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## Quotes



"Outdoor Idaho, the best program on television no matter how many times you watch the shows over and over again. A Great State!!!!"



Marcy Campbell, via [facebook](#)

"Thank you so very much for your e-mail letter about IdahoPTV's "Plus." I had tried almost everything to receive the signal and just couldn't. However your suggestions worked perfectly and I now can get all of the programs on my favorite channel.



As a senior citizen on a very limited budget, the kindness of others is so very much appreciated. You folks to a better job of giving me the programs I want to watch, than any of the commercial channels. Thank you again for the help. KEEP UP THE EXCELLENT WORK!"

With best regards, Susan Scholer

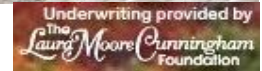
"Your Idaho show is superb! I am informed and inspired by everyone I have seen (I stumbled on them by chance) I am even planning some vacations to Idaho."



Sheila Kelly, Seattle (Outdoor Idaho airs weekly on KCTS, Seattle)



## "And Now Everybody Wants a Chunk of It"



By Bruce Reichert, Executive Producer

"The People's Land" explores our public lands. Show premiered October 20 & 23. Watch it now at: <http://video.idahoptv.org/program/1354309429/>

I've been a big fan of our public lands since I was a kid. A 50 mile hike through the Sawtooth Mountains when I was eleven sealed the deal. Since then, I've tried to spend as much time as possible on "the people's land."

But there are some folks who think Idaho has too much of a good thing. Almost two-thirds of the state is federally owned and operated, with about 20 million acres managed by the U.S. Forest Service, and another 12 million acres administered by the Bureau of Land Management.



Rick Gerrard, Boulder Lakes



Jeff Guzi, Stanley Lake

For the first show of our 29th season, we decided to go big...to tackle the question of what it means to have so much federal land in our state, and to do it in a way that is still enjoyable to watch. You be the judge of whether we succeeded or not.

The history of how we got so much federal land in Idaho is tied to the fascinating Teddy Roosevelt and his friend Gifford Pinchot, the first chief of the newly created Forest Service. Together, they increased federal land reserves from about 40 million to more than 200 million acres. And a good chunk of that was in Idaho.

Many politicians in Idaho were outraged at the time, but today few are prepared to say that we should sell off our public lands. They understand that most of us have done the calculations in our heads, and know that our favorite hunting and hiking spots would likely disappear if the public lands were privatized or sold to the highest bidder.

But our governor certainly has a point when he says that we could all benefit if the state of Idaho were allowed to manage some of those public lands. The small rural counties, like the one I live in, are having a hard time, because they have historically relied upon a share of the timber sales from federal lands, and there's not a lot of timber being cut these days.

"The People's Land" looks at an encouraging trend in land management, exemplified by the Clearwater Basin Collaborative, a group of politically diverse folks who are trying to arrive at ways to improve forest health. Sometimes that means more timber cutting. Sometimes it means more restoration.

We also profile a couple of district rangers and give retired forest supervisor Tom Kovalicky the last word: "Nobody is making clean water any more. Nobody is making clean air any more. Nobody is making land anymore, and what we have left is what we have left. And now everybody wants a chunk of it."



## Upcoming Events

- Oct. 28: Teton Valley Senior Center "Wild Game Dinner" – Driggs, ID – Megan Griffin will be the guest speaker at the event.
- Nov. 1: "Not In Our Town" nationwide campaign to combat hate crimes and discrimination, 6:30 p.m. at the Fine Arts Theater on the College of Southern Idaho campus.
- Nov. 16: Friends of Idaho Public Television Board of Directors' Meeting – hosted in Pocatello
- Dec. 4: December Fest Pledge Drive – live statewide
- Dec. 8: Idaho Humanities Council Dinner – Calvin Trillin (re-scheduled from October 21st), Boise Centre on the Grove, Boise - 7:00 p.m.
- Feb. 7, 2012: Friends of Idaho Public Television Board of Directors' Meeting – hosted in Boise
- Feb. 25, 2012: Kids' Fair – Expo Idaho, Boise

March 3-18, 2012: FESTIVAL 2012 Pledge Drive, live statewide

March 4, 2012: Rick Steves Live, Egyptian Theater, Boise

April 13-14, 2012: Science Trek 2012, a night of science exploration, Idaho Museum of Natural History, ISU, Pocatello

# the buzz



—Our fiscal year 2011 audit began on October 3. Each year, a team of auditors from the Legislative Services Office spends several weeks at IdahoPTV reviewing a number of items including the annual financial statements, internal controls and other related issues. We'll keep you apprised of their progress. The audit is typically released by late December.



