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RUPERT 4TH OF JULY CELEBRATIONS

Make your way to Rupert the week of June 29th through July 4th for the Rupert 4th of July celebrations! It's a full week of celebrating our nation's independence! This year's theme is "Celebrating Independence the Rupert Way" with this year's 2019 Grand Marshalls Dean and Linda Cameron.

July 2nd:

Food Booths ~ 11:00am

"Sounds of Freedom" in the Park ~ 6:00pm

Featured Performer: "The Chancellors" ~ 7:30pm

July 3rd:

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The Firecracker 500 Lawn Mower Races at the Fairgrounds ~ 6:00pm

July 4th:

Food Booths ~ 10:30am

Firecracker 5k/10k/40K Bike Race ~ 7:00am ~ East Minico

4th of July Parade - 11:00am

Entertainment in the Park: Magic Valley Jubilee ~ 12:30pm

JULY 6TH – VFW MINI-CASSIA POST 3043 SATURDAY BINGO

Join the VFW Mini-Cassia Post 3043 every Saturday night for BINGO. Must be 18+ to play. Food and supplies are available for purchase. Proceeds help in many veteran programs in our area.

JULY 6TH – GOLDEN HERITAGE SENIOR CENTER COMMUNITY YARSALE FUNDRAISER

Clean out your closets and your garage to sell your treasures at a Community Yard Sale & Craft Fair at the Golden Heritage Senior Center in Burley on Saturday July 6th from 8am to Noon. Sign up SOON at 2421 Overland Ave in Burley for a \$10 space of the huge parking lot, or \$25 for an inside area with table and chairs provided. And come shop all the different sales, without driving all over town to see them. For questions, call 208-878-8646. This is a fundraiser to help support the Meals on Wheels.

JULY 10TH – THE WALK TO END ALZHEIMERS TEAM CAPTIAN KICK OFF

The Walk to End Alzheimer's Team Captain Kick off will be Wednesday, July 10th at Milner's Gate. The event is no cost for Walk Team Captains. They are looking for new captains for new teams! They will

have a short presentation about the Walk to End Alzheimer's and after you can mix and mingle. The event will be held September 21st at CSI. For more information contact Danielle Lyda at 208-631-0391

JULY 10TH – CASSIA HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM ART APPRECIATION DAY

Cassia Historical Society Museum will be hosting Art Appreciation day on Wednesday, July 10th beginning at 2pm. Located at E. Main Street and Highland in Burley. Bring your art supplies and do stills our buildings and/or grounds. This is for all ages. They will supplies tables and chairs. Please let them know how many will be attending. This is free, there will a free offering.

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JULY 12TH – 13TH – SNAKE RIVER BRO'S RALLY IN THE VALLEY

Snake River Bros will hold their 14th annual Rally in the Valley July 12 and 13 at Murtaugh Lake. There will be vendors, a silent auction and camping. On Friday, July 12, the event will feature music by 3rd Take at 7 p.m. On Saturday, July 13, festivities will include a poker run with kick-stands up at 10 a.m., a bike rodeo, children's games, and music at 7 p.m. with Devil's County and Moonshine Bandits. Cost is \$40 per person for a weekend pass. Children under 17 admitted free with a paid adult admission. Tickets are available at snakeriverbros.brownpapertickets.com.

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Starting a new school year can be full of both excitement and fear. For hundreds of children in Minidoka and Cassia School Districts, the possibility of shoes, underwear, socks and a pair of pants may not be in their future. However, you can change the life of a child and provide the assistance they need to start their school year off right! We invite you to volunteer for the Julie’s Clothes for Kids Event and help a child in need shop for back to school essentials. Each child will receive a one-on-one shopping experience to prepare them for the upcoming school year.

- **If you are able to participate as a volunteer, please go to <https://youngcaringforouryoung.org/get-involved-volunteer/julies-clothes-for-kids/> and register.** The shopping event will be on August 9th and is about the community coming together and tending to the needs of families in the Mini-Cassia area.

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Bring your wallets, check books, credit cards, and gold bullion as this event has multiple fun ways you can donate.

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SEPTEMBER 7TH – WINGS & THINGS ULTIMATE TAILGATE CHALLENGE SPONSORD BY THE TWIN FALLS OPTIMISTS

The Twin Falls Optimist is hosting their annual Wings & Things Challenge to assist school groups with raising funds for the busy 2019/20 school year. This is a fun event mixed with cooking challenges in several categories, physical challenges, wing eating challenges, and so much more! The more a group participates = more funds raised! Join the fun by hosting a booth as a cook-off competitor, be a major sponsor, bring your school group (teams and clubs) to participate, or just buy a ticket to try all the cooking masterpieces! There is something for everyone and it's always a great time and each dollar is used to beneficially impact our local youth! Contact Hailey @ hailey@gemstoneclimbing.rocks or Eva @ cranerev@tfsd.org to become a sponsor, cook-off competitor, or group participant!

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The Jerome County Employees are asking the community to help us fill the "bus". Our goal is to donate to the middle school and grade schools. 3 locations to drop off supplies: Jerome County Judicial Annex; Jerome County Auto License and Jerome County Sheriff's Office. For more information contact Tracey Brandebourg 208-644-2601

SEPTEMBER 20TH – 21ST – PRINCESS TEA PARTY AT THE HISTORIC WILSON THEATRE

The Princess Tea Party back bigger and better than ever with an up close and personal Princess Experience for the young and young at heart! The Mad Hatter and The Queen of Hearts will host the tea party which features singing, dancing, and princess life lessons! Their 20+ princesses and other special guests will have you swooning, singing, and rolling in the aisles! Regular tickets are \$25 and VIP tickets are \$45. Attendees under 12 MUST be accompanied by a paying adult. This event is designed for parents, grandparents, and their little princes and princesses to create priceless memories together. You will have the option to purchase professional candid shots from Studio K Portrait Gallery.

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SEPTEMBER 21ST – SLEEP IN HEAVENLY PEACE BED BUILD

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What can you do to help? Volunteer to help on Build Day! September 21st from 2 - 5 p.m. in Cassia Regional's parking lot out front. Bring your family, friends and neighbors. T-shirts will be given out first-come. OR Make a donation Go to: shpbs.org to donate any amount. \$350 builds one set. The donation tags in the departments are used to represent your donation. In the SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS section at checkout, please enter: Cassia Regional Build.

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FRIDAY 070519

Idaho's overall crime rate dropped slightly according to the latest Idaho State Police crime in Idaho report. Overall, the crime rate in 2018 dropped by nearly 2% compared to the previous year. Violent crime reports increased by nearly 2%, and property crime reports dropped by about 6.5%. Hate crimes also decreased, with 26 hate crimes reported in 2018. That's a 49% decrease from the number of hate crimes reported in 2017. Thirty-one murders were reported last year, with 17 arrests.

The Buhl Police department is asking for your help in solving a brazen theft at Ace Hardware. About 400-dollars was removed from the store earlier this week. A store employee tried to stop the suspects. Photos from store cameras can be found on the Buhl Police Facebook page.

Workers at the Twin Falls Public Library are reminding parents to encourage their children to continue reading over the summer. Erica Littlefield with the library said students who don't read and continue math skills are behind when school starts back in the fall.

Salary negotiations between the city of Pocatello and the city's Police union are on a rocky road. This after several police officers and members of other unions walked out of a meeting. The latest proposal from the union calls for a 5-percent increase in base salary. The city countered with 4 percent.

Two people are safe after Portneuf Medical Center's air ambulance spotted them after they were stranded overnight in the mountains near Pocatello. The couple's vehicle battery had died. Rescue workers located their SUV, jump started it and they able to drive out of the area.

21 year old Enrique Vielmas of Twin Falls is being held on a million dollar bond. He has been charged with firing a gun at least 11 times at a house and vehicles last Saturday night. The shootings took place in the 400 block of Diamond Avenue. No reports of any injuries.

Federal officials are revising a 1999 plan as part of a strategy to recover endangered white sturgeon in the Kootenai River in northern Idaho and western Montana. Sturgeons have been around since the dinosaurs. They have armor-like scales, and in the Kootenai River system have been recorded up to 10 feet long. But the population has struggled since the completion of Libby Dam in Montana in 1974, which altered the natural cycle of the river.

FRIDAY 071219

Authorities say an Idaho boy under the age of 17 has been charged with felony involuntary manslaughter in the deadly shooting of a 10-year-old girl Ariel May Gerstlauer. The boy will not be prosecuted as an adult. Authorities do not believe the boy intentionally shot Gerstlauer.

The Trump administration will not pursue lethal measures such as euthanasia or selling horses for slaughter to deal with what officials say is an ecological and fiscal crisis caused by too many wild horses on rangelands in the U.S. West. Federal officials say the nearly 90,000 wild horses in 10 Western states are more than three times appropriate levels. Officials estimate that up to 18,000 foals are born each year. Another 50,000 wild horses are being held in corrals at a cost of \$50 million annually.

The Idaho Supreme Court has overturned a woman's felony drug conviction because the law the police officer used to make the traffic stop that led to her arrest is unconstitutionally vague. Samantha Nicole Cook was pulled over after a Kootenai County sheriff's deputy saw her vehicle didn't have license plates. As she

was stopping, the deputy saw a temporary registration permit was in the rear window, but he couldn't read it until he wiped away the condensation from rain. During the traffic stop the deputy believed he smelled marijuana, and prosecutors said methamphetamine and heroin were found in a search of the vehicle.

A Boise mom has been charged with leaving her three children alone in a car while she ran into the store. 27 year old Sauda Cyizanye faces three felony counts of injury to a child. An 11 year old, 1 year old and one month old had been in the car for about 20 minutes by the time police arrived.

The Twin Falls Boys and Girls club broke ground yesterday on a 2.1 million dollar 7920 square foot addition to the current facility near CSI. The expansion will increase enrollment from 300 to 500 and will have a teen art center complete with a café, computer lab and game room on the second floor.

Police are looking for a bank robber who took a bundle of cash from the Caldwell Idaho Central Credit Union earlier this week. The suspect demanded money with a note and then walked out of the bank.

FRIDAY 071919

Two people are dead following a head on collision on Highway 93 south of Rogerson. Officials say a suburban driven by 57 year old Bradley Berry of Carlin Nevada collided with a passenger car who crossed the center line traveling north just after 4pm yesterday. Both drivers died and two passengers were taken by Ambulance to Twin Falls for treatment. Another passenger was transported by air ambulance to Boise. The road was completely shut down for over an hour.

The trial for David Herrera Gonzalez is underway this week in Twin Falls. He has been charged in the beating of a 10 year old

girl in February. In court, the jury was asked to consider what kind of man would beat a young girl for not doing laundry correctly.

The Twin Falls City Budget was the topic of discussion during the Chamber of Commerce annual state of the city meeting earlier this week. The failed fire department bond proposed to build new fire stations and upcoming construction projects were two topics that took center stage. The city is also discussing the 2020 census where the population will force the city to be considered a metropolitan area meaning a public transportation system will need to be developed.

A plan to build the nation's first small modular nuclear reactors to produce commercial power is a step closer. Utah Associated Municipal Power Systems a Utah-based energy cooperative now says it has sales contracts for enough carbon-free power to begin a license application process with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to build the reactors in eastern Idaho.

Boise State University will be ground zero for the mega concert known as Garth Brooks this weekend. The 57 year old hasn't performed in Boise since 1992. Tens of thousands of fans will stampede the stadium for one show on Friday night with a guest appearance from Blake Shelton for a song and another show on Saturday night. Promoters say tickets for both nights are still available.

A former Idaho Supreme Court justice has filed another lawsuit challenging the constitutionality of school fees. Robert Huntley filed the lawsuit against the West Ada School District, contending that the fees some schools charge for full-day kindergarten classes discriminate against low-income parents and violate the Idaho Constitution's requirement of a free public education.

A fire destroyed a mobile home Wednesday afternoon northwest of Jerome. The blaze was reported a little after 3 pm 200 west and 450 north. Five adults and 3 children were home when the fire broke out. One firefighter was treated on scene for heat exhaustion. No other injuries were reported.

Employees of the INL returned to work yesterday after wildfire forced two days of evacuation. The fire that started Monday night from lightening burned about 177 square miles and threatened buildings for a time. The fire was completely contained yesterday.

Reno officials say they are holding off considering support for Boise as the city moves through its legal fight over an overturned ordinance that largely outlawed sleeping on the streets. Boise officials say they plan to ask the U.S. Supreme Court to hear its case. Reno's proposed legal brief drew criticism from homeless advocates, who claimed it was a step toward criminalizing homelessness.

Police evacuated a Jerome apartment complex near 8th and North Lincoln late Wednesday night after receiving a report at 22 year old Carlos Larios was inside one of the units. Authorities say the suspect fled from a bond agent who was trying to apprehend him and had brandished a firearm. He had fled from law enforcement earlier in Twin Falls. According to the jail booking information, Larios has been charged with 1st degree kidnapping, unlawful possession of a firearm, driving without privileges and failure to appear.

The Bureau of Land Management is moping up three lightning-caused wildfires this morning. All told, they have burned nearly 22-thousand acres. The Lookout Point Fire is about 25 miles northwest of Murphy Hot Springs near Bruneau Canyon. The Hot Springs fire is about 30 miles northeast of Murphy Hot Springs near Bruneau Canyon. The third fire about 3 miles northeast of

Shoshone is called the Lava Fire. No structures have been threatened.

Friday 080219

Blaine County authorities say 21 year old Mario Patlan-Baeza is back in custody after failing to return after his work day release. Patlan Baeza is serving a sentence for Burglary and possession of a controlled substance. He failed to check back in after his work day ended on July 27th. Authorities found him at a residence Wednesday morning.

