

## **QUARTERLY ISSUES/ PROGRAMS LIST**

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## **ELECTION – VOTER EDUCATION**

Lewiston City Council candidate Brennon Leafy

Date: 10/25/2023

Time: All KLEW Newscasts/Duration (1:58)

Lewiston City Council candidate, Brennon Leafy says his highest priority issues are taxes, homelessness, and civil engagement. "Ideally, I'd like to get a public referendum going and see what the citizens feel should be cut out of the budget because I believe that the basis for a lot of taxation issues," Leafy said. He also said he believes there is still not enough research done on how to adequately address homelessness in Lewiston. "What I want to do is to take a boots-on-the-ground approach and go actually talk to these people that are homeless and see what they feel can be done, what they need to help them get off the ground," Leafy said. "I think it's important for citizens if they feel there's something that they would like to see changed or addressed.

Lewiston City Council candidate Jessica Klein

Date: 10/30/2023

Time: All KLEW Newscasts/Duration (1:40)

Lewiston City Council Candidate Jessica Klein is self-employed and rents out properties. "Of course, bringing down taxes, reducing frivolous spending," she said. Klein wants to lower the financial burden facing Lewiston residents. "Making sure to thoroughly go through the budget and see what's needed and what could be put off until next year," Klein said. "Of course, you got the roads, that's a big issue, trying to allocate more funds towards the roads so we can fix them, and fix them right," Klein said. Klein also feels that voices in the community are not being heard, which is something she wants to change if elected. She uses the open house on the Bryden Avenue project as an example of this. "I didn't hear one person from the community that was for that and when we asked questions about it, they couldn't answer it. People were outraged, people were not happy," Klein said.

Lewiston City Council candidate Maureen Anderson

Date: 10/31/2023

Time: All KLEW Newscasts/Duration (1:58)

Lewiston City Council candidate Maureen Anderson would have the economy as her top issue. She says with things like the homeowner's exemption coming from Boise, at the city level, the focus should be on how resident's tax dollars are used. "We want to make sure they're being spent effectively, and that they are being done efficiently," Anderson said. Also, in regard to the economy, she says, folks have seen the new houses being built, is an example of population growth. However, Anderson says growth has not been equal across different sectors. "We're not seeing the business growth we need to balance that out. I know personally as a mom I want to see our children have local opportunities, and at the same time be able to afford housing," Anderson said. She also disagrees with the current pattern of the city acquiring properties.

Lewiston City Council candidate John Spickelmire

Date: 10/27/23

Time: All KLEW Newscasts/Duration (1:20)

At the top of the list for Navy veteran, former FAA Operations Manager, and Lewiston City Council candidate John Spickelmire is the cost of living. And adds that there are multiple factors he says the council should be keeping track of. "There's a lot of things involved in it: The property tax, inflation, our city service fees, things like that," Spickelmire said. Spickelmire would like to draw new business and industry to Lewiston. "The things with new retail businesses, they're looking for growth in Lewiston. So, with growth, you need typically to attract industry, and with industry, you need the workforce, as well as the city budget, which he is actively giving input on, trying to make it less convoluted," said Spickelmire. "At the moment I'm working with and sending suggestions into our finance department on ways I think we can change it," Spickelmire said. He said the city's ability to get information to residents could be improved, especially on social media.

## Nez Perce Co. Auditors Office test ballot tabulator/voting equipment

Date: 11/1/2023

Time: All KLEW Newscasts/Duration (1:30)

Nez Perce County Clerk Patty Weeks and other election officials were checking the boxes ahead of Election Day. The four Nez Perce County elections are City of Lewiston Council, Lapwai Mayor and Council, City of Peck Mayor and council, and Eagles Point Water and Sewer District.

The public was invited to watch the testing of the county's ballot tabulator both in the name of transparency and to allow residents an opportunity to get a glimpse into the election process.

But at the top of the list is making sure everything is running smoothly for November seventh. "We pre-mark ballots, a test deck, and then randomly select a precinct and then we have our three witnesses they go through and look at each ballot that's been marked and the answer key and then we run that through the machine," said Weeks. The machine then prints a report to double check that it counted correctly.

## City Council candidate David Funke

Date: 11/1/23

Time: All KLEW Newscasts/Duration (1:15)

Lewiston City Council candidate David Funke says he thinks the biggest issue facing the city and its residents is property taxes. "My neighbors are having to sell their business, their Air BnB," Funke said. The relationship between the city and its residents is another area that Funke thinks can be improved, and he has an idea he thinks will increase civic engagement. "Getting citizen's advocacy groups, where they can find out how to get on the docket for the actual city council, not just taking the three minutes to address the council because you can't get your point across in three minutes," Funke said. Staying on the topic of meeting residents' needs, Funke says he'd like to see folks in Lewiston have some input into what tax dollars will be allotted. "I think we need to get it on the ballot, get like a top three or four issues, and find out what the citizens really need. Do we need this, do we need that, can we table this? And then put that money forward," Funke said. Funke also says, to get to the root of the property tax issue.

