

Congratulations to Cory and Haley Koole and the entire Blue Fox team for being selected as an Idaho Small Business of the Month for June 2026. 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 THE CANDY JAR

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Judy and Paul Loomis purchased a historic building in Blackfoot in early 2019 and quickly began renovations. On top of launching a successful candy shop, the couple's goal was to restore the city's downtown and prove that a small business can make a big impact. After 10 months of hard work and dedication, the Loomises opened The Candy Jar.

Located across the street from The Idaho Potato Museum, The Candy Jar immediately became popular with museum visitors. Judy and Paul put the Gem State at the forefront of their business, highlighting Idaho's and the building's rich history. In addition to the store's handmade fudge, The Candy Jar sells Idaho products like heart-shaped suckers from a local candy-maker who still uses her grandmother's recipe, hand-dipped chocolates from Weiser, and many more confections from Post Falls, Pocatello, Caldwell, and everywhere in between.

Their offerings have become a fan favorite and helped to inspire economic development throughout the city. In the 7 years since The Candy Jar opened, Blackfoot has seen new small businesses start, grow, and renovate other historic buildings.

While Judy and Paul have enjoyed watching more opportunities come to the city, their favorite part of running the store is interacting with customers. From locals who have become extended family to travelers passing through town looking for a treat, Judy and Paul find joy in helping customers find the right sweet to satisfy any craving.

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Started in 1991 by Eric Schrader, Junkyard Jeans has built a reputation for exceptional craftsmanship and dedication to American-made products. What began with Eric's passion for designing and manufacturing quality denim has since grown into a unique and beloved Boise business. Today, Junkyard Jeans offers a curated selection of vintage goods, including custom chain-stitched and embroidered garments and one-of-a-kind collectible pieces.

Partnering with another Idaho business, McKinney Monograms, Eric and his team learned the art of chain-stitching and embroidery techniques used by old-school masters who worked on vintage denim. Much of Junkyard Jeans' manufacturing work is done in-house with entirely American materials, ensuring each piece in the store has a unique character.

Junkyard Jeans has also invested in the next generation, collaborating with Boise State University, BYU Idaho, and the International Business Program to start an internship program for students interested in clothing design and manufacturing. In 2013, the company participated in a traveling artisan makers project that showcased Idaho craftsmanship and custom sewing across the country.

Located in the heart of Boise, Junkyard Jeans has seen dozens of storefronts come and go. Recognizing the challenges and opportunities many Main Street retailers face, Eric has dedicated much of his 30 years in operation to working with surrounding small businesses and hosting block parties and community events to encourage residents to shop small.

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Originally called Nate's New York Pizza, the business was founded in 2009 by Nate Banner with the goal of bringing authentic New York-style food to north Idaho. Applying what he learned from a New Yorker who had moved out West, Nate got to work crafting a menu based on quality and tradition.

Today, the business is known as New York Pizza Department, or NYPD as it is often referred to by Post Falls locals. The name pays tribute not only to the pizza's New York roots but also to all the first responders that serve north Idaho.

Michael Kuipers purchased the store in March of 2026 and, alongside his wife and daughter, operates the business with a passion for building connections with the community over New York-style pizza. Using the original recipes and techniques Nate passed down from New York natives, Michael has cultivated a welcoming gathering place for families, friends, and neighbors.

A major priority for Michael is their work with the Post Falls community to support local schools and teachers. From donating pizzas for events to recognizing educators who go above and beyond, New York Pizza Department is heavily involved in strengthening the growing north Idaho community. The store also puts a heavy emphasis on giving back to local first responders, including the Post Falls Police Department. For Michael, these efforts are not only rewarding but a helpful way to build meaningful connections beyond delicious pizza.

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Established in 1965 by Ozzie and Lois Schmidt, Ram's Head began as a small cafe and gas station serving recreationalists in the Salmon-Challis National Forest. Positioned along the banks of the Salmon River, it was the perfect spot for Idahoans enjoying our public lands. Over time, the company changed ownership, expanded the cafe, and added hotel units, but eventually fell vacant for 15 years.

In 2017, Chris and Brianna Reece took on the task of getting Ram's Head up and running again. By the fall of 2018, the pair had refurbished the building and hosted the grand opening of the new Ram's Head Cafe and Lodge.

