



WOOD RIVER
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Community State of the Valley Forum 2022

*“Maintaining Community Values
while Balancing Growth”*

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The Community Library
Ketchum



Welcome!

Welcome to the Wood River Women's Foundation's 3rd Annual Community State of the Valley Forum, "Maintaining Community Values While Managing Growth." Our panelists represent several of the sectors of the community impacted by the significant population growth in Blaine County over the past 24 months.

Even in the easiest of times, the growth we have seen would present structural challenges as well as questions of communicating and maintaining the values in any community. In the era of COVID, these stressors, and the opportunities they represent, are clearly even greater.

No 21st century community has a single identity, however, recent changes are inspiring conversations about who "we" are and how each of us describes our County and the towns that comprise it. Questions that will be raised during the Forum include:

- What do we value?
- How do we encourage new and long-term residents to embrace these values and join in maintaining them?
- Do we have sufficient teachers, classrooms, administrative and support staff to accommodate changes in our school demographics?
- How do we protect our wild flora and fauna and convey to everyone their significance to our community identity?
- What are the impacts of growth on our housing options at all economic levels?
- Can our outdoor recreational resources handle the increase in use?
- How can we embrace growth, tap into new talents and enthusiasm, and create opportunities that benefit everyone?

Our moderator and panelists will bring us up-to-date on the factors at play and help us explore the ways in which we can move forward. Your questions and comments will deepen this community conversation. Please join in!

Note: Although the presenters may be affiliated with one or more of the entities seeking grants from the Wood River Women's Foundation, their presentations in the Forum are neither related to, nor in lieu of, any grant application.

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Meet the Panelists



Education

Jim Foudy

Superintendent

Blaine County School District

Jim Foudy joined the Blaine County School District with twenty-five years of service to Idaho Schools. Most recently, Foudy served the McCall-Donnelly School District as superintendent from 2015-2021. Prior to that, he served as an elementary school principal and was a former elementary school teacher. Foudy is a strong proponent of community and family engagement, with an emphasis on consensus building and strategic initiatives. He is a member of the American Association of School Administrators, the Idaho Association of School Administrators and the Idaho Superintendent Network. Foudy and his wife Alison have four children. The youngest two are proud to attend Blaine County Schools today.



The Blaine County School District serves the cities of Bellevue, Carey, Hailey, Ketchum, Sun Valley and their surrounding areas. The District includes four elementary schools, one middle school, one high school, one alternative high school, and one K-12 school. Our goal is to inspire, engage, educate, and empower every student.

Meet the Panelists



Environment

Josh Johnson

Central Idaho Conservation Associate
Idaho Conservation League

Josh Johnson is a conservation associate for the Idaho Conservation League (ICL), based in their Ketchum office. His academic background is in geology, with a B.A. from Middlebury College and M.S. from University of Colorado. Prior to ICL, Johnson worked in the environmental education field as a park ranger and interpretive guide throughout the West. He has been at ICL for 4 1/2 years and his work spans public lands issues, mining, and water quality. Johnson spends his free time skiing, trail running, and backpacking in the mountains around the Wood River Valley.



The Idaho Conservation League (ICL) is a statewide environmental advocacy organization founded in 1973. With over 11,000 members and offices in Boise, Ketchum, McCall, and Sandpoint, ICL works to protect the air you breathe, the water you drink and the wild places you and your family love. ICL currently has major campaigns focused on protecting Idaho's public lands, combating climate change, restoring water quality in southern Idaho's Snake River, and bringing back Idaho's wild salmon and steelhead.

Meet the Panelists



Housing

Michelle Griffith

Executive Director
ARCH Community Housing Trust

Michelle Griffith has been the Executive Director of ARCH since 2009. Prior to working for ARCH she lived with her husband and two sons in various foreign countries including England, Russia and Venezuela. Since working for ARCH, Griffith has overseen the development of over 150 housing units throughout the Wood River Valley. She represents Idaho on the Affordable Housing Board of the Federal Home Loan Bank of Des Moines. Griffith is President of the Sun Valley City Council and sits on the Board of Fly Sun Valley Alliance.



ARCH is a housing development organization committed to creating permanently affordable housing solutions in Blaine County. ARCH delivers all stages of development including site selection, construction oversight and property management. In a decade of experience ARCH has created over 150 workforce housing units to remain affordable in perpetuity so that teachers, first responders, healthcare workers, and other aspiring families can become part of our local community, which benefits us all.

