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NEWS FROM THE BOARD

A monthly newsletter from the Ada County Board of Commissioners

Welcome to the monthly newsletter from the Ada County Board of Commissioners. We are happy to share with you information on significant news and events happening in Ada County.

Kendra Kenyon - Commissioner
Rod Beck - Board Chairman
Ryan Davidson - Commissioner



ADA COUNTY WOMEN MAKING HISTORY

*Permanent Photo Wall Unveiled
at Ada County Courthouse*

Ada County Commissioners Ryan Davidson, Rod Beck (Chair) and Kendra Kenyon unveiled a photo wall in the Ada County Courthouse lobby October 17, 2022 honoring trailblazing women leaders. The installation is called **"Ada County Women Making History,"** and features 'firsts' in Ada County.

Those being honored are the late Linda Davis, the first woman Ada County Commissioner (1976), Judge Karen J. Vehlow, the first woman Ada County Magistrate Judge (1977), Judge Deborah A. Bail, the first woman District Judge in the State of Idaho (1983), Jan M. Bennetts, the first woman Prosecutor in Ada County (2014), and Dotti Owens, the first woman Ada County Coroner (2015). Judges Bail, and Vehlow, along with Prosecuting Attorney Jan Bennetts and Ada County Coroner Dotti Owens are still serving in their positions. Friends, family and colleagues were on hand as the five pictures were unveiled. Coincidentally Ada County (Established in 1864) is named after a woman. Ada Riggs, one of the daughters of former Idaho Territorial Legislator H.C. Riggs. We hope the next time you're at the Ada County Courthouse you'll stop by and see the new permanent photo wall exhibit.



**'The best thing about being a pioneer is when
the other wagons show up.'**

Judge Deborah A. Bail,
First Woman District Judge in the State of Idaho



Ada County Board of Commissioners with *Ada County Women Making History* Honorees



Commissioner Rod Beck (at lectern)



Dotti Owens, Ada County Coroner

Jan Bennetts,
Ada County Prosecutor



Judge Karen J. Vehlow,
Ada County Magistrate



Commissioner Kendra Kenyon and
Ada County Prosecutor Jan Bennetts

Ada County Coroner Dotti Owens and staff



ADA COUNTY IS UPDATING OUR ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE



Read the DRAFT updates at <https://adacounty.id.gov/>

Share with us your thoughts!
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WINNER OF THE EXPO IDAHO PARK DESIGN COMPETITION ANNOUNCED

Ada County solicited visions from design professionals for park development at Expo Idaho as required by Idaho Code 67-2320. Three design professionals were selected through the Request for Qualifications process and had the opportunity to score additional points through an innovative design competition for the park. PORT was given the highest ranking after the scoring of the design concept piece of the Request for Qualifications. At this point, as required by statute, the County has entered into fee negotiations with Port. If those negotiations are not successful, the County will negotiate with the second highest ranking design professional.



You can watch the presentations from October 4th on Ada County's YouTube channel <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DhV5Q1n2NK8>

The Board of Commissioners will discuss the updates at the November 29th Open Business Meeting (OBM). You can watch the meeting, as well as all of our OBMs on Ada County's YouTube channel.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCmREyet73vxhBFCffWCIEKA>

The Ada County Animal Control Ordinance is enacted to provide for the health, safety and welfare of the people of Ada County and the humane and safe treatment of various animals. The ordinance also establishes required procedures and regulations for the licensing and control of dogs and kennels.



The presentations, including PORT's winning concept, are initial visions for the park's improvement and may be modified, changed and adjusted by the board in the coming months.



THE SANDRA BARRIOS COURTROOM

Congratulations to Ada County Trial Court Administrator Sandra Barrios for whom a courtroom in the Ada County Courthouse was named and dedicated in October 2022. Historically



the larger courtrooms in the courthouse have been dedicated to various leaders in the Idaho Bar. However, in 2019 then Administrative District Judge Melissa Moody and Commissioners

Kendra Kenyon and Diana Lachiondo chose to take a different approach for this newly constructed courtroom. Rather than honoring an attorney or judge the courtroom was dedicated to honor the countless men and women who work behind the scenes in state and local government to ensure that the citizens of Ada County have timely and meaningful access to justice.

