

## Weiser schools to remain closed

*District trustees cite uncertainties surrounding coronavirus*

by Steve Lyon

The Weiser School District Board of Trustees decided on Monday night to continue with remote learning for the rest of the school year due to the many uncertainties associated with the ongoing coronavirus outbreak.

It was a tough decision that followed much discussion, but trustees said they believe it was the best alternative based on a number of factors.

School board members said they felt extending the closure through the last five weeks of the school year would provide a level of certainty for staff, students and parents for planning purposes.

There is also a concern that the state and local area could continue to see cases of COVID-19 in the coming weeks, making it difficult for students to return to schools in the time remaining in

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## Still only one coronavirus case in county

by Steve Lyon

While other counties are reporting additional cases of coronavirus, Washington County's total remains at one, which is where it has been for nearly two weeks.

The Idaho Department of Health and Welfare reported the first case of coronavirus in Washington County on Thursday, April 2.

The confirmed case is a woman in her 70s who is recovering at home. The source of the transmission is under investigation.

State health officials said there is one case of coronavirus in Adams County and two cases in Valley County. Payette County has nine cases and one death related to the coronavirus.

As of Monday, there were 1,453 confirmed cases of coronavirus in the state. There have been 135 hospitalizations due to the virus and 33 deaths.

The Idaho Department of Health and Welfare updates

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## FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS!



The lights at the Weiser High School baseball and football fields were turned on as a way to honor seniors and athletes in the Class of 2020 who have been affected by the coronavirus outbreak. The 'Be The Light' event on Friday brought tons of community support as cars filled with students and parents circled Memorial Park for 20 minutes. Photo by Steve Lyon

## 'Be The Light' celebrates Class of 2020

by Steve Lyon

A parade of honking vehicles circled Memorial Park on Friday evening in a show of community support for Weiser High School seniors and student-athletes impacted by the coronavirus outbreak.

The lights at the football and baseball fields were turned on for 20 minutes starting at 8:20 p.m. (2020 in military time) as part of "Be The Light," an event that went viral across the state late last week.

"The lights are to show that we are thinking of them, and that we will eventually be able to come back together and

compete again at some (currently undetermined) point," WHS athletic director Tyler Grant said in an email.

The appearance of coronavirus in March in Idaho brought statewide school closures and suspended spring sports just as the seasons were getting started.

It is not known yet whether spring sports will be able to resume again during this school year.

The many participants in "Be The Light" in Weiser were reminded that the park

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## Weiser senior center offers takeout lunch, Meals on Wheels deliveries during closure

*Sit-down dining has temporarily stopped due to precautions over the coronavirus*

by Steve Lyon

Sit-down dining at the Weiser Senior and Community Center has stopped for now as a precaution against the spread of coronavirus, but daily takeout meals are still available.

Between the curbside pickup and Meals on Wheels deliveries, local seniors can get a tasty and nutritious meal every weekday.

The center is serving takeout lunches from 10:30 a.m. through 1:30 p.m. on weekdays. Seniors are asked to call ahead by 10 a.m. to request a

meal so employees have an idea of how many to make.

The takeout meal is packaged in sealed and well-protected containers. Those over age 60 pay a suggested donation and everyone else pays \$5.

The Meals on Wheels program has seen an increase in the number of deliveries to homebound seniors due to the closure at the senior center.

The center is currently delivering 47 meals daily and can serve more seniors over the age of 60 in the community who

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Weiser resident Ken Bartoschek is handed lunch by Weiser Senior and Community Center coordinator Kathy Huerta last week. The center is offering takeout meals every weekday and delivering meals to local seniors. Photo by Steve Lyon



# Obituaries



**Ida L. Widener**  
**June 6, 1963 to**  
**April 5, 2020**

Ida Laurell Widener, 56, passed away April 5, 2020 at home in Weiser, Idaho, surrounded by her loving husband, her daughters, and their families after a hard-fought battle with cancer.

Ida was born June 6, 1963, to Alburn and Cora Allen in Nyssa, Ore. She was born 20 years after her eldest brothers and was the joy of her parents' life. Cora died when Ida was two years old.

Ida spent the long days during planting season with local farm families playing with the West-erberg, Payne, and Lang children while Alburn was working in the fields.

Ida grew up on a Vale area dairy farm and learned the necessity and value of hard work. She participated in 4-H sewing and was an accomplished seamstress. She was a member of the Malheur Butte Baptist Youth Group, Vale High School FFA team, and Malheur County Empire Builders.

