

ones who are helping children develop the skills to become readers, preparing them for the years of education that lay ahead.

This is a worthwhile investment. High-quality childcare is imperative to strong communities, and I am committed to working with my colleagues to provide long-term stability and support to this industry. Part of that is finding ways to encourage more folks to dedicate their lives to the next generation—and as a CDA holder, Jada is part of that solution. She wants to return home once she finishes her education to, as she puts it, be a light to the children in her community. We are grateful to her for her hard work and dedication to the children and families she will serve as a CDA holder, and I hope to see many more Arizonans follow in her path.●

THE PUBLIC SERVICE REVIEW

● Mr. KELLY. Mr. President, a great privilege of my job as a U.S. Senator is having the opportunity to meet young people who are eager to serve. Talented young leaders like those featured in the Summer 2023 edition of “Public Service Review” inspire me, and I am hopeful their stories will inspire others. This edition features insightful reflections from aspiring public servants with diverse backgrounds and interests who are passionate about serving their communities, their country, and the world.

The 10 authors featured in the Summer 2023 edition are Jamya Davis of Xavier University of Louisiana, Lydia Sigman of George Mason University, Rohini Achal of the University of Washington, Christopher Robinson of Mississippi State University, Mateus Voltolini of the University of Southern Maine, Samina Patel of Georgia Institute of Technology, Tatyana Mayo of Howard University, Julia Comino of American University, Brina Ratangee of Vanderbilt University, and Tony Ruan of Yale University, whom I had the pleasure of having in my office as an intern and speaking with for his article.

The “Public Service Review” is produced by the Stennis Center for Public Service, and the Summer 2023 edition is available at www.stennis.gov. I encourage all to read it.●

RECOGNIZING COUNCIL MOUNTAIN COFFEE & LAUNDROMAT

● Mr. RISCH. Mr. President, Idaho small businesses are the backbone of our economy and the lifeblood of our communities, but rising costs and inflation have brought increased challenges to Main Street establishments across our State. This holiday season, I am proud to relaunch Support Local Gems All Season Long, a holiday revival of the statewide Support Local Gems initiative, which encourages Idahoans to do their holiday shopping at the small businesses that make the

Gem State special. As a member and former chairman of the Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, I am pleased to honor Council Mountain Coffee & Laundromat as one of Idaho’s Local Gems.

Council Mountain Coffee & Laundromat is a staple in the Council community. Owned and operated by Jacob and Samantha Sturlin since 2021, the coffee shop and laundromat are popular among locals for daily cups of coffee and visitors passing through town. The Sturlins moved to Council and bought Council Mountain Coffee & Laundromat in pursuit of a more rural lifestyle and an opportunity to get involved in the community. Council Mountain Coffee features an eclectic menu of coffees, teas, Italian sodas, pastries, seasonal specials, and all are served by the friendliest staff.

The Sturlins’ passion for the community shines through in their sponsorship of the local rodeo, vacation Bible school, and the annual Fourth of July fireworks show. They encourage even the youngest community members to get involved, allowing Council Elementary School students to decorate coffee sleeves to brighten customers’ morning joe.

Congratulations to Jacob and Samantha Sturlin and the employees at Council Mountain Coffee & Laundromat. You are an outstanding example of what it means to be one of Idaho’s Local Gems. You make our great State proud, and I look forward to your continued growth and success.●

RECOGNIZING 2ND SOUTH MARKET

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Idaho’s first food hall was born in 2019, when owners Dave and Lisa Buddecke purchased the historic 1926 Kregel Machine Company building. Paying homage to its location in Twin Falls’ historic warehouse district, 2nd South Market hosts six locally owned food vendors and full bar, which together employ more than 50 people. The food hall features 14,700 square feet of outdoor space, known as the Yard, which provides additional seating, live music, cornhole, firepits, and space for private events. 2nd South Market is a space where the Magic Valley can gather, work, socialize, and eat—a place

where the Magic Valley can build community.

The Buddeckes embraced the history of the former blacksmith, boilermaker, welding, hardware, and most recently, thrift store building, to create a vibrant epicenter for the Magic Valley. During the restoration of the building, original wood and metal paneling, doors, windows, signage, and old whiskey bottles dating back to Prohibition were recovered. A wall at the entrance of the food hall highlights many of these materials and shares the land and building’s unique story since 1907.

Congratulations to Dave and Lisa Buddecke and the vendors at 2nd South Market. You are an outstanding example of what it means to be one of Idaho’s Local Gems. You make our great State proud, and I look forward to your continued growth and success.●

RECOGNIZING SEVEN RIDGES AG SERVICE LLC

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Tad and Kayce Brown, of Kendrick, opened Seven Ridges Ag Services in 2019. After working as a service technician for a John Deere dealer for more than 11 years, Tad decided to explore his own off-road equipment repair service for the local agricultural, construction, and forestry industries. Seven Ridges originally operated out of a single truck and garage. Each year of operation, demand grew. The Browns continue to find new facilities to accommodate their customers’ demand. Most recently, Tad and Kayce joined Jimmie and Cindy Breckenridge to purchase a local parts and repair shop—Kendrick Ag & Supply—where Seven Ridges Ag Services can grow and expand.

