

There will be an Egg Hunt on the Rupert square on Friday April 7th at 6:00 PM. Pictures with the Easter Bunny as well as bike and basket giveaways. We will serve ice cream while supplies last. Idaho Cinnamon Rolls will be there with their delicious cinnamon rolls also.

It's the 3rd annual Burley Mom Prom! 80's and 90's neon party. Grab your gal pals, some neon and let's party for a cause! Limited tickets available. Doors open at 6:00pm and party starts at 7:00pm. Burley Mom Prom at Shanty Bell 1357 E Main st in Burley –

It's an unforgettable dining experience at the Paul Community Church's Spring Fundraiser. This is a free event. They will be offering dinner on April 21st at 127 West Clark Street There will be bags of homemade noodles for sell as well as many other crafts and goodies. Paul community church has been a part of the Magic Valley for over 100 years and are in the process of buying our building and becoming locally owned and operated. For more information please call Judy Rast at 208-431-5328.

The Historic Wilson Theatre presents Gentry – the gentlemen Trio. This event is April 14th and 15th. Tickets are available online at historicwilsontheatre.com

It's the those two chicks mothers day market May 13 at the ascension church on eastland drive north in Twin Falls. It's on from 10 am to 4 pm. You will find lots of items, amazing vendors and food trucks. It's at the ascension Church in Twin falls.

The west end senior center presents travelin on. A fabulous fun-d-raiser with songs, skits and a sloppy joe dinner. It will be Friday and Saturday april 14th and 15th with dinner at 6. Tickets are available at the senior center at 1010 main in Buhl

Don't miss John Nilsen in a piano concert Saturday April 8th at the Hagerman United Methodist Church. John is a Yamaha Signature Piano Artist. There's no cost to attend. Once again Saturday april 8th at 3 at the Hagerman United Methodist Church.

DON'T MISS A NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM ON SATURDAY APRIL 29TH STARTING AT 6. IT'S AT 111 HAGERMAN AVENUE IN HAGERMAN WITH HORS D OEUVRES LIVE MUSIC AND A NO HOST BAR. THERE WILL BE SILENT AUCTION ITEMS AS WELL. THIS IS A FUNDRAISER FOR THE HAGERMAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

Friday 040723

On the final day of the 2023 session, the Idaho House of Representatives narrowly failed to override Gov. Brad Little's veto of a controversial bill that would have prohibited libraries from providing "harmful materials" to minors. On Wednesday, Little vetoed House Bill 314, writing in a letter to legislators that the bill's ambiguity would lead to unintended consequences for libraries and their patrons.

The trial for Murder suspect Lori Vallow Daybell is moving forward as opening arguments are scheduled for Monday in the case. There have been 42 potential jurors selected in order to start the striking process. The judge has ruled that Kay Woodcock can represent her grandson JJ Vallow in the courtroom. Vallow Daybell's sister Summer Shiflet was appointed an advocate for Tylee Ryan.

Police will be increasing patrols this weekend in southern Idaho looking for distracted drivers. According to the ISP in 2021, Idaho had 5,003 distracted driving crashes, including 30 fatalities and 284 serious injuries.

Gas prices are surging across the country, but Idaho drivers aren't feeling the pain at least, for now. According to AAA, the national average, which currently sits at \$3.55 for a gallon of regular, is now slightly higher than Idaho's state average of \$3.54 per gallon the first time that's been the case since January 23.

Former Credit union teller Esmeralda De La Rosa is facing grand theft charges from Westmark Credit Union in Twin Falls after suspicious transactions totaling 13-thousand 700 were noted. The 26 year old was terminated after working at the credit union for two years.

Eight southern Idaho counties have signed a joint resolution opposing three wind energy projects proposed for public lands in the area. At a ceremony

yesterday at the Minidoka National Historic site, commissioners from Cassia, Gooding, Jerome, Lincoln, Jerome, Minidoka and Twin Falls signed the document asking the Bureau of Land Management to select the No Build option for Lava Ridge and to pause the Salmon Falls and Taurus projects. The Biden administration has prioritized permitting 25 gigawatts of renewable energy by 2025.

Friday 041423

As the murder trial continues in Boise, Lori Vallow watched her former friend Melanie Gibb on the witness stand yesterday, as Gibb told the jury Vallow genuinely believed the people in her life had turned to zombies and were "possessed." Gibb and Vallow became fast friends in 2018 in Arizona after meeting at a church event. But once Vallow met Chad Daybell Gibb said she changed. She would parrot Daybell's teachings and insert them into her own life.

In the final days of the 2023 Idaho legislative session, colleges and universities received \$72.9 million for building projects. But the money will leave some work unfunded — and leave the colleges and universities scurrying to cover their remaining costs. The whole process began in January, when Gov. Brad Little requested \$109.9 million for higher ed capital projects. Boise state was approved for 17.9 Million. College of Western Idaho will get 15.7 Million. CSI 11.5 million. U of I 8.99 Million. ISU 8.3 Million. College of Eastern Idaho 8 Million. Lewis-Clark 2.3 Million. No money was approved for North Idaho College.

Today is purple day in honor of Military Children. It's part of the month of the military child in Idaho. Purple is the combined color of all military branches.

Record-breaking March snowfall has led to deep southern Idaho snowpacks and a more optimistic water supply outlook than a year ago for water users. However, all that snow means officials are preparing for the potential for high waters and flooding as temperatures warm and the snowpack melts. Some snowpack levels have broken the records this year.

Police and school district officials in Twin Falls are investigating a bullying incident that occurred Wednesday off school grounds. Disturbing video of the incident was circulating on social media. School officials say those involved could face suspension and expulsion. On a post police say they were aware of the images and are investigating.

The Sawtooth National Forest mourns the loss of District Ranger Marty Gmelin. He passed away Saturday from injuries he sustained during a snow-tubing accident. Gmelin just celebrated 30 years of federal service, first coming to work at the Sawtooth National Forest in 1995. He led the Fairfield district since 2020.

Friday 042123

A Burley neighborhood was evacuated yesterday afternoon when a gas line was struck during by construction work on Bedke Boulevard. Officials began evacuating the area. At last check the 500 block of Oakley Avenue and Miller Avenue remains closed.

A Burley family posted on social media yesterday a break-in at their home that could have gone very bad. One homeowner was home when their dogs began to bark. The husband texted his wife that someone was breaking in after being alerted by the front door camera. Authorities arrested 28 year old Briayan Vergara who faces a long list of charges including rape, kidnapping, battery, aggravated assault resisting arrest and three counts of burglary.

Twin Falls police are searching for a man wanted in the robbery of Walgreens on Washington Street North. Police say it happened just before 8:30 last night. The suspect wasn't armed at the time and is possibly a former employee.

After police shot and killed a man on Interstate 84 last week, a deputy remains in the hospital after being stabbed by the suspect and shot by fellow deputies. 40-year-old Jared Decker pulled a deputy to the ground and stabbed him multiple times. Two other deputies then shot and killed Decker. Durring the gunfight, deputies not only killed Decker, but shot their colleague in the leg. The bullet wound does not appear to be significant but that the stab wounds will result in long-term recovery.

The Minidoka County Prosecuting Attorney's Office said police will not face any charges following the shooting of Arlo Dillon Campbell that happened near Hazelton. Authorities say the suspect shot at the police and threw homemade explosive devices at officers before he was killed by deputies.

Two men from southern Idaho have been sentenced to federal prison in two separate drug trafficking cases. 65 year old Steven Feller of Kuna was sentenced to 114 months in federal prison. He was convicted of possession with the intent to distribute methamphetamine. 42 year old Lawrence Eric Barns of Twin Falls was sentenced to 160 months in federal prison for possession of methamphetamine and fentanyl with the intent to distribute.

Friday 042823

Police in Twin Falls are investigating an attempted break-in at the Twin Falls Golf Club. Authorities say early yesterday morning just after midnight, workers were closing up the shop when they heard breaking glass. A large rock had been thrown and a vehicle had been backed up with the trunk open. The employee engaged in a physical altercation with a man who escaped in his car. Police are asking anyone who has information on this case to call them.

The defense team for the man accused of murdering four University of Idaho students wanted one of the victims' surviving roommates to testify on his behalf. Her attorney filed a motion to fight a subpoena for her to appear at his preliminary hearing. Now, both sides have reached a deal. The attorneys for one of the surviving roommates and the public defender of Bryan Kohberger, the man suspected of stabbing four University of Idaho students last November, have come to an agreement. The roommate will be interviewed by the defense in Reno, Nev., where she currently lives.

A Burley man drowned in a canal near Hazelton after apparently falling in. Police say the body of 62 year old James Gallegos apparently couldn't climb out due to the canal's high concrete walls.

The College of Southern Idaho is having an open house tomorrow. It's set from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and visitors are invited to pick up a map and passport guide at either the Falls Avenue or North College Road entrances, which will show visitors the activities to do around campus. A few of the free activities include a petting zoo and face painting, and a zip line. The Herrett Center will be giving away free passes to the planetarium, and people can pick up a child's book at the library. The event is part of Community College Month, being celebrated by more than 1,000 community colleges across the nation.

Idaho gas prices are now back above the national average. Today's average price for a gallon of regular in the Gem State is \$3.71, which is seven cents more than a week ago. Meanwhile, the national average sits at \$3.64 per gallon, which is a nickel less than a week ago.

Friday 050523

Samples taken from Bryan Kohberger's apartment in Pullman, Washington, show some positive tests for blood. Kohberger has been accused of stabbing four University Of Idaho Students in November last year. The documents do not say whose blood it belongs to.

On May 13, graduates, friends and family will stream into the University of Idaho's Kibbie Dome for spring commencement. The ceremony will come six months to the day after Ethan Chapin, Kaylee Goncalves, Xana Kernodle and Madison Mogen were found slain in an off-campus house.

The Idaho Public Utilities Commission will take public comments on a proposed land transfer during a telephonic hearing next Thursday morning. Idaho Power has applied to transfer 1.09 acres of land on Ritter Island, south of Hagerman, to the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation. The island is part of Thousand Springs State Park and is along the Snake River. It has belonged to Idaho Power since 1989.

Forecasters in Idaho are warning of possible flooding through Sunday as snow is melting from higher elevations. There are warnings in Blaine County, Sawtooth-Stanley Basin, the Wood River Foothills and Camas County.

The libraries in Rupert and Burley have gone fine free. That means they will be dropping overdue charges for most materials. In making the announcement yesterday, they said other libraries in Idaho and the U.S. have also opted to drop late fees. Twin Falls did that the first part of the year.

Twin Falls residents can now file property crime reports without speaking to an officer. A new online reporting tool was launched this week designed to report vandalism, thefts or lost property. It's not designed to report emergencies and is for crimes that total less than a thousand dollars damage.

43 year old Trenton Powell of Pocatello man is headed to prison after being convicted of child sex crimes. He faces 15 years to life behind bars after being convicted of eight counts of sexual exploitation of a child and three counts of child porn. He will be sentenced August 15th.

Friday 051223

An environmental group has accused the J.R. Simplot Co.'s cattle feedlot in Grand View of polluting the Snake River and lacking a key permit. The nonprofit Snake River Water-keeper, in a May 9 complaint filed in federal district court in Boise, alleges Simplot is discharging manure and processing wastewater into waters. The Grand View feedlot has more than 100,000 head of cattle.

Today you can engage with police officers from Twin Falls. It's Coffee with a cop from 8 to 10 a.m. at the Taylor Building on the College of Southern Idaho campus. The Twin Falls Police Department has held the events since 2015.

Tomorrow, you are invited to join police officers and their families as they pay tribute to the service of law enforcement members and remember the men and women who lost their lives in the line of duty. The Magic Valley Law Enforcement Memorial service begins at 11 a.m. at the Twin Falls City Park band shell. A free picnic lunch will be provided by the Lighthouse Christian Church.

North Idaho College in Couer D'Alene was denied a request to reconsider a court order forcing the institution to reinstate its president, while the school is involved in accreditation issues since 2021. A Judge upheld an earlier decision that requires the college to keep Nick Swayne as President of the Institution for the remainder of a lawsuit he filed against the college's board of trustees.

The Idaho Foodbank is preparing for the largest nationwide food drive, set to take place tomorrow. This year marks the post offices 31st annual "Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive." You can participate in the event by filling any bag with non-perishable food and placing it next to their mailboxes tomorrow.

The city of Burley is asking a district court judge to dismiss a former mayor's lawsuit that alleges violation of the Idaho Constitution and religious favoritism in a water and sewer development agreement. The case is over the agreement with the LDS church's temple being built in Burley.

Friday 051923

The State Board of Education has endorsed the University of Idaho's \$550 million plan to purchase the University of Phoenix, a for-profit, online behemoth serving some 85,000 students. Voting unanimously, the State Board endorsed a resolution allowing the U of I to set up a nonprofit to take over the University of Phoenix's operations, dubbed New U Inc. The resolution also gives the go-ahead on a financing plan for the purchase, which the U of I hopes to complete by early 2024.

The man shot by police during a standoff in Kimberly earlier this week died from his injuries. The 45 year old male failed to comply to police commands after they attempted to serve a warrant at a home in the 300 block of Fafnir drive.

Idaho has its first female U.S District Judge. Amanda Brailsford took the oath earlier this week following senate confirmation and President Biden's signature. Brailsford was raised in Hagerman.

Police have issued an amber alert for a 2-year-old boy who they say was taken by his non-custodial father yesterday. Police in Nampa said they were looking for the boy and 36 year old Rodolfo Reyes. Police said Rudy Reyes was taken from a yard. The boy was last seen at a gas station in Nampa. Reyes is described as having tattoos on his head, face and neck. He may be headed to Oregon. The search is on for a 2008 Grey Lexis.