—On Wednesday, October 19, I presented an overview of IdahoPTV's FY'11 Performance Measures at the State Board of Education's monthly meeting, held at Lewis-Clark State College. Highlights included an increase of annual educational programming of nearly 1,000 hours, upgrades of IdahoPTV's translators to digital, 61 awards for excellence for local programming, and an incredibly low rate of 18.57 full-time equivalent (compared to our peer group of 30.40 FTE) to operate our statewide delivery/distribution system. Also, during the presentation I was asked by Superintendent Luna to give the Board an update regarding IdahoPTV's new Scout on-line service for teachers.

<http://idahoptv.pbslearningmedia.org/>

—I'm pleased to announce that the Office Max Community Fund has made a grant of \$11,000 toward Outdoor Idaho production. I would like to personally thank George and Bev Harad for their outstanding, long term support of IdahoPTV!

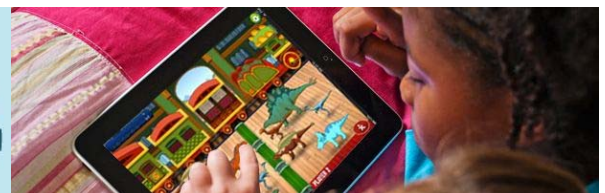


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— I'm very pleased to announce that travel guru Rick Steves will be speaking at an event on Sunday, March 3, 2011 at the Egyptian Theatre, Boise. Boise will be his second stop on an 18 lectures in 18 days series spanning across the U.S. I'd also like to thank the Idaho Tourism Bureau for their sponsorship of the event. Ticket information will be announced in December.

—PBS just launched a new educational game site called PBS Kids Lab <http://pbskids.org/lab/>. Those of you with young children or grandchildren might want to check it out. Or even if you don't, you just might want to add a Cat in the Hat game to your mobile device.





—PBS also launched a new PBS Food website aimed at pulling “together the best articles, videos, and recipes from across public television and present them here for you. Our inspiration comes from the long line of wonderful chefs that have appeared on PBS stations for decades, from the incomparable Julia Child to Jacques Pepin to Jose Andres.” Check it out at: <http://www.pbs.org/food/>.



## Kootenai County Task Force on Human Relations

—On Thursday, September 22, IdahoPTV participated in a special preview showing of *The Color of Conscience* sponsored by the Kootenai County Human Rights Task Force in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. Approximately 40 people were in attendance and were treated to production insights by program producer Marcia Franklin. I'd like to take a moment and thank Tony Stewart for his passion to help shepherd this event to fruition. Also special thanks to the major funders of *The Color of Conscience* including INL – Idaho National Laboratory, Laura Moore Cunningham Foundation, Idaho Women's Charitable Foundation, and your contributions to the Idaho Public Television Endowment. And I would be remiss if I did not mention that the local Spokane television stations that came together to contribute their archive video to this program including KREM, KXLY, KHQ and KSPS.

—Earlier in the day, Marcia Franklin spoke to a journalism class at North Idaho College. Check out an article about her talk in the News section below or online at: <http://www.nicsentinel.com/2011/10/03/column-our-careers-begin-now/>



—On Friday, September 23, I addressed the Coeur d'Alene Rotary Club's lunch time meeting. It was a fabulous group with about 80 in attendance. I updated the group on some of the programs and services IdahoPTV provides to the area including late-breaking news about the inauguration two days earlier of new digital television translators serving Sandpoint, Bonners Ferry and Priest Lake.

—'Not In Our Town' Event Scheduled at CSI Nov. 1

The public is invited to attend a free screening event and discussion of the new documentary *Not In Our Town: Light In the Darkness* in Twin Falls next week. The film was produced in support of the "Not In Our Town" nationwide campaign to combat hate crimes and discrimination.



The event will be at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 1, at the Fine Arts Theater on the College of Southern Idaho campus.

The film tells the story of residents of a Long Island village who take action after a local immigrant is killed in a hate crime attack by seven teenagers. While starkly revealing the trauma of hate, the film provides a blueprint for people who want to do something before intolerance turns to violence.

Idaho Public Television journalist Marcia Franklin, who earlier this year produced the documentary *The Color of Conscience*, will moderate the panel and audience discussion following the film. Franklin's film examines the history of Idaho's human rights movement.

—In early September, one of IdahoPTV's two field vehicles that are used by our television crews had to be towed from a remote area outside of Stanley, Idaho back to Boise due to mechanical failure. PB 16, a 2001 Chevy Tahoe, has 180,000 miles on the gauge from its travels through Idaho's backcountry. Its companion vehicle, 1999 Chevy Tahoe has 192,000 miles and fell victim earlier in the summer to damage caused by a varmint chewing on the car's electrical system cabling. With very tight operating budgets over the last several years, IdahoPTV has not been in a position to replace our vehicles.



