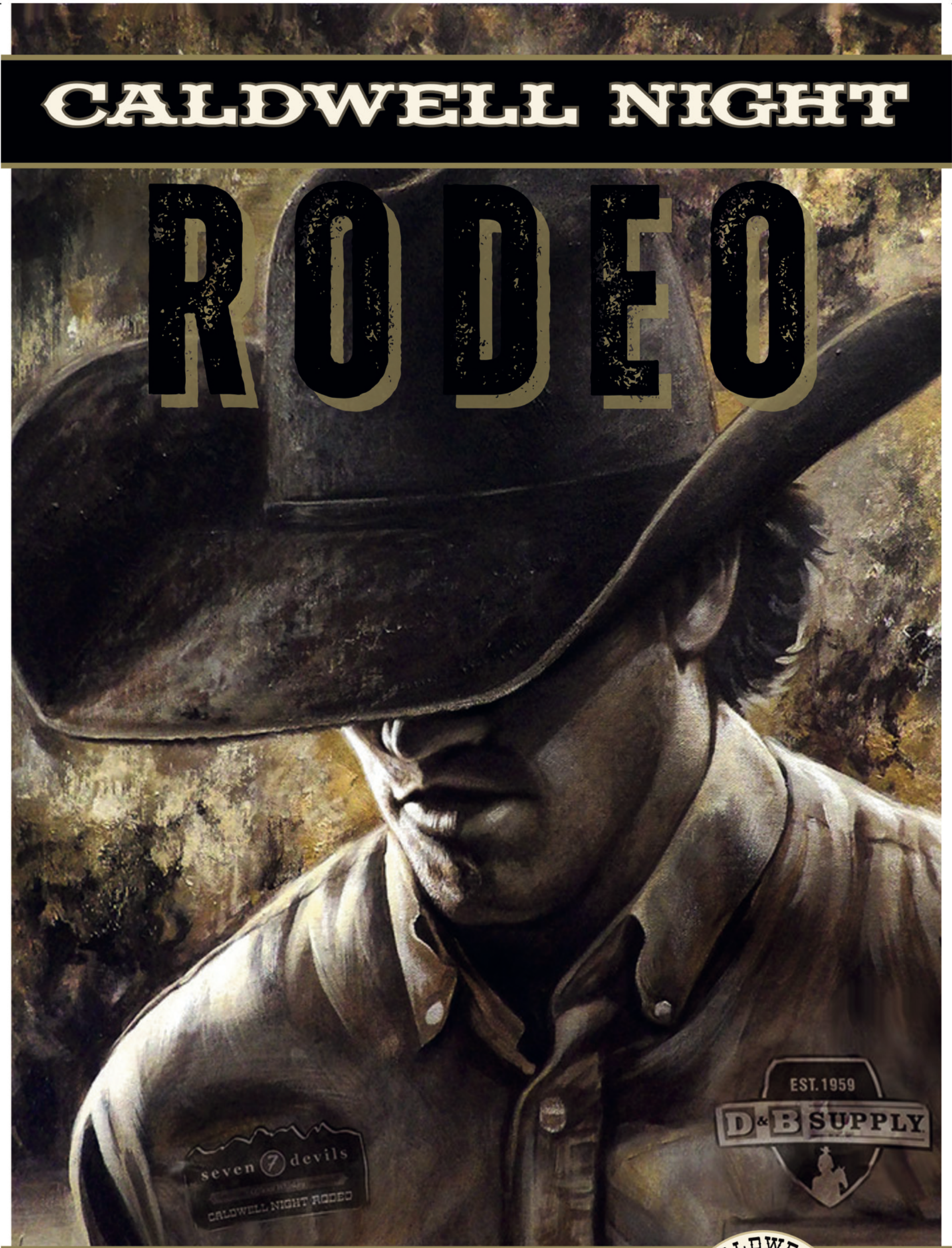
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