

# Down Memory Lane

## 110 years ago 1911

A 1911 joke: "If your wife is such a terribly good cook, why don't you eat more dinner at home?"

"Gee, how would I know how good she cooks if I don't eat somewhere else?"

Bertrand Lyon of Lyon School of Expression in Denver, put on a Civic Improvement Club program of humor and drama, dialect sketches and monologues at Kelly's Hall.

## 100 years ago 1921

W.H. Crawford, a pioneer merchant of Metaline, finally secured title to Gardner Caves and planned to transfer the deed to the state to safeguard the area's beauty.

Prohibition and moonshine made for rollicking times in Oldtown. A new sheriff's deputy named Kuchenbecker, going undercover as a logger, ordered a drink at Drummond's place, then seized a jar of white lightning. Drummond's wife attacked the deputy with her umbrella and Drummond went after him with a knife.

Kuchenbecker managed to get outside with the shine, but not without injury, whereupon two more lawmen subdued the Drummonds and hauled them to jail.

## 90 years ago 1931

Ore showings from prospects near Lone suggested that the zinc there might have a silver lining.

A mysterious predator wreaked havoc with Tom Carey's sheep in Deer Valley. The marauding animal killed 21 lambs and four ewes in one month, but never left tracks. Carey sought the held of government-paid trappers.

## 80 years ago 1941

Grandview Mine employees rejected 33-13 an organizing effort by the CIO United Mine Workers Union.

July temperatures in Newport broke all records with 103 degrees on the 15th and 107 on the 16th and 17th.

Men's leather work gloves went for 84 cents a pair at J.C. Penney's.

## 70 years ago 1951

Crown Zellerbach shipped five carloads a day from its Newport pulpwood yard near Poles, Inc.

With great difficulty and several busted fences, Bill Dilley and friends managed to rope a 4-year-old longhorn steer named Old Tex and truck him to the Spokane stockyards.

Charles L. Barker had 80 acres for sale, part of it in timber, two miles out of Newport along a gravel road. The price: \$600.

## 60 years ago 1961

An electrical storm touched off several small fires that burned for a day in Pend Oreille County. "A forest service plane mistook the state fire for a federal fire and dropped borate that helped a lot," related one of the firefighters, William H. Cornelius.

A historical marker memorializing explorer David Thompson was dedicated near Ruby to celebrate Pend Oreille County's 50th anniversary.

## 50 years ago 1971

The state Department of Ecology ordered Newport to upgrade its sewage treatment plant.

Graupner's Market had pot roast on sale at 59 cents a pound.

Stan Bluff was elected chairman of the Kalispel Tribal Council.

## 40 years ago 1981

A nationwide mail strike was averted with tentative agreement on a new contract that apparently would bring raises of \$900 over the next three years to Newport and Priest River postal workers.

The Newport City Council authorized attorney Lloyd Eyrich to write a resolution for a moratorium on all sewage hook-ups in town until further notice.

## 30 years ago 1991

A plane flying low over poker paddlers crashed into a live wire over the Pend Oreille River, killing the pilot and passenger.

The Newport City Council approved a selling price of \$15,000 an acre for the old airport

property, bringing to an end months of negotiation with the Newport School District and the American Lutheran Church. The council rejected a proposal from the church and agreed to sell all but three acres of the land to the school district. The council voted to keep three acres on the east end for a civic center. All proceeds from the sale would go towards the center, Mayor Roy Reed said.

## 20 years ago 2001

Construction of the Stoneridge Golf Course and Country Club in Blanchard was nearing completion after a \$2.5 million upgrade that included three new golf holes, wall-to-wall cart paths, new sand bunkers and new green complexes.

Ken Smith of Newport will share his dance expertise at a ballroom dancing workshop in Sandpoint. Those in attendance had to be alcohol, tobacco and fragrance-free.

The main water transmission line between mountain spring and the cities of Newport and Oldtown is losing 44 million gallons of water a year and is in need of replacement, according to engineers. The City of Newport and the West Bonner Water and Sewer District No. 1 must therefore come up with about \$800,000 to replace the leaky pipe.

## 10 years ago 2011

Washington's fourth documented wolf pack was confirmed through DNA tests. A lactating female was captured, collared and released. Biologists called the new pack the Teanaway pack.

Local hummingbird researchers Ned and Gigi Batchelder banded more than 1,700 individual hummingbirds in the Newport area since their research began in May.

The Pend Oreille County Parks and Recreation Board got a bigger boost than expected for their timber sale from the Fertile Valley Parkland. The minimum bid was \$248,209, but after 15 minutes of oral bidding, the timber was sold for \$357,272.

# Idaho Department of Lands seeks public input on new grazing rate proposal

BOISE - Idaho Department of Lands (IDL) is looking for public input on a proposal that would update the grazing rate methodology for the first time since 1993.

Last October, the Idaho State Board of Land Commissioners (Land Board) unanimously directed IDL to conduct a comprehensive review of the model used to set fees for grazing on more than 1.7 million acres of endowment land across Idaho. As a result of that

review, IDL will recommend a new approach for determining the market rate for grazing on endowment land.

The recommendation will be brought to the Land Board as an informational item at its July 20 meeting. The board is not anticipated to act on IDL's recommendation until September.

The new grazing rate proposal, along with background information, research and a public comment form

are available on a new IDL webpage at [www.idl.idaho.gov/leasing/grazing-farming-conservation-program/grazing-rate-review/](http://www.idl.idaho.gov/leasing/grazing-farming-conservation-program/grazing-rate-review/). Public comments and suggestions to improve the proposed new model will be accepted until 5 p.m. (MT) on Friday, September 3, 2021.

The state is looking to increase the rate per animal unit month (AUM) to bring it closer

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