## Steps on how to Register to Vote

Date: 11/7/23

Time: All KLEW Newscasts/Duration (1:15)

In order for Idahoans to vote, you must have a valid form of identification. If you are already registered to vote all you need to do is present one form of identification. "That could be your driver's license, it could be a passport or a concealed weapons permit," Election Clerk Samuel Weeks said. Tribal and student IDs can also be shown. Those that are already registered and choose not to provide a form of ID, you will need to sign an affidavit. If you are not registered to vote there is same day election day voter registration that can be done at your polling place. To register, new voters will need to present a photo ID and proof of residence. "It could be your current identification if your driver's license for example has your current address on it, that works for us, or it could be something like a current mortgage or a utility bill," Samuel Weeks said. Student IDs are not accepted for new voter registration and as a reminder voting closes at 8pm.

Lewiston City Council candidate Rick Eldridge

Date: 11/6/2023

Time: All KLEW Newscasts/Duration (1:33)

Lewiston City

Council candidate Rick Eldridge said he would be a voice for Lewiston residents, something he thinks is lacking in the city council. "That's the most important thing that needs to be done here, getting the council to work for the people," Eldridge said. Eldridge says if elected, he would try to lower taxes for Lewiston residents. "We'll be dropping taxes 10% a year until we are on par with the rest of the state, counties, and cities," Eldridge said. "I want to for one, rein in the U.R.A. power, there's a lot of over-reach there that affects the taxpayers and their personal property," Eldridge said. Eldridge also says he would look into making changes to the airport's operations, saying he believes the board needs more oversight.

County websites direct voters what precinct to vote

Date: 11/6/2023

Time: All KLEW Newscasts/Duration (0:55)

Election Day is less

than 24 hours away and Idahoans and Washingtonians will head to the polls to let their voices be heard. For voters in Idaho, you can find your assigned precinct on the website [voteidaho.gov](http://voteidaho.gov). There are also some county websites that have voting precincts. Once you fill in your address, it will show you the name and location of the correct polling place. In Asotin County there are three ballot drop off locations. Clarkston City Hall, Lincoln Middle School, and the Asotin County Courthouse. The Assessor's Office will also be operating as a voting center.

## **ISSUE: AVISTA NATURAL GAS PIPELINE RUPTURE**

Temporary Closure on US-195 due to gas leak

Date: 11/8/2023

Time: All KLEW Newscasts/Duration (0:35)

Pullman police are announcing a temporary road closure. US-195 is closed while crews respond to a gas leak near the Whitman County Landfill. Avista said they will begin doing shut offs at impacted homes Thursday morning. There are no safety concerns at this time, but manpower is needed to fix the issue. Several schools have announced there will be no school tomorrow. The Lewiston/Clarkston School Districts announced on social media they don't have heat.

Emergency Declared in Pullman

Date: 11/8/2023

Time: All KLEW Newscasts/Duration (0:33)

The Palouse region is facing a massive natural gas outage affecting 37,000 people. The Williams Pipeline was damaged yesterday. Avista announced there are outages in Pullman, Moscow, Asotin, and the LC Valley. This is the largest natural gas outage in Avista's history. An Emergency Declaration is now in effect for Pullman and surrounding communities. Mayor Glenn Johnson issued the order last night. The city's buildings are heated with natural gas so for now, all non-essential activities have been suspended until further notice. The State of Emergency will help authorities channel additional resources to the community. Avista Utilities said they have sent additional crews to the area to help restore services as quickly as possible.

Bill's Heating distributes space heaters to residents amid gas outage.

Date: 11/9/2023

Time: All KLEW Newscasts/Duration (1:20)

Bill's Heating and AC left a positive mark on many in the community. They provided 1,000 space heaters to those doing everything they can to stay warm. This distribution provides a source of warmth to those affected by the gas outage. "A little bit of supplemental heat can keep your house from freezing, you know we understand it can't keep you totally comfortable, but it could really help in an emergency situation like this to at least keep it above freezing," said Marketing Manager Shaun Lacy. As of right now the business has run out of space heaters but is trying to ship in more.

Avista Utilities go door-to-door to turn off customers' gas meter

Date: 11/9/2023

Time: All KLEW Newscasts/Duration (0:51)

Avista crews are going door-to-door to ensure that the gas supply is turned off at each customers' meter. Residents need to make sure the area around the meter is clear. If you're comfortable shutting off the gas meter yourself, Avista has instructions. Locate the shut-off valve on the pipe leading to the gas meter. Use a large wrench to give the valve a quarter turn in either direction. Once the valve runs across the pipe, your gas is shut off. Leave it shut-off until someone from Avista returns. Once the gas distribution system is back up and running, crews will then go from house to house turning on the gas supply line and relighting appliances in customers' homes.

Nez Perce County Sheriff warns of heating hazards amid Avista's gas outage

Date: 11/9/2023

Time: All KLEW Newscasts/Duration (1:52)

Nez Perce County Sheriff Bryce Scrimsher says space heaters can present dangers. "I think the main thing is to be really careful. A lot of people are going and buying stuff to plug into alternative heat sources. Make sure to not overload the circuits, don't plug them into power strips that can cause fires and stuff like that," said Sheriff Scrimsher. "Sometimes people, you know they'll bring a barbecue in, or just something like that, that should not be used indoors as a heating source. Make sure to check on the elderly people, check on people that don't have heat and just work together and try to help each other," Sheriff Scrimsher said. Avista's estimate of turning meters back on will be a 3-to-5-day process. However, that is if the pipeline repairs can be completed as originally expected. The CDC offers a few methods to conserve heat in your home.