The Region Four Economic Development group has set their sites for more facelift projects in Southern Idaho. The beautification project money is for cities that want to complete a project but don't have the funding.

Two people have been charged with firing a gun inside a victim's home and attempted robbery. 28 year old Onnally Suzan Taylor and 50 Year old Keith McConnell allegedly entered a residence on Harmony road in Twin Falls demanding money. When the victim refused they began firing a gun in the home and then at a vehicle police say.

A Boise Police officer has been charged with DUI. Casey Hancuff was stopped by Eagle Police while he was off duty on Highway 44 and received a misdemeanor citation early Monday morning. The field sobriety tests indicated he had a .111 blood alcohol content which is well above legal limits. One of Hancuff's main focuses was impaired driving education and enforcement. He reportedly made over 3500 DUI arrests.

Friday 052623

The date that Lori Vallow Daybell will learn her fate has been set. She will be sentenced on July 31st at 9 am at the Fremont County Courthouse in Saint Anthony. The sentencing follows a six week trial that found her guilty of murder and conspiring to murder her son and daughter and her current husbands former wife.

With the smoke from the Canadian wildfires in the air, the Idaho Department of Lands reminds residents they can sign up for Wildfire Alerts on their smart devices. By doing so, Idahoans will receive up to date info on wildfires. Go to IDL dot IDAHO dot Gov for more info.

The families of two of the victims who were killed in Moscow last November say they are filing a tort claim against the city of Moscow. The notices are asking for an undetermined amount of money for damages caused after the deaths of both Kaylee Goncalves and Madison Mogen, who were found dead in the home at 1122 King Road.

Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise and Saint Alphonsus Medical Center in Nampa have received the American College of Cardiology's NCDR Chest Pain - MI Registry Platinum Performance Achievement Award for 2023. This is the Nampa hospital's first time receiving the award, while Boise is a repeat recipient. They are the only hospitals in Idaho, and among only 262 nationwide, to receive this honor.

With increased reports of coyote and Fox activity around Twin Falls, city officials are reminding everyone to take additional precautions with pets. One of the easiest ways is keep your dog on a leash at all times when outside of a fenced residence. There have been coyote sightings near Justice Grade, and another in a vacant lot near Fred Meyers.

The U.S. Supreme Court in a major environmental decision yesterday overturned the EPA's definition of wetlands, siding with an Idaho couple who'd said they should not be required to obtain federal permits to build on their property that lacked any navigable water. All nine justices agreed to overturn the ruling that endorsed the Biden administration's broad definition of waters of the United States.

Friday 060223

If Idaho Power's request to the PUC is granted, customers will see an increase in their bill by about 11 dollars a month. The utility has filed for a rate increase of 111-million dollars. Any changes would not happen until January of next year.

A new summer camp is on the horizon. This one will be part of Camp Rainbow Gold who is expanding services for Hidden Paradise in Fairfield. It's the first medical camp in Idaho that will allow any child the opportunity to go to summer camp.

Two eastern Idaho hospitals and their clinics are working to resume full operations after a cyberattack on their computer systems. Officials with Idaho Falls Community Hospital said the attack happened Monday, causing some clinics to close, some ambulances to be diverted to nearby hospitals and their cafes to only accept cash. Mountain View Hospital, also located in Idaho Falls, was similarly affected by the computer virus.

The families of two transgender teenagers filed a lawsuit yesterday to block enforcement of Idaho's ban on gender-affirming medical care for minors. The ban was signed into law in April and scheduled to take effect in January 2024. It makes it a felony for doctors to provide puberty blockers, hormone treatment and surgery for minors only in cases in which it is to help align their bodies with their gender identities.

Heyburn officials have placed the officer who shot two dogs running along the freeway Saturday on administrative leave as they investigate the shooting. Heyburn Police said when they arrived Saturday they found the dogs running

on the interstate. Police reported officers whistled, called and shouted at the dogs after two people attempted to capture them.

The Idaho department of corrections is building a new dorm for men with updated philosophies in mind that will hopefully cut down on repeater rates. The facility will feature things like dimming light switches and larger windows with a view. All 152 men living there will also have a bit more privacy and more responsibilities like cooking, doing laundry and other chores.

Friday 060923

A judge overseeing the case against Bryan Kohberger, charged with killing four University of Idaho students last fall, is set to hear arguments today over a gag order that largely bars attorneys and other parties in the case from speaking with news reporters. A coalition of more than 30 media organizations has challenged the order, saying it violates the Constitution's guarantees of free speech, as has a lawyer for one of the victim's families. But prosecutors and the defendant's lawyers insist it's needed to prevent prejudicial news coverage that could damage Kohberger's right to a fair trial. Kohberger is charged with four counts of first-degree murder and burglary in connection with the stabbing deaths in Moscow on Nov. 13, 2022.

A flood warning remains in effect for parts of Blaine County. The warning extends through next Saturday June 17th.

U of I ag experts say there has been some serious damage from the recent hail storms that passed through the area. Winter wheat and Barley crops have been shredded and now a snow mold fungus has set in.

Some wildland firefighters from Idaho have been sent to Canada to fight fires. Currently, 283 federal firefighters and support personal from 14 crews are deployed in Canada. Idaho firefighters make up a chunk of that numbers. Of the wildland firefighters deployed to Canada, 24 are from the Boise Hotshot Crew, 22 are from the Idaho City Hotshot Crew, and 19 firefighters are from the Snake River Hotshots. Idaho has also sent 4 overhead crews.

35 year old Esmeralda Ahumada of Caldwell was sentenced to a minimum of 12 years for the second-degree murder of her step-grandfather. Ahumada was arrested in August of 2022. When interviewed by police, Ahumada admitted to the shooting, indicating it was to end the sexual abuse she had been enduring since childhood.

This weekend it's Filer fun days. It all starts with a fish fry Friday at 5. A community breakfast Saturday morning at 7 at the Fairgrounds. The Parade begins at 11. There is a concert with Bryon Hildreth in the afternoon and Copperhead at 7. Fireworks cap the fun starting at 10:15.

Friday 061623

Bryan Kohberger, the defendant in the Moscow murders case, is requesting a stay of proceedings and the release of grand jury materials. Kohberger argues that obtaining the complete record of the grand jury proceedings is crucial for him to contest the indictment against him. According to Cornell Law School, a stay of proceedings is a ruling by a court to stop or suspend a proceeding or trial temporarily or indefinitely.

The judge in the Lori Vallow Dabell trial said no to the request for a new trial. In May, the eastern Idaho mother was found guilty on six criminal counts, including the murders of her two children. In the motion, defense attorneys argued the jury instructions were confusing. The defense also said that they believe that the jury was influenced by "outside sources," and at least one of the jurors had information that was not entered into evidence. Daybell will be sentenced at 9 a.m. on Monday, July 31 at the Fremont County Courthouse.

Governor Brad Little and Superintendent Debbie Critchfield are promoting the fair, factual American history resource for Idaho schools called "The Story of America." "The Story of America" is an American history curriculum for middle school and high school students that tell the factual story of our nation's history while reinforcing writing and critical thinking skills.

The Department of the Interior is saying a proposed update of its renewable energy regulations will promote the development of solar and wind energy on public lands. The Bureau of Land Management's proposed Renewable Energy

Rule would reduce fees for these projects by around 80%, facilitate development in priority areas by streamlining review of applications, and deliver greater certainty for the private sector. It's targeting all 11 western states.

A Oregon man has pleaded guilty to hate crime charges for threatening to use his vehicle to hit a Boise library worker who defended a transgender co-worker, as well as two women he believed were lesbians. 31 year old Matthew Alan Lehigh, acknowledged as part of the plea agreement that last October at a library he threatened and struck a library worker who is transgender.

Friday 062323

The Idaho Supreme Court unanimously rejected an appeal regarding Idahoans' ability to carry firearms at private events on public property. The case involved Sen. Scott Herndon in a dispute against the City of Sandpoint. Plaintiffs challenged whether their Second Amendment right to carry firearms extended to a concert hosted by a private group at War Memorial Field in Sandpoint.

The Jerome County commissioners have questions they hope can be answered by a legal team. They have hired the firm to help navigate through the legal process with the county prosecutor. Brad Calbo was charged with 2 felonies from an alleged domestic dispute while in Oregon June 5th. He was released from jail on June 13th. Now commissioners hope to meet with Calbo who they say they have not been able to contact. A text message said he would be gone for an unspecified amount of time.

The man accused of shooting and killing four of his neighbors in Kellogg will not face the death penalty if convicted. Majorjon Kaylor is charged with four counts of first-degree murder.

A new business broke ground recently in Heyburn. Agri Service is building a 13-million dollar 38-thousand square foot facility on a 12 acre plot near 1-84.

The recipients of the 2023 Idaho Governor's Cup Scholarships have been announced. Recipients were chosen from among more than 3,000 applicants.

Locally, winners include Grayden DeVries from Kimberly, Kamille Mirkin from Jerome, Madison Myers from Wendell, Franco Ocampo from Carey, Elizabeth Tarbet from Burley, Brianna Askew from Kimberly, William Praegitzer from Oakley and Ethan Randklev from Burley.

Sun Valley on Ice is returning for the 2023 season. The ice skating series at Sun Valley kicks off July 6th. The shows run every Saturday, starting July 22 through September 2.

A fundraiser is planned to honor a Gooding County man who was murdered last month. Family and friends of Gooding resident Roger Driesel are hosting a biker rally/car show fundraiser this Saturday at the Gooding Fairgrounds. Proceeds from the event will go towards fixing up the victims 1973 Mustang. A memorial service will be held at 6 pm at Gooding's First Baptist Church.

Friday 063023

A new state budget and dozens of new state laws take effect tomorrow in Idaho in connection with the beginning of the 2024 fiscal year. House Bill 186 reinstates the firing squad as an alternative form of execution when lethal injection is not available. A bipartisan bill known as the Clean Slate Act, allows people with nonviolent, nonsexual offenses to petition the state to have certain offenses shielded from public. House Bill 138 consolidated the March primary election into the May election. House Bill 213 creates the rural nursing loan repayment program. A property tax law will provide a minimum of \$205 million in reductions in its first year and up to \$355 million, if there is a budget surplus.

Tomorrow, Idaho becomes the only state without a legal requirement or specialized committee to review maternal deaths related to pregnancy. Meanwhile, under new rules, Idaho families can make at least 7% more money per year and still qualify for WIC.

With the Fourth of July right around the corner, energy providers and forest officials are reminding Idahoans to take caution to prevent power outages and forest fires. Idaho Power is asking customers to stay safe and prevent power outages this Fourth of July that could be caused by wildfires sparked by fireworks.

Six months after an Ada County judge dismissed battery charges against her, a Boise woman is now suing Idaho State Police troopers for wrongfully arresting her. The lawsuit traces back to June 28, 2022 when Avalon Hardy, a Boise woman, attended an abortion rights protest at the Idaho State Capitol with her mother. While walking through a crowd of hundreds of abortion rights and anti-abortion protesters, Idaho State Police troopers arrested Hardy on a felony battery charge, and she spent that night at the Ada County Jail without bond.

Hansen residents no longer need to boil their drinking water. The order was lifted yesterday.

Monday 0050823

In order to keep water from spilling over Milner, the Bureau of Reclamation has told Wyoming officials that it plans to cut flows out of Jackson Lake Dam to what could be fish-killing levels downstream. It's expected to extend for 8 weeks. The Snake River drainage currently has a snowpack 124% of normal. Milner Lake had a water elevation of 10 feet. Since the aged dam was reconstructed to create hydropower, the highest lake level was 11.5 feet in 2021.

The Idaho Department of Corrections said a Twin Falls Community Reentry Center resident walked away from their facility in Twin Falls. Seth Odell Stacey left the reentry center, near Washington Street South and Park Avenue around 9:15 Friday morning. He is 40-year-old, weighs 160 pounds, and is about 5 feet 5 inches tall. He was last seen wearing a black hoodie with grey sweatpants and sunglasses.

In southern Idaho, in-person early voting is open through Friday in the counties offering that option. Voters in Blaine County, Hailey, Ketchum and Sun Valley have decisions to make. In Hailey a 6 million dollar bond that would be used for a wastewater system. Voters in the county will decide if the 1-percent hotel, motel and rental car tax should be extended. In Camas county there is a proposed property tax levy override for the cemetery district. Cassia county voters are deciding on a 350-thousand per year for two years

library levy. In Hagerman there is a 2-point 2 million dollar water system levy and 400 thousand per year plant school facilities levy that would go for 5 years.

The BLM and Southern Idaho off road association will do their 24th annual cleanup along the rim of the Snake River canyon this coming Saturday. Volunteers are welcome and encouraged to join the cleanup effort, which will begin at 8 a.m. and wrap up around 2 p.m.

Power was off in Bellevue after a Saturday night car crash. Police say it happened around 5:30 pm. Power was restored around 11 pm. Traffic on Gannett Rd was diverted at Hardwood Dr.

Monday 040323

The Idaho House of Representatives and Idaho Senate mostly wrapped up their business for the year Friday and went at recess until Thursday to see if Gov. Brad Little will sign or veto the last of the late-session bills legislators passed. Friday marked the 82nd day of the legislative session. Legislators moved closer to adjournment by passing the rewritten Medicaid budget and public schools budgets, as well as passing a property tax reduction package into law by overriding Little's veto of House Bill 292.

Flags are flying at half-staff today for the funeral of two residents who served the community for many years. Jerome Mayor Dave Davis requested the flags be lowered for Thomas Borresen who was a Magistrate Judge for 25 years. Gerald Ostler served on the Jerome City Council from 1986 to 1989 and Mayor from 1990 to 1997. He was also the County Corner for many years.

Today marks the first day for the trial of Lori Vallow Daybell in Boise. She and her husband Chad Daybell is charged with the murder of Lori's children and Chad's former wife. After a hearing Wednesday Judge Steven Boyce has yet to issue an updated ruling that would allow certain witnesses to be in the courtroom during other testimony.