Meet the Panelists



Recreation

Mark Davidson

Executive Director
Blaine County Recreation District

Mark Davidson is the Executive Director of the Blaine County Recreation District (BCRD). Prior to working for BCRD, Davidson worked in conservation throughout Idaho for more than 18 years, for The Nature Conservancy and Trout Unlimited. Davidson grew up in Jerome, Idaho, where he participated in Jerome County Recreation District programs. He has lived in the Wood River Valley since 2000.



Pursue the Active Life

Since 1976, Blaine County Recreation District (BCRD), has provided healthy, active, and diverse recreational opportunities for everyone in our community. BCRD is the largest recreational provider in Blaine County, serving over 600,000 annual visits and enrollments by residents and visitors of all ages, abilities, and socioeconomic backgrounds. From Youth Sports to after-school programming, and the Aquatic Center, to over 200 kilometers of groomed Nordic skiing and snowshoeing, and from Galena Lodge to the Wood River Trail, BCRD provides opportunities for healthy and active recreation throughout our community.

Meet the Moderator



Moderator

Wendy Jaquet

Former Idaho State Representative

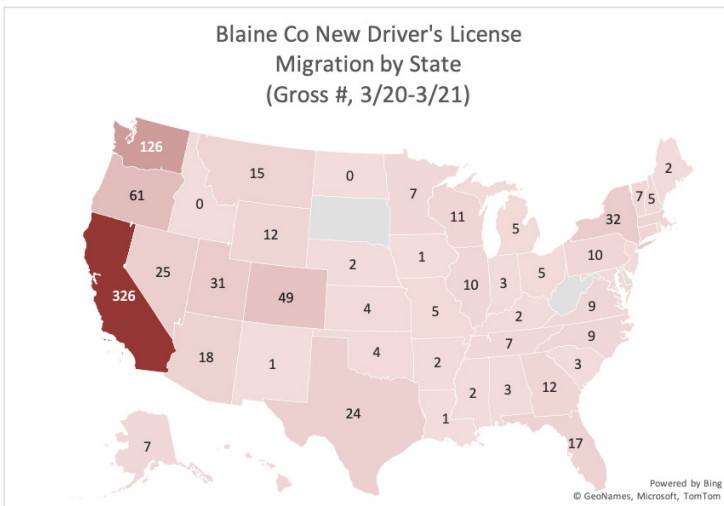
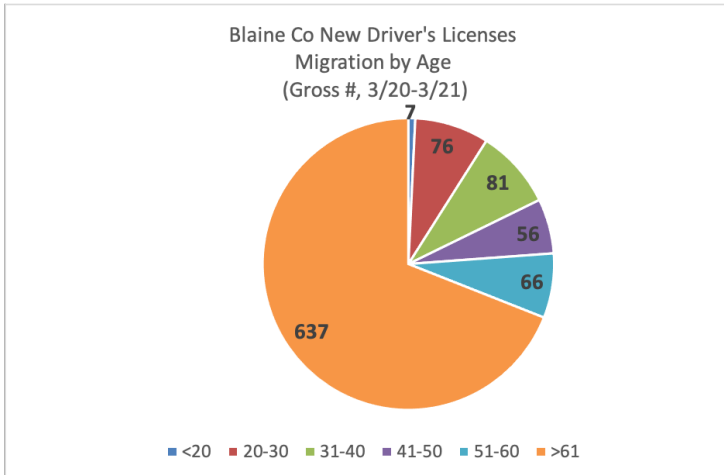
Wendy Jaquet is a former member of the Idaho House of Representatives where she served several terms as Minority Leader, leading the Democratic caucus in the Idaho House (1994-2012). She served on the Joint Financial and Appropriations, Health and Welfare, and the Energy, Environment and Technology Committees, among others.

Prior to serving in the Idaho Legislature, Jaquet was the Executive Director of the Sun Valley-Ketchum Chamber of Commerce during a period of membership and financial success.

Jaquet serves on the Idaho Board of Health and Welfare (2013-currently), Co-Chaired the Governor's State Complete Count Committee (census 2019-2020), and currently serves on the Andrus Policy Center, the Common Sense American Idaho Advisory Committee, the WWAMI Idaho Advisory Committee, and the College of Southern Idaho Hailey advisory board.

Jaquet has organized several city-to-city tours including an upcoming one to McCall and is volunteering in the art room at the Sun Valley Museum of Art. She is a retired adjunct professor at Boise State University where she taught and took graduate classes and served on the Faculty Senate. Jaquet is a University of Washington Political Science major with a graduate degree in Public Administration.

Growth Statistics



Growth charts courtesy of Harry Griffith, Executive Director of Sun Valley Economic Development.

