



Welcome to the Rathdrum Weekly Newsletter!

### Rathdrum City Council Meeting

The city council meeting is tonight. To get a preview of what is on the schedule, you can download the agenda from the city's website at

[http://www.rathdrum.org/vertical/sites/%7BB217A04D-FA9D-403A-9D25-24962991B1D9%7D/uploads/Council\\_Agenda\\_05-11-16.pdf](http://www.rathdrum.org/vertical/sites/%7BB217A04D-FA9D-403A-9D25-24962991B1D9%7D/uploads/Council_Agenda_05-11-16.pdf)

You can download the actual council packets from the city's website at [http://www.rathdrum.org/vertical/sites/%7BB217A04D-FA9D-403A-9D25-24962991B1D9%7D/uploads/May\\_Council\\_Packet%282%29.pdf](http://www.rathdrum.org/vertical/sites/%7BB217A04D-FA9D-403A-9D25-24962991B1D9%7D/uploads/May_Council_Packet%282%29.pdf)

### Rathdrum Chamber Newsletter

The Rathdrum Area Chamber of Commerce has published their May 2016 newsletter and it is available for download from our website at

<http://www.rathdrumweeklynews.com/downloads/RACoC-May2016.pdf>.

There is information about the upcoming Rathdrum Connections 2016 Business Fair at Stein's. If you are interested in entering the Rathdrum Days Car Parade there is an entry form. Something different about the parade this year, they are cutting the parade registration off on July 13<sup>th</sup>, so if you are going to enter, better make it quick!

If you are interested in receiving your own

copy of the chamber newsletter, you can send an email to [Office@RathdrumChamberOfCommerce.com](mailto:Office@RathdrumChamberOfCommerce.com) and they will get you on the list!

### Rathdrum Lions Club White Cane Days

You may have seen the familiar yellow vested Rathdrum Lions at locations around the area this past Saturday. Once a year in conjunction with the Northwest Lions Foundation, they hold a White Cane Days fund raiser which raises money to help the blind in the area.

This year from their locations at Seright's Ace Hardware, Dashco, Super1 Foods, Stein's IGA, and Miller's Harvest Foods in Spirit Lake they raised over \$750 in contributions ranging from a single penny to twenty dollar bills.

For more information about this program, or to donate, please visit their website at <http://www.nlfoundation.org/lions/fundraising/wcd.php>

### Rathdrum Farmers Market

This weekend is the second Saturday in May and the Farmers Market is **Open for Business** in Rathdrum City Park on Highway 53 from 9:00am through 2:00pm.

Stop by to visit the many fine vendors and spend an *obscene* amount of money!

## How do I sign up for the Rathdrum Weekly News?

While you can pick up a hard copy of this newsletter at the Rathdrum Area Chamber of Commerce office, Edward Jones of Rathdrum – Debbie Holmes Office, and at the Rathdrum Weekly News headquarters to name a few around town. You can sign up to have the newsletter delivered right to your Inbox!

When visiting our website at <http://www.RathdrumWeeklyNews.com>, you won't find much of a website. It is a pretty ugly, very static, webpage. The 5<sup>th</sup> line down starts with the words "To sign up for, edit your preferences, or unsubscribe from our newsletter please click [here](#)." The link takes you to a web page where you can sign up to receive the weekly email blast. Once your email address has been entered, our system will send you an email with a confirmation link in it that you have to click on in order to verify your wish to receive our newsletter. We implemented this verification step to help reduce unwanted emails hitting your Inbox.

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If you don't feel comfortable giving us your email address, you can always download the current issue, as well as any past issue, from our home page. Or, you can send an email to [Editor@RathdrumWeeklyNews.com](mailto:Editor@RathdrumWeeklyNews.com) and we will email you a copy.

The Rathdrum Weekly News is an independent, locally owned newsletter published each Wednesday by Joseph Hume, with advertising and editorial offices located at

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The Rathdrum Weekly News welcomes unsolicited editorial, article, or photographic contributions for possible publication within its pages, but reserves the right to edit any materials to conform to recognized Associated Press style guidelines. Editorial contributions, article, and advertising copy must be at the Rathdrum Weekly News by noon Friday of the week proceeding Wednesday's publication. Letters to the

Editor and submitted articles are gladly accepted and published as submitted so long as the content is within community standards and addresses a subject generally recognized to be of community interest.

