



Opposite: John Peavey
at tree arborglyph.

REMEMBERING JOHN PEAVEY

Trailing of the Sheep Festival founder, leader, and friend

JOHN PEAVEY, A COMMUNITY LEADER AND VISIONARY, along with his wife Diane, laid the foundation for the Trailing of the Sheep Festival in 1996. Their foresight and leadership in reviving the historical tradition of trailing the sheep, bridging the Wood River Valley's heritage to the present, is truly inspiring. The five-day Festival, a celebration of the over 150-year-old annual tradition of moving sheep, is a living history that honors the people, arts, cultures, and traditions of Idaho's sheep ranching families, with a special focus on the Basques, Scottish, and Peruvians.

Born on September 1, 1933, and raised in Twin Falls, Idaho, John lost his father as a young boy. However, he followed in the political footsteps of his grandfather, John Thomas, who served as a U.S. Senator from Idaho. His mother, Mary Brooks, the Assistant Chairman of the National Republican Party, also served as Director of the U.S. Mint under Presidents Nixon and Ford. After graduating from Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois, and serving in the U.S. Marine Corps, John returned to Idaho in 1960 and began working on the family ranch. Alarmed by the lack of a statewide voice for agriculture and the environment, he ran for the Idaho State Senate in 1970, where he served for 21 years.

As a legislator, John's impact on Idaho's history was profound. His work led to the passage of the Sunshine Initiative Act in 1974, a measure that demanded public disclosure of campaign finance and lobbying activities for the first time. He also provided leadership for legislation to stop the widespread depletion of Idaho's rivers and aquifers, securing the state's water for the future. His contributions are a testament to his dedication to Idaho's well-being.

One of his proudest achievements was placing the family's entire Flat Top Sheep Ranch in conservation easements, saving acres of land into perpetuity as it is today in its wildness.

The Good Shepherd Monument, unveiled in 2021, stands as a lasting tribute to John, which was his vision, and the generations of families and communities who support sheep ranching. The monument, featuring life-sized bronze sculptures, including eight sheep, a shepherd, a horse, and a dog, is a powerful symbol of John's legacy and the enduring spirit of the sheepranching community.

"By co-founding the Festival with his wife Diane, he found a meaningful way to address a potential conflict by inviting the community to learn more about the heritage of sheep ranching in the West and, in the process, created an internationally acclaimed event that is beloved by the community and visitors from around the world," says Trailing of the Sheep Festival's Carol Waller.

Trailing of the Sheep Festival Executive Director Laura Musbach Drake adds, "I learned much from this great man and will carry stories of the sheep and dogs with me forever. He was intelligent, caring, and very witty in his quiet way. I will miss him as a leader, teacher, rancher, and friend. Producing the Festival with him for so many years was an honor and a privilege. I am proud to carry on his legacy as best as possible without him."

John passed away on June 16, 2024, surrounded by family. A celebration of John's life will take place at the October 2024 Trailing of the Sheep Festival. ■

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STRENGTHENING THE WEST

Storytelling at the annual
Sheep Tales Gathering

“You might not recognize it right away if you’re new to a rural area, but community strength—from education to medical services and other opportunities—helps support landowners on the periphery.”

—Lesli Allison

by Martha Williams

EACH YEAR DURING THE TRAILING OF THE SHEEP FESTIVAL, stories of the past merge with those of the present, with an eye toward a shared future. One of the weekend’s highlights is the Sheep Tales Gathering, held on Friday evening.

“It’s always been the ‘storytelling’ part of the weekend,” says Trailing of the Sheep Festival Executive Director Laura Musbach Drake. “This year, it will explore issues related to conservation, land management, and agriculture—issues that affect us all in one way or another.”

Titled “The Future of Conservation in a Crowded West,” this year’s Gathering features a conversation between Dr. Jared Talley (Boise State University Professor in Environmental Science and Governance), Lesli Allison (Chief Executive of Western Landowners Alliance), Dr. Hailey Wilmer (Research Rangeland Management Specialist at the USDA-ARS Range Sheep Production Efficiency Research Unit in Dubois, Idaho), and a local sheep producer.