Commissioners in Twin Falls County talked to a small group of people at a meeting in Kimberly about a possible trail placement near the Hansen Bridge. Officials are hoping to connect it with the Twin Falls city trail. Commissioners said there are talks of a trail that could even loop Jerome and Twin Falls, connecting them all together.

The remains of a Yellowstone National Park seasonal worker from China have been returned to his family four years after he was swept down a river. "Isaac" Xiang was swimming in the Yellowstone River on July 23, 2015, when he was pulled away from the shore by the current. The remains of Xiang were found by park staff in February 2018 near where he was last seen but not positively identified until this past June by forensics experts.

Authorities from Fremont County say a 9-year-old Idaho girl is fighting for her life after she fell out of a tree and was impaled in the head by a steel bar. Shaylyn Bergeson was playing in her backyard near Rexburg when she fell. She was airlifted to a Utah hospital for treatment.

The U.S. Forest Service says its changing sage grouse protection plans in five Western states including Idaho to conserve habitat for the at-risk bird while allowing ranchers to maintain their

livelihoods. The plans will be made public today. The Forest Service says the plan allows for greater flexibility and local control while conservationists say the plan guts protections for sage grouse created under the Obama administration in 2015.

Idaho's economy is strong, but more work is needed to shore up the state's transportation infrastructure and education and health care systems, according to Idaho Gov. Brad Little. The governor hit familiar themes in his speech to about 400 business people in Boise.

Friday 080919

Authorities say three young children who went missing from California were found living in a tool shed with their mother in Garden City. The 1-, 2- and 3-year-old children were found last week in a shed without running water. The children were flown back to California and reunited with their court-appointed guardian.

Reclaim Idaho the group who spearheaded the Medicaid expansion ballot initiative in 2018, say they expect another challenge to Idaho's process of getting topics on the ballot. At a town hall meeting at the College of Southern Idaho earlier this week, it was suggested that House Republican leadership could possibly bring up the topic similar to the one introduced last go around. Opponents of the proposed restrictions say it would be effectively impossible to get an initiative on the ballot.

A wildfire burning in dense timber near McCall has nearly tripled in size and led to evacuations of a small community and a popular rustic resort hot springs. The fire near Burgdorf Hot Springs grew to 1.5 square miles. The Idaho County Sheriff's Office issued a full evacuation for the lightly populated area about 25 miles north of McCall.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has taken an initial step to reauthorize a predator-killing poison that injured a boy in Idaho and killed his dog. The agency announced an interim decision involving sodium cyanide that's used in M-44s, devices embedded in the ground that look like lawn sprinklers but spray cyanide when triggered by animals attracted by bait.

Gun rights activists say they are focusing on Idaho's county fairs to ensure state law that allows adults to carry weapons on public land is followed. Idaho law says no city or county can stop people from carrying guns on public property. When a Twin Falls County sheriff's deputy recently asked people to leave their guns at home for that county's fair, Republican Rep. Chad Christensen from Ammon criticized the deputy on Facebook. The sheriff's office later released a statement clarifying its support for the Second Amendment. When the Western Idaho Fair starts later this month there will be no signs prohibiting firearms.

Friday 081619

The U.S. Forest service is moving ahead with construction of a 4 and a half mile trail connecting the city of Stanley and Redfish Lake. Owners of the property that part of the trail will use filed a federal lawsuit to stop the project but the federal government has an earlier agreement to be able to improve the path. Idaho U.S. representative Mike Simpson was on hand this week to cut the ribbon on the new construction.

Authorities briefly detained a wanted fugitive in Chubbuck yesterday morning but Samiir Blade Afraid of Bear was able to escape from a police car by kicking out one of the windows. He is wanted on several outstanding warrants for felonies including burglary, robbery and aggravated battery at a convenience store. Yesterday afternoon, police were able to re-capture the suspect.

Traffic on the Perrine Bridge will be reduced to one lane each way Sunday as the ITD crews place platforms underneath the bridge

for upcoming special inspections. Work will occur from 6:30 am to 3 pm.

Authorities in Madison County said a 6 year old boy accidentally drowned in an above ground swimming pool. The incident was reported around 8:30 Tuesday. The boy was being watched by an older juvenile at the time.

Boise city officials say the Ada County Landfill can't dump water that soaked through the region's trash into the Boise wastewater treatment system. The city turned down Ada County's request to dispose up to 4 million gallons of water collected from the landfill earlier this summer. The liquid was rejected because city officials say it could disrupt the water treatment process.

The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals says Native American tribal courts can ask the federal courts to enforce rulings against non-tribal members. The question arose in a case between the Coeur d'Alene Tribe and a couple that live on the reservation but who aren't tribal members. They built a boat garage on the St. Joe's River, which the tribe says is tribe property. Tribal officials told the couple they needed a permit for the structure. The Tribe sued in 2016 and a tribal court fined the couple nearly \$4,000 and said the garage could be dismantled.

Friday 082319

A two state amber alert was canceled yesterday morning after the subject of the alert was found. Police say Tyran Campan, a 7 year old Montana Boy was found safe along with the vehicle they were searching for. The alert was issued for both Montana and Idaho.

Lee Miller A 54-year-old Boise man who killed two women in the 1990s in different states has been sentenced to life in prison after DNA evidence connected him to the slayings. Miller previously pleaded guilty in each case to second-degree murder for the 1994 stabbing death of 49-year-old Cheryle Barrett in Boise and the

1992 strangulation death of 57-year-old Marilyn Hickey in Bremerton, near Seattle.

Joseph Lavern Harris of Rigby a 32-year-old man who produced child pornography by sexually abusing a 4-year-old child has been sentenced to 25 years in prison. Investigators discovered images of the sexual abuse on his phone, and Harris in court admitted he created the images.

Officials say the Nampa School District has shut down their internet following a malware attack. The attack started Wednesday morning. No personal information appears to have been lost. Teachers have been using pens, paper and blackboards to teach in place technology.

A conservation group and hunting technology group say 110 square miles of state-owned land in Idaho isn't accessible because there's no public access. The groups also say Idaho has about 305 square miles of federal public land that's inaccessible.

The largest-ever project in the U.S. to remove thousands of juniper trees to help imperiled sage grouse has started in Idaho. Junipers provide perches for raptors that attack and kill sage grouse. Junipers also force out sagebrush and other plants that produce bugs that sage grouse eat. Sage grouse also feed on the sagebrush during the winter.

Gas prices remain low thanks to what Triple-A calls a perfect storm. Inexpensive crude oil, highly productive refineries and abundant gas stocks. Today, the U.S. average gas price is \$2.60, which is 17 cents less than a month ago and 23 cents less than a year ago. In the Gem State, the average price for regular gasoline is \$2.83, which is 9 cents less than a month ago and 42 cents less than a year ago.

Gallagher, A comedian known for smashing fruit and vegetables with giant wooden hammers says he was escorted out of Idaho's Statehouse when he entered the building carrying two of the hammers. The 73-year-old comedian who rose to fame in the 1980s says he's in Boise to scout locations for a film about an ancient poet. He also says he'd like to build a retirement project in the area where old celebrities could live among regular folks.

Are you traveling this Labor Day weekend? If so, you're not alone. Triple-A is projecting 198-thousand Idahoans will hit the road and up to 36 million American's could follow suit. The average price for gas is \$2.58 nationwide, while in Idaho it's \$2.82, 9th highest overall.

35 year old Christopher Paul Hayward of Jerome is facing felony charges for driving under the influence and having children in the vehicle at the same time. He was arrested Tuesday in the 600 block of 4th Avenue north in Twin Falls after police received a call from a woman who claimed Hayward had stolen her wallet.

An eastern Idaho nuclear facility is getting closer to successfully treating high-level liquid radioactive waste stored in tanks above a massive aquifer. The U.S. Department of Energy said tests on liquid that simulates radioactive waste have proven the Integrated Waste Treatment Unit can operate as designed to treat 900,000 gallons of liquid waste.

18 year old Dustin Garrett Alfaro and 17 year old Issac Angel Rodriguez-Romero of California have had conspiracy added to their existing murder charge in connection with the stabbing death of 87 year old Arlyne Koehler in Pocatello earlier this year. The body of the victim was found in her home. Alfaro faces the death penalty according to prosecutors. Rodriguez-Romero is not eligible for Capital Punishment because he is a minor.

Friday 090619

A group that got Medicaid expansion on the Idaho ballot last year says it has started another initiative to raise money for public schools by increasing taxes on corporations and the wealthy. Reclaim Idaho announced the initiative proposal to raise taxes by 3% on individuals making more than \$250,000 or married couples making more than \$500,000. The plan would also raise corporate tax rates from 7.4% to 8%. The group says that will raise \$170 million for K-12 public schools while reducing the need for school levies through property tax overrides.

A Jefferson County sheriff deputy shot and killed a man early Wednesday morning after officials say the man fired on law enforcement officers. It was reported that a 53-year-old man had pointed a handgun at his wife and threatened to kill her. When the officers arrived, the woman had already fled the home and the suspect had barricaded himself inside. Deputies negotiated with the man for seven hours. The man eventually began shooting at the law enforcement officers and deputies returned fire, killing the man.

What's known as the 100 deadliest days of driving in Idaho ended Labor Day and police say it appears there were less fatal crashes. Statewide numbers show 90. Last year there were 101 fatal crashes.

Minidoka county school district authorities say a bus crash just before 4 pm on Tuesday involved 20 students. The driver stopped at the intersection of 200 West and 50 South but semi-trailers blocked the drivers view. When the bus pulled forward to get a better view of traffic it was hit by a car. One student had a bump on their head. Some parents question why they were not notified. The school superintendent blames that on being short staffed.

Wild Horse adoptions in Idaho are up. Right now BLM in Idaho is caring for 344 horses. Last year there were 178. If you adopt you could get \$1000.

Police responding to reports of a “disorderly male” in Coeur d’Alene shot and killed a man Wednesday morning. Police said 29-year-old Fares J. Al-Samno was shot at about 9:50 a.m. Officers and medical personnel attempted to treat his wounds but he died at the scene. Police say when they arrived, Al-Samno allegedly charged him while holding a knife. He refused commands to drop the knife and continued to aggressively approach the officers.

Friday 091319

Idaho Attorney General Lawrence Wasden said the state will not sign onto a tentative settlement with the Sackler family who owns OxyContin maker Purdue Pharma. On Wednesday 20 states reached an agreement. One of the next steps for Purdue Pharma is a bankruptcy filing, which could end lawsuits filed against the company.

The Idaho Department of Health and Welfare said they will take comments through October 12th over a waiver that would require patients to get a referral before they can get family planning services. The comments are required when the state wants to deviate from standard Medicaid rules. Voters have approved expanding Medicaid in Idaho while lawmakers are trying to add their own twist to the plan.

46 year old Matthew Park has pleaded not guilty to charges of aggravated driving under the influence and vehicular Manslaughter. Three young girls ages three five and six, died in a car crash in Blaine County. He could spend 15 years in prison and pay a \$20-thousand dollar fine. A trial is expected to begin in February of 2020.

Barges loaded with a wide variety of commodities will remain in a holding pattern for the rest of the month while workers repair a critical navigation lock at the Bonneville dam on the Columbia River. Officials say the locks will reopen September 30th allowing traffic to begin traveling again to the ocean from the gem state.

The Idaho National Laboratory will work with three energy utilities to find an economical way to use nuclear energy to produce hydrogen that can be stored and used to power everything from industrial to personal vehicles. The lab near Idaho Falls is the U.S. government's primary nuclear lab. The revamp is part of a strategy to reduce U.S. greenhouse gas emissions.

The remains of 23 year old Austin Forrest Pevo may have been located. The Shoshone Bannock tribes announced this week this could mean closure for the family of the Fort Hall man who has been missing for more than a year. Family members suspect foul play but officials have not released any details.

Friday 092019

A federal work safety agency has cited four Idaho Dollar Tree stores for allegedly exposing employees to unsafe conditions for poorly stacked boxes and blocked exits. The discount variety store company faces nearly \$900,000 in proposed penalties. In the citation, OSHA contends that Dollar Tree stores in Boise, Caldwell, Nampa and Meridian were unsafe because of unstable and poorly stacked boxes in the stockroom, along with blocked aisles and exit routes.

A cat has tested positive for rabies for the first time in Idaho in 27 years. The cat in, Owyhee county, was being aggressive according to an official with the Idaho Department of Health and welfare. It bit its owner. It tested positive for a strain of rabies normally associated with Bats. The state Veterinarian said rabies is fatal virtually 100-percent of the time.

James Dunkle, a Idaho Falls man has received the maximum sentence after he acknowledged abusing a 1-year-old boy. He was sentenced up to 30 years imprisonment. Officials say the boy's injuries included a collapsed lung, broken bones, bleeding in his brain and multiple bruises.

27 year old Edith Ruelas of Jerome faces a felony methamphetamine trafficking charge after police pulled over the vehicle she was in. Authorities stopped the vehicle in Twin Falls County for speeding. The deputy smelled marijuana, and detained both Ruelas and the driver. A search revealed six packages of meth. Bond was set at \$250-thousand.

Isiah Bell, a 24 year old Mountain Home man has been charged with 12 counts of raping a 14 year old girl. Bell is a convicted sex offender, stemming from a 2015 conviction in Bannock County for lewd conduct with a child under 16. Bell was also charged with forcible rape in 2015, also in Bannock County, but the charge was dismissed by prosecutors before trial. Court records indicate he was sentenced to prison for the lewd conduct and a separate burglary conviction

Friday 092718

An environmental group says the U.S. government is keeping details secret about a cattle grazing program in six Western states that could be harming habitat and endangered species. In a lawsuit Western Watersheds Project says the Interior Department is unlawfully withholding information from the public about a grazing initiative announced in 2017. The group is asking a federal judge to force the government to release information about the program in Idaho, Nevada, Oregon, Montana, Wyoming and Colorado.