Avista natural gas outage affects Nez Perce County Jail

Date: 11/9/2023

Time: All KLEW Newscasts/Duration (0:50)

The natural gas outage is also impacting the Nez Perce County Jail. The jail is currently housing 120 inmates. Currently there is no heat or hot water and can't cook in the kitchen. Sheriff Bruce Scrimsher said they are making the best of the current situation, and also said it's opened his eyes to potential changes that should be made in case something like this happens again. "In the long-term term for futures, we're going to have to look at some alternatives for back up heat we have certain standards we need to stay in, between 65 degrees and 85 degrees for jail standards, and right now we're doing really well," said Scrimsher. The sheriff says the kitchen staff is now providing bagged meals to the inmates.

Natural gas restored by Nov. 13 for some Avista customers

Date:11/10/23

Time: All KLEW Newscasts/Duration (1:55)

Avista leadership announced that natural gas service will be restored in the region in 5 days with Tuesday, November 14 expected as the completion date. Avista's Vice President of Energy Delivery Josh DiLuciano explains how they reached this point. "Yesterday morning we sent over 240 personnel down here to start the shut-off process while back in Spokane we started to work a plan of how we do the relight once the gas was available," DiLuciano said. The relighting process will be done in order. A map is available on their website. These zones are determined by the geography of the natural gas system, meaning two houses close to each other might not be in the same zone. "There can be neighbors that are served from different parts of the pipe system, so we need to wait until we get to that next area, get that pipe pressurized and ready to work," DiLuciano said.

Avista on track to complete gas restoration by end of day

Date: 11/14/2023

Time: All KLEW Newscasts/Duration (0:30)

Avista has now restored natural gas to 32,000 customers. There are less than 250 customers for an initial visit. Complete gas restoration efforts continue to be on track for the end of the day. There are around 3,500 relights remaining for customers who were not available during initial relight attempts. Avista customers that have not had their gas restored by the end of the day today, the company wants to remind you to call them 1-800-227-9187. As they will continue to have workers down in the valley to restore gas to those that were not home at the time of their zone's restoration. Also, as a reminder Avista is asking customers to please not relight applications on your own.

Avista restores gas for over 26,000 customers, warns of scam

Date:11/13/23

Time: All KLEW Newscasts/Duration (2:10)

Avista restored gas to more than 26,000 of its customers and plans to have gas completely restored by the end of Tuesday. Avista employees, mutual aid partners and private and local HVAC contractors are working around the clock to get gas restored to Avista customers. Relight sequencing time is based on the geographic location of the infrastructure and critical customers. Restoration maps created for each region indicate relight zones and the planned time frame for gas to be restored. Avista has received reports of scams from customers throughout the affected areas. Avista says the scam involves a GoFundMe page asking for money to help Avista workers facing unexpected financial challenges. Avista is asking customers to be on alert and report any suspicious activity. Avista customers will receive a 24-hour notification of crews heading to their specific zone to begin the relight process. Those working to restore gas will have identification. Avista wants to remind folks to not turn the valve back on by themselves.

## ISSUE: ECONOMY

Delta direct flight to Seattle returns to Nez Perce County-Lewiston Airport

Date: 10/9/2023

Time: All KLEW Newscasts/Duration (1:05)

Several dozen folks were at the Lewiston Nez Perce County Regional Airport to take the inaugural flight through Delta. In 2018, Horizon Air pulled their service from Lewiston airport. In August 2023, airport officials announced the return of a direct flight to Seattle. Lewiston Mayor Dan Johnson and other city and county officials were at the airport this morning. To celebrate the return of the flight, the Lewis Clark Valley Chamber of Commerce also held a ribbon cutting. The flight to Seattle out of Lewiston is a daily 7:00 a.m. departure.

Lewis-Clark Valley chamber of Commerce looks toward 2023

Date: 10/13/2023

Time: All KLEW Newscasts/Duration (1:10)

The Lewiston-Clarkston Valley Chamber of Commerce is looking to revamp in 2024. Chamber Linnea Noreen said they will be less active through the rest of 2023 in preparation for the new year. Noreen says they will be updating their software system and will be temporarily unable to accept registrations and also cancelling the remaining luncheons this year. They are focused on becoming a better resource for the business community of LC Valley. Noreen clarified that if it is something that doesn't require registration, like their Leadership Program, Business After Hours, and ribbon cuttings, will still happen through the rest of this year.

Idaho DEQ awards \$20 Million grant for Cottonwood water infrastructure.

Date: 11/3/2023

Time: All KLEW Newscasts/Duration (0:40)

The city of Cottonwood in Idaho County is receiving a grant for water infrastructure. The Idaho Department of Environmental Quality announced today a \$20 million grant through Idaho governor Brad Little's 'Leading Idaho' Initiative. The money will be used to expand Cottonwood's current re-use system that includes constructing new headworks and lagoon upgrades. Idaho approved plans this year to spend over \$100 million to improve water and waste-water infrastructure across the state. Cottonwood's grant is part of a larger push to improve Idahoans water quality and keep facilities up to date.

Pullman brewing company receives \$2 million for upgrades

Date: 11/17/23

Time: All KLEW Newscasts/ Duration (0:38)

A Pullman brewing company received a two-million-dollar loan to upgrade their facility. Pullman's "Hunga Dunga" brewing production facility received the largest portion of a recent loan program for economic development. The Washington State Community Economic Revitalization board announced \$3.2 million in low interest loans to be invested into public infrastructure and economic improvements. The goal is business growth and job creation in Lewis, Spokane, And Whitman Counties. The new funding will go towards a 12,000 square-foot facility. That project is expected to create 43 jobs and massively expand its production capacity.