Their conversation will center on the importance of private and public lands, agriculture’s role in conservation, and the benefit of healthy working landscapes to all.

Allison is a founding member of the Western Landowners Alliance (WLA), which began in 2011 as a conversation among land managers interested in conservation. For 16 years, she



Neighbors gather for an event hosted by the Western Landowners Alliance on a Colorado ranch to discuss forest, stream, and fisheries restoration.

managed a large ranch in Colorado's San Juan Mountains, where she implemented progressive conservation management, with projects ranging from prescribed fire and stream restoration to wildlife management and scientific monitoring.

She now focuses her time on WLA's mission of advancing policies and practices that sustain working lands, connect landscapes, and native species. Alongside her are WLA's 13,500 members of landowners, natural resource managers, and partners across the West.

Allison is proud of WLA's growing membership and staff in Idaho. Their work aims to help sustain livelihood in rural areas, which depends on interconnection and participation.

"You might not recognize it right away if you're new to a rural area, but community strength—from education to medical services and other opportunities—helps support

landowners on the periphery," says Allison. "In turn, the health of the community depends on the health and prosperity of its surrounding working lands. So we have to be working together. Then everyone benefits."

In her years working with landowners across the West, Allison has noticed how isolation has damaged once-strong community identities and levels of civic engagement. "Rebuilding that fractured fabric is an important piece of resilience in the West," she says.

She's also seen new landowners move into communities where they don't engage in local life and learn to understand its parts.

"Someone might not be aware that how they manage their land has repercussions on their neighbors: economically, agriculturally, or in terms of wildlife management," says Allison. "They may have negative impacts on the community they love, or on livelihoods

and the ability for people to come together and collaborate around issues that need attention."

It's about building better relationships and bridging these disconnects. About making better outcomes possible for everyone as the West faces critical issues like wildlife migration and wildfire recovery.

During the Sheep Tales Gathering, the panel will discuss the concept of "stewardship beyond boundaries," or the need for everyone to look beyond their immediate self-interests.

"This is central to WLA's work," Allison says. "What it means is that whether you're a landowner, rancher, sportsman, community member, or local official, we all must understand that our work takes place in a larger context. If you stay narrowly focused, you lose that perspective. Each piece is part

Western Landowners Alliance Chief Executive Officer Lesli Allison speaks with ranchers and community members at the Old Salt Festival in Montana.



PHOTO OF LESLI ALLISON BY ZACH ALTMAN

of a bigger whole, and that whole can only function when its parts are working together and supporting one another."

Amidst many challenges and opportunities, the fantasy of rugged individualism in the American West endures. Those in rural areas must be self-reliant, but working together is still key, says Allison. "Human beings wouldn't have survived without cooperation. It's the only thing that makes it possible for us to live in these places."

What she keeps hearing from people around the West is a hunger to start to do things differently. "To create a conservation movement that works with people and not against them," she says. "A way forward that recognizes our commitment to our land and food systems, to our reliance on those who care for those things. We inherently want positive relationships. We see this all the time and across the political spectrum."

Allison sees the Trailing of the Sheep Festival as a bridge builder between urban and rural communities, between those who live and think differently, and as an event that can help heal divides and bring people together through storytelling.

"This sort of event gets people excited and seeing each other as human beings," she says. "We can celebrate and have fun together. And stories unify us. They are compelling and relational, entertaining and accessible. A good story can do more to bring people together than just about anything else." ■



Linda Poole, working lands director for the Western Landowners Alliance, leads a discussion on ranching and conservation at the Old Salt Festival in Montana.

