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WED OCT 2-SAT OCT 5
WOOD RIVER HIGH SCHOOL AND MIDDLE SCHOOL PRESENT ‘GET SMART’
6PM / WRHS Performing Arts Theater / Hailey

Wood River High and Middle School Drama Departments present “Get Smart,” by Christopher Sergel. A bright comedy-satire, “Get Smart” performances will take place Wednesday, Oct. 2 and Thursday, Oct. 3 at 6 p.m., Friday, Oct. 4 at 7 p.m., and Saturday, Oct. 5 at 1 p.m. Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$5 for seniors and veterans, \$3 for middle school students and \$1 for elementary school students and children.



WED OCT 2
WILD AND SCENIC FILM FESTIVAL
5:30-9PM / Limelight Hotel / Ketchum

Idaho Rivers United presents the Wild and Scenic Film Festival, which celebrates Idaho’s rivers and native fish. Explore issues of energy, biodiversity, climate change, protecting rivers and wild and scenic areas and so much more. The evening will include a variety of films, raffles and guest speakers. Doors open at 5:30 p.m.; films begin at 6:30 p.m.

WED OCT 2
HEMINGWAY, POUND AND THE SNUG BAR
6:30PM / Blaine County Historical Museum / Hailey

Join the Blaine County Historical Museum for an open house with drinks and appetizers for the first hour, then Idaho Humanities speaker Ted Dyer will present a talk on Ernest Hemingway and Ezra Pound, and their connection with the Snug Bar. This event is free for the public.

WED OCT 2-SAT OCT 12
‘CRY IT OUT’
7:30PM / Liberty Theatre / Hailey

Company of Fools and the Sun Valley Center for the Arts presents ‘Cry It Out,’ a topical drama about friends that will make you laugh and cry. Tickets are \$35 member/\$40 nonmember, \$35 senior (62 and over), \$15 student and \$35 group (8 or more).

THU OCT 3
WAKE UP WITH THE CHAMBER
8:30-10AM / AmeriTitle / Ketchum

The Chamber of Hailey and the Wood River Valley invites businesses and the public to attend this month’s Wake Up with The Chamber at its new day and time. Come on by before work for coffee, treats and to find out about all AmeriTitle and The Chamber has going on. The monthly meet-and-greet is free and the public is encouraged to attend.

THU OCT 3
BOOK READING
5:30PM / Hailey Public Library / Hailey

Idaho author Dana Quinney will read from her new autobiography, “Wildflower Girl—A Lifelong Journey Beyond the Trail,” at the Hailey Public Library. Quinney grew up in the Wood River Valley in the 1950s and ’60s before becoming a respected field biologist.

THU OCT 3
FILM SCREENING: ‘DAMMED TO EXTINCTION’
6-7:30PM / Community Library / Ketchum

The Community Library presents a free special screening of the documentary “Dammed to Extinction,” a film by Peterson Hawley Productions. For eons, a one-of-a-kind population of killer whales has hunted Chinook salmon along the Pacific Coast of the United States. For the last 40 years, renowned whale scientist Ken Balcomb has closely observed them. Balcomb is familiar with a deadly pattern: as salmon numbers plummet, orcas starve. The orcas need roughly a million salmon a year. Where to find a million fish? The solution, says Balcomb, is getting rid of four fish-killing dams 500 miles away on the largest tributary to what once was the largest Chinook-producing river on earth. After the screening, there will be a talkback session with the film’s producers, Steven Hawley and Michael Peterson.



SPONSORED COFFEE CHATS WITH KIKI

BEING PREPARED & NET METERING

Idaho has long had a culture of being ‘preppers’—being prepared and ready to provide for ourselves. Putting solar on our roofs and farms makes sense to Idahoans to provide for our own clean electricity and to bring down our costs. And now that home backup batteries are affordable, solar-generated stored electricity will help us to survive storm and wildfire outages in the future. If farmers use their own solar systems to pump their irrigation on a hot July day, all ratepayers benefit by not having to build \$300 million peaker plants just for those couple of days’ use.



It does take some upfront investment to put a solar system on a roof or farm, and, although for 2019 and 2020 there are significant tax credits for installing a solar system—up to a third of the system cost back—homeowners really want to know how long it will take to pay back their investment through power bill savings for the 25-year life of the system.

Some months they may generate more power than they can use, and it seems reasonable to use that extra generation to offset power bills in other months or to send it to the grid as a source of clean energy in our power mix. But even though Idaho Power has stated a goal toward clean energy, it has repeatedly tried to make it tough for family farms and homeowners to install solar by asking the Idaho PUC first to suspend net metering, then by jiggering net metering rules.

Selling back to the grid, or utility, the extra power your solar system makes beyond your immediate use is called net metering. Idaho Power doesn’t believe that farms and homeowners should get a reduction in their power bills for this solar power at the same retail rate that they buy power from the utility. Idaho Power’s position is that they have to provide all the wires and infrastructure of a power system so some small homeowner who doesn’t have those costs should only have a reduced compensation rate, or fee. Yet, let’s look at how this solar power from farms and homeowners actually might be more valuable than retail rates.

Idaho Power hasn’t built their own solar or wind farms when it had the opportunity for these past 20 years to do so—how are they going to get to their goal of 100 percent renewable energy by 2045? Farmers and homeowners have invested their own money to install these systems, and Idaho Power has benefitted by not having to come up with these millions of dollars to build this renewable energy power generation. And, as I mentioned, ratepayers don’t have to pay for building extra coal or gas-fired expensive plants—plants that currently compose 40 percent fossil fuel generation in Idaho Power’s power generation mix.

If you have been inspired by the schoolchildren-led climate walks, you can do something positive right now and express your support for homeowners and family farms to install solar by writing a comment to the Idaho PUC on this link: <https://puc.idaho.gov/forms/casacomment.aspx> , cases IPC-E-18-16, IPC-E-18-15. Many Idahoans already have.



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NEWS IN BRIEF

Nomination Deadline Extended For Business, Community Awards

The Chamber of Hailey and the Wood River Valley Executive Director Mike McKenna is extending the deadline for nominations for the 2019 Annual Business and Community Awards. Nominations will be accepted until Oct. 11, either in hard copy or digitally.

Awards will be made in five categories: Customer Service, Community Improvement, Nonprofit, Business of the Year, Customer Service and Community Service. Nominations may be made by any individual. Nomination forms may be picked up at The Chamber office at 781 S. Main Street, Hailey, or online at www.valleychamber.com.