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Camas
County,
Idaho



Spring Madness! Honor the Madness!

Weekly Beaver!



Leprechaun unrest settles down! ■ March 20, 2019: The Tooth, the Whole Tooth, and Nothing But the Tooth!



Madness! St. Patrick would be proud, I think!

The Legion Hall rocked Friday night with the big St. Patrick Day Dance, a fundraiser for the Fair Board! (At left! Photo by Sharon Lee!) Above, the Soldier Mountain Ski Area hosted a big afternoon blowout in the lodge, complete with food, drink and a band! Birdman Skinner made the scene wearing feathers! Ski area photos by Jeff Ralph! 🍷



Friday! A retirement celebration! For County Road Boss Mike Gill!



With mighty Gill behind the plow, no truck was required!

Retiring after only 40 years? Madness! Madness!

Gill! From the Gill Family and the Camas County family: Please join us as we honor Mike Gill for his 40 years of service at the Camas County Road and Bridge Department, with the last 10 years as Department Supervisor and Chief Absorbent of Blame. Come celebrate with us this Friday, March 22 at the American Legion Hall in Fairfield from 5 to 7 p.m. Refreshments! All are welcome! 🍷

Madness! At the Soldier Mountain Ski Area Lodge last Sunday! Yow!



Chris was successfully restrained before damage was done! Jeff Ralph pic!

Fervently sought: Camas County Public Library Director!

Applications accepted through March! Don't forget that cover letter! No overdue mercy!



Join the Smart Set or pay the Overdue Book Fine! Read till you croak!!

The Future of Civilization is At Stake! Camas County Public Library, Board of Trustees is seeking a Camas County Public Library Director.

Applications are being accepted during the month of March 2019. The library is located at 607 Soldier Rd, Fairfield, Idaho. 83327. The Library Director works closely with the Board of Trustees.

Applicants must be at least 21 years old. The ideal candidate will have library experience, some college, strong computer skills including computer troubleshooting, and a payroll program. The position involves many reports, so expertise in Excel, Word and an accounting program is a must.

The Library Director's position involves supervision of library staff and interaction with the public constantly. The library is open weekdays Monday through Friday for approximately 30 hours per week. Wage will depend on experience.

Email your resume and cover letter to camaslibraryjob@outlook.com. Please be available for an interview. 🍷

The Blades of Spring! Fairfield City rink closes! Loaner skates begin their migration home!!!!

From the City of Fairfield! "Could you please let everyone know that the ice skate rink is no longer in service and if you borrowed skates from the city, it is now time to return them! Thank you!" 🍷

Eligible for property tax relief in 2019???

Apply for the “circuit breaker” program by April 15!!!

To sign up for the circuit breaker property tax reduction, or to get more information, contact the Camas County assessor at 764-2370 or call the Idaho Tax Commission at (800) 334-7756. Idaho’s Property Tax Reduction program reduces property taxes on an eligible homeowner’s primary Idaho residence and up to one acre of land by as much as \$1,320.

“Many homeowners think you have to be 65 before you can apply, but that’s not the case,” says Pam Waters, coordinator of the Property Tax Reduction program for the Idaho State Tax Commission. “You may be eligible at any age if you meet certain criteria.”

To qualify, you must be in one of the following categories by Jan. 1, 2019:

- Disabled
- Widow or widower
- Blind
- Fatherless or motherless child under 18 years old
- Former prisoner of war
- Age 65 or older

The program requires that you have no more than \$30,450 in total income in 2018. You also must be a U.S. citizen or legal permanent resident and own and live in your home by April 14, 2019.

To qualify and sign up for the circuit breaker program, you must file an application with your county assessor by Monday, April 15, 2019.

Here in Camas County, it’s the Honorable Lynn McGuire, whose office is in the Courthouse Annex Building in Fairfield! 764-2370! 📞

Letter to the Editor from Julie Lynn, of Ketchum

“Expand Medicaid in a ‘healthy’ fiscally responsible way”

Idahoans, by 60.6 percent, voted to expand Medicaid. The idea that the legislature should pass a “clean” expansion without controlling costs is like giving your college student a credit card — a recipe for disaster.

Let us find an Idaho solution that works for everyone and does not burden Idaho’s overall budget. It is important for recipients to have some financial participation in the process and personal responsibility to encourage patients to seek more value for their care.