Ida won the 1981 Malheur County Dairy Princess contest and gracefully represented Malheur County and the dairy in-

dustry in the Oregon state competition.

She graduated from Vale Union High School in 1981 and attended Eastern Oregon State College and Beauty School in La Grande, Ore.

In 1984 Ida married the love of her life, Jeff Widener. They resided in Jeff's home town of Weiser, Idaho. Ida worked with her father-in-law, Oliver Widener, in his barber shop.

Ida and Jeff brought two beautiful daughters into this world, Hannah Widener and Stephanie Widener (Lanham); Ida always wanted to be a mother. Ida became not only a wonderful mother but also a nanny to three beautiful grandchildren, Whitlee Lanham, Raelee Lanham, and Kash-ton Joslin.

Ida was a Ranch Manager with her husband Jeff at Sage Rock Ranch in Weiser, Idaho.

Those who knew Ida know that she loved nothing more than being a wife, mother, and nanny to her grandchildren. Ida loved being outdoors; she enjoyed many adventures including hunting, fishing, and bucking bull trips with her husband Jeff. She often out-fished and out-hunted him, which always put a smile on her face.

Ida served on the Washington County Weed Board, and she worked countless hours throughout Washington County helping land owners control their noxious weeds.

Ida had a wonderful laugh and a keen sense of humor. She was incredibly hard-working with a deep

sense of integrity. Everyone who knew Ida knew that they had a genuine friend. Ida was a beloved daughter, wife, mother, sister, aunt, and nanny.

Ida was preceded in death by both of her parents, Alburn Allen and Cora Allen; and her brothers, Lee Allen and Kenny Allen.

Ida is survived by her husband, Jeff Widener; daughters, Hannah Widener (Ty and Kayden Joslin), Stephanie (Zeb) Lanham; grandchildren, Whitlee and Raelee Lanham, Kash-ton Joslin; parents-in-law, Oliver and Dorothy Widener; sister Tracie Widener; brothers Gene Allen and Larry Allen; and nephew Matt Patterson.

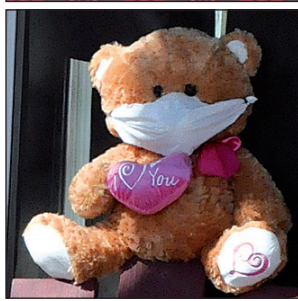
Everyone will miss Ida's beautiful smile, her quick wit, and her enduring love and dedication to her family and friends.

The family would like to thank the owners of Sage Rock Ranch, Tom and Barbara Stephenson, and their son Alexander for being more than just employers; you are family. Thank you to all of Ida's numerous friends for their continued love and support.

Due to the unfortunate circumstances of the Coronavirus, a Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. The family hopes to hold Ida's celebration by mid-May, 2020. Details will come as they are available.

Arrangements under the direction of Thomason Funeral Home.

Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.lienkaemper-thomason.com](http://www.lienkaemper-thomason.com).



Homes and businesses in Weiser have put stuffed bears in their windows for kids to discover around town. The bear hunt is happening in Weiser and all over as a way for kids to find some fun during the stay-home order issued by the governor in an effort to stop the spread of the coronavirus.

## Bear hunt is a welcome distraction during coronavirus stay-home order

*Everyone encouraged to put a teddy bear in the window*  
by Nicole Miller

Until the stay-home order of COVID-19, hearing the words "bear spotted on Pioneer Road" might have brought an image of brown bear a little too far away from home, but some Weiser families have worked together to create new meaning to the term "bear hunt" and it's fun for the whole community.

Throughout the stay-home order, it is important for people to find ways to stay connected with others. Weiser is among the communities who have been inspired by the childrens book "We're Going On a Bear Hunt" by Michael Rosen.

The "bear hunt" encourages families and businesses to put a teddy bear in their window for young ones to spy while going on a safe social distancing walk or drive with their families.

While several communities are participating in the bear hunt, the idea came to Weiser through a Facebook post by Katie Morgan. She was familiar with the story, and having worked with the preschool students in Weiser, she could think of a few students in particular who

would enjoy the activity. So she put a few bears in her window, and spread the word.

The activity has caught on quickly throughout the community. On a short walk, it's easy to spot several, and on a half-hour drive, a family can easily spot over 50 bears and even a few other animals from puppies to sloths.

Even for those that live out in the country, or farther away from the main road, there have been those who have gotten creative and bears can be found hanging on fences, light posts, and even mailboxes to be more visible.