USPS to raise prices in January 2024

Date: 11/24/23

Time: All KLEW Newscasts/ Duration (0:27)

The United State Postal Service announced that starting in January, it will cost you more to send a package via the U.S. Postal Service. The changes include Ground Advantage, Priority Mail, and Priority Mail express. The prices are going up just over five percent starting January 21. USPS also wants to increase the cost of Forever Stamps from .66 to 68 cents. They would also like to adjust prices for post office box rental, international mail, and special services.

#### Downtown Pullman Assoc. receives USDA Grant

Date: 11/6/2023

Time: All KLEW Newscasts/ Duration (2:09)

The Downtown Pullman Association received a \$74,000 USDA grant for downtown improvements. The application process for the grant was started at the beginning of this year by Downtown Pullman Association board member and design committee chair Bobbie Ryder. "It started with the Downtown Pullman Association Design Committee, talking about what could we do to make back entrances to businesses more appealing, to get them cleanup and looking nice before they started construction on main street with Project Downtown next summer. So, we started looking at how we could do that and what would be some good projects and then I went after a grant," Ryder said. In the first improvement a complete storm drain system will be installed, the ground will be repaved, and an outdoor patio will be constructed.

#### Governor Little Town Hall: Property tax relief coming to Idahoans soon

Date: 11/20/23

Time: All KLEW Newscasts/Duration: (0:50)

AARP held a Town Hall with Idaho's Governor Brad Little. The biggest topic was property taxes. "Obviously part of the problem with property taxes is everyone wants to live in Idaho, so the price of real estate has gone up," said Gov. Little. "What we've done and what we may do more of in the future is to try and alleviate that burden particularly on Seniors." He said Idahoans should be seeing some relief soon. "We put \$120 million into property tax and part of the surplus eliminator went in there. So, the property tax notice you should get, here in the next couple weeks should guarantee it should be lower. If you passed any school bonds or a bond for a new courthouse or jail, maybe not but I'm quite certain most people's property taxes will go down anywhere from 15-25%," said Governor Little.

#### Moscow faces 12% budget reduction

Date: 12/5/23

Time: All KLEW Newscasts/Duration (0:27)

The City of Moscow is seeing a hole in its budget. The Moscow-Pullman Daily News reports that an Idaho Supreme Court decision changed the way Idaho cities can allocate utility funds. They can no longer be transferred to the general fund. Moscow Mayor Art Bettge says that means a 12% reduction in the city's budget is necessary. As a result, vacant positions are not being filled, including positions in the police and finance departments.

#### Clarkston's Beachview Park receives \$62,000 grant for maintenance

Date: 11/28/23

Time: All KLEW Newscasts/Duration (1:55)

The Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office announced the \$4.7 million award that will go towards 53 projects through its local Parks Maintenance Grant Program. The Washington State Legislature created the grant program this past year to address maintenance backlogs in local parks. Asotin County is one of 25 counties that received a grant to help with park maintenance projects. The City of Clarkston's Beachview Park was awarded \$62,000 for repairs and equipment. The grant will help replace two garage doors that are on the park's maintenance shop. As well as an unsafe trailer that is used to transport lawn mowers and tractors. The city will also be upgrading their 20-year-old backup mower to a small tractor.



### Asotin County Commissioners hike sales tax

Date: 12/6/23

Time: All KLEW Newscasts/Duration (0:38)

Asotin County Commissioners voted to raise sales tax in the city of Clarkston, and we received a statement from one of those commissioners. "The county reserves have plummeted this year which is unsustainable," said Commissioner Brian Shinn. "We are the only county in Washington State that has not yet opted into the final two-tenths of 1% local option sales tax, but the time has come." Shinn goes on to say, "Wages and other county expenses have risen dramatically, necessitating [that] we take action now." All three commissioners voting in favor of the 0.2% increase that will go into effect in April.

### \$15 Million grant given to Latah County for Broadband

Date: 12/6/23

Time: All KLEW Newscasts/Duration (0:34)

Latah County has secured a \$15 million grant from the Idaho Broadband Advisory Board, to expand broadband infrastructure, and improve internet access for Latah County residents. The funds made possible by the American Rescue Plan passed in 2021, helps aid Americans after the COVID-19 pandemic. The grant will provide broadband connection for up to 4,500 remote locations outside Moscow city limit. The Latah County Broadband Coalition said the new infrastructure will bring greater opportunities for rural Idahoans and future-proof Idaho Internet for generations to come.

### PRH Commissioners approve remodel and expansion at Pullman Regional Hospital

Date: 12/7/23

Time: All KLEW Newscasts/Duration (0:40)

Pullman Regional Hospital is getting the greenlight for a remodel and expansion. The Pullman Hospital Board of Commissioners voted to approve the new phase of the patient care expansion project. This project was initially approved in 2022, issuing a \$22 million bond to finance it. It will include a remodel, expansion, and a new medical office building. The expansion will offer more jobs to the community and improve patient capacity. The project will be phased in over five years, with a total cost of \$45 to \$50 million paid for by the Bond, hospital operations, financing, and donations. Groundbreaking is set for 2024.