Nonprofits Balancing Growth

Question:

How has your organization accommodated the growth in our community?



“Due to an increase in the use of our services, we expanded our grant writing efforts to obtain more funds to meet urgent needs.

This includes keeping people stably housed by providing a higher level of rent assistance and other types of financial aid to help survivors of abuse meet other urgent needs. We significantly expanded our transitional housing program by building 18 new apartments to address the demand. We added another victim advocate staff position to better accommodate the increased need for assistance to people in our community.”

“Growth should give us more singers/ volunteers. However, COVID has kept us from doing outreach. We are doing very little singing in person.”



Nonprofits Balancing Growth

“As more people have moved here during the pandemic, it has impacted the housing market, forcing some locals out of their rentals. Many homeowners who were renting decided to take advantage of the high selling prices, negatively impacting our workforce who can no longer afford to live here. As a nonprofit focused on basic needs, the number of people we serve has doubled from what it was two years ago.”



“We’ve experienced an increased number of participants, and now offer a greater number of types of programs.”

“As a large festival with events in outdoor spaces, we welcome new people and can happily accommodate them!”



About WRWF



Wood River Women's Foundation inspires and educates women to become leaders in philanthropy. We encourage and create significant positive change in our community through pooled grant-making.

All women are welcome to join and participate in assessing the dozens of applications received each year, and vote on the awards.

Since launching in 2006, the WRWF has grown to more than 350 members and is now one of the largest collective giving circles in the country. Wood River Women's Foundation has:

- Awarded nearly \$3 million dollars through more than 100 grants to nonprofit organizations across our community in an array of areas including Arts, Education, Environment, Health & Recreation, and Social Services.
- Launched an Endowment Fund in 2017 to ensure sustainability well into the future.
- Emphasized and offered philanthropic education to help members become more effective donors.

Wood River Women's Foundation is a certified 501(c)(3) organization and an affiliate member of Philanos, a network accelerating philanthropy through women's collective giving.

About WRWF

About WRWF Board of Directors



The Wood River Women's Foundation all-volunteer board upholds and expands the mission to support local nonprofits. As a women's collective we are solid, nimble, committed, creative, purposeful and passionate.

Our esteemed board leads with resiliency and a clear focus on delivering a philanthropic model dedicated to benefitting lives throughout our beloved Blaine County. This vision continues to require our full attention and ability to adjust to changing needs.

Current Board Members include:

Summer Baldwin Member at Large	Terri Bullock President	Trinka Dyer Finance Chair & Treasurer-Interim
Kathleen Eder Membership Chair	Jill Grossman Communications Chair	Gail Landis Governance Chair & Investment Chair
Terri LeFaivre Impact Chair	LeeAnne Linderman VP of Leadership-Interim	Sandy McCullough Secretary & Grants Co-Chair
Karissa Price-Rico Member at Large	Jenni Riley Education Chair	Dianne Tibbs-Johnson Member at Large

The WRWF leadership is focused on sustaining the Foundation's future by developing emerging leaders. This team is dedicated to ensuring that our work carries forward with vibrancy and vision.

About WRWF

About WRWF Education Committee

The purpose of WRWF's Education Committee is to present educational opportunities to our members that support our mission. Our focus is to increase philanthropy by women and provide information that will lead to wiser, more effective giving. The primary educational event is the Winter Forum, with smaller more focused events throughout the year as opportunities arise.

Joining the WRWF Education Committee is a great way to meet new members and make a difference in both our own organization and the community through educational events. We convene once a month on the fourth Monday from 4:00-5:00pm MT and would love to have additional members.

Current members include:

Shanna Angel

Susan Passovoy

Jeanne Cassell

Jenni Riley

Heather LaMonica Deckard

Renee Spooner

Ellen Fastow

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Resources

ARCH
www.archbc.org

Blaine County School District
www.blaineschools.org

Blaine County Recreation District
www.bcrd.org

Sun Valley Economic Development
www.sunvalleyeconomy.com

Idaho Conservation League
www.idahoconservation.org

Wood River Women's Foundation
www.woodriverwomensfoundation.org

We would like to offer special thanks to The Community Library
for hosting the State of the Valley Forum.
www.comlib.org/

Whether you live in the Wood River Valley year-round or part-time, or are just visiting, please come join us! We host numerous events throughout the year, connecting members through social, educational, and grant-focused gatherings. Members enjoy the many opportunities to create lasting friendships and to increase their knowledge of philanthropy.

Thank you to our Event Underwriters!



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