—A big shout out to the Idaho Liquor Division and several corporate partners for their sponsorship of Ken Burns' wildly popular mini-series "Prohibition" which aired in October. It's great that outstanding partners like the Idaho Liquor Division help support our efforts to bring great, educational programming to viewers statewide. Thanks to them for their gift!



—I'd like to take a moment to thank the Robert and Kathryn Gardner family of Blaine County for their willingness to let IdahoPTV locate our new digital fill-in translator on their property. This new translator will provide IdahoPTV digital TV signals to the southern end of the Wood River Valley that had been lost because of the telecommunication frequencies that the F.C.C. issued to IdahoPTV during the transition to digital television. The equipment for this new service was made possible by a competitive grant from the now defunded U.S. Department of Commerce's Public Telecommunications Facilities Program.

—On October 20, IdahoPTV successfully upgraded our Salmon translator to digital. People in the area will now have access to IdahoPTV's four digital channels, which include the Idaho Channel, Plus, Learn/Create and World. Many thanks to our eastern Idaho field engineer Gavin White for his hard work at this very remote and difficult mountain top site.



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—As I write this GM Report, we're just one week away from the Oct. 21 meeting of the University of Idaho Journalism and Mass Media Advisory Board that is schedule to meet in IdahoPTV's Telemedia Conference Room in Boise and our KUID Studio in Moscow via video teleconferencing.

In addition, IdahoPTV is partnering with the JAMM School in video streaming the Oppenheimer Ethics Symposium, which runs all day Thursday, Oct. 20, at the Idaho Capitol Auditorium. Follow this link for details:

<http://www.uidaho.edu/class/jamm/news/oppenheimer-ethics-symposium>

The morning session will feature long-time JAMM board member Bill Drake. I'm looking forward to some inspiring words from to start the program.

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Reinvigorating  
Ethics in Education  
and Practice in  
the Digital Age |  
Oct. 20  
Idaho Statehouse  
Auditorium

## Our IdahoPTV Productions



### Bighorn Sheep Issues

—Aired Thursday, October 20, at 8:30/7:30 p.m. MT/PT

—Watch it now: <http://video.idahoptv.org/program/1354309346/>

On this episode of Dialogue, host Marcia Franklin and her guests discussed the U.S. Forest Service decision to restrict domestic sheep grazing in the Payette National Forest in order to protect bighorn from disease transmission by domestic sheep.

The program is a follow-up discussion to the new Outdoor Idaho documentary, "The People's Land," which examines different decisions that federal land management agencies in Idaho have made that involve multiple uses.

Franklin's guests included Suzanne Rainville, retired supervisor of the Payette National Forest; Margaret Soulen Hinson, president, American Sheep Industry Association; Jim Jeffress, member, Idaho Wild Sheep Foundation; and McCoy Oatman, Nez Perce Tribal Executive Committee member.

In 2005 the chief of the U.S. Forest Service directed the Payette National Forest to change its 2003 plan to protect bighorn sheep viability. The species has been declining rapidly, in part due to pneumonia transmission from domestic sheep that graze in the same areas.

After years of scientific research and negotiations, as well as 26,000 comments from the public, the Forest Service released its Record of Decision in 2010. The selected alternative cut domestic sheep grazing on the Payette by almost 70,000 acres in order to create buffer zones between the species.

It's a decision applauded by bighorn advocates, who say it will help reverse plummeting populations of the species. But sheep operators say more research needs to be done on transmission factors as well as a vaccine, and that the decision sets a harmful precedent for their industry nationwide. On their behalf, Rep. Mike Simpson (R-Idaho) has introduced a rider to the Department of Interior Appropriations bill that would prevent federal land management agencies nationwide from requiring livestock ranchers operating on public lands to move domestic sheep.

View or listen to Dialogue episodes in a variety of formats:

Over-the-air broadcast on Idaho digital sub-channel 1 airs Thursdays at 8:30/7:30 p.m. MT/PT, with repeats Sundays at 5:30/4:30 p.m. MT/PT, on channels 12-KUID/26-KCDT, 4-KAID/13-KIPT, and 10-KISU. Analog signals remain available through cable and satellite and many translators; consult local suppliers for channel numbers.

Standard-definition over-the-air broadcast airs on World digital sub-channel 4 frequently throughout the week, days and evenings, times vary. The standard-definition broadcast also is available through some cable companies; consult local suppliers.

Video streaming from [idahoptv.org/dialogue](http://idahoptv.org/dialogue) is available in high-bandwidth or low-bandwidth format. Windows Media Player is required; a free download is available. Dialogue also is available through IdahoPTV's video player that also features national PBS shows ([video/idahoptv.org](http://video.idahoptv.org)).

Video download from <http://video.idahoptv.org>; ultra-high bandwidth required.

Podcasts (MP3, audio-only; and MP4, audio-video for Macintosh and iTunes users) are available for download from [idahoptv.org/dialogue](http://idahoptv.org/dialogue).