### LC Valley Chamber of Commerce: Shop local for the holidays

Date: 12/7/23

Time: All KLEW Newscasts/Duration (1:36)

Lewis-Clark Valley Chamber of Commerce President Linnea Noreen says whether you're looking for adults, or children, shopping for items or experiences, folks can find what they need for gifts right here in the Valley. "If you're looking for toys, Wasem's is a great place to go. You can also get holiday ornaments at the Diamond Shop. So, there's a lot of different places here in town both in Lewiston and in Clarkston where people can go to find things that are either locally made or just hear from local businesses. "Over in Clarkston, Tin Can Company just opened they've got candles and a whole bunch of other goodies that are locally made, if you stroll along here you can find Catkin Clothing there's Ampersand and there's also quite a few stores in Newberry that have interesting and fun finds. The multiplier effect is when the money stays here locally it means the accountants and the insurance people and all of the people that they do business with they then also have more money to support more employees and those people then go out and shop more and it just augments the entire region."

Governor Little announces \$100 million for road investments

Date: 12/13/23

Time: All KLEW Newscasts/Duration (0:33)

Idaho Governor Brad Little announced \$100 million in investments will go towards local road projects. The investments are intended to improve roads, largely in smaller and more rural areas, to improve transportation across the state and avoid using property taxes to fix them. 48 projects received grants as part of the program. Approximately six million dollars is recommended for District 2, which includes Lewiston and the surrounding area. Three million dollars has been set aside to renew Snake River Avenue in the city of Lewiston.

Pullman City Council modify the Downtown Pullman Project

Date: 12/13.23

Time: All KLEW Newscasts/Duration (0:31)

The Pullman City Council modified their plans for the downtown Pullman Project, that will revitalize downtown Pullman, including upgrading utilities, streets, traffic signals, and landscaping. There were no contractors bidding for the job the first time around, so the city council had to make some changes. The new proposal reduces the liquidated damages amount, increases incentives for early completion, and increased the number of days allowed for Main Street business closures from three to seven days. The project is planned from April to October of 2024.

## **ISSUE: SAFETY/HEALTH/COMMUNITY**

Additional benefits to working out is more than physical fitness

Date: 10/24/2023

Time: All KLEW Newscasts/ Duration (1:45)

Lewis-Clark Valley Snap Fitness trainer Damen Adams says the gym is a place for folks to work towards achieving their goals. Something that can translate to many other areas. "One thing I think is very simple but is often overlooked, this is an environment that is specifically designed to promote nothing but physical activity," said Adams. "In today's world you can sit down and do anything, right? You can talk to your friends; you can sit down and move from place to place." The opinions that matter in here are not the ones that are judging you, almost every person that is seasoned in the gym actually just wants you to show up tomorrow," said Adams. "The biggest thing is just get in here, get uncomfortable and get used to that. That only way that you grow, the only way you get closer to your goal is by getting uncomfortable," he said. Adams said the number one reason someone hasn't started working out is due to lack of time.

LCSC Drug Take-Back Day

Date: 10/25/2023

Time: All KLEW Newscasts/ Duration (0:45)

LCSC nursing students and Lewiston Police joined forces for a drug take-back day. The event gave folks the opportunity to safely get rid of expired or unneeded medications responsibly. The students also had handouts for safe disposal at home. Tina Anderson, a nursing student, spoke on the benefits to the community. "It's just a way of keeping the community safe. The more expired drugs that are out there, it's just another opportunity for someone's grandkids to get into the medicine cabinet or that kind of thing," said Tina. "The more that we can get out of circulation the safer the community is." This Saturday is the National Drug Take-Back Day and there will be a drop-off location at the Lewiston Police Department from 10AM-2PM.

### Trick or Treating safety tips

Date: October 24, 2023

Time: All KLEW Newscasts/ Duration (1:45)

Halloween is less than a week away so here are a few tips to make sure you stay safe while trick or treating. The first important safety tip is making sure they have a costume that will keep them safe. Lighter colored costumes will help see kids when they are out trick or treating. Reflective tape and flashlights can also help. Asotin Police Dept. Chief Monte Renzelman says if the costume includes a mask make sure it does not block their vision. "If you are getting a costume that has a face piece, be sure that it is something that allows you to see steps, see stuff that might be in front of you when you are walking, so you aren't tripping or falling," Chief Renzelman said. "Examine the candy to make sure the wrappers aren't compromised in anyway, individually pieced make sure the wrapper hasn't been opened, make sure there aren't any slits or anything like that in it to where someone could have put something on the candy or in the candy."

### Beating the cold and flu season with supplements

Date: 11-1-23

Time: All KLEW Newscasts/ Duration (1:55)

According to the CDC, flu season peaks between December and February but Keirstyn Johnson, manager of Vig's Health Food says folks in the valley are already looking for something to address the season. "We've got a tummy bug; a stomach flu kind of thing people are coming in to deal with. I haven't heard of a lot of COVID yet so that's encouraging, you know just general cold and flu," Johnson said. "Green supplements, you know powders that have vegetables, fruits, superfoods. You know there are a lot of picky eaters out there, we still need these nutrients even if it's not something that's going to make it on your plate every day," Johnson said. Johnson said some of the most commonly sought-after items are oregano products, and another herb, Andrographis.