OCTOBER 4
Sheep Tales Gathering
 7pm | \$25
 The Argyros | Ketchum
 Tickets at trailingofthesheep.org

SHEEPDOG TRIALS

'COME-BY'* for this year's international feel



by Lori Williams

FOR THE FIRST TIME IN TRAILING OF THE SHEEP FESTIVAL HISTORY, the Sheepdog Trials will feature an international judge. From southwest Scotland, Fiona McMillan has been organizing sheepdog trials, including Nationals and Internationals, for 30 years in the United Kingdom as well as throughout Europe, Canada, and the United States. She is widely respected throughout the stock dog community. For most of those years, Fiona also served as Director of the International Sheep Dog Society, and Trustee on three separate occasions. She is currently Senior Scottish National Vice President and will become the first female President in the history of the International Sheep Dog Society in November of this year.

"We are honored and lucky to have Fiona as our judge for 2024," says Kelly Ware, Trailing of the Sheep Festival United States Border Collie Handlers Association Trials' Coordinator. "I first met her in July 2022 and asked if she would be interested in judging at Trailing of the Sheep Festival. She was very good with all the entries and popular with the handlers and spectators. It has taken two years for her to work us into her schedule."

Fiona was born and raised on a 1,000-acre farm where her father, Bert McMillan, was manager. They ran over 200 cross-bred sheep and 800 blackface sheep, and over 100 Pedigree Galloway Cattle. "From a young age, I learned shepherding and farm skills following dad around," says Fiona. "I had a special place in my heart for working with border collies, and I broke into young pups to bring them to a certain standard for my dad to put on the finishing touches. I always enjoyed taking them out into the fields and seeing them develop through the training process to trial."



Fiona McMillan

"The welfare of the dog and the sheep are part of my ruling, so you take all that on board as well. If the sheep are good sheep, I expect good standards; if they are a bit tucky, maybe I'm more lenient. It's good fun. You are just trying to get that balance right."

—Fiona McMillan

**The "come-by" sheepdog command instructs the dog to go around or circle the sheep in a clockwise direction.*



Above: A young Fiona with dog Gael on the *One Man and His Dog* television programme.

Right: Fiona with her Dad, Bert, and Garry



Fiona's innate ability presented itself when, at 12, she won the Young Handlers Competition at the Woburn Abbey England International in 1986 with a young stand-in dog because her dog had been injured two weeks before the competition. A year later, she represented Scotland on the popular English television programme, *One Man and His Dog*. At 14, she ran at her first local trial and attended as many open trials in Scotland as possible with her dad.

When Fiona was 18, her father unexpectedly passed away, and so did the farm environment. She left the trialing scene for a little while to pursue her career in administration and law enforcement, but she kept her passion for dogs alive by organizing trials in her local nursery league, which eventually led to her current resume.

At the Festival, Fiona will be judging sheepdogs moving range ewes that are used to roaming in the mountains by themselves and rarely, if ever, handled. The opportunity for a handler to exhibit their dog in this challenging situation doesn't present itself very often. The course is difficult by trial standards, and the event is highly respected with a larger field than at most competitions across the country. But Fiona knows what to look for. "Judging just comes naturally to me," she explains. "I know what I like in a dog, one that basically has a feel for the sheep and can move them. I would say I'm very much a line judge, tight turns and straight lines; what we call in the UK as 'shaving the points.' The welfare of the dog and the sheep are part of my ruling, so you take all that on board as well; if the sheep are good sheep, I expect good standards, if they are a bit tucky, maybe I'm more lenient. It's good fun. You are just trying to get that balance right," she says. "I'm really excited to come out and meet everybody. It's an absolute honor to be the first international judge at this event." ■



2024 CHAMPIONSHIP SHEEPDOG TRIALS

The National Point Qualifying Sheepdog Trials during the Trailing of the Sheep Festival is a must-see for all animal enthusiasts who have wondered who is really in charge of the sheep and how the dogs are trained to respond to their handlers.

The United States Border Collie Handlers Association governs the trialing world and sanctions the Trailing of the Sheep Festival Trials. The 2024 Trials will feature 80 of the most talented border collies paired with their top handlers. Look for teams traveling from Utah, Idaho, Montana, California, Oregon, Washington, and Canada.

Enjoy food from the Gooding Basque Association, beverages, shop for great Festival merchandise, and peruse the wares of over 30 vendors.