Here are a few ideas about how to expand Medicaid to the working poor.

- Offer free-market solutions to allow eligible recipients to purchase policies on the youridahohhealth.org exchange. Currently, people who earn less than \$12,000 a year can’t purchase policies on the exchange. Allowing folks to purchase plans on the exchange would also put them in charge of their care and pocketbook. This will also encourage patients to seek more value. As the recipients earn more, they will be kicked off of Medicaid which could interrupt their healthcare. A market-based option would provide easier transitions as people grow their way out of poverty.
- Allow people to purchase catastrophic health insurance policies that meet their needs and not require all of the requirements that the Affordable Care Act forces on ACA participants.
- Require Medicaid Expansion recipients to pay a small monthly premium and co-pays. This would encourage people to spend wisely. Adding things like higher co-pays for non-emergency visits to ERs would also help control costs. This is a better option than having work requirements, which are expensive for the state to administer. Structure the expansion in a way that it is a help up rather than a hand out. This could help recipients transition from Medicaid and onto the health exchange or into a catastrophic policy so they don’t have gaps in health insurance and healthcare. When one is struggling to get out of poverty, having the peace of mind that you are covered if some medical crisis emerges gives hope.
- Encourage patients with chronic illness to develop a relationship with a primary care doctor to help manage their illnesses to hopefully avoid down-the-line serious surgeries such as amputations due to complications from diabetes.

There are good reasons to expand Medicaid for the working poor. Expanding Medicaid will bring more federal dollars to pay for indigent care from the county on up. The biggest and best reason is that an estimated 62,000 people (in that gap between not being poor enough for Medicaid and not making enough to buy insurance on the exchange) will have access to healthcare!

There are also good reasons not to simply expand Medicaid. There are few incentives to control costs in the current system. The Medicaid billing and claim system is poor, antiquated and costly which contributes to upward pressures on healthcare costs and insurance premiums.

In closing, our entire healthcare system needs a major overhaul to control costs and provide quality healthcare while steering away from costly government-sponsored care. There needs to be pricing transparency and transparency of quality of services provided so that all of the stakeholders -- taxpayers, caregivers, carriers and patients - get fair value and patients receive quality services. Let us find practical workable ways to expand Medicaid. ■

-- Julie Lynn, Ketchum

Senior Center Calendar for this week! Tighten up, Sloppy Joe!!!! Madness!

Breakfast M-F, 7:30 to 10:30 a.m.! Lunch Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday!

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Camas County Senior and Community Center 129 West Willow Avenue, Fairfield		March 20 Breakfast! Sweet and Sour Pork, Rice Pilaf	March 21 Breakfast!	March 22 Breakfast! Lemon Pepper Chicken Quilting 10 a.m.	
		March 25 Breakfast! Movie at 10 a.m.	March 26 Breakfast! Sloppy Joe Sandwiches Quilting 10 a.m.	March 27 Chicken Enchilada! Rice and Beans!	Lunch Prices Ages 60+, suggested donation of \$5! Ages 10-59, \$6! Ages 6-10, \$2! Ages 0-5, Free!

Sawtooth Avalanche Center – the Bottom Line for Today!

Old snow? Wet snow? To get up-to-date info, check the site: sawtoothavalanchecenter.com!

Soldier Mountains – Bottom Line

Warm temperatures and intense sunshine will increase the likelihood of wet avalanches during the heat of the day. These slides are most likely on steeper, rocky, slopes that directly face the sun. Warm weather may also cause cornices to fail. Give these large hunks of snow a wide berth and limit any time spent below them.

- 2. MODERATE Upper Elevation**: Heightened avalanche conditions on specific terrain features. Evaluate snow and terrain carefully; identify features of concern.
- 2. MODERATE Middle Elevation**: Heightened avalanche conditions on specific terrain features. Evaluate snow and terrain carefully; identify features of concern.
- 1. LOW Lower Elevation**: Generally safe avalanche conditions. Watch for unstable snow on isolated terrain features.



Fairfield City schedules hearing! Possible reduction of lot setback requirements! Three weeks from now! April 9!

