A woman with dark, wavy hair, wearing a white button-down shirt, stands at a dark wooden podium with a microphone, speaking. Behind her, a band is visible, including a violinist on the left and a cellist on the right. The background is a clear, light sky. At the bottom of the image, a red, white, and blue bunting with stars is visible.

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Following a weekend highlighted by biennial political party conventions at far ends of southern Idaho, Idaho politics – and much else – quieted considerably in the week following. A good deal of attention was paid, however, to a Boise tragedy in which a man stabbed a number of refugees from Africa at a child's birthday party. Six children and three adults were injured.

Cover picture

CAMPAIGNING IDAHO FALLS Democratic gubernatorial candidate Paulette Jordan campaigning in Idaho Falls last week.
(photo/Jordan for Governor, Facebook)

To the test



Most of what you see in political party platforms and resolutions is more or less than you'd expect to see. There's a good reason most of what they have to say generates few headlines.

Close watchers could pick out a little more than that this year from the state party conventions a week ago at Pocatello (the Republicans) and Caldwell (the Democrats).

For the Democrats, the point is of a party statement that feels a little more assertive than it has most years (a call for legalizing cannabis, including recreational, for example). You can imagine the climate of 2018 and the presidential contest of 2016 contributing to that.

For the Republicans, a couple of other types of items jumped out.

One was a proposal to make city offices partisan: Candidates for mayor and council would not, as they now do, run outside the party structure, but would carry R and D labels.

The question of what offices should be partisan has been visited periodically in Idaho; many may not know that generations ago, elected judges ran on party slates in Idaho. County officials still do, of course, though how a Republican or Democrat would differently deal with the work of a county assessor or (is there a novel in this one?) a coroner, is hard to fathom.

Idaho has 200 cities, the bulk of them small enough that the people there know the candidates quite well and have no need know party membership for a voting guideline. In the larger cities like Boise, where voting

populations have in many cases gotten more competitive on a partisan level or even trend Democratic, Republicans might be wary of what they ask for.

Gold medal for the most illuminating item to hit either convention however was the Republican proposal concerning employment of people not legally in the country. The idea was to punish businesses employing undocumented workers, a clear extension of the Trump Administration immigration and deportation approach.

This one is based on the real-world point that people who come to the country illegally mostly are doing it for money -- to find work -- and that would be impossible if employers weren't offering it to them. One northern Idaho supporter of the proposal (a Republican Party leader in the Panhandle) was quoted, "If your business depends on illegal practices then I call that organized crime."

Considering Idaho Republican support of the Trump Administration, and presumably of its immigration policies, this would sound like close to a slam dunk. Except . . . what that last quote did was to describe a large portion of Idaho agriculture and food producers, which is to say a large share of Idaho's economy, as "organized crime," and potentially represented a dagger at those industries' employment heart. The Idaho Republican convention certainly couldn't have that, either.

Irresistible force, meet immovable object.

In this case, the irresistible object, the ag community, prevailed, mostly. The resolution proposal lost in committee and on the floor, though its backers demonstrated substantial support and clear determination.

Maybe these party conventions really can generate news sometimes.

– *Randy Stapilus*

In the news

A review, in some cases with expansion and comment, of leading Idaho news stories – excluding national or feature articles, and local crime and accidents. Generally, these were featured last week on front pages of the state’s newspapers. But the list also includes some other articles of note, including from Idaho broadcasters.

Please note that some links lead to newspaper pay walls. They were live at the time of publication, but may be discontinued later.

★ *Notes an article of special interest*

July 1

- [Protesters converge at Statehouse over family separations](#) (*Idaho Statesman*, Boise) Several thousand protesters argue that refuge seekers should not be treated as they are.
- [Democratic convention tries to build on national “blue wave”](#) (*Idaho Statesman*, Boise) Meeting at Caldwell, they’re trying to build interest in a notably red state.
- ★ [State Republicans deal with concerns from younger party members](#) (*Idaho Statesman*, Boise) At Idaho Falls, the smaller number of younger Republicans talk about issues. See also *Post Register*, Idaho Falls.
- [Grain fathers in north central Idaho look to beer and bread products](#) (*Lewiston Tribune*) They’re getting into heritage grains for special products.
- [Boise increasing rent for affordable housing](#) (*Idaho Press*, Nampa) Rates will be going up for relatively inexpensive rentals.
- ★ [Comparing Utah approach to criminal sentencing with Idaho’s](#) (*Idaho Press*, Nampa) Not many years ago, Utah like Idaho imposed heavy sentences for, among other things, possession of even trace amounts of illegal drugs. Now it is easing back, and its incarcerated population is smaller.
- [Reviewing the disparity among elementary schools in area](#) (*Times News*, Twin Falls) Some elementary schools in the Magic Valley are new and state of the art, and some aren’t. What should be done to address the disparity is the subject of this large article.
- [Manager at Burley NewCold facility answers some questions](#) (*Times News*, Twin Falls) The new area administrator, Jonas Swarttouw, fills in some specifics on the coming development.

July 2

- ★ [Mass stabbing incident occurs within refugee community](#) (*Idaho Statesman*, Boise) The attack on nine people, six of them children, at a party was noted nationally. It's drawing a strong reaction in the refugee community and beyond.
- [Seniors can attend schools for lower cost under state program](#) (*Lewiston Tribune*) Some are taking advantage of it.
- [Families Belong Together holds a march in downtown Pullman](#) (*Daily News*, Moscow) It attracts about 300 people.
- [Reviewing the new report from KidsCount](#) (*Times News*, Twin Falls) The numbers suggest that they faring "decent" on financial considerations, including declining poverty rates, but falling behind in schooling. Idaho is last nationally for preschools.
- [Immigration rally draws 100 in Twin Falls](#) (*Times News*, Twin Falls)

July 3

- [More fallout from refugee stabbings at Boise](#) (*Idaho Statesman*, Boise) Vigils and support events were held; reports also noted the ongoing conditions of the victims. See also *Idaho Press*, Nampa.
- ★ [Board of Correction supports \\$500 million for expanding prisons](#) (*Post Register*, Idaho Falls) The unanimous vote comes after state prisons have renewed exporting prisoners to other states. See also *Idaho Press*, Nampa.
- [Big salary bump for new Idaho Falls Power director](#) (*Post Register*, Idaho Falls) The incoming director will make \$52,000 more than his predecessor.
- [Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue visits eastern Washington](#) (*Lewiston Tribune*) The idea was to reassure the ag community about Trump trade policy; Representative Cathy McMorris-Rodgers, challenged in a tough campaign, was there as well. Perdue also [visited the University of Idaho](#) (see *Daily News*, Moscow).
- [Lewiston may cut some utility rates for low-income people](#) (*Lewiston Tribune*) A break in the costs was supported by the Lewiston City Council.
- [Food insecurity targeted at Moscow](#) (*Daily News*, Moscow) Activists have gone to work on it at the Moscow Unitarian Universalist Church.
- [Large fire starts to burn south of Twin Falls](#) (*Times News*, Twin Falls) It's only about eight miles from town.
- [Giddings social post gets criticism, defense](#) (*Idaho State Journal*, Pocatello) Representative Priscilla Giddings' Facebook post referencing protesters at the state Republican convention, and a "30 mm shell I have in the truck," drew lots of commentary.

July 4

- [Idaho's rate of imprisoning people is higher than in nearby states](#) (*Post Register*, Idaho Falls) Utah, which until four years ago had drug laws like Idaho's making even first-time trace drug violations a felony, reduced the legal consequences to misdemeanors, and "Utah's prison population dropped 9 percent from 2015 to 2017, while its crime rate declined. 'We've been able to save a lot of money from not sending people to prison, and then take that saved money and put it into more robust substance abuse treatment programs,' said Marshall Thompson, director of the state Sentencing Commission, which advises all three branches of Utah's state government on criminal sentencing policy."
- ★ [Federal agriculture department provides 1,000 child meals daily locally](#) (*Lewiston Tribune*) Social service analysts say summer is the worst time for child hunger.
- [Why no annual 4th of July fireworks in Moscow?](#) (*Daily News*, Moscow) It's been 15 years since the last, mainly because adequate money and fundraising have been elusive.
- [Fewer refugees arriving in Idaho, but most find welcome](#) (*Idaho Press*, Nampa) A review in light of last weekend's stabbing incident.
- ★ [Legislator Christy Perry named co-chair of Medicaid effort](#) (*Idaho Press*, Nampa) The Nampa Republican was among the legislative supporters of Medicaid expansion in Idaho. Story notes, "Perry will co-chair the campaign with Emily Strizich, a grassroots progressive activist from Moscow and a leader with Reclaim Idaho, the group that mobilized volunteers to collect signatures to get the measure on the ballot."
- [Owner of Burley buildings razed by fire must clean out the mess soon](#) (*Times News*, Twin Falls) The official deadline for beginning of work is within a month.