Those who have watercraft will need to stop at the watercraft inspection stations near the borders as they enter into the gem state. Officials are looking for the invasive species of Quagga and Zebra Muscles.

A proposed amendment to the Idaho Constitution that would have increased the threshold to qualify a ballot initiative or referendum died Thursday after failing to get the necessary two-thirds support in the Idaho House of Representatives. The senate resolution would have increased the threshold to qualify a ballot initiative or referendum to 6% of the legal voters in each of the state's 35 legislative districts at the time of the previous general election.

This month's rain and snow continues to stack up. Many mountain locations across southern Idaho are above 100% of the snow water equivalent for this time of year. So, with all this snow and the corresponding water, is there a chance of flooding this year? Officials say that while colder temperatures are a lot less pleasant than our typical spring-time temps, they will help the snow melt slowly and hopefully avoid significant flooding.

Monday 041023

The jury has been selected for the murder trial of Lori Vallow Daybell. Today, the jury consisting of 10 men and 8 women include 6 alternates will be part of the trial that's expected to last 8 weeks. Her husband Chad Daybell is also charged with murder and will be tried separately in Ada County.

A man who Nampa Police say advertised illegal drugs on social media is now in jail, facing several felony charges. Officers arrested 19-year-old Juan D. Zavala after executing a search warrant. Officers located marijuana, THC cartridges, cocaine, mushrooms, and firearms, including a stolen AK-47 rifle.

The former embattled Boise police chief appears to be in line to become the next Pittsburgh police chief. Ryan Lee spent years with the Portland, Oregon department before becoming the chief in Boise. However, while he was chief, Lee allegedly broke a sergeant's neck during a tactical demonstration.

A McCall man is going to prison and is banned from National Forest System lands after he illegally cut down trees. McCall resident Richard Russell

Kersten was sentenced to one month in federal prison for illegally harvesting timber from the Payette, Nez Perce, and Boise National Forests. Kersten was also banned from entering all National Forest System lands for three years and was ordered to pay the government \$8,000 in restitution.

Three men are in custody for charges of trafficking following a traffic stop on Hwy 93. 25 year old Wilson Fontes Mendvil of Mexico, 23 year old Elton Loza and 24 year old Hugo Hector Olvera, also of Arizona, are being held on the charges of Drug Trafficking in Methamphetamine, and Possession of a Controlled Substance with the Intent to Deliver fentanyl. 26 pounds of Meth and 4.6 pounds of fentanyl were recovered with a street value of 1 million dollars. That's about a million lethal doses of fentanyl.

Starting this morning, Idaho Power is replacing existing underground electric cable in the area of Falls Avenue West between Monroe Street and Madrona Street as well as adjacent cross streets to improve reliability in areas that are experiencing issues. Working hours will be between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Monday 041723

This morning authorities are looking for a man they believe shot and killed an eastern Oregon reserve police officer. 43 year old Nyssa officer Joseph Johnson died Saturday night after a man he had pursued in a car shot at him. Johnson had been responding to reports the man was making threats and damaging property.

As you prepare for your commute this morning, know that the City of Burley will be starting construction on Bedke Boulevard from Overland Avenue to West Main Street near Bobcat Corner. This roadway will be closed to all traffic through the middle of June.

For those who cannot file their taxes by the tomorrow's deadline, the Idaho State Tax Commission also offers an automatic six-month extension if you pay enough of your total tax by the deadline. To qualify, you must pay 80% of the estimated tax owed in 2022 or 100% of the total tax reported on your 2021 tax return.

The City of Twin Falls will begin receiving water from the Twin Falls Canal Company for Pressurized Irrigation today. All subdivisions are expected to be receiving Pressurized Irrigation by Friday, May 5.

There is a flood advisory for snowmelt until 4 this afternoon in Camas County. Warnings are out for flooding in low-lying and poor drainage areas. Emergency management reported minor flooding south of Fairfield.

Week one of the Lori Vallow Daybell murder trial ended Friday. The court will resume tomorrow. Lori is charged with two counts of first-degree murder in connection with the death of her two children, JJ Vallow and Tylee Ryan.

A white SUV crashed into a Pocatello Fire Truck on Sunday afternoon while the Engine was responding to a fire. One occupant in the SUV had to be extricated, and all passengers vehicle were transported to a nearby hospital. The three firefighters driving the Engine are under evaluation by medical personnel. Both vehicles sustained heavy damage and had to be towed from the scene.

Monday 042423

A head on crash south of Bellevue yesterday afternoon claimed the life of a 39 year old female from Hailey. Police say the crash happened around 3:30 pm on Highway 93 and closed the highway for about 4 and half hours. In addition to the fatality, two others were transported for medical treatment.

Some 15-hundred students will be adjusting to distant learning for the next six weeks in Pocatello after the Highland High School was damaged by fire Friday. The fire destroyed most of the school's D building, which included the cafeteria, gymnasium, choir and band rooms. The fire also caused some water and smoke damage to other parts of the school, and the building's electrical and gas facilities are currently off. The investigation continues into the cause.

Interior Secretary Deb Haaland said the U.S. Interior Department will send \$125 million to Idaho from the bipartisan infrastructure law to scores of local climate resiliency and conservation projects. It's part of the funds from the

\$1.9 trillion bipartisan infrastructure law and Democrats' 2022 climate and spending law, both of which President Joe Biden signed.

Week two of the Lori Vallow Daybell murder trial wrapped up for the week last Thursday in Boise. Court will continue today after taking this last Monday and Friday off.

A former Idaho State Police Trooper is facing charges of murder and felony domestic battery in connection to the murder of his then-wife back in 2021. According to Kootenai County Sheriff's Office, 57-year-old Daniel Charles Howard turned himself in on Friday evening for the murder of his then-wife 48-year-old Kendy Wilkins. He was put on administrative leave in 2014 without pay due to criminal charges in Kootenai and Bonner counties due to three felony charges.

Several rural counties in Idaho are set to receive a total of \$26.9 million in funds from the federal Secure Rural Schools program. Idaho received the third-highest total in the U.S., behind California and Oregon.

Monday 051523

State police were busy over the weekend dealing with several crashes. One near Mountain Home claimed the life of three people from Boise. It happened yesterday morning just south of Simco Road. A pickup crossed the center line and collided with a semi-truck. Last night a 26 year old Hagerman resident lost control of his pickup on highway 30 and struck a fence. Then early Sunday morning a two vehicle crash in Jerome County sent three people to the hospital when they collided with a tractor on the 300 north road just after 2 am.

The Blaine County Sheriff's office has issued a flood evacuation notice telling residents to prepare to leave at a moment's notice. Currently there are no immediate evacuations in place. The weather service said the Big Wood River could flood with the snowmelt increasing river flows throughout the week.

On Friday afternoon, the jury in the Lori Vallow-Daybell murder trial found her guilty on all counts. She will be sentenced in Three months. She faces life in prison because the death penalty option was removed by the judge.

With \$734 million on the line, this is a huge May election for schools. House Bill 292 eliminated the March school election date which had long been the districts' favorite date for running bond issues and levies. Districts sought more than \$1 billion in bond issues and levies this March. Many of the big-ticket bond issues failed, most of the levies passed. Tomorrow only 16 of Idaho's 115 school districts have measures on the ballot. In Hagerman, they are asking for a 5 year 2 million dollar plant facilities levy.

The BLM scheduled five public meetings this week to gather feedback on major proposed changes to its stewardship of multiple-use lands across the western US including 12 million acres in Idaho. None of those meetings will be in Idaho, and the state's congressional delegation is asking for one.

Motorists traveling on Filer Avenue in Twin Falls will experience lane Closures starting tomorrow and continuing into Wednesday. Contractors will construct a new utility crossing under Filer Avenue East near Blue Lakes Boulevard. During construction, Filer Avenue near the Chevron Gas Station and WaFad Bank will be limited to one shared lane.

Monday 052223

Another portion of a Blaine county sub division has been evacuated due to rising waters in the Wood River because of melting snow. Eight homes along Gin Ridge Road in the Gimlet subdivision south of Ketchum were told to leave Saturday. Now residents along Wilderness drive have been told they could be next.

Friday afternoon the Idaho DEQ issued an air quality advisory for most all of Southern Idaho. The order means no open burning will be allowed. An update is expected to be released this afternoon.

Idaho Governor Brad Little has ordered the Idaho State police to support the State of Texas efforts to secure the boarder. The governor said the effort is

also designed to improve the state's ability to curb the illegal drugs that would come to Idaho. In addition, Governor Little will travel to Weslaco, Texas to fly over hot spots for illegal border crossings.

Jerome county commissioner John Crozier has notified Chairman Ben Crouch that he plans to resign from the board. Commissioner Crozier said it was for Health and personal reasons. The central committee will meet Wednesday to select up to 3 names as a potential replacement.

A federal judge on Friday denied a motion filed by Ammon Bundy to move proceedings in St. Luke's lawsuit against him to federal court. In his petition earlier this month, Bundy argued the case should be moved to federal court because people involved in the case live in different states, and the matter exceeds \$75,000.

The Gooding Police department is asking the public for help in locating a man who has been missing for a week. 58 year old Roger Drisel was last seen last Monday. He was possibly spotted in the Rock Creek RV Park. He may show signs of dementia or PTSD.

A Burley man is facing a charge of 1st degree murder. 28 year old Antonio Gallegos is charged in the murder of Carl Yager who was shot in the back of his head last May. Gallegos was in a Jerome courtroom Friday for his preliminary hearing. Bond was set at a million dollars.

It's arraignment day for Bryan Kohberger, the man suspected in the murders of four University of Idaho students. If he pleads not guilty the judge will set a trial date.

Monday 060523

Chad Daybell who has been charged with murder, has a trial date set. Chad will face a jury trial in Ada County on April 1 of next year. His wife Lori Vallow Daybell was found guilty of murder earlier this year. The trial could last through the end of May.

Idaho Governor Brad Little has proclaimed this week as Summer Food Service program awareness week. It's designed to raise awareness about food

insecurity in Idaho. The program provides healthy food choices when school meal programs are not operating. Access to free summer meals and snacks will start today for all children in most community's in southern Idaho.

In a recent study in what the Idaho education system can improve on for Hispanic students and parents, the group has found seven main aspects that Hispanic parents and students value about the education system in Idaho. The Here to Stay study began after researchers noticed a major gap in Hispanic populations at Idaho charter schools. The seven aspects include teaching the basics, staff to Child Ratio, social emotional help, teaching Spanish in Idaho Schools and paying for college.

A Boise man was arrested Friday night and booked into the Ada County Jail after he intentionally hit two people with his vehicle, killing a woman. Police said 23-year-old Marion Nikichimus was involved in an altercation. Nikichimus reportedly used his vehicle to hit the woman and a man. The woman died at a local hospital Friday night.

A small portion of Yellowstone National Park's Northeast Entrance Road will be temporarily closed during evening hours on select days in early June to allow for construction. The section of road in Lamar Canyon between Tower Junction and Lamar Valley will be closed from 7-9 p.m.

With federal COVID-19 relief money for Idaho's childcare industry running out this month, some local providers are adjusting their budgets to make ends meet. Over the past three years, Idaho has received more than \$300 million in relief money for care. About 3,600 individual employees also got \$300.

Monday 061223

When Lori Vallow Daybell, is sentenced for murder and conspiracy in the deaths of two of her children and her current husband's late wife, three people will be permitted to make victim impact statements. Judge Steven Boyce has determined that Kay Woodcock, Summer Shiflet and Colby Ryan are entitled to submit victim impact statements and address the court.

An 83 year old Kimberly man was air lifted for medical treatment following a two vehicle crash Friday afternoon on U.S. 30 in Twin Falls County. He was stopped at a stop sign when he entered the intersection and was struck by a pickup driven by a 54 year old man also from Kimberly.

The defense team representing the man accused of murdering four University of Idaho students last year told a Latah County judge that it doesn't matter what the public or the media learns about their client, they will find a way to twist it even, hypothetically, if they learn he uses a blue toothbrush. The judge is considering a request to lift the gag order on 28 year old Bryan Kohberger's case.

The Salmon-Challis National Forest officials are warning visitors about potential hazards due to damage from 2022's Moose Fire. It is suggested that visitors to these areas are prepared for the unexpected. One specific route of concern is the Salmon River Road, from North Fork to Panther Creek. There is ongoing potential for rocks and other debris to fall onto the roadway and into the river.

Lawmakers in charge of state budgets this year grilled officials from the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare on why Medicaid spending had ballooned to \$4.7 billion a year. It wasn't just because Idaho voters decided in 2018 to open up Medicaid to low-income adults who previously did not qualify for the government health insurance program. One of the main drivers was the cost of prescription drugs.

26 year old Chase West Bishop accused of violently beating his cousin in May outside a Castleford bar has been bound over to district court on a charge of aggravated battery. The victim Dawson Bishop said Chase accused him of stealing from his grandparents, something Dawson denied.

Monday 061923

Four people are dead and one person is in custody following a shooting in Kellogg. Last night around 7:30 authorities were called to a multi-family dwelling located behind Mountain View Congregational Church on West Cameron Avenue, just off of Interstate 90 where they discovered four people

deceased from gunshot wounds. A 31 year old male believed to be connected was detained at the scene.

Idaho's population continues to grow. While Boise's population shrunk by 1,387 people from 2021 to 2022 some of the state's fastest growing cities include Caldwell, Nampa and Star – which saw a 13% population increase. Twin Falls grew by 1.5 percent to 54,300. Jerome grew by 3.1 percent to 13,037. The community of Paul came in 1st with a 19.8 percent increase or 1,728 people according to the Idaho Department of Labor.