Any Letter to the Editor or submitted article may be rejected outright because of possible libelous content or reduced in length due to space constraints. Some minor editing may occur. All items submitted must be signed and a working telephone number included. The author's name will be withheld if requested.

Advertising submissions also are accepted at the discretion of the publisher and may be rejected without cause.

The Rathdrum Weekly News assumes no obligation for accidental errors in any advertisement, but will gladly republish that portion in which an error has occurred.

The Rathdrum Weekly News expects its advertisers to respect community decency in its messages and that merchandise and/or services being offered are, indeed, available to the general public at the stated price or cost.

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## New "Coast to Coast" Seat Belt Enforcement Effort Aims to Increase *Click It or Ticket* Participation and Save Lives

From May 16 to May 30, 2016, local law enforcement personnel will participate in the national *Click It or Ticket* campaign in an effort to save lives through increased seat belt use. This enforcement period comes ahead of the Memorial Day holiday, one of the busiest travel weekends of the year.

According to research conducted by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), while 88.5 percent of passenger vehicle occupants buckled up in 2015, almost 50 percent of occupants of fatal crashes nationwide are not restrained. In some states, the rate is as high as 70 percent unrestrained in fatal crashes. This fact gravely highlights the need for increased enforcement and awareness of seat belt use.

This year, NHTSA is aiming to increase campaign participation even more by coordinating a "Coast to Coast" seat belt enforcement effort, to include all law enforcement around specific interstate corridors. This effort does not limit *Click It or Ticket* enforcement to these corridors, or prevent states from participating in the campaign; rather, these corridors will serve to link and highlight the "Coast to Coast" seat belt enforcement effort. All law enforcement agencies can join the effort to emphasize the "Coast to Coast" effort.

As law enforcement, we have a special role in helping protect the safety of our citizens, from the East to the West Coast. Time after time, we see the deadly results that come from drivers and passengers refusing to wear a seat belt. Wearing a seat belt is one of the most important steps in increasing survivability in a crash. Our job is to stop those who are not buckled up, and to keep them from repeating this potentially deadly mistake.

In 2014, nearly half of the 21,022 passenger vehicle occupants killed in crashes were unrestrained, according to NHTSA. During the nighttime hours of 6:00pm to 5:59am, that number increased to 57 percent of those killed. Law enforcement agencies will write citations day and night, with a zero-tolerance approach.

Hundreds of thousands of citizens will be traveling this Memorial Day weekend, as well as throughout the summer vacation season. We want to make sure that people are buckling up to keep themselves and their families safe. It is the greatest defense in a vehicle crash.

For more information on the *Click It or Ticket* campaign, please visit [www.NHTSA.gov/ciot](http://www.NHTSA.gov/ciot).

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## Community Calendar

Wed May 11	Lakeland Sunrise Rotary 7:00am to 8:00am Lakeland School District #272 Office 15506 N. Washington Street Rathdrum For more information please call 208.687.5765	Bible's Grand Finale Spirit Lake Elementary School Gymnasium Doors open at 5:30pm Presentation starts at 6:00pm For more information please visit their facebook page <a href="https://www.facebook.com/BibleGrandFinale">https://www.facebook.com/Bible GrandFinale</a>	
	American Legion Post 154 Executive Committee Meeting Rathdrum Lion's Club Meetings start at 6:00pm For more information contact Jean Bledsoe at <a href="mailto:Rathdrum154@gmail.com">Rathdrum154@gmail.com</a>		
	Rathdrum City Council Meeting Starting at 6:00pm Rathdrum City Hall For more information please call 208.687.0261 x114		
Fri May 13	Bible's Grand Finale Spirit Lake Elementary School Gymnasium Doors open at 5:30pm Presentation starts at 6:00pm For more information please visit their facebook page <a href="https://www.facebook.com/BibleGrandFinale">https://www.facebook.com/Bible GrandFinale</a>	Wed May 18	Mount St Helens Erupted in 1980 <a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mount_St._Helens">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mo unt_St._Helens</a>
Sat May 14	Rathdrum Farmers Market 9:00am - 1:00pm Rathdrum City Park <hr/> Bible's Grand Finale Spirit Lake Elementary School Gymnasium Doors open at 5:30pm Presentation starts at 6:00pm For more information please visit their facebook page <a href="https://www.facebook.com/BibleGrandFinale">https://www.facebook.com/Bible GrandFinale</a>	Thu May 19	Rathdrum Area Chamber of Commerce Monthly Luncheon Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran <a href="http://www.RathdrumChamberOfCommerce.com">www.RathdrumChamberOfCom merce.com</a> 12:00pm - 1:00pm Rathdrum Area Chamber of
Sun May 15	Pentecost <a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pentecost">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pe ntecost</a>		