Fairfield’s Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a hearing April 9 to get public comment on proposed amendments to the city’s zoning ordinance affecting lot setback requirements for corner lots in R-1, R-2, R-3, and R-4 zones, reducing the required side yard setbacks from 20 feet to 10 feet on side yards on lots 6,250 square feet or less with street frontages on two sides. The hearing is Tuesday, April 9 at 7 p.m. Draft ordinance amendment materials are on file for public inspection at Fairfield City Hall, 407 Soldier Road. Public testimony is encouraged at the public hearing and written comments will be accepted no later than five (5) working days prior to the public hearing! 🍷

Nominate **YOUR HEALTH HEROES**

Do you know individuals or groups who, over the past year, have worked to protect, promote, and enhance the health of southern Idaho citizens? Nominate them as a Health Hero!

**Nominations are due
April 1, 2019**



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St. Paddy's Madness at the Hill Sunday! A genuine mandolin in the lodge! A genuine ski hill snowman at the top of Lift 1! Photos and snowman by Jeff Ralph! 🍀

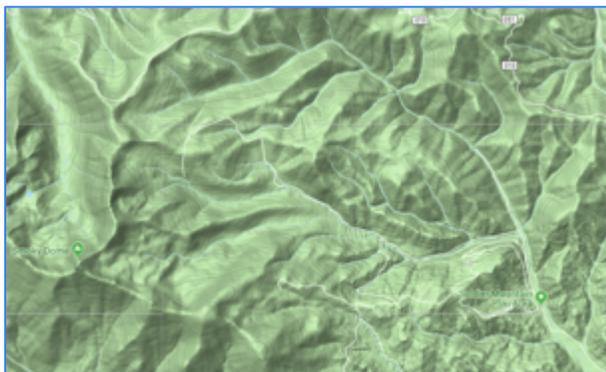
Last Chance to Speak your Piece! **Forest Service asks for comments by March 22 on proposed upcoming projects!**

Soldier Creek Recreation Improvements

The Fairfield Ranger District of the Sawtooth National Forest is proposing to improve three parking lots, install two trail bridges and construct two short segments of trail in the Soldier Creek Drainage.

➤ **Free Gold Trailhead** - develop a new parking area for approximately 10 vehicles, install a vault toilet, fence the parking lot from cattle, construct a bridge across Free Gold Creek to access Phillips Creek Trail, improve signing to parking lot and provide an information board. This parking lot would be constructed just inside the boundary of an Inventoried Roadless Area.

➤ **Couch Summit Snowmobile Parking** - increase the existing parking lot to accommodate an additional 10 vehicles w/ trailers, fence the parking lot from cattle, and improve the signing to parking lot.



The Soldier Creek headwater basin! Soldier Creek Loop: Land of dreams!

➤ **Soldier Creek Trailhead** - create a new transfer camp style recreation facility at the confluence of the North Fork and South Fork of Soldier Creek, develop parking area to accommodate approximately 10 vehicles w/ trailers, install a vault toilet, fence off area from cattle, construct a bridge across N. Fork of Soldier Creek and create approx. ½ mile of new trail from parking lot to existing alignment of the North Fork Trail (non-motorized trail), construct unloading ramps, several horse corrals, approximately 4 defined camping sites with fire rings, improve signing to parking lot and provide an information board.

➤ **Connector Trail** -- This project also proposes construction of a winter trail to connect the Couch Summit Parking lot to the junction of the South Fork/North Fork of Soldier Creek. A new trail bridge would be constructed over Soldier Creek. This trail could be groomed in the winter to alleviate crowding in the

Soldier Mountain Ski Area parking lot. The purpose of this project is to aid in accomplishing the goals and objectives of the 2012 Sawtooth National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan. Key considerations in this management area are to improve water quality, enhance snowmobile recreation, sustain Soldier Mountain Ski Area and enhance summertime recreation as viable income generators for the residents of Camas County.

Salt Creek Warming Hut

The Fairfield Ranger District, Sawtooth National Forest is proposing a new warming hut facility and vault toilet along the Salt-Bowns groomed snowmobile route. This new facility will be located south of the Salt-Bowns sheep corrals, approximately 5 miles west of Couch Summit, adjacent to Forest Road #010.

This project will enhance the winter recreation experience as well as increase winter travel safety by providing a place where recreationists can safely get out of the elements while in the backcountry. Components of this project include the authorization and installation of an enclosed shelter and vault toilet whose primary use will be in the winter months by snowmobilers.

The purpose of this project will aid in accomplishing the 2012 Sawtooth National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan by providing an array of winter recreation experiences including improved backcountry winter recreation and safety while enhancing snowmobile recreation opportunities in Camas County.