In 2023 Idaho counties are receiving a combined \$38.2 million in payment in lieu of taxes funding for federal lands that are exempt from tax collections. The federal government makes payments to local governments for federal land that is exempt from taxation.

Idaho's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 2.6% in May, remaining unchanged for the fourth consecutive month. Total employment increased by 1,215 to 937,462. Twin Falls saw the largest increase at 0.6.

Magic Valley Regional Airport Joslin Field said that Delta Air Lines is launching a second nonstop flight from Twin Falls to Salt Lake beginning September 5. The two flights will depart at 8 am and 1:25 pm.

Oregon-based Willamette Valley Fruit Co. is recalling some of its frozen fruit packages that have strawberries grown in Mexico because of a potential Hepatitis A contamination. The products were distributed in select Walmarts, including stores in Idaho.

Idaho legislators spent two hours Friday questioning University of Idaho officials about the university's plans to form a new nonprofit organization to acquire the for-profit University of Phoenix for \$550 million. Several legislators had questions about the financial risks involved with the deal and nondisclosure agreements signed during the negotiations. Others had questions about University of Phoenix's prior business practices and reputation.

Monday 062623

An Idaho judge has denied a request from roughly two dozen news organizations to lift a gag order in the criminal case of Brian Kohberger accused of stabbing four University of Idaho students to death. The judge did,

however, significantly narrow the gag order in response to the news organizations' concerns.

For the second time this year, a confirmed tornado touched down in southeast Idaho Friday afternoon. The tornado touched down around 12:30 p.m. on the flats between Soda Springs and Grace.

An officer shot a person in downtown Boise early Saturday morning in an incident on 5th Street. Just after 2 am police were checking out a vehicle as part of an investigation. When they tried to talk to someone in the car, that person ran and ignored commands to stop. That's when the officer shot the person. Paramedics took the suspect to a local hospital with life-threatening injuries.

A bridge that crosses the Yellowstone River in Montana collapsed early Saturday, plunging portions of a freight train carrying hazardous materials into the rushing water below. The train cars were carrying hot asphalt and molten sulfur. Officials shut down drinking water intakes downstream while they evaluated the danger after the 6 a.m. accident. No injuries were reported.

A group of five Idaho Republican legislators has come out against proposed GOP rule changes they say will harm young voters and party leaders. One rule would make it so that voters who are affiliated with a different political party could have to wait for more than two years after affiliating with the Idaho Republican Party to vote in a Republican primary election. Another proposed rule would stop the College Republicans and Idaho Federation of Republican Women from voting on party matters as members of the executive committee.

The Idaho Attorney General's Office has filed a lawsuit alleging the State Board of Education violated the Open Meetings Law in proceedings leading up to approval of U of I acquiring a for-profit online school. It contends The Board of Education broke Idaho law when it held closed-door meetings to discuss the schools plan to acquire the University of Phoenix.

Thursday 040623

Idaho Gov. Brad Little signed a bill into law yesterday that makes it illegal for an adult to help a minor get an abortion without parental consent. The law is the first of its kind in the U.S. and creates a new crime of abortion trafficking, barring adults from obtaining abortion pills for a minor or transporting the pregnant minor without the consent of the minor's parent or guardian. Anyone convicted of breaking the law will face two to five years in prison.

Calling it a bounty on libraries, Idaho Gov. Brad Little vetoed a bill that would have prohibited libraries and schools from promoting or giving out materials that are "harmful to minors." It would have allowed a parent or legal guardian to sue a school or library for \$2,500 in statutory damages.

Planned Parenthood Great Northwest has filed a federal lawsuit against Idaho Attorney General Raúl Labrador's office following a legal opinion issued last week that stated medical professionals in Idaho could be subject to criminal penalties for referring patients to abortion care across state lines. Labrador issued the legal opinion that states that the use of any means to carry out an abortion is prohibited.

A Richfield woman was sentenced to up to 10 years in prison for stealing clients' insurance premiums to pay her personal and business bills. Charlotte Sheppard was sentenced to the Idaho Department of Corrections for 10 years, with five years fixed and five years indeterminate. Sheppard was first prosecuted and found guilty in Blaine County for grand theft in 2020 after funds were reported missing from an insurance agency's fiduciary account.

The cold wet weather is slowing farmers from getting into the fields this spring. The crop progress report, released by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, said there was an average of 1.1 days suitable for fieldwork in Idaho for the week ending April 2, as cold temperatures affected farmers in Twin Falls and Cassia counties. Farmers started working in sandier soils in Jerome County.

A 19 year old female from Parma died following a crash in canyon county yesterday morning. Police say she failed to stop at an intersection.

The trial of Lori Vallow Daybell was cut short yesterday at the request of the state due to a death in the family of a lead prosecutor. Police were testifying all morning -- three witnesses were called. The trial will resume this morning. On Tuesday, Rexburg Police Detective Ray Hermosillo gave graphic, haunting testimony about finding the children's bodies and the excavation process to be able to lay them to rest.

A 36-year-old Idaho Falls man who was wanted for eluding law enforcement, kidnapping, and aggravated assault was shot by police following a chase and crash. Blackfoot Police located the suspect's vehicle yesterday just after noon. Authorities say he drove away from police which began the pursuit. He crashed his vehicle on the ramp connecting U.S. 91 and southbound Interstate 15. Police said they fired multiple shots at the man and struck him.

Several hundred people rallied against plans for a large-scale wind energy project in southern Idaho, hoping to convince federal agencies to reject the proposal by Magic Valley Energy. If built, the wind farm would be the second-largest in the U.S., producing up to 1,000 megawatts. The Biden Administration has prioritized permitting 25 gigawatts of renewable energy projects on public lands by 2025 as part of its response to climate change. The company hopes to have the wind farm operating by 2025.

No more masks at St. Lukes medical centers in Southern Idaho. Yesterday the hospital updated its universal mask mandate. The Mandate went into effect April 3, 2020 because of COVID 19.

Yesterday morning, Boise School District announced they'd be banning and disabling the TikTok app on all school devices and from all school WiFi networks. This comes after the Idaho legislature upheld the Governor's executive order that banned the app.

The DMV has started issuing Driver's Licenses with the new design. The Idaho Transportation Department said the new design was launched yesterday. Idaho's state bird, the mountain bluebird, is featured prominently. Idahoans will also notice the Sawtooth Mountains and the Idaho Statehouse.

Tonight at midnight, marks the end of public comment being accepted for the Lava Ridge wind Project with the BLM. The Biden administration has prioritized permitting 25 gigawatts of renewable energy by 2025.

A confrontation between a counter-protester, a security guard and attendees at Boise Pride on September 10th spawned two different legal claims alleging negligence from the City of Boise and the Boise Police Department. One, from Pride counter-protester Martin Bettwieser and the other from Charles Rehdorf, a private security guard hired by Boise Pride. Rehdorf's claim says an incident starting with a protester displaying anti-Pride signs during the event and ending with Rehdorf being charged with a misdemeanor battery and use of force charge for restraining Bettwieser was the result of negligence from the Boise Police Department.

Kroger wants a judge to throw out a lawsuit from a group of consumers looking to derail its bid to buy Boise-based Albertsons. Attorneys said the consumers' group doesn't have legal standing to bring the suit, and said the Clayton Act does not "turn every grocery store consumer in the country into a roving antitrust enforcer."

Scoular will break ground this month on a \$20 million expansion of its feed blending facility in Jerome to meet the custom feed needs of the region's dairy and beef producers. In its April 12 announcement, Scoular said the expansion, which is aiming for a spring 2024 completion, adds two key capabilities: A steamflaking process, which processes corn into flakes and A pellet mill to make feed pellets.

The city of Twin Falls is warning area residents of an increasing amount of Teenagers and young adults being targeted by Sextortion. The city issued a news release reminding parents to talk to their teens about online relationships and to maintain healthy communication with their children.

Idaho Governor Brad Little said that he does not anticipate a special legislative session happening after Republican and Democratic party leaders recently raised concerns about a new law that eliminates the March presidential primary election. Little signed the bill into law on March 30. Some say the elimination of the March election is the result of rushing legislation without building consensus and support.

Idaho's four-year schools will no longer be able to require job applicants to sign written "diversity statements." After brief discussion, the State Board of Education unanimously passed a resolution banning the statements "as a condition of hiring." The resolution goes into effect immediately, and covers Boise State University, the University of Idaho, Idaho State University and Lewis-Clark State College.

Despite public support and more than 10 years' worth of efforts to create medical marijuana programs in Idaho through bills before the Idaho Legislature and petitions seeking to qualify ballot initiatives for an election all have failed. Idaho is unique among most of its neighboring states for not having any kind of medical or recreational marijuana program in place. Utah allows medical marijuana and Oregon, Washington, Montana and Nevada offer recreational marijuana. Wyoming joins Idaho in criminalizing marijuana.

To celebrate Arbor Day, the Idaho Forest Products Commission will give away 20,000 Idaho-native tree seedlings tomorrow that were grown at University of Idaho's Franklin H. Pitkin Forest Nursery. Locally they will be available at Home Depot, the Lincoln County Youth Center, the Idaho lands Field office in Jerome, city of Fairfield Kimberly and Filer.

With the warming temperatures there is a flood watch for much of the upper elevations surrounding southern Idaho. Snow melt will be increased in the next few days forecasters say. There is also a wind advisory from noon till 10 pm tonight for much of the Magic Valley area. Winds could gust upwards to 50 miles per hour.

A Twin Falls man is dead after falling over a fence at Federation Point along the Canyon Rim. Authorities say 38 year old Kenneth Miller died at the scene. Witnesses say he was checking on a crash site before he tripped and fell.

The cities of Hailey, Ketchum and Sun Valley are asking voters to decide on a local option tax that is allowed for resort and tourist communities. The 1 percent sales tax has been in effect for 10 years. It will be on the May 16th ballot.

Court records show that witness harassment is what earlier led to Ammon Bundy's arrest warrant. After becoming the target of Bundy and his followers, a St. Luke's nurse practitioner installed a security system in her home, according to court documents. She avoided going to the grocery store, posting on social media or wearing her St. Luke's badge outside of work. She didn't want her children to spend the night at her home.

The city of Twin Falls is starting the annual budgeting process and is inviting public input. Till the end of July, the community can hear current planning initiatives and provide comment on funding those initiatives. Discussions will take place during city council meetings.

As a lawsuit by transgender Idahoans against the state's Medicaid administrators makes its way through federal court, Gov. Brad Little stepped in this week to clarify the state's official position on the matter. Little said he opposes Idaho Medicaid using public funds to pay for irreversible sex reassignment surgeries, puberty blockers, or hormones for the purpose of changing the appearance of any child's or adult's sex.

Today at 5 p.m. is the deadline for Idahoans to request absentee ballots for the May 16 election. Idaho voters can make their request through the Idaho Secretary of State's Office or by visiting a county elections office. Idaho voters have until 11 days prior to an election to make their request for an absentee ballot. Idaho does not require a reason for voting absentee.

Sleep in Heavenly Peace, a non-profit organization dedicated to providing beds for children in need, has received the Platinum GuideStar Nonprofit Profile Seal of Transparency for the fifth consecutive year. The platinum rating is the highest level of recognition offered by GuideStar, a leading source of nonprofit information for donors and funders. To achieve the platinum rating, Sleep in Heavenly Peace provided detailed information about its mission, programs, financials, and impact.

New court documents accuse anti-government activist Ammon Bundy of hiding his assets in a new sequence of shell companies as a civil lawsuit against him continues. In a video recording Bundy said he sold his home and doesn't have much for St. Luke's Health System to recover in the case. The five-acre property in Emmett is now owned by a Wyoming corporation. Wyoming allows owners of LLCs to remain anonymous.

Josiah Colt, from Meridian who traveled to Washington in a car loaded with weapons and was photographed dangling from the Senate balcony during the Capitol riot was sentenced yesterday to 15 months in prison. Colt pleaded guilty to obstructing Congress' certification of Joe Biden's White House victory.

Idaho has notified the U.S. Fish and Wildlife services that the state plans to sue them over the failure to remove grizzly bears from the endangered species list. Governor Brad Little said over a year ago, Idaho petitioned for delisting the "lower-48" grizzly bears.

The Blaine County Sheriff's office said deputies were called to the detention center when an inmate became combative flooding his cell, kicking and ripping a surveillance camera from the ceiling. 44 year old Johannes Achhorner was in custody on felony assault after an incident on Monday. Police say they were called to a business where a motorcycle had been knocked over. Achhorner allegedly attacked a police officer.

Workers will close a portion of U.S. 26 near Shoshone for three days starting next Tuesday for railroad repair. Motorists traveling northbound on U.S. Route 93 toward Shoshone will be detoured west on U.S. Route 26. Those traveling southbound on State Highway 75 toward Shoshone will be detoured west on U.S. Route 20.

The Idaho Transportation Department is blasting rock in the median of I-84 between the South Jerome and Twin Falls Interchanges. Rolling closures will begin at 7:00 p.m. tonight. Delays will range from 20-30 minutes. A pilot car will control traffic several miles before the blast area.

The Blaine County Sheriff's office has ordered more homes to evacuate and the Big Wood River continues to overflow its banks. Three more homes in the Della View subdivision in Hailey have been told to leave. The department has also placed homes in the Gimlet area on pre-evacuation alert. As of this morning the weather service has issued 5 flood warning and watches in the area.

Whether it's a promise or a threat, Kroger's CEO isn't mincing words: he will take his hunt for Albertsons to court, if need be. Rodney McMullen's deal to buy Albertsons has faced many hurdles in the months. In an interview last week, he let it be known the two companies agreed to go litigate if the government decides to block the \$25 billion combination.