### Police remind drivers use escape ramps on Lewiston Hill

Date: 10/25/23

Time: All KLEW Newscasts/Duration (1:09)

Idaho State Police are investigating a single vehicle crash. A semi-truck carrying lumber was driving at high speed, lost control and overturned. The vehicle came to rest at one of the escape ramps. The 55-year-old male driver was not wearing a seatbelt and was ejected from the vehicle. The driver succumbed to his injuries at the scene. Southbound US95 was closed for about 12 hours for investigation, recovery of the vehicle and lumber. ISP Trooper Burke wants to remind drivers that the escape ramps are there for a reason. "Anyone can use them, anyone that is experiencing mechanical failure. Anyone can use those, you are not going to get in any trouble, I mean the worst that could happen is you get a tow bill and I'd much rather have that than someone lose their life," Trooper Burke said.

### CDC: Low rate of COVID vaccinations leave many unprotected

Date: 11/22/23

Time: All KLEW Newscasts/Duration (0:46)

Cold and flu season is ramping up and with respiratory viruses on the rise as well as COVID-19. Health officials say COVID vaccination rates are lower than they need to be. According to the Centers for Disease Control, through mid-November, roughly 15% of adults and 5% of children have received the latest COVID-19 vaccine. Hospitalizations are on the rise with more than 16,000 new admissions during the week ending November 11. Hospitalization rates are lower than last year but nearly three times higher than this summer's record low. Most respiratory virus hospitalizations have been patients with COVID-19. A new vaccine updated for the latest variants is available at most pharmacies.

## IDFG Hunter Safety Education Course

Date: 11/17/23

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Idaho Fish and Game Hunter Ed Instructor, Jerry Bateman says hunter education is not only for beginners, but also parents and grandparents. Bateman said there are four main rules. First, always treat every gun as if it's loaded. "Keep your muzzle in a safe direction, that's where the bullet comes out. When you're pointing that at something, its gonna get shot," said Bateman. "Be sure of your target and beyond. You can't just up and shoot at an animal just because it looks good." Bateman also explained how to carry a firearm saying, "They call it the two-handed carry. The rifle is here, if you stumble and fall you have control over it." Bateman says this course is about learning survival skills. "How to use a map and compass and know where you're at, how to survive if you have to if you get lost and have to spend the night, you gotta get a fire going, you need that fire you need some water you need some shelter and you need a way to signal people." Registration for the course is through the Idaho Fish and Game website.

## Cooking Thanksgiving meal is number 1 cause of house fires: Safe cooking tips

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During the Thanksgiving holiday, cooking fires are the number one cause of house fires, followed by Christmas and New Year's Eve. "Don't leave things cooking on the stove or in the oven by themselves, especially if there is something at high heat," Asotin County Fire District #1 Chief Noel Hardin said. If you are cooking and an oven fire breaks out, turn off the oven and keep the oven door closed. "Don't open it up because that air when you open it up actually feeds the fire," said Chief Hardin. When cooking on the stove, keep pot and pan handles facing towards the back of the stove to avoid being bumped into. If the fire can be covered use a wet towel to put it out, if it is a grease fire do not throw water as that will cause the fire to get larger. If you are using a deep fryer this holiday season, make sure to use it outside and away from structures, and of course the main tip in case a fire breaks out is to call 911.

## Tips on using fireplaces and furnaces safely this holiday season

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As the temperature drops, more people will be using their furnace, fireplace, or space heater. The first step to keeping yourself warm and safe is making sure the furnace has been serviced. If you use a space heater, keep it three feet away from vulnerable objects. "Don't leave them on by themselves at home," said Asotin County Fire District #1 Chief Noel Hardin. Folks that have a fireplace or woodstove should check the chimney for build-up. "It's really a good idea to make sure that chimney is cleaned out or at least inspected, to a look up there yourself if you can," said Hardin. "Check it out and make sure there is no build up in there before you start that fire in there this season." When you leave your home do not leave any heating appliances on.

## Winter Driving Tips: Snow forecasted later this week

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Asotin Police Chief Monte Renzelman explains why you need to check your windshield wipers and keep wiper fluid stored in your car to clean up any grime buildup. "During the wintertime, that grime really builds up on the windshield, so have some windshield wiper fluid that's in there make sure you're not running out of that, you don't want to use just plain water because it will freeze. Be prepared for any kind of weather and have traction tires. Also carry tire chains in case there are severe conditions. Renzelman said giving yourself more time and not rushing is the main part of staying safe saying, "If you are rushing, you know you got all these things going on, you need to try and get to work by a certain time, drop off your kids, make sure that lunches are ready, all that kind of stuff, then you are going to be pushing it on the road and that's when you start getting into mistakes."

Women's Leadership Guild grants \$14,000 to local non-profits for health projects

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The Pullman Regional Hospital Women's Leadership Guild has been helping women and children's health since 2015. Earlier this month the guild distributed the grant award to seven regional non-profits. Members of the women's leadership guild made this award possible. Each non-profit will receive \$2,000 from the grant award. The agencies being awarded are Circles of Caring Adult Day Health, Family Promise of the Palouse, Palouse Discovery Science Center, Palouse School Food Pantry, Pullman Child Welfare, United Way of Whitman County and YMCA of the Palouse. Chair of the Women's Leadership Guild Stacey Swift says this award will help make an impact in the community. To date the guild has raised and gifted more than \$286,500 through an annual grantmaking program.

iPhone update: new feature 'name-drop' sharing information

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Apple's newest iPhone introduction of a feature called name-drop. Name-drop allows users to quickly share contact information and photos with other nearby iPhones by bringing the two phones close together. Parents say they're worried about predators using the features to get their kids information. But experts say the feature is secure. "The police concern is about kids, I guess if a predator wanted to come in and managed to put the phone near a kid's phone the fear is that the kid's details will be transferred to the predator's iPhone, but I don't think the fear is based on reality." The two phones need to be unlocked and both users need to give consent before sending and accepting information.