NPR News 91 audio-only airs in Southwest Idaho. Sundays, at 11:30 a.m. MT.

KISU FM audio-only airs in Eastern Idaho. Saturdays, at 12:30 p.m. MT.



## 2011 School Budget Cuts

—Aired Thursday, October 13, at 8:30/7:30 p.m. MT/PT

—Watch it now: <http://video.idahoptv.org/video/2153196993>

On this episode of Dialogue Producer/Host Joan Cartan-Hansen revealed the results of a second statewide survey of Idaho's school superintendents. Dialogue gathered the data by telephone from August through early October to look at the how funding cuts are impacting Idaho's public schools.

Last March Gov. Butch Otter and state legislators slashed Idaho's public school budget for the second year in a row. Now that schools are back in session, what actually happened? What programs got cut?

To answer those questions, Cartan-Hansen brought together four guests to discuss the survey and the future of public school education in Idaho: Linda Clark, superintendent of the Meridian School District; Murray Dalgleish, superintendent of Council School District; Dallas Clinger, American Falls School Board member and Idaho School Boards Association president; and Penni Cyr, president of the Idaho Education Association.



## The Moon

—Aired Tuesday, November 15, at 2:00/1:00 p.m. MT/PT

—Watch it now: <http://idahoptv.org/dialogue4kids/audiovideo.cfm>

The moon is the easiest thing to see in the night sky. About a fourth the size of Earth, the moon has long fascinated scientists and it remains the only body in space explored by man in person. What did we learn from our visits to the moon? What does the moon tell about our own planet?

On this month's D4K broadcast show, Host Joan Cartan-Hansen and her guest scientists will answer questions about the moon. Cartan-Hansen will be joined by Jason Barnes, professor of astronomy from the University of Idaho and Daryl Macomb, associate professor of physics from Boise State University.

D4K is Idaho Public Television science education project for elementary age children. Students watch D4K over the air or on the D4K Web site. They can send their questions through e-mail to [D4K@idahoptv.org](mailto:D4K@idahoptv.org), fax them in before the show to (208) 373-7245, call in live during the program to (800) 973-9800 or send a tweet to @D4KonIdahoPTV. Students who send in a question are eligible to win prizes for their classroom. The D4K Web site offers facts, links, reading lists, a glossary, podcasts of programs; video shorts, full episodes and special D4K web exclusive programming.



## Bones

—Aired Tuesday, October 18, at 2:00/1:00 p.m. MT/PT

—Watch it now: <http://idahoptv.org/dialogue4kids/audiovideo.cfm>

Your skeleton is what helps keep you healthy and moving. Two hundred six different bones make up the skeletal system. Your bones give you structure, protect your internal organs and do a whole lot more. How do your bones work together? How do they help you move and why are your bones important to your blood?

On this month's D4K broadcast show, Host Joan Cartan-Hansen and her guest scientists answered questions about the skeletal system. Cartan-Hansen will be joined by Dr. Jeffrey Shilt, Director of Pediatric Orthopaedics at St. Alphonsus Medical Center; Professor of Movement Science Jeff Seegmiller from the University of Idaho; and microgravity researcher Benjamin Davis from Boise State University.

## Idaho Public Television in the News



### Volunteers needed for Deer Flat National Wildlife Refuge

- Idaho Statesman

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Read more: <http://www.idahostatesman.com/2011/10/20/1845685/makin-tracks.html#ixzz1bLfHUx2t>

Volunteers are needed during winter to feed birds at the Deer Flat National Wildlife Refuge in Nampa.

An orientation will be 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 29, at the refuge at 13751 Upper Embankment Road, Nampa. Those who cannot make the meeting can call Noreen Tripp at 249-8162, or email [tonotripp@cableone.net](mailto:tonotripp@cableone.net).

Bird feeders are placed near the refuge's wildlife-viewing blind from November through March, which attract a variety of wintering birds.

Volunteers help fill and clean the feeders several times each week. Donations of bird seed and funds to purchase seed are needed.

The Best of Brundage Package goes on sale at 9 a.m. Friday, Nov. 4 and includes an unlimited 2011-12 adult season pass, a full-day backcountry snowcat trip, a two-hour private lesson session, and a full-day, high-performance rental package.

Only 50 of the packages are available. For details go to [www.brundage.com/preseason](http://www.brundage.com/preseason).

Idaho Public Television's new Outdoor Idaho program, "The People's Land," debuts at 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 20, and repeats at 7 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 23.

The program deals with the nation's public lands, which are a playground for many and the source of water and wildlife. But there is a price to be paid when so much of Idaho is federally managed and the program looks at that issue.

Mike Bell with Hells Canyon Adventures will give a presentation on steelhead fishing from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 20, at The Sportsman's Warehouse at 3797 E. Fairview Ave. in Meridian.

