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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.

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



IDAHO NATIONAL GUARD HOSTS ADA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ON TOUR OF GOWEN FIELD AREA

Ada County Commissioner Ryan Davidson, Chairman Rod Beck and Commissioner Tom Dayley enjoyed a magnificent aerial view of the Idaho National Guard's Orchard Combat Training area located 18 miles south of the Boise Airport in late May. The tour was hosted by Maj. Gen. Mike Garshak (TAG) and the [Idaho National Guard](#). Thousands of servicemen and women train at the 171-thousand-acre facility each year.

Included in the site visit to Gowen Field was a presentation by the Idaho National Guard's Environmental Management Office.

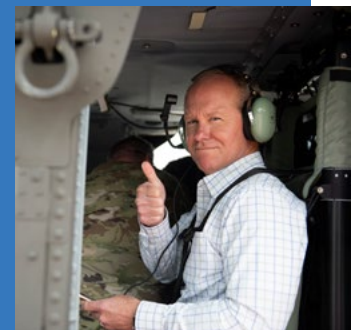
The Black Hawk helicopter is one of approximately two dozen stationed at Gowen Field in Boise.



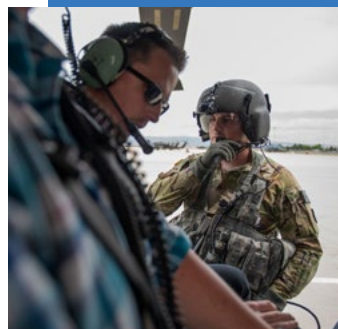
Ada County Commissioner Tom Dayley, Chairman Rod Beck and Commissioner Ryan Davidson



Ada County Commissioner Ryan Davidson, Chairman Rod Beck, Major General Mike Garshak, The Adjutant General, and Ada County Commissioner Tom Dayley



Ada County Chief Operating Officer Steve Rutherford



Richard Beck, Director Ada County Development Services

ADA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HOST TREASURE VALLEY PARTNERSHIP

Collaboration and strong relationships are critically important for elected officials who work to serve the public. That's why the Treasure Valley Partnership exists. It allows mayors, county commissioners, and other leaders in the Treasure Valley to meet regularly and work together toward common goals that enhance our beautiful communities.

The May meeting of the Treasure Valley Partnership was held at [Expo Idaho](#) and the focus was the design and planning for **The Park at Expo Idaho**. If you've been following the extensive community outreach and discussion for the last three years you know this will be a once in a generation opportunity to create a world class park everyone can enjoy. The park will be completed in 2026.



The Park at Expo Idaho
Project Manager Josh Brown, Ada County Operations

Check out the Ada County homepage to look at the initial park designs and follow the planning process. <https://adacounty.id.gov/>

Attendees at the May meeting included Ada County Commissioner Ryan Davidson, Ada County Commission Chair Rod Beck, and Ada County Commissioner Tom Dayley, along with Mayors from Star, Garden City, Meridian, Eagle and Kuna - five of Ada County's six sister cities.



Ada County Commission Chair Rod Beck, Star Mayor Trevor Chadwick, Garden City Mayor John Evans, Meridian Mayor Robert Simison and Canyon County Commissioner Zach Brooks



Expo Idaho Director Bob Batista

Eagle Mayor Jason Pierce, Canyon County Commissioner Brad Holton, Ada County Commissioner Tom Dayley, and Kuna Mayor Joe Stear



JURY APPRECIATION WEEK

If you've served on a jury, you understand that this civic duty is a cornerstone of our justice system. That's one reason Ada County Commissioners signed a proclamation designating the week of May 8th as Jury Appreciation Week. The right to a trial by a jury of one's peers is the hallmark of our judicial system and an essential feature of our democracy as a whole. Thank you to all Ada County residents who have served on a jury.



Pictured L-R - Ada County Commissioner Ryan Davidson, Ada County Trial Court Administrator Sandra Barrios, Ada County Jury Commissioner Randy Rutland, Ada County Board Chairman Rod Beck, and Ada County Commissioner Tom Dayley.

"I'M ALWAYS WILLING TO HELP PEOPLE." CHARLIE MCNIEL



Congratulations to Charlie McNiel for 20 years of outstanding service! Charlie says the best part of his job at [Ada County Weed, Pest and Mosquito Abatement](#) is getting to meet so many nice people as he does his job throughout the county. He says he is most proud of hiring two seasonal technicians who have worked for him for years now. It was a great challenge to fill the roles, as they work late at night and must acquire special licenses.

Thank you Charlie for exemplifying the kind of good nature and commitment to service Ada County employees embody.

ADA COUNTY GOVERNMENT



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,

Garden City, Kuna, and Unincorporated Ada County.

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/>

LINDA SCOPELLITI – 25 YEARS OF SERVICE TO ADA COUNTY



If you live in Ada County, you can absolutely count on the fact that folks who work for county government are dedicated public servants. Case in point Linda Scopelliti. Linda is being honored for her 25 years of service to Ada County Paramedics. 25 years is a

long time to do anything let alone work as a first responder. You can only imagine some of the things Linda has seen.

Linda saw the hard stuff for years as a front-line paramedic. Now, as a battalion chief, she is leading a shift of those front-line paramedics and EMTs and helping them learn what it means to do this job well.

