

March 2024

# 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 information on significant news and events in Ada County.**

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## APRIL IS COUNTY GOVERNMENT MONTH!



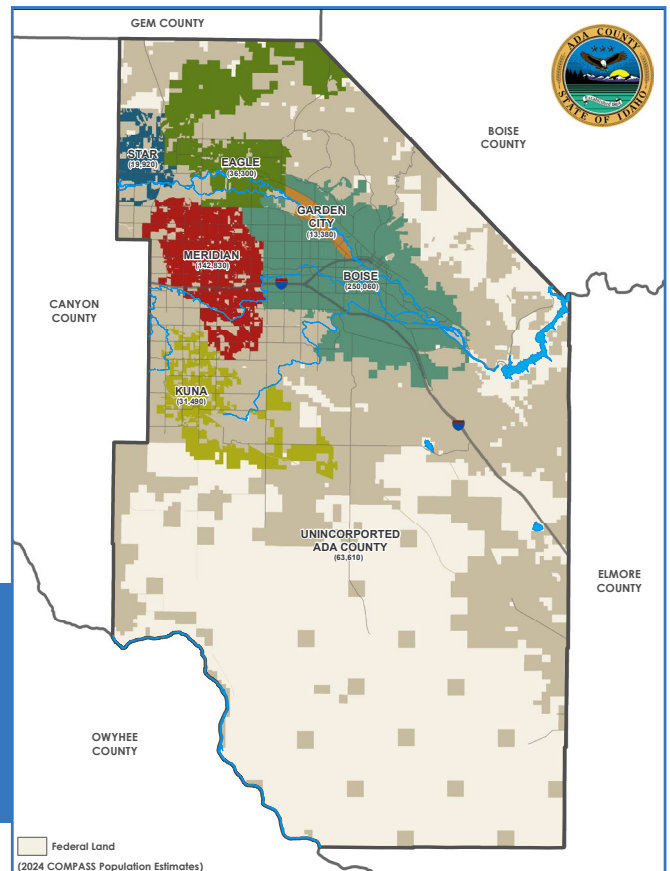
The more you know about how county government operates the greater potential for influencing or changing things you don't like and supporting programs and initiatives you do like.

**April is County Government Month**, and we are excited to be profiling the county departments and offices that make things run like clockwork. We are giving you a glimpse of the real people who are guardians of taxpayer dollars. These are your loved ones, friends and neighbors who work each day at the county to make sure the services you receive are provided in an efficient, cost effective and professional manner.

If you aren't already, April is the perfect time to start following us on [Facebook](#), [X](#), [Instagram](#) and [NextDoor](#).

Do you know the six sister cities in Ada County and their proximity to each other? What is the population of your city?

Check out this helpful map with updated 2024 data.



# ADA COUNTY DRUG COURT GRADUATES CELEBRATE NEW BEGINNINGS

March 19th was the 147th graduating class of the Ada County Drug Court Program. Graduates and their friends and loved ones were treated to a guest speaker who many people know and love. Paul Nydegger retired last year, but he returned from his coastal home in Oregon to share



inspirational thoughts with these new graduates. His story is about an epic journey from being homeless and addicted to drugs to being a Drug Court Counselor. It took years of hard work and education, but Paul persevered and is now a shining example of the indomitable will

we all have to improve our lives – no matter how many times we try and fail. The typical graduate completes Drug Court in 21.87 months.

The graduates to date have had a combined sum of 25,417 years of use - an average of 16.63 years each. They have used a total street value in the amount of \$194,547.00 per day. This amounts to an average of \$127.40 per day, per person.

At the time of program entry, 27% of the total graduates were employed. At graduation, 96% of graduates were employed.

Thank you to the dedicated judges, counselors, Trial Court Administrator Sandra Barrios, Treatment Courts District Manager Marreen Baker Burton, and countless others who make these events possible.

To learn more about Ada County Drug Court check out this inspiring profile of a recent graduate:



<https://adacounty.id.gov/blog/news/have-you-heard-about-ada-countys-drug-court/>



# ADA COUNTY VICTIM SERVICES CENTER

*Wrap around services in one location for people experiencing interpersonal violence.*

A standing room only crowd of supporters, partners, local mayors, elected officials, local law enforcement, first responders, and Ada County staff gathered in March for a ribbon cutting at the Ada County Victim Services Center in downtown Boise.



Thank you to Ada County Prosecutor's Office for organizing this very meaningful event. Thank you also to the Ada County Commissioners for their ongoing support of this remarkable facility. Guests were deeply moved by the gracious comments of the new Executive Director of the Ada County Victim Services Center, Trina Allen.

Learn more about the Ada County Victim Services Center <https://adacounty.id.gov/victimservices/>

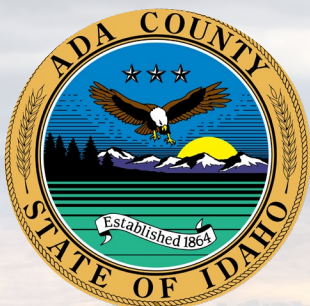


## THESE FOLKS ARE GOOD AT MATH!

March is Certified Government Financial Manager Month! A dedicated team within the Ada County Clerk's Office works together to supervise the county's budget and manage a vast array of financial responsibilities. Your hard work is greatly appreciated!



## ADA COUNTY GOVERNMENT



Garden City, Kuna, and Unincorporated Ada County.

In addition to elected offices, Ada County government includes thirteen individual departments. Each department provides important services to our residents in Star, Eagle, Meridian, Boise,

These services include law enforcement protection, emergency preparedness, election services, parks and waterways, public defense, indigent services, juvenile court, solid waste management, the Western Idaho Fair, Weed, Pest & Mosquito Abatement and more.

Learn more about the services provided to you by Ada County

[www.adacounty.id.gov/](http://www.adacounty.id.gov/)

# MARCH IS PROCUREMENT MONTH

Thank you to Ada County Procurement Director Bob Perkins and his team of highly skilled experts for always getting Ada County the best deal at the best price for the best service!



Continuous training and employee expertise are cornerstones of Ada County government. The people who work for you are highly skilled, credentialed, and experienced. Procurement Officers Robyn Swaney and Evan Amidan exemplify that. Congratulations to both Robyn and

Evan who were recently professionally certified with the National Institute for Public Procurement as “Certified Procurement Professionals.” This is an extremely difficult exam and takes a lot of study time and exam prep to pass. There are only ten professionals in Idaho that hold this certification and Ada County is proud to hold four of those spots!



Ada County Procurement is responsible for the procurement of all county supplies, equipment, services, and construction in excess of \$7,500. Procurement also is responsible for the management of the county’s fleet and the disposition of county surplus. Procurement’s mission is to “secure the maximum value for each taxpayer dollar.”

**Find career opportunities here!**

<https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/adacounty>



## COMING UP!

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