July 5

- [Boise fire officials look into holding fireworks sellers liable for fires](#) (*Idaho Statesman*, Boise) They've been talking for some years about going after the sellers; now there's a prospect they might.
- [Forest thinning near Yellowstone draws debate](#) (*Post Register*, Idaho Falls) The location is Hebgen Lake, where a timber cut has been backed by forest officials but also has its critics.
- [Clarkston officials join those in Lewiston to discourage panhandling](#) (*Lewiston Tribune*) They're encouraging people to contribute to established

charities rather than to people on the street. (Picture shows a sign saying, “Keep the change – don’t support panhandling – give to a local charity.”)

- [Fire hits along Snake River near Idaho border](#) (*Daily News*, Moscow) It was along Wawawai Road and ranged to 40 acres, and endangering some human habitation.
- [Big 4th of July event at Pullman](#) (*Daily News*, Moscow) No fireworks at Moscow but a large event was had at Pullman, drawing hundreds of people around the area.
- [How a gun bought in Hayden made its way to a shootout in Chicago](#) (*Idaho Press*, Nampa) The gun sold in a “straw purchase” in a northern Idaho pawn shop made its way to Chicago in a week or so after several transactions of money and drugs; the story talks in detail about how that happened. Originally published in the *Spokane Spokesman Review*.
- ★ [Indian Creek Plaza in central Caldwell prepares for opening next week](#) (*Idaho Press*, Nampa) The facility cost \$7.3 million to develop, and is hoped to become a centerpiece of a redeveloped (and fast-growing) Caldwell.
- [College of Southern Idaho plans building improvements](#) (*Times News*, Twin Falls) Art and vet tech buildings are among the top prospects for upgrades and repairs. Specifics are yet to be determined.
- [Greenway trail work starts at Pocatello](#) (*Idaho State Journal*, Pocatello) The trail runs in part by the Portneuf River, and is intended to link the northern and southern ends of the city.

July 6

- [Will the refugee stabbing incident lead to a death penalty?](#) (*Idaho Statesman*, Boise) At least one first degree murder charge, among others, is contemplated; a request for death penalty is more uncertain.
- [Idaho Falls sees its usual big fireworks](#) (*Post Register*, Idaho Falls) As many as 200,000 were said to have participated in the Melaleuca-backed celebration, in one way or another.
- [Petitions for Medicaid expansion head to secretary of state](#) (*Lewiston Tribune*) There are thought to be enough to qualify for the November ballot, which Secretary of State Lawrence Denney would certify.
- [Medicaid bus runs through Latah County](#) (*Daily News*, Moscow) A bus promoting the ballot issue is touring around the state and makes a stop in Moscow.
- [Fewer fireworks calls seen this year around the Palouse](#) (*Daily News*, Moscow) Just four fireworks fire calls were reported around the Palouse this year, fewer than half the number from a year ago. See also similar report from southwest Idaho in *Idaho Press*, Nampa.

- [Sykes call center will drop 640 workers in major layoff](#) (*Idaho Press*, Nampa) The downsizing is expected to be permanent, and is said to relate to client needs. Most of the laid-off are customer service representatives.
 - ★ [City council said likely to eliminate Pocatello public access TV](#) (*Idaho State Journal*, Pocatello) That's based on what council members currently are saying.
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July 7

- [Sea lions are in the targets as states try to protect fish](#) (*Idaho Statesman*, Boise) Bipartisan legislation has cropped up in Congress to combat the voracious sea lions.
- [Police in Idaho Falls scramble to enforce rules on fireworks](#) (*Post Register*, Idaho Falls) The ever-changing fireworks picture includes some that skirt the rules, and police have a hard time keeping up.
- ★ [New online sales tax law goes into effect in Idaho](#) (*Lewiston Tribune*) The subject probably will return to the Idaho Legislature next year. Physical presence is no longer a parameter on collecting the taxes.
- [Three initiatives appear headed to voters in Washington](#) (*Lewiston Tribune*) These concern gun violence, clean energy and grocery taxes.
- [Work on Moscow's 3rd Street bridge may not complete until next year](#) (*Daily News*, Moscow) It was budgeted for this year, but may have to be held off.
- [Second big fire hits JC Watson Company at Parma](#) (*Idaho Press*, Nampa) The first was a couple of years ago.
- [Medicaid gap initiative effort brings in about 70,000 petition signatures](#) (*Idaho Press*, Nampa) A crowd brought the mass collection to the secretary of state's office, following a rally.
- [Twin Falls downtown holds Commons ribbon cutting](#) (*Times News*, Twin Falls) A Friday afternoon event opens the new public space called the Twin Falls Downtown Commons. Article suggests that the event offers "a glimpse of the future."
- [College of Southern Idaho will offer classes in Jerome](#) (*Times News*, Twin Falls) The offerings may be a little limited at first.



Medicaid initiative signatures go to secretary of state

After working for months to put healthcare on the ballot, volunteers on July 6 caravanned into Boise from the far corners of the state, converging on the State Capitol to rally and deliver boxes of signatures to state officials from all 44 counties. The signatures come from more than 70,000 Idaho voters.

(image/on Twitter from PNS-Idaho)

Participants included elected representatives that highlight the measure’s broad bipartisan support, medical professionals and Idahoans who would receive healthcare under the initiative through Medicaid.

State Representative **Christy Perry**, R-Nampa, said that she would become co-chair of the effort.

Currently, 62,000 Idahoans are slipping through the cracks in our healthcare system. They fall into what is known as the “coverage gap” — they earn too much to qualify for Medicaid and too little to afford healthcare on the state’s health insurance exchange.

- [Idahoans for Health Care](#)

The conventions

Both the Idaho Republican and Democratic parties held their biennial state conventions last weekend, in Pocatello and Caldwell respectively.

The Republicans re-elected Jonathan Parker as chairman, and 1st Vice Chair Jennifer Locke, 2nd Vice Chair Bryan Smith, Treasurer Tom Kealey and Secretary Marla Lawson.

Proposed resolutions at the Republican convention (not all necessarily received affirmative floor votes):

- Proposed Resolution 2018 – 2 Resolution in Opposition to an Initiative to Provide that the State shall Amend its Tax Plan to expand Medicaid Eligibility to Certain Persons
- Proposed Resolution 2018 –4 Resolution to Support An Alternate Solution to Medicaid Expansion
- Proposed Resolution 2018 – 5 Resolution to Ensure Children and School Safety
- Proposed Resolution 2018 – 6 Resolution to Commemorate Israel’s 70th Anniversary
- Proposed Resolution 2018 – 7 A Resolution on SBAC/ISAT Opt-Out
- Proposed Resolution 2018 – 8 A Resolution in support of Stand-Your-Ground and Castle Doctrine laws in Idaho
- Proposed Resolution 2018 –9 A Resolution in support of reconsidering visual representations
- Proposed Resolution 2018 –10 Resolution Concerning the Election of Idaho State Party Officers
- Proposed Resolution 2018 –11 Resolution to condemn racial crimes, theft of property, and violence including murder of White South Africans condoned and codified by the Parliament of South Africa.

- Proposed Resolution 2018 – 12 Resolution calling on the State of Idaho to Review its Budgeting Practices
- Proposed Resolution 2018 – 14 Resolution to Maintain Republican Platform Principles and Defend the Voice of the People in the Idaho Legislature
- Proposed Resolution 2018 –15 Resolution to condemn the unjust incarceration of Journalist Tommy Robinson by British Authorities
- Proposed Resolution 2018 –16 Resolution in Support of making Municipal Elections Partisan

Top-ballot campaigns/2018

Incumbents in bold. Reports through April 25 unless otherwise noted.