Prescribed burns in several ranger districts in Idaho's Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forests will continue this week as weather and conditions allow. After postponing the projects due to forecasted high winds over Mother's Day weekend, local fire personnel are preparing to treat multiple prescribed fire projects now that favorable conditions are forecasted this week.

A grand jury has indicted a man who was already charged in the stabbing deaths of four University of Idaho students, allowing prosecutors to skip a planned week-long preliminary hearing that was set for late June. Bryan Kohberger was arrested late last year and charged with burglary and four counts of first-degree murder in connection with the Nov. 13, 2022, killings of four university of Idaho students at a rental home near the school's campus.

The best view of outer space in Idaho will be from Mountain Home when a new observatory opens June 1st. Bruneau Dunes State Park Observatory added a second telescope. The Legislature allocated nearly \$165 million in capital and operating funds for the Idaho Parks and Recreation Department. The telescope is among the new projects.

The skies are starting to turn hazy in the area due to wildfire smoke that is moving south from Canada and Western Montana. According to NASA, fires have already burned 10 times the average area for this time of year.

Weather is once again making headlines this morning. Yesterday afternoon golf ball size hail was reported in parts of Rupert with heavy rain. Several homes and cars were damaged. Today there are several flood warnings in Blaine County. There is also a flood advisory that was issued in Twin Falls where more rainfall is expected by early afternoon.

Water levels on the Big Wood River are the highest they have been this year. They are expected to continue to increase through the weekend. The Northwest River Forecast Center is expecting river levels to exceed historical maximums for this time of year, especially on Saturday and Sunday. That means there will likely be more flooding impacts over Memorial Day weekend.

The Idaho DEQ is inviting public comment on a proposed settlement agreement after U.S. Silver allegedly violated the clean water act at Galena Mine. Reportedly they discharged pollutants into Lake Creek near the city of Wallace. U.S. Silver agreed to pay fines of \$222,320 for past and continuing violations.

People should throw away chocolate chip cookie dough and s'mores bar dough from Papa Murphy's Take 'N' Bake Pizza, according to the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare. The dough has been linked to multiple Salmonella infections. The health department said four people in southern and northern Idaho became ill, and one person hospitalized. There have been a total of 18 Salmonella infections associated with Papa Murphy's in six states, including Idaho, Oregon, and Washington.

Authorities in southern Idaho continue to search for a Gooding man who has been missing for now 11 days. 58 year old Roger Drisel disappeared On Monday May 15th. Contact the Gooding police or Sircomm at 324-1911 if you think you may have spotted him.

A Twin Falls man is facing charges of burglary after several vehicles were broken into early Monday. 21 year old Carlos Jose Lopez was taken into custody after police responded to a call of two males casing cars in the 1200 block of Park Meadows drive along with spray painting a car and a garage.

Thursday 060123

Some Idaho health and welfare officials say they are concerned. Six of the eight top attorneys assigned to the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare have quit or been fired by Idaho Attorney General Raúl Labrador since March. The head of Health and Welfare said the departures have already caused problems for the department and the people it serves. Labrador argues that the departures are an isolated purge of personnel who weren't the best candidates for those jobs under his administration.

The Twin Falls County Sheriff's office rescued a motorist at Williams reservoir Tuesday evening. The driver of the rented Prius said he was following his GPS when the car got high centered on a 2 track dirt road. The driver was traveling from Las Vegas to Seattle. The road remains closed at last check.

As part of the President's investing in America agenda, the BLM will invest \$26.95 million for the protection and conservation of wildlife habitats and recreational opportunities on public lands in Idaho. This funding will be focused in three areas: The East Idaho Rivers and Plains, Snake River Plain and Upper Salmon River Restoration Landscape Areas.

A new measure may soon open state primaries and allow ranked-choice voting in the state. The group calling themselves the Veterans for Political Innovation says the initiative will dissolve a law passed back in 2012 that required Republican voters to affiliate with the party in order to vote for their candidates. Under this initiative, voters would be able to vote regardless of party.

The evacuation orders due to flooding for residents of the Della View subdivision in Hailey, in place for just over two weeks, have been lifted. The roads in the area remain closed to thru traffic, but residents are allowed to re-enter their homes. The City of Hailey asks locals to remain cautious for deterioration in the roads and crumbling edges.

The Jerome County Republican Central Committee met last week to select three candidates as a replacement for Commissioner John Crozier, who announced his retirement May 15. The committee then selected three names to submit to Gov. Brad Little. The three candidates are Art Watkins, mayor of

Hazelton; Jesse Nelson, rancher and owner of American Beef Ranch; and former coroner Jason Robertson.

Thursday 060823

Several school districts in the gem state are seeing their superintendents do the shuffle. Matt Valadao, a long-time English teacher in the Bliss school district, will take over as superintendent on July 1. He replaces Kevin Lancaster, who is retiring. David Carson, Buhl's superintendent, is set to take the helm for Gooding school district on July 1. He replaces Spencer Larsen, who took a superintendent position at Minidoka County school district. Ryan Nesmith, the principal at Twin Falls High, will become Twin Falls School District's next associate superintendent. In Minidoka Rick Parker was appointed as interim superintendent on Feb. 2 after "a separation agreement was reached" with former Superintendent James Ramsey.

Rent is expensive and renters continue to pay more. In Idaho since 2020, rent has gone up an average of \$475 a month. That's a 41 percent increase in three years. That ranks Idaho fourth in the nation for the biggest increase in that span. That's even with rent going down a little in the past few months.

Idaho's average wage reached \$24.69 per hour last year. That hourly average is 7% higher than it was in 2021. The median wage rose about 4% from 2021, to \$19.26 per hour in 2022. Half of Idahoans were paid less than the median; half were paid more.

Idaho Power is preparing to renew its license to operate its most important hydroelectric sources for the next 50 years: the three Hells Canyon dams. Built in the 1950s and '60s, the three dams Brownlee, Oxbow and Hells Canyon are located along the Idaho-Oregon border in the Snake River. The cost of implementing the new measures will cost Idaho Power \$1 billion dollars over the next 50 years.

The Leading Idaho Local Bridge Program is set to usher in a new era of opportunity for small contractors across the state. The program, established at a 2020 legislative session, the Idaho Local Highway Technical Assistance Council received \$200 million in state funding for poor condition bridges.

This Saturday, Idahoans can Fish for Free. Anglers will not be required to have a fishing license on June 10, though still have to follow all of the other rules. Fish and Game will host statewide events to help beginners get started.

Thursday 061523

The team of Idaho attorneys who work on behalf of the federal government will soon include a civil rights lawyer a role that hasn't existed before. This month, the U.S. Department of Justice began taking applications for an attorney who will focus on enforcing civil rights in Idaho. The application deadline is next Tuesday.

Idaho's refugee community and local nonprofits will celebrate World Refugee Day this weekend in Twin Falls with food, music and cultural performances. The College of Southern Idaho Refugee Program is hosting a World Refugee celebration at 6 p.m. tomorrow at Twin Falls City Park. Food representing eight countries will be served free of charge, and cultural performances will begin at 7 p.m.

The State Board of Education is hoping to have its review of ineligible purchases made under the Empowering Parents grant program completed and the issues resolved by the fall, in time for the next cycle of applications. The board met yesterday in Pocatello and discussed its review of purchasing made under the grant program. Gov. Brad Little requested a full financial audit of the educational micro grant program. Around \$50 million has been distributed to nearly 50,000 Idaho students.

Idaho power said the water flow is significantly increasing at Shoshone Falls. The company said that this will ensure that the next few weeks will be a great time for people to visit the falls. During the summer flows over the falls are around 300 cubic feet per second. For several weeks it will be many times that amount.

54 year old Brad Calbo the Jerome County prosecuting attorney who is facing domestic violence charges in Oregon has been released from jail. Calbo was in jail in Lincoln County, Oregon since June 4. He faces two felony charges, coercion and strangulation, plus a pair of misdemeanor charges, following an

alleged incident while on vacation in Lincoln City. It's not yet known when he will be back handling cases for Jerome County. He remains on the payroll.

Police in Caldwell spent 5 hours negotiating with a man who refused to surrender yesterday morning. A caller reported one of the men as a 40-year-old, Joshua Russell, who was a parolee at large and was armed. Russell barricaded himself in the apartment making statements that he would do anything necessary to prevent returning to prison.

Thursday 062223

Authorities say a Kellogg father killed a neighboring family because he was upset that the neighbor's 18-year-old son had reportedly exposed himself to the man's children. 31 year old Majorjon Kaylor, is charged with four counts of first-degree murder in the Father's Day shooting. Kaylor and his wife, Kaylie Kaylor, told investigators that they were upset because Devin Smith had exposed himself in front of his bedroom window in view of the Kaylors' young daughters several days earlier. The families shared a duplex, and the girls were playing in the yard when the exposure allegedly occurred.

Twin Falls County Commissioner Jack Johnson said he wants to be the next Twin Falls County Sheriff. He made that announcement yesterday on the steps of the County's courthouse. Before being a commissioner Johnson was the Chief Deputy for Jerome County. Sheriff Tom Carter who is retiring, endorsed Johnson. Grant Loeb at the same time said he was announcing his bid for re-election. Loeb is the county Prosecutor.

The man who was violently assaulted at the Idaho Maximum Security Institution and later died has been identified by the Ada County Coroner's Office. 26 year old Junior Garcia died Sunday evening of blunt force head trauma, the coroner's report said. His manner of death was ruled a homicide.

A 34 year old Castleford man was killed yesterday morning just before 11. Police say the accident happened near the intersection of 1600 north and 2500 East near Rogerson. The victim was driving a truck pulling an empty stock trailer when he lost control and rolled the vehicle.

There are three wildfires burning in the Boise District of the BLM. The fires were reported last night. Control of the Ham fire 16 miles southeast of

Hammett is expected today. It's burned about 125 acres. The Black fire 8 miles south of Boise near Blacks Creek Road has burned 563 acres. It also is expected to be contained today. The Freeze fire south of Emmett should be controlled by noon today. It burned 25 acres.

A fundraiser is planned to honor a Gooding County man who was murdered last month. Family and friends of Gooding resident Roger Driesel are hosting a biker rally/car show fundraiser this Saturday at the Gooding Fairgrounds. Proceeds from the event will go towards fixing up the victims 1973 Mustang. A memorial service will be held at 6 pm at Gooding's First Baptist Church.

Thursday 062923

A proposed rule that could have made voters who change their political party affiliation wait two years to affiliate with the Republican Party failed during last weekend's Idaho GOP summer meeting in Challis. Meanwhile, another rule that takes away the ability for the leaders of the Idaho Young Republicans, Idaho College Republicans and Federation of Republican Women to vote with the Idaho Republican Party's state executive committee on party matters passed.

Latest data shows that half of Idahoans are now older than 37. Nationwide, the median age was below 30 until 1980, but it rose to 38.9 as of 2022.

The US Airforce said this week it would be transitioning from an A-10 Thunderbolt II mission to an F-16 Fighting Falcon mission in Idaho. Both aircraft date back to the mid-1970s. The decision to bring the F-16 to Boise came after the military analyzed Gowen Field's ability to support the mission and its infrastructure capacity, as well as community support for the mission, environmental factors and cost, according to the U.S. Airforce.

AAA Idaho is predicting record-breaking travel this upcoming holiday weekend. Around 291,000 Idahoans are expected to leave town over the Independence Day travel period, which is defined as Friday through Tuesday.

You will be able to buy fireworks in Blaine County; just don't light them off there. Blaine County Commissioners felt it was prudent to pass a resolution

that bans all fireworks in all unincorporated areas of Blaine County to lessen the danger of fires during the 2023 fire season.

An emergency water repair in Hansen has led to a boil water advisory in Hansen. The repair was made at the corner of 1st street west and Overland Avenue. As a result, there is an increased chance that the drinking water may contain disease-causing organisms.

Tuesday 040423

As the trial of a woman charged in three killings in what prosecutors say was a doomsday-focused plot began yesterday, attorneys asked potential jurors if they would have trouble being impartial after viewing autopsy photos of children. Prosecutors have charged Lori Vallow Daybell and her husband, Chad Daybell, with murder of her children and his ex-wife.

Idaho drivers are still saving at the pump this week, but with a surprise announcement by opec the time of cheaper pump prices may be running out. Over the weekend, OPEC unexpectedly announced plans to reduce crude oil production by another 1 million barrels per day beginning in May. But for now, it's the calm before the storm. According to AAA, today's average price for a gallon of regular in the Gem State is \$3.55.

Idaho Attorney General Raúl Labrador says he wants to review a child protection case that involved the grandson of one of his supporters. The case was closed last year, but the child's parents have taken first steps toward suing the state. The attorney general's interest in the case has officials from the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare and the state's liability insurance office concerned.

A 71 year old Gooding man is facing 20 years in prison and a 250-thousand dollar fine after his guilty plea. Kelly Goodman worked as a Idaho CDL skills tester. Officials say he received at least 38-thousand dollars in bribes for giving passing scores on CDL Skill tests.

Water began flowing from Murtaugh lake into area canals yesterday signaling the beginning of irrigation season in Southern Idaho. Officials say they are optimistic that they will be able to supply enough water to fulfill the needs.

Jerome county deputies have been cleared of any wrongdoing following a officer involved shooting last December. 34 year old Arlo Amos Campbell died at his Hazelton home following a short pursuit by authorities.

Traffic was slowed along I-84 in Minidoka County yesterday around noon when a semi-truck struck the rear of a motorhome. The crash happened in the westbound lanes of travel near milepost 214. Minor injuries were reported.

Tuesday 041123

A portion of State highway 50 that crosses over Interstate 84 near Eden is closed until about 7:30 this morning. Crews are removing an overhead sign that is attached to the bridge. The work began last night. Motorists will need to take an alternate route.