Barbara Huck has even gotten creative by posting activities that her "bear" has done from making a prayer flag to paw-print cookies to show that in her words "Weiser is bear strong."

The bear hunt is a welcomed distraction for both kids and adults. It has become a way to remind each other that we are going through these difficult times together. We may not be able to get together, but we can show we are strong together.

## Thank you to all the health care providers



### You are our heroes

The Weiser Care of Cascadia on East Park Street in Weiser has a sign up at the front entrance that pays tribute to the employees who work there. The management at the facility put up the sign last week. Employees say it has been well received and the comments have been positive. Due to the coronavirus pandemic the facility is currently not open to the public for precautionary reasons. Weiser Care of Cascadia is a provider of rehabilitation and skilled-nursing services.

## Death Notices

### Merildean Robbins

Merildean Robbins, 94, of Nyssa, Ore., passed away April 12, 2020. Arrangements are under the direction of Haren-Wood Funeral Chapel, Ontario.

### Roxanna Allen

Roxanna Allen, 68, of Council, Idaho, passed away April 8, 2020 in Council. Arrangements under the direction of Thomason Funeral Home.

### David M. Russell

David M. Russell, 49, passed away April 1, 2020 at home. Memorial service will be held at a later date.

## Transfer stations in Weiser and Midvale will follow new temporary hours

Due to circumstances surrounding COVID-19 the two transfer stations operated by Washington County solid waste will close early on Fridays in Weiser and close all day Saturdays at both sites until further notice. These are temporary hours for the foreseeable future.

Also, Washington County transfer stations will temporarily not accept tires, refrigerators or air conditioners to limit the handling of cash and possible exposure of employees and their families to the COVID-19 virus.

### Weiser transfer site hours:

- Monday – 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Tuesday – 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Wednesday – 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Thursday – 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Friday – 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Saturday – CLOSED

### Midvale/Cambridge transfer site:

- Monday – Closed
- Tuesday – 1 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
- Wednesday – 12 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
- Thursday – 12 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
- Friday – 12 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
- Saturday – CLOSED





# Census operations have had to adjust due to the coronavirus

*Deadline to respond has been pushed back to August*  
by Steve Lyon

The appearance of the coronavirus in mid-March has required the U.S. Census Bureau to make adjustments, including suspending field operations and extending the deadline for responses, as it continues to work toward accurately counting all Americans in 2020.

Census takers plan to conduct nationwide in-person followups for non-responders to make sure everyone is counted on May 13. The Census Bureau said it will closely follow guidance from public health authorities when conducting the field operation.

“The key message right now for anyone with questions about how COVID-19 will affect the 2020 Census: It has never been easier to respond on your own, whether online, over the phone or by mail – all without having to meet a census taker,” census officials said.

As of last week, the U.S. Census Bureau reported that 46.2 percent of households have already responded to the 2020 census. The remaining 64 million households will receive a paper questionnaire in the mail by April 16. Responding to the census is required by law and answers are kept confidential.

Households receiving the paper questionnaire can still respond online or by phone, or they can return it by mail in the enclosed envelope. They can choose to respond online at 2020census.gov in English or 12 other languages. The 2020 cen-

sus deadline has been extended to Aug. 14 for responses.

Those households responding to the census online should use the Census ID from the letter that was mailed out or provide their address. It takes about 10 minutes to answer the census questions online.

The public should respond for the number of people living at that address as of April 1.

In 2010 the Census Bureau had to hire 150,000 people to verify 100 percent of the addresses in the field. For the 2020 Census, the bureau will only have to hire about 40,000 employees around the nation to verify the remaining 35 percent of addresses.

The 2020 Census officially starts counting people in January 2020 in remote Toksook Bay, Alaska. Following the count of people in remote Alaska, most households in the country received invitations to respond online, by phone or by mail in March.

The U.S. Constitution mandates a census of the population every 10 years. Census statistics are used to determine the number of seats each state holds in the U.S. House of Representatives and informs how hundreds of billions of dollars in public funds are allocated by state, local and federal lawmakers for public services and infrastructure like hospitals, emergency response, schools and bridges over the next 10 years.

# County commissioners approve 911 fund expenditures to replace dispatch radios

*911 emergency system funded by user fee on every cellphone*  
by Steve Lyon

Washington County commissioners recently approved a fiscal year 2020 budget adjustment that will allocate funds to pay for new 911 emergency dispatch radios and equipment for the sheriff’s office.

