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College signers L to R: Zaid Arguello, Sara McLaughlin, Tamar Callendar, Addiley Sherman, Draven Johns, Julian Flores, and Eric Kammerman; not pictured: Trenton Snodgrass

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CHS Athletes Sign with Colleges Around the Country

by Toni Ferro, Caldwell Perspective

On May 7th, Caldwell High School celebrated eight graduating athletes as they signed with colleges located around the country. During the ceremony, coaches spoke about each athlete's hard work and dedication as family and friends cheered from the bleachers.

Draven Johns, 6A Idaho State Wrestling Champion (132), signed with St. Cloud State University in Minnesota, an NCAA Division II school that has won five national championships in the last ten years. While at CHS Draven broke the school records for season and career wins, placed at state all four years, and was a USA Wrestling All-American. He also excelled academically and graduated in the top ten in his class. Draven chose SCSU "because the wrestling program is great and the people there are even better, they are super welcoming."

Tamar Callendar and Addiley Sherman signed with colleges to play volleyball. Tamar signed with Olive-Harvey College in Chicago saying that she is "excited to see the world" and that "I know I'll always have my home here in Caldwell". Tamar is graduating with honors and with an advanced diploma. Addiley signed with the College of Idaho and also excelled academically at CHS, graduating in the top ten in her class and with an advanced diploma.

Sara McLaughlin and Trenton Snodgrass signed with colleges for cheerleading. Sara will be attending the College of Idaho. She says she is looking forward to it, because she will be close to home and there are a lot of academic options she likes there. Trenton will be cheering

for the College of Southern Idaho where he was recruited because he is a male "flyer" (think high-up flips and twists) and is the only full-time male flyer Caldwell has ever had.

Julian Flores and Eric Kammerman will both be playing baseball for the College of the Redwoods in Northern California. Julian was the outfield captain at CHS and according to his coach, "made awesome hits". His coach noted that Julian is such a hard worker he sometimes had to be told "practice is over and it's time to go home." Eric's coach said he's seen lots of talented players over the years, but Eric's work ethic and drive to constantly improve are what impressed him the most.

Zaid Arguello will be playing soccer at Walla Walla Community College in Washington. Zaid has been an important part of the CHS soccer program, winning three district championships and a state championship during his years at CHS.

These signings are important milestones for students as well as their parents. Sara McLaughlin's mother said "these kids are amazing and watching them succeed and build a community has been awesome." Sara's dad joked that even though Sara will just be down the road at C of I "we're going to cry".

Draven John's mom, Amber, says "he's put in a ton of work and it's his time to shine." Caldwell has been great for Draven she says, "Nothing is out of reach at Caldwell, Caldwell is doing some amazing things, not only in Wrestling, but in Volleyball and Baseball - you can see it through



Draven Johns with family, friends, and coaches

all the sports, there's some amazing things happening." She has also appreciated the community support here in Caldwell, "The community stands behind the kids through fundraisers, which is how we can get our mats and our equipment and our scoreboards, we can't do it without them."

For Amber, Draven's graduation means a transition because she's been a "big part of the wrestling program on the sidelines." She won't be stepping back completely though as she is going to support other students as their "team mom" next year.

Congratulations to all of these student athletes and families.

CHS Spring Sports Wrap-up

by Toni Ferro, Caldwell Perspective

Caldwell High School wrapped up the 2025 seasons of Track, Softball, Baseball, and Tennis during May.

CHS Track boasts the school's only trip to state for spring season sports - junior Emilee Suarez competed at 6A State in shot put and discus coming in 10th and 11th respectively. At the District meet, senior Ricardo Suarez posted a personal best (PB) in the 400m, juniors Fernando Garza and Aiden Rudan posted PBs in Javelin, senior Naveah Jasso posted PBs in both the 1600m and the 3200m, and sophomore Anya Dransfield posted a PB in discus. Other

graduating seniors are Cody Call, Josiah Gonzalez, Noe Banos, Delilah Tellez-Castro, Tomasita Garza-Sierra, and Meli Vázquez-Robles. Other varsity track athletes are Cammus Book (jr), Amadeo Roldan (jr), Zion Perrault (jr), Raymon Castillo-Lopez (jr), Jonathan Banos (jr), Yandel Ortega (soph), Sawyer Hope-Audet (jr), and Audrey Kelly-Uscola (soph).

CHS Softball had a new head coach this year, Anissa Godina, a standout softball player in her own right during her years at CHS. This year, the team is young (fewer than half are graduating se-

niors) and didn't have a winning season, but they chalked up solid wins against Borah, Sandpoint, Vallivue, Payette, and Columbia. A highlight for this season is that six players were named all-conference honorable mentions including two freshman (!) and three sophomores: pitcher and infielder Bristol Runnels (soph), catcher Ruby Balderaz (soph), first baseman Payton Garcia (sr), infielder Payton Jarboe (fresh), outfielder Rylie Felton (soph), and utility player Kloe Fogle (fresh). Other graduating seniors are Amryn Barbosa, Nevaeh Ferrer, Lili-ana Hernandez, and Jocelyn

Nunez. Other varsity softball players included Olivia Godina (jr), Khloe Arce (fresh), and Makayla Torres (soph).

CHS Baseball also had a tough year and are graduating a whopping nine seniors. An impressive stat to come out of CHS Baseball is that two seniors, Julian Flores and Eric Kammerman, have signed to play baseball for the College of the Redwoods in Northern California. They also had two players named all-conference second team: first baseman Owen Moss (sr) and designated hitter Cody Felton (sr). They also had four additional players named all-conference



Emilee Suarez, State Track

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June 5
10:30 AM: Preschool Storytime (ages 3-5), Caldwell Library, 1010 Dearborn.
11:30 AM: Music & Movement: Toddlers at the Disco, Caldwell Library, 1010 Dearborn.
4:30 PM: Teen Thursday: Snack Sized Science Exploring Light and Color, Caldwell Library, 1010 Dearborn.

June 6
10 AM: Tai Chi (ages 18+), Caldwell Library, 1010 Dearborn.
10 AM: Plaza Storytime-Rainbows, Indian Creek Plaza.

June 7
10 A M-1 PM: Family Fun Day! Serenity Park, 1100 Dearborn Street, Caldwell. Lots of fun games, activities and prizes. Free and open to the public!
2-3 PM: Art Together: Family Saturday – Colors of You: Self Portraits, Caldwell Library, 1010 Dearborn.

June 9
10:30 AM: Baby Storytime (ages 0-1), Caldwell Library, 1010 Dearborn.
11 AM: Baby Storytime 2 (ages 1-2), Caldwell Library, 1010 Dearborn.
1-2:30 PM: Knitting and Crochet Social (ages 18+), Caldwell Library, 1010 Dearborn.

June 10
10:30 AM: Spanish and English Storytime (ages 2-6), Caldwell Library, 1010 Dearborn.
4:30-5:30 PM: Lego Club: Create Your World (ages 7-16), Caldwell Library, 1010 Dearborn.

June 11
10 AM-12 PM: Tech Lab (18+), Caldwell Library, 1010 Dearborn.
11 AM: Summer Reading Special-A Plant's Way Home (all ages), Caldwell Library, 1010 Dearborn.
6:30-8 PM: Spring Migrating Birds (18+), Caldwell Library, 1010 Dearborn.

June 12
10:30 AM: Preschool Storytime (ages 3-5), Caldwell Library, 1010 Dearborn.

