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

Ryan Davidson - Commissioner  
Rod Beck - Board Chairman  
Tom Dayley - Commissioner



### **CONGRATULATIONS TO ADA COUNTY JUVENILE SERVICES!**

*The Bridge Youth and Family Resource Center is officially open!*

The warm and inviting resource center in Boise will help young people stay out of the juvenile justice system and instead redirect them to other resources that yield profoundly better results. Gone are the days of Scared Straight when children who were having difficulties navigating adolescence, and who may have had challenging home lives or other issues, were introduced to prison life. It was a way of scaring them into avoiding a life of incarceration.

Years of research now shows us that redirecting children to supportive services is the better way. It's better for the children, it's better for their families and it's better for our communities. The program has the enthusiastic support of the law enforcement community as well. We thank Governor Little for his support and for the funding he championed in the legislature that's now being administered by the Idaho Department of Juvenile Corrections. This is a fiscally responsible approach because keeping people out of the criminal just system is the best use of our time and our money.



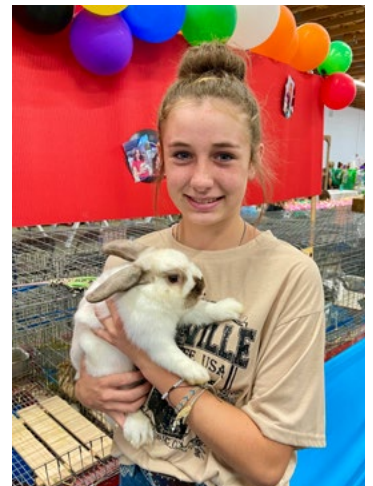
Congratulations also to the young people who are doing the hard work and finding new ways to adapt and to focus on creating productive and meaningful futures.

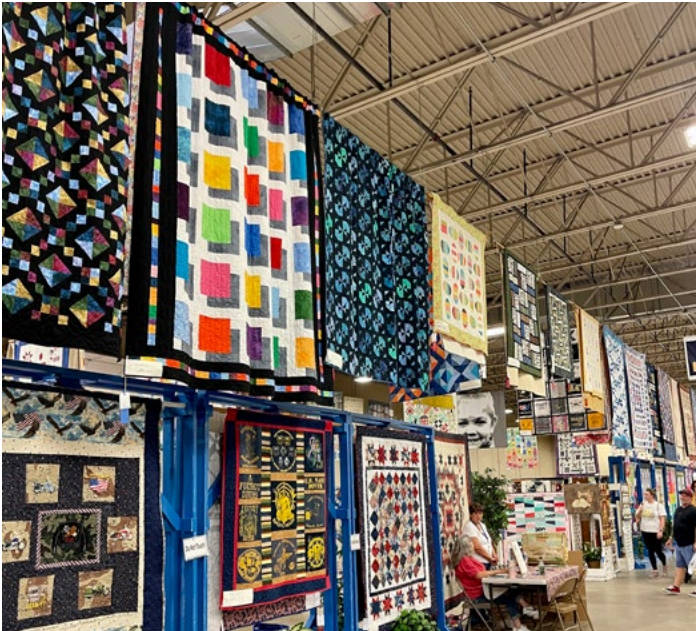
# THE 2023 WESTERN IDAHO FAIR IS IN THE BOOKS!

Whether you went for the food, the music, the rides, the agricultural exhibits or the people watching, there was something for everyone.

We were so pleased to have an [Ada County](#) booth inside Expo Idaho, and deeply grateful for the county employees who volunteered to staff the booth. We saw so many happy faces, and answered so many great questions, especially about The Park at Expo Idaho. This destinations park will be finished in 2026! The Western Idaho Fairgrounds will stay right where it is and be bordered by the park. Every single person who stopped by the Ada County booth was happy to hear that this new park will have natural spaces, playgrounds, world class skateparks and allwheel sports areas, lowland ecological walking paths and so much more. **Thank you Ada County Commissioners Rod Beck, Ryan Davidson and Tom Dayley for making this happen!**

Check out the [Ada County homepage](#) and see what all the excitement is about!





# GETTING STAKEHOLDER INPUT FOR THE PARK AT EXPO IDAHO'S ALL WHEELSPORTS GARDEN

One of the premiere design firms in the county shared initial plans for the All Wheelsports Garden at The Park at Expo Idaho in August.

[California Skateparks](#) (check out their FB page!) designed Olympic skate venues in Tokyo and in Paris and soon - Boise! Here's the best part: They want to hear from local skaters, and All Wheelsports enthusiasts on what should be included in the designs for the new area at The Park at Expo Idaho.