Bell will cover the basics of drift, bobber and plug fishing techniques, as well as the types of rods and reels that are best suited for each style.

The Idaho Master Naturalist class starts in January and registrations are now open.

The adult education and volunteer program is for people who are interested in learning about nature and giving back to their community. Forty hours of education and 40 hours of service are required for certification.

Email Sara Focht for program information at [sara.focht@idfg.idaho.gov](mailto:sara.focht@idfg.idaho.gov).

Read more: <http://www.idahostatesman.com/2011/10/20/1845685/makin-tracks.html#ixzz1bLf741yk>

# THE SPOKESMAN-REVIEW

## Eye On Boise

### Oppenheimer Ethics Symposium is today at the Capitol; free and open to public

By Betsy Russell, Spokesman-Review

Oct. 20, 2011

<http://www.spokesman.com/blogs/boise/2011/oct/20/oppenheimer-ethics-symposium-today-capitol-free-and-open-public/>

The University of Idaho's Oppenheimer Ethics Symposium is today at the state Capitol Auditorium, and it's free and open to the public. From 8-9:30 a.m., businessman Bill Drake, chairman of Drake Cooper Marketing and Advertising, will give a keynote address, with Sean Evans, publisher of the Idaho Business Review, serving as MC. From 2-5:30, there will be three symposium presentations:

\* "Journalists, Judges and Lawyers: Converging or Diverging Standards of Ethics," by Dean Donald Burnett, University of Idaho College of Law

\* "New Media and the Law," by Lisa McGrath, Internet and social media attorney

\* "Media Ethics in the Digital Age," a panel discussion - I'm the moderator - featuring Vicki Gowler, Idaho Statesman editor; Anne Wallace Allen, managing editor, Idaho Business Review; Wayne Hoffman, publisher, IdahoReporter.com; and Kate Morris, executive news director, KTVB

At 6 p.m. is the symposium keynote: "Rules of the Road: Navigating the New Ethics of Local Journalism," given by Jan Schaffer, executive director of J-Lab. All sessions both free and open to the public, and will be web-streamed live by Idaho Public Television. The symposium is underwritten by a gift from Doug and Skip Oppenheimer, and supported in part by a grant from the Idaho Humanities Council. The event is subtitled, "Reinvigorating ethics in education and practice in the digital age."



## Boise symposium focuses on ethics in media, business

**Technology advances have led to dilemmas that were unimaginable a decade ago.**

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Start-ups, blogs and specialized websites featuring writers without journalism training have transformed how people get news and advertising.

"New technology has disrupted news-consumption patterns, presenting new ethical problems even as ethical standards are changing," said Kenton Bird, director of the University of Idaho School of Journalism and Mass Media.

In response, the school is sponsoring the first Oppenheimer Ethics Symposium on Thursday at the Capitol. Titled "Reinvigorating Ethics in Education and Practice in the Digital Age," the symposium is underwritten by a gift from University of Idaho alumni Doug Oppenheimer, president of Oppenheimer Cos. in Boise, and Skip Oppenheimer, chairman and CEO.

With the ability to reach out through technology comes responsibility, and now is a good time to make sure ethics are intact, Doug Oppenheimer said.

“Taking a deeper look and discussing the critical importance of ethics in journalism, business and law will add some insight and perspective to this topic,” he said.

During the morning keynote, Bill Drake, chairman of Drake Cooper, a Boise marketing company, will reinforce the need for ethical practice in business and the importance of ethics education for future business leaders. Drake is a 30-year veteran in the advertising field.

Donald Burnett, dean of the U of I College of Law, and Lisa McGrath, a Boise lawyer specializing in social-media law, will be featured speakers at an afternoon session. Burnett’s address is titled “Journalists, Judges and Lawyers: Converging or Diverging Standards of Ethics.” McGrath will speak on “New Media and the Law.”

Jan Schaffer, executive director of J-Lab: The Institute for Interactive Journalism at American University, will talk in the evening about new ethical issues emerging in today’s digitally based news media.

Co-sponsors include the Idaho Humanities Council, the Idaho Press Club, the Idaho Statesman, the Idaho Business Review, the Boise Metro Chamber of Commerce, Idaho Public Television, the UI Boise Center and the UI colleges of Letters, Arts and Social Sciences, Law, and Business and Economics.

Read more: [http://www.idahostatesman.com/2011/10/20/1845925/symposium-focuses-on-ethics-in.html#disqus\\_thread#ixzz1bLebCDt8](http://www.idahostatesman.com/2011/10/20/1845925/symposium-focuses-on-ethics-in.html#disqus_thread#ixzz1bLebCDt8)

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## **PUBLIC LANDS**

By Pete Zimowsky, Idaho Statesman  
October 19, 2011

Idaho Public Television will air an Outdoor Idaho program called “The People’s Land,” at 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 20, and 7 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 23.