JUNE 12 (CONTINUED)
11:30 AM: Music & Movement, (ages 2-6), Caldwell Library, 1010 Dearborn.
2 PM: Thursday Read Book Club: "1984" by George Orwell (ages 18+), Caldwell Library, 1010 Dearborn.
4:30 PM: Teen Thursday: Outdoor Game Night (ages 13-17), Caldwell Library, 1010 Dearborn.
4:30-6:30 PM: Farmway After School Program (all ages), 22730 Farmway Rd,
7-8 PM: Gardening: Ask a Master Gardener (ages 18+), Caldwell Library, 1010 Dearborn.

June 13
10 AM: Tai Chi & Qigong (ages 18+), Caldwell Library, 1010 Dearborn.
10:30 AM: Plaza Storytime-Flowers and Gardens (all ages), Indian Creek Plaza.
4:30-5:30 PM: Adult Lego Club (ages 16+), Caldwell Library, 1010 Dearborn.

June 14
11 AM: Dads and Doughnuts (all ages), Serenity Park.

June 16
10:30 AM: Baby Storytime I (ages 0-1), Caldwell Library, 1010 Dearborn.
11 AM: Babystorytime 2 (ages 1-2), Caldwell Library, 1010 Dearborn.

June 17
6-7 PM: Summer Reading Evening Special-Caldwell Fire Dept (all ages), Serenity Park

June 18
10:30 AM: Spanish and English Storytime (ages 2-6) Caldwell Library, 1010 Dearborn.
4:45-5:45 PM: Read to a Therapy Dog (ages 7-14), Caldwell Library, 1010 Dearborn.

June 18
11 AM: Summer Reading Special-Meet Ballet Folklorico (all ages) Caldwell Library, 1010 Dearborn.

June 20
10 AM: Tai Chi & Qigong (ages 18+), Caldwell Library, 1010 Dearborn.

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JUNE 20 (CONTINUED)
10:30 AM: PLAZA Storytime: Colorful Cultures (all ages), Caldwell Library, 1010 Dearborn.

June 21
10:30 AM: Stories and Crafts: The Colorful World of Eric Carle (all ages), Caldwell Library, 1010 Dearborn.

June 23
10:30 AM: Babystorytime 1 (ages 0-1), Caldwell Library, 1010 Dearborn.
11 AM: Baby Storytime 2 (ages 1-2), Caldwell Library, 1010 Dearborn.
7 PM: Caldwell Centennial Band Concert, Caldwell Memorial Park. Bring your friends and a chair! See you there! "Music Makes the World Go Round!"

June 24
10:30 AM: Spanish and English Storytime (ages 2-6), Caldwell Library, 1010 Dearborn.

June 25
11 AM: Summer Reading Special-Mindful Movement: Family Yoga with Gina Ramirez, Serenity Park.

June 26
10:30 AM: Preschool Storytime (ages 3-5), Caldwell Library, 1010 Dearborn.
11:30 AM: Music & Movement (ages 2-6), Caldwell Library, 1010 Dearborn.
4:30 PM: Teen Thursday: Collaborative Mural, Caldwell Library, 1010 Dearborn.
6:30 PM: Thursday Read Book Club: "1984" by George Orwell (ages 18+), Caldwell Library, 1010 Dearborn.

June 27
10 AM: Tai Chi & Qiong (ages 18+), Caldwell Library, 1010 Dearborn.
10:30 AM: Plaza Storytime: Emotions (all ages), Indian Creek Plaza
3-4 PM: Ping Pong Club (all ages), Caldwell Library, 1010 Dearborn.

June 30
American Red Cross Blood Drive-- Caldwell Church of Christ, 4012 S. 10th Ave, Caldwell. To Register, Call Andrea at (503)260-3065 or register online at Red-Cross.org.
10:30 AM: Baby Storytime 1 (ages 0-1), Caldwell Library, 1010 Dearborn.
11 AM: Baby Storytime 2 (ages 1-2), Caldwell Library, 1010 Dearborn.

1-2:30 PM: Knitting and Crochet social (ages 18+), Caldwell Library, 1010 Dearborn.
6-7 PM: Summer Reading Evening Special: Boise Chordsmen Chorus, Indian Creek Plaza.



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The Pool is Back and Better than Ever!

by Tony Ferro, Caldwell Perspective



The Caldwell pool's new bathhouse



The new and improved Caldwell Memorial Pool



Swimmers enjoying the pool at the May 23rd reopening

On May 23rd, Mayor Wag-
oner and dozens of other citi-
zens cooled off in Caldwell's
new and improved Caldwell
Memorial Pool during the
official pool reopening cer-
emony. The pool closed in
2021 due to electrical prob-
lems. During the repairs,
other issues were discov-
ered including a significant
water leak under the deep
end. As the issues mounted,
the project ran out of budget
and had to be postponed.
At long last, the pool is back
open and better than ever.
As part of the reopening
ceremony, citizens were in-
vited to tour the bathhouse
before the pool officially
opened for the first splash in.
I walked around with a small
crew of ex-lifeguards. Some
of the updates we noticed in-
clude all new gutters around
the pool, four guard stands
instead of three, a new rope
swing in the deep end, bet-
ter stair access into the baby
pool, bathrooms that face
the pool (no need to go all
the way into the locker room
anymore), air conditioning
in the new bathhouse, and
much much more. Lap swim
and swim lessons are also
back.

Learn more at the City's
Parks and Recreation page:
[www.cityofcaldwell.org/De-
partments/Parks-Recreation](http://www.cityofcaldwell.org/Departments/Parks-Recreation)

Caldwell Police Explorer Program Launch
Informational Meeting & Applications

The Caldwell Police Depart-
ment is proud to announce the
launch of the Caldwell Police
Explorer Program, a commu-
nity service and career-oriented
initiative designed for youth in-
terested in pursuing a career in
law enforcement.
The program aims to provide
meaningful mentorship, educa-
tion, and hands-on experience
to young individuals aged 14 to
20 who have completed at least
the 8th grade. The inaugural
Explorer Academy Boot Camp
will be held July 28 – August 6,
2025, and will offer participants
a foundational introduction to
the world of policing through
physical training, law enforce-
ment education, ride-alongs,
and community service.
An informational meeting for
interested youth and their par-
ents will be held on Tuesday,
June 17, at 6:30 p.m. at the
Caldwell Police Department.
Attendance is encouraged for
those wanting to learn more
about program expectations
and opportunities. Applicants
must maintain a minimum
2.0 GPA and pass a criminal
background check. Activities
will include monthly planning
meetings, physical fitness, par-
ticipation in public events, and
mentorship from Caldwell Po-
lice officers.
“The Explorer Program gives
us the chance to connect with
youth who are truly motivat-
ed to serve and protect their
community,” said Chief Rex
Ingram. “It’s about building a
pipeline of future leaders and
showing them firsthand what
it means to wear the badge
with integrity and purpose.”
Applications and inquiries may
be submitted starting after the
informational meeting on June
17 to [CPDEXplorerPost1903@
cityofcaldwell.org](mailto:CPDEXplorerPost1903@cityofcaldwell.org). Space is
limited, and early application is
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CPD Hosted Western States Mounted Officers Association Basic Mounted Patrol Course

CPD Press Release

The Caldwell Police Department is proud to announce that its Mounted Unit hosted the Western States Mounted Officers Association (WSMOA) Basic Mounted Patrol Course for the first time in department history.