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

Spectators are encouraged to bring their own lawn chairs, as no seating is provided. The field is a natural space, so there is a short walk to it from both the handicapped and general admission parking—please be prepared. Leashed dogs are permitted at the Trials, but coolers are not.

A bike valet, daily ticketing, and weekend passes are available for this year's National Qualifying Sheepdog Trials. There will be expedited parking with an EZ EWE PASS LANE, and bikes will be safely supervised during the Trials.

Construction is projected to occur on Buttercup Road. Please be patient and allow extra travel and arrival time.

OCTOBER 4 & 5

Trial Qualifiers

9am-5pm

\$10 | Bike/pedestrian (includes complimentary bike valet)

\$10 | Vehicles with single occupancy per day (includes entry fee and parking)

\$25 | Three-day pass for single occupancy

\$20 | Vehicles with two or more passengers per day (includes entry fees and parking)

\$45 | Three-day pass for two or passengers

OCTOBER 6

Finals

9am-2pm

\$5 | Bike/pedestrian (bike valet not available)

\$10 | Vehicles with single occupancy (includes entry fee and parking)

\$20 | Vehicles with two or more passengers (includes entry fees and parking)

2400 Buttercup Road | Hailey
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Sheep spending time in a spring grazing treatment plot. They are concentrated in areas of shorter vegetation where cheatgrass is more abundant.

TARGETED GRAZING

Land management to
protect ecosystems and
the environment

by Kelly Hopping

AS ECOSYSTEMS ACROSS THE WESTERN U.S. ARE BEING TRANSFORMED BY A HOST OF CHANGES, ranging from more frequent and intense wildfires to the spread of invasive species, land managers and scientists are looking for new and effective ways to address these mounting challenges. One such management tool gaining attention is “targeted” or “prescriptive” grazing.

Unlike traditional livestock grazing, where animals are managed primarily to produce commodities such as meat or wool, targeted grazing is oriented toward meeting specific environmental goals. These goals can include suppressing undesirable species, such as invasive weeds, creating fire breaks to stop wildfire spread, or stimulating plant growth to increase forage quality for wildlife, like elk.

To achieve environmental goals through targeted grazing, managers alter the timing, frequency, and intensity of grazing by domestic livestock, including cattle, goats, and sheep. For example, herding or temporary fencing can control where the livestock go and how much their grazing and trampling is concentrated in certain target areas. By changing the timing of grazing, livestock can reduce undesirable plant species at key points in their life cycles, such as before they produce seeds.

This strategy can be particularly attractive for targeting species that grow while others are dormant, enabling managers to bring in livestock to eat and trample them without overgrazing desirable species. If effective, such practices can reduce the need for expensive and potentially harmful herbicides or other labor-intensive treatments. For targeted grazing to work well, managers must have clear objectives, monitor the ecological outcomes, and adjust grazing to ensure that animals are carefully managed to prevent unintended damage to the soil and desirable plants while maintaining the livestock’s health.

Sheep moving into a fall targeted grazing plot in October 2023.



In Idaho and much of the Western U.S., a growing environmental threat is the spread of cheatgrass (*Bromus tectorum*), a non-native grass that has invaded sagebrush steppe ecosystems. As it spreads, it pushes out native species and creates a carpet of fine fuels, greatly increasing the risk of wildfire. In the Sawtooth National Forest, which surrounds the Wood River Valley, cheatgrass dominates many hillsides and poses a serious management challenge. Cheatgrass is a good candidate for targeted grazing because it starts growing earlier in the spring and can green up again in the fall when native species are dormant. This annual cycle provides windows of opportunity to graze cheatgrass more intensively at times when impacts on other plants should be lower. Yet, despite the attractive potential of targeted grazing to remove cheatgrass and restore sagebrush steppe, ecological questions and practical challenges must be better understood before it can be more widely adopted at management-relevant scales.