Pictured L-R - Ada County Commissioner Ryan Davidson, Ada County Paramedics Chief Shawn Rayne, Deputy Chief John Blake, Battalion Chief Linda Scopelliti, Chairman Rod Beck, Commissioner Tom Dayley and Deputy Chief Jeremy Schabot



Linda's career trajectory is impressive. She started with Ada County Paramedics as a volunteer. After that, she was an EMT, an Advanced EMT, a paramedic, a Field Captain, and a Field Training Officer. She also led the HazMed team and is now the Special Events Coordinator.

Much of what Ada County Paramedics is today comes from Linda's contributions. She has a unique and welcome perspective among field leadership and will continue to shape who we are and what we do for years to come. We are thankful to have her working with us and for the communities we serve.

NEWEST MEMBERS OF THE ADA COUNTY COURTHOUSE SECURITY TEAM

Congratulations to 4th Judicial District Marshals Bryan Perez, Connor Bredehoft, Grace Taylor, Mark Nguyen, George Bailey, Jacob Avalos, and Chris Costello, the newest members of the Ada County Courthouse Security team, for successfully completing a two-week Marshal Academy run by the Ada County Sheriff's Office training unit. Throughout the course of the academy Marshals are trained in firearms, arrest techniques, defensive tactics, building clearing, and more. They will also undergo on-the-job training at the Ada County Courthouse.

Marshals provide security in and around the Courthouse. During jury trials, marshals provide direction to the jury, take care of jurors' needs, maintain evidence, escort witnesses, and provide security in the courtroom. Marshals also provide bailiff and security functions during various criminal and civil hearings.

The group of Marshals who were sworn in by 4th District Administrative Judge Steven Hippler will join 14 current Marshals and 18 Ada County Sheriff's Office deputies as part of the Courthouse Security team. While the ACSO manages security at the Ada County Courthouse and supervises the marshals, marshals are employees of the 4th District Court.



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE ADA COUNTY CORONER'S OFFICE ON BEING SELECTED AS A 2023 CASCADE LIFE ALLIANCE HOPE AWARD WINNER

The 2023 Hope Award is presented to professional partners (hospitals, medial examiners, and coroner) in the Cascade Life Alliance organ donation service area in honor of their partnership and collaboration in honoring the decision to save lives through organ donation. Individuals who work in medical examiner and coroner's offices play a vital role in honoring a donor and/or their family member's decision to give the gift of life.



Pictured L-R - Ada County Commissioner Ryan Davidson, Ada County Coroner Rich Riffle, Coroner/Medical Examiner Liaison, Cascade Life Alliance Joshua Voyles, Chairman Rod Beck, Chief Deputy Ada County Coroner Brett Harding

NATIONAL EMS WEEK MAY 21-27

It's always nice when your friends and neighbors and members of the community acknowledge your hard work and sacrifice. During National EMS Week our Ada County Paramedics felt the love and support of the whole community. Paramedics and EMTs were treated to breakfast at St. Luke's hospital one morning, and crews were also provided with BBQ lunch three days out of the week (to facilitate each shift: A, B, and C). The delicious servings were cooked up by Chief Shawn Rayne and his deputy chiefs. (deputy chiefs?)



"It was a wonderful time to gather with our coworkers who we may not be able to see often and share in the camaraderie of being frontline first responders and healthcare providers," Rayne said. "We greatly appreciate the support we receive from our community year-round, but it seems to hit home a bit more during EMS Week."



CONGRATULATIONS FROM THE ADA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ON THE OPENING OF THE NEW TERRY REILLY CLINIC IN MERIDIAN!

The Meridian Florence Clinic located at 3115 E. Florence Drive in Meridian, was selected in recognition of the growing population in Meridian and West Boise and the large workforce in this area.



Terry Reilly Health Services CEO Heidi Hart says the goal is to bring services to where people live and work.

“The biggest barriers to health care that people report to us is that it’s difficult to get time off work to travel to appointments, which is why we are providing medical, dental, behavioral health and pharmacy services along the Eagle Road corridor.”

About 75% of Terry Reilly’s adult patient population is in the workforce, with incomes around \$48,000 or less. About one-third are uninsured.

The new clinic helps break down barriers to care - geography, work schedules, or income. With medical, dental, behavioral health and pharmacy all under one roof the clinic can provide comprehensive, affordable care with compassion, respect and a sense of belonging, while also keeping the workforce strong.

WHAT’S HAPPENING AT EXPO IDAHO

If you’ve driven by the Expo Idaho property at Chinden and Glenwood, or ridden along the tree lined Greenbelt that winds its way behind the 247-acre multipurpose property, you’ve likely seen some large areas being cleared and ready for construction. What’s going on? More than 50 acres will soon be home to **The Park at Expo Idaho**.

This project follows years of public input on the future of Expo Idaho, including the work of a Citizens Advisory Committee and an extensive public survey. Two main requests resulted – leave the Western Idaho Fair where it is, and build a world class park in areas once occupied by the Les Bois horse-racing track and stables.

You can keep abreast of this once-in-a-lifetime project that’s set to be finished by 2026. Visit the [Ada County home page](#) and click on the prominent banner, or [click here](#) for more details, and follow along as this destination park becomes a reality. Regular project updates will also be posted to the [Ada County Facebook page](#).



This project funded, in whole or in part, by the American Rescue Plan Act awarded to Ada County by the U.S. Department of Treasury

COMING UP!

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