This milestone training event took place May 19-23 and brought mounted officers from several departments to Caldwell for a week of foundational instruction, skill development, and partnership building.

Participating agencies included: Ada County Sheriff's Office; Meridian Police Department; Bureau of Land Management; and Valley County Sheriff's Office. The Basic Mounted Patrol Course is designed to provide critical training in equine handling, officer safety, and patrol readiness. Participants gained hands-on experience through a structured day of instruction and practical exercises focused on developing safe, skilled, and effective mounted officers.

"Community policing thrives on visibility, approachability, and the ability to stand together - whether in bustling crowds but also in times of need, such as funerals," said Lieutenant John Tucker of the Caldwell Police Department. "This course empowers agencies to train side by side, fostering the foundations and shared language that will strengthen future joint efforts. We're honored to have brought this level of training to Caldwell and to have hosted our fellow officers from across the region."

The course was held behind the O'Connor Fieldhouse in the covered area of the Canyon County Fairgrounds and



Photo: CPD Mounted Patrol Officers: Corporal Wanous on Lonnie, Detective Salinas on Chrome, Chief Ingram on Drago, Sergeant Crupper on Dot and Officer Resendez on Einstein

its indoor arena. The Caldwell Police Mounted Unit has been a growing presence in community outreach and public safety

efforts, and this event highlighted the department's investment in enhancing both officer and equine readiness.

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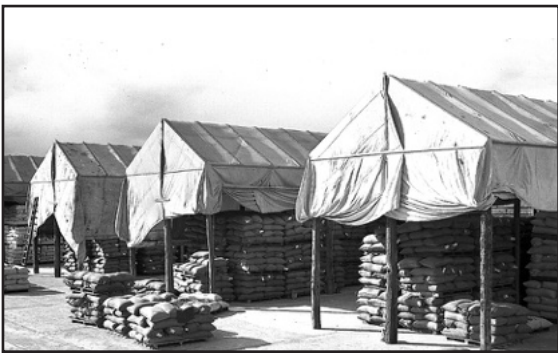
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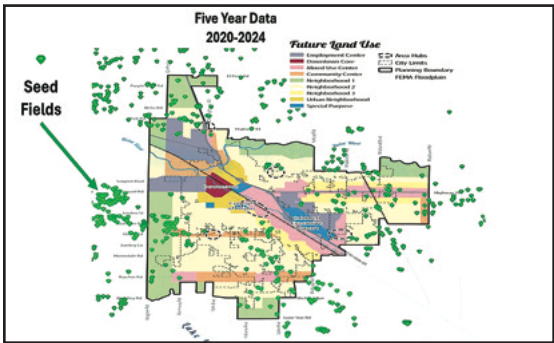
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City Council hears Startling Presentation about Ag Land

by Toni Ferro, Caldwell Perspective



Crookham Company in the last years of WWII when the US government was directing shipments for the US and Europe for rebuilding



Seed field locations from only 3 of the county's 20 seed companies overlaid on the City's Future Land Use Map

George Crookham of Crookham Company gave a presentation to the City Council on May 5th on behalf of "Growing Together." Growing Together is a non-profit organization focused on helping municipalities in Canyon County make good economic decisions about land use.

Crookham's presentation describes Canyon County's unique traits that have made it an important global seed production area. Canyon County is a rare high desert with ample water, which means growers have fewer problems with disease and insects than other areas. And Canyon County has a wide variety of field sizes, soil types, and slopes that make it possible to grow a diverse array of seeds. The area sells hundreds of varieties of seeds to over 100 countries around the world. Companies in the county ship seeds to every continent except Antarctica. Crookham argues that Canyon County is the Silicon Valley of seed production.

Seed production is especially beneficial to the community because it is a highly local industry. The raw materials seed growers use are sourced locally and the product they sell is grown and processed here. Seed growing results in good

research and manufacturing jobs here in Canyon County and local workers contribute to the economy by buying goods and services. Seed production also is more recession resistant than other economies, and can carry a community through economic downturns. Smaller family farms can thrive as seed crops bring in good returns for them, and family farms have defined Caldwell and the surrounding area for over 150 years.

Seed production brings out-of-state money to Idaho that is then spent in Idaho's economy. Only 5% of the seed grown here is sold in Idaho and 40% of it is sold internationally. Idaho Ag has historically been important for national and international security as Canyon County holds some of the largest seed banks in the world.

In a nutshell, Canyon County is uniquely situated for excellent seed production and our seed production is great for our economy.

Cue the thunder... because our seed industry is under threat. Canyon County is losing 2000 acres of irrigated agricultural land each year.

In the presentation, Crookham reviews map of the seed growing fields used by 3 of the county's 20 seed com-

panies in the last 5 years. The map shows hundreds of small acreage seed fields located in areas Caldwell has zoned for neighborhoods, mixed use areas, community centers, and commercial areas.

Small, isolated farms are best for seed growing because they make it easier for the farmers to control cross-contamination from bees or wind that can ruin a seed crop. Crookham explains that farmers can't "farm between the cracks" because residential gardens can easily cross-contaminate seed crops and residents can get frustrated when farm equipment moves too slowly on the roads.

Crookham adds that things are made worse because new residential areas cause an increasing burden on municipal services. In 1997, for every dollar paid to the county by residential sources, those residences consumed \$1.08 worth of services. By 2017 that number had jumped to \$1.40. And this trend is continuing. At the same time ag land, that helps cover the cost of services to residential areas, is disappearing.

Crookham concludes his presentation by showing a clip of a video from Urban3, a company that provides cost of service analysis to municipalities to help them make decisions and plan their growth. Crookham says that Growing Together would like to see the City work with Urban3 to provide data and analysis to help them make informed decisions regarding land use.

Watch Crookham's presentation on the City of Caldwell YouTube streams page (www.youtube.com/@cityofcaldwell178/streams), 2025/5/5 - City Council Workshop, and learn more at GrowIdaho.org, which gives a blueprint on how cities and counties can preserve their rural identity, character and economies.

Veteran's Corner
Sponsored by the Caldwell Veterans Council

The Meaning Behind The 13 Folds of the United States Flag

If you've ever attended a military funeral, perhaps you noticed that the honor guards pay meticulous attention to folding the U.S. flag that once draped the casket. Guards make crisp, precise folds a total of 13 times to complete the ceremony. Much like every other aspect of our nation's greatest symbol, each of the 13 folds holds a special significance. Flag etiquette dictates that every time an American flag is to be stored or presented during a ceremony, its handlers should fold it in half twice lengthwise; then starting with the end opposite the blue field, make a taut triangular fold. Handlers continue to fold the flag in triangles until the flag has formed a triangular "pillow" with the blue field showing on the outside. It's a dignified way to treat the flag, and gives a powerful touch to patriotic ceremonies.

This 13-fold procedure was common long before the more modern assigned meanings. The source and date of origin of the meanings is unknown, but for those who participate or witness a formal flag folding ceremony, whether it be on Flag Day, Memorial Day, July 4th, Veterans Day, or at a military funeral, the 13 meanings can create an uplifting experience.