Pedestrian safety measures in place for Winter Spirit tree light display

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Due to safety concerns Winter Spirit is working with the Idaho Transportation Department and the city of Lewiston to make sure those visiting Locomotive Park and its lights stay safe at night. Caution and speed limit signs are all around Locomotive Park to make sure those driving at night are aware of people walking. Volunteer for the Winter Spirit Committee Jon Copeland says there are two different areas to park. "They should enter in through the culdesac. there is a little bit of parking behind Hahn rental," Jon Copeland said. Those walking need to be mindful of traffic. "You just have to use a little common sense. Adults, children, you know if you got children with you, which this is a family event, keep an eye on them, direct them, keep them with you, don't let them try to cross here anywhere by themselves," Copeland said. The holiday lights are on until the first weekend of January.

Dworshak Dam turbine testing to prepare for flood season

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Dworshak Dam is turbine testing this week and the Clearwater River flow will increase starting tonight. "So that it's more constant or stays more consistent throughout the day when they are testing, and they can switch between different units to determine the testing. But that way downstream effects of the water are minimized in how much it might change during the actual testing," Water Management Lead of the Snake and Walla Walla River Basins for the United States Army Corps of Engineers, Jon Roberts said. Roberts says this testing is akin to being a part of the checklist preparing for flood season. "We need to test to make sure everything is correct on it so that when we actually need to utilize it later on in this coming spring, we know that it's ready to go," Roberts said. "Use caution near the riverbanks as well as when you are out on the boat or if you are out fishing in the middle of the river. Just be aware that there is some potential changes occurring this week so just be cautious." The river below the dam is expected to change several feet this week.

## ISSUE: CRIME

Law Enforcement train on use of force and de-escalation of situations

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Asotin Police Department Chief Monte Renzelman attended the Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs' convention, which inspired him to bring the shared message to law enforcement in the region. Imran Ali, a Senior Director for training for LETAC discussed the use of force and de-escalation. Ali talked about the lessons learned in Minnesota during the Derek Chauvin case. "That's a case that got international attention and we learned a lot from that and that process and so it's taking our lessons learned that we learned throughout that process whether it be on changing whether it be training, how do we handle an incident of this magnitude, because really this can happen anywhere," Imran Ali said. Chief Renzelman says this gives officers the tools needed for any situation.

Pullman Police warn of scam circulating

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The Pullman Police Department is warning the community of a rise in scams. Police said multiple suspects led an elderly man to believe his grandson had been involved in a traffic accident. The suspects requested payment for the victim's grandson, and when he complied, a woman with red hair in a 4-door Kia picked up the envelope full of money. Police remind folks to never give out personal information to someone you don't know. If you're contacted in regard to a family member, make sure to call that individual personally. Police add that most agencies will not reach out to you for cash payments.

Murder suspect Kohberger Hearings

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U of I murder suspect Bryan Kohberger was in court today for a pair of hearings. He's accused of killing four U of I students last November, stabbing them in an off-campus home. The court hearing consisted of two separate motions by his lawyers to dismiss the murder and burglary indictments against him. The first hearing was closed about the motion to dismiss based on grounds of a biased grand jury. During the afternoon's open hearing, his lawyers fought for dismissal based on errors in grand jury instruction. The judge agrees with the prosecution, to follow supreme court rulings, denying the motion with a written decision to come. The judge is allowing cameras in the courtroom but wants more control over them.

Officer-involved shooting follows after traffic stop of male driver

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Lewiston Police and Nez Perce County Deputies were involved in an officer involved shooting in the Lewiston Orchards early this morning. Idaho State Police are handling the investigation of the district 2's Officer-Involved Critical Incident Task Force. The shooting happened at the roundabout leading to Powers Avenue. The officer attempted to stop a vehicle for a traffic violation, but the driver ignored and fled towards Powers Avenue, and the initial shot was fired in the roundabout. City of Lewiston Public Information Officer Carol Maurer said, "After the driver of the vehicle discharged a firearm at one of the Lewiston police officers, the officer then returned fire and received assistance from other officers eventually taking the driver into custody." At this time the name of the male who shot at police has not been released. Once the task force has finished their investigation it will go to the prosecutor's office.

### WSU Research: Counter Bias Police Training Course improves police interactions

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WSU College of Nursing, Assistant Dean of Research Dr. Lois James, conducted a study evaluating the impact of implicit bias training on interactions between civilians and law enforcement. "Can the training make a difference to how an officer interacts with somebody?" Dr. Lois James said. "From a great deal of experimental research, we developed a training program, a simulation-based training program called counter bias training simulation CBTSim," Dr. James said. "We coded body camera footage before and after the intervention itself," Dr. James said. The researchers are looking for things like a calm greeting, giving a reason for the interaction, and whether general respect and dignity are maintained. Through that, interactions are scored in a percentage. They saw a decent jump compared to the control group when looked at broadly. "We found about a 10% increase," Dr. James said. "At baseline, the group of people that officers were interacting with in the most negative ways were with people suffering from homelessness. There was a much, much larger, about a 30% increase in performance with that particular demographic," Dr. James said.