	Commerce Business Fair Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran		Call DeeAnn at 208.755.2855 for more information
Fri May 20	Lakeland Joint School District #272 Flex Day (No school) Bible's Grand Finale Spirit Lake Elementary School Gymnasium Doors open at 5:30pm Presentation starts at 6:00pm For more information please visit their facebook page <a href="https://www.facebook.com/BibleGrandFinale">https://www.facebook.com/Bible GrandFinale</a>	Sun May 22	Bible's Grand Finale Spirit Lake Elementary School Gymnasium Doors open at 5:30pm Presentation starts at 6:00pm For more information please visit their facebook page <a href="https://www.facebook.com/BibleGrandFinale">https://www.facebook.com/Bible GrandFinale</a>
Sat May 21	Armed Forces Day <a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Armed_Forces_Day">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ar med_Forces_Day</a> Armed Forces Day Celebration 12:00pm - 8:00pm The Fedora Bar & Grill 1726 W Kathleen Avenue, CDA Armed Forces Celebration Color Guard 2:00pm Raffles and Auctions Winners Revealed at 4:00pm Linger Longer Lounge Spirit Lake Sending Military Packages Supporting our Veterans Bible's Grand Finale Spirit Lake Elementary School Gymnasium Doors open at 5:30pm Presentation starts at 6:00pm For more information please visit their facebook page <a href="https://www.facebook.com/BibleGrandFinale">https://www.facebook.com/Bible GrandFinale</a> "You've Got Talent, Kid!" Variety Show & Dessert Bar Blanchard Community Center Starting at 7:00pm Tickets \$5.00 Adults / \$3.00 Children 12 and under Dessert Bar \$3.00 / \$1.00 for Child's big cookie	Mon May 23	Victoria Day (Canada) <a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Victoria_Day">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vic toria_Day</a> Country Breakfast Blanchard Community Center 7:00am - 10:00am Donations Appreciated Blanchard Grange #440 Community Potluck Starting at 5:30pm Blanchard Grange 36 mason Avenue Rathdrum Lions Club Dinner Meeting 16114 N Meyer Road Social Mixer starting at 6:30pm Dinner starting at 7:00pm For more information please call 208.687.1212
		Wed May 25	Lakeland Sunrise Rotary 7:00am to 8:00am Lakeland School District #272 Office 15506 N. Washington Street Rathdrum For more information please call 208.687.5765 American Legion Post 154 Membership Meeting Rathdrum Lion's Club Meetings start at 6:00pm For more information contact Jean Bledsoe at <a href="mailto:Rathdrum154@gmail.com">Rathdrum154@gmail.com</a>
		Thu May	Annual Blanchard Community

26 - Mon May 30	Plant and Yard Sale 26299 Highway 41 Blanchard, ID Starting at 9:00 until we are too tired to go on		call 208.623.2745
Thu May 26	Rathdrum Garden Club May Meeting At the Children's Garden next to Park's & Rec 7851 Main Street Rathdrum Starting at 6:30pm Topic: Plant swap - bring your extras <a href="https://m.facebook.com/rathdrumgrows">https://m.facebook.com/rathdrumgrows</a>	Mon Jun 6	D Day, Normandy (1944) <a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Invasion_of_Normandy">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Invasion_of_Normandy</a> Country Breakfast Blanchard Community Center 7:00am - 10:00am Donations Appreciated Rathdrum Lions Club Business Meeting 16114 N Meyer Road Starting at 7:00pm For more information please call 208.687.1212
Fri May 27	Spirit Lake Farmers & Craft Market Maine Street Spirit Lake 2:00pm - 7:00pm For more information please call 208.623.2745	Wed Jun 8	Lakeland Sunrise Rotary 7:00am to 8:00am Lakeland School District #272 Office 15506 N. Washington Street Rathdrum For more information please call 208.687.5765 American Legion Post 154 Executive Committee Meeting Rathdrum Lion's Club Meetings start at 6:00pm For more information contact Jean Bledsoe at <a href="mailto:Rathdrum154@gmail.com">Rathdrum154@gmail.com</a> Rathdrum City Council Meeting 6:00pm - 7:00pm Rathdrum City Hall For more information please call 208.687.0261 x114
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Mon May 30	Memorial Day <a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Memorial_Day">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Memorial_Day</a> Lakeland Joint School District #272 Memorial Day (No school) Memorial Day Remembrance Pinegrove Cemetery		
Wed Jun 1	Lakeland Sunrise Rotary 7:00am to 8:00am Lakeland School District #272 Office 15506 N. Washington Street Rathdrum For more information please call 208.687.5765		
Fri Jun 3	Spirit Lake Farmers & Craft Market Maine Street Spirit Lake 2:00pm - 7:00pm For more information please		