Following a short public hearing, the board passed a resolution to allow an increase in the spending authority in the emergency 911 fund from \$50,000 to \$110,000. The separate E911 board, which meets quarterly, already approved allocating the funding.

The budget adjustment does not affect property taxes levied by the county. The E911 fund’s source of revenue is a \$1 per month fee that is collected by service providers for every cell phone in use in the county.

The Idaho Legislature passed the Emergency Communications Act in 2006. The law authorized the communications

fee to be used exclusively to purchase, operate and maintain an emergency communications system in each county or 911 service area. The 911 fee is listed as a line item on every cellphone users’ bill.

Sheriff Matt Thomas told commissioners that the 911 radio equipment was coming to the end of its functional life and two dispatch consoles need to be replaced.

He said he hoped to get another year out of the equipment, but the company that maintains the Motorola wireless equipment said the radios needed to be replaced and could not be fixed if they break.

Thomas said the 911 emergency radio system will not be replaced until the coronavirus pandemic has died down. Currently, all county buildings are closed to the public to prevent the spread of the coronavirus.

The sheriff’s office provides emergency 911 dis-

patch services for multiple agencies in the county, including sheriff, fire, city police and ambulance.

The Washington County Communications Center is operated 24 hours per day, 7 days per week. It is the Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) for Washington County.

The E911 committee is made up of representatives from the Washington County Sheriff’s Office, Weiser Police Department, Weiser City Fire and Rescue, Weiser Area Rural Fire Department, Weiser Ambulance and other emergency and first responder agencies.

In recent years, the 911 committee has authorized spending on new radio equipment, including two new repeaters for emergency communications and solar panels on Sturgill Mountain to power transmitters.

The next 911 committee meeting will be held on May 6.

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FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

Good job on the social distancing! Keep it up!

I want to thank everyone for your efforts at physically distancing ourselves. It is working! We have now completed three weeks of the governor's "stay at home" order.

It took a little bit of adjustment to get used to, but it seems to be becoming the new normal. Statewide the number of new cases per day peaked about a week after the order and has since been on a downward trend.

Here in Washington County, as of Monday morning there have been 70 tests, with 64 negative results, and only 1 positive.

This is beating the state average of 10 percent tested coming back positive. Our result is 1.5 percent. Keep it up! Together, our efforts are paying off!

Keep up the physical distancing. Limit your grocery shopping to once a week with only one family member go-

ing to the store. Wash your hands.

These are simple things, but in doing these, you are making a difference.

That being said, please continue to support our local businesses, restaurants, and cafes as often as you are able. We are lucky to have a wide variety of choices for take-out or delivery for a town this size.

It is one of the many things that make Weiser such a nice place to live. We want to make sure that all of our businesses are able to continue after this virus has slowed down.

This may also serve as a good lesson on why it is important to shop locally. These businesses are here to serve you in good times and bad. If you like having these businesses here in an emergency like this, please remember they need to be supported at all times.

On the lighter side, this is reminding

me of times as a kid, when we had to make our own entertainment. I'm reading more, getting more yard work done, working on projects, just to name a few things.

The slower pace is actually kind of refreshing. Cathy and I sat on the front porch Saturday and spent time just watching a butterfly work our maple tree out front.

Around the city, the street crew is taking advantage of the lower traffic volumes. They continue to paint crosswalks. All of the city parking lots have been re-striped and they have restored the striping on all of the county parking lots inside the city limits.

When the crosswalks are finished, the street crew plans to paint the parking space markers downtown.

Again, I want to thank all of you for your efforts at staying home. We don't know how long we will be in this situation. It is causing all of us to face new challenges, but you are rising up to meet the challenges. Good job!

Weiser really is a great place to live!



Mayor Randy Hibberd

Some random thoughts on the virus crisis

There was a disconnect when people cheered the best week on Wall Street in years at the same time coronavirus deaths topped 10,000 and job losses were catastrophic.

In the midst of a worldwide pandemic, when people are getting ill and dying and losing their jobs, popping the corks on the champagne over a big jump in the Dow seemed to lack a certain amount of empathy.

I'm not thinking about the beaten down stock market and what looks like a screaming buy right now.

I'm sure there is money to be made on Wall Street for those with shrewd instincts and money. My thoughts are focused elsewhere during these unprecedented times.



EYE ON WEISER  
Steve Lyon

Really, I can't get interested at all about reliving a sporting event from the past. I already know the outcome. I just can't do the game reruns. It holds no interest for me.