Aside from Seven Ridges’ service repairs, Tad and Kayce actively support Kendrick’s youth through the JK Baseball Association and the Kendrick FFA. The Browns proudly support the annual Juliaetta Blackberry Festival Car Show and the University of Idaho Vandal Cheer Team.

Congratulations to Tad and Kayce Brown at Seven Ridges Ag Service LLC. You are an outstanding example of what it means to be one of Idaho’s Local Gems. You make our great State proud, and I look forward to your continued growth and success.●

RECOGNIZING ROYAL THEATERS

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With two locations in Idaho Falls and one in Blackfoot, Royal Theaters is beloved by southeast Idaho's moviegoers. Kent and Ingrid Lott purchased the Centre Theater, originally a 1913 Vaudeville Theater, in 1993. Once a single-screen theater, the Lotts turned the balcony into a second theater 3 years after its opening. Royal Theaters' second Idaho Falls location boasts four screens, while the Lotts' Blackfoot location houses seven.

The Lotts' passion for the movie business is evident in their renovation projects throughout the years. In 2013, Royal Theaters upgraded the 35mm film projectors to digital projectors. In their latest project, the Lotts remodeled both Idaho Falls locations with stadium seating and VIP seats. For more than 30 years, Royal Theaters has offered a special moviegoing experience for southeast Idaho.

Congratulations to the Lott family and the employees at Royal Theaters. You are an outstanding example of what it means to be one of Idaho's Local Gems. You make our great State proud, and I look forward to your continued growth and success.●

RECOGNIZING VICKERS WESTERN STORE

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Vickers Western Store has outfitted southeast Idaho cowboys and cowgirls since 1976. Bill Vickers, an Idaho State University alum, opened the western wear store in Pocatello, which offers a

vast inventory of apparel, accessories, home decor, a pawn shop, and boot repair operation. Vickers' 22 employees offer the highest quality customer service, enticing customers to come back time and time again. In 2001, Vickers' booming success encouraged Bill to expand and open a second store in Idaho Falls.

Bill Vickers operated Vickers Western Store until he passed away in 2013. Bill enjoyed rodeo, winning All-Around Champion at the Idaho State High School Rodeo Finals, and announcing rodeos throughout the West. Bill was later inducted into the Idaho Cowboy Hall of Fame. In memory of Bill, the Vickers family founded the Billy D. Vickers Memorial Endowment for Idaho State University students passionate about rodeo. Even after Bill's passing, Vickers continues to provide the high-quality, phenomenal customer service he championed and founded the store on. Bill's memory lives on through his family and his store. The Vickers family continues to operate the store in southeast Idaho.

Congratulations to the Vickers family and all of the employees at Vickers Western Store. You are an outstanding example of what it means to be one of Idaho's Local Gems. You make our great state proud, and I look forward to your continued growth and success.●

RECOGNIZING WHITE CROSS PHARMACY AND COMPOUNDING

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In 1922, White Cross Pharmacy opened its first location in Priest River. In its 101-year history, only five owners have ever operated the store, which shows their strong commitment to helping keep our communities happy, healthy, and well-informed. Since 1922, the pharmacy has grown to serve Sandpoint, Oldtown, and Spirit Lake. Today, Gary de Blaquiére, Rich de Blaquiére, and Shannon McGlashan own and operate the pharmacy, which truly stands out by providing student work positions under hard-working pharmacy staff, who diligently serve the community.

Due to its rural Idaho location, White Cross Pharmacy, like many rural pharmacies, plays a vital role in providing healthcare for residents, in-

cluding the elderly. Rural pharmacies are often the only healthcare facility for miles around. In these towns, the pharmacy employees treat customers like family, and in turn, customers trust pharmacists with critical healthcare services. This is the niche filled by White Cross Pharmacy in Oldtown, Priest River, Spirit Lake, and Sandpoint.

White Cross Pharmacy offers patient services ranging from treatment protocols for minor and self-limiting ailments to advice on over-the-counter remedies to guidance on prescription medication. But the pharmacy is not stopping there because it is looking to add new services to better serve the community. It works to help those in need by donating money to assist those who cannot afford their medications and actively participating in community events and donating to local food banks.

Congratulations to de Blaquiére Enterprises, Inc., and all of the employees at White Cross Pharmacy. You are an outstanding example of what it means to be one of Idaho's Local Gems. You make our great State proud, and I look forward to your continued growth and success.●

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-2833. A communication from the Inspector General, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Congressional Mandate: Part B Payment Amounts for Two Drugs Included Noncovered Self-Administered Versions in 2022"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2834. A communication from the President of the United States to the President pro tempore of the United States Senate, transmitting, consistent with the War Powers Resolution, a report relative to United States forces conducted discrete strikes against facilities in Iraq used by Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) and IRGC-affiliated groups; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2835. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed license amendment for the export of defense articles, including technical data, and defense services to Sweden in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more (Transmittal No. DDTC 22-045); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2836. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed license amendment for the export of defense articles, including technical data, and defense services to Sweden in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more (Transmittal No. DDTC 22-059); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2837. A communication from the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, transmitting,