### Media Coverage Kohberger Cameras

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An update on Bryan Kohberger's court proceedings, according to a new court order, cameras are no longer allowed in the courtroom. Instead, proceedings will be live-streamed on the judge's You-Tube Channel. The judge said this will alleviate concerns raised by the defense and the state. But at the same time, ensure the public still has access to see the proceedings. Kohberger is accused of murdering four University of Idaho students in November 2022. A trial date has not yet been set.

### Lewiston man charged with alleged sexual abuse against a minor

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Lewiston man, Joseph Adams Lee, was arrested last week for alleged sexual abuse against a teenage girl. Lee, alternately known as 'Shadow Hawk' was arrested and booked into the Nez Perce County Jail on Friday. According to an affidavit released by the county prosecutor's office, police spoke with a witness who said his girlfriend's daughter had been kissed and touched inappropriately by Lee. The girl's legal guardian also attested to Lee's repeated abuse. Lee has been charged with three counts of sexual battery of a minor.

### Lewiston couple arrested for methamphetamine trafficking

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Idaho Police arrested two on suspicion of trafficking methamphetamine. According to the Nez Perce County Prosecutor's Office, the "Quad-Cities Drug Task Force" had been tracking 49-year-old Corina Cornwell and 41-year-old Shawn Raines of Lewiston as they drove to and from Pasco, Washington. Narcotics are frequently acquired in the Tri-Cities for distribution in the LC Valley. Lewiston Police pulled the couple over because of an expired registration. Authorities searched the car to discover over 400 grams, nearly a pound, of meth. The couple is now facing charges of methamphetamine trafficking.

Washington State University Police Dept. work toward Professional Accreditation

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WSU Police Department is working toward professional accreditation, and it's getting a boost from the U.S. Department of Justice. The department recently received a 2-year, \$133,000 grant from the Feds. Pullman Police Department will use the money to improve security and buy new software. "By working to improve our own departmental operations and procedures, we believe accreditation by a respected organization like the Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs will demonstrate our commitment to overall excellence," said Gary Jenkins WSU Chief of Police. Of the more than 250 law enforcement agencies in Washington, just 73 are accredited by the Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs.

Grangeville High School teacher pleads not guilty to sexual exploitation of a minors'

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A Clearwater Valley High School teacher has pleaded not guilty after being charged with sexually exploiting minors. According to court documents, the charges involved two students, who 24-year-old Kammeron Mangun tried to explicit sexual responses from on social media. Including by exposing his own genitals to one of them and requesting erotic images from the other. Mangun is charged with a misdemeanor, and a felony. His bond is set at \$100,000 at Idaho County Jail.

\$500K Bail set for Lewiston man charged with sexually abusing minor

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Steven Edelman, 39, of Lewiston has been charged with one count of rape and two counts of lewd conduct with a minor under the age of 16. He is currently being held on a \$500,000 bail. According to court documents, Edelman raped and sexually abused the victim on multiple occasions, from the time she was five years old to 18 years of age. Edelman was arrested by LPD following an investigation. He was booked into Nez Perce County Jail on November 22. A preliminary hearing is set for December 6. He faces a maximum sentence of life in prison.

Lapwai murder suspect apprehended in Oregon for fatal shooting on the Nez Perce Reservation

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An arrest was made in connection with a deadly shooting out of Lapwai in May of this year. A Federal Warrant was issued five weeks ago for the suspect by the US District Court. The Marshal Service's Greater Idaho Fugitive Task Force, along with other agencies, arrested 20-year-old William Eyle for the May 12 killing of 22-year-old Elias Spencer. According to a previously unsealed indictment from the US Attorney's Office for the District of Idaho, Eyle was charged with second-degree murder and use of a firearm during a crime of violence on the Nez Perce Reservation. On Monday, Eyle was arrested in Pendleton, Oregon. According to the U.S. Attorney's Office Eyle's mother, Jacinita Wheeler was also charged during the same indictment, with accessory after the fact to murder saying she cleaned his car, got rid of evidence, and helped him flee the Nez Perce Reservation. Eyle could face up to life in federal prison if convicted on the murder charge.



### Court arraignment for Lapwai man accused of shooting at police officers

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The man who shot at law enforcement in the Lewiston Orchards last month appeared in court for his arraignment. Appearing before Judge Victoria Olds, Blake Chlumsky is being held at the Nez Perce Co. Jail after being extradited from Spokane County. He's facing six felony charges. Two counts of attempted murder in the first-degree of a peace officer, two counts of assault with intent to commit a serious felony. He also faces a charge of attempting to elude and one count of use of a deadly weapon. A felony carries a penalty of up to 15 years in prison and fines up to \$50,000. Chlumsky's bail is set at \$1 million. His next hearings are on December 10 and 20.

### Clarkston men arrested in check scheme

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Two Clarkston men are facing eight charges each after getting caught in a stolen check scheme. According to court documents, the head of a local non-profit alerted the Asotin County Sheriff's Office that checks they sent had never arrived, and believed the checks may have been stolen. The two men attempted to steal over \$1,100, this after, the checks ended up being cancelled. The name on the checks pointed to 23-year-old Keanu Caren. Police confirmed his identity through security footage. The second man is identified as 26-year-old Hayda Lloyd-Cole. Both men are charged with second-degree theft, three counts of attempted theft, and four counts of forgery.