This is what the 13 folds mean:

The first fold of our flag is a symbol of life.
The second fold signifies our belief in eternal life.
The third fold is made in honor and tribute of the veteran departing our ranks, and who gave a portion of his or her life for the defense of our country to attain peace.
The fourth fold exemplifies our weaker nature as citizens trusting in God; it is to Him we turn for His divine guidance.
The fifth fold is an acknowledgement to our country, for in the words of Stephen Decatur, "Our country, in dealing with other countries, may she always be right, but it is still our country, right or wrong."
The sixth fold is for where our hearts lie. It is with our heart that we pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.
The seventh fold is a tribute to our armed forces, for it is through the armed forces that we protect our country and our flag against all enemies.
The eighth fold is a tribute to the one who entered into the valley of the shadow of death, that we might see the light of day, and to honor our mother, for whom it flies on Mother's Day.
The ninth fold is an honor to womanhood, for it has been through their faith, love, loyalty, and devotion that the character of men and women who have made this country great have been molded.
The 10th fold is a tribute to father, for he, too, has given his sons and daughters for the defense of our country since he or she was first-born.
The 11th fold, in the eyes of Hebrew citizens, represents the lower portion of the seal of King David and King Solomon and glorifies, in their eyes, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.
The 12th fold, in the eyes of a Christian citizen, represents an emblem of eternity and glorifies, in their eyes, God the Father, the Son, and Holy Ghost.
The last fold, when the flag is completely folded, the stars are uppermost, reminding us of our national motto, "In God We Trust."

The primary purpose of this corporation is to promote programs and activities that strengthen our community and thus contribute to the fostering of camaraderie, partnership of organizations prepared to provide a wide variety of programs and services to assist with education, employment and career development, counseling and health care issues, family programs, homelessness, addictions, abuse and humanitarian needs for a large group of people that are under served and limited at times because of handicaps, economic issues or ability to get through the often confusing complicated processes.

Brighten Dad's Day on Father's Day

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Fire Chief Richard Frawley

The City of Caldwell announces the retirement of Fire Chief Richard Frawley after three years of dedicated service leading the Caldwell Fire Department. Chief Frawley, who brought over 25 years of fire service experience to Caldwell, has been instrumental in advancing emergency response capabilities and fostering a strong community-focused

Caldwell Fire Chief Richard Frawley Retires

CFD Press Release

fire department. Before joining the Caldwell Fire Department, Frawley served as the Deputy Fire Chief for the City of Milpitas, California, from 1998 until December 2021. In 2018, he stepped into the role of acting Fire Chief for the Milpitas Fire Department. Since arriving in Caldwell, Chief Frawley has prioritized firefighter development, emer-

gency service enhancements, and community safety initiatives. He also oversaw the successful passage of a \$17.3 million bond in 2023. His leadership has strengthened the department's ability to serve the growing Caldwell community while maintaining the tradition of excellence in fire protection and emergency response. Mayor Jarom Wagoner

praised Chief Frawley's contributions, stating, "Chief Frawley's leadership has been invaluable to our city. His dedication and expertise have left a lasting impact on our fire department and community. We wish him the best in his well-earned retirement."

New Fire Chief announced by City of Caldwell

The City of Caldwell is pleased to announce the appointment of Bryan Daniels as the new Chief of the Caldwell Fire Department, following a unanimous vote of approval by the Caldwell City Council at their meeting on Monday, May 19. Chief Daniels was selected after a formal interview process and previously served as the department's Deputy Chief of Administration. Mayor Jarom Wagoner expressed strong support for this appointment, stating, "Chief Frawley achieved many great things, but one of the most significant was the team he assembled. I'm very excited that one of the members of that team is being presented to you, council, as our next fire chief."

Chief Daniels brings 25 years of experience in the fire service to the City of Caldwell.

He began his professional career in 2000 with the San Manuel Fire Department in San Bernardino County, California, where he served in progressively responsible roles for nearly two decades. He later transitioned to the Oregon Coast, continuing to advance in leadership positions in Lincoln County, Oregon. In April 2024, he joined the Caldwell Fire Department as Deputy Chief of Administration. Throughout his career, Chief Daniels has held every operational rank and possesses extensive experience in both wildland and municipal fire agencies. He has taken on key leadership roles, including EMS Coordinator, Training Officer, HazMat Coordinator, Assistant Fire Chief of Operations, Fire Marshal, and Deputy Chief. Additionally, he has supported large-



Chief Bryan Daniels with his wife Angela Daniels (left), and his daughter Samantha Daniels (right) Not pictured: daughter Cameron Daniels



Bryan Daniels

scale emergency operations through his work with the U.S. Forest Service and has served on Federal Incident Management Teams as well as with the Oregon State Fire Marshal's Office. Known for his operational expertise and collaborative

leadership style, Chief Daniels is committed to strengthening teams, enhancing organizational readiness, and ensuring consistent delivery of high-quality service to the Caldwell community. "I'm incredibly honored to take on this role," said Chief Daniels. "The Caldwell Fire Department is filled with passionate,

hardworking individuals, and I'm grateful for the opportunity to lead such an outstanding team. We've accomplished a lot together, and I'm excited for what's ahead." The City of Caldwell congratulates Chief Daniels on his appointment and looks forward to continued progress under his leadership.

City Council Approves Construction Phase for Fire Stations 1 & 4

CFD Press Release

The Caldwell City Council officially approved the selection of Core/Pivot North for the design and construction phase of Fire Stations 1 and 4 during the council meeting held on April 21. "This approval is a major step and allows us to continue making progress toward getting these facilities up and running," said Deputy Chief of Administration Bryan Daniels. The anticipated project timeline for both stations includes:

- Planning: Spring 2025
- Design: Summer 2025
- Pre-Construction: Winter 2025
- Construction: Spring 2026 through Spring 2028

The projects will be led in partnership with Core/Pivot North, combining architectural design and construction management to deliver high-functioning, future-ready facilities. "We're honored to be part of these transformational projects for the City of Caldwell," said Kody Koebensky, Project Manager at Core Construction. "Our team is committed to delivering safe, high-performance stations that reflect the needs of the City of Caldwell, honor the historic character of the community, and support the long-term vision for public safety infrastructure."

Office for their ongoing commitment to public safety and support of this initiative. The Caldwell Fire Department will continue to provide updates as the projects progress. History: The Caldwell Fire Bond was passed in November of 2023. With its approval, funding was secured

to construct of Stations 1 and 4. These improvements ensure that the Caldwell Fire Department can continue providing high-quality emergency response and fire protection, keeping our residents safe as the community grows.



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Caldwell Fire Station 8 Now Fully Staffed

CFD Press Release



During the “Push-In Hose-Coupling Ceremony” elected officials from both Rural and City of Caldwell and firefighters actually pushed the fire truck into Station 8!



Caldwell Rural Fire Commissioner Treasurer Debbie Steiner, Rural Fire Commissioners Buzz, Brad Holton, Steve Jahns, Mayor Jarom Wagoner, City Council Brad Doty, Deputy of Ops Matt Shupe, Deputy Chief of Administration Bryan Daniels, and Deputy Chief of Prevention and Fire Marshal Alan Perry coupling the hose!