U.S. House 1	R	Russell Fulcher: raised \$435,790; spent \$387,441; on hand \$82,030.
	D	Christina McNeil has filed.
U.S. House 2	R	Mike Simpson,: raised \$689,069; spent \$639,512; \$202,694 on hand
	D	Aaron Swisher, Boise: raised \$41,166; spent \$32,890;\$8,275 on hand.
Governor	R	Incumbent C.L. “Butch” Otter not seeking re-election. Candidates: Brad Little, lieutenant governor.
	D	Paulette Jordan has filed.
Lt Governor	R	former legislator Janice McGeachin, Idaho Falls
	D	Kristin Collum has filed.
Supt of Public Instr	R	Incumbent Sherri Ybarra has filed.
	D	Cindy Wilson has filed.



INL progresses on advanced battery development

Getting technology off the laboratory bench and into the real world is a challenge, but the right word from the right person at the right time can make a big difference.

Dr. **Kevin Gering** (*pictured/INL photo*), a Distinguished Staff Scientist at Idaho National Laboratory, received an R&D 100 Award in 2014 for his Advanced Electrolyte Model (AEM), a computer simulation program designed to give fast information on properties of complex electrolyte formulations and how they can influence performance of batteries. Despite the much-coveted honor, however, AEM stayed relatively unknown until 2016, when Dr. Jeff Dahn of Dalhousie University in Halifax, Nova Scotia, discovered it.

In June that year, Dalhousie, Tesla Motors, and Canada's Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council funded Dahn, as the industrial research chair, to develop lithium-ion batteries with longer lifetime, higher energy density and lower cost. Not long after that, he got wind of AEM. "I was very surprised by the existence of AEM and by the fact that I had not heard of its creator," he said.

Dahn invited Gering to Dalhousie for a three-day visit in September 2016. He also obtained a license to use AEM for the university's battery research. After giving a seminar at Dalhousie, Gering went on to co-author several papers with Dahn and Dalhousie graduate student Eric Logan, including some in the *Journal of the Electrochemical Society*. Since then, INL has licensed AEM directly to two major automotive manufacturers, including Groupe Renault; Carnegie Mellon University; and a leading medical device manufacturer. Dow Chemical was an early adopter, and AEM has attracted the attention of other leading companies providing products to the battery supply chain.

Dahn said his first impression of Gering was that he was "somewhat of a hermit." While Gering is bemused by that description, he admits that developing the extensive foundational theories and subsequent code of AEM did require years of sustained focus — a lot like a monk, but for scientific knowledge. As for Dahn, Gering likens him to "one of the rock stars in electrochemistry."

The heart of any battery is the electrolyte — salts and solvents responsible for transporting electrically charged ions from one electrode to another, creating a flow of electricity in the process. Different combinations deliver different results, and the results can be a lot different in a 4.2-volt battery than they are in a 5-volt battery.

Laboratory testing of salt-solvent combinations is time-consuming and painstaking, especially considering properties such as ionic diffusivity and transference numbers. AEM offers a computer modeling program in which the desired properties are "measured" via accurate theoretical relationships, valid for wide ranges of temperature and composition.

In one sense, it is like having a virtual laboratory for genome-level electrolyte properties, Gering said. With 40 solvents, more than two-dozen salts, and the ability to vary temperature, it offers millions of combinations. "It allows them to match need with a plausible set of candidates," Gering said. "AEM helps them balance consequences for different choices of electrolytes."

The increased number of AEM licensees has offered the opportunity to meet the needs of industry, where continual technology growth and advancement is tightly tied to profitability. Along the way, Gering encounters common questions, such as whether the AEM can predict particular properties or whether other types of chemicals can be added to the AEM library. These types of inquiries have helped Gering calibrate AEM to industrial priorities. It is an ongoing, dynamic process.

The advantage of the program is the accelerated speed at which new cell designs with new electrolytes can be developed. Gering said contributions from Dahn's group have been valuable for validating the model on new systems that represent frontline thinking in the battery industry.



Mountain Home 428th changes command

Members of the 428th Fighter Squadron came together and said their goodbyes to their former commander, Lt. Col. **Donald Sandberg**, and welcomed their new commander, Lt. Col. **Andrew Gilbert**, during a change of command ceremony June 29, at Mountain Home Air Force Base.

(photo/U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Alaysia Berry)

As the commander of the 428th FS, Sandberg successfully led (approximately) a 300-person squadron and managed a \$73 million flying hour program. He transitioned the squadron to the next generation of F-15SGs and coordinated software lethality advancements while increasing training by 20 percent.

“10 to 20 years from now it’s not going to be our mission accomplishments that will remain with me... it’s the people I’ve interacted with over the last 2 years,” Sandberg said. “My hands-off leadership approach was praised repeatedly, but that approach is a luxury, provided by the selfless, humble and mission focused attitude of the Buccaneers, not me. The praise belongs to them.”

Gilbert assumed command from Sandberg while Col. **Joe Kunkel**, 366th Fighter Wing commander, officiated the ceremony.

Prior to assuming command of the 428th FS, Gilbert served in the 607th Air Operations Center at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea.

- Mountain Home Air Force Base



State Regulation

Published rules appear in [the administrative bulletin](#). The next publication will be on August 1.

The Idaho Department of Health and Welfare will hold multiple public hearings and negotiated rulemakings this month on various dockets regarding Emergency Medical Services, immunization requirements for Idaho children, Medicaid Basic Plan and Enhanced Plan benefits, criminal history and background checks, children's mental health services and standards for non-hospital, medically monitored detox/mental health diversion units.

The proposed rule public hearing request deadline is July 18, 2018, unless otherwise posted. The proposed rule written comment submission deadline is July 25, 2018, unless otherwise posted.

(Temp & Prop) indicates the rulemaking is both Temporary and Proposed.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

02-0501-1801, Rules Governing Produce Safety. New rule chapter establishes science-based minimum standards to ensure the safe growing, harvesting, packing, and holding of fruits and vegetables for human consumption. HB 537 authorizes ISDA to conduct on-farm inspections of farms subject to the FDA Produce Safety Rule.

DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

13-0102-1801, Rules Governing Mandatory Education and Mentored Hunting. Allows youth aged 8 but younger than age 10 to possess consecutive annual Hunting Passports until reaching age 10; corrects the cited statutory authorization for the rulemaking.

13-0109-1803, Rules Governing the Taking of Game Birds in the State of Idaho. (Temp & Prop) Clarifies use of turkey tags in conjunction with a turkey controlled hunt permit, including validation, and revises the controlled hunt application period to be consistent with the Commission Proclamation on turkey season.

13-0116-1803, The Trapping of Predatory and Unprotected Wildlife and the Taking of Furbearing Animals. (Temp & Prop) Removes the restriction on trapping as the only method of take for red fox in Valley County and portions of Adams County aligning rule to 2018 Commission Proclamation on red fox hunting. (eff. 5-10-18)

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND WELFARE

*16-0102-1801, Emergency Medical Services (EMS) – Rule Definitions. (Temp & Prop) Aligns rule to SB 1310 by adding a definition for “Ambulance Certification” as a designation issued to an certificated Emergency Medical Responder (EMR) expanding the scope of practice. (eff. 7-1-18)

*16-0103-1801, Emergency Medical Services (EMS) – Agency Licensing Requirements. (Temp & Prop) Aligns rule to SB 1310 by adding language allowing an EMS agency to use an ambulance-certified EMR to be the sole patient care provider. (eff. 7-1-18)

*16-0107-1801, Emergency Medical Services (EMS) – Personnel Licensing Requirements. (Temp & Prop) Aligns rule to SB 1310 by adding language that establishes the process that an EMR must follow to obtain the Ambulance Certification. (eff. 7-1-18)

*16-0211-1801, Immunization Requirements for Children Attending Licensed Daycare Facilities in Idaho. (Temp & Prop) Clarifies that parents requesting an immunization exemption may do so either on the Department's standard form or in a written, signed statement indicating their choice to exempt their child from immunization requirements. (eff. 5-18-18)

*16-0215-1801, Immunization Requirements for Idaho School Children. (Temp & Prop) Clarifies that parents requesting an immunization exemption may do so either on the Department's standard form or in a written, signed statement indicating their choice to exempt their child from immunization requirements. (eff. 5-18-18)

16-0309-1802, Medicaid Basic Plan Benefits. (Temp & Prop) Implements HB 465 by providing comprehensive dental benefits to all Idaho Medicaid participants. (eff. 7-1-18)

16-0310-1805, Medicaid Enhanced Plan Benefits. (Temp & Prop) Implements HB 465 by providing comprehensive dental benefits to all Idaho Medicaid participants. (eff. 7-1-18)

16-0506-1801, Criminal History and Background Checks. Adds “Substance Abuse Disorders Services” to list of individuals required to complete a DHW criminal background check; removes EMS from list of applicants receiving Department-enhanced clearance.