It sounds like a good program about the amount of public lands in the state and the benefits and issues involved with those lands.

The nation’s public lands are a playground for many and the source of much of our water and wildlife. But there is a price to be paid when so much of the state is federally managed. That’s the thesis for the program, according to producers.

I like the quote from retired forest supervisor Tom Kovalicky, who believes politics will be an increasing problem for the nation’s public lands.

“Nobody is making clean water any more. Nobody is making clean air any more. Nobody is making land anymore, and what we have left is what we have left. And now everybody wants a chunk of it,” he said.

This program is worth checking out.

Read more: [http://voices.idahostatesman.com/2011/10/19/outdoors/field\\_notes\\_and\\_other\\_stuff#ixzz1bFjBo7oD](http://voices.idahostatesman.com/2011/10/19/outdoors/field_notes_and_other_stuff#ixzz1bFjBo7oD)



## Boise's roving City Council

By Kevin Richert, Editorial Page Editor

October 14, 2011

On Nov. 29, the Boise City Council will abandon City Hall for the unfamiliar confines of the Statehouse. A code upgrade project at City Hall will continue through late summer or early fall of 2012. The work will take place after hours, prompting the city to move the council's Tuesday night sessions, along with other evening meetings.

I thought of that situation this week as our editorial board interviewed perennial City Council candidate David "Pappy" Honey. He floated an interesting idea. City Hall (the building, that is) is intimidating, he says, and Downtown parking is a hassle. So, the city should move council meetings to other venues around town.

So, what about this idea?

City spokesman Adam Park has a reasonable response. The council contemplated taking its act on the road, to City Hall West off Maple Grove Road. The council chose the Statehouse, so it could tap into Idaho Public Television's equipment and broadcast meetings on Treasure Valley Community Television and stream over the Internet.

No shocker here, but it comes down to limited public dollars and competing priorities. The city would like to wire City Hall West for streaming and TV, and has looked at buying a remote system for broadcasting meetings, Park said. This can't, and really shouldn't, be an urgent spending priority for City Hall. So for now, it's the Statehouse or bust — which makes sense.

Read more: [http://voices.idahostatesman.com/2011/10/14/krichert/boises\\_roving\\_city\\_council#ixzz1amDyZScJ](http://voices.idahostatesman.com/2011/10/14/krichert/boises_roving_city_council#ixzz1amDyZScJ)



## Leader of the flock:

### Rancher John Faulkner comes from self-made line

By KATHERINE WUTZ

Express Staff Writer

October 5, 2011

<http://www.mtexpress.com/index2.php?ID=2005138786>

Sheep are in John Faulkner's blood. It's no surprise then, that the sheep from the Faulkner Land and Livestock Co. in Gooding have become the sheep—the ones that, in most years, scramble down Main Street in Ketchum and form the centerpiece of the annual Trailing of the Sheep Festival.

Faulkner credits—or blames—the Peavey family of Flat Top Ranch near Carey for his parade involvement, he said.



John Faulkner watches his sheep at his ranch in Gooding. Faulkner has been tending sheep for most of his life, he says, having been born into his father's sheep business. Faulkner's father started the ranch in 1933 with only 25 ewes—now Faulkner has more than 12,000. Despite his flock's growth, Faulkner said his success is the result of a constant struggle with the weather, wolves and the federal government. Photo by David N. Seelig

"You know Diane [Peavey]!" he said with a laugh. "She's the one that started it. They took their sheep down Main once or twice, but then they wanted to start using one or two others."

Faulkner said he's grown up in the sheep business. His father came to Gooding at the height of the Depression, around 1933. The elder Mr. Faulkner had lost his first 80-acre farm the year before and came to Gooding to start his business anew.

"He bought 25 ewes at a dollar apiece," Faulkner said.

His father also ran cattle and farmed a little, Faulkner said, but he never had a desire to follow in his father's footsteps. He went away to school and came back to an operation that had expanded to include more than 4,000 ewes, along with cattle and a significant amount of farmland. Eventually, Faulkner came around to the idea of ranching for a living.

Faulkner and his brother ranched together from then until 1983, when, Faulkner said, his brother split from the company.

"I kept the sheep and some farmland, and he took the cows and some farmland, and it went on from there."

When asked why he chose the sheep and not the cattle, Faulkner chuckled again.

"I just like sheep," he said. "Plus, they make more money [than cattle]."

Faulkner sheep are raised both for meat and wool. As Faulkner spoke to the Express, his ranch hands were shearing sheep that he runs on the Boise National Forest and on the Sawtooth National Forest's Fairfield Ranger District. The sheep that trail in the parade are the ones he runs on the Ketchum Ranger District, but he said it's more challenging to run sheep here due to competing interests over the land.