Idaho officials at two state agencies say an agreement a little over a year ago formalizing public access to state-owned lands has been a good deal for the agencies as well as a benefit to

hunters, anglers and recreationists. The Idaho Department of Lands and Idaho Department of Fish and Game said Thursday that both sides are benefiting from the 2018 agreement. Fish and Game is paying the Lands Department \$580,000 annually, with about a fourth of that in law enforcement.

Depending on where you live you may either be under a red flag warning for critical fire conditions or you're preparing for an early season snowstorm. The National weather service has issued winter storm warnings and record cold in Western Montana, Northwestern Wyoming and the Idaho panhandle with up to 3 feet of snow possible through Sunday. Meanwhile, high wind and low humidity prompted weather service officials to issue fire danger warnings in central and southeastern Wyoming.

45 year old Denise Bennett, a former University of Idaho professor was arrested on drug possession and burglary charges after she was fired and banned from the campus. Bennett pleaded not guilty to felony burglary and possession of methamphetamine and misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia. The former tenured journalism professor posted a \$5,000 bond.

Idaho's increasing cost of living is putting pressure on people and their pets. Idaho Humane Society officials say they're seeing an increase in the number of people surrendering their pets because of housing issues.

Monday 070119

Leaked audio from a closed door Idaho Public School Charter Commission meeting has officials from the Heritage school in Jerome upset. In the meeting commissioners criticized Heritage school's administrator and said students would be better served by the Jerome School district. The commission chairman later apologized saying it didn't do very well for children. Heritage trustees later released a unanimous vote of confidence for the superintendent of the school.

29 year old Angel Chavez-Tafoya of Buhl has been sentenced to a year in jail. He pleaded guilty to multiple charges after striking a motorcyclist on Highway 30. Dale Adams died in that crash when Tafoya failed to yield to oncoming traffic while making a U-turn.

The Almo School will remain open thanks to donations from the community. The Cassia county school was operating 21-thousand dollars in the red. The district gave the community until Thursday of last week to come up with the money. The district has 10 students in K-3 one teacher and one aide on staff and a part time bus driver.

The Twin Falls city council will hear from the Parks and Recreation district at tonight's council meeting. Some are concerned how public property such as parks is being used for commercial activity. Some are concerned commercial activity such as classes could be tying up the resources that were designed for residents. The council may consider regulating the facilities with permits and profit sharing.

Idaho Gov. Brad Little told a salmon and steelhead recovery group it should focus on achievable goals that can bolster the state's struggling fish populations. Little also said the group needs to help define the state's position on federal efforts to save salmon and steelhead in the Columbia Basin.

A jury trial is set for 56 year old Gilberto Flores Rodriguez in April. He has been accused of killing Regina Krieger in 1995. Krieger was 14 when she disappeared from her Burley basement bedroom. Krieger's body was found on the banks of the Snake River.

Monday 070819

Law enforcement officials from Eastern Idaho are searching for a remaining carjacking suspect that ran from them over the weekend. Two of the three were found in the mountains north of

Inkom. They attempted to carjack a vehicle around five pm Friday in the TJ Maxx parking lot in Ammon. Fortunately all the doors were locked and the woman driver was able to speed away. Police caught up with the suspects' vehicle after a high speed chase.

Fire from a lightning strike on Saturday continues to burn BLM land in Southern and Eastern Idaho. Over 5-thousand acres in Southern Idaho and over 15-thousand acres in Eastern Idaho have burned. The national Weather Service says more storms are expected and fire departments in the area are under a red flag warning. Scattered thunderstorms are expected today and this evening.

The son of an Idaho woman whose body was discovered wrapped in plastic has been arrested and could face additional charges. 65-year-old William Randall Rhoton faces a felony charge of failure to report a death. Foul play has not been ruled out in the death of 97-year-old Barbara Rhoton. Her body was found last month in a parked SUV more than a mile from her home in Eagle. She had been dead anywhere from a few months to three years.

35-year-old Cedric Sebastian Mitchell has been charged with 1st degree murder. He has been accused of causing a fatal crash on Blue Lakes Boulevard North Court records said Mitchell on June 7 was traveling nearly 80 mph on Heyburn Avenue in a pickup when he slammed into a Dodge pickup carrying Dwayne and Maryann Steiner. Maryann died of her injuries. Dwayne remains hospitalized. Two other cars were involved in the collision, with occupants suffering multiple injuries.

Officials with Heritage school in Jerome have officially requested an investigation of the state education commission responsible for Charter Schools. They say a deep rooted bias exists against certain schools and that calls into question the fairness of their oversight. Chairman Alan Reed can be heard advocating against

the renewal of Heritage's charter and suggesting students would be better served in Jerome District's standard schools. One commissioner told Reed to open an ice cream shop in Jerome, to which Reed countered: "Ice cream doesn't make brain cells."

MONDAY 071519

Enrique Vielmas, the 21 year old Twin Falls man charged with firing a gun at least 11 times at a house and vehicles had his preliminary hearing rescheduled. He was charged with unlawfully discharging a weapon and destruction of evidence and is being held on a million dollar bond.

A Jerome woman is grateful to the quick action of a couple of Jerome Police officers. The police and fire department were called to a fire at an apartment complex. When police arrived they found the unit completely full of smoke. Officers Dennis Clark and Bekir Alajbegovic found Cooper the dog and were able to get him out of the structure safely. The dog was reunited with the Owner Cathy.

Premiera Blue Cross has been ordered to pay 10-million to 30 different states including Idaho over security breaches that happened in 2014 and 15. Idaho had more than 270-thousand customers affected and will receive \$250-thousand in the settlement.

A hearing for 35 year old Cedric Sebastian Mitchell has been postponed. He's the driver charged with first degree murder and seven counts of felony aggravated battery from the fatal crash on Blue Lakes north. He remains in custody without bond at the Twin Falls County Jail.

Police say 8 officers involved in the shooting of an 18 year old man that followed a northern Idaho fourth of July fireworks display have been placed on paid leave. Officers shot Tyler Rambo more than 10 times in a Coeur d' Alene park after police say he refused

to drop his gun and fired once at officers. He was taken to the hospital in critical condition.

A group of 28 Idaho Republican lawmakers have sent a letter to Boise State University criticizing the school's efforts to address gender-based violence. The lawmakers called the school's efforts to create inclusivity, diversity and equality "disconcerting." They said the programs result in segregation; add unnecessary costs and that instead BSU officials should focus on "academic excellence."

Monday 072219

Eleven vehicles were involved in a crash west of Caldwell on I-84 on Friday. Idaho State Police say everything from a fully loaded car hauler, a Semi pulling a flatbed, a Payette Ambulance were just some of the vehicles involved in the chain reaction crash. It all started when the car hauler failed to slow for stopped traffic. The crash sent five people to the hospital and eastbound traffic was stopped for seven hours while crews cleared the scene.

The Twin Falls city council will hear three requests at this evenings meeting that if approved, will allow three sub divisions to begin developing land for residential housing. Field Wood, Canyon Trails sub division number 8 and the Grandview estates subdivision have all requested approval.

It's no secret that the 2020 census will soon be here. In 2010 Idaho had a 82.6-percent return rate but officials including the Governor hopes to see a better number with the minority groups. The governor has formed Idaho's first census committee with the goal to include all undercounted populations.

Idaho Gov. Brad Little and other top Republican elected officials want to eliminate thousands of pages of administrative rules. Little's office recently completed cutting or simplifying what he said is 40 percent of Idaho's administrative rules. He said he

wants to see that increase to up to 60 percent of all state regulations by the end of this year.

When a call is made to the Idaho Suicide Hotline it could be answered by those in the re-entry program from the state prison system. The opportunity includes 55 hours of training, and volunteers use role playing to practice answering calls a volunteer might receive. There is a background check and requirements the prisoners must pass. A volunteer cannot have committed a crime against another person.

Idaho Gov. Brad Little convened the first meeting of a committee tasked with recommending what kind of assets the state should buy with \$240 million. The money is being generated by the sale of hundreds of residential home sites and some commercial real estate properties.

Monday 072919

Some custodial maintenance workers say they feel their voices weren't heard after the Cassia County School District Board voted to outsource their jobs. The district said the move would save them 300-thousand dollars a year. The district hopes to put together a job fair situation this week so the employee's can talk to ABM the company taking over the program, and get their applications in.

The south Central Public Health District are urging residents to take precautions after the Twin Falls County Pest Abatement District collected at least one mosquito carrying the West Nile virus. There have not been any confirmed human cases in the area this summer. The district urges residents use insect repellent with DEET, wear loose-fitting clothes and install screens on all windows.

Technology for new automobiles is making drivers distracted. According to Triple-A cars can now talk text, e-mail and navigate.

For senior drivers the problem is even worse. The Triple A reminds all that distracted driving is one of the leading causes of crashes and fatalities. Removing your eyes from the road for just two seconds doubles the risk of a crash. Texting or talking while driving elevates the crash risk by up to four times.

Former Vice President Joe Biden will be in Sun Valley next Monday for a private fundraiser. The event will be held at the home of Ambassador Alan and Miranda Blinken, and will be a seated dinner which costs \$2,800 a person to attend.

Chef Kurt Martin owner of the Snake River Grill has received the Idaho Small Business of the Month award. At the presentation last week by a representative for Senator Risch, Martin was awarded a congressional record.

Jonathan Parker, the former Idaho GOP chairman has three pending criminal cases and now three new arrest warrants. Charges include violating a no contact order, witness intimidation and a bench warrant. Parker's legal problems began May 30, when Boise police arrested him on a felony stalking charge at his estranged wife's apartment complex. Since then he has been charged with misdemeanor privacy trespass and misdemeanor unlawful entry.

Monday 080519

At tonight's Twin Falls city council meeting, the topic of abortions will be up for discussion. Reverend Paul Thompson is asking the council to add a section to General Offences of the City Code. Thompson in the request said there are major contradictions in Idaho code. If approved a violation will be a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of a thousand dollars and/or 6 months in Jail.

Jerome school district Superintendent Dale Layne said he would be surprised if trustees agreed to take over Heritage Academy's operating charter. Layne said the charter school asked the

district to consider after the fallout from a closed door Idaho charter commission meeting that sharply criticized the school.

Meanwhile, a formal vote by the state charter commission was quick and unanimous. They admitted it violated Idaho's Open Meeting law. The vote followed a one hour public comment period where several charter school advocates reprimanded the commission for breaking the law and violating their trust. Teresa Molitor, a former board member at Heritage Academy in Jerome, said she was not surprised to listen to the recording and hear commissioners denigrate the school's test scores.

52-year-old Kelly J. Rhinehart A former assistant high school track coach has been indicted on suspicion of five felony sex crimes. He is accused of raping a 17-year-old girl in Payette County. Rhinehart , a former coach at Fruitland High School and the founder of Roady's Truck Stops, is charged with one count of rape, one count of sexual battery of a minor, and three counts of sexual battery of a minor ages 16 or 17 by sexual contact.

The Gem State is No. 1 with the highest rate of people in prison because they violated parole or probation. 62% of people that were in prison in 2018 were incarcerated for supervision violations. That means on any day in Idaho, 5,298 people were detained because they violated supervision with an annual cost to the state of \$111 million.

Monday 081219

One person is in custody this morning after a stabbing in the 400 block of Gardner Avenue in Twin Falls. Police confirm the incident happened just after 5 yesterday afternoon. The adult male victim underwent emergency surgery at St. Luke's in Twin Falls.

Sawtooth mountain ranch owners David Boren and Lynn Arnone are continuing their fight to stop construction of a proposed trail that would connect the popular tourist destinations of Redfish

Lake and Stanley. The ranch owners have property that has a U.S. Forest Service easement deed dating to 2005. That document allows a trail to cross about 1-point 5 miles of their property. The Nez Perce Tribe is suing a Canadian mining company contending the company is illegally allowing arsenic, cyanide and mercury to pollute an area 40 miles east of McCall that the tribe has hunting and fishing rights to from an 1855 treaty with the United States. Midas Gold has developed a plan it says will ultimately clean up the mess left by a century of mining by other companies.

Tonight, the Twin Falls city council will consider a proposal to make the city a Bee City and Monarch City USA affiliate. Coordinators of the effort say they hope to increase education and awareness to the plights of the declining bee population. The group says incorrectly using pesticides can quickly wipe out a bee colony.

45 year old Johathan Llana of California accused of fatally shooting a man in Utah and then leading police on a 2 day manhunt that ended in Cassia county is now in a Utah jail on charges of aggravated first-degree murder and six counts of felony first-degree discharge of a firearm. He killed 50 year old Dennis Gwyther of Salt Lake City in May along the interstate near Snowville.

Tomorrow U.S. Senators Mike Crapo and Jim Rish will join city officials in Carey to celebrate the communities 100th birthday. The event will begin at 1 at the Carey City Hall.

48 year old Vicki Meek and 35 year old Harry Lashbrook of Twin Falls are facing charges of trafficking Heroin and Methamphetamine. They were arrested during a July 11 search of the bedroom they shared. 46 year old Wade Jones the owner of the home also faces drug and weapon charges.