BUREAU OF OCCUPATIONAL LICENSES

24-0901-1801, Rules of the Board of Examiners of Nursing Home Administrators. (Temp & Prop) Reduces the Nursing Home Administrators-in-Training (AIT) program from 12 months to 1,000 hours. (eff. 7-1-18)

24-2301-1801, Rules of the Speech, Hearing and Communication Services Licensure Board. (Temp & Prop) Lowers the age for licensure as a sign language interpreter from 21 to 18 years of age. (eff. 7-1-18)

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

26-0110-1701, Rules Governing the Administration of Temporary Permits on Lands Owned by the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation. Allows the department to charge processing fees comparable to associated costs and to be compensated at a reasonable rate based upon Fair Market Value of the site as if it were held in a fee simple state.

26-0120-1701, Rules Governing the Administration of Park and Recreation Areas and Facilities. Clarifies that failure to properly display proof of payment of motor vehicle entrance and camping fees may result in a surcharge assessment.

26-0123-1701, Rules Governing Filming Within Idaho State Parks. Clarifies and adds definitions for “applicant,” “commercial filming,” “exempt filming,” “film and filming,” and “filmmaker”; clarifies permitting process for commercial photographers and limits existing permitting requirements on casual photographers.

COMMISSION FOR LIBRARIES

30-0101-1801, Rules of the Idaho Commission For Libraries Governing the Use of Commission Services. Addresses the agency’s state-funded grant programs; makes eligibility requirements the same for agency state- and federally-funded grant programs; defined eligibility to apply for agency grant programs; expands eligible libraries; aligns the Talking Book Service’s move to digital and downloadable content with current National Library Services (the content and device provider) guidelines.

TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

39-0261-1801, Rules Governing License Plates for Governmental Agencies and Taxing Districts. (Temp & Prop) Deletes from rule the table listing the standard exempt license plate designators and references those listed in Idaho Code. (eff. 6-21-18)

39-0341-1801, Rules Governing Traffic Control Devices. (Temp & Prop) Removes reference to a pilot program using a traffic control device called IdaShield at railroad crossing that has ended. (eff. 6-21-18)

NOTICES OF ADOPTION OF TEMPORARY RULE

BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS AND PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYORS

10-0101-1802, Rules of Procedure (eff. 7-1-18)

STATE TAX COMMISSION

35-0103-1804, Property Tax Administrative Rules (eff. 5-23-18)

35-0103-1805, Property Tax Administrative Rules (eff. 1-1-18)

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13-0111-1803P – Rules Governing Fish

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01-0101-1801 & 01-0101-1802, Idaho Accountancy Rules

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

02-0408-1801, Rules Governing Grade A Milk and Milk Products

02-0413-1801, Rules Governing Raw Milk

02-0429-1801, Rules Governing Trichomoniasis

02-0601-1801, Rules Governing the Pure Seed Law

DIVISION OF BUILDING SAFETY

07-0101-1801, Rules Governing Electrical Inspection Tags

07-0102-1801, Rules Governing Fees for Electrical Inspections

07-0103-1802, Rules of Electrical Licensing and Registration – General

07-0104-1801, Rules Governing Electrical Specialty Licensing

07-0105-1801, Rules Governing Examinations

07-0106-1801, Rules Governing the Use of National Electrical Code

07-0107-1801, Rules Governing Continuing Education Requirements

07-0108-1801, Rules Governing Electrical Inspection Tag Appeals

07-0111-1801, Rules Governing Civil Penalties

BOARD OF EDUCATION / DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

08-0104-1801, Residency

08-0113-1802, Rules Governing the Opportunity Scholarship Program

08-0202-1802, 08-0202-1803, 08-0202-1804, & 08-0202-1805, Rules Governing Uniformity

08-0203-1803 & 08-0203-1804, Rules Governing Thoroughness

08-0501-1801, Rules Governing Seed and Plant Certification

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND WELFARE

16-0215-1802, Immunization Requirements for Idaho School Children.

16-0309-1803, 16-0309-1804, 16-0309-1805, 16-0309-1806, 16-0309-1807, & 16-0309-1808, Medicaid Basic Plan Benefits

16-0310-1806, Medicaid Enhanced Plan Benefits

16-0737-1801, Children's Mental Health Services

16-0750-1801, Minimum Standards for Nonhospital, Medically Monitored Detoxification/Mental Health Diversion Units

DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE

18-0106-1801, Rule to Implement Uniform Coverage for Newborn and Newly Adopted Children

18-0123-1801, Rules Pertaining to Idaho Acquisitions of Control and Insurance Holding Company Systems

18-0124-1801, Advertisement of Disability (Accident and Sickness) Insurance

18-0130-1801, Individual Disability and Group Supplemental Disability Insurance Minimum Standards Rule

18-0144-1801, Schedule of Fees, Licenses, and Miscellaneous Charges

18-0149-1801, Fire Protection Sprinkler Contractors

18-0154-1801, Rule to Implement the NAIC Medicare Supplement Insurance Minimum Standards Model Act

18-0162-1801, Annual Financial Reporting

18-0170-1801, Rules Governing Small Employer Health Insurance Availability Act
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BOARD OF PHARMACY

27-0101-1801, General Provisions

27-0102-1802, Rules Governing Licensure and Registration

27-0103-1801, Rules Governing Pharmacy Practice

27-0104-1802, Rules Governing Pharmacist Prescriptive Authority

27-0105-1801, Rules Governing Drug Compounding

27-0106-1801, Rules Governing DME, Manufacturing, and Distribution

IDAHO POTATO COMMISSION

29-0103-1801, Rules Governing Nominations and Elections for Candidates to Be
Selected for Commissioner (New Chapter)

STATE TAX COMMISSION

35-0102-1803, Idaho Sales and Use Tax Administrative Rules

35-0103-1803, Property Tax Administrative Rules

35-0114-1801, Prepaid Wireless E911 Fee Administrative Rules

TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

39-0246-1801, Rules Governing Temporary Motor Vehicle Registration Permit

DIVISION OF CAREER TECHNICAL EDUCATION

55-0103-1801, Rules of Career Technical Schools

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

58-0102-1803, Water Quality Standards

STATE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION

60-0501-1801, Resource Conservation and Rangeland Development Program (2nd
Notice)



Idaho Falls developing flag policy

A recent news story reported the city's efforts to create standards around city use of flags and flagpoles at city facilities.

As part of that story it was reported that a legal opinion was made to suggest the city temporarily take down the POW MIA flag at city hall while that policy was developed.

Mayor **Rebecca Casper** issued the following statement regarding the issue:

"While I do appreciate the legal opinion of our city attorney's office in this matter, I see no reason why the POW-MIA flag cannot continue to fly while a permanent city flag policy is being researched and developed. Therefore, I have asked city staff to keep the flag in place while the city develops a policy. Those who are familiar with our community know that it goes without saying that we honor our Veterans and their service we will continue to honor our veterans. In addition, it is my understanding that the legal advice never included a recommendation for the permanent removal of the POW MIA flag. And rightly so. That is and always will be a policy decision."

- [Idaho Falls city](#)

Twin Falls opens Commons

The city of Twin Falls and Twin Falls Urban Renewal Agency will open the new Downtown Commons with a ribbon cutting and art unveiling at 4 p.m. on Friday, July 6. The community event will celebrate the opening of Twin Falls' newest public area and the completion of the Downtown Redesign Project.

The event will include Dan Brizee, chairman of the Twin Falls Urban Renewal Agency during the project, who will recognize major donors to the Downtown Commons. Additional speakers will include Rep. Lance Clow, Artists Art Hoag and Dave LaMure, Mayor Shawn Barigar, and City Manager Travis Rothweiler.

