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WED NOV 13

LUNCHTIME LANGUAGE

12-1PM / Community Library / Ketchum

This free high-novice to mid-intermediate class will practice Spanish through conversation, reading and watching authentic materials in Spanish. New vocabulary will be presented, and grammar will be strengthened. For more information, contact instructor Sara Pettit at spettit@csi.edu.

WED NOV 13

SV COMMUNITY MEETING

10:30AM / Community Library / Ketchum

Visit Sun Valley will hold its free biannual meeting to hear about summer season results, winter season teasers and everything in between. RSVPs are not required, but are appreciated to determine amount of coffee and treats. RSVP to aly@visitsunvalley.com.

WED NOV 13

NAMI RECOVERY SUPPORT

5:30-7PM / Sun Club / Hailey

Women’s meetings are the 2nd and 4th Wednesday a month; men’s meetings 2nd and 4th Tuesday a month. Both genders are invited to attend on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday a month. All meetings are held at 731 N. 1st Ave.

THU NOV 14

SAT & ACT

4:30-5:30PM / Community Library / Ketchum

Teens may join the SAT and ACT Study Group with tutoring support through Dec. 12. Some materials will be provided, but students are encouraged to bring workbooks, computers or smartphones for this study hour. Free.

THU NOV 14

‘THE BIGGEST LITTLE FARM’

4:30 & 7PM / Magic Lantern / Ketchum

“The Biggest Little Farm” chronicles the eight-year quest of John and Molly Chester as they trade city living for 200 acres of barren farmland and a dream to harvest in harmony with nature. Featuring breathtaking cinematography and captivating animals.

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REEL ROCK 14

6PM / YMCA / Ketchum

The free Reel Rock Film Tour will feature three short films: “The High Road” – Nina Williams tests herself on some of the highest, most difficult boulder problems ever climbed; “United States of Joe’s” – climbers collide with a conservative coal-mining community in rural Utah; “The Nose Speed” – legends Tommy Caldwell and Alex Honnold battle Yosemite dirtbags Jim Reynolds and Brad Gobright in a high-stakes race for greatness.

THU NOV 14

CHAMBER DINNER & AWARDS

6-8PM / Mountain Humane / Hailey

The Chamber’s Annual Dinner and Awards Banquet will be held at Penny’s Barn. A highlight of the Annual Dinner is the presentation of The Chamber’s Business and Community Awards. Awards will be made in Customer Service, Business of the Year, Community Improvement, Nonprofit of the Year, and Community Service. For more information, contact The Chamber at Info@ValleyChamber.org, visit ValleyChamber.org or haileyidaho.com, or call (208) 788-3484.

THU NOV 14

DONKEY BASKETBALL

6:30PM / WRHS / Hailey

Students will play a rousing game or two of Donkey Basketball as a fundraiser for the 2020 Senior Bash, a safe and sober all-night party for graduates to celebrate their accomplishments, and modeled after the nationally recognized Project Graduation. Pre-sale tickets are available at WRHS front office: \$10 for adults, advance, or \$12 at the door; \$6 for seventh-12th grade or \$7 at the door; \$4 for K-fifth grade or \$5 at the door; under 5 years old are free. Concessions will be available.



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UPDATES FROM ENERGY TWITTER

There are many people posting energy news on Twitter, loosely called ‘Energy Twitter.’ On my Twitter feed, I follow many clean-energy folks like Stanford professor Mark Jacobson [@mzjacobson](https://twitter.com/mzjacobson), Mike Bloomberg’s [@BeyondCarbon](https://twitter.com/BeyondCarbon), the CEO of Proterra electric buses, [@rcpopple](https://twitter.com/rcpopple), the Microgrid Institute [@microgridinst](https://twitter.com/microgridinst), and [@Greentechmedia](https://twitter.com/Greentechmedia). (If you think Twitter is not something you can do, see below for how easy it is.)¹ I thought I would share with you several different postings I encountered this week that add up to a big picture.

I ran across Mark Jacobson’s Twitter posting of a link to the newly released *Lazard’s Levelized Cost of Energy Analysis, Version 13.0*, “which shows that, as the cost of renewable energy continues to decline, certain technologies (e.g. onshore wind and utility-scale solar), which became cost-competitive with conventional generation several years ago on a new-build basis, continue to maintain competitiveness...”²

Through Twitter, I also ran across the article, *Colorado’s cleanest energy options are also its cheapest*,² which illustrates exactly the benefit from the huge drop in wind and solar costs in a short amount of time (the Lazard report’s statistics). Colorado is pretty similar to Idaho; great wind and solar resources, which have been relatively untapped to date, but the potential that “Colorado could save \$2.5 billion through 2040 by shutting down all its coal plants.”³ Idaho ratepayers have already saved \$17.5 million by Idaho Power shutting down a few coal plants. I loved this statement by this article’s author, “The world may be a raging dumpster fire, but Colorado has the potential to be an island of sanity, moving toward a cleaner, cheaper, healthier energy system in a way that benefits all state residents.”

The difference between Colorado and Idaho though is that Colorado is actually doing something toward their clean-energy targets, like legislation to expand Electric Vehicle adoption, whereas Idaho Power has a clean-energy target by 2045 but, so far as I can see, has not started on a roadmap of how to get there. From [@microgridnews](https://twitter.com/microgridnews), a tweet shared the news that Tata Power in India is installing 10,000 microgrids to bring power to 5 million people. (In contrast, Idaho doesn’t have one microgrid installed that I know about.)

Finally, I have re-tweeted the link to an incredibly positive TED talk by Christiana Figueres in which she talks about the journey from 2009 Copenhagen, where a climate agreement failed miserably, to 2015 Paris, where 195 governments unanimously adopted one.⁴ This talk can give us all hope that things can change in a relatively short amount of time; costs can drop exponentially, ratepayers can benefit from improved technologies, and the world can agree on priorities and change direction from the carbon-pollution-as-usual system. Idaho, can we join this positive direction with more than lip service?

¹ www.lazard.com/perspective/levelized-cost-of-energy-and-levelized-cost-of-storage-2019/
² www.vox.com/platform/amp/energy-and-environment/20..._medium=social&utm_source=twitter&_twitter_impression=true
³ Ibid
⁴ Ted.com/talks/christianafigueres via [@TEDtalks](https://twitter.com/TEDtalks)

ⁱ The Twitter app is free to download on your phone, and is super-easy to use, just give yourself a handle name with the @ in front, and you can search topics with the magnifying glass, find breaking news, and find interesting conversation threads. Start to follow others; follow me [@kikitidwell](https://twitter.com/kikitidwell).

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