Monday 081919

An early morning semi-truck rollover west of Jerome near mile marker 159, along I-84 slowed traffic in both the East and West Bound lanes for a time. The accident, reported about 1:45 am, caused a load of potatoes to scatter and trapped the driver inside the cab. He was not injured. Crews remain on scene for cleanup at this hour.

At tonight's Twin Falls City Council meeting there will be continuing discussion about the proposed new Fire station facilities. In May, voters turned down the city's proposed fire bond. Now, officials with the department would like residents to vote again. Three options will be presented with a cost of 16 to 36 million dollars.

President Donald Trump took to twitter Friday to throw his support behind Idaho Senator Jim Risch. Trump said Senator Risch is an incredible supporter of the Republican's agenda and will continue to fight for the second amendment.

The Filer and Shoshone school district's hope patrons will approve bonds Tuesday August 27th. In Filer, the school hopes to pass a 8-point 55 million dollar general obligation bond that will help remodel and furnish classroom spaces. In Shoshone district officials hope to pass a 6-point 83 million dollar general obligation bond.

Federal officials have approved two open-pit phosphate mines in eastern Idaho that include environmental protections intended to prevent the type of pollution caused by past phosphate mining in the area. The U.S. Bureau of Land Management said it approved the Caldwell Canyon Mine project in Caribou County about 13 miles northeast of Soda Springs. Bayer acquired agricultural giant Monsanto, which previously mined the area, for \$63 billion last year.

And the winner is LeAnn Gelskey. She is a librarian in Hailey and was recently named the librarian of the year by the Idaho Library association. Gelskey has worked to modernize the library and launched the little free library book houses project, throughout the cities since 2001.

Monday 082619

Boise is asking the U.S. Supreme Court to review a 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals decision rejecting the city's ban on people sleeping in public places. Boise officials contend the decision means cities can't prevent anyone from camping until they first provide enough shelter beds, exempting public encampments from public health and safety laws.

Proficiency numbers for Heritage Academy in Jerome went up this past school year according to information released by the state Department of Education. The school saw a 77-percent growth in English language arts and a 22-percent growth in math. The school was a target of discussion by the State Charter School commission who claimed their proficiency numbers were very poor and that the school should be closed.

60 year old Lois Soito of Horseshoe Bend has been indicted on charges of stealing more than a million dollars from the St. Alphonsus Health system over a period of 14 years. Soito faces ten felony counts of wire fraud. Prosecutors are seeking the forfeiture of her house and 40 acres of land. She also faces up to 20 years in federal prison.

At tonight's Twin Falls City Council meeting there will be a request to proceed with address changes along the 36-hundred north road that is within the city limits. Officials say they are preparing for Next Generation 911. Twenty five addresses pose a problem when processing the address through the new 911 system because they don't conform with neighboring addresses, are out

of sequence or don't have access points from the street names given.

Tomorrow School district patrons from several districts in Idaho will be going to the polls to decide the fate of more than 172-million dollars in bond issues and levies. In Middleton, voters will weigh in on a recall election where three of the district's five trustees could be recalled. In Filer, there is a 8-point 55 million dollar bond issue. The big-ticket item for the rural Magic Valley school district is a \$5.2 million expansion and renovation of its career-technical center. In Shoshone there's a 6-point 83 million dollar bond issue. The district hopes to add a new vocational building and multipurpose facility.

MONDAY 090919

Should smoking be banned in Twin Falls city owned parks and trails? That's one of the items on the agenda for tonight's City Council Meeting. In April, the council asked the Parks and Recreation commission bring a recommendation. Following two public meetings, the commission will recommend banning smoking.

Seven jail inmates in Canyon County have filed tort claims claiming deputies gave them used razors to shave. The inmates say a deputy pulled the used razors from a biohazard waste box and handed them out. All Seven inmates tested positive for Hepatitis C following the incident.

Consuelo Bach, a 28 year old Jerome resident has been charged with aggravated driving under the influence following a crash. On Wednesday she ran a red light at Blue Lakes and North College Road. She struck a Ford Pickup driven by Henry Yopez who was seriously injured.

A former Boise mayor who resigned amid a travel and spending scandal and later served time for misusing public money says

he's running for the office again. Brent Coles announced his campaign for mayor Friday, first apologizing for the events that led to his political downfall 16 years ago and then criticizing the current administration's spending on efforts to renovate Boise's main library.

It's called high lining: where someone tries to walk across a rope or nylon strap suspended high above the ground. The daredevil sport has been banned at a national reserve and state park in Idaho while the activity is studied. Officials at the state-managed City of Rocks National Reserve and Castle Rocks State Park say the ban took effect Aug. 28 after several high lining episodes among the towering, rocky outcrops. Most people participating in the sport wear a harness to catch them if they fall.

Human bones excavated from a 4,000-year-old burial site in western Wyoming will be returned to a Native American tribe. The fragmentary human remains of an 8- to 9-year-old child and an adult will be returned to a tribe in Wyoming, South Dakota, Montana or Idaho following consultations. The bones were removed from a site near the U.S. Forest Service's Dead Indian Campground in 1969 during an archaeological excavation.

Monday 091619

Additional felony charges could be filed against two men who have been accused of impersonating federal agents during an attempted theft at the Twin Falls Walmart. 44 year old Aaron K. Altes and 38 year old Thomas Wildman were charged with burglary, impersonating officers and possession of a controlled substance. Wildman also was charged with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

A panel of lawmakers formed to monitor how federal laws affect Idaho's sovereignty and report back to the Legislature has created three subcommittees to examine federal lands, education, and health and welfare. Republican Rep. Jason Monks,

said the purpose of the Committee on Federalism is to find ways for the state to work more effectively with the federal government, and the breadth of that challenge is better met by forming subcommittees.

Steve Pankey a former candidate for Idaho governor says he's under investigation in connection with the 1984 killing of a 12-year-old Colorado girl. Pankey ran as a Constitution Party candidate for governor in 2014 and again as a Republican in the 2018 primary, is under investigation in the death of Jonelle Matthews, a Greeley girl who was reported missing on Dec. 20, 1984.

Search crews have recovered the body of 16-year-old Luis Diaz who went missing after falling over a waterfall on Elk Creek near Lewiston. He was hiking with friends Sunday when he slipped and fell.

18 year old Tyler Rambo who was shot by police after a Fourth of July fireworks display has been arrested on murder and assault charges. The warrant likely wasn't served until this week because Rambo was recovering in the hospital from having parts of his legs amputated due to injuries from the shooting.

How much does it cost to own a vehicle in Idaho? Triple A said you would be surprised: Over 92-hundred dollars a year. That's the highest cost since AAA has been tracking expenses starting in 1950. The price tag includes insurance, loans, fuel and maintenance

Monday 092319

The Nampa school district has distributed computers to students a month after a department-wide cyberattack wiped out the district's network. Officials finished giving out re-imaged laptops to middle school students after high school students were equipped with unaffected devices last week. The cyberattack on

Aug. 21 came just two days after the school year began, disabling the district's entire computer network. The district has not been able to determine the source of the attack or how much the recovery will cost.

One person has been killed after an Amtrak train heading to Seattle crashed into a truck parked on the tracks in the town of Athol, Idaho. Officials for Amtrak say none of the 234 passengers or crew members on the train were injured in the crash. But an official for the Idaho State Police says the driver of the truck was killed.

Authorities say a small plane believed to have two people aboard crashed in northwestern Nevada and that there were "no known survivors." Officials said searchers found wreckage Thursday in mountains south of Pyramid Lake after the plane crashed leaving Reno for Nampa.

Hagerman High School unveiled a new food science lab celebrating a home for an innovative academic program. The school is offering an ag and food science class, fusing ag production and food preparation. It's the first class of its kind in Idaho. The goal is to provide graduates with the skills they need to work in the Magic Valley's food manufacturing sector.

The Idaho Supreme Court is expected to decide next year whether prison officials must reveal the past source of their execution drugs. Similar debates are raging in courthouses and statehouses across the United States, but it's not yet clear if rulings elsewhere including a recent 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals decision that said there is no First Amendment right to the information, will impact the Idaho fight.

The population of Idaho's death row has been slowly shrinking, in part because some previously condemned inmates have won appeals, been resentenced to life in prison or died of natural causes. More than 40 people have been sentenced to death in

Idaho since the 1970s, but only three people have been executed during that span. Today only 8 people 7 men and 1 woman, remain.

Monday 092719

The three truck drivers who were originally charged with felonies for transporting industrial hemp through Idaho have been placed on unsupervised probation. The three men had the felony charges reduced to misdemeanors earlier this year. The convictions won't show up on their criminal records. Though hemp products like lotion and food items are sold in stores throughout the state, the plants themselves are illegal.

The Twin Falls Planning and Zoning has cleared the way for Daniel Corsini to sell firearms out of his home. Several neighbors opposed the proposal. His home is on Highland Lane and is in a residential neighborhood. Customers will only be able to come to the business by appointment.

Some classmates from the University of Idaho's Boise law school campus are concerned about the plans to move their graduation ceremony from the Grove Hotel to the Timberline High school. School officials say they lost the venue for the May 2020 event leaving them to scramble to find a venue. The schools vice president said those who want a different venue can travel to the schools other campuses in Moscow, Couer d'Alene or Idaho Falls.

The Bureau of Land Management say they have issued a fine of over a thousand dollars and ordered a local construction company to clean up an illegal dump site. The BLM didn't identify the company but said the incident occurred near the Birds of Prey National Conservation Area.

Idaho officials say all waivers state lawmakers added to voter-approved Medicaid expansion will likely be submitted by December to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services for possible approval. Federal officials rejected a waiver allowing Idaho residents who qualify for the expansion to stay on the state's health insurance exchange. Other waivers include a work

requirement and required referrals for family planning services such as birth control, abortions or pregnancy care.

Students at the College of Idaho could be sleeping in a shipping container. The Caldwell School plans to build new dorms out of repurposed containers. The dorm units will have five single rooms surrounding a common area. Once the shipping container dorms are complete early next year, the school will have 54 new rooms.

Thursday 071119

The Idaho Department of Labor plans to eliminate more than half of its job service offices in the state, officials said. Fourteen of the 25 offices will close by September. In the last 10 years, the department saw a 47% drop in federal funding for services at local offices. Under the plan, there will only be six primary regional offices and five affiliate offices including in Boise, Idaho Falls and Pocatello. Moscow was the first to close its office last week. Soon to follow will be Blackfoot, Bonners Ferry, Emmett, Grangeville, Hailey, Kellogg, McCall, Meridian, Mountain Home, Payette, Rexburg, St. Maries and Soda Springs.

Idaho businesses that produce hazardous waste can now use an electronic tracking system rather than paper forms following the federal government's approval of Idaho's request to revise some of its rules. The changes involve the regulation of toxic, poisonous, corrosive, ignitable and other wastes. Another change involves solvent-contaminated rags used at auto repair shops that can now be washed and reused. The authorization goes into effect on Aug. 8.

City officials say Boise is installing facial recognition technology at its city halls to keep "banned people" out of the government buildings. The city will spend \$52,000 to install the technology at Boise City Hall and City Hall West.

The ongoing negotiations between the city and the Pocatello police union may be to an end with the union accepting a 5 percent pay increase for all sworn officers in the department. Though the Pocatello attorney representing the union said the pay increase proposed by the city represents a ton of hard work on behalf of the city negotiation team, he also believes there is still much more work to do to move city police officers' pay closer to market average of neighboring departments.

Construction is on the rise for Twin Falls. In 2018, 243 building permits were issued for the entire year. So far, 242 have been issued this year.

A federal official says there are too many wild horses on public lands, and potential solutions include new sterilization methods, aggressive adoption efforts and holding more horses in corrals. Officials say the nearly 90,000 wild horses in 10 Western states are more than three times appropriate levels. As a result, another 50,000 wild horses are being held in corrals at a cost of \$50 million annually.

THURSDAY 071819

Local police were involved in a short standoff Tuesday evening when a man barricaded himself inside a home in Shoshone. 29 year old Artemio Hurtado was seen by Shoshone Police just after 5 in the 200 block of Seventh Street West. Hurtado had outstanding warrants for a probation violation and reckless driving.

A 31 mile Chip Seal project in Rupert will begin this week. In 2017, voters said yes to a 3-point 96 million dollar bond with 1-point 5 million earmarked for road construction. The remainder was used in the renovation of the Rupert Square and on other city improvements. The money was combined with grants so by the end of the season the city will have spent nearly 4-point 4 million dollars for road work.

Radioactive waste shipped to Idaho from a Midwestern nuclear weapons facility during the Cold War has been compacted and sent out of state for permanent disposal. A U.S. Department of Energy contractor said nearly 26,000 cubic yards of waste contaminated with plutonium-238 has been sent to a storage facility in New Mexico. Workers in Idaho placed the waste in barrels that were compacted into the size of hockey pucks.

Boise prosecutors have been forced to notify defendants in dozens of cases that a police officer may have lied under oath. A deputy city prosecutor sent 19 such notices out informing the defendants that former Boise Police Department officer Kayse Stone violated departmental policies regarding truthfulness in court testimony during a child custody hearing. Stone no longer works for the department.

Amazon Prime Day ends Tuesday and for some, they may be getting their packages today. Now the Better Business Bureau are warning what con artists are looking for on busy days like this annual sales event. Sometimes they will send out random emails that may look real, saying there is an issue with an online order and the delivery service provider says they need more information, including credit card numbers. Just be wary and do your research the BBB said.

Idaho's governor said the Public Charter School Commission probably violated the state's open meeting law during a closed door session. At one point, charter commission Chairman Alan Reed lamented that the state has not closed one charter, Heritage Academy in Jerome.