The bronze statue, The Surveyor, by artist Dave LaMure, which will stand at the south corner of the Commons, will be unveiled during the event, as well as artwork from regional artists that will be displayed in the Commons.

- [Twin Falls city](#)



Supreme Court decisions

Recent civil decisions of the Idaho Supreme Court.

- **[Safaris Unlimited LLC v. Mike Von Jones](#)** (June 29, Burdick) This appeal comes from the Twin Falls County district court. In January 2017, a jury in that court found that an enforceable contract bound Mike Von Jones to pay Safaris Unlimited, LLC, \$26,040 for a 2012 big game hunt Jones went on in Zimbabwe, Africa. After the jury's verdict, Safaris was awarded attorney fees plus interest on the judgment, bringing the judgment against Jones to \$122,984.82. Safaris obtained a writ of execution in June 2017 and attended the sheriff sale as the only bidder. At the sale, Safaris purchased a pending lawsuit arising from Jones's business venture by making a \$2,500 credit bid. Jones was later successful in moving to vacate the sale. Jones appeals three issues from the jury trial: (1) the admission of a handwriting exemplar; (2) certain statements made by the district court concerning the handwriting exemplar; and (3) a jury instruction on agency law. Safaris cross appeals the district court's decision to vacate the sheriff sale. For the reasons below, we affirm in part, vacate in part, and remand.

Micron reports on China patent litigation

Micron Technology on July 5 announced that the Fuzhou Intermediate People's Court, Fujian Province, China today notified two Chinese subsidiaries of Micron that it has granted a preliminary injunction against those entities in patent infringement cases filed by United Microelectronics Corporation and Fujian Jinhua Integrated Circuit Co.

The patent infringement claims of UMC and Jinhua were filed against Micron in retaliation for criminal indictments filed by Taiwan authorities against UMC and three of its employees and a civil lawsuit filed by Micron against UMC and Jinhua in the United States District Court for the Northern District of California for the misappropriation of Micron trade secrets.

The preliminary injunction enjoins Micron's Chinese subsidiaries from manufacturing, selling, or importing certain Crucial and Ballistix-branded DRAM modules and solid state drives in China. The affected products make up slightly more than 1% of Micron's annualized revenues. Since the fourth fiscal quarter is underway, Micron anticipates that the negative impact to revenue this quarter relating to the injunction will be approximately 1%, and the company continues to expect revenue to be within the previously guided range of \$8.0 to \$8.4 billion. Micron will comply with the ruling while requesting the Fuzhou Court to reconsider or stay its decision.

"Micron is disappointed with the ruling by the Fuzhou Intermediate People's Court. We strongly believe that the patents are invalid and that Micron's products do not infringe the patents. The Fuzhou Court issued this preliminary ruling before allowing Micron an opportunity to present its defense," said Joel Poppen, senior vice president, legal affairs, general counsel and corporate secretary at Micron Technology. "This ruling and other actions by the Fuzhou Court are inconsistent with providing a fair hearing through appropriate legal processes and procedures. Micron has a long-standing history of successful business operations in China, including a significant assembly and test manufacturing facility in Xi'an, as well as deep relationships with many valued China customers. Micron will continue to aggressively defend against these unfounded patent infringement claims while continuing to work closely with its customers and partners."

In January 2018, UMC and Jinhua filed patent infringement suits in Fujian Province, China against Micron's China subsidiaries. The lawsuits claim that certain Crucial and Ballistix-branded DRAM modules and solid state drives infringe UMC and Jinhua's patent rights in China. Each of the asserted patents was originally granted to UMC, a Taiwan-based logic semiconductor foundry that lacks advanced DRAM and NAND flash technology. The patents are not used in Micron's DRAM and NAND technology or products, and UMC and Jinhua rely on distorted

interpretations of the patents and improper evidence to support their false allegations that Micron infringes the patents. Moreover, Micron has submitted compelling evidence to the Patent Review Board of China's State Intellectual Property Office demonstrating that the patents are invalid because they are directed to technologies that were previously developed and patented in other countries by other technology companies.

● [Micron Technology](#)

Stocks

From late in the week, as reported through Google. Prices on stocks were mostly up the end of last week. (Google finance) Up ▲ Down ▼

		Last week		Week before	One year ago
Micron Technology	MU	62.23	▼	52.44	30.16
Hewlett Packard	HPQ	23.01	▲	22.69	17.35
Idaho Power	IDA	94.42	▲	92.24	84.64
Clearwater Paper	CLW	24.50	▲	23.10	44.75
CenturyLink Inc.	CTL	19.66	▲	18.64	23.60
Boise Cascade Corp.	BCC	45.20	▲	44.70	28.75

Gas prices

Price of gasoline in Idaho remained stable from the week before. Source: idahogasprices.com.

Gas	Last week	Natl/St Avg	Week before
low	2.95 Boise (Costco) 2.95 Twin Falls (Costco)	2.85/3/16	2.95 Shelley (Phillips 66)
high	3.79 Malta (Sublett Fuel Stop)		3.79 Malta (Sublett Fuel Stop)



State releases water quality report for comment

The **Idaho Department of Environmental Quality** is seeking public comment on its draft 2016 status report on water quality in Idaho's rivers, streams, lakes, and reservoirs.

The draft biennial 2016 Integrated Report includes information on policies affecting water quality assessment and reporting in the state, water bodies proposed for delisting from the state's lists of impaired waters, current assessment efforts, and monitoring results. It also includes the categorized lists showing the current status of all state waters.

The draft report serves as a guide for DEQ to manage water quality in the state and prioritize its development of water quality improvement plans known as total maximum daily loads, or TMDLs, which are designed to restore beneficial uses and ensure compliance with water quality standards.

DEQ developed the report using data and information DEQ had collected as well as information from other agencies, organizations, and individuals, including data and comments submitted by the public during the past five years (2012–2016).

- [Department of Environmental Quality](#)

Campgrounds close to protect eagles

The **Idaho Panhandle National Forests** is closing campsites #30 - 34 of the Three Pines Campground located on Kalispell Island within the Priest Lake Ranger District to protect an active bald eagle nest located within the site. The nest was recently discovered during a bald eagle survey. This is the first year an active nest site has been confirmed since 2014.

As required by the IPNF's Land Management Plan and the National Bald Eagle Management Guidelines, the IPNF is seasonally restricting camping activities near the nest. During the breeding season, bald eagles are sensitive to a variety of human activities. If agitated by human activities, eagles may expend energy defending the nest rather than tending to their young, or may abandon the nest altogether.

Activities that cause prolonged absences of adults from their nests can jeopardize young as unattended nestlings are subject to predation. Young nestlings are particularly vulnerable because they rely on their parents to provide warmth

or shade, without which they may die as a result of hypothermia or heat stress. If food delivery schedules are interrupted, the young may not develop healthy plumage, which can affect their survival.

“We ask the public to please be understanding and patient with this closure, which is expected to remain in place through August 2018,” said District Ranger Felipe Cano. On Kalispell Island, there are approximately 48 individual campsites not affected by the closure that are available on a first come first service basis

- [Idaho Panhandle National Forests](#)

Chinook salmon come to Boise River

Idaho Fish and Game released 100 hatchery spring Chinook salmon into the Boise River on July 5.

The salmon were released at five locations – Glenwood Bridge, Americana, Boise State, Park Center and Barber Park. At some of the locations anglers were already waiting for the fish to hit the water.

The salmon trucked to the Boise River had spent two to three years in the ocean and returned to the Rapid River trap on the Salmon River to spawn.

Idaho Fish and Game can bring salmon to the Boise River and other locations when enough returning adults are collected to meet the broodstock needs at the hatchery.

- [Department of Fish & Game](#)

Stock access limited in parts of Selway

As snowpack melts off and trail crews are reaching further into the backcountry, the **Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forests** are working to clear trails and share information about the latest trail conditions with forest visitors.

On the Moose Creek Ranger District, conditions are changing rapidly and trail crews and recreation managers urge the public to travel with caution, especially on three popular trails that have segments which are currently impassable or temporarily closed to stock due to these spring conditions.