Sports are to be lived in the moment. They are a visceral, real time experience. We invest emotion in a game because it means something right now. Everything else is ancient history.

I realize sports networks are starved for fresh content right now. There is literally nothing going on to fill all those programming hours. Seriously, CBS sports radio would run a cricket match if they could get it, but there is nothing going on right now.

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When the all-clear is sounded on the coronavirus, what will society look like? I think the behavior of people will be different for a long time.

Some call it antisocial-distancing, the new habit we have acquired of keeping away from close contact with people. These days, a cough or a sneeze and we quickly make haste in the opposite direction.

At the grocery store, I have my personal space that I hope other shoppers will respect. I pay attention to the tape on the floor that keeps people in line separated. These are the rules that public

health officials say could keep us from catching the virus.

I have a sense of caution about exposure when out in public, but I'm probably not as fastidious as some people when it comes to taking steps to avoid the coronavirus.

I still don't use hand sanitizer enough. I inadvertently touch my face too much. I haven't been diligent about wearing a face mask all the time in public. The CDC would probably give me a C on my efforts.

I don't think people will go back to crowded venues or return to a more carefree lifestyle until there is a vaccine against the virus. Maybe young people will think the risk of congregating is worth it, but I don't think senior citizens will.

Until you can get inoculated against this potentially life-threatening respiratory virus, people are not going to sit shoulder to shoulder at a crowded arena to watch a basketball game. Nobody wants to fly on an airplane and breathe recirculated air. Nobody is going to shake hands with strangers.

Life has changed in countless ways because of the coronavirus. We will get back to some semblance of normalcy, but I'm not sure when.

We have to get on with life. At some point, I will need to get a haircut and take a trip to the mall to buy a shirt.

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Lyndon Haines is our choice for commissioner

Editor:

This letter is in support of Lyndon Haines for Washington County Commissioner, District 1.

Lyndon is a loving husband and father. He is a well-rounded candidate with a heart for Washington County and its citizens.

He is involved in many facets of our community, including but not limited to being a first responder and working with youth.

Lyndon is a young man who is wise beyond his years. As a Washington County Commissioner, he would lead the county with wisdom, honesty, integrity and compassion.

He understands the need to follow the laws and mandates of the state of Idaho in accordance with the Idaho Constitution.

We hope that you will join us in voting for Lyndon Haines for Washington County Commissioner, District 1, in the upcoming May 19, 2020, Primary Election.

Betty and Brad Thomas  
Weiser

There are many reasons to vote for Lyndon Haines

Editor:

Lyndon Haines is my choice and recommendation in the upcoming primary election for District 1, Washington County Commissioner for the following reasons:

1. He is a young family man and engaged member of our county. We need honorable young citizens to participate in local government and help guide the decisions that will shape Washington

County for future generations.

2. Lyndon is the pastor of the Weiser Christian Church and a shining example of what faith in action looks like in the greater Washington County area.

3. As a commissioner of the Weiser Area Rural Fire Department I can personally attest to Mr. Haines' professional demeanor in uncomfortable situations and his well-researched suggestions for improvements to efficiency and effectiveness of our department.

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# Your Faith

## I'll take who's behind curtain #1

### Church of the Redeemer

With sacrifice made, Sunday's come and Christ has risen! Hallelujah!

Now what? Life has just begun like life has never been, that's what.

Back in the days of the exodus from Egypt, God gave very precise instructions how the temple was to be constructed. The veil, or curtain – estimated at 60 feet high, 30 feet wide, 4 inches thick – was to serve as a partition between the holy place and the holy of holies, the place of God's presence. God was with the people, but sin and its curse of death still separated. No peaking behind the curtain. At risk of certain death, the holy of holies was off-limits.

This separation was never God's intention. Only something holy and dramatic could bridge the gap.

From the foundation of the world, Jesus was the only God-man for this "mission possible." Hanging on Calvary's cross as the curse of God for all humankind, having fulfilled His mission for coming, Jesus said, "It is finished!", and He died. That's when it happened...

"The veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom." Considering the height, and width, and thickness of it, I'd say this was that something holy and dra-

matic. The holy of holies was opened up!

Christ's sacrifice on our behalf, confirmed by His resurrection to glory bridged the gap. All who will believe in Him are free to enter into the holy presence of God. God is life, and in His presence is life eternal.

This is no game show, but I'll take who's behind Curtain number 1 every time! Come on, let's enter in, together – Jody R. Goode, [redemerweiser@gmail.com](mailto:redemerweiser@gmail.com).