Thursday 072519

A group of families with children in charter schools is asking the state board that oversees the school be disbanded. This after Chairman Alan Reed made derogatory remarks about some of the schools including Heritage Academy in Jerome. State Board of

Education Debbie Critchfield said the comments were hurtful and demeaning. Idaho attorney general Lawrence Wasden said the use of the executive session where the comments were generated was probably illegal. Heritage is asking the Jerome School district to take over the authorization of its charter.

Sir-com in Jerome has a new director. Rebecca Simpson started Monday. SIRCOMM handles 911 calls and police with fire dispatch for much of Magic Valley. Part of her duties will be dealing with the shortage of dispatchers for the agency. Simpson was telecommunications supervisor for Blaine County.

Health district officials are warning residents take precautions after a rabid bat was discovered in Downtown Twin Falls. This is the first bat this year to test positive for rabies in south central Idaho. One person, bitten by the bat, is currently undergoing preventative treatment. Warnings include not to touch a bat with your bare hands. If attacked seek medical attention immediately and vaccinate your pets.

51 year old James McGahey of Pocatello has been sentenced to 12 years in prison after pleading guilty to one count of lewd conduct with a minor and one count of sexual abuse of a minor child. He was president of Still waters outreach a now defunct family counseling business in west Pocatello.

A scary moment was caught on camera Monday in Yellowstone National Park when a Bison tossed a 9-year-old Florida girl into the air. The video shows people standing near a seemingly calm bison. All of a sudden, the bison charged and knocked the young girl off her feet and into the air. Yellowstone Park officials said that luckily the girl is okay after she was assessed by emergency medical staff and later released from the old faithful clinic.

The Boise City Council has approved three ordinances designed to address safety and other issues arising from the growing use of e-scooters In Idaho's largest city. One change affects speed limits.

The new ordinances will make riders slow down to under 5 mph in congested areas. A second change affects reckless riders. A third change penalizes vandalism.

Thursday 080119

A nationwide manhunt is underway by the U.S. Marshals service for 27 year old Samiir Blade Afraid of Bear of Fort Hall. He is a suspect in multiple criminal incidents in East Idaho and has failed to appear in court after being charged with numerous felonies including burglary, robbery and aggravated battery.

Starting next Monday, the busy intersection of Eastland Drive and Falls Avenue will be closed for eight weeks while crews rebuild the road. After the first four weeks, the north and south lanes of Eastland Drive will be open to drivers, but motorists cannot turn onto Falls Avenue. During the time of construction, the city encourages motorists to use Locust Street, Madrona Street or Filer Avenue as a detour around the project.

Boise State University potentially offering state scholarship money to students brought to the United States illegally as children could be the subject of legislation next year. Republican Senate Majority Leader Chuck Winder of Boise responded that offering the scholarships would likely require legislative action. The students are "Dreamers" currently safeguarded by the Obama-era Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program, or DACA.

An Idaho man charged in the murder of his landlady nearly two years ago has entered a modified guilty plea in the case. Forty-one-year-old Scott Riggs made the Alford plea acknowledging that there was enough evidence to convict him without admitting guilt. In exchange, Elmore County prosecutors agreed to reduce the charge from first-degree to second-degree murder. Prosecutors said Riggs stabbed and killed 71-year-old Paula Ferbrache in

2017; her body was found in the trunk of her car outside of Mountain Home.

Police in Pocatello have arrested a man after a husband and wife were shot and injured while sitting in their car Tuesday afternoon. 32-year-old Steven I. Holmes has been charged with two counts of aggravated battery in connection with the shooting. Witnesses say the husband and wife were sitting in their car in an alley when a man asked for a lighter. The man fired one shot after he was asked to leave.

52 year old Jerrold Edwin Windes of Rupert has been charged with lewd conduct with a child after a Heyburn woman said she caught him in the act. The woman came into the Heyburn Police Station on July 5 with a hand-written statement saying she saw Windes inappropriately touching a 6-year-old girl on June 27.

Thursday 080819

The Pot Hole Fire continues to burn on public land 14 miles south of Hammett near the Saylor Creek Range. At last check over 70-thousand acres have been scorched. Officials say the cause of the fire is under investigation. The fire was reported yesterday and grew quickly with winds, high temps and low humidity. No structures are threatened.

Authorities in Blaine County arrested 26 year old Katherine Alexandria Brown of Ketchum early yesterday morning. When police arrived just before 3 a.m. they say Brown was attempting to leave. Further investigation determined a 32 year old male has visible injuries from an alleged domestic altercation with the suspect. She faces charges of Domestic Battery and excessive driving while under the influence.

Owners of Soldier Mountain Ski Resort in Fairfield hopes Craiglist can find them a new buyer. Diane and Matt McFerran purchased the resort in 2015. Late last year they put it up for sale for 800-

thousand dollars. So far no offers. The McFerrans say they will run the lifts this winter as they continue to look for buyers.

After seeing the price for a new Jail, Twin Falls County Commissioners say they are considering modular units that would be located at the current home of the Snake River Juvenile Detention Center. Juvenile detention would move into the County West Building. Commissioner Don Hall said the County couldn't handle a \$50-million dollar price tag.

The Cassia County Fair and Rodeo kicks off Saturday and will continue through Saturday the 17th. Saturday it's the Tracy Byrd Concert. Sunday the Monster Truck show. The parade is set for Wednesday at 10:30 am on Overland to Main and then east to the fairgrounds. Rodeo action happens Thursday through Saturday the 15th through the 17th.

A study by the Idaho Department of Fish and Game has found that more elk are being killed by cougars than by wolves in Idaho. The study found that wolves accounted for 32% of adult female elk deaths and 28% of elk calf deaths. Cougars accounted for 35% of adult female elk deaths and 45% of elk calf deaths.

Thursday 081419

The Fairfield man who has been charged with vehicular manslaughter in Blaine County had blood alcohol level more than twice the legal limit. 46 year old Matthew Richard Park was driving a pickup that rear ended a car with three young girls driven by a Mountain Home man. The three girls were killed; both adults in the car were seriously injured. The accident happened near a bridge construction project on U.S. Highway 20.

34 year old Lex Bennett Godwin of Pocatello will spend his life in jail after being sentenced to 100 years in federal prison. Godwin was found guilty of producing, transporting and possessing child pornography. He was also sentenced to a lifetime of supervised

release and was ordered to forfeit electronic devices used to commit the offenses.

Gas prices continue to tumble after Memorial Day. Today, the Idaho average is \$2-dollars 87 cents which is eight cents less than a month ago and 35 cents less than a year ago. Idaho currently is 8th in the country for the highest gas prices.

The building across from the Twin Falls Commons and city hall will soon be torn down. The building last housed the Idaho Youth Ranch and before that the Idaho Department store will be destroyed and developers say a 6 story building will be constructed in its place. Planned are 42 new apartments, office space and retail establishments.

The Idaho Department of Fish and Game has reached a deal with the Idaho Fish and Wildlife Foundation to build a new headquarters in Boise. Fish and Game in a news release on Tuesday says construction of the 70,000-square-foot building is scheduled to begin in 2020 and be finished by 2022. Fish and Game will lease the new building for 25 years. The lease would cost up to \$1.2 annually.

A pickup belonging to 48 year old Craig Barnett, a missing Jerome man has been found in Twin Falls County. His teal 1977 Ford F-150 pickup was found by a rancher in Sawtooth National Forest on Saturday afternoon.

Federal officials plan to create an environmental study that will look at raising one of three Boise River dams to capture more water for irrigation and flood control. The U.S. Bureau of Reclamation is taking comments through Sept. 9 and holding three meetings involving the proposed project to raise Anderson Ranch Dam by 6 feet.

Passing a stopped school bus with its lights flashing and stop arm extended could cost you a hefty fine. In fact the amount has increased: \$200 for the first offense, \$400 for the second and \$600 for the third time. Police say they are also enforcing speed in school zones, watching for crosswalk violations and inattentive driving.

Hagerman and Bliss residents will choose if a recreation district should be created when they go to the polls November 5th. Pastor Isaac Tellez, the head of the youth athletic association, says that the recreation district would provide a community place for people of all ages to go and play. Homeowners will pay \$50 dollars a year in taxes for every \$100-thousand property valuation.

Boise minister Bret Welty has been charged with sexually abusing a child after prosecutors say he abused a teenage parishioner. The 48 year old man made his first appearance in court earlier this week. He has not yet had the chance to enter a plea, and his defense attorneys say he is no longer serving in the ministry and is not actively involved in a church.

Enrique Vielmas, the man charged with shooting at a Twin Falls home will remain on a million dollar bond. The 21 year old remains in custody in the Twin Falls county jail. He is charged with burglary and grand theft of a home in the 400 block of Diamond Street in one case and the second of an unlawful discharge of a firearm into a house.

Officials say drivers have been following and harassing buses transporting the children of seasonal and migrant farmworkers for early childhood education programs in Idaho. The Community Council of Idaho plans to remove and conceal the "Migrant and Seasonal Head Start" signs on the busses. The group assumes the harassment stems from some people believing the migrant workers have entered the U.S. illegally.

Idaho Gov. Brad Little has told state agencies to limit budget requests following a revenue forecast that came in lower than expected and eliminated most of the state's surplus. "The cold hard facts of it are we thought we were going to have a \$170 million surplus," Little said. "Now, it's looking like it's going to be a significantly lower number."

Thursday 082919

The case against 41 year old Larry Ray Halbert of Caldwell who has been charged with killing Cheryl Ann Miller of Dietrich in a 2017 crash on Highway 93 faces more delays. Halbert had traces of drugs in his system at the time of the crash and a blood alcohol content of .259.

44 year old Brad Scott Compher the man accused of fatally stabbing 25 year old Nori Jones in her Pocatello home in September 2004 has been declared competent to stand trial. The defense is calling his competency into question arguing he is disabled enough that the death penalty is not applicable in this case.

Construction on a new underground waterline on Grandview Drive North between falls Avenue and North College should be wrapped up today. Drivers are encouraged to use an alternate route around the project.

Idaho's attorney general has joined the U.S. Department of Justice in arguing before the U.S. Supreme Court that federal civil rights laws do not protect LGBTQ employees against workplace discrimination. Idaho Attorney General Lawrence Wasden joined the friend-of-the-court brief arguing the 1964 Civil Rights Act prohibiting discrimination based on gender doesn't apply to those who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender.

The Bureau of Land Management will soon conduct a large prescribed fire in the vicinity of Juniper Mountain, located 37 miles

south of Silver City. The Trout Springs Prescribed Fire is expected to take place over five to seven days between Sept. 9 through the 30 depending on weather conditions and regional wildfire activity. Smoke from the fire will be visible from long distances and could settle into surrounding canyons and valleys at night.

Thursday 090519

Officials in Gooding County say residents will decide the future of a 16-million dollar jail bond in November. The plan is to reconstruct the sheriff's annex building which was a former school.

New security measures are being developed in the Jerome School District. This week, all visitors to any school will need to check in with a photo id. The ID will be kept in the office until you check out in order for the district to know who is in the buildings at any time.

The Twin Falls K-Mart will close their doors by the end of the year. There are only two stores that are open in the gem state. The other one located in Lewiston will close as well. There will be about 100 stores nationwide that will be closed. Transform Holdco is the parent company of Kmart and Sears after acquiring the companies in 2018 from the Sears holding corporation. Sears Holding filed for Bankruptcy in the fall of 2018.

The Idaho Press Club has filed a lawsuit against Ada County saying officials repeatedly violated the state's Public Record Act in response to four separate public records requests over the lease or purchase of the Les Bois race track. In another case, a request for 911 recordings regarding scooter accidents was not fulfilled. Officials said those who made the calls would have to sign a release.

Several local educator leaders have been named to Governor Little's Education task force called our Kids, Idaho's future. Now

the members are identifying some of Southern Idaho problems. One of which is that there is no college nearby from which to recruit new teachers.

A Burley Doctor has pleaded guilty to surgically implanting counterfeit breast implants into at least nine women. Temp Ray Patterson said he purchased the implants from China and had them shipped to Idaho where he falsely passed them off as a devices that were FDA approved. He also gave the patients phony paperwork and labels that made them look legitimate. He agreed to pay \$82-hundred in restitution to each uncompensated victim. He faces up to three years in prison for the crime.

Thursday 091219

Three out of state truck drivers have struck a deal with Ada County prosecutors over transporting Hemp through the gem state. They originally faced felony marijuana trafficking charges. Now it's likely they will plead to misdemeanors, serve no more jail time and remain on unsupervised probation. They were transporting hemp from Oregon to Colorado. In both states it's legal to transport the product but not in Idaho.

Public health officials have confirmed there are two people in Idaho who have developed a serious lung disease linked to vaping. The Idaho Department of Health and Welfare announced the two patients, one a minor and the other a young adult, were hospitalized for a time but are now recovering at home.

Twin Falls Police Chief Craig Kingsbury is one of two police chiefs in Idaho that has signed a letter from a national Law Enforcement Immigration Task Force. The letter asks the immigrant communities across the country to have no fear in reporting crimes or ask for help in case of emergencies.

The Trump administration said that it is expanding hunting and fishing in 77 national wildlife refuges in a move that critics

contend is deferring management to states and could harm wildlife. Minidoka National Wildlife Refuge in southern Idaho faces two significant changes: opening a season for hunting elk with bows and arrows and extending boating season by a month.

Jason Lee Verwer, an Idaho driver who struck and killed a young couple as they strolled down a Fruitland sidewalk last year has pleaded guilty to two counts of second-degree murder. He faces up to 10 years in prison for each count when he is sentenced in January. Prosecutors said Verwer was driving about 62 miles an hour when he intentionally struck 23-year-old Matthew Parkinson and 17-year-old Amelia Parkinson from behind. No motive was given.