Meadow Creek Trail #726 was cleared from Slims Camp to Little Creek this spring, at which time crews discovered damage resulting from high water events in three known locations; one approximately .75 miles south of Little Creek, and two near Pea Creek. These high water events washed the trail tread away down to bedrock in places, making passage by stock hazardous. Additionally, turning stock around on this trail poses significant risk to riders due to the steep terrain. Because of these hazards, an official trail closure was initiated on June 29 which prohibits

the use of stock on Meadow Creek Trail between the trailhead at Slim's Camp and Meadow Creek Cabin. The closure will be in place until the trail can be repaired. Moose Creek Ranger District is currently assessing the condition along the rest of the trail and developing a long-term plan to address the problems.

Selway River Trail #4 was cleared by crews this spring, but recent blowdown events have left large root wads blocking the trail and damaging the trail tread, making travel between Moose Creek and Bear Creek difficult, especially with stock. This section of trail is located approximately halfway between the Race Creek and Paradise trailheads. Crews are tentatively scheduled to return to this location on July 24 to begin repairing the trail. Until crews return to the site, stock passage is not advised on this section of trail.

In addition, a closure order was signed last fall to close Bear Creek Bridge to stock use due to structural damage. This closure is still in effect, and bridge repair work is scheduled for later this summer.

East Moose Trail #421 experienced a debris flow approximately 2.5 miles north of the Moose Creek Ranger Station, near Trout Creek. The resulting log and debris pile will need to be cleared before stock passage through this segment of trail is possible. Crews are tentatively scheduled to work at this site starting July 24.

- [Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forests](#)

Wildfires

Wildfires have been spreading around the western United States in recent weeks, but Idaho has escaped much of the heaviest activity – so far. In early June a number of wildfires hit around southern Idaho, but were squelches relatively quickly.

Fires were reported around Idaho last week; several were reported on Independence Day. From the Bureau of Land Management:

The Boise District BLM responded to six wildfires on Independence Day. Fire crews made great progress overnight and hope to have remaining active fires controlled in the next couple of days.

The Boise BLM urges everyone to take all necessary fire safety precautions when recreating on public lands.

- Charcoal Fire - Located approximately 3 miles northeast of Lucky Peak Dam. Estimated at 60 acres Cause under investigation. Fire resources –1 helicopter, 2 engines, 1 hand crew and 1 dozer. Estimated contain – 7/5/18 at 1200, estimated control – 7/5/18 at 2000
- Five Cent Fire – Located approximately 3 miles southwest of Mountain Home Air Force Base. Estimated at 2,250+ acres. Cause under investigation Fire resources – 2 dozers, 4 engines and 1 water tender. No estimated contain or control time

- Pump Fire – Located approximately 15 miles south of Mountain Home. Approximately 52 acres Cause under investigation Fire resources – 1 engine and 1 water tender. Contained – 7/4/18 at 2100, estimated control – 7/5/18 at 1500.
- Dewy Fire – Located approximately 10 miles west of Emmett. Approximately 9 acres. Cause under investigation. Contained – 7/4/18 at 2000, Controlled – 7/4/18 at 2200.
- Nicolsen Fire – Located approximately 10 miles southwest of Boise. Approximately 1 acre. Cause under investigation. Contained – 7/4/18 at 1830, Controlled – 7/4/18 at 2100.
- Cove Rec Fire – Located approximately 8 miles northwest of Bruneau. Approximately 0.1 acre. Cause under investigation. Contained and Controlled – 7/4/18 at 2400

■ Snowpack

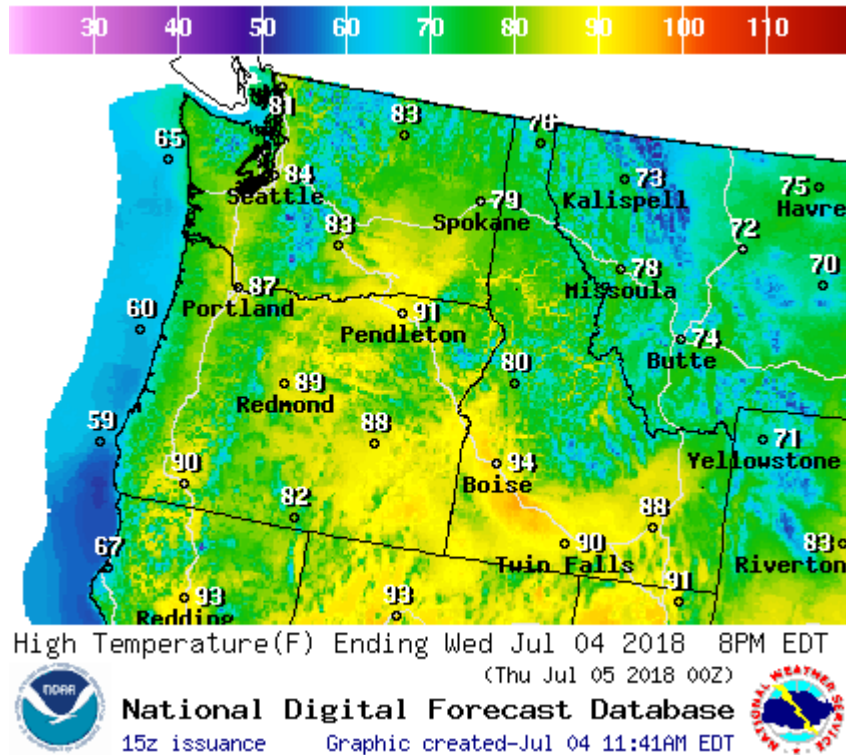
The numbers are percentages.

From the Natural Resources Conservation Service: “The Accumulated Precipitation Percent of Average represents the total precipitation (beginning October 1) found at selected SNOTEL sites in or near the basin compared to the average value for those sites on this day.”

Note: The new water year began on October 1. Normal would be 100. Much higher can mean flooding; much lower, drought. [From the Natural Resources Conservation Service](#). The percentage represents total precipitation (beginning October 1) at selected SNOTEL sites near the basin compared to average value for those sites.

basin	Last week	Week before	1 year ago
Northern Panhandle	111	111	130
Spokane	108	109	124
Clearwater	119	120	116
Salmon	102	104	133
Weiser	89	90	129
Payette	91	91	140
Boise	92	94	151
Big Wood	94	-	158
Little Wood	99	-	159
Big Lost	106	113	158
Little Lost, Birch	109	111	133
Medicine Lodge, Beaver, Camas	106	108	124
Henry’s Fork, Teton	109	109	138
Snake above Palisades	110	110	146
Willow, Blackfoot, Portneuf	92	93	139
Snake above American Falls	107	107	142
Raft	85	85	144
Goose Creek	79	80	127
Salmon Falls	86	87	125
Bruneau	91	92	128
Owyhee	87	87	130
Bear River	82	82	141

Weather



From the [National Weather Service](http://www.nws.gov).

	Last week	Week before	One year ago
Boise	93/60 s	93/56 s	100/62 s
Idaho Falls	86/50 s	86/56 s	99/58 s
Pocatello	89/55 s	90/63 s	97/65 s
Coeur d'Alene	77/56 c	76/54 s	95/61 s
Lewiston	88/62 s	84/59 s	99/66 s
Twin Falls	90/57 s	90/60 s	100/63 c
Sun Valley/Ketchum	81/48 s	81/51 s	83/53 s

s- sunny; c - cloudy; r - rainy; p-snow



ISU expands high school dual enrollment

Idaho State University will again offer on-campus dual enrollment courses for high school students in Southeast Idaho this fall.

In partnership with the Early College Program, the program allows students to take college-level general education courses for both college and high school credits. Students will learn about the rigors of college and gain the confidence to be successful in their program of study.

The students will take classes by select ISU professors alongside current ISU students. Because the State of Idaho has allotted \$4,125 through Advanced Opportunities, students can enroll in dual enrollment courses at little to no cost to them.

“I loved my dual enrollment experience,” said Hagen Moore, a recent Blackfoot High School graduate who participated in the program last year. “I believe that any high school student who has taken a dual enrollment class is fully capable of succeeding in a situation similar to mine.”

Courses for the fall will include Elementary Shoshoni, Japanese and French; Critical Reading and Writing; Southeast Asia; Introduction to General Psychology; Introduction to Sociology; Modern Europe; Introduction to Art and more. An expanded schedule can be found at isu.edu/cal/outreach.

Courses for the fall are filling quickly. Students must be admitted to the Early College Program in order to participate in the program.