Second Grade Class of Notus Elementary

The Caldwell Fire Department, in partnership with the Caldwell Rural Fire District and the Caldwell City Council, is proud to announce a historic milestone as Station 8 becomes the first in Caldwell Rural Fire District history to be staffed with full-time, paid personnel. Once vacant, and previously operated by dedicated volunteer firefighters,

the station now stands ready to deliver timely essential fire and life safety services to the rural community. May 1st marked the station’s first day of operational service, complete with personnel and fire apparatus. To celebrate, CFD invited all residents, families, and com-

munity partners to join in at the push-in ceremony, tour the station, and meet our firefighters and staff. “This day represents partnership and progress,” said Chief of Operations Matt Shupe with Caldwell Fire. “With Station 8 now staffed and operational, we’re

strengthening our ability to provide a timely emergency response to this district. It’s a meaningful advancement for everyone involved.” “It’s a proud and transformative moment for Notus,” said Administrative Fire Chief Mark Wendelsdorf with the Caldwell Rural Fire District. “Thanks to the collaboration between the Caldwell Fire Department, the Rural

Fire District Commissioners, and the City Council, we’re opening the doors to a new chapter of service. We look forward to providing the highest level of protection and care to everyone in our fire district.” Push-In and Hose Coupling Ceremony was held on Thursday, May 1st at 8:00 a.m. Station 8 is located at 707 Notus Road, Notus.

YMCA’s “Spin for a Cause!”

by Shellye Wilson, YMCA

Spin for a cause! Spin to raise money! Or just spin because it makes you happy! On April 28th, over one hundred riders pedaled to ‘50s music, raising money and awareness for the Caldwell YMCA. No one is turned away from the Y for inability to pay, and this event was to raise money towards access for all! Best Bath was the title sponsor and nearly filled the bikes for one hour! Several other businesses

chipped in to make the event a success (Norco, West Valley Medical Center, Berkshire Hathaway/Silverhawk Realty, Flying M Coffee, GoGo squeeze, Stinker Stores, and Healthy Balance Direct Care). The event culminates with a Dunk Party on June 20th, from noon to 2:00pm. Free hotdogs and hamburgers will be served, but please bring a side dish if you like. Your favorite instructors will be available to

dunk! We might even see Erik Bullock, Executive Director of the Caldwell Y, in the dunk booth! The best thing about the Dunk Party – The Y will be open to the community for free all day on June 20th! *Valid Government issued photo ID required for all non-member guests ages 18 and older.



Staff from Best Bath, Ron Ray, Jay Multanen and Erik Bullock (YMCA CEO). Best Bath Sponsored the event!



YMCA members and guests during the Spin-a-thon.

Caldwell High School Student Selected for NASA Internship

by toni Ferro, Caldwell Perspective

Cael Manning, Caldwell High Sophomore, has been selected for the NASA STEM Enhancement in Earth Science (SEES) summer internship held at The University of Texas - Austin’s Center for Space Research. Nearly 3000 applications were received for 80 on-site internship positions. Student interns will have the unique opportunity to spend two weeks working with professional scientists and engineers at the cutting edge of space exploration. Students will help conduct research based on data received from NASA satellites, design Mars habitats, and analyze images from the In-

ternational Space Station. Students will work remotely with their project scientist prior to the on-site internship, complete an Earth and Space Science course, and complete a Python coding course. Caldwell High has had an impressive number of students selected for this prestigious internship. Caldwell High’s Nick Mendez was selected in 2023 and Caidon Felder was selected in 2024. In addition, Gabriela Gomez-Hernandez was selected to participate in a remote internship in 2024. The purpose of NASA’s Earth Science program is to develop a scientific under-



The TechChallenge team finalists giving two minute pitches on their design.

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The needs of Caldwell’s North End Neighborhood discussed at City Council

by Toni Ferro, Caldwell Perspective



Miguel’s little brother’s bus stop on a dark morning and during the day.



Miguel Orozco with his sister Elizabeth Calvillo and his little brother.

Miguel Orozco, a wildland firefighter, gave a presentation

to the City Council on May 5th about the needs of the neighborhood north of the tracks, between downtown and the freeway. Miguel says he is concerned that the City has overlooked the north end of town and he would like to bring some attention to a variety of issues there including: street lighting, crosswalks, parks, unpaved roads, and sidewalks. Miguel’s concern is specifically for the kids in the area who get on the bus in very dark conditions. In the presentation Miguel shows a picture of the bus stop where his little brother gets on the bus. The image shows the bus stopped in

an area so dark you can’t see any roads or buildings. The presentation also shows the same spot during the day when you can see that the road leading to the bus stop is unpaved and has no sidewalks or crosswalks. Miguel suggested that the council members wouldn’t want the children in their lives walking to and waiting for the bus in the dark at a stop like that one and the council members nodded their agreement. As part of his advocacy, Miguel identified the priority locations for crosswalks and lighting. For example, he argues a crosswalk is needed on 9th crossing Chicago, where a lot of people walk to go to Bi-Mart. He also worked with his sister, Elizabeth Calvillo, to identify 20 priority locations for street lights. Miguel concludes by saying that he has been meeting with like-minded people at the City who are interested in making a difference in the north end of Caldwell. He is ready to work with the City and be a part of the solution and he would like to

see an Urban Renewal District created to fund upgrades to the area. The presentation received positive responses from Mayor Wagoner and Council Member (CM) Doty. The Mayor explained that he is working with the Public Works Director (Robb MacDonald) to plan and fund a light study of the area and CM Doty says that he is proposing \$50,000 in the next budget (the fiscal year starting in October 2025) that will be specifically for lighting in the north end of Caldwell. CM Doty also explained that the request for an Urban Re-

newal District is in process. The Urban Renewal Agency (URA) (which heard Miguel’s presentation earlier in the year) approved a feasibility study for the potential new district at their May 12th meeting. The feasibility study is scheduled to be completed in October and based on the results of the study the URA will vote on whether or not to move forward with the Urban Renewal District. If approved, the full council will then vote on the new district. It sounds like some positive changes may be on the way for an area that has been long ignored, we’ll keep you posted.

West Valley Humane Society asks Caldwell to Increase Support

by Toni Ferro, Caldwell Perspective

In a workshop session on May 19th, the West Valley Humane Society (WVHS) presented the City Council with an increase in the cost of their annual contract from \$68,000 this year to \$540,000 next year. WVHS explained that they took over operations from Canyon County in 2011 and at that time started receiving \$68,000/year from Caldwell. Over the last fourteen years, the cost of services should have increased for Caldwell and other municipalities as the population has grown and the cost of labor and other costs have increased. Previous WVHS boards did not increase their requests to the municipalities over the years and so now a large increase is being introduced all at once. WVHS argued that they are providing Caldwell with animal welfare services at a very discounted rate and that a large number of their intakes (41%) come from Caldwell. WVHS also presented data that shows Caldwell pays less for animal welfare services than other similarly-sized municipalities, for

example, Pocatello pays ~\$1.4 million a year and Idaho Falls pays ~\$1.2 million. Unsurprisingly, the City Council had a negative reaction to the funding request from WVHS. Council Member (CM) Doty suggested that the Council needs to get a clear understanding of the City’s obligations under state law and city code. He argued that paying for more services than the city is required to offer is not fair to the taxpayers. CM Register noted that the increase will very likely be impossible for the City to fund and she suggested that the city could help with grant writing and other services to offset costs. CM Williams said there was “no way on earth” that the City could afford this. The WVHS representative explained that the City is, of course, free to handle its animal welfare on its own or through other organizations. He said that \$540,000 is their baseline number to continue supporting Caldwell. Mayor Wagoner wrapped up the workshop by echoing CM

Doty, saying that he had read the statute and there needs to be more conversations over the next couple of months to understand the City’s obligation and the services being offered. WVHS is a non-profit 501(c)(3) and has a volunteer board of directors. WVHS is asking Nampa for \$720,000 for next year, up from \$83,000 last year and they are asking Canyon County for \$240,000 up from \$200,000 last year. The County also provides WVHS with facilities and facilities maintenance. Neither Nampa nor Canyon County has finalized a new contract with WVHS. WVHS is expecting and additional \$950,000 in income next year from the cost of their services and donations.

