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KLEW newscast returns to Lewiston

The start of each broadcast this week has been recorded at Lewiston studio for first time in nearly three years

By **MATT BANEY**
LEWISTON TRIBUNE

KLEW's news broadcast is now originating from the station's Lewiston studio for the first time since 2023.

The Lewiston-based newscasts started Tuesday and continued Wednesday and Thursday.

"We are now reporting from our Lewiston studio, something many of you have been asking for," said host Sanders Kennedy at the start of the broadcast Tuesday evening.

The 6 p.m. newscast this week has started with local stories based in the Lewiston-Clarkston area. It then moves to a regional weather forecast from meteorologist Mike McCabe recorded at KIMA in Yakima. The 30-minute report ends with Northwest regional stories presented by KIMA anchor Scott Stovall.

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Sanders Kennedy speaks on camera during Thursday evening's KLEW news broadcast. KLEW's newscast returned to its Lewiston studio this week.

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A bicyclist rides past a blooming tree Thursday on the Lewiston Levee Parkway Trail.

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An Idaho oddity: State was nearly sliced in half

North-south divide would have had a lasting influence on Idaho's culture

By **ROYCE MCCANDLESS**
LEWISTON TRIBUNE

Today the peculiarity and local appreciation for Idaho's boundaries is most immediately observable through the cottage industry of creative stickers that utilize the state's unique shape — a jagged boot that contrasts sharply from the immediate, distinctly rectangular neighbors.

During Idaho's history as a territory, however, the geography we know today was very nearly split in half between the north and south, a change that would have undoubtedly brought lasting ramifications for Idaho's political and cultural dynamics as well. So, what stopped it from happening?

The lead-up to this proposed split dates back to Idaho's initial establishment as a territory. At the time, one of the proposed maps sought to extend the Washington territory eastward up to the Continental Divide. This was supported by John Mullan, an army engineer whose road connected present-day Montana with present-day eastern Washington and who was well-informed on the area's geography, former Idaho State historian Keith Petersen said.

"It made a hell of a lot of geographical sense because the trade up this way is always east-west," Petersen said. "Always has been, long before whites came here."

Washington's Congressional Delegate William Wallace — who would later become Idaho's first territorial governor

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Baumgartner draws both cheers and boos in town hall at Republic

Representative kicks off a tour in rural eastern WA

By **MONICA CARRILLO-CASAS**
WASHINGTON STATE STANDARD

REPUBLIC, Wash. — Rep. Michael Baumgartner held his first town hall on Monday in Republic as he campaigns for re-election.

Baumgartner held the meeting at Republic Elementary School on Monday evening as part of a "12 counties in 12 days" tour across the 5th Congressional District. This was his first town hall of three he plans to do for his tour.

Nearly 30 constituents were in attendance.

"I do worry about the political polarization in America," Baumgartner said. "Just try to keep



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Michael Baumgartner talks to people at Republic.

as friendly conversation as we can."

Earlier in the afternoon, Baumgartner held a private fundraising event at Colville Pour House.

A mix of cheers and boos welcomed Baumgartner as he quickly entered the building.

Among those in attendance were Rep. An-

drew Engell, R-Colville; Rep. Hunter Abell, R-Inchelium; Sen. Shelly Short; and Stevens County Commissioner Mark Burrows.

"Liar!" shouted multiple protesters.

The town hall at the school did not have protesters.

"Out of all the town

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District 6 Dems irked by Idaho Legislature

Weldy and Gayler take shots at tax credit law and other GOP faves

By **ANTHONY KUIPERS**
MOSCOW-PULLMAN DAILY NEWS

Two Democratic candidates running for state senator in Idaho's District 6 entered the election race because they were frustrated by what was happening in the state Legislature.

Lewiston's Robin Weldy and Moscow's Richard Gayler are campaigning to win the May 19 primary election.

Weldy is a retired business owner who had a 25-year career in real estate. Gayler is retired from a long career as a probation officer and high school coach in Moscow, Pullman and Lewiston.

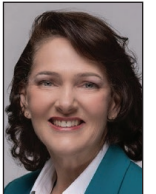
For Gayler, he was motivated to run for office after the passing of House Bill 93 last year. The bill created a tax credit program that uses state dollars to help families pay for private education, homeschooling or tutoring. The program, which allows families to receive up to \$5,000 a year, went into effect in January.

Gayler said this news left his "blood boiling" because he did not like the idea of public dollars being spent on church-run schools.

"You're essentially giving money for indoctrination," he said. "That's not what we should be doing with public funds."

He also said it will take money away from the public high schools in District 6 that serve as hubs of their respective communities.

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