The on-campus dual enrollment program started in Fall 2017 and grew from 12 to 32 students in Spring 2018. The number of participating high schools also grew from four to seven.

- [Idaho State University](http://isu.edu)

ISU using ALEKS system to help on math

Idaho State University recently started using the ALEKS math system to help current and future ISU students save money and take fewer math courses.

ALEKS, which stands for Assessment and LEarning in Knowledge Spaces, is a web-based, artificially intelligent assessment and learning system. The idea for implementing the ALEKS system at ISU is to expedite the time it takes to get a degree because often times, math is a barrier that keeps students from achieving

their goals as quickly as they might like. **Bob Fisher**, a professor of mathematics, said the ALEKS system targets student’s knowledge, looks to move students forward through the lessons and helps fix student literacy problems in math.

Fisher said ISU will be helping local high schools use the ALEKS system to prepare its students for college math courses. The Department of Mathematics and Statistics recently hosted a training for 30 high school teachers to teach them about a pilot program for students who are at risk for not going on to college and potentially having to take several remedial math courses.

“Introducing ALEKS into high schools is establishing the direct link from high school to post-secondary schooling,” said **Mindy Singer**, the head of math instruction in the Idaho Falls School District. “It provides a long-term goal with many short-term goals along the way.”

Fisher said math lecturer **Randa Kress** brought up the idea of using the ALEKS system after seeing a need to shorten the time frame for ISU students taking remedial courses.

Fisher said the motivation for this program also comes from a pilot program at Utah Valley University over 100,000 high school students were able to participate in the ALEKS program for \$17 per student. The program has grown in Utah and now every student in the state has access to the math placement program. The Idaho pilot that is being run through ISU’s Department of Mathematics and Statistics will cost \$17 per student at participating schools.

- [Idaho State University](#)

Health services at LCSC go to St. Joseph

Lewis-Clark State College and **St. Joseph Regional Medical Center** have reached an agreement where the Lewiston hospital will assume oversight and management of Student Health Services at the college, starting on July 1.

The clinic has historically been staffed by full-time nurse, a full-time biller, and a full-time administrative assistant. While the college has been exploring the possibility of a partnership, the clinic has been staffed part-time medical providers including two LCSC nursing faculty members who are family nurse practitioners. The change will allow increased access and quality of care for LCSC students as well as improve a student’s ability to utilize their health insurance coverage.

St. Joseph will staff the clinic with a full-time nurse practitioner as its main provider. The clinic will remain located in room 205 of the Sam Glenn Complex on the LCSC campus and will keep the same 8 a.m.-5 p.m. office hours on Monday through Friday. The clinic is for ambulatory care only, and will provide services to LCSC students, faculty and staff.

- [Lewis-Clark State College](#)

Cult/Com/Trans

Redfish Lake road route changes

The **Sawtooth National Recreation Area** on July 3 said that construction of the new road at the Redfish Lake Recreation Area between the roundabout and Outlet Campground and Day Use Area will be complete on or around July 20.

The existing road bridge and roadway near Outlet Campground and Day Use Area will be closed to vehicle traffic. This will mean that visitors desiring to access Outlet, Mt. Heyburn, and Sockeye Campgrounds, and the Sandy Beach Boat Launch/Day Use Area, will need to use the new road to access these facilities. Specific information will be posted on-site during this transition.

Construction of the new Outlet Day Use Area parking lot and trail, and the removal of the abandoned road segments should be completed by mid/late August. Project area seeding will occur in mid-September, concluding the Redfish Phase 2 project work.

- [Sawtooth National Forest](#)

American Falls intersection planned

The **Idaho Transportation Department** will host a public workshop to present a range of potential improvements for the intersection of Pocatello Avenue (I-86B) and Idaho Highway 39 on July 17 from 4 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. at the American Falls Public Library.

The workshop will include two identical sessions from 4-5 p.m. and 5:30-6:30 p.m. at the American Falls Public Library (308 Roosevelt Street in American Falls). Community members can attend at the time most convenient for them. Presentations will begin promptly at 4 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. and will be followed by discussions at tables.

ITD is evaluating a variety of alternatives to improve traffic operations and safety at the intersection, which serves a busy trucking route and the community of American Falls.

Community members suggested several improvements during an initial workshop in March, and those suggestions are the basis for future improvements.

- [Idaho Transportation Department](#)

Ski areas

Information available on the SkiTiger.com Northwest ski site. Details return in the fall.

Bestselling books

Top selling paperback non-fiction, from the [Pacific Northwest Independent Bestseller List](#), by IndieBound and the Pacific Northwest Booksellers Association, based on reports from regional independent booksellers.

*Regional bestseller not on national IndieBound list.

1. Killers of the Flower Moon - David Grann, Vintage, \$16.95, 9780307742483
2. On Tyranny - Timothy Snyder, Tim Duggan Books, \$7.99, 9780804190114
3. Sapiens - Yuval Noah Harari, Harper Perennial, \$22.99, 9780062316110
4. Hillbilly Elegy - J.D. Vance, Harper, \$16.99, 9780062300553
- *5. The Soul of an Octopus - Sy Montgomery, Atria, \$16, 9781451697728
- *6. How to Fight - Thich Nhat Hanh, Jason DeAntonis (Illus.), Parallax Press, \$9.95, 9781941529867
- *7. The Boys in the Boat - Daniel James Brown, Penguin, \$17, 9780143125471
8. Shoe Dog - Phil Knight, Scribner, \$20, 9781501135927
9. You Are a Badass - Jen Sincero, Running Press, \$16, 9780762447695
- *10. How to Love - Thich Nhat Hanh, Parallax Press, \$9.95, 9781937006884
- *11. Astoria - Peter Stark, Ecco, \$15.99, 9780062218308
- *12. Lab Girl - Hope Jahren, Vintage, \$16, 9781101873724
- *13. Evicted - Matthew Desmond, Broadway, \$17, 9780553447453
- *14. Daring Greatly - Brene Brown, Avery, \$17, 9781592408412
- *15. On Trails - Robert Moor, S&S, \$16, 9781476739236

Calendar

June

- 1 Last day for county write-in candidates to pay filing fee for placement on the General Election.
 - State Board of Education meeting. Boise.
 - Last regular day of public school (many districts).
- 4 Last day for a candidate of a state or legislative office which appeared on the primary election to contest the nomination of any candidate for the same office by filing in the proper court.
- 5 Deadline to apply for state permits for controlled big game hunts.
 - Secondary summer school begins (many districts).
- 6 State administrative rules bulletin publishes.
 - Upper Snake River Advisory Committee meeting. Boise, Idaho Falls.
- 7 Public School Funding Formula Committee meeting. Boise.
- 11 Last day for a county or political subdivision candidate or a supporter or opponent of a county or political subdivision ballot measure which appeared on the May 15 election to request a recount
 - Board of Correction meeting. Boise.
- 12 Campaign Finance Reform Interim Committee (legislative). Boise.
 - Idaho Anti-Trafficking Coalition meeting, sex trafficking in Idaho. Boise.
 - Public School Funding Formula Committee meeting. Idaho Falls.
- 15 Legislative Council meeting. Boise.
 - State unemployment rate data released.
 - State Land Board meeting. Boise.
 - Board of Examiners meeting. Boise.
 - Possible Snake River Basin Adjudication information meeting, status conference.
- 18 Criminal Justice Reinvestment Oversight Committee meeting. Boise.
- 19 Idaho Transportation Board meeting. Shoshone.
 - Public School Funding Formula Committee meeting. Coeur d'Alene.
- 20 State Board of Education meeting. Twin Falls (College of Southern Idaho).
 - Public School Funding Formula Committee meeting. Lewiston.
- 22 State Board of Education meeting. Idaho Falls.
- 25 Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee meeting. Three days. Pocatello.
- 26 Water Supply Bank meeting. Boise.
- 29 Capital for a Day event. Dayton.
- 30 End of state fiscal year.
 - Last day for Robert Kustra as Boise State University president.