Search crews are looking for a Lewiston area teen who has been missing since he fell down a waterfall at a popular hiking spot on Sunday. The 16-year-old Deary High School student was hiking with a small group of friends near Elk Creek when he apparently slipped and went over the edge of the waterfall into a 23-foot deep pool of water.

Thursday 091919

Police and rescue workers spent much of the day dealing with several crashes that blocked a portion of I-84 near Eden yesterday. Authorities say multiple vehicles including a triple trailer semi, a tanker, a pickup pulling a horse trailer were involved in the crashes. One person was sent by air ambulance to Boise and two were transported by ambulance to St. Luke's for treatment. Police continue to look for the semi that was hauling a tanker trailer that left the scene. Authorities say the truck made an improper lane change which caused the crash.

The longtime owner of Claude Brown's Home Furnishings has passed away. 98 year old Doug Brown was the son of Claude Brown who opened the business 100 years ago. His funeral is set for Saturday morning at 11 am.

Police say a man crossing a busy Pocatello Street Tuesday night died after being struck by a sport utility vehicle. The man was using a walker and was carried for over 150 feet on the hood before the vehicle stopped.

Federal officials have approved turning loose a non-native insect to feed on an invasive thistle that sprouts in everything from rangelands to vineyards to wilderness areas, mainly in the Western U.S. The U.S. Department of Agriculture said it will permit the use of the weevil native to Europe and western Asia to control yellow star thistle.

Los Angeles county board of supervisors will join in an effort that would reverse a court decision that restricts efforts to bar homeless people from sleeping on sidewalks in western states. If the Supreme Court takes the case, Boise's pending request for a review will be included in that. Some say the cities are trying to ban homelessness while others say there are so many people we are in an emergency.

Alta Mesa the Texas Company that made Idaho a natural gas and oil producing state has filed for bankruptcy. The company is facing a federal lawsuit from some who are upset about their royalty payments. The filing means the federal lawsuit in Idaho is now on hold.

Thursday 092619

Two people died following a two vehicle accident along highway 75 north of Shoshone yesterday morning just after 8. Police say the accident at 420 North involved a Delivery truck and a SUV. The truck driven by 24 year old Stetson Cox of Buhl failed to stop at the intersection and struck the SUV driven by 83 year old Richard Olsen of Shoshone. The crash caused the SUV to overturn killing 30 year old Daniel Drake of Shoshone and Olsen. The passenger in the vehicle 32 year old Charles Drake was flown

to St. Al's in Boise while Cox was sent by air ambulance to Pocatello. The crash closed that portion of the road for 4 hours.

This weekend parts of Southern and Eastern Idaho may see much colder weather and in some higher elevations, snow is possible according to the National Weather Service. Mountain areas could experience lows in the 20's. Valley temps could reach the low 30's by Sunday.

Idaho Gov. Brad Little says he's dubious about a legislative proposal to ask counties to pay up to \$10 million to help fund Medicaid expansion. A legislative panel voted along party lines two weeks ago to ask Idaho counties to kick in up to \$10 million next year to go toward the state's share, estimated to be just under \$42 million in the next fiscal year. Little says he believes Medicaid expansion can continue to be funded the way it is currently.

Testimony was taken in Twin Falls this week over the state's process for people to change the gender on their birth certificate. At the meeting, four speakers testified against changing gender on birth certificates altogether. The legislature will have the final say in 2020.

The Cassia County Sheriff's office has charged two men in connection to stolen guns from a Burley business last Friday. 50 year old Gregory Allen Hunter and 19 year old Juan Avila will have a preliminary hearing October 4th in Magistrate Court. Both men were arraigned on Monday.

SPORTS

In local action, first to Volleyball, where Gooding defeated Kimberly 3 to 2. Over to Girls soccer, Twin Falls defeated Mountain Home 7 to 0 and Wood River squeaked past Jerome 2 to 1. Elsewhere it was Century 4 Canyon Ridge 0. Pocatello defeated Burley 5 to 1 and Preston outlasted Minico 15 to 1.

In Boys Soccer, Canyon Ridge defeated Century 2 to 1. Jerome defeated Wood River 3 to 1 and Pocatello 3 Burley 2.

WEATHER

Today: Sunshine. High 78F. Winds W at 10 to 20 mph.

Tonight: Partly cloudy early with increasing clouds overnight. Low near 50F. Winds WSW at 10 to 20 mph.

Tomorrow: Partly sunny skies and cooler with a slight chance of a shower. High: 67. Low: 39.

SATURDAY: Mostly cloudy skies with a chance of a shower and colder. Some higher elevation snow above 5,000 feet is possible. High: 52. Low: 32.

SUNDAY: Mostly cloudy skies with a chance of a shower and colder. Some higher elevation snow above 5,000 feet is possible. High: 48. Low: 32.

MONDAY: Partly sunny skies with a chance of a shower and chilly. Some higher elevation snow above 5,000 feet is possible. High: 48. Low: 31.

TUESDAY: Partly sunny skies with isolated rain showers, with some higher elevation snow showers. High: 50. Low: 30.

WEDNESDAY: Mostly sunny and slightly warmer. High: 57.

September 26th: On this day

1925

Born on this day in Glendale, Maricopa County, Arizona, was Martin David Robinson, who became known as Marty Robbins, the American singer, songwriter, and multi-instrumentalist. One of the most popular and successful country and Western singers of his era, releasing over 50 singles and 100 albums. Robbins died of a heart attack on December 8, 1982.

1941

Born on this day in El Dorado, Arkansas, was David Frizzell, country music singer the younger brother of country music legend Lefty Frizzell. Frizzell scored his only solo #1 country single with "I'm Gonna Hire a Wino to Decorate Our Home", which was nominated for Song of the Year in the 1982 *Grammy Awards*.

1947

Born on this day in Grand Forks, North Dakota, was Lynn Anderson, country music singer known for a string of hits throughout the 1970s and early 1980s, most notably her *Grammy* Award-winning, worldwide mega-hit, "(I Never Promised You A) Rose Garden." Anderson was named *Billboard* Magazine's Female Artist of the Decade (1970-1980). Anderson died on July 30th 2015 aged 67.

1948

Born on this day in Cambridge, England, was Olivia Newton-John, Australian singer, songwriter, and actress. Her music has been successful in multiple genres including pop, country, and adult contemporary and has sold an estimated 100 million records worldwide and has scored 3 Country #1 albums.

1960

Born on this day in Bryan, Texas, was Doug Supernaw, country music artist who had the 1993 US #1 single "I Don't Call Him Daddy."

1962

The Beverly Hillbillies TV comedy starring Buddy Ebsen, Irene Ryan, Donna Douglas, and Max Baer, Jr. was aired for the first time. The show's theme song, "The Ballad of Jed Clampett", was written by producer and writer Paul Henning and originally performed by bluegrass artists Flatt and Scruggs.

1993

John Denver was sentenced to sing at a benefit concert to settle

drunk-driving charges after he pleaded guilty to driving while his ability was impaired. The 49-year-old performer was originally charged with driving under the influence, but prosecutors agreed to let him plead guilty to the lesser charge.

2002

Doug Supernaw was arrested after police said he attacked five officers during a scuffle outside a Brenham bar. The singer was held on charges of assaulting a police officer, public intoxication and resisting arrest. Supernaw, who was celebrating his 42nd birthday, was held on a \$11,150 bond. His song "I Don't Call Him Daddy" was nominated for video of the year by the *Academy of Country Music*.

2012

George Strait announced that he is retiring from touring, and that *The Cowboy Rides Away Tour* would be his last. The tour consisted of two legs: the first leg included 21 concerts in 2013 with Martina McBride as the opening performer; the second leg included 20 concerts in 2014.

Tuesday 070219

Fire from what officials believe to be from the city fireworks display Saturday night, damaged the Jerome High School early Sunday Morning. Most of the damage was contained to outer roof decking on the Math Building. Crews were called to the scene just before 1:30 am. Inside there was some damage to the hallway and three classrooms.

A Jerome woman was injured when a car crashed into her apartment. Jerome police say Delanna Alvarez told them she pushed on her brakes but the car didn't stop in the convenience store parking lot in the 800 block of East Main. Her car crashed

through the fence and into the heritage homes. Joann Driscall, was transported to St. Luke's for treatment. No citations have been issued.

Good news for motorists as a record 263-thousand of you will hit the gem state roads this independence day. Idaho Gas prices dropped throughout the month of June. Triple -A said every state in the region is defying the national trend. National average is \$2-72 a gallon. Idaho is at 3-01. That is 18 cents less than a month ago and 16 cents less than a year ago.

Authorities have released the names of the two victims who drowned in Redfish Lake Friday. 5 year old Claire Tanney and 31 year old Christopher Tanney were in a Kayak without Life Jackets officials say. The girl died after being transported by air ambulance to Boise. The man was found 55 feet in the lake by sonar.

Former U.S. Rep. Raul Labrador has been elected chairman of the Idaho Republican Party. Labrador on Saturday defeated former Idaho Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Luna 111-109.

In recent weeks, crowds of climbers attempting to conquer Mount Everest have made international headlines as several people died in "traffic jams" atop the tallest peak in the world. Ang Dorjee Sherpa, a Boise resident, was there. He estimates about 300 climbers were lined up at the summit on May 22, the same day a Utah man died of altitude sickness on the mountain. In the following days, eight other climbers died on Everest.

Tuesday 070919

Lightening caused fires continue to burn on southern Idaho BLM land this morning. The largest of those fires is the Horse Butte Fire, 17 miles northwest of Aberdeen, has burned 4,000 acres and is growing. Other fires include the Crest view fire that was later determined to be on private land. Crews responded to a brush

fire a mile north of Shoshone yesterday morning. The cause is under investigation.

In Rupert Mart Produce and ProSource will combine sales teams to consolidate all fresh packed potato and onion sales and marketing. ProSource is a grower owned and operated sales and marketing company based in Hailey. The Mart Produce is a potato supplier for fresh and processed segments of the industry. They employ over 100 people.

The parents of a young girl who died while in foster care are suing the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare, the foster family and several state and private employees that the parents say failed to adequately care for the child, causing her death. According to the lawsuit, the girl had a serious medical condition and she relied on an intravenous line for treatment. But they say when the girl was placed with the foster family; the parents weren't given any training on how to handle Justice's medical needs.

The state attorney general's office is now investigating a complaint against the Idaho Public Charter School Commission, stemming from a controversial closed door commission meeting. At one point, commission chairman Alan Reed voiced regret for allowing the Heritage Academy in Jerome to remain open. Charter school advocates say the executive session violated the state's open meeting law. School officials say the commission is biased.

Former Lincoln County Sheriff Rene Rodriguez of Shoshone has been given permission to see his children while he is out on bail. The 40 year old appeared before a judge yesterday. He has been charged with two counts of rape and sexual abuse of a minor child under 16.

A mom and her two children died early yesterday morning after being trapped inside their burning Boise Home. The coroner has

not issued a final cause of death for 43 year old Jana, her 12 Year old Son Ryker and 9 year old Rilee. The fire broke out about 5 am in the 1500 block of Leadville Avenue. Medics performed CPR on all three. The children died at the hospital while their mother died at the scene. No smoke alarms were found inside.

Tuesday 071619

The Cassia County Sheriff's Office say a 12 year old boy died over the weekend following an ATV accident. It was reported around 8:45 p.m. near the Elba-Almo road and East 1740 south of Elba. The boy was on an ATV moving cattle and drove into a marshy area where the ATV flipped, pinning the boy. He died at the scene.

Former Idaho Gov. Butch Otter has asked the Trump administration to investigate possible Chinese involvement in a mining company that could compete in Idaho with a Canadian-based company that tapped Otter to serve on its board of directors. Otter says he's concerned cobalt mined in Idaho will be shipped to China.

Twin Falls County Coroner Gene Turley would like to see a state forensic pathology department created. Turley said this would improve services and save taxpayer money.

Gov. Brad Little said Karen Neill has been appointed to the Idaho Board of Correction, filling the seat vacated by former board member Cindy Wilson. Neill is a nursing professor and interim dean of Idaho State University's College of Nursing. She joins Dr. David McClusky and Dodds Hayden.

60 year old Patricia Burke Williamson will be allowed to contact her husband after a judge modified a no contact order. She is facing multiple felony domestic battery charges and remains in the county jail on a \$100-thousand dollar bond. Her charges stem

from an incident in the 200 block of Jackson Street with a glass bottle, chain, and a knife.

A judge is expected to decide tomorrow afternoon whether to exonerate Christopher Tapp who spent two decades behind bars for the murder of Angie Dodge after making a false confession. He was arrested for the murder of Dodge in 1997 but several experts have found that Tapp falsely confessed under police coercion, and another man was arrested after new tests showed that man's DNA matched evidence found at the scene.

Tuesday 072319

Fire damaged a home in Shoshone yesterday. Crews were called to the 200 Block of West C street just after noon. Shoshone fire, along with Jerome and Gooding crews assisted in fighting the blaze. One person received medical treatment.

Gas Prices in Idaho continue to go down. Triple A say the average price for regular is now \$2.92 which is 14 cents less than a month ago and 20 cents less than a year ago. The average U.S. price is \$2.77. Idaho ranks eighth in the country for the highest gas.

A one-vehicle rollover has claimed the life of a 34 year old Bellevue resident. On Thursday evening Blaine county deputies were called to the accident just east of Picabo on U.S. Highway 20. Yvette Cabrito's vehicle rolled several times. When authorities arrived, they found the woman had died at the scene. Speed and Alcohol are suspected to be a factor in the crash.