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honorable mention: infielder Connor Fullerton (soph), infielder Raul Torres (sr), outfielder Hunter Milligan (sr), and utility player Kaden Rambow (sr). Other senior players were Ashtyn Montiel and Omar Gamino. Other varsity baseball players were Charlie Ihli (jr), Christopher Mireles (jr), Austin Springer (soph), Anthony Saucedo (soph), and Trevor Darra (frosch).

CHS Tennis had some difficult tournaments this year as they were playing as 6A against some of the largest schools in the state. Highlights for the season included wins at the District tournament: Whit Manning (soph) won two matches in

straight sets against Centennial and then Borah, Yuliana Perez (sr) won a hard fought match in three long sets against Mt. View, and Eliza Manning (frosch) and Kazzlyn Moore (jr) won a girls doubles match in straight sets against Nampa. Other senior tennis players were Nick Mendez, Aiden Hall, Circa Kampe, Camilla Yekel, Edith Hernandez Sanchez, Gabriela Gomez, and Valentine Toledo. Other players were Cael Manning (soph), Adan Villegas (soph), Charlie Butler (jr), Kevin Benavidez (jr), Adam Villegas (soph), Aurora King (jr), Leslie Medina (jr), Maddix Vickery (soph), and Ayden Pedraza (soph).



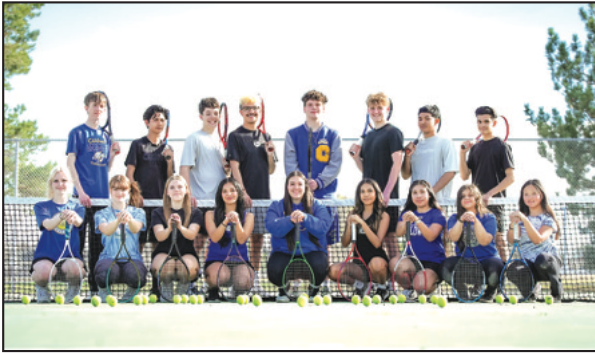
CHS 2025 Track Team



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CHS 2025 Baseball Team



CHS 2025 Tennis Team

School is out and summer is here! Grab some friends & family and JustServe...

by Kelli G. Jenkins, Just Serve Caldwell

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Youth and families, this summer GET OUTSIDE of yourself, make connections, and serve others!

How about a little JustServe Summer Service Bingo to brighten the long summer days? Help promote youth volunteerism and mental health. Have some fun serving others Choose service that makes your heart happy.

Build and strengthen your community...and, yourself. Find a project or need in our community on JustServe.org!

SAVE THE DATE! August 7th - Caldwell Community Baby Shower!

Start planning now for the 6th Annual Caldwell Community Baby Shower, sponsored by the City of Caldwell & JustServe, benefiting our smallest community members. Visit the baby shower on the 7th of August at the Caldwell Train Depot (11 am - 1 pm and 5 pm - 8 pm), drop off baby supplies for new moms and their babies to thrive, and feel the love of a community coming together to wrap goodness around babies & families needing a lift up. Some of the organizations benefiting from the Community Baby Shower include Canyon County Branch of Assistance League of Boise, Southwest District Health Nurse-Family Partnership, and others.

Baby Shower Wish List (Unisex colors and patterns pre-

ferred): Package of 3-6 long or short-sleeved newborn onesies (0-3 months); Package of 2 Sleepers (0-3 months); Unscented Disposable Diapers (all sizes); Unscented Baby Wipes; Package of 4 Flannel Blankets (these can also be hand-made, two-sided flannel blankets); Quilts and Other Blankets (can be handmade); Unscented Baby Wash/Shampoo (about 15 fl. oz.); Unscented Baby Lotion (about 13.5 fl. oz.); Unscented Diaper Rash Ointment (Desitin); Digital Thermometer; Towel and Washcloth; Burp Cloths (can be hand-made); Small Beanie Caps (can be crocheted/hand-made); Board Books; Rattles and Toddler Toys; Wooden Puzzles; NEW Baby Clothing (0-24 months); GENTLY-USED Washed Baby Clothes (0-24 months); and NEW or Gently-used Children's Books.

Children, youth, and adults can all find volunteer opportunities on JustServe. Local businesses and organizations can

find a project on JustServe and serve together to achieve greater unity and strengthen the community too. Couples and families find serving together for date nights and family nights an amazing experience.

Now that school is out for the summer, grab some friends &

families and have some fun playing JustServe Summer Service Bingo! Visit JustServe.org for more details on community needs and make a difference in the lives of others. Download the JustServe app for ease of use too!

Canyon County Planning & Zoning is seeking to fill two seats on the P&Z Commission

Canyon County is currently accepting applications to fill two seats on the Planning & Zoning Commission. Applications are available at the Development Services Office (111 North 11th Ave, Suite 310, Caldwell) or can be downloaded from the County's website. To download the application, put "Canyon County Planning & Zoning" in your search engine. Click on the tab, "P&Z Commission." Scroll down past the current "Commission Members" and click on "Planning & Zoning Commission Application" in blue below them. Download it and fill it out.

Interested parties are encouraged to apply by 5 p.m. on June 20th and to submit it to the

Development Services Director either by email at Jay.gibbons@canyoncounty.id.gov or by mailing it to Canyon County Development Service Office, 111 North 11th Ave, Suite 310, Caldwell, ID 83605 or hand delivering it to their office at that same address (on the 3rd floor).

The deadline to submit an application is 5 p.m. on June 20, 2025. Planning and Zoning Commissioners are appointed by the Board of County Commissioners. The term of the appointment will be for four years.

For more information on this release, please contact Canyon County Constituent Services Director Aaron Williams II at (208) 614-5011.

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from the Caldwell News Tribune newspaper in Caldwell's Indian Creek Museum archives

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June 30, 1975: THE SNAKE

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Caldwell Centennial Band! We're back on June 23rd

by Leora Summers, Caldwell Perspective



Centennial Band showing its patriotic colors

For your listening pleasure, we're back! Beginning on June 23rd we will begin our free summer concert series in Caldwell's Memorial Park and will perform every other Monday through August 18th,

bringing you five free fun filled concerts. Each concert will have a variety of music for all to enjoy. All you have to do is bring yourselves, your families, your friends and your chairs to sit in the shade to

enjoy listening to the music. Pretty tough, huh? On June 23rd we will kick off our free concert series with our Americana/ Patriotic concert showcasing some wonderful patriotic music. Also included will be a fun Benny Goodman King of Swing number, How the West Was Won, and others. And of course Jeannie Marie will grace you with a song. And then our July 7th concert will feature some favorite show tune medleys from Mary Poppins Fiddler on the Roof, and Oliver, along with some great standards, pop music, marches and more. There is always something for everyone! So mark your calendars and we hope to see you at Caldwell Memorial Park!