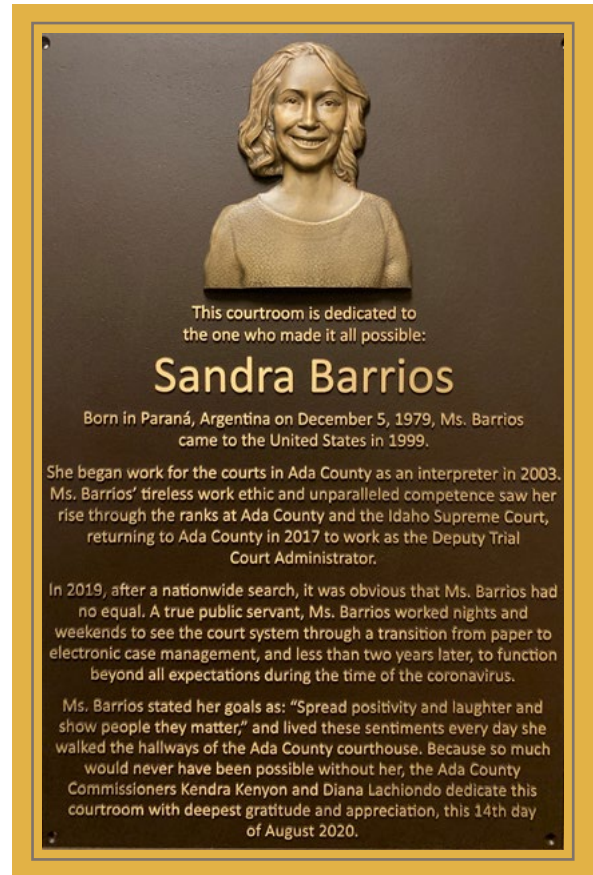
ADA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS DESIGNATE OCTOBER AS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

Ada County Commissioners Ryan Davidson, Rod Beck (Chair) and Kendra Kenyon along with Ada County Domestic Violence Court staff and judges are proud to support the designation of October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month.



During the board's regular Open Business Meeting September 29th folks from around Ada

County wore purple ribbons and purple clothing to show their support for victims of domestic violence.



So many individuals in our community are part of a collaborative effort to make sure victims of domestic violence have the resources they need.



If you, or someone you know needs help know that there are resources available, including the Faces of Hope Victim Center <https://www.facesofhopevictimcenter.org/> and the Women's and Children's Alliance (WCA) <https://www.wcaboise.org/> You can also learn more about Ada County's Domestic Violence Court including information on Protection Orders, No Contact Orders, Victim's Compensation and more <https://adacounty.id.gov/judicial-court/magistrate-court/domestic-violence-court/>

MAKING HISTORY IN ADA COUNTY

Every year, the Ada County Historic Preservation Council in conjunction with the Board of Ada County Commissioners issues the “Making History Award”. The award recognizes individuals or organizations whose work preserves our collective past, present, and future. The award underscores and recognizes the long-term commitment to our local communities and the legacy that has been created for current and future generations in Ada County.



Ada County Commissioner Kendra Kenyon and Paula Benson

This year, the Historic Preservation Council selected Paula Benson for the award due to her effectiveness as the past Board President for Preservation Idaho. Paula has been instrumental in fostering and developing robust relationships with local organizations that have yielded great results on many important projects. One example, working collaboratively with

St. Luke’s Hospital, she guided the healthcare organization in understanding the importance of historic preservation practices during their downtown Boise campus expansion. Several historic homes which were to be demolished were preserved due to her extensive efforts.

One such historic house is known as the Bishop-Foote House. It was moved to its present site on Avenue B from a few blocks away on Jefferson

From Left to Right – Angie Steele, Lindsay Erb, Colin Benson, Randi Albrechtsen, Paula Benson, Kellie Wright Whitlock, Scott Benson, and Brittney Scigliano.



Street for historic preservation. It was here that Ada County Commissioner Kendra Kenyon, along with county officials and members of the Ada County Historic Preservation council all celebrated Paula’s achievements and presented her with this award. We thank Paula for her dedication to preserving the history, culture, and values that are alive within Ada County.

ATTENTION SENIORS – YOU GET A TRASH BILLING PRICE BREAK

**Are your trash services provided by Hardin Sanitation?
Are you over 65?**

If so, you are eligible for a reduced trash pickup rate!

Remember, you must live outside the city limits and you’ll need to show proof of your age. Take advantage of this benefit for Ada County residents!

Proof of age can be submitted by email to: acbs@adacounty.id.gov or by mail to:

**Ada County Trash Billing
PO Box 2780
Boise, ID 83701**

Please reference your six-digit trash account number or your property address to ensure proper processing of your discounted service.



COMING UP!

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