Deuteronomy 21:23 NRSV - ...for anyone hung on a tree is under God's curse.

Galatians 3:13 NRSV - Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us – for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree."

John 19:30 NASB - Therefore when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished!" And He bowed His head and gave up His spirit.

Matthew 27:51 NASB - And behold, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom; ...

Our worship remains virtual until further notice. But, nothing stops us from entering into the presence of God, in spirit and truth, for worship of the One who paid the dear price of admittance there.

## Just something to think about

Everything is getting so green. Yay! The temperatures still vary, but I did get the plastic off the windows. If it gets too cold at night, I just pop on an extra afghan.

The tulips are blooming, and the daffodils are slowing down, but the trees are starting to green up. I can see the trees along the creek looking greener every day.

We smelled a skunk recently. Our outside dog was pretty pungent, so

we are pretty sure where it was. The dog house is under the trees beside a spring. Good place for a skunk.

The news channel I watch is showing that we are still getting aftershocks from the earthquake. I think I might have felt a couple of them, but it might have been my imagination.

Hope you have a safe, happy, healthy week.

Just something to think about.

C. Shaw

## Flattening the curve of the coronavirus

### Riverside Baptist

The coronavirus all started from one man in Wuhan, China. From that origin the disease has spread exponentially all over the planet. It is highly contagious. For the last three weeks we have been under strict social distancing measures in order to decrease contagion and "flatten the curve."

The Bible tells us that the deeper problem is sin and death. Through one man, Adam, came sin and death. This spread to all mankind because all sin. This disease is highly contagious. Everyone inherits it from Adam. We are all born in sin.

God has provided a cure through His Son Jesus Christ. Jesus died on the cross to pay the price for sin. All those who are united with Christ through faith have a new spiritual life. Sin and death are defeated by the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Jesus is the only effective mitigation for man's problem.

One day Jesus will return and then death will be defeated. Jesus will not just flatten the curve. He will totally destroy the curve. I encourage you to put your faith in Jesus Christ during these troubling times of the coronavirus. This plague has made us aware of our own mortality and

our need for a Savior. Our hope is in Jesus our Risen Lord!

"For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death." (1 Corinthians 15:21-22, 25-26, ESV)

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Pastor Ian Ross

## It's spring cleaning time

### St. Luke's Episcopal

by Carolyn Wesner

The Bible has a lot to say about "STUFF." As we've all been pretty much home-bound for the last few weeks, we have had a bit more time to look about us and see what we have accumulated. Some people call their things "treasures" although later on, when someone has to clean out and handle all of it, one person's treasure becomes another person's truckload for the dump.

Jesus said, "Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." In our hearts we love our stuff, otherwise why would we have so much of it? Maybe this is a time to figure out what we really value, and take steps to clear away the excess (be ready to sell or donate after the pandemic!).

Too many clothes? Too many toys? Too much junk in the garage or carport or yard? Too many boxes from Grandma's

house when you cleaned it out (this is a hard one)? Too much hoarded change in the jar? Too many tools – how many hammers, rakes, drills, circular saws can one person or family actually use, maintain, and store?

What Jesus was trying to tell us is that all these things are a distraction from family time, calming space, and service to others. Sure, God wants us to have what we need to live moderately, but living over-the-top at any income level will only cause trouble and stress. Not only that, taking care of all our own needs, wants and desires leaves little room for God to give us other good gifts. Look around you, pare it down, tidy up, and let your heart trust in God's care.

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Sunday School -  
Children - 9:45 a.m.  
Adults - 9:45 a.m.

Morning Worship - 10:45 a.m.

Caravans, Wednesday, after school  
510 E. Indianhead Rd.

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Group Lessons - 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.  
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#### THIRD WARD

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Wed.: 7:30 a.m.

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1299 E. Second - 208-414-0270

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Sunday School-10:00 a.m.

Tues. Evening Study-6:30 p.m.

Thurs. Morning Study-10 a.m.

Lyndon Haines, Pastor

### CORNERSTONE

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515 E. Court St. - 208-549-2103

Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.

Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m.

Children's Church - 10:50 a.m.

Sunday Evening - 6 p.m.

Wed. Prayer - 6:30 p.m.

Adult Bible Study - 7 p.m.

Youth Group, Children's

Classes - 7 p.m.

Mark Burgess, Pastor

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#### OF WEISER

240 E. Main - 208-549-9030

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Children's Church - 10:00 a.m.

