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0%

Wind speed W 5-10 mph Lake Condition:

Calm

Lake level

2127.61

72°

BRIEFLY

A fundraiser for research and support of families affected by Krabbe disease is set for 6 p.m. Saturday in the Shore Room of The Coeur d'Alene Resort.

Organizer Anjee Wavrick and her family lost their 3-vear-old son Connor to Krabbe disease, a rare and aggressive genetic and neurological disorder, in February. The Wavrick family has since advocated for mandatory newborn screening for the disease in Idaho.

The fundraiser is being held in partnership with KrabbeConnect, a nonprofit dedicated to improving patient care and finding a cure for Krabbe

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· What cartoon character was the first to be made into a humongous balloon for a

Mickey Mouse, Betty Boop, Felix the Cat, Yogi

· Which steakhouse chain has patented its 1,800-degree broiler in its cooking process? Longhorn, Ruth's Cris, Outback, Black Angus

· Who became president after the assassination of James A. Garfield?

Rutherford Hayes, William Taft, Chester Arthur, William

· What's the name of the only dog mentioned in a Shakespearean play? Izzy, Daisy, Buster, Crab

· From the comics, what does Howard the Duck usually have in his mouth? Pencil, Straw, Cigar,

· Which state's previous capital cities were Kaskaskia and Vandalia?

Illinois, Florida, Alaska,

SIOUIJI Gentlemen of Verona), Cigar, Chester Arthur, Crab (Two (Macy's 1927), Ruth's Cris, ANSWERS: Felix the Cat

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She's got that spark Philanthropist, automotive icon Rita Case to keynote Women's Gift Alliance dinner

By DEVIN WEEKS Staff Writer

Forty-five years ago, Rita Case discovered a calling that would change her life.

Case — who will be the keynote speaker Sept. 18 during the Women's Gift Alliance's annual dinner at the Hagadone Event Center — calls it her "spark."

"My spark happened with the bicycles," the Rick Case Automotive Group president and CEO said.

It was 1981. Rita and her late husband, Rick, owned 14 bicycle stores in Ohio.

'We would see these kids come in and they would really

want a bicycle, especially during the holidays when the showrooms would be beautiful with ribbons and bows," Rita

One day, while observing these little ones longing for their own bicycles, Rita started thinking of how she could help.

'My bicycle gave me freedom I could ride around the streets, to my friend's house, I could go to the grocery store," Rita said. "I remembered how much I loved mine. I thought, 'How could we get these kids bicycles?"

She developed a program through which she asked community members to bring in bikes they were no longer using neighborhoods, Boys and Girls

to be tuned up and given to deserving children

that holiday season. "People were bringing in the bicycles because it was a win-win,'

Rita said. "They

felt good about

bringing in the Case bikes, having some place to take their bicycle." Once they had a good

number of bikes, they connected with nonprofits to configure distribution. "That's when we learned about the Boys and Girls Club,"

Located in underserved

Club staff knew which kids needed bikes the most.

Rita realized how the clubs provide positive, safe, caring spaces for kids and teens after school, as well as support for education, peer bonding and exercise through sports and other activities.

"That's when I started building Boys and Girls Clubs," Rita said. "That led me to education. I realized the Boys and Girls Club is great, but if they don't have the proper education, they won't get to the next grade. If they don't get to the next grade, they won't have hope."

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Kidding around at the North Idaho State Fair

Rita said.



Haven and Paisley Stoddard pet goats at the petting zoo at the North Idaho State Fair.

Photo by KEVIN DOCKTER

Veteran educator takes the helm at Kellogg Middle School

By JOSH McDONALD Staff Writer

KELLOGG — Most experts agree that middle school is one of the most challenging age groups in education. Good thing Brad Harmon isn't afraid of a challenge.

After more than two decades working in Kootenai County, Harmon is stepping into his new role as principal of Kellogg Middle School.

Harmon spent nine years teaching a variety of subjects at the middle school level before moving into administration. Now entering his 16th year as an administrator, he has served at both elementary and middle schools, as well as an alternative high school.

He will be the third principal at KMS in

four years, and Kellogg School District leaders hope his arrival brings stability to the school.

According to Harmon, the timing couldn't have been better.

"I was ready for a change, and working in a smaller community with great support for education was a huge draw for me," Harmon said. "I am so excited to work in a district that has a focus on kids. I have also been out of the middle school setting for six years, and it was time to get back to an age group that I have built my career around."

Harmon's first goal as principal is to foster a school culture that supports positive relationships — both inside the building and throughout the community



Former Post Falls and Lakeland School District administrator Brad Harmon is the new principal of See PRINCIPAL, A5 Kellogg Middle School.

Silver Valley Cat Wranglers seek help after taking influx of cats

By JOSH McDONALD Staff Writer

KELLOGG — An influx of felines had the Silver Valley Cat Wranglers scrambling for resources, human or otherwise.

According to Wrangler President Rene Gilbert, an eviction from an apartment in Kellogg in July resulted in the group taking

control of 15 of the 22 cats that had been living there.

Gilbert said two kittens died, one escaped, and the other handful was taken in by someone else, leaving 15 to fend for themselves. While they had been made aware of the situation previously, they were bound by law to wait until the legal eviction before they could go in.

"We knew in June, but we couldn't do anything," Gilbert said. "Our hands were tied. We can't just go into someone's house or onto their property and take their cats."

All 15 have been spayed or neutered, and roughly half have been examined by a veterinarian.

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La Niña and hurricanes

As of the middle of August, there have been five named storms in the Atlantic and Caribbean

waters. This number is close to normal for this time of year, but we're approaching the peak of the tropical storm and hurricane season. Historically, the most active period or Not

is late



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August into September, with the peak around Sept. 10. The fifth named

storm of the season, Erin, rapidly intensified over the weekend into a strong Category 5 hurricane before being downgraded.

The storm was not expected to directly hit the eastern coastline of the U.S., but heavy rains were likely in the Caribbean Islands and large swells around other islands and the East Coast.

Hurricane Erin was also one of the fastestintensifying hurricanes in history, especially in August.

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