South Central Public Health officials are warning residents that the extreme heat will be dangerous if you don't find a cool area and stay hydrated. Children under 2 and adults over 65, those who work outside and people with chronic medical conditions should be checked on regularly.

Drought conditions are starting to show up in northern Idaho as summer temperatures begin to dry out the state. Abnormally dry

conditions are being noted along much of the Idaho Montana border with moderate and severe conditions at the tip of the state's panhandle. Drought conditions were noted for more than 40% of the state at this time last year.

Idaho recorded a 2.8% unemployment rate for June, marking the 19th consecutive month the rate has stayed below 3%. The state Department of Labor recorded job gains of 3% or more in four sectors last month. Jobs in education and health increased by 3,300. The department says other services grew by 900 jobs. The national unemployment rate rose slightly from 3.6% to 3.7%.

TUESDAY 073019

The federal government has paid \$24 million to Idaho farms and dairies in an effort to help them survive financial losses caused by President Donald Trump's trade wars. But farmers and industry leaders across the state say the payments don't begin to cover what they have lost. Payments ranged from \$395,084 to a dairy in the Magic Valley to \$2 mailed to a farmer on Bureau of Indian Affairs land in Lapwai.

Idaho families struggling with hunger just got a big boost from Dairy West. The organization, which represents Idaho and Utah dairy farmers, recently donated a new refrigerated truck to the Idaho Foodbank to increase the nonprofit's ability to safely store milk and other perishable food products and deliver them to food pantries throughout the Gem State.

Former Idaho Republican Party chairman Jonathan Parker is being held in the Ada County jail without bail after authorities say he violated a no-contact order. Court records say Parker is also being held on a felony charge of witness intimidation. Parker stepped down as Idaho GOP chairman in February, and his wife filed for divorce in March.

The Idaho Fish and Game say Steelhead anglers hoping for strong returns this year on the Snake River likely will be disappointed. Last year, the state counted about 94,700 steelhead at Bonneville Dam on the Columbia River. This year, regional fisheries managers are expecting 118,000 to return at least as far as Bonneville.

An e-scooter accident has sent two women to the hospital. The electric scooters they were on fell into a hole dug for construction in downtown Boise. The two victims fell about 12 feet in an alley west of Capitol Boulevard Friday just before 7 pm.

The Shoshone-Bannock tribe would like all Idaho Schools to abandon native American high school mascots and nicknames. The tribe submitted a position paper to the state board of Education asking help from the legislature and the governor. There are eight Idaho High Schools on the list including Buhl and Shoshone.

Tuesday 080619

One person died in a three car pileup Saturday morning near the U.S. 93-I-84 junction. Police say a car was turning at the green light when it was struck by another vehicle driven by 37 year old Oscar Irbe-Salzzar of Wendell who succumb to his injuries. Debris from both vehicles struck another vehicle. The road was closed for five and a half hours while crews worked to clear the scene.

Tonight the Twin Falls Police Departments national night out will take place at the city park. The Police Department, Twin Falls County Sheriff's office and other agencies will gather and demonstrate the number of tools and team resources they have at their disposal. Idaho state police and the Twin Falls Fire Department will also be on hand to answer questions.

Southern Idaho Tourism has received a grant from the Idaho Travel Council that will be used to attract tourists. \$389,790 will

be used to promote the Magic Valley. Tourism was a 4-billion dollar industry in the state last year.

The Twin Falls City Council said they wouldn't get involved in the abortion issue. A proposed ordinance that would have banned abortions in the city and punished physicians did not move forward at last night's meeting on a 3 to 4 vote. The council agreed with the city attorney who said the ordinance couldn't override the U.S. Supreme Court decision of *roe vs. wade*.

The federal government wants to build a nuclear test reactor as part of an effort to revamp the nation's fading nuclear power industry by developing safer fuel and power plants. Federal officials say the test reactor is needed to speed up development of accident-tolerant fuels that will be used by a new generation of nuclear power plants.

Two people from eastern Idaho have died in an ATV crash in Island Park. Idaho State Police say 33-year-old Brent Thueson of Idaho Falls and 28-year-old Triana Galley of Rigby died after the 2016 Polaris ATV driven by Thueson went off the road and struck a tree. The accident happened just after midnight Sunday.

Tuesday 081319

Three small children were killed in a traffic accident in Blaine county early Saturday morning. Deputies say the collision was at the site of a temporary traffic signal at a bridge construction project south of Bellevue. A pickup driven by 46 year old Mathew Park of Fairfield collided with a small car driven by 26 year old Sommchai Ray Lee Lurak of Mountain Home. Three female children ages 3, 5 and 6 died. Lurak along with a female passenger in the car was air lifted to Boise. Both are in critical condition. Park was un-injured. He has charged with DUI and three counts of Vehicular manslaughter.

The cancelled fundraiser for the Canyon Ridge Baseball team that's prize was a AR-15 rifle is back on. This time organized by Patriot Defense of Twin Falls. The original gun raffle was organized by the schools head coach.

Tomorrow, it's a full day of activity for the Gooding County Fair and Rodeo with a parade starting at 5:30 pm. The extreme bull's event is tomorrow night with the rodeo Thursday through Saturday.

Weed experts in Cassia and Twin Falls are concerned about an invasive noxious weed that looks like the smothering Kudzu vine found in the south. The white bryony has been located in the two counties and if left unattended will pose a major destructive problem as it can crawl up to 50 feet in a short amount of time. It's killed by digging up the root system.

Idaho's sage-grouse numbers have dropped 52% since the federal government decided not to list the birds as an endangered species in the fall of 2015. Officials say there are between 200,000 and 500,000 sage grouse, most of them in Idaho, Nevada, Wyoming, Montana, Oregon, Utah and Colorado.

Idaho officials say one lane is open to traffic on a section of Highway 95 that had been closed because of a large mudslide. The area is open south of White Bird to New Meadows and a pilot car is leading traffic through the one lane.

Tuesday 082019

A Utah man who was missing for nearly a week in the wilderness near the Idaho Montana border survived on berries and bugs. 25 year old Kaden Laga of Orem said he was on horseback when his horse went lame. His cell phone wouldn't work. Grasshoppers and ants became his survival diet. Friday, he wandered into a search camp.

Yesterday marked the start for several school districts in southern Idaho and new to the Twin Falls district is something called collaboration Monday. For students it means a shorter day by one hour. For Teachers a time set aside where they can collaborate with other teachers on lessons and improve education overall.

The Twin Falls City Council said they will not ask voters for new fire stations and improvements to the department as the county is seeking money for new jails. Earlier this year, voters said no to a 36-million dollar bond for the department.

Blaine County sheriff officials say they were transporting 42 year old Sky T.G. Thompson to Ada County over the weekend when the Reno man began kicking the window of the deputies car and hitting his head on the glass demanding he be let out. He was able to bend the Tahoe's door frame with damages exceeding a thousand dollars. He was in custody on an Ada County warrant but now faces a felony charge of malicious injury to property.

A Saturday night accident sent several to the hospital, one in serious condition, and a Kimberly woman facing charges of aggravated DUI and carrying a concealed weapon. Tera Cook was involved in a vehicle crash on Pole Line Road just before 11:30 pm.

Boise's mayor Dave Bieter says he's postponing the city's proposal for a new main library by giving up efforts on the ballot in November. He said Ada County Clerk Phil McGrane has refused to host a special election for the non-binding vote. The mayor also said the most recent cost estimates suggests the library would cost the city \$104 million.

Tuesday 082719

One person died and three others were injured in a crash during a boat race on the Snake River near Lewiston over the weekend. Two boats crashed while competing in the sanction race Saturday.

Idaho must provide gender confirmation surgery to 31 year old Adree Edmo, a transgender inmate living as a woman for years but who has continuously been housed in a men's prison. The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals agreed with a federal judge that the state's denying the surgery amounted to cruel and unusual punishment.

Idahoans will soon have the opportunity to weigh in on proposed work requirements to Idaho's Medicaid expansion. On Tuesday and Friday, Sept. 3 and 5 the Health and Welfare will hold public hearings for input on the proposal. The Idaho Legislature passed a measure that would kick people off Medicaid if they don't find employment in a set period of time. However, the requirement is subject to approval from the federal government. Regardless if the work requirement is approved by the federal government, Medicaid will still be expanded to about 90,000 low-income individuals.

Three people have died in a fiery crash following a head on collision on Highway 21 near Hilltop station in Ada County over the weekend. Both vehicles actually caught on fire and the highway was closed for about three hours.

The Idaho Supreme Court rejected an appeal from 43 year old Chad Schiermeier. The former Blaine County Deputy was convicted of felony grand theft. It was found he made considerable cash ATM withdrawals of DARE program funds and purchases unrelated to his job. He was sentenced to between 6 and 14 years in prison. The appeal claimed the sentence was excessively harsh and the state hadn't proven their case beyond doubt.

Students going to college are being targets of fraud according to the Better Business Bureau. Some of the biggest tricks include employment ads that only gather private info. Scholarship finding services will sell lists to students but most aid comes from the

federal government or individual colleges. Watch out for fake room-mate ads where you are asked for money upfront.

Tuesday 090319

The Idaho Fish and Game says deer hunting tags will likely sell out by this Friday based on the rate of the current sales. More than 16-hundred tags were sold last week leaving fewer than 25-hundred nonresident deer tags remaining for the year.

A federal judge has ruled that Burley High School Administrators violated student's first Amendment Rights by kicking them off the school cheerleading team. The nine students sued the district last year. They proved they were dismissed from the team for reserving the right to file a grievance with the school board.

Federal officials have rejected one of Idaho's requests for a waiver for Medicaid expansion. Governor Brad Little and other Republican leaders said the feds pulled the rug out from under us. Reclaim Idaho leaders who orchestrated the Medicaid expansion with an initiative in November said this is what happens when angry legislators try to steer working Idahoans onto plans that offer less coverage for higher costs and more expense.

The whistleblower lawsuit between Brandon Eller, who was at first awarded 1.5 million dollars, is now over. Eller, an Idaho State Police Investigator has settled with the state paying him 1.29 million. Eller claimed ISP retaliated against him because he testified against another officer in a court hearing.

The Nampa school district is continuing to investigate the source of a malware attack that hit the district late last month leading to the network shutdown and loss of access to all schools. Officials are looking into how much it will cost to restore the system. Parts are now working and officials are providing usable devices to a thousand employees while the repairs are made.

Across the gem state, universities are asking students to make up the difference as state funding has decreased over the last few decades. The average cost for a year of college adjusted for inflation is about \$7,800. The average cost was \$1,300 in 1980.

A helicopter crash in the Snake River near Lewiston is being investigated. The accident near ten mile canyon happened just before 11 pm Saturday. Witnesses say two males got out of the helicopter and left in a vehicle.

TUESDAY 091019

A base jumping accident has claimed the life of a 38 year old California man. Officials say the accident happened just after noon yesterday. The victim jumped off the Perrine Bridge. He struck the water with a partially deployed chute. Nearby Kayakers pulled the man to shore and began CPR. The male was jumping with his wife who made a safe landing.

Pump failure and power outage is being blamed for a failure at the sewer treatment facility in Mountain Home Sunday. Raw sewage bubbled out of several manholes flooding one resident's farm and shop. The city was able to stop the sewage from overflowing within 20 minutes of being notified.

The 9th Circuit Court has declined to weigh in on Idaho's hemp debate. Idaho is one of just a handful of states where hemp containing THC is still illegal in any form. Meanwhile, more than a million dollars' worth of hemp seized in a January traffic stop remains in Police custody. An Oregon truck driver was arrested. At first police believed they had stumbled on the biggest bust in Idaho's history.

An e-scooter crash in downtown Boise has left a 28 year old man with his jaw completely wired shut and in serious condition. The accident Sunday sent Jacob Holbnrook to a hospital in Salt Lake City. He tried to avoid an oncoming car when he crashed into a

curb. The crash fractured both sides of his jaw. He now hopes his story can raise awareness of the risks involved with riding one of the devices.

Mark Lankford who has already been convicted twice of the 1983 beating deaths of U.S. Marine Captain Robert Bravence and his wife Cheryl in Lewiston will stand trial again on the double murder. In both previous convictions they have been overturned on appeal. The jury selection is underway and the trial is being moved to Canyon County in an effort to find jurors who are unfamiliar with the case. Mark's brother, Bryan is serving a life sentence. The two were charged with the robbery that resulted in the death of the Bravence's.

Officials at Grand Teton National Park in northwestern Wyoming are trying to determine if some of the park's 11 glaciers are still moving or if they are now remnant glaciers or ice patches. The park is making an effort to better understand Teton, Middle Teton, Schoolroom, Petersen and Falling Ice glaciers.

Tuesday 091719

21 year old Gramajo Reyes of Caldwell died in an early morning crash early yesterday morning when her car collided head on with another vehicle. Idaho state police say 38 year old Weston Jones of Kimberly was southbound around 2:41 a.m. a half a mile north of the Idaho Nevada Border when he crossed the center line.

Today is Idaho School Zone Safety day. Governor Brad Little proclaimed the day asking traffic safety partners to spread the word to emphasize school zone enforcement.

An Idaho Falls woman was arrested after she allegedly admitted to beating, choking and biting her 2-year-old child. 28 year old Heather Hillcock took the boy to Eastern Idaho Regional Medical center early yesterday morning. Hillock was charged with felony

injury to a child, punishable with up to 10 years in prison. Her bail was set at \$50,000.