With the temperatures warming meteorologists are warning that the snow will be melting quicker in the higher elevations. They are warning residents that levels will increase in Area Rivers and streams. No flooding is expected yet. Due to the extensive snowpack lingering in the South Hills area south of Twin Falls, the BLM will extend the seasonal motorized travel closure to Friday, April 28.

Two people died in separate motorcycle accidents yesterday. 21 year old James Hollon was southbound north of Buhl out of Melon Valley around 1 pm when he lost control. He died at the scene. Then near Heyburn just after 3 ISP investigated a crash when an eastbound motorcycle missed a curve killing the driver.

Amanda Dunlap was sentenced to 10 years indeterminate in the death of her 20 month old daughter Lyryk Altom. The baby died of Blunt Force Trauma. Her boyfriend Josh Molina was sentenced to life in prison for the murder.

One person is dead and an Ada County sheriff Deputy is recovering from injuries following a confrontation on I-84 yesterday morning. It started around 2 am when 40 year old Jared Decker of Boise didn't listen to commands. It's alleged that Decker stabbed a deputy multiple times who was

then shot by two other deputies. Most of the morning the eastbound area of the freeway was closed for the investigation.

A man and a woman died in a private room at Miracle Hot Springs near Hagerman yesterday. Authorities say the two were in their 60's and were found face down in the water.

Twin Falls High School Principal Ryan Nesmith was named associate superintendent of the district. He started as a science and Spanish teacher in 2009 working for the Kimberly school district. He will replace Bill Brulotte who is retiring.

Monday 041723

The man police were searching for in the shooting and death of Nyssa Police reserve officer Joseph Johnson Saturday night has been arrested. 36 year old Rene Castro was captured at a home in Ontario Oregon. The district attorney made the announcement around 9 am yesterday.

A 52 year old man from Filer was airlifted for medical treatment after he lost control of his pickup on I-84 yesterday afternoon just before 1pm. The accident occurred in the eastbound lane of travel near the Ridgeway Exit.

Power bills will be going up if the Idaho Public Utilities commission approves a rate hike. Idaho Power has requested an increase that would result in an average bill going up just under 13-dollars a month.

The 22 year old Jerome woman who was accused of hitting an ISP trooper last year while police were on scene of a vehicle fire has admitted to her guilt. Emina Hukic will be sentenced June 28th. She faces up to a \$2000 fine and a year in jail. Trooper Mike Windler remains in fulltime rehab according to a facebook post.

Farmers and ranchers in Idaho still have time to be counted in the 2022 Census of Agriculture, according to a press release from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Although the original deadline for the agricultural census passed on Feb. 6, the statistics service will continue to accept completed census questionnaires throughout this spring.

Those who live within the City of Burley will have the opportunity to vote on a Burley Public Library levy on May 16th. The Library is asking voters to decide on a 2 year levy for 350 thousand dollars a year. That's an increase of 72-thousand 720 dollars per year over the levy approved in 2021. The estimated annual cost for taxpayers is \$21.88 per \$100,000 assessed tax value.

Oil prices are at the highest level thus far this year at \$83 per AAA says the average price for a gallon of regular in Idaho is \$3.57, which is three cents more than a week ago but seven cents less than a month ago. Meanwhile, the national average is a dime more expensive at \$3.67 per gallon.

Tuesday 042523

Roadwork has started in the area. For the Burley Rupert area ITD is replacing the I-84 interchanges in Burley and Heyburn to better serve traffic and growth in the area. The construction affects the 208 and the 211 exits. The transportation department is also widening I-84 to three lanes from the 168 exit in Jerome to the Twin Falls exit 173. Construction begins this week on a 2 and a half year project.

At yesterday's Twin Falls city council meeting, the Idaho transportation department laid out the plan they have to this point for a new bridge across the Snake River Canyon. Officials say the study could be presented to the public this summer. It's projected to cost 400 million dollars.

The latest update in St. Luke's lawsuit against anti-government activist, and former gubernatorial candidate Ammon Bundy includes a deposition and a default ruling in St. Luke's favor, a judge ruled yesterday. The judge's order follows months of absence on Bundy who has not been in attendance for any of the legal proceedings. Bundy announced there is a Bar-B-Que at his house tonight.

Yesterday the Idaho Supreme Court rejected a request by 30 news organizations to lift a gag order in the criminal case of Bryan Kohberger accused of stabbing four University of Idaho students to death. The justices said the news organizations should have brought their request to the magistrate judge who issued the gag order.

Idaho gas prices got off to a turbulent start last week, jumping six cents in three days before leveling off over the weekend. While AAA predicts that prices will continue going up ahead of Memorial Day, falling crude oil costs could calm things down this week. Today, the average price for a gallon of regular in the Gem State is \$3.64, which is six cents more than a week ago. The national average currently sits at \$3.67.

The City of Hailey recently passed a city ordinance to allow for tiny homes on wheels as a new type of housing unit in the City. The homes up to 400 square feet are required to hook-up to electricity, water and waste water.

Tuesday 050223

As the murder trial for Lori Vallow Daybell moves on, a DNA analyst told jurors that a hair found on duct tape wrapping JJ Vallows body matched his mother, Lori. Keeley Colman testified the probability of randomly selecting a random individual in relation to that profile is 1 in 71 billion.

After lengthy legal action by St Luke's Hospital against Ammon Bundy, Diego Rodriquez, Freedom Man PAC, People's Rights Network and Freedom Man Press over defamation. Bundy, who has largely ignored it, has now filed a petition to move the case to a federal court. The petition, filed yesterday, claims that the case could be moved to federal court because it involves people that now live in different states, the matter exceeds sums of \$75,000.

The winter seasonal closures for the Sawtooth National Recreation area have been extended. Normally they are lifted April 30th but because of above average snowfall the roads are still covered with snow and the surfaces are very soft area officials say.

The man who was facing first degree murder after a fatal crash on Blue Lakes north in Twin Falls has accepted a plea deal. 38 year old Cedric Mitchell still faces a sentence of life in prison. He has signed a plea to Second Degree murder and aggravated battery. He crashed into a car traveling near 76 miles an hour killing 60 year old Maryann Steiner and seriously injured her husband Dwayne. The crash pushed the vehicle into others in the intersection of Heyburn and Blue Lakes in June of 2019.

It's been another tough week for Idaho drivers according to AAA, today's average price for a gallon of regular is \$3.71, which is a seven-cent increase from a week ago. Meanwhile, the national average fell by six cents to \$3.61 per gallon over the same time period. The Gem State currently ranks 11th in the U.S. for most expensive fuel.

The Public Health District is warning people to be cautious of algal blooms that can grow on Idaho lakes and reservoirs. Officials say be aware of strange smells and scummy surfaces. In addition monitor your pets when near any of the water to make sure they don't drink any of it.

Tuesday 050923

\$4 gasoline could return to some parts of the Gem State as early as this week. Today, Idaho's average price for a gallon of regular is \$3.75, which is four cents more than a week ago and 20 cents more than a month ago. Meanwhile, the national average currently sits at \$3.54 per gallon, which is seven cents less than a week ago and six cents less than a month ago.

As expected, some prominent Idaho Republicans have started pushing back against a new ballot initiative that is designed to end Idaho's closed primary system and fundamentally change elections in Idaho. Last week, organizers with Idahoans for Open Primaries filed a new ballot initiative with the state that is designed to replace Idaho's closed primaries with an open primary election that all Idaho voters could participate in. Under the new primary format, the top four vote-getters from the primary would all advance to the general election, regardless of party affiliation.

The U.S. senate has given their nod of approval for a new U.S. district judge that would serve Idaho. Both Senators Mike Crapo and Jim Risch agreed Amanda Brailsford should be the next judge. If confirmed, Judge Brailsford, would be the first woman to serve in the role of U.S. District Judge in Idaho.

Starting tomorrow if you want to burn outside the city limits you must obtain a Free State fire burn permit issued by the Idaho Department of Lands. Within city limits, most cities require a burn permit as well if even allowed.

Many school districts in Idaho are worried about the ability to access the full historic state funding allocated to public schools because of a change in the funding formula. Starting the fall of 2023, Idaho will fund public schools on the regular attendance-based formula. Some districts including Twin Falls say they have not seen attendance reach pre-pandemic levels.

Boise-based Albertsons is being sued over a data breach that affected about 33,000 employees. The breach happened in December of 2022, but employees did not find out until nearly five months later, in late April of 2023.

Today is National fentanyl awareness day and the local health district will be hosting a community panel in Twin Falls to awareness of the problem. It's set for tonight at 6:30 at the CSI Taylor building.

Tuesday 051623

Today is Election Day in Idaho. Blaine County is asking voters if they support the reallocation of funds to the existing one percent local option tax. Cassia county voters will decide on a Burley public library override levy. The Hagerman School district is hoping to pass a plant facility levy.

The College of southern Idaho has named Dr. Joshua Kern to fill the unexpired Board seat of Jack Nelson who stepped down last year.

Idaho state revenues beat forecasts during the most important tax month of the year, April, which could leave the state with an extra \$10.3 million for property tax reductions as long as revenues meet or beat forecasts during the next two months. If revenues hit the forecast for May and June, the state would end the fiscal year June 30 with a balance of \$426.6 million.

There is a boil water advisory in place this morning for the city of Eden. The city said they will drop the water pressure around 8 am to make a repair.

Another fire season is approaching and BLM Idaho is asking for your help to prevent human-caused fires. A Fire Prevention Order has been issued through October 20th making it illegal to use fireworks, exploding targets, steel component ammunition, tracer ammunition, shooting at steel or ferrous material targets or burn explosive materials on BLM-managed lands in Idaho.

The Joslin Field 75th Anniversary Celebration Air Show is about a month away. The airshow is Saturday June 17th, the day before father's day.

With Memorial Day Weekend starting Thursday May 25th for some, Triple A is predicting that 42 point 3 million Americans will travel on the roads. That's 2-point 7 million more than a year ago. In Idaho that number will be 241 thousand.

New tenants are planning to move in to the old Bed Bath and Beyond Building near the canyon rim in Twin Falls. Natural Grocers will have a second location in the magic valley and will be the sixth in Idaho. They plan to open their doors this fall.

Tuesday 052323

An accident on 100 south near the Jerome Cheese Company left a Wendell man with serious injuries. Police say the 38 year old was westbound early yesterday morning when he exited the vehicle while it was in motion. The pickup came to rest against a nearby fence. The driver was air lifted for treatment.

The Idaho DEQ has lifted the burn ban that was in place for much of southern Idaho over the weekend. At last check the air quality is listed as good.

Three different Idaho state agencies are moving forward with the second phase of a long-term project to create a network of electric vehicle charging stations situated every 50 miles on or near major Idaho highways. Over five years, Idaho will receive about \$29 million in federal funding. ITD officials say there has been a 269 percent increase in electric vehicle and hybrid ownership in Idaho.

Bryan Kohberger, the 28 year old man accused of stabbing and killing four University of Idaho students last year stood silent during his plea yesterday. A "not guilty" plea was entered on his behalf.

As more than 42 million Americans including 241,000 Idahoans head out for Memorial Day weekend, filling up the gas tank won't be nearly as painful as last year. According to AAA, Idaho's average price for a gallon of regular is

\$3.76 two cents more than a week ago and 12 cents more than a month ago, but 87 cents less than a year ago. The national average currently at \$3.54 per gallon.

Thomas Rowley, the man convicted of murdering his four-month-old son Milo in 2020, has been sentenced to 25 years in prison. He was convicted in March of 2023 for shaking and dropping Milo face first in his crib. In court it was revealed that Rowley waited at least four hours before calling for help.

Boise State University officials say they have established the Institute for Microelectronics Education and Research. It's an effort they say to prepare students for careers in microelectronics and advance vital research.

Tuesday 053023

Officials in Gooding County say they have found the body of the man who went missing over two weeks ago. On Saturday say they found Roger Driesel under a tarp inside a shop of one of his two residences this one east of Gooding. Foul play is suspected. He had been missing since May 15.

The Heyburn Police department is catching heat from some residents after an officer shot and killed two dogs Saturday afternoon along Interstate 84. The police say the dogs presented a safety hazard. The two large dogs spotted near exit 211 and attempts to catch the dogs were unsuccessful.

The chapter 11 bankruptcy filed last August by Idaho's central health records depository the Idaho Health data exchange is raising some concern. At the time, the organization said they owed 4 million to creditors. The bankruptcy has prompted questions from legislators and others about how the exchange will move forward, after receiving more than a decade of government support and millions of patient records.

Idaho Attorney General Raúl Labrador has joined nearly all U.S. states in suing a company and its officials over billions of illegal robocalls made to millions of people. Arizona based Avid Telecom reportedly facilitated more than 24.5 billion calls including more than 7.5 billion calls on the Do Not Call Registry.

Idaho's Fish and Game Commission unanimously passed a new wolf management plan in early May, hoping to gradually cut the state's wolf population by about 60%. Currently, about 1,300 wolves live around the Gem State. Officials say they are trying to bring that number down to 500.

The Idaho PUC will host public hearings in southern Idaho about a proposed 500 kilovolt transmission line. Known as the Boardman to Hemingway transmission line, the project would expand 300 miles across five Oregon counties and connect to Idaho Power's existing Hemingway substation in Owyhee County.

Authorities are investigating two people thought to have duped investors out of about 60-million dollars on a fake Marijuana business. Rolf Hirschmann of Boise and Patrick Earl Williams have worked since at least June 2019 to raise capital from investors for a business called WeedGenics. They reportedly promised a 36% return.

Tuesday 060623

Police are investigating an accident in Jerome that claimed the life of a two year old boy yesterday afternoon just before 2. The accident happened near Jefferson School on North Fillmore. A 72 year old female of Jerome was southbound when the juvenile ran into the roadway near 6th street.

