

EVENTS CALENDAR, CONTINUED ON NEXT PAGE

WED AUG 21

HIKIN’ BUDDIES

9:30AM-1PM / Adams Gulch / Ketchum

Sponsored by Mountain Humane, Hikin’ Buddies gives hikers an opportunity to take a shelter dog for a hike, or hang out and socialize with the smaller dogs. Just north of Ketchum, turn left at Adams Gulch and follow to trailhead to pick out a buddy. Adoptions are available onsite, as well.

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WRWF FORUM

5:30-7:30PM / Community Library / Ketchum

‘Forum on Charitable Giving for Maximum Benefit’ will be hosted by the Wood River Women’s Foundation. All those in attendance will receive an early-release copy of ‘The Giving Guide,’ with a mission to elevate and garner exposure for new and established Wood River Valley nonprofits while providing contributors with information about volunteer opportunities, corporate engagement possibilities, and philanthropic insights. The event is free and open to the public. Information about the event can be found at woodriverwomensfoundation.org.

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SAVING SEEDS

5:30PM / Hailey Library / Hailey

The Hailey Public Library will co-host “Saving Seeds from Your Garden,” along with community partner, the Wood River Seed Library. The class will be taught by Manon Gaudreau, a Master Gardener and WRSL co-director. Participants will learn techniques for harvesting, cleaning and storing both flower and vegetable seeds. The library houses a lending library of locally grown flower, herb and vegetable seeds in partnership with WRSL. Community members are invited to ‘borrow’ seeds for free and plant them in the summer. At the end of the growing season, they can collect seeds and donate some back to the Seed Library. The seed -saving class is free and open to all. For more information, visit haileypubliclibrary.org or call (208) 788-2036.

WED AUG 21, FRI AUG 23, SAT AUG 24

‘COMEDY OF ERRORS’

6:30PM / Forest Service Park / Ketchum

The Sun Valley Shakespeare Festival and Laughing Stock Theatre Company will present one of William Shakespeare’s best-loved comedies over seven nights. Audiences may sit in bleachers, or in their own chairs, at the park. Refreshments and picnics are welcome but don’t pop any champagne corks during the show. Children 12 and under are free when accompanied by an adult. For tickets, call (208) 721-7048 or visit laughingstocktheatre.org.

WED AUG 21, FRI AUG 23, SAT AUG 24

EDDIE IFFT LIVE

8PM & 9:30PM / The Argyros / Ketchum

Comedian Eddie Ifft has performed to sold-out crowds in more than 15 countries. He is the host of one of the most successful podcasts in the comedy world, “Talkin’ Sh\*t,” released his own 30-minute special for Comedy Central and made numerous television appearances. The content for this show is suitable for adults over age 18. This performance will feature cabaret-table seating in the intimate setting of the Bailey Studio. Space is limited. For tickets, visit theargyros.org or call (208) 726-7872.

THU AUG 22-SUN AUG 25, TUE AUG 27

‘AMERICAN HERO’

7PM / The Spot / Ketchum

At a sub franchise in a local mall, three up-and-coming “sandwich artists”—a teenager (Anik Zarkos), a single mom (Vanessa Sterling), and a down-sized refugee from corporate banking (Matthew Gorby)—are perfecting the mustard-to-cheese ratio according to the company manual. But when their shot at the American dream is interrupted by a series of strange events, they become unlikely allies in a post-recession world. “This play is enchanting in its humor, wit and heart,” says Yanna Lantz, the director. “This comedy is about life, liberty and the pursuit of sandwiches. I hope the audience [will be] inspired to find positivity and creativity in their own lives. The cast and team for this show is absolutely exceptional. This is Anik Zarkos’ first MainStage show at The Spot, and I couldn’t be prouder of her in this role.” The show also features Kevin Wade as a sub sandwich. The show will continue through Saturday, Aug. 31. For tickets, visit spotsunvalley.com.





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WHAT’S HAPPENING WITH WIND ENERGY NOW?

Did you know that wind turbine farms now produce a good slice of America’s power and with some of the cheapest electrical power on the planet?

A U.S. Department of Energy report just released notes that, “in 2018, wind energy contributed 6.5 percent of the nation’s electricity supply and more than 10 percent of total electricity generation in 14 states, and more than 30 percent in three of those states—Kansas, Iowa and Oklahoma.”<sup>1</sup> But that is just in the USA. “Scotland is now generating so much wind energy it could power two Scotlands. In the first half of 2019, Scotland generated enough energy from wind power to supply its homes twice over.”<sup>2</sup>

Idaho has great natural wind resources to produce electricity with. I invested in one of the first wind farm development companies in Idaho, which was founded in 2000. In those early days, I wrote many letters to the editor of Idaho newspapers detailing how Idaho could seize the business opportunity of this new energy economy. We still can. We as Idahoans can keep our skies blue and electrical rates low while attracting new renewable-energy-related businesses with great paying jobs. Did you know that solar and wind jobs are among the fastest-growing category of jobs in America?<sup>3</sup>

China is the country which has really understood this opportunity by almost overnight becoming number one in the world of installed wind-power capacity, double that of second-place U.S. “No country has put itself in a better position to become the world’s renewable-energy superpower than China.”<sup>4</sup> “China has taken a lead in renewable energy and is now the world’s largest producer, exporter and installer of solar panels, wind turbines, batteries and electric vehicles.”<sup>5</sup> By investing in our own domestic wind farms and renewable technologies, the USA can provide for its energy future and not be dependent on foreign countries again for its energy.

Finally, some people have heard that wind turbines are bad for birds. Some of the first wind farms, unfortunately, were sited in bird migration flyways and the poles sometimes were attractive lattice structures for nests. But these days the poles are solid, and wind farms undertake extensive planning to not conflict with birds. But do you know what kills the majority of birds? Buildings, cars, and cats. “Billions of birds are killed each year by domestic cats. Yes, that’s billions with a b. Collisions with communications towers kill about 6.5 million birds each year; this is about 18 times more than wind-power technology. Electrocutions kill about 5.4 million.”<sup>6</sup>

Looking at the future of wind energy in Idaho, it really works for Idahoans.

<sup>1</sup> U.S. Dept of Energy Wind Technologies Market Report <https://emp.lbl.gov/wind-technologies-market-report>

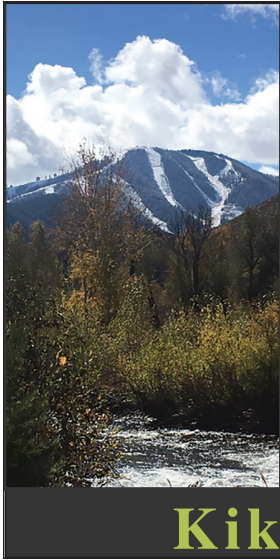
<sup>2</sup> <https://www.physics-astronomy.org/2019/07/scotland-is-now-generating-so-much-wind.html?m=1>

<sup>3</sup> <https://patch.com/us/across-america/solar-wind-jobs-among-fastest-growing-america-report-finds>

<sup>4</sup> <https://www.forbes.com/sites/dominicdudley/2019/01/11/china-renewable-energy-superpower/#5f088719745a>

<sup>5</sup> <http://geopoliticsofrenewables.org/report>

<sup>6</sup> <https://cleantechnica.com/2018/02/21/wind-power-results-bird-deaths-overall/>



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