"Between the wolves, the Forest Service, recreation and [conservationists] ... it's harder to get up there," he said.

Faulkner is an outspoken opponent of environmental groups that seek to eliminate grazing on public land. He has sued for the rights to keep his grazing permits on public land. Though he's won every battle, he said he couldn't keep fighting the government forever.

"[Continuing lawsuits] could cost so much it would put us out of business," he said.

Predators also put a dent in Faulkner's profits. In an interview with Idaho Public Television in summer 2009, he said that in some years he lost to coyotes as many as 300 lambs in bands grazing south of the Snake River. Guard dogs have helped enormously, Faulkner said.

"[After] we got the dogs in, when we lose 30, I think it's a bad year," he told the network.

But wolves are more equipped to take on guard dogs, and Faulkner said these reintroduced predators have caused problems for his flocks.

"We've had a lot of wolf problems since they've been introduced," he said. "They're a lot like dogs and coyotes. They're predators in their natural habitat. A wolf came right down, beat the hell out of a guard dog."

At one point after reintroduction, Faulkner had to contend with 23 wolves in the Steel Mountain pack located on the Fairfield Ranger District near Atlanta, west of the Wood River Valley. He said his losses in the Ketchum region have been minimal, but have been "heavy" around Fairfield.

"You take that many hungry wolves, you're going to have problems," he said.

Still, Faulkner said he remains optimistic. The hunting season in 2009 has helped to thin the predators' ranks, and Faulkner said he's lost fewer sheep since the larger packs have dispersed.

Faulkner's pride in his sheep is evident in the way he speaks about his stock.

"We're making a fat lamb off of nothing but mother's milk and grass," he said.

He said he's still looking to make his business bigger and better, and his next goal is to buy more private land and keep his sheep off public land, which would give him more control over their feed.

"If you're not born into a sheep operation, you'd be a damn fool to buy one," he said. "We have so much money invested in range, private land, equipment—it's not a cheap operation."

Still, he said, he doesn't plan to leave the ranching life anytime soon.

"I can't see retiring," he said. "I've seen quite a bit of the world, and I like it right here."

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## **Boise City Council candidates to speak at Young Professionals luncheon**

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Candidates are vying for two open Boise City Council seats this fall. They will share their platforms and answer questions from the audience at this month's Boise Young Professionals Luncheon.

The event takes place from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Wednesday, in the lower level of the C.W. Moore Plaza, 250 S. 5th St.

Candidates for Council Seat 2 are Michael Cunningham, Lawrence Johnson and Ben Quintana. The candidates for Council Seat 3 are David Eberle and David Honey. The candidates will have about five minutes each to introduce themselves and then speak about the issues most important to them. A Q&A session, moderated by Greg Hahn of Idaho Public Television will follow.

Read more: <http://www.idahostatesman.com/2011/10/04/1826721/boise-city-council-candidates.html#ixzz1Zvdfnpxa>

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## **COLUMN: Our careers begin NOW**

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### **What does it mean to be a journalist?**

By Devin Heilman

It's a little different for everyone, but at the college level is where it truly begins.

High school may have introduced some of us to main elements of journalism: writing, reporting, editing and photography. But to succeed in this field requires much more than a simple understanding of the process. It requires perseverance, compassion, determination and objectivity.

Although it may seem impossible to pry oneself away from preconceived notions and outside influences, it is a necessity in journalism. One must be open and willing to hear every side of a story no matter one's personal beliefs.

The newsroom recently had a visitor: Marcia Franklin. Franklin is a producer at Idaho Public Television and has worked in broadcast journalism for many years. She has received numerous awards for her efforts, and rightly so.

When Franklin spoke to us, she exhibited a professional yet friendly demeanor. Her wisdom struck deep chords with the attending group. When she spoke, we listened.

At a convention the Sentinel recently attended, a presenter said, "good writers know there's always room for improvement." The same for journalism in general: no matter how good you think you are, you must remain focused and humble and strive to do your best.

That's what we aim to do.

Yes, we are a student publication that is always learning, but we want to do (and be) the best that we can.

We welcome feedback from our readers so we may amend our errors and learn from our mistakes. We also want to know just what's going on out there with YOU, our readers.

With the much-appreciated advice of a seasoned journalist burning in our ears, we will try to walk the path of honorable. We'll write stories without bias and report the things you need to know.

Some of us may move on to serious journalism careers, so we should treat our time on the Sentinel as preparation for what comes next.

After all, every good lead must start somewhere.

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## Labrador live tonight on IdahoPTV

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Congressman Raul Labrador makes his first appearance tonight on Idaho Public Television's "Dialogue" with Marcia Franklin.

The show airs live at 7:30 p.m. and Franklin hopes to hear from callers from all around the state.