To provide a better understanding of whether targeted grazing could be an effective tool to reduce cheatgrass, we assembled an interdisciplinary team of researchers from Boise State University, Brigham Young University, and Oregon State University, U.S. Forest Service range managers, and sheep producers who graze their bands of sheep in the Sawtooth National Forest. Working together in two Forest Service grazing allotments where their sheep normally graze in the summer, we established an

experiment to test how cheatgrass, native plants, soils, and wildfire risk are affected by the typical, less intense summer grazing as well as by targeted grazing with sheep in the spring and fall.

In July 2022, we collected our first round of baseline ecological data in 32 plots highly invaded by cheatgrass. In the years since, herders have guided their bands of sheep, each with approximately 1,000 ewes, to perform targeted grazing in the fall and spring treatment plots. In the summer, they pass through the “business-as-usual” summer grazing plots as they would normally. Our team of researchers returns to the plots each year to monitor the sheep and conduct measurements to assess how the grazing treatments affect cheatgrass abundance and associated wildfire risk, as well as non-target plants and soil conditions.

Although our study and analyses are ongoing, several trends are already emerging. First, there has been a high degree of variability in the timing and amount of cheatgrass each year. When the timing of cheatgrass growth in the spring matched the sheep’s arrival to the Wood River Valley, targeted grazing significantly reduced cheatgrass cover compared to plots that received typical summer grazing and areas that were not grazed. In the fall, when sufficient rain helped cheatgrass green up again while native plants mostly remained dormant,



Boise State University graduate student Madelyn Sorrentino measuring potential wildfire fuels in a study plot invaded by cheatgrass.

targeted grazing also appears to have had an enduring effect that reduced cheatgrass the following summer, reducing fuel for potential wildfires. However, sheep are less able to affect it in seasons without the right cheatgrass growth conditions and timing. These results underscore the need to adapt cheatgrass management approaches to fit the conditions each year.

Examining potential unintended consequences of targeted grazing for other ecosystem components is also important. For example, sheep graze on native plants while performing targeted grazing, especially in the spring. We are closely monitoring for any sustained trends in these non-target plants to identify whether targeted grazing treatments are at risk of reducing cheatgrass at the expense of other species. Our measurements of key soil properties have not revealed any significant changes caused by targeted grazing in the short term. Still, we are also continuing to monitor for shifts in

the longer term. By looking at the ecosystem more holistically, we can better understand the circumstances under which targeted grazing could be a practical component of a cheatgrass management strategy while minimizing other ecological impacts.

In contrast to most cheatgrass-targeted grazing studies, this project stands out for using sheep instead of cattle. As cheatgrass encroaches into higher-elevation areas, sheep could be an especially important management tool since they are better suited to more rugged terrain. By using bands of sheep that move across large swaths of the landscape, we are also gaining insight into what it takes to accomplish management goals at a scale that is relevant for sheep producers and public lands managers so that our findings can translate more directly into supporting management decisions that will help improve the condition of our ecosystems—perhaps with the help of sheep. ■