Public Input! Let'er Rip! Don't be Shy!

Comments, issues and concerns specific to this proposal are appreciated and will better help us develop and evaluate the proposal. Although comments are welcome throughout the planning process, providing comments by March 22, 2019 will allow time for your input to be considered during analysis. A decision on this proposal is expected by the middle of September 2019.

Submit written comments on issues related to the proposed operation to: USDA-Forest Service, Sawtooth National Forest, Fairfield Ranger District, P.O. Box 189, Fairfield, ID 83327. Or submit comments via e-mail to: comments-intermtn-sawtooth-fairfield@fs.fed.us with a subject line of "Soldier Creek Recreation Improvements" OR "Salt Creek Warming Hut". If you have questions regarding these proposals contact Steve Frost or Jennifer Stevens at 208-764-3202. 🐿️

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<p>Lays 10 oz. Select Varieties Classic</p> <p>2/15</p>	<p>Lange's 6.4 oz. Select Varieties Juice Blends</p> <p>2/4</p>	<p>Gatorade 32 oz. Select Varieties Sports Drinks</p> <p>4/15</p>	<p>Clamato 32 oz. Select Varieties Vegetable Juice</p> <p>2/15</p>
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<p>Mead Olympus Gall on Select Varieties Water</p> <p>99¢</p>	<p>Doritos 9.75 oz. Select Varieties Nacho Cheese</p> <p>2/15</p>	<p>Food Club 10 lb. Granulated Sugar</p> <p>4.99</p>	<p>Food Club 10 lb. All Purpose or Unbleached Flour</p> <p>3.49</p>	<p>Pompeian 16 oz. Select Varieties Olive Oil</p> <p>5.99</p>
<p>Kraft 5 pk. Original Mac & Cheese</p> <p>4.99</p>	<p>Fritos 9.25 oz. Select Varieties Reg</p> <p>2/16</p>	<p>Jell-O 6-8 oz. Select Varieties Pudding or Gelatin</p> <p>1.29</p>	<p>Crystal Light, Mio, Tang or Kool-Aid 1.62 oz. Select Varieties Drink Mix</p> <p>2.99</p>	<p>Capri Sun 10 oz. Select Varieties Pouch Drinks</p> <p>2.49</p>

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ARE YOU READY FOR THE MADNESS?

<p>Kraft 14-16 oz. Select Varieties Dressing</p> <p>1.99</p>	<p>Miracle Whip 22-30 oz. Select Varieties Miracle Whip</p> <p>3.99</p>	<p>Kraft 17.5-18 oz. Select Varieties Barbecue Sauce</p> <p>1.49</p>	<p>Food Club 10-14 oz. Sauce, Gravy or Chili Sauces</p> <p>1.49</p>
<p>Dish, Utensil or 14-20 oz. Select Varieties Picnicware</p> <p>2/15</p>	<p>American Ready 12-24 oz. Select Varieties Pasta</p> <p>4/15</p>	<p>Colgate 10-12 oz. Tortillas or Taco Shells</p> <p>1.49</p>	<p>Colgate 4 oz. Hot or Mild Green n Green n Chiles</p> <p>1.19</p>
<p>Simply Dish 20-64 oz. Select Varieties Picnicware</p> <p>1.99</p>	<p>La Victoria 14 oz. Select Varieties Salsa</p> <p>2/15</p>		

EVERYDAY

<p>Quilted Northern or Brawny 6-12 ct. Select Varieties Bath Tissue or Paper Towels</p> <p>7.49</p>	<p>Body Wash 12.6-15 oz. Select Varieties Body Wash</p> <p>1.99</p>
<p>Simply Down 1.21 oz. Select Varieties Bleach</p> <p>3.49</p>	<p>Luvs 21-48 ct. Select Varieties Diapers</p> <p>6.44</p>
<p>Colgate 1.4 ct. or 3-8.12 oz. Select Varieties Oral Care</p> <p>3.49</p>	<p>Pep-A-Med 6-12 ct. See and See below Antacids</p> <p>5.99</p>
<p>Simply Down 6 ct. Select A-Size Paper Towels</p> <p>5.49</p>	<p>Simply Down 6 ct. Select A-Size Paper Towels</p> <p>5.49</p>
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