

Quote of the Month:

"You will get all you want in life if you help enough other people get what they want."

~ Zig Zigler

The Importance of an Up-to-Date Medical Power of Attorney

In today's uncertain world, a serious illness or an incapacitating injury can strike at any age. A properly drafted medical power of attorney (POA) allows someone you trust to make medical decisions on your behalf should you become incapacitated.

You're never too young or too old to consider this important step. Even your child heading to college may require you to step in if he or she cannot act after an illness or injury.

Suppose you're seriously injured and doctors recommend a risky procedure that is your best chance for recovery. You may be unable to make this decision yourself. The POA allows your signer to intercede, making critical care decisions for you only if you cannot act.

Your POA can legally talk with your physicians, deciding on the best course of action. The medical POA gives no power to make financial or other decisions, just the authority to make medical decisions on your behalf. Only when you're unable to act for yourself does the medical POA begin.

If you've signed a POA in the past, reevaluate it. Your signer may no longer be able or willing to help make these tough decisions. An up-to-date medical POA is essential to your healthcare and to your family.

You may hear medical providers call the medical POA an "advance directive." Always provide a copy to your treating physician and to the hospital you'd likely visit with an illness.

Discuss your wishes with your POA because it's important he or she clearly understands what you do want and what you don't want after a critical event.

Call us for information on POAs. We help walk our clients through many important life decisions.

While these conversations can be difficult, it costs nothing for you to meet with us and discuss what's best for you.

Congratulations on 25 years, Dawna!

I'm not very good with writing things down, but going to try my best. I have worked for Field-Waldo for 25 years. Time has gone by fast, after all, I know I should still be at least in my thirties :). I have to say it has been a unique experience. There have been many learning experiences, challenges, and positive times. Field-Waldo has been a good and positive work environment with so many good people to work with and for. I have enjoyed servicing our clients and growing in the field of personal lines service. I have been truly blessed and fortunate to have been able to work for the company these last several years. I am looking forward to retirement in the future, but will definitely miss my co-workers and the clients.



Congratulations on 20 years, Lori!

The past 20 years with Waldo Agencies have literally flown by. I started working in May 2001 with Waldo Real Estate which I have enjoyed very much. I have seen many changes in real estate over the years and the market has had its share of ups and downs, but we are still going strong.

I could not ask for a better place to work. The atmosphere is wonderful and the owners and co-workers are the greatest group of people you'll ever meet! We are one big happy family and I wouldn't trade it for the world!



Congratulations on 5 years, Dustin!

Sometimes we come across opportunities in this life that are hard to quantify. Changing a career can be like that—sure, we can always count the value of an opportunity in how much more we might earn, but how can we quantify the impact of a positive work life in terms of dollars and cents? It's hard to know what to make of someone who says "we have a great culture. You'd love working with our team." Plenty of organizations boast this—but people define culture differently, and there's no guarantee that you won't be the single outlier. I made the leap into insurance business five years ago, based on a single clue; the people who made this business their life's work seemed happy and fulfilled to be doing it. Five years in, I can attest that I was not misled. My coworkers and mentors take their jobs seriously but are quick to laugh and smile. They are gracious and patient with each other, happy to teach and learn, and go about their work with a stewardship mentality—all things which I have found fit my own personal values. I'm glad I made the jump, and I'm happy to do what I can to create and preserve value for our customers and community.



May EVENTS

5-5 **HAPPY BIRTHDAY Dave!**
5-9 **Happy Mother's Day**
5-31 **Happy Memorial Day**





New Listing!

Charming characteristics mixed with new updates. Lots of natural light from lg. windows, open floor plan, gas fireplace, lg. master bdrm and living room. Irrigation well and other irrigation available, 2 car detached garage. \$336,000.

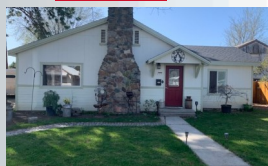
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What People Are Saying...

"I started with Scott Lamb who had to hand me off to John Faw because of health reasons. Scott was great to work with but John picked up the ball and I was very impressed with his local knowledge. He is very pleasant to work with. I have already passed his name on to a potential client

~ Tom & Donna Beaumont



John Faw
Principal Broker,
GRI, OR/ID

Local
Friendly
Professional



Build your relationship on positive communication

A positive family relationship is built on good communication. You'll resolve conflicts more easily and enjoy each other's company when you communicate more effectively using these ideas from the Raising Children website:

⇒ **Stop.** When your child wants to talk, stop what you're doing so you can give him or her your full attention. Be patient and give them time to express themselves fully.

⇒ **Keep an open mind.** Your child may want to talk about difficult things. You may not always agree with his or her point of view. Stay calm. Wait until you're ready to respond without anger or fear.

⇒ **Be spontaneous.** Take advantage of car trips, baths, and bedtime. Children frequently relax more when they have no distractions around them.

⇒ **Be ready for uncomfortable conversations.** As they grow up, kids will have lots of question about sex, drugs, alcohol, social media, and other issues. You want them to be safe, but try not to respond in a judgmental tone. Listen to what they say and explain clearly what you think about it and why.

⇒ **Thank them.** When your child opens up about a problem, even if it's a disagreement with you, thank him or her for being honest. This shows that they can trust you to treat them with respect no matter what the issue.

⇒ **Show appreciation.** Let every child know that you appreciate him or her, regardless of whatever else is going on. Children feel secure when they know they're loved unconditionally.



The Power of Appreciation

A university professor began reflecting on the people who'd had a positive impact on his life. In particular he remembered a schoolteacher who'd gone out of her way to instill in him a love of poetry. He hadn't seen or spoken to her in many years, but he located her address and sent her a letter of thanks. A short time later, he receive this reply:

"I cannot tell you how much your note meant to me. I am in my 80s, living alone in a small room, cooking my own meals, lonely, and, like the last leaf of autumn, lingering behind. You will be interested to know that I taught school for 50 years and yours is the first note of appreciation I ever received. It came on a blue-cold morning, and it cheered me as nothing has in many years."