We are always looking for events around the area that are open to the public.

It doesn't cost anything to get your event on our calendar. Just send an email to [Editor@RathdrumWeeklyNews.com](mailto:Editor@RathdrumWeeklyNews.com) with what, where, when, cost (if any), and R.S.V.P. / contact information and we will get it into the next available newsletter.

If you miss our publication deadline, we can still add your event or announcement to our email blast.

## A 529 Plan Can Help with Those College Bills

We're at the end of another school year. If you have younger kids, you might be thinking about summer camps and other activities. But in the not-too-distant future, your children will be facing a bigger transition as they head off to college. Will you be financially prepared for that day?

A college education is a good investment – college graduates earn, on average, \$1 million more over their lifetimes than high school graduates, according to a study by Georgetown University – but a bachelor's degree doesn't come cheap. For the 2015–2016 school year, the average expense – tuition, fees, room and board – was \$19,548 at a public four-year school and \$43,921 at a four-year private school, according to the College Board. And by the time your children are ready for college, these costs may be considerably higher, because inflation is alive and well in the higher education arena.

Your children may be eligible for some types of financial aid and scholarships. But even so, you may want to consider some college-savings vehicles – and one of the most popular is a 529 plan.

A 529 plan offers a variety of benefits, including the following:

- *High contribution limits* – A 529 plan won't limit your contributions based on your income. In all likelihood, you can contribute as much as you want to a 529 plan, as many states have contribution limits of \$300,000 and up. And you can give up to \$14,000 (\$28,000 for a married couple filing jointly) per year, per child, without incurring any gift taxes.
- *Tax advantages* – Your earnings can accumulate tax free, provided they are used for qualified higher education expenses. (529 plan distributions not used for qualified expenses may be subject to federal and state income tax, and a 10%

IRS penalty on the earnings.) Furthermore, your 529 plan contributions may be eligible for a state tax deduction or credit if you participate in your own state's plan. But 529 plans vary, so check with your tax advisor regarding deductibility.

- *Freedom to invest in any state's plan.* – You can invest in a 529 plan from any state – but that doesn't mean your child has to go to school there. You could live in one state, invest in a second state's plan, and send your student to school in a third state, if you choose.
- *Money can be used for virtually any program* – Upon graduating high school, not all kids are interested in, or prepared for, a traditional four-year college. But you can use your 529 plan to help pay for qualified expenses at a variety of educational institutions, including two-year community colleges and trade schools.

Of course, a 529 plan does have considerations you will need to think about before opening an account. For example, your 529 plan assets can affect your child's needs-based financial aid, but it might not doom it. As long as the 529 assets are under your control, they typically will be assessed at a maximum rate of 5.64% in determining your family's expected contribution under the federal financial aid formula, as opposed to the usual 20% rate for assets held in the student's name.

In any case, though, a 529 plan is worth considering. But don't wait too long – as you well know, your kids seem to grow up in the blink of an eye.

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## Pistol Prof's Perspective

by Russell S. Spriggs

### Warning Shots and Brandishing

If you've attended a class, you've heard this before. But it's worth repeating, because this is more common than you think. And the idea probably comes from bad habits learned from TV.