## Dan Popkey: New Idaho redistricting panel plans to 'get in, get it done and get out' The 3 Republicans and 3 Democrats start where the unsuccessful group left off.

- Idaho Statesman

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The new group of commissioners charged with redrawing Idaho's political maps decided a change of venue was in order.

After the rancor that marked the first commission's sessions in the Capitol auditorium, the commission decided Wednesday to meet in Room 422, a conference room on the fourth floor.

"We are moving up to the kitchen table tomorrow," said Democratic Co-Chairman Ron Beitelspacher, one of four former lawmakers on the six-member panel.

Beitelspacher was responding to heartfelt advice offered from former GOP Commissioner Lorna Finman suggesting more time one-on-one and in small groups. "You don't have the TV on you, and there's not the posturing and you can get down to reality."

Three Republicans and three Democrats have a second crack at drawing new lines for Idaho's two congressional and 35 legislative districts because the first commission failed to agree by a Sept. 6 deadline.

GOP Co-Chair Dolores Crow told veteran lobbyist Bill Roden during a break that she expects success:

"I think everybody is of the same mind. We're going to get in, get it done and get out."



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Before their session began, the new Idaho redistricting panel lunched on sandwiches from the Boise Co-op. From left are Democrat Ron Beitelspacher and Republicans Sheila Olsen, Randy Hansen and Dolores Crow. Also on hand were Democrats Shauneen Grange and Elmer Martinez.

They have a head start thanks to the work of the first commission — 14 public hearings, hundreds of pages of minutes and, most significantly, a belated deal.

On Monday, members of the expired commission presented a plan for legislative districts backed by five former commissioners and a congressional plan backed by all six.

Finman and three colleagues — GOP Commissioner Lou Esposito and Democrats Julie Kane and Allen Andersen — spoke wistfully to the new commission of their effort.

Andersen choked back tears, saying he'd always intended to complete the job, but the Idaho Supreme Court said the old commission was done after its allotted 92 days.

"I've been asked, 'Why didn't you finish?'" Andersen said. "I think coach Vince Lombardi said it best when they asked him what his won-lost record was. He said, 'I've never lost a game, I just ran out of time.' "

Kane likened the maps to the faces of the Nez Perce tribal elders she represents, and Esposito spoke of passing a baton.

Beitelspacher reassured them: "Trust me, your work does not go in vain. We've all been studying it."

The first meeting of the new group offered promising signs. New commissioners, who include Democrats Shauneen Grange and Elmer Martinez, and Republicans Randy Hansen and Sheila Olsen, seemed genuine about building relationships.

Unlike the first commission, where both sides spoke openly of distrust for the other, this bunch acted like old pals, touching hands, kneeling to talk, flattering. They even had lunch together, something eschewed by the first commission, sharing sandwiches, small talk and stories about the long dead.

Beitelspacher had them laughing with a tale from his days as a lineman/legislator who'd climb power poles in a suit on the way to a Chamber of Commerce meeting. "Up I'd go with my tie flapping in the wind. Usually, it was a bird or a squirrel."

Their new meeting room should help, putting them eye-to-eye, rather than at opposite ends of a dais in a big auditorium. It may also help that the live-streaming on Idaho Public TV will be limited to audio, sans ham-it-up video.

Hansen, a car salesman who talked cars at lunch, said he was pleased with the first day's tone.

"We think we can get a deal done really fast, and I see that on the other side. Plus, there's no reason to be a stinker."

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Read more: <http://www.idahostatesman.com/2011/09/29/1819951/new-redistricting-panel-plans.html#ixzz1ZMQGwW4G>



## **Already a veteran of Beltway talk shows, Labrador to make maiden appearance on 'Dialogue' Thursday**

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By Dan Popkey

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Freshman Rep. Raul Labrador, R-Idaho, will appear at 8:30 p.m. with Idaho Public TV's "Dialogue" host Marcia Franklin to discuss his first nine months in office and answer questions from viewers.

Labrador has been a leader among freshman deficit hawks and has made several appearance on national TV talk shows, including appearances on "Meet the Press" and "This Week." He also is getting attention for his work on an immigration reform bill.

Viewers may call 1-800-973-9800 during the half-hour show. Emails are accepted before the program at [dialogue@idahoptv.org](mailto:dialogue@idahoptv.org) and questions also may posted on the program's Facebook page.

The program will repeat at 5:30 p.m. Sunday.

Read more: [http://voices.idahostatesman.com/2011/09/26/idahopolitics/already\\_a\\_veteran\\_beltway\\_talk\\_shows\\_labrador\\_make\\_maiden\\_appear#ixzz1Z5cW6SEt](http://voices.idahostatesman.com/2011/09/26/idahopolitics/already_a_veteran_beltway_talk_shows_labrador_make_maiden_appear#ixzz1Z5cW6SEt)