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Busy Bugs 4-H Club News

by Leif Aldredge, Reporter



Leif Aldredge
Reporter

The Busy Bugs 4-H Club members work on a number of projects throughout the year including cooking, sewing, and ceramics. They do Community Service Projects, like making dog and cat treats for the Canyon County Animal Shelter and making people treats for the Canyon County Sheriff's

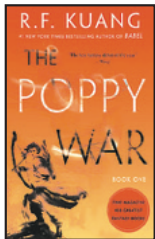


officers. The members will be showing their projects at the Canyon County Fair. If you are interested in 4-H,

you can contact the Canyon County Extension Office in Caldwell. Pictured are the officers for the Busy Bugs 4-H Club.

Back Row:
Theo Binder (Secretary),
Charlotte Binder (President),
Rafael Garcie de la Concepcion (Vice President)
Middle Row:
Nija Greenway (contact chairman),
Taylor Greenway (Treasurer)
Front Row:
Alazne Garcia de la Concepcion (Honorary Member)

Book Review: The Poppy War by R.F. Kuang reviewed by Madelyn Paynter



"The Poppy War" by R.F. Kuang takes place in an inspired 20th century China. It draws parallels from the Second Sino Japanese War and the Chinese Civil War. You follow a young woman who was orphaned by the Opium Wars, who was placed with a new family. To escape the plans her family has for her, she enrolls into a prestigious military school, Sinegard. Her landing a spot in the school was a surprise to everyone. To have a peasant girl ace the entrance

exam? Not only does this place a target on her back, the color of her skin does. This is the start of Rin's hardships. While at Sinegard, Rin excels academically and forms a complex relationship with her Lore Master. He opens her eyes to magic, its danger, and its pull. With war brewing on the horizon the students of Sinegard must prepare to be pushed out onto the lines. They will experience hardships that will change them forever. Rin will continue to grow as the war escalates, as it forces her to make difficult decisions, she is faced with violence, loss, and betrayal. R.F. Kuang tackles racism,

class separation, the aftermath of war, how it can completely change a person. She shows the fall into addiction, and the slow crawl out of it. This book depicts the depravity of war. It does so in a graphic way that leaves you feeling vulnerable and raw. You will love every character you meet, and worry constantly for their safety. It almost feels like "Game of Thrones." No one is actually safe. There are so many layers to this story that it had me on the edge of my seat the whole time. In this story you see a hunger for power, control and freedom. The cost? Those around you.

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Sawtooth Sockeyes! Caldwell's Summer Collegiate Baseball Team

by Leora Summers, Caldwell Perspective



The summer collegiate baseball team, the Sawtooth Sockeyes, are entering their third season at Caldwell's Wolfe Field upon the exodus of the Canyon County Spuds just ahead of the 2023 season. They have picked up 15 players from the Nampa, Middleton, Mutaugh, CDA, Boise, Eagle and Meridian areas. The benefit of this team is that these incoming and current college athletes are able to keep their skills up throughout the

summer, play with new teammates, get a new experience in a new place, and just overall continue playing baseball. It is also great for the community as it gives the city of Caldwell and Canyon County another fun activity to do almost every night of the week. This team is able to provide another sense of community to Caldwell when the College of Idaho is not in season. Athletes are able to play as long as they have college eligibility. They have home games almost every night of the week throughout the month of June and July. Family night is during every Friday home game, where kids ages 12 and under are free. They also have a



The Sawtooth Sockeyes during the National Anthem on their first game of the season.

Youth Camp in June for kids, ages 6-18. There are a variety of theme nights, ranging from healthcare and teacher

appreciation to battle of the credit unions and everything in between. By the way, they won their first two games of the



Mayor Wagoner's celebratory first pitch for the 2025 opening game of the season.

season against the Utah Yaks (5/30, 9-5 and 5/31, 15-5). A great start for a great new season! For more information, go to: sawtoothsockeyes.com.

Caldwell Veterans Organizations Memorialize a Local Fallen Hero Carrie French

by John Muirhead

Caldwell Veterans groups recently commissioned a project to dedicate a statue to honor the first female Idahoan to die in combat, Corporal (CPL) Carrie L French. The Carrie L French, DAV Chapter 1; Disabled American Veterans; and the Loren M. Trotter American Legion Post #35 are committed to purchase and install a life size bronze likeness of CPL Carrie L French in full battle dress standing in an upright posture. The statue will be placed at the Caldwell Veterans' Memorial Hall. The statue pedestal will bear a granite plaque with her name and credentials. Three sides of the statue pedestal are dedicated to the names of significant contributors to this project. French, soon after graduating from Caldwell High School in 2004, attended Army Basic Training and Ammunition Spe-

cialist training before being deployed to Forward Operating Base Warrior in Kirkuk, Iraq, where she celebrated her nineteenth birthday. French, was the first female Idahoan to die in combat. She was assigned to the 145th Support Battalion - 116th Brigade Combat Team in Kirkuk and participated in a number of operations before succumbing to injuries resulting from an Improvised Explosive Device detonation impacting the vehicle in which she was a passenger. She was returning from a Combat Logistics Patrol at Forward Operating Base McHenry near Hawija, Iraq. She was awarded nine awards during her service including a Bronze Star Medal and a Purple Heart. She was posthumously promoted to the rank of corporal. She died on June 5 and was buried at Canyon Hill Cemetery in

Caldwell on June 15, 2005 only a year after graduating from Caldwell High School. The cost of procuring and installing the statue is estimated at \$100,000. In April, fundraising efforts raised the \$23,000 necessary to sign a contract with a statue company in Utah. The Caldwell Veterans Council is accepting donations at the Caldwell Veterans Memorial Hall at 1101 Cleveland Blvd. Caldwell, ID 83605, <https://www.cvmhvets.org/>, or PO Box 1535 Caldwell, ID 83606. Carrie, born in Caldwell,

Idaho on February 28, 1986, is survived by her father, Rick French, her mother Paula Hy-linski and her sisters Sarah Gillman and Mikala French. Contact Terry Harrell, Caldwell Veterans Council Chairman, at (208)899-5216 or caldwellveterans@gmail.com for additional information on this project.

Right: A drawing of the future statue of CPL Carrie L French to be installed at the Caldwell Veterans' Memorial Hall



Courageous Kids Climbing Opportunity!

Courageous Kids Climbing is very excited to be adding another event to our calendar of FREE climbing opportunities for children of all ages with special needs – physical or intellectual – to experience rock wall climbing. We have been invited to Mountain Home Air Force Base in Idaho to take military dependents with special needs indoor rock wall climbing at the base's Fitness Cen-

ter on Sunday, June 22 from 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm. You must be a dependent member of a military family or family member of a civilian that works on base to participate. You must have the appropriate credentials to enter the base! Reservations are required and a registration packet can be obtained by emailing courageouskidsclimbing@gmail.com.



St. David's Episcopal Church Dedicates Stone Signage

Press Release

At the 2024 Diocesan Convention of the Episcopal Church in Idaho, St David's in Caldwell, ID, was awarded a grant from the Idaho Episcopal Foundation to aid in the purchase of new stone signage to replace the aging wooden sign on the church grounds. Research was completed and it was decided by the Vestry (St David's governing body) that the new sign be purchased from Rockitec-

ture of Garden City, ID. Design ideas were submitted and the finished product was delivered and installed on March 20, 2025. On June 1, 2025, a short ceremony was held outdoors to dedicate the new sign, led by Idaho's Episcopal Bishop, The Rt Rev, Jos Tharakan. After the ceremony, an informal reception was hosted on the



church grounds. It was a joyous occasion.