Some Heyburn residents are joining together with warnings that if elected officials take no action over the fatal shooting of two dogs they will be held accountable. Heyburn Police say the dogs were uncontrollable and could have caused an accident. The officer has been placed on administrative leave.

Jerome resident Levi Popplewell could spend 20 years in prison on Child sexual abuse charges. He was sentenced in District court. He also must pay fines and court costs. He will also be required to register as a sex offender and have no contact with the victim for ten years.

More and more Idaho students are habitually missing class. Last school year, more than 60,000 Idaho students or 21 percent were chronically absent and that's up from 15% in the 2020-2021 school year, when many schools

resorted to remote or hybrid learning due to the pandemic. Those 60,000 students missed 10% or more of the school year or about 16 days or more of missed classes. Twin Falls was 8th in the state or 19 percent which was a 1-percent increase over last year.

Financial analyst S&P Global says it still believes the deal for Kroger to buy Albertsons will ultimately go through but the companies will have to give up more than they initially thought. The deal has a cap of 650 divested stores. If regulators require Albertsons and Kroger to shed more than that, the parties could walk away from the deal.

According to AAA, today's average price for a gallon of regular in the Gem State is \$3.89, which is six cents more than a week ago and 13 cents more than a month ago. AAA also reports that the current price is \$1 per gallon cheaper than a year ago. The national average is \$3.55 per gallon, a three-cent drop from a week ago and a penny less than a month ago. Today, Idaho ranks 9th in the country for most expensive fuel.

Tuesday 061323

Gov. Brad Little has requested a "full financial audit" of the troubled Empowering Parents education micro grant program, amid signs that taxpayers might have gotten the bill for thousands of improper purchases. He wants the board to submit an "action plan" by Friday and explore whether the state can "recoup" taxpayer dollars that covered improper purchases. The State Board is expected to take up Little's request at its meeting today.

The Upper Snake River Basin's reservoir capacity is nearing its limit as the Portneuf River continues to flood. Data is showing the Henry's Lake and Grassy Lake reservoirs are at 100% capacity, while most of the reservoirs in the Upper Snake system are between 91 and 98% capacity. Milner Reservoir is only 74% full, and Jackson Lake Reservoir is 71% full. Collectively, the Upper Snake River System is at 88% of capacity.

Lane restrictions on Perrine Bridge and Glenns Ferry Bridges scheduled to start next Tuesday. Drivers can expect traffic delays across the bridges while Idaho Transportation Department crews conduct routine bridge inspections.

Idaho Power customers will see an increase in monthly prices after the Idaho Public Utilities Commission approved the company's annual spring cost adjustments June 1. While a typical residential customer would see an approximate \$1.66 decrease in their monthly bill for fixed cost adjustment through May 2024, the power cost adjustment would account for approximately \$6.68 per month.

Bryan Kohberger, who is accused of killing four University of Idaho students, wants more time to decide whether to provide an alibi for when the murders took place. Under Idaho law the defendant has 10 days to decide whether to provide information on an alibi but Kohberger's public defender wants to extend the deadline in order to fully review the evidence.

According to AAA, Idaho's average price for a gallon of regular is \$3.97, which is eight cents more than a week ago and 22 cents more than a month ago. The national average currently sits at just \$3.59 per gallon, a four-cent jump from a week ago and a nickel more than a month ago.

Tuesday 062023

Authorities have booked the 31 year old man who was detained following the shooting deaths of four people in Kellogg Sunday night. He has been charged with murder. Police say the suspect was a neighbor to where the victims lived.

Idaho will receive \$9.3 million to improve its electrical grid infrastructure. The Gem State, six other states, three tribal nations and the District of Columbia will receive a total of \$77 million in federal grants.

An Idaho potato packing operation has been awarded a \$19.6 million investment from the U.S. Department of Agriculture as part of a new effort to create better markets for agricultural producers and food businesses in 19 states across rural America. Mart Group based in Rupert, will use the funds to construct a frozen potato processing facility to expand and increase the company's existing frozen and whole potato production capacity by fivefold,

Democrat leaders in Idaho say the gem state is the worst when it comes to abortion laws. Idaho House Minority Leader Rep. Ilana Rubel and Senate

Minority Leader Melissa Wintrow returned to the Gem State from Washington D.C. after meeting with the Biden Administration and fellow Democrats from Republican-controlled states. In the meeting, which included 47 other state lawmakers, they compared state abortion laws.

It looks like the Lincoln county courthouse is finally getting an upgrade. In the past the county attempted to pass two bonds to either remodel or build a new facility. Both failed. Now commissioners say the 3 and a half million dollars needed will be from the American recovery funds that were recently made available.

Idaho legislators spent two hours questioning University of Idaho officials about the university's plans to form a new nonprofit organization to acquire the for-profit University of Phoenix for \$550 million. Several legislators had questions about the financial risks involved with the deal and nondisclosure agreements signed during the negotiations. Others had questions about University of Phoenix's prior business practices and reputation.

Tuesday 062723

Prosecutors say they are seeking the death penalty against a man accused of stabbing four University of Idaho students to death late last year. Bryan Kohberger is charged with four counts of murder in connection with the deaths at a rental house near the Moscow university campus last November. Latah County Prosecutor Bill Thompson filed the notice of his intent to seek the death penalty in court yesterday. He has plead not guilty. A hearing in the case is scheduled for today.

The Bureau of Land Management began construction to upgrade the Wilson Lake Campsites north of Hazelton last week, funded in part through the President's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. Construction is expected to continue through the end of July 2023. Upgrades include graveled roads, vault toilets, shade structures, campfire rings, day-use areas, and hardened RV sites

The city of Ketchum is looking to fix the broken asphalt on Main Street. The city plans to take the project over from the ITD starting in 2024 instead of 2027.

A large infestation of Mormon Crickets are plaguing Southwest Idaho and Northern Nevada. It's causing traffic problems because the roadways are becoming slick when the grasshopper like critters are run over. They also are a huge problem for farmers as the bugs can destroy a crop. Road signs on Highway 20 near Anderson Dam Road cautions drivers of the slick road conditions.

Micron Technology, Inc. revealed its plans invest up to \$825 million in Gujarat, India, establishing its inaugural chip assembly and test facility in the country. The total investment in this venture, supported by the Indian central government and the state of Gujarat, is expected to reach \$2.75 billion.

Wednesday 040523

Idaho Gov. Brad Little had until this morning to decide whether to sign or veto one of the state's most controversial bills this session. He decided late yesterday to sign it into law, after his office was flooded with calls. House Bill 71 would ban gender-affirming care for transgender youth. At last check the governor's office had received more than 14,800 emails and calls in favor of the bill and more than 6,500 calls and emails asking Little to veto the bill.

After making its way to the second place spot for the highest-growing state in the country, new data reveals that Idaho is no longer at its peak for population growth, according the U.S. Census Bureau and the Idaho Department of Labor. In 2022, Idaho's population grew by 1.8%, making it the state with the second-highest growth rate behind Florida. Gooding County was the only County to experience a net decline in people 64 more deaths than births. Blaine County was the only Idaho County to lose population.

41-year-old Andres Alvarez Junior and 23-year-old Isaac Hernandez are behind bars on felony charges after allegedly threatening a man at knifepoint near the CSI entrance. Police say Monday night a victim said two Hispanic

men began yelling at him. One of the suspects allegedly threw a knife towards the victim.

At Monday's Twin Falls council meeting the topic of a Micro transit system was discussed. Three proposals were presented and two are moving forward. The Downtowner and Via are being considered.

A bill to convict human traffickers in Idaho is now on the Governor's desk. Gov. Little must decide this week to sign the bill into law, let it become law, or veto the legislation. HB341 also requires the Idaho State Attorney General to file a report no later than Jan 1, 2024, detailing the successes and shortcomings of Idaho's trafficking laws. The report must also offer suggestions and modifications to existing state law.

Jury selection is in the third day in Boise for the Lori Vallow Daybell murder Trial. The court aims to get to a pool of 42 potential jurors in order to narrow down to their 12 jurors and six alternates, who will be the final jurors.

Wednesday 041223

As the trial for Murder Suspect Lori Vallow Daybell moves forward in Boise, attorneys yesterday asked if Daybell could be excused from the courtroom. She was told no. The jury was shown gruesome photos of the remains of the children that were found on property owned by Lori's husband Chad. Police say when police discovered a small body wrapped in plastic trash bags he left at a high rate of speed. He was taken into custody soon afterwards.

Authorities say Autopsies are planned for the two bodies found floating face down in a private room of Miracle Hot Springs Monday afternoon. The couple in their 80s was from Filer police say.

Idaho drivers haven't experienced the recent rise in gas prices that is sweeping across the country, but that could all change soon. According to AAA, the average price for a gallon of regular in the Gem State is \$3.54, which is the same as a week ago and 14 cents less than a month ago. Meanwhile, the national average currently sits at \$3.60 per gallon, which is nine cents more than a week ago.

Idaho School superintendent Debbie Chritchfield and officials from the state department of education will be touring the state. They plan to meet with

local school districts and charter school leaders to discuss how changes approved during the legislative session will affect their schools.

Right now, the Twin Falls Mayor is selected by the city council. Resident Arnel Culum wants to see that choice go before voters. He is starting a petition to have residents vote whether the position should appear on the ballot. He introduced his petition to the city council this week.

Meteorologists say warm temperatures are causing increased snowmelt which means rivers and streams are running high. That means residents could see some minor flooding this week.

Idaho Falls resident Jake Eilander is again standing trial for murder after his original trial was canceled due to a COVID-19 outbreak. The 37 year old was indicted on a charge of second-degree murder after allegedly shooting and killing a man behind Planet Fitness in Idaho Falls. He started a trial in November 2022, but that was vacated after he and several court personnel became sick. The trial was ultimately rescheduled to start this week.

Wednesday 041923

Idaho's largest electricity provider is taking steps to provide clean energy resources for the next 20 years, with one of its recent projects expanding the state's solar power usage. In January, Idaho Power began providing energy through the Jackpot Solar Project, a new solar facility based on 952 acres south of Twin Falls. The project is the largest solar facility in operation in Idaho and is estimated to provide energy to roughly 24,000 homes.

Boise Police have arrested a man employed as a teacher and coach at Fairmont Junior High School on suspicion of felony sex crimes, including at least one against a minor. 59 year old Eric Mcdermott, was booked into the Ada County Jail.

Charges against the woman detained in connection to the case of Michael Vaughan of Fruitland have been dropped. Sarah Wondra had been charged with failure to notify the police of a death. Officials spent more than a week excavating Wondra's backyard. Investigators said they were confident Vaughan's remains would be found on the property. None were found.

The man accused of murdering a couple in New Meadows on October 1, 2022, was found competent and will finally be in court again this week. John Cody Hart is accused of shooting and killing Rory and Sara Mehen at the hotel they owned in New Meadows, the Hartland Inn. Investigators said he was a guest at the time. His preliminary hearing is set for 9:30 this morning.

Some progressives and conservatives alike are raising concerns about a new Idaho law from the recent legislative session that eliminates the state's March presidential primary election. The Idaho Legislature passed the bill, as a way to consolidate elections and save the state about \$2.7 million every four years. Some say the May primary wasn't added to the books.

An Idaho judge issued a civil arrest warrant yesterday for Ammon Bundy, after he repeatedly failed to appear in court or respond to a lawsuit filed by St. Luke's. Protests over the hospitalization of a baby last year resulted in a lockdown. Gem County Sheriff Donnie Wunder said Bundy, who lives in Emmett, is becoming more and more aggressive and does not want to risk harm over a civil issue.

Wednesday 042623

One of the surviving roommates in a stabbing attack that left four University of Idaho students dead is being asked by suspect Bryan Kohberger's attorneys to testify in his upcoming preliminary hearing a demand she is resisting, according to new court documents. Kohberger's attorneys are asking Bethany Funke to testify as a witness for Kohberger. She is one of two people who survived the attack at a home.

As the murder trial for Lori Vallow Daybell moves on, yesterday Summer Shiflet testified that she trusted her sister, Lori when she told her she knew where her children were. But when the children's bodies were found buried and burned in the backyard of her sister's new husband's house four months later, Shiflet said she "felt lied to."

Idaho's snowpack is going to dwindle even more this week. Warmer temperatures are on the way, for some spots near-record highs are expected on Sunday. The cooler temperatures we've been seeing this March and April

have really limited the amount of melting so far. That means possible flooding in the near future.

A new transit company is expected to start operation in Twin Falls soon. Following the vote for Twin Falls Downtowner LLC at Monday's council meeting, it was decided that they will operate a fleet of on demand micro transit services for a 2 year 3 million dollar pilot program funded by the Idaho Transportation Department. Riders would schedule trips using an app.

The family of a pilot Chelsea Brittney Infanger who died when her plane collided with Gem State Processing exhaust stacks as she attempted to land at the Burley Airport in April of last year has filed a wrongful death lawsuit. She was delivering UPS packages.

The Idaho Department of Corrections is looking for an inmate who walked away from his worksite in Caldwell at around 11:00 am yesterday. Ryan Michael Schow was in the correctional facility after being convicted of possession of a controlled substance and transferring/receiving stolen vehicles.

Wednesday 050323

Starting today, New Jersey-based Megabus will launch an expansion in partnership with Salt Lake Express to bring bus service throughout the Intermountain West. The partnership will link cities in Idaho, Utah, Wyoming, Nevada, Montana, and Washington. The route that includes Boise will connect as far north as Spokane, WA and south into Salt Lake City, UT. The route will also stop throughout Idaho including Jerome, Twin Falls, Burley and Rupert.

When it was Idaho Sen. Jim Risch's turn to address Interior Secretary Deb Haaland yesterday during a Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee hearing, he raised a singular talking point. The Lava Ridge Wind Turbine Project. Haaland was unprepared to answer questions about the scope of a project. She was equally unaware of the near-total opposition in Idaho and across the Magic Valley.