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LOVE TO EAT LAMB

A centerpiece of the Trailing of the Sheep Festival

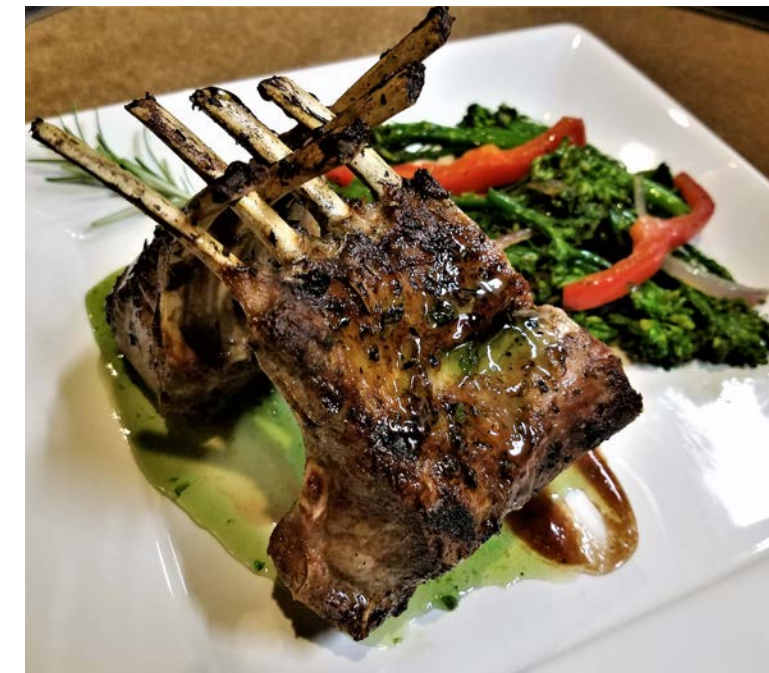
by Sabina Dana Plasse

WHEN YOU LIVE AND VISIT IDAHO, it's not a requirement to love and eat lamb, but maybe it should be. Lamb is a source of lean protein and minerals, offering a rich, robust, and delicious flavor that many people enjoy several times a week. The multitude of preparations that exist to enjoy lamb is part of our world culture and heritage that extends back centuries, which is at the heart of the Trailing of the Sheep Festival—a tasty and divine element.

Not many foods carry the longevity of the story of lamb. Farmers, ranchers, shepherds, sheepdogs, families, and communities have lived, worked, and thrived due to this ancient and revered powerhouse ingredient. According to the American Lamb Board, in the U.S., 80,000 family farmers and ranchers wake up each day, in some capacity, as part of a lamb business or operation. Over six million sheep are raised by farmers and ranchers in every state in the U.S. Choosing American Lamb supports our nation's farmers and ranchers while enjoying a quality product that never disappoints and can be prepared in many ways.

Highly respected chefs and restaurant owners who serve lamb know that a rancher's passion for lamb ends up in their kitchen, inspiring cuisine to offer diners and families something delicious. The opportunities at the 2024 Trailing of the Sheep Festival for you to enjoy many types of elevated lamb cuisine are many. Even more important is that all of this lamb has been purveyed in the U.S. thanks to the American Lamb Board and Festival supporters, including Superior Farms American Lamb, Grand Teton Lamb, SuDan Farm, Lava Lake Lamb, and Darby Northcott's 3/D Ranch just south of the Wood River Valley.

Valley chefs and restaurants will offer American Lamb specials throughout the Festival, including an array of lamb tasting bites at the For the Love of Lamb event in Ketchum and prepared lamb cuisine at the Fair in McKercher Park in Hailey. If you secured a seat at one of the highly recommended and coveted Farm to Table dinners, you will enjoy a four-course dinner featuring local lamb, lamb ranchers will be in attendance to discuss sheep ranching in Idaho and answer questions.



At the Festival's cooking classes, you will have an opportunity to dine on lamb prepared by Chef Sydney Liepshutz, who will be creating a Yemini lamb stew, and Chef Chris Kastner of CK's Real Foods' whose class will be on preparing a Lamb Cornish Pastry. Chef Mary Clare Griffin will offer a Marcona Almond Encrusted Lamb Rack Pisto Manchego and Patatas Brava cooking class dish inspired by her recent trip to Spain, and Chef Steven Kammerer of Ramen Cowboy will put his spin on a Japanese Lamb Curry. It's all mouthwatering and waiting for you at this year's Festival.

The array of lamb-inspired cuisine at the 2024 Trailing of the Sheep Festival is plentiful, and remember, when choosing lamb to eat at home, buy from the U.S. because it is the best and supports our talented lamb ranchers and farmers. ■

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2024 FESTIVAL SCHEDULE

The 28th annual Trailing of the Sheep Festival, recognized as one of the "Top Ten Fall Festivals in the World" by msn.com, takes place October 2-6, 2024, celebrating a unique tradition of sheep, herders, history, and food.



TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1

Farm-to-Table Dinner

The farm-to-table dinners, hosted by AI's Wood River Sustainability Center, focus on bringing regionally sourced foods to the local community. This dinner will include Idaho lamb from Darby Northcott's 3/D Ranch.

6pm | \$100
 Mountain Humane
 101 Croy Creek Canyon | Hailey



WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2

OCTOBER 2-4 Trailing of the Sheep Festival Headquarters Open

10am-5pm
 The Argyros Performing Arts Center
 120 Main Street | Ketchum

COOKING WITH LAMB

Chef Sydney Liepshutz | Fasah—Yemeni Lamb Stew accompanied by Flatbread, Honey Labneh Sauce and Zhug, a Yemeni green herb hot sauce

3:30-5pm | \$95
 Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church
 206 Sun Valley Road | Sun Valley

Farm-to-Table Dinner

The farm-to-table dinners, hosted by AI's Wood River Sustainability Center, focus on bringing regionally sourced foods to the local community. This dinner will include Idaho lamb from Kathleen and Brian Bean's Lava Lake Lamb.

6pm | \$140
 Mountain Humane
 101 Croy Creek Canyon | Hailey

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3



WOOL FEST

Sheep Hat
9am-12pm | \$105
Knit + Needle
370 Walnut Avenue | Ketchum

Beginning Knitting
1:30-4:30pm | \$115
DL Evans
601 South Main Street | Ketchum

Animal Sculptures
1:30-4:30pm | \$110
Emmanuel Episcopal Church
101 S 2nd Avenue | Hailey

We Felt a Bowl!
1:30-4:30pm | \$90
Emmanuel Episcopal Church
101 S 2nd Avenue | Hailey



COOKING WITH LAMB

Chef Chris Kastner of CK's Real Food | Lamb Cornish Pastry
10:30am-12pm | \$95 SOLD OUT
CK's Real Food
320 Main Street | Hailey

Chef Mary Clare | Marcona Almond Encrusted Lamb Rack Pisto Manchego, Patatas Brava
1-2:30pm | \$95
Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church
206 Sun Valley Road | Sun Valley

Chef Steven Kammerer | Japanese Lamb Curry
2:30-4pm | \$95
Ramen Cowboy
640 N. Main Street | Ketchum

Cheese-Making Class

Learn how to make fresh cheese with fromager Kendall Russell of Lark's Meadow Farms.

1-4pm | \$125
St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church Parish Hall
311 1st Avenue South | Hailey

Farm-to-Table Dinner

The farm-to-table dinners, hosted by Al's Wood River Sustainability Center, focus on bringing regionally sourced foods to the local community featuring Idaho lamb.

6pm | \$140 SOLD OUT
Mountain Humane
101 Croy Creek Canyon | Hailey

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4



WOOL FEST

Candygram Cowl
9am-12pm | \$115
Knit + Needle
370 Walnut Avenue | Ketchum

Postcards from the Flock
9am-12pm | \$120
Emmanuel Episcopal Church
101 S 2nd Avenue | Hailey

Long Wool Locks Collar/ Shawl with Power Tools
9am-12pm | \$150
Grange Hall
609 S 3rd Avenue | Hailey

En Plein Air Tapestry Weaving
9am-3:30pm | \$285
Emmanuel Episcopal Church
101 S 2nd Avenue | Hailey

Scandinavian Skinnfells
9am-12pm & 1-4pm | \$325
Sun Valley Museum of Art
314 Second Avenue South | Hailey

Spinning 101: Getting to Know Your Wheel
9am-4pm | \$155
St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church Parish Hall
311 1st Avenue South | Hailey

Eweltide Ornament
10:30am-1:30pm | \$55
Sun Valley Fabric Granary
122 South Main Street | Hailey

Knit Socks
1-4pm | \$100
Knit + Needle
370 Walnut Avenue | Ketchum

Fiber Prep Basics
1:30-4:30pm | \$75
Emmanuel Episcopal Church
101 S 2nd Avenue | Hailey

Needle Felted Tote or Throw Pillow
1:30-4:30pm | \$125
Grange Hall
609 S 3rd Avenue | Hailey



Sheepdog Trials

National Point Qualifying Sheepdog Trials for spectators

9am-5pm | Check Festival website for costs (children under five FREE)
2400 Buttercup Road | Hailey

Sheep Ranching Q&A with Ranchers and Friends

Learn more about the sheep ranching industry during this free community event.