Now operating primarily as a hunting and fishing lodge, Chris and Brianna provide quality service and food to the surrounding downriver community, Lemhi County residents, and summer recreationalists traveling through Idaho. Through partnerships with local hunting and fishing outfitters, Ram's Head has grown to offer the best experience for locals, travelers, and adventure seekers of any kind in the Salmon-Challis National Forest.

Chris and Brianna are also active members of the Salmon Chamber of Commerce and support efforts like the Idaho Conservation Officers Association and Salmon River Days. The pair attributes their ability to renovate and reopen Ram's Head in under 2 years to strong community support and plan to continue giving back to their community as businessowners and through personal endeavors.

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Founded in 1986 by Fawn Olsen, a local celebrity known for her fudge, Weiser Classic Candy has become an Idaho staple. The fudge is famous for good reason. Fawn, the original owner, worked with food scientists from the University of Idaho to develop and perfect her own line of recipes for the confections still sold today in the Weiser storefront.

Patrick Nauman, who now owns Weiser Classic Candy, fondly remembers walking through Fawn's Classic Candies and dreaming of one day running his own candy shop. In 2007, those dreams came true when Patrick moved back home to Weiser and bought the store from Fawn.

Quickly after taking the reins, Patrick launched a website and implemented ideas that have helped expand the company from seven stores to now having their candies available in more than 200 across all 50 States. To ensure the business's Idaho roots remained front and center, Patrick hosted a community naming contest to rebrand Fawn's Classic Candies to Weiser Classic Candy.

Staying true to his hometown and the Gem State, Patrick prioritizes Idaho ingredients. In each treat, customers are tasting milk from Darigold, cream from Reed's Dairy, apples from Symms Fruit Ranch, huckleberries from north Idaho, and sugar from Amalgamated Sugar. These Idaho products were placed in the spotlight earlier this year when Weiser Classic Candy was invited to send chocolates to the commissioning of the new USS *Idaho*. Thanks to their hard work, each crew member, their families, and attendees received Weiser's famous fudge.

Patrick recognizes the significant impact a corner candy shop can have on a community. As part of his efforts to help other small business owners succeed, Patrick started the Weiser Classic Candy Entrepreneurial Scholarship. The initiative, which encourages the next generation to take the leap into entrepreneurship, has given out

more than \$20,000 in scholarships to high school students interested in attending programs that support small business development.

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#### TRIBUTE TO NAZAMOVIA ADAMS-PHILLIPS

● Ms. SLOTKIN. Mr. President, today it is my honor to recognize Nazamovia Adams-Phillips, known to many as Naz.

When Naz was deciding on a career, she knew she wanted to be a nurse: someone who cares for those who need it, nurtures the sick on their journey to better health, and helps people get more time to spend with their loved ones.

For 40 years, Naz led a distinguished career as a nurse. And as an African-American woman, she is a pioneer, paving the way for other female nurses that look like her.

Naz was born in Oxford, MS, in 1936. Her family later moved to Jackson, MI, where she attended Jackson High School and Jackson Community College. She studied at the Mercy School of Nursing of Detroit—Jackson Unit, where she was the program's first African-American graduate.

Naz then worked at Mercy Medical Center in Ohio, where she was the second African-American nurse hired. During her tenure at the hospital, Naz served across multiple departments, including the operating room, recovery room, medical/surgical, and IV services. At the hospital, she dedicated herself to caring for patients and was a leader among her colleagues. Soon, she became the director of utilization review and quality assurance, establishing her as the first African-American department director.

Naz's service extends to her faith and her family. Naz was also the first African American to chair the Mercy Medical Center's Mission and Philosophy Committee, meaning she also became the first African American to speak in the hospital chapel. Outside the hospital, Naz has been a steadfast member and leader at the Bethel CME Church for over 65 years.

Naz is also a devoted wife and mother to 7 children, including my dear friend Ernest. She also proudly cares for her 11 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren. She has served as a guiding light within her community, especially to her family and friends. In all she does, Naz is strong-willed, dedicated, loyal, giving, and deeply God-fearing.

This year, as we recognize Naz's 90th birthday, we also honor her decades of service to the people of Michigan, Ohio, and the entire Nation. It is my honor