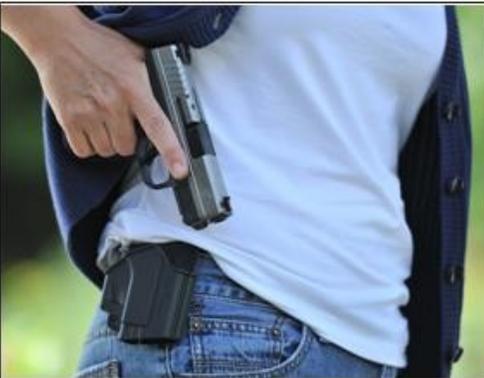
Legal self defense is based on the idea that you face imminent threat of death or serious bodily harm. If you fire a warning shot to "scare off" someone, it is proof that you do not believe your life is actually being threatened. If you really think you're about to die, you wouldn't take the time to fire into the ground or into the air.

Same can be said about brandishing. If you unholster your gun BEFORE you believe you are facing imminent death or serious bodily harm, you are demonstrating that you have the time and presence of mind to "scare off" someone.

While it's possible to make an argument for the use of either warning shots or brandishing, remember that in the eyes of the law, either can get you into deep trouble.

Thanks to [www.buckeyefirearms.org](http://www.buckeyefirearms.org) for the reminder!

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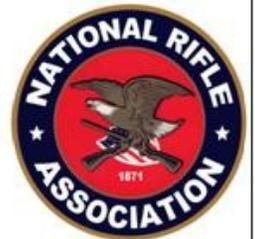
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\$6.00 per person

Saturday, April 30 \* 11:00 AM  
Blanchard Community Center

- ♥ AUCTION of fun items ♥ Finger food lunch ♥ Doll show AND dolls & doll clothing FOR SALE this year!
- ♥ Bring a cup & saucer and/ or wear a hat to win a prize
- ♥ Bring a favorite doll or teddy bear to share
- ♥ Bring your daughters and grand daughters

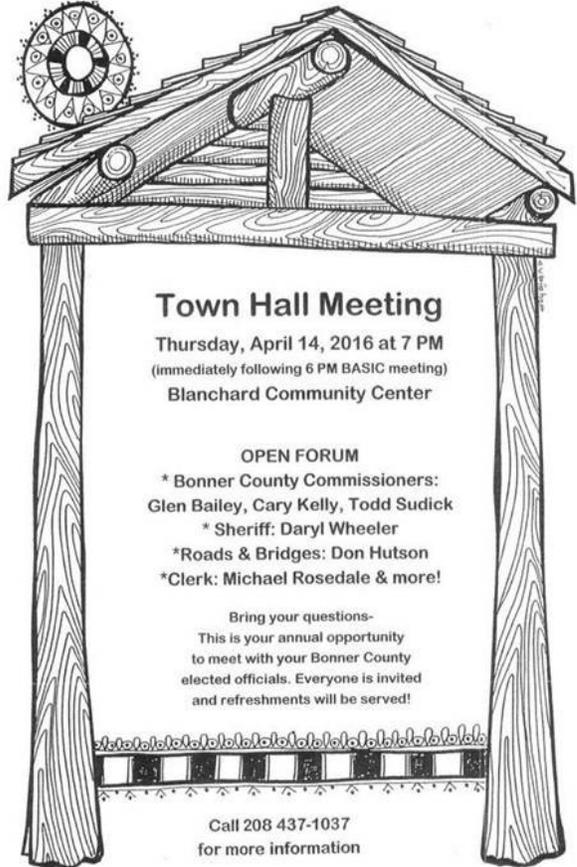


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Appointment time:



**Town Hall Meeting**

Thursday, April 14, 2016 at 7 PM  
(immediately following 6 PM BASIC meeting)  
Blanchard Community Center

**OPEN FORUM**

- \* Bonner County Commissioners:  
Glen Bailey, Cary Kelly, Todd Sudick
- \* Sheriff: Daryl Wheeler
- \* Roads & Bridges: Don Hutson
- \* Clerk: Michael Rosedale & more!

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This is your annual opportunity  
to meet with your Bonner County  
elected officials. Everyone is invited  
and refreshments will be served!

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for more information

**Presidential Delegate Counts**

**Democratic Candidates**

2,382 delegates needed to win

Hillary Clinton - 2,228

Bernie Sanders - 1454

**Republican Candidates**

1,237 delegates needed to win

Donald Trump - 1068

Ted Cruz - 565 - No longer running

Marco Rubio - 164 - No longer running

John Kasich - 153 - No longer running

Thank goodness there is only 180 days of this madness remaining!

Numbers from [www.RealClearPolitics.com](http://www.RealClearPolitics.com) as of 8:00pm Sunday May 8<sup>th</sup>

***Thanks for reading! See you next week!***

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