Starting this morning, motorists using Bridgeview Blvd will find one lane restrictions in place. A new fiber optic line is being installed along Bridgeview Boulevard east of Blue Lakes Boulevard Tuesday, May 30.

Organizers with Reclaim Idaho have teamed up with several other organizations to file a ballot initiative for the 2024 general election that is designed to replace Idaho's closed primary elections with open primaries that any Idaho voter could participate in, regardless of political affiliation. The initiative would also change Idaho general elections by creating a new instant runoff also known as ranked choice voting system.

Idaho Supreme Court Justice John R. Stegner is retiring from judicial service to work at a private practice as an attorney. Stegner said he will retire as a Supreme Court Associate Justice Oct. 31. He cited financial considerations and disparities in pay between judges and private attorneys as the reason behind his decision.

Deputies in Jerome arrested a Boise woman following a car chase late Monday night. Authorities say 50 year old Marla King faces eluding law enforcement and injury to a child. Initially police found her in a car that was blocking southbound traffic on Highway 93 near Crossroads point.

Wednesday 051023

Idaho researchers will receive \$24 million for a new research project on the impact of changes in climate, population and technology on energy and water use in Idaho. Researchers will work to identify energy and water use strategies that will be resilient to Idaho's changing needs, based on ongoing feedback from communities.

When the jury returns its verdict in the trial of Lori Vallow Daybell, people will be able to watch it live on the internet and on television. Judge Steven Boyce yesterday issued an order stating the the court will broadcast through its official YouTube channel using the court's own media devices. The date and time of the verdict are not yet known.

A federal judge denied Idaho Attorney General Raúl Labrador's request to reconsider the order barring the state from prosecuting emergency room physicians for providing abortion care to stabilize a patient. U.S. District Judge B. Lynn Winmill made his initial decision to block part of Idaho's ban on abortions in August, just before the ban went into effect. Idaho's ban on abortion applies to all stages of pregnancy.

A 28 year old Twin Falls man was arrested Monday afternoon after he led police on a high speed pursuit through Twin Falls ending in a parking lot on Kimberly road. Zachary Cole is facing charges of eluding officers and possession of meth.

A Payette attorney who is qualified for capital murder defense has joined the defense team of Bryan Kohberger who faces charges of killing 4 U of I students. Elisa Massoth joined the team on Monday.

Police say 46 year old Joseph Baxter of Twin Falls died Monday after his pickup rolled down a ravine in the South Hills. A horseback rider discovered the accident just after noon off Cottonwood Road south of Foothill road.

Yesterday was groundbreaking for a new business in Heyburn. Advanced Biofuels of Idaho looks to be the first renewable natural gas facility in the Magic Valley will take over the old ethanol plant that started 15 years ago.

Wednesday 051723

A Kimberly man was shot by authorities in Kimberly. The incident happened Monday afternoon just before 5 when deputies attempted to serve a protection order to a 45 year old Kimberly man on Fafnir Drive. A standoff followed resulting in the armed man being shot. He was critically injured and airlifted for treatment.

A mandatory flood evacuation order has been issued for the Della View subdivision in Hailey. Residents in a portion of War Eagle Drive were told to leave yesterday afternoon and will not be allowed to return until the danger has passed.

Voters in the Hagerman school district passed a 400 thousand per year for five hear plant facility levy yesterday. It will raise taxes about 102 dollars per 100-thouand dollars of taxable assessed value a year. Voters in Burley approved the library levy.

Tuition is rising at Idaho's four-year universities and colleges. The Idaho State Board of Education approved a five percent increase in undergraduate tuition for Boise State University, University of Idaho, and Idaho State University. Lewis-Clark State College is rising by 5.6%. The last time the board raised tuition was in 2019.

New court filings in the case of Bryan Kohberger, the man accused of murdering four University of Idaho students last year, show how much evidence police have collected for the prosecution. They say over 10 thousand photos, 92 hundred tips, and 51 terabytes of digital evidence has been presented.

If you received cash in a transaction at a couple of Nampa hardware stores you may need to speak with the Nampa Police Department. The department says several fake \$20 bills went into circulation at the Nampa Lowe's last Thursday and at the Nampa Home Depot on Friday. The suspect, in this case, was arrested by the Meridian Police Department.

Community Events

04/26 – 04/29/2023 –John Roper Auditorium - 2023 Jive Spring Showcase

JIVE is BACK with some of your favorite numbers including music selections from Grease, Aladdin the Broadway Musical, Stevie Wonder and MORE! TFHS JIVE show choir is celebrating more than 20 years of exciting, family-friendly performances with the vocal and musical direction of Dan Child, large group number choreography by Hailey and Adison Hillstead from Ground Control Studio, side acts put together by members of JIVE, and incredible lights and sound by Kris Irish of Techie Productions! You won't want to miss this! SHOW DATES: Wednesday, April 26th @ 7 PM, Thursday, April 27th @ 7 PM, Friday, April 28th @ 7 PM, Saturday, April 29th @ 2 PM & 7 PM **Jr. JIVE will get to perform during our 2 PM Saturday matinee show on the 29th! TICKETS are available for pre-sell and at the door for \$8 per

person or \$25 for a family of 7! Live stream tickets are also available for \$15 per household.
PURCHASE TICKETS HERE: www.tfhsjive.com

04/27- 04/29/2023 - Shoshone Falls, 4155 Shoshone Falls Grade, Twin Falls, ID 83301
Shoshone Falls after Dark

Enjoy a light show that only Southern Idaho can achieve! Come experience Shoshone Falls lit up with dazzling lights choreographed by Midnight Production Studios. The color changing patterns and designs will brilliantly light the falls and create a magical experience. See the falls lit up nightly from dark until about 10:30 for select nights in April and May, 2023.

Timed vehicle passes will be available for purchase to keep crowding down. You will need to purchase a pass to see the falls. Last year most slots sold out. Please purchase your ticket ahead of time.

Viewers can leisurely enjoy the falls and lights as they shift through colors and music mixed and pre-recorded by Idaho famous DJ Eric Rhodes.

The lights will run rain or shine each night and refunds will not be given. Remember to wear seasonally appropriate clothing and bring flashlights. The weather can change quickly in the spring. Dogs are allowed on a leash. Passes are issued per vehicle and not per person. Everyone that legally fits in a vehicle is covered by a single pass, so grab friends and family to see the falls!

Oversized vehicle passes are for bus or RV sized parking, but can be used for regular sized vehicles as well. There is no bussing service; everyone must drive their own vehicle. General vehicle passes are restricted to vehicles that can fit easily in a standard parking space. Anything larger will need to purchase an oversized parking pass. There are handicap accessible spots and viewing areas in the park. Passes are transferable, but not refundable. Walking into the park is not permitted during the afterhours lighting

04/28/2023 - Canyon Springs Golf Course, Twin Falls, 6th Annual Golden Eagle Booster Club Spring Fling Golf Tournament

Our 6th Annual CSI Booster Club Spring Fling Golf Tournament is in the works on Friday, April 28th, 2023 1:00 p.m. at Canyon Springs Golf Course. Teams fill up quickly for this much anticipated event! Not a golfer? Join us afterwards at 5 p.m. for a feast prepared by Chef Billy & peruse the silent auction & raffle items! Advance individual dinner tickets are available \$20 per person. We're looking forward to seeing everyone!

Entry Fee: \$75/per player. Fee includes green fees, golf cart, range balls & BBQ dinner.

Deadline for entry = April 21st, 2023. For more information regarding event sponsorship or entry, please contact Harold Johnson 208.316.5526 or email: johnsonvanda98@gmail.com

04/29/2023 - Cassia County Sheriff Free Boat Safety Course - Cassia County

The Cassia County Sheriff's Office, in partnership with the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation and Idaho Water Sports, will be offering a FREE Boater Safety Class. This 8-hour class will educate new boat owners, paddlers and the general public on all aspects of safe boat operations, navigational rules, water survival and legal requirements for operating a boat on Idaho waters. Graduates will receive a proof of completion card. Pre-registration is required. Students who complete the class will receive a \$50 Gift Certificate from Idaho Water Sports.

Students must Pre-register in order to attend classes. To register please contact Lt. Taylor at 208-878-1136 staylor@cassiacounty.org, Additional questions can be answered by calling Lt. Taylor at 208-878-1136, 8 AM- 4 PM Cassia County Sheriff's Office 129 E 14th St. Burley, ID

05/04/2023 CSI Center in Gooding – All Industry Hiring Event 4pm- 6pm

The Idaho Department of Labor will be hosting a hiring event May 4th from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the College of Southern Idaho Gooding Center. Employers will provide general information about their industry as well as current job openings and the skills necessary for different occupations. Job seekers are encouraged to bring their resume and be prepared for on-site interviews. Employers will be actively recruiting for open positions

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Come out to the Deacon Yard Sale at the First Presbyterian Church May 18th & 19th from 10:00am to 6:00pm and Saturday the 20th from 9:00am to 2:00pm, there will be something for everyone.

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This is the last music event of a very busy year! Come watch the combined choirs, bands, and orchestras perform together in this grand finale!
Thursday, May 18th, 2023 7:00pm-8:30pm \$5 Tickets available at the door

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06/04/2023 Twin Falls County Fairgrounds in Filer 16th ANNUAL QRU FUNDRAISER EVENT

The event will kick off at the [Twin Falls County Fairgrounds Park in Filer](#) with a registration pancake breakfast for the motorcycle challenge run 8:00 am-10:00 am. Everyone is welcome to join us for breakfast with a donation.

The motorcycle challenge run will have a Northside route and a Southside Route that will alternate each year; Taking riders to fifteen different rural responder locations including Filer, Oakley, Buhl, Castleford, Hagerman, Bliss, Rockcreek (Kimberly), Wendell, Gooding, Jerome, Carey, Dietrich, Lincoln County EMS, Rupert, West End (Paul). The highest challenge score will win a prize during the final festivities.

The final festivities are designed to welcome the whole family and entire community. The closing activities of the event are approximately 3-4:00 pm - 8:00pm at Twin Falls County Fairgrounds Park in Filer. Activities include a BBQ, live music, Car Show, a raffle with a large variety of items donated by several businesses across the Magic Valley, Axe Throwing, Bounce House, Water Slide, Photo booth, 9 Hole Miniature Golf and much more!

All proceeds raised throughout the entire day of event will be divided equally among the [participating rural emergency responder organizations](#). Check out these [other ways](#) that you can support our rural emergency responders year round!

06/06 – 06/07/2023 – 1323 Oakley Ave. Ste 20 - Simply Hope Happiness Camp 2023

Simply Hope is holding their Happiness Camp 2023 “ unlock your inner resilience,” June 6th camp is for 11-12 year olds and June 7th 13-18 year olds from 10am – 3pm. There will be lots of activities, lunch and so much more. Please call 208-679-9401 or register online

at : <https://simply-hope.com/teen-hope/>

06/10/2023 - Twin Falls County Fairgrounds

Join the Filer Fun Days crew once again as we kick off summer with a FREE day full of food, fun, and entertainment! We will have a parade, veteran’s tribute, vendor booths, plenty of things for kids, concerts, and of course fireworks! Follow us on Facebook for updates and visit our website at filereventscommittee.com for more details on how you can participate!

06/17/2023 - College of Southern Idaho Expo Starting line and Finish, North College Road, Twin Falls,

Join us for Magic Valley Cheerleading Booster Club's 1st Annual Fun Color Run!! This event is being held as a fundraiser to help raise funds for the upcoming '23-'24 cheer season for all athletes of Magic Valley Elite. Check-in begins at 8 am and runs will begin at 9 am and go through 12pm. Sign up and purchase tickets through Eventbrite. Magic Valley Elite 1st Annual Fun Color Run (Hosted by the Magic Valley Elite Cheerleading Booster Club) *check-in between 8-9 am. *\$35 per person*all proceeds go to the season's costs of all athletes of MVE. **sign up & purchase tickets through Eventbrite.[https://urldefense.com/v3/https://www.eventbrite.com/e/magic-vallet-cheerleading-color-run-tickets-622871153387_!!FkC3_z_N!!08TXzpvcsdQp5rAVyXkRZ5YMaRINfIJdxGK7pGkfbomWC3xjBScbl1K6gW8HZKgeQHNRzgx7kZelf-PgryYqQ\\$](https://urldefense.com/v3/https://www.eventbrite.com/e/magic-vallet-cheerleading-color-run-tickets-622871153387_!!FkC3_z_N!!08TXzpvcsdQp5rAVyXkRZ5YMaRINfIJdxGK7pGkfbomWC3xjBScbl1K6gW8HZKgeQHNRzgx7kZelf-PgryYqQ$) Bring your friends and family down to make more memories!!! A special thank you to our sponsors for helping make this event possible! - Chobani -Cliff Bar - Canyon springs golf course - Broc Johnson & Paul Johnson Radio DJs and Lee Broadcasting

07/01/2023 – Minidoka County Fair Grounds – Cow Patty Bingo

Acequia Elementary School’s is doing Cow Patty Bingo at 6:00pm at the Minidoka County Fair. Pick your square today there will be two grids of 100 squares each. Square #1 is \$1, square #2

is \$2 and so forth. If the cow drops its pie in your square you win the udderly fabulous moo-lah. Prizes of \$500 and raffles. Contact Bridgett at 208-650-5949

08/17/2023 - Cassia County Fairground - 4-H/FFA Sheep Fitting and Showing – 11am

Join us at the Cassia County Fair and Rodeo on Thursday, August 17th for the 4-H/FFA Sheep Fitting and Showing event in the Sale Barn. Starting at 11:00 AM, witness the expert handling and showcasing of sheep by our talented youth participants. This event will immediately follow the Quality Show, so make sure to stick around for some more exciting action. See you there!