You'll recall the once-in-a-generation park is scheduled to be complete in 2026 and wheelsports are just one amenity planned for the large area at Expo Idaho. Learn more on our home page <https://adacounty.id.gov/>

An online survey will be available to access here and on the [Ada County](#) home page soon. Everything will be customized and built by folks who specialize in skateboard parks, and allwheelsports construction.

Thank you to all the wheelsports enthusiasts, including [Treasure Valley Roller Derby](#) athletes who attended the community outreach meeting.



**Ada County Commissioner Tom Dayley, Commissioner Ryan Davidson, and Chairman Rod Beck**



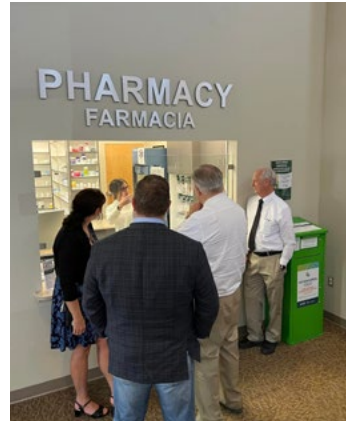
## ADA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TOUR NEW TERRY REILLY CLINIC

*Ada County's FY24 Budget  
included \$227,000 for Terry Reilly*



A new [Terry Reilly Health Services](#) clinic centrally located at 3115 E. Florence Street just off Eagle Rd. opened in May. The Ada County Commissioners were grateful to have been given a tour of the impressive facility in August. Ada County Commissioner Ryan Davidson, Chairman Rod Beck and Commissioner Dayley were shown around the facility that includes state of the art medical and dental facilities.

If you are not familiar with Terry Reilly health services it's a community treasure worth learning about. Terry Reilly's mission is to provide affordable, accessible, comprehensive care for the community. Terry Reilly accepts all insurance and uses a sliding fee scale for individuals and families who are underinsured or uninsured. Another piece of great news is that the Meridian Clinic was awarded more than \$589, 000 in ARPA funds to be used for internal remodeling and equipment at the Meridian Clinic.



## PROCUREMENT PROFESSIONAL ALYSSA ELLINGTON RECOGNIZED WITH NATIONAL AWARD

Congratulations to Ada County Procurement's Alyssa Ellington on being awarded the 2023 NIGP: the Institute for Public Procurement's **Young Professional Award**.



Alyssa is the first person in Idaho to be recognized by NIGP with this award.

In Alyssa's nine years with the county, she has racked up quite the procurement recognitions including IPPA Professional Buyer of the Year in 2017, President of the Idaho Public Purchasing Association in 2018, and the Frank Pierce Founders Award for Distinguished Service in 2018 and 2021. In 2020 Alyssa was appointed NIGP Chapter Ambassador for Area 8.

Alyssa is also accredited with the Certified Professional Public Buyer (CPPB) and Certified Procurement Professional (NIGP-CPP) certifications.



Alyssa is a 2010 graduate of Boise State University with a BBA in International Business and a Marketing Minor. During her undergrad work Alyssa participated the ESDES Business School International Exchange program in Lyon, France. Also, during her time at Boise State Alyssa was a member of the Alpha Chi Omega Sorority. Thank you for all you do Alyssa!

# ADA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ENJOY ANNUAL INFORMATIONAL TOUR OF THE LUCKY PEAK DAM AREA



## 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

<https://adacounty.id.gov/>

# WEST NILE VIRUS PREVALENT IN ADA COUNTY

As summer draws to a close it's important to remember that West Nile Virus (WNV) is still a threat.



The species of mosquitoes that can transmit WNV in Ada County are active from dusk to dawn. If you spend any time outdoors in the evening, Ada County Mosquito Abatement encourages you to wear long-sleeved light-colored clothing and an EPA-approved mosquito repellent (with an active ingredient of DEET, Picardin, or Oil of Lemon Eucalyptus). You can also help to protect you and your family from WNV by looking for any sources of standing water on your property. Mosquitoes can breed in an amount of water as small as a bottle cap, be sure to look for any clogged drains, tires, toys, etc. that could gather water. Also, be careful to not overwater your lawn or garden, as these are prime examples of habitat for the WNV vector species in Ada County.

To check where WNV has been discovered in Ada County, please visit the Ada County Mosquito Tracker:

<https://gisprod.adacounty.id.gov/arcgis/apps/webappviewer/index>



## COMING UP!

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