The teacher's note brought the professor to tears—and then he began searching for others who'd shaped his life, just to say thanks.

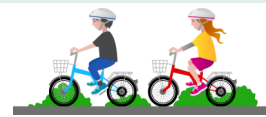
Happy Landing

An airline had a policy that required the pilot to stand at the door while the passengers exited, smile, and say, "Thanks for flying with our airline!" The landing on one particular flight was particularly rough, and the pilot had difficulty looking the passengers in the eye, expecting that one or two would have a smart comment for him. However, it seemed that all the passengers were too shaken to say anything.

Finally, everyone had gotten off except for one little old lady walking with a cane. At the door she said, "Sonny, mind if I ask you a question?"

"Why, no, ma'am," said the pilot. "What is it?"

The woman said, "Did we land or were we shot down?"





May is National Bike Month

National Bike Month is promoted by the League of American Bicyclists and celebrated in communities from coast to coast. Established in 1956, National Bike Month is a chance to showcase the many benefits of bicycling and encourage more folks to give biking a try.

Feathered Rice

1 cup white rice
1 tsp salt
2 1/2 cups boiling water

Bake in a covered dish at 400 degrees for 20 minutes.

What games are you playing?

Mobile games are booming, according to an infographic from Web solutions developer Dot Com Infoway (DCI). The global online gaming market hit \$151.9 billion in revenue in 2019, and was expected to reach \$169.5 billion in 2020. Mobile games account for 54% of global gaming revenue, with console games coming in second at 15% and PC games right behind at 14%.

What are people playing? Puzzle games are the most popular category, accounting for 57% of games played. That's followed by:

Arcade games	55.6%
Action games	34.75%
Racing games	31.3%
Strategy games	15.8%
Adventure games	15.5%
Card games	15.4%
Board games	14%
Simulation games	13.7%
Word games	13.5%



**You know you're a mom when...
you understand why Mama
Bear's porridge was cold.**



Your most prized possession? *Probably your phone*

Name one thing you can't live without. If you answered, "my cellphone," you've got a lot in common with, well, everyone. A poll by Asurion found that Americans consider their cellphone to be their No. 1 possession, more important than their car or refrigerator. Staying in touch with loved ones you can't visit seems to be the driving force. We depend on our phones for more than phone calls, of course. Driving the urgency that has led to a 20% jump in the number of claims for broken phones in the past year, much of what's on our phones is often irreplaceable—82% of Americans have photos and/or video they can't stand the thought of losing, 60% cite their contact list, 52% have passwords and login credentials stored, 45% have documents and important notes, and, of course, 32% have their favorite music.

His mother was 40 years old when Jesse was born.

Jesse grew up in a very rough home in Morgantown, West Virginia. Jesse's father, who was mentally ill, was a violent man and was abusive to Jesse. At 13, his father died leaving his mother to take care of him and his brothers. At the time, things weren't easy for Jesse and he didn't think life held much hope for him. While Jesse had his struggles, he had dreams too. He wanted to be a ventriloquist and he found books on ventriloquism. He practiced with sock puppets and saved his money until he could get a real ventriloquist dummy. When he was old enough, he joined the military. The military recognized his talents and placed him in the entertainment corp. He toured the western Pacific Islands as a comedian as part of a G.I. variety show called "Stars and Gripes." It was there he was able to share his talents with fellow soldiers. In 1946, he discharged with rank of Technician Grade 5, which was the equivalent then of a Corporal. During his military service, Jesse was awarded the World War II Victory Medal, Philippine Liberation Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal (with 4 bronze service stars), Army Good Conduct Medal, Marksman Badge (with an M1 Carbine) and Honorable Service lapel pin. Through his military service, Jesse gained confidence and found that he had a talent for making people laugh. In spite of his early struggles, Jesse became one of the best-loved characters of all time. For it was Jesse,... Jesse Don Knotts who brought us Barney Fife!



Source: Do You Remember? Nostalgia Never Gets Old Facebook community



Waldo Spotlights



Brandon Forsyth unselfishly donated one of his kidneys to his dad, John. Both are recovering well.



Our sweet Billie Pearcy retired on April 29th. She will be missed! We wish her well in all her adventures. (Yes, we see that the letter r is not in "congrats" - OOPS!)

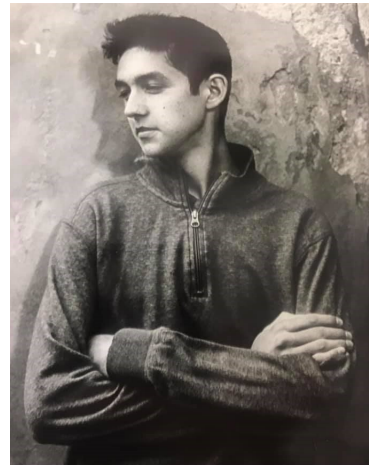


Jeremy landed this nice mackinaw.



Barbara breaks the treat-filled, edible creation given to the office by Hayley Brown of Idaho Central Credit Union to signify "breaking into the Oregon market".

Marcus "Makhi" is graduating!!
In Trisha's words, "...the hardest part of motherhood is when your kids grow up."
Congratulations!!



Dellas and Lee toured the infrastructure of the Owyhee Irrigation District including ditches, power plants and transmission lines, pump stations, and the Owyhee Dam to better understand the scope of their operation and the risks that they face to equipment and property.



John & Patty Faw (center) pose in front of John's boat at the Riggins jet boat races in Riggins, Idaho.