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Wednesday Service - 7 p.m.

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The Galloway canal winds its way past West 9th Street in Weiser and flows toward the Weiser Flat. Farmers asked for irrigation water early this year as fields dried out in mid-March. With favorable weather, they were able to get much of this year’s onion and sugar beet crops planted in late March.  
*Photo by Steve Lyon*

# Irrigation season starts early for Weiser farmers

*Irrigation district ramps up operations quickly to meet demand from irrigators*

by Steve Lyon

The Weiser Irrigation District started water deliveries a little early this spring in response to the demand from farmers. The irrigation season for Weiser-area farmers traditionally starts on April 15, but fields were dried out in mid-March, prompting the district to start water deliveries around March 23, said Vern Lolley, who serves on the irrigation district board.

“We don’t turn it on until the demand is there,” Lolley said.

The mostly favorable weather in late March and early April has allowed farmers to get out into fields and plant this year’s onion and sugar beet crops. The earlier they are planted the better they will size up, and both crops can take cooler spring temperatures.

Before the first water deliveries were made through the 46 miles of canal and laterals, WID employees used a backhoe and trackhoe to make repairs throughout the irrigation systems. The maintenance is done every fall after the canal is emptied and every spring before the canal is filled for the season, Lolley said.

The system is then flushed with water to clean out debris that has accumulated over the winter months. The entire job of repairing canal banks and flushing the system usually takes a week to 10 days, but this year crews got it done in four days.

At this point, Lolley said it appears irrigators will have a full allotment of water for this growing season based on the remaining snowpack that has yet to melt and carryover water from last year stored in Crane Creek Reservoir north of Weiser.

Lolley said the runoff from snowpack

in the West Range north of Council will keep the Weiser River flowing through the spring and early summer. There is still plenty of snow to melt at the higher elevation above Price Valley.

“We have a pretty good snowpack up through there,” Lolley said.

The irrigation district diverts water out of the Weiser River into the main Galloway canal and then into laterals to supply farmers. About 15,000 acres of agricultural ground is irrigated, with much of it in the Weiser Flat area.

When the river level drops too low to divert water, which is usually about July 5, the irrigation district begins releasing water from Crane Creek Reservoir. The reservoir can hold about 54,000 acre-feet of water.

The district started out this year’s irrigation season with carryover water in the reservoir from last season. The spring runoff from an ample snowpack in the higher elevations should all but guarantee the reservoir will fill within the next couple of weeks, Lolley said.

The irrigation district is continually getting more efficient at managing and delivering irrigation water by installing measuring devices throughout the irrigation system. Laterals and individual headgates have measuring devices to account for water use. Gates on the system are automated so that ditch riders can open and close gates remotely to deliver water.

The irrigation season usually goes through Oct. 15. By September, the demand for irrigation water drops off significantly as crops like onions and sugarbeets are harvested. Sometimes farmers planting a new crop of alfalfa want to irrigate in the fall.

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## Weiser students make the grades at TVCC

The following students from Weiser have either made the Honor Roll, Dean’s List or President’s List at Treasure Valley Community College for winter quarter.

President’s List (4.0 gpa): Christine Johnson.  
Dean’s List (3.75 -3.99 gpa): Keegan Brynevan Webb.  
Honor Roll (3.50 – 3.74 gpa): Sydney Marie

Cobb, Trae Thomas Gluch, Rhett Ellis Kunz, Ryan Anthony Leverenz, Dylan Long, Jessica Lynn Moser, Christopher Ray Phillips, Jasmine Rios.





Gardening for Darla Harberd went from a hobby to a passion. Working with the soil and plants has been a lifelong enjoyment and something she picked up from her mom. She continues to learn even more by taking advanced master gardener classes from the University of Idaho Extension.

## A garden is always a work in progress

*Gardening is a wonderful passion for Weiser’s Darla Harberd*

by Nicole Miller

Darla Harberd has always liked to garden, but when she was younger and was living in the country she had animals and children to keep alive and that kept her too busy to do as much as she would have liked.

Eighteen years ago, however, she moved into town and other than three trees and grass, she had a blank slate in a defined space and the interest in gardening grew into a hobby and then a passion.

Harberd has learned her gardening skills from a variety of places. Her mom was a gardener so a lot of it soaked in as a child. She said that even though her mom’s style of gardening was very different from her own, you pick up the basics that are all the same along the way.