48 year old Todd Holbrook was injured Sunday when his vehicle caught fire after he led police on a chase across Rupert. The 2000 Green Ford Expedition was destroyed by flames. Authorities had tried to stop him because of a traffic violation.

Today is Constitution day and the College of Southern Idaho is hosting a free lunch and film to observe the day. Constitution Day celebrates the adoption of the U.S. Constitution and recognizes all who have become citizens. The event is from noon to 2.

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission said it's considering a request from the U.S. Department of Energy to renew a license to store the radioactive debris from the Three Mile Island nuclear power plant. The core of a reactor south of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, partially melted in 1979.

35 year old Eric Junge, a day care worker in Mountain Home, has been charged with a felony after investigators said he inappropriately touched a child at the day care center. The Idaho Department of Health and Welfare has suspended the day care.

Tuesday 092419

Mark Langford, charged with killing a Texas couple as they camped in north-central Idaho 36 years ago has been found guilty for the third time. A jury found Lankford guilty of two counts of first-degree murder. It was Lankford's third trial in the 1983 double murder case, but the two previous convictions were both thrown out on appeal.

Citing a lack of corroborating evidence, Bannock County's chief deputy prosecutor had no intention of pursuing rape and lewd conduct charges against 46 year old Tiffany Marie Peterson, a Pocatello elementary school teacher. Petersen and her former

husband, 50 year old David James McGarry, of Jerome, are each facing charges of rape and lewd conduct against a child under 16.

Atlanta Gold, an Idaho mining company has not complied with court orders and continues to violate clean water rules, according to a ruling by a federal judge. U.S. Chief Magistrate Judge Ronald Bush determined that Atlanta Gold had not achieved substantial compliance at its Montezuma Creek site in Elmore County. The Creek is a tributary of the Middle Fork of the Boise River, a source of drinking, irrigation and recreational water for Boise.

Firefighters spent much of Sunday afternoon battling a blaze at a large commodity shed at the Bettencourt Dairy in Wendell. No animals were injured in the fire that damaged the west side of the 200-thousand square foot shed.

A single vehicle rollover on Highway 75 north of Ketchum has claimed the life of a teenager. Authorities say a 16 year old female was driving with two passengers a 17 year old male and a 15 year old female. All three were local residents. The 15 year old passenger died at the hospital. A wasp or bee entered the car and it's believed that's what contributed to the cause of the crash.

A malfunctioning HVAC unit on the roof of the Wok N Grill on north Blue Lakes in Twin Falls is being blamed for smoke inside the restaurant. The incident Sunday afternoon cleared the restaurant of the customers about 1:45 p.m.

Wednesday 070319

329 new and amended laws went into effect July 1 for Idahoans. Some of the big ones is the Move Over law that requires motorists to move over if there is someone pulled off on the side of the road. Run a stop arm on a school bus and you could pay up to \$600 in fines. 18 year olds can conceal carry a gun inside the city

limits. Idaho officials are now required by law to test all sexual assault kits.

Idaho's education system fell further behind goals. The governor's task force made no recommendations during the meeting at CSI but identified two questions: How to measure district success and how to promote improvement. Meanwhile, officials say Idaho's Latino student population is growing, while the number of Latino or nonwhite teachers remains stagnant.

21 year old Alex James Chappell's sentencing was delayed earlier this week after he pleaded guilty to aggravated battery for stabbing Daniel Lopez. He is scheduled to be sentenced July 29 and faces up to 15 years in prison.

Gary Vinsonhaler of Boise has filed a tort claim against the state after he was attacked with a pruning saw. Police arrested 38 year old Ruben Diaz who was on parole living in an assisted living facility near the victim's home. He was arrested after Vinsonhaler was attacked last November. The claim says officials didn't ensure the suspect was taking his meds, a condition of his parole.

Officials have identified 6,700 square miles in Idaho to test a plan that allows state participation in federal timber sales to pay for restoration work on private, state and federal lands. The agreement is intended to improve forest health and decrease the risk of disease and catastrophic fires.

The fireworks show tomorrow at CSI will begin about 10 pm. The display is free and there will be several areas on campus and nearby that will provide optimum viewing. The music will be synced and can be heard on Hot 100, KAT 106 and 94-7 BUCK FM.

WEDNESDAY 071019

Fire investigators continue to determine the cause of the fire last week that extensively damaged the four jacks casino in Jackpot Nevada. The fire completely engulfed the attic area and

damaged the laundry room. Crews spent 3 hours battling the blaze. Officials say damage to the building was extensive.

Shari's Restaurant in Twin Falls said they were hit with fake \$100 bills earlier this month. A manager said the bills looked so real; that it passed through equipment the restaurant had purchased to catch counterfeit money.

Tis the season for door to door salesmen, and with that the city of Twin Falls is reminding vendors and residents that salespeople must carry a City issued license when they are actively selling. City officials say a transient vendor must be fingerprinted by the police department and a background check will be performed.

The South Central Public Health District and the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality are issuing a public health advisory not to drink the water and avoid exposure for Salmon Falls Creek Reservoir. The DEQ said results from water testing on July 1st show unhealthy levels of algal bloom in the reservoir.

34 year old Stephanie Wells of Jerome's trial date has been set. The former dairy accountant for Box Canyon Dairy is charged with 19 counts of grand theft, accused of embezzling more than \$700,000 by writing checks to pay credit card bills and falsifying payments for a loan she had with the company. The trial is set for October 16th.

The city of Pocatello will be reimbursing some residents for improper water charges between 2012 and 2014. The Idaho Supreme Court deemed the extra charge illegal, and attorney Nathan Olsen estimated in early January that the city owed affected customers more than \$20 million in damages and interest. But ultimately Olsen agreed to a settlement that included a repayment for just two years of the collections, plus \$1 million toward interest.

Fire has displaced a family of four in Twin Falls. Three engines, medical personnel and assistance from the Rock Creek Fire Department responded to the home in the 600 block of Lenore Street. Fire department officials say the fire was contained to one room in the basement where some items on a table were burning. Smoke damaged much of the home so the fire department union fund will provide help for two days. After that, the Red Cross will assist the family.

A Monday night stabbing in the fuel pump area of Mr. Gas on Blue Lakes has left one person injured and 27 year old Richard Samson has been charged with aggravated battery and possession of methamphetamine. The victim was stabbed in the chest and was taken to Boise for treatment. Samson's bond has been set at \$750-thousand dollars.

State officials on Tuesday approved a rewrite of Idaho's 50-year-old mining law, but they still have work to do. The Idaho Land Board voted to adopt rules intended to give mining companies the financial leeway to mine but also avoid leaving Idaho taxpayers paying for cleanup costs if a mining company goes bankrupt.

A third person has died following Sunday's head on crash on Highway 95 near Weiser. 71-year old Lois Bridge died from Blunt Force trauma after being transported by air ambulance to St. Alphonsus in Boise.

The Twin Falls city council has approved the closure of the Eastland Drive and Falls Avenue intersection following this week's council meeting. The intersection has about 25-thousand vehicles pass through every day. The city is re constructing the roadway and expects it will take 15 weeks to complete the project.

Kayakers in Southern Idaho are being warned to watch for falling objects dropped from the Perrine Bridge. Everything from shopping carts to bowling balls have been found in the water beneath the structure. If you are caught throwing items you will

be held liable for any damage or injury your action caused plus you face fines and penalties.

Wednesday 072419

Fire continues to burn public land across southern Idaho. For a time, Highway 75 north of Shoshone closed yesterday morning after a lightning caused Lava fire sparked a blaze. That road was opened just after 11 am. About 500 acres of BLM Land have been scorched at last check. Another fire we are watching is the Hot Springs fire 25 miles north of Murphy Hot Springs where over 7-thousand acres have burned. Firefighters are also battling the Notch Butte Fire south of Shoshone where 500 acres have burned.

Some employees have been evacuated from the Idaho National Laboratory in southeastern Idaho while crews fight a wildfire burning near the nuclear energy research site. INL officials say non-essential employees were evacuated yesterday, mainly because of wind changes and smoke from the fire, which is burning on about 10 square miles of desert near the center of the 890-square mile property, away from the buildings that make up the INL complex.

36 year old Alberto Guy-ta of Twin Falls has been accused of sexual exploitation of a child. The Idaho Attorney General's Office said investigators with the Idaho Internet Crimes against Children arrested Guy-ta who allegedly was possessing sexual material.

The Lincoln County Sheriff's office is warning residents there is a kidnapping scam in the area. Victims are called and are told their loved one has been kidnapped and a ransom is demanded. Officials say if this happens to you, remain calm and contact the relative. Then, contact law enforcement.

21 year old James Hicks-Anderson and 23 year old Francesco Podesta of Rupert are each charged with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. This after a Rupert woman told police they

pointed a handgun at her outside of a residence on 4th street in Rupert.

Wednesday 073119

Details are being finalized by Twin Falls County Officials for the Jail Bond they want to pursue in November. The cost of the bond would be 80-million dollars with 50-million for jail remodel and construction. The other 30-million would be for the courthouse.

A fire just after 11 pm Monday damaged the Mini-Cassia criminal justice centers kitchen meaning that inmates will be getting mostly sandwiches, cereal and milk for a while. No injuries were reported. Officials say the fire was suspicious and may have been caused by spontaneous combustion of some rags.

Six acres of land near Highway 93 at the Crossroads Point Business Center will soon be home to the University Of Idaho education and outreach Complex. The U of I said this will be one of the nation's largest research facility. The discovery center will tell the local story of agriculture while the other part will assist food processing education and research.

An Idaho Falls man already serving prison time on a sexual abuse conviction has been sentenced to more time after a new victim came forward. 57-year-old Thomas Dale Roberts was sentenced Monday to up to 16 years in prison for the two new sex abuse charges. Roberts will have to serve at least four years before he will be eligible for parole. He was convicted of sexually abusing children at a daycare.

Idaho land managers are planning two major timber sales to salvage trees that have been killed or damaged by a moth infestation. The timber up for sale is on just over 3 square miles near the communities of Smiths Ferry, Banks and Crouch. The money from the sale will provide public school funding. The first

timber auction has an appraised value of \$1.67 million. The second, \$1.13 million.

Paid administrative leave among Idaho state employees over 11 months cost the state about \$2 million. Nearly 3,000 state employees were on paid administrative leave at some point between July 1, 2018, and May 31, 2019. The most common reason for paid administrative leave is when there are allegations against someone that makes it difficult or divisive for them to still be at work or if you want them away so you can investigate their materials.

Wednesday 080719

Twin Falls police are seeking your help in solving a July assault and theft. The incident happened early on July 22 near Washington Street north and Heyburn Avenue. According to facebook, a man was walking southbound when he was assaulted and his wallet was taken. If you can help in the investigation, call the police.

Gooding County is considering a new jail facility. The jail is overcrowded and the sheriff's office is in need of more room. An architect proposed two ideas. An 80 bed jail or a 48 bed jail. Currently the county has a 21 bed facility and according to officials people were sleeping on the floor for quite some time. The cost could range from 12 to 14 million dollars.

48 year old Craig Delroy Barnett of Jerome has been listed on the Idaho Missing persons clearing house website. He has not contacted his wife for over two weeks and now the police is asking for your help in finding the man who left home on July 25th to go camping. Call the police if you can help in the search.

24-year-old Carlos Alonzo Sandoval of Boise has been charged with killing a man who dated his mother. He appeared in court earlier this week in the shooting death of 45 year old Antoine

Jones. He has been charged with first degree murder aggravated battery and use of a deadly weapon. He is being held without bond.

An adult film actress has pleaded guilty to trying to hire a hit man for \$5,000 to kill the father of one her children. Katrina Danforth pleaded guilty Monday in federal court in Coeur d'Alene. Prosecutors say she mailed half the payment to the hit man's address in Montana in November 2018. The person she hired for the killing was an undercover police officer.

A Caldwell man is in jail, despite pretending to be asleep when police finally caught up to him after a car chase. 38 year old Rolando Castillo is charged with felony eluding, assault on an officer, grand theft, resisting and obstructing, possessing a firearm as a convicted felon, possession of drugs and drug paraphernalia, and violating his parole.

Wednesday 081419

The Twin Falls City council will meet at noon today to consider the adoption of the 2020 preliminary budget and to set Monday for the public hearing to adopt the final budget. The meeting will be at the council chambers in Twin Falls.

Chobani's new Innovation and Community Center is open. The 71-thousand square foot 21-million dollar addition will give the greek yogurt scientists more room and tools to develop yogurt flavors with a state of the art workspace.

32 year old Marcos Omar Ocegüera of Jerome was booked into the Jerome jail Monday and arraigned yesterday on three sex related charges. He has been accused of Lewd conduct with a child under 16, Rape and transfer of the aids virus.

Earlier this week 21 year old Alex James Chappell was sentenced for stabbing another man in the back. The incident happened in February when he broke into the victim's home. He will serve a

minimum of 8 years in prison and faces 15. He also will be required to pay the victims medical bills.

Voters in Twin Falls will be asked for money to expand the county jail facilities. Commissioners approved asking the voters to pass a 25-million dollar bond issue in November. The proposal would cost property owners \$25-95 per \$100-thousand of assessed property value over 20 years.

Early voting is underway for several issues that residents can cast their ballots on. Voters in the Filer School District will decide on a 8-point 5 million dollar general obligation bond. Jerome and Lincoln county residents living within the Shoshone School District will also decide on a 6.83 million dollar bond. Election Day is August 27th.

The Lincoln County Sheriff's office is continuing the investigation into the Saturday morning burglary of the Bear Claw Trading post. The amount of loss is still undetermined. Money and Jewelry was taken from the business. Call 324-1911 if you can help in the investigation.