2:30-4pm | FREE
The Community Library | Ketchum

COOKING WITH LAMB

Chef Chris Kastner of CK's Real Food | Lamb Cornish Pastry
10:30am-12pm | \$95 SOLD OUT
CK's Real Food
320 Main Street | Hailey



For the Love of Lamb

Experience the best in American Lamb baaa-ites from some of the top restaurants in the Wood River Valley.

4:30-5:30pm | \$25
Downtown Ketchum

Sheep Tales Gathering

Join for "The Future of Conversation in a Crowded West." Read more on page 56.

7pm | \$25
The Argyros Performing Arts Center
120 Main Street | Ketchum

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5



WOOL FEST

Wet Felted Scarf with Power Tools

9am-12pm | \$135
Grange Hall
609 S 3rd Avenue | Hailey

Beginning Drop Spindle

9am-12pm | \$90
Emmanuel Episcopal Church
101 S 2nd Avenue | Hailey

Needle Felted Pumpkins

9am-12pm | \$85
Emmanuel Episcopal Church
101 S 2nd Avenue | Hailey

Crochet a Hexagon Bag

1-4pm | \$120
Knit + Needle
370 Walnut Avenue | Ketchum

Needle Felted Sheep

1:30-4:30pm | \$90
Emmanuel Episcopal Church
101 S 2nd Avenue | Hailey

Turkish Spindle 101

1:30-4:30pm | \$100
Emmanuel Episcopal Church
101 S 2nd Avenue | Hailey

Natural Dyes of Idaho

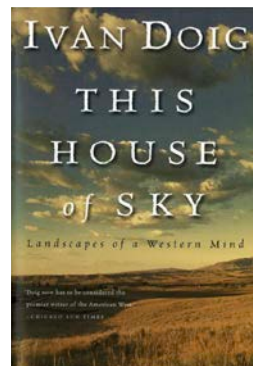
1:30-4:30pm | \$120
Grange Hall
609 S 3rd Avenue | Hailey



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Sheep Reads

Pick up a copy of *This House of Sky: Landscapes of a Western Mind* by Ivan Doig and finish it before joining us for a book club discussion hosted by Diane Peavey.

9:30-10:30am | FREE
Town Center West
116 South River Street | Hailey

Folklife Fair

The Fair offers demonstrations of sheep shearing, displays of sheep wagons, Kids' Fluff crafts, spinning and weaving demonstrations by artisans, music, and dancing by traditional performers, great food, and beverages. Over 80 vendors selling their unique art and crafts will be featured along with Lamb Fest, which starts at 11am.

10am-4pm | FREE
Roberta McKercher Park
100 S 3rd Avenue | Hailey



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6

Sheepdog Trials' Finals

National Point Qualifying
Sheepdog Trials for spectators

9am-2pm | Check Festival website for costs (children under five FREE)
2400 Buttercup Road | Hailey

Big Sheep Parade

Join as a band of 1,200 sheep parade down Main Street in Ketchum with sheep ranching family members and herders headed south.

12pm | FREE
Downtown Ketchum



WOOL FEST

Eweltide Pillow

1:30-4:30pm | \$70
Sun Valley Fabric Granary
122 South Main Street | Ketchum



Happy Trails Closing Party

Enjoy some classic music from Cindy and Gary Braun and kick up your heels with then southern Idaho's longtime favorite dance band, the Kim Stocking Band, at this year's Happy Trails Closing Party!

10am-3pm | FREE
Ketchum Town Square
480 4th Street East | Ketchum

Cindy and Gary Braun to play Festival closing party.

LEARN MORE

Visit Trailing of the Sheep Festival's website for up-to-date information and details on all events.

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