Harberd also took the master gardener class offered by the University of Idaho extension office that at the time was taught by Montessa Young, and she has attended multiple free classes offered by Andrews Seed in Ontario.

Recently, she has started taking the advanced level master gardener class offered by the extension office, and she is very excited for that opportunity to learn even more.

Harberd is also an active member of the Weiser garden club and shared that she has enjoyed seeing the interest in that group grow. She said that she has had fun getting together to talk about gardening with such a diverse group of knowledgeable people that she otherwise might not have met.

The work in the garden is year round from starting seeds in early January to the clean up of leaves in the fall, but the Harberds have also planned their landscape to have different elements of beauty and color throughout the seasons.

From hardscape ornamentals and a re-

purposed shed built by Jim and ornamentals that give the yard character, to a careful selection of flowers that bloom from early spring to late fall, the yard can offer a picturesque view throughout the year.

Some of Harberd’s favorite flowers are the hellebores that flourish in the shade and can bloom from late January until the heat of summer, and the zinnias that have bright multi-colored blooms throughout the heat of summer.

Harberd estimates that she probably spends around four hours a day on average working in her garden between the flowers and landscaping to the raised garden beds in the vegetable garden.

“Sometimes if it’s beautiful weather, I can find myself out here all day long,” Harberd said.

Harberd also shared that sometimes her grandkids come to help, and those can be some of the most enjoyable hours sharing the yard with them.

Harberd chooses her plants for her yard based mostly on what will fit within her landscaping and add color throughout the year, but she also chooses plants that are good pollinators and has multiple bird feeders and terracotta saucers to catch water, keeping the local wildlife in mind as well.

In the spring fragrant lilacs line her back fence, and this year she has started some fragrant annuals from seed that she is hopeful will add sweet scents this summer.

Harberd said that she has had to learn that gardening is never really done, but that it’s always a work in progress with no finish line. Understanding that is the key to relaxing and enjoying the process.

“It’s an evolving tapestry. Sometimes it seems like there is no progress until I look back at old pictures and see growth and changes over time,” Harberd said.



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## School closure extended

the school year. Trustee Dr. Mark Pritchard said the board also discussed the possibility that not all students would return to schools if they were reopened.

Some parents have told district officials that they would not send their children back to the classrooms out of a concern over the coronavirus.

School board members also did not want to take a chance that they could reopen schools in the district and have a potential outbreak of the coronavirus among students.

He said the board's decision to keep the closure in place for the rest of the school year was proactive and trustees have been proactive in dealing with the coronavirus crisis since it emerged last month.

"With all of the uncertainties, we felt like that was probably the best thing to do at this time," he said. "All of those things came into consideration."

At a meeting on April 6 to discuss the "soft closure" in place statewide, the Idaho State Board of Education left open the option of schools possibly re-

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## Be The Light' campaign

is closed as a precaution against the spread of coronavirus. They were urged to stay in their vehicles and follow social distancing rules and other public health guidelines.

Students, parents and others were free to honk and cheer and make as much noise as they wanted as they looped around the park for 20 minutes. Some brought signs that

opening if they met certain criteria.

The SBOE, citing the need to offer school districts flexibility, was supposed to come up with the criteria on Monday of this week but pushed that off until Thursday.

SBOE member suggested last week that if schools reopened, districts should have a plan to continue to provide remote education for students who did not return and provide instruction in the classroom for students that did come back. The task seemed unreasonable, local trustees said.

Pritchard said board members also are waiting to see what the governor says on Wednesday about the statewide stay-home order that is in effect until April 15. It is not known yet if it will be extended or something else put in place.

Weiser students did not return to schools at the conclusion of spring break. Starting April 1, teachers began delivering coursework online after the State Board of Education ordered a "soft closure" of all schools statewide.

paid tribute to the Class of 2020.

The tribute also brought out fire trucks to join the event and Weiser police, who cruised with their overhead lights flashing for a few trips around the park.

Photos from "Be The Light" events around the state have been shared with the hashtag #BeTheLightID.

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## Senior center offering takeout, Meals on Wheels

are unable to cook or drive. "We could sure add to that number to help people," senior center treasurer Linda Smith said.

Eligible seniors can get a meal delivered every day for free. There are generous people in Weiser who donate money to sponsor meals for local residents who don't qualify for the free meal. The center has also received donations for food and packaging.

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## Still only one confirmed local coronavirus case

the confirmed coronavirus cases daily at 5 p.m. The IDHW is operating an Idaho COVID-19 hotline from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on weekdays. The number to call with questions is 1-