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Dave's Big Back Yard: The Four-Wheel Drift

by Dave McCormick

Today's high school-aged boys who are the outdoor type, want four-wheel drive pickups. When I was in high school in 1965, most boys wanted a fast car. The 1960s were the end of an era. Though muscle cars would carry into the 1970s, gas prices were rising, ushering in an era of cars with better gas mileage standards.

My first car was a 1956 Ford Victoria two-door hard-top, a 292 cubic inch Ford Y Block V8, complete with a holly four-barrel carburetor. Shortly after the purchase of my first car, the one-way street matrix was completed in Caldwell, Blaine St. It became the downtown artery and Cleveland with two lanes went east bound. Wow the city planners had built us a drag strip. Hot rodders like myself and many others were elated.

There were two hamburger stands on the east end of town, the Reed & Bell and the Quick Curb. A favorite pastime was to circle the curbs then loop back downtown back to the curbs and repeat. If a car pulled up alongside and revved his engine, it was a challenge. If

you revved your engine that means the challenge was accepted, and a drag race ensued. They were usually of short duration, but depending on traffic, they could go on for several blocks. Looking back, I realized what a dangerous enterprise we were engaging in, but I do not recall any serious injury during my racing days.

My Ford also doubled as a hunting transport. I recall many excursions into the Owyhees, hunting jackrabbits in the spring, and quail, chukars and Huns in the fall. All that said, the main reason for a teenage boy to own a car is to make him more attractive to the opposite sex.

My old Ford wasn't bad for a poor boy. The paint was in good shape and I had the upholstery redone. She wasn't the fastest car in town, but she wasn't the slowest either. I got some girls to ride around in my old Ford.

I recall one summer afternoon cruising out on Map Rock Road. Names will be withheld to protect the innocent. There were two girls. One I called my girlfriend at the time, a friend of hers and a couple of guys. We

were coming up on a wide curve, the road was gravel at the time, I proclaimed to my passengers I was going to imitate a four-wheel drift, a fancy name for going around a curve really fast. The drift started out ok, but I soon realized I was going to drift off the road. The shoulder was steep. If the left front and left rear wheel slid off the shoulder, the car would roll. In an instant for the preservation of life, I cranked the wheel hard left. The Ford soared off the road in a way that would have made the Duke brothers proud. We landed near a haystack in a bowl of flour. The dust was thicker than a triple cheeseburger. As it began to settle, I asked is everybody okay. A couple of craniums hit the headliner. Other than that, all were well.

To lighten the mood, I suggested we could all go skinny dipping in the Snake River to wash the dust off. The blonde girl said "really!!!" The Brunette said "sounds like fun." MMM, I'm dating the wrong Girl!

Y'all have some summer fun!

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Memorial Day Weekend, I'm still getting used to the concept of not working on weekends and holidays off with pay. I just returned from my very first paid time-off vacation ever. There are some benefits to working for someone else.

Last month I mentioned talking more in-depth on sprinklers so here we go. Whether you do it yourself or hire a professional to do repairs, renovations or a new install, don't be fooled by the look of simplicity of a sprinkler system. It's not quite as simple as hooking a sprinkler to a pipe to throw water. No, it is far more complicated than that. I have nearly 50 years of experience in the sprinkler industry.

I started at 16 years old, re-routing sprinklers around hot tubs, when we used to install them in the ground. I found PVC and galvanized pipe systems in the beginning buried 18 inches and deeper to prevent freezing to nowadays, some guys barely years old, bury them 6 inches deep and we blowout the water.

A lot has changed in the industry, allowing for faster install and more efficient systems and precision nozzle technology. Not trying to scare anyone, but please learn a little more about sprinklers before you dig them up, because calling someone like me is more expensive after the mess was made than if I'm there at the start.

On repairs, don't mix sprinkler types or brands. Pop sprays and rotors don't match nor do Rainbird or Hunter or Toro, etc. Yes, they are similar in many ways but in the most important way, they are not. Their nozzle technology and water distribution differ greatly and it's very hard to put the water down evenly when the system is not designed right.

The stuff I've seen installed that I then had to get to work properly would have been easier to just start from scratch. So you've got some bad sprinklers. If it's a pop spray, it's very likely a nozzle issue. It's either plugged, which can be cleaned by removing the nozzle and cleaning the screen inside, or the nozzle itself, or it's broken and you need a new one.

Note the brand of sprinkler, the distance of coverage and pattern quarter, half or full. Most hardware stores carry the most popular types of sprinklers and parts. Pop sprays cover smaller areas than rotors and usually only need to run from five to fifteen minutes because they have a fixed watering pattern. Rotors, as the name implies, rotate in a set pattern that can be adjusted to fit the area it needs to cover. Rotors typically run from thirty minutes to an hour because they throw a stream of water over a much larger area and rotate back and forth to cover that area, so they need a greater run time to put down the necessary amount of water to keep the lawn healthy. The nozzles usually vary in gallons per minute and distance and that's where experience in design, PSI and water volume have to be properly calculated so your sprinklers actually do the job you need done.

Until next time, Pat.



If you have a yard and a couple of windows, you've probably seen the most common signs of spring birds. That's often just a robin carrying a worm in its beak to feed its young, or maybe a pair of mourning doves chasing each other or carrying twigs in their beaks into a tree to build their nest.

Maybe it's a couple of killdeer

speeding around the gravel in your driveway where you'll accidentally spot their cluster of four eggs with no nest at all, barely distinguishable from any four pieces of gravel. But the adult birds get agitated and flutter around flapping their wings and spreading their rust-colored tail feathers to draw you away from the eggs.

All this activity is multiplied on utility poles and fence rows, water, woods and shorelines as Bullocks Orioles, Western Kingbirds, Yellow Warblers, American Avocets, Spotted Sandpipers and dozens more species return from the south to raise

their young here.

SIBA's June meeting will spotlight the shorebirds, as guest speaker Louisa Evers provides an overview of the more common shorebirds present in southwest Idaho either year-round, during the breeding season, or during migration. Some of these are relatively uncommon but individuals are seen most years. The shorebirds will be grouped by family and basic information will be provided on identifying the different species.

Louisa retired from the Bureau of Land Management at the end of 2018 and moved to Caldwell, ID in May of 2019. She almost

immediately became involved in SIBA and the Golden Eagle Audubon Society and serves on the boards of both organizations. She began birding as a child, although there was a long hiatus as she moved from job to job. She got reinvolved in birding thanks to the Red Cliffs Audubon in St. George, UT in the late 1990s and has been an avid birder since.

The meeting will be at the Deer Flat NWR Visitor's Center at 7 p.m. on June 12, with the option to view online with Zoom. For the link, go to sibainfo@gmail.com.

On June 14, trip leader James

Jarrett will gather his flock at the boat ramp at Walter's Ferry on the south side of the Snake River for a 7 a.m. start toward Silver City. Registration is required: email SIBAFieldTrip@gmail.com.

The caravan will bird several spots in the lowlands and travel up through the Owyhee Mountains to Silver City, trying to spot Black-throated Gray Warbler, Green-tailed Towhee, and several species of flycatchers and hummingbirds along the way and in the historic town. This will be an all-day trip so bring sun protection as well as lunch and lots of water.

June Southwest Idaho Birders Association – Louisa Evers, speaker

by JC Clancy

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