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WED DEC 11

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 DEC 11

HOLIDAY BOOK ART CLASS

4-4:45PM / Hailey Library / Hailey

Learn how to turn old books into a tree or angel in a free adult book art class. Enrollment is very limited and the class will fill quickly, so call now to reserve your spot. For more information, visit hailey-publiclibrary.org.

WED DEC 11

TAIZÉ SERVICE

5:30PM / St. Thomas Church / Sun Valley

Taizé services will be held at St. Thomas Episcopal Church through February. These are ecumenical and offer quiet prayer, candlelight, meditation and chants. For details, visit stthomassunvalley.org, mjwoyster@msn.com or call (360) 481-3492.

WED DEC 11

KETCHUM COMMUNITY DINNERS

6-7PM / Church of the Big Wood / Ketchum

There will be free community dinners served by volunteers every Wednesday night through May 2020. Everyone is welcome to join in either as a volunteer or as a diner.

WED DEC 11

'PRIDE AND PREJUDICE' DISCUSSION

4-5:30PM / Community Library / Ketchum

A two-part book group on Jane Austen's 'Pride and Prejudice' will consider the novel's major themes, and often overlooked character of Mary Bennet, who is the center of the Company of Fools' production of "Miss Bennet: Christmas at Pemberley," by Lauren Gunderson and Margot Melcon, now playing at The Liberty Theatre in Hailey. The second part of the discussion will be Dec. 19. For more information, visit comlib.com.

WED DEC 11

TRIVIA NIGHT

7-9PM / Limelight Hotel / Ketchum

Limelight's free trivia nights feature drink specials and prizes. There are two games a night; teams can play both games, or just one. Bring yourself and your friends, because you deserve a night of games.

WED DEC 11

'MISS BENNET: CHRISTMAS AT PEMBERLEY'

7:30PM / The Liberty / Hailey

Join the Darcys' extended family for the holidays when Company of Fools presents "Miss Bennet: Christmas at Pemberley" through Dec. 29. This charmingly imagined sequel to Jane Austen's "Pride and Prejudice" will charm audiences (10+). For tickets, visit sunvalleycenter.org or call (208) 578-9122.



THU DEC 12

MSCL SCREENING & BENEFIT

7PM / The Argyros / Ketchum

"Trial by Fire," a 2019 film starring Jack O'Connell and Laura Dern and produced by Wood River Valley residents Allyn Stewart and Kipp Nelson, will screen with all proceeds benefiting Men's Second Chance Living, a new all-male sober home in Hailey founded by Sonya Wilander. 'Trial by Fire' is the true-life Texas story of the unlikely bond between an imprisoned death row inmate and a mother of two who fights mightily for his freedom. VIP tickets include a pre-screening reception at 6 p.m.; the film will begin at 7 p.m. and a Q&A will follow. Tickets are available at the box office or at theargyros.org.



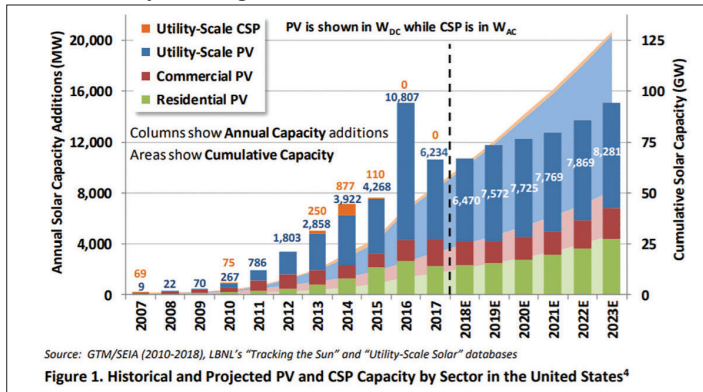
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100-YEAR DECISION NOW FOR COUNTY

This past week at the Blaine County Commissioners' meeting, the Commissioners voted to dust off their 2008 resolution on county sustainability and relook at it. Wow! They haven't thought about updating this plan for 12 years? With the pace of clean-energy technology change and the exponential price drops over this time period, 12 years ago in clean-energy-dog-years is like going back to a time when we didn't have cellphones!

Lithium ion batteries that cost \$1,183 per kWh in 2010 dropped to a cost of \$156 per kWh in 2019.

Due to utility scale solar costs falling exponentially since 2008, solar has been installed in America and globally at a blistering pace. The U.S. Department of Energy reports on their website that "Solar power is more affordable, accessible, and prevalent in the United States than ever before. Since 2008, U.S. installations have grown 35-fold to an estimated 62.5 gigawatts (GW) (2018). This is enough capacity to power the equivalent of 12 million average American homes.¹ Since the beginning of 2014, the average cost of solar photovoltaic (PV) panels has dropped nearly 50 percent.² Look at this graph of utility solar installations growing from virtually nothing in 2007.

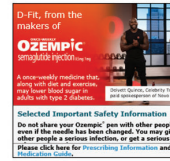


Look at what other communities have been doing:

World's Second-Largest Ferry Operator Switching From Diesel to Batteries

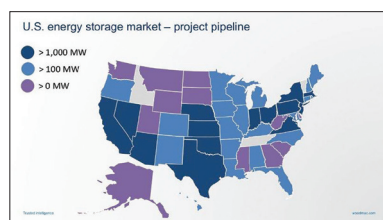
Washington State Ferries consumes as much fuel as a mid-sized airline.

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The fleet's most polluting vessels will soon be equipped with Siemens battery systems.

But, unfortunately, look at how far Idaho is behind. This Lawrence Berkeley National Lab chart shows that the rest of the country is rapidly installing battery energy storage, but not us.³



"Fast-acting battery technology performs many roles: frequency regulation, capacity, deferral of wires upgrades, resilience, firming renewable generation and more. It does not rely on a geographically specific weather pattern or any one set of state policies to become valuable, and it's already asserting itself across the U.S., said Daniel Finn-Foley, energy storage director at Wood Mackenzie, speaking Tuesday at GTM's Energy Storage Summit in Denver."⁴

Yes, it is more than time that our county dusts off the old sustainability plan and looks at what we can do now with cheap solar and battery storage prices and new technology. This is why I got into this race for County Commissioner—to seize this 100-year-decision-moment-in-time when we can take a new direction for a truly sustainable future for our county. Let's do this!

¹National Renewable Energy Laboratory. Solar Industry Update Q4 2018/Q1 2019.

²<https://www.greentechmedia.com/articles/read/worlds-second-largest-ferry-operator-switching-from-diesel-to-batteries>

³https://emp.lbl.gov/sites/default/files/lbnl_utility_scale_solar_2018_edition_report.pdf Authors: Mark Bolinger, Joachim Seel Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory

⁴<https://www.greentechmedia.com/articles/read/energy-storage-summit-growth-trajectory>



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