July

- 1 Effective date for many state laws passed in 2018 legislature.
 - Beginning of new state fiscal year (FY19).
- 2 Board of Correction meeting. Boise.
- 4 Independence Day. State and federal holiday.
 - State administrative rules bulletin publishes.
- 12 Idaho-China trade office manager visit to Idaho begins (eight days).
- 13 Board of Dentistry meeting. Idaho Falls.
- 14 Last day for the County Clerk to examine election register and note challenges from the Primary Election.
- 15 Idaho Humanities Council program series, “And Here We Have Idaho.” Three days. Boise (Boise State University).
- 17 State Land Board meeting. Boise.
 - Board of Examiners meeting. Boise.
 - Possible Snake River Basin Adjudication information meeting, status conference.
 - State Parole Commission meeting. Boise.
- 18 Idaho Transportation Board meeting. Boise.
 - Public School Funding Formula Committee meeting. Boise.
- 19 Last day for the Secretary of State to approve requested modification of election procedures for the August 28 election.
- 20 Release of June’s 2018 labor force and nonfarm payroll data for Idaho.
- 25 Fish & Game Commission quarterly meeting. Idaho Falls.
- 26 Idaho Water Resource Board meeting. Moscow.

People

Healthwise, a leader in evidence-based health education, technology, and services, announced that **Adam Husney**, MD, has been named President of Healthwise, effective immediately. The appointment was announced by Bob Kyte, CEO of Healthwise, and the company's board of directors. Husney was named Chief Medical Officer of Healthwise in 2016 and will continue to serve in that role.

Since joining Healthwise in 2000, Husney has been a leader in equipping health care organizations with tools and technologies to improve the patient experience.

- [Healthwise](#)

The Idaho State University Institute of Rural Health in the Kasiska Division of Health Sciences has hired **Diana Campanella Schow** to head an area health education center or AHEC, created to improve access to primary care in southeast Idaho's underserved and rural communities.

Schow took the helm this spring as center director of the Southeast Idaho Area Health Education Center on the ISU campus. The center, one of three in the state, will serve 24 counties in the region and promote interdisciplinary training for ISU health professions students and continuing education resources for working health practitioners. Its AHEC Scholars Program will provide health professions students with specific opportunities to focus on rural and underserved communities.

- [Idaho State University](#)

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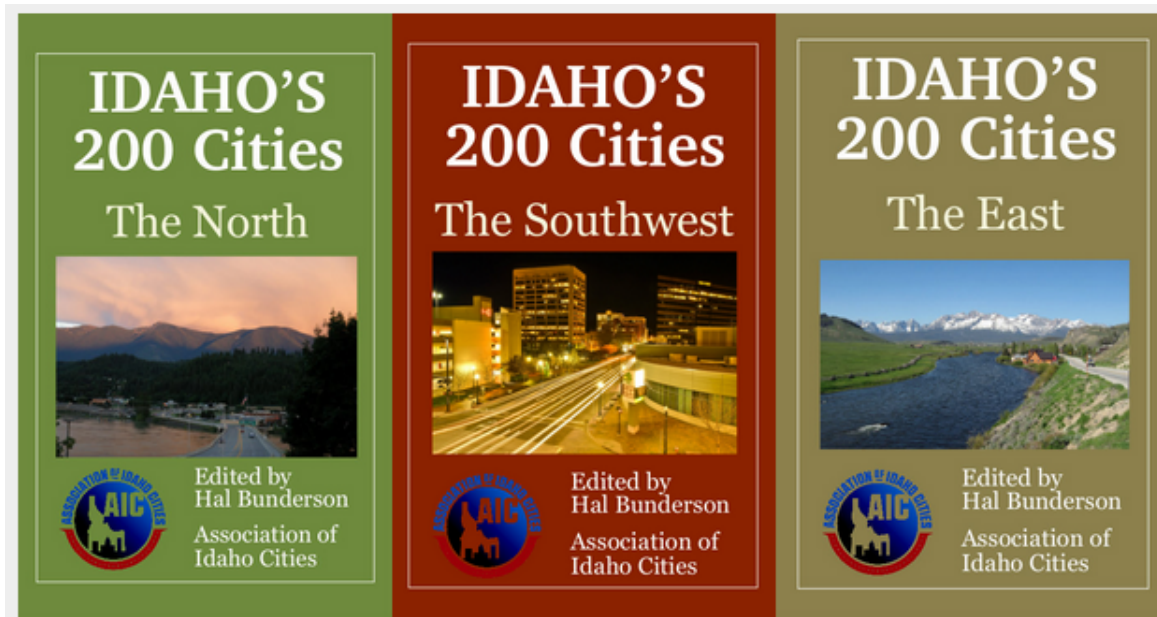
2017: What was once a wind-blown wheat field near the small Idaho town of Genesee is now an environmental success 12 years after the Idaho Transportation Department created a thriving, marshy wetlands area where one never existed. Genesee is a quiet community in the rolling hills of the Palouse between Moscow and Lewiston. When road construction on U.S. 95 in the spring of 2005 from the top of Lewiston Hill to Genesee required using land designated as wetlands, ITD launched a mitigation project, “Cow Creek Wetland,” along a half-mile of Cow Creek in Latah County next to Genesee between two county roads, Morscheck and Kreier. ITD eventually created almost 11.5 acres of wetland and riparian area to mitigate for area impacted by the highway project, at a cost of \$1.5 million. (photo/Idaho Department of Transportation)

In the *Idaho Weekly Briefing*:

- Secretary of State Lawrence Denney received a request by email on Friday for specific information pertaining to Idaho state voter registrations from the Presidential Advisory Commission on Election Integrity. “While a request for voter information itself is not atypical, and while specific parts of the state voter roll are in fact public, this particular request was of a unique enough nature that it bears some additional review,” Denney said.

- The Idaho State Board of Education on July 5 made two major decisions to enable the College of Eastern Idaho to offer academic programs starting with the Fall 2017 semester.
- The Idaho State Police Bureau of Criminal Identification released their annual "Crime In Idaho" report for 2016 on July 3, 2017. The report is a synopsis of statewide crime statistics gathered from law enforcement agencies across Idaho and includes such things as the Statewide Crime Profile, Crimes against Persons, Property, Society, the Arrest Profile, Hate Crime in Idaho, Law Enforcement Officers Killed or Assaulted, crimes categorized by jurisdiction and many other statistics.
- Albertsons Companies on June 23 announced two key executive appointments to its Marketing & Merchandising team aimed at building on the organization's momentum and accomplishments over the last several years.
- The epic winter of 2016-17 presented a huge challenge for local, state and federal agencies charged with managing spring runoff and flooding in southern Idaho, but an unprecedented team effort, constant communication, and advance planning helped Idaho communities cope with one of the biggest spring melt events in the last 50 years.
- Idaho State University is coordinating studies by researchers in Idaho and from around the world that examine how different societies in different ecosystems understand the economic and other benefits ecosystems provide.
- An updated map showing detailed access to state endowment trust lands reveal that 96 percent of the lands are accessible for recreation. Maps showing the location of endowment lands have been available online for years, but the updated map focuses on which endowment lands are accessible for recreation.
- In North America, most archaeologists believe that the extinction of mammoths occurred earlier than the first appearance of Folsom spear points (distinctive knife-like tools made from chipped stone). In fact, some scientists think that mammoth died off hundreds of years before Folsom points were ever made. However, old evidence from a southeastern Idaho cave has created renewed curiosity about the timing of the mammoth die-off and a possible connection with Folsom points.
- The city of Nampa and Nampa Parks & Recreation Department invites the public to join the groundbreaking ceremony for the new Orah Brandt Park on July 13.

Idaho's 200 Cities – North, Southwest and East



Three new books arriving this week: The series of Idaho's 200 Cities, with one title each focused on the norther, southwestern and eastern parts of the state.

And more than that too: There are also three books of Idaho trivia, a challenge for anyone who thinks they know the state.

The books are the culmination of a decade of work by the Association of Idaho Cities, spearheaded by former legislator Hal Bunderson. The books were written in part by Bunderson and in part by people all over Idaho, in cities from Moyie Springs to St. Charles.

The detail is startling, and the insights often surprising - there's a lot more to these communities than almost anyone but locals know (and not all of them). One of the most useful parts of the books is the section on turning points, describing the developments and events that caused the city to grow and change, for better or worse, the way it has. A of lessons can be found there.

If Idaho is of interest - and if you live there it ought to be - then these books belong on your bookshelf. They're available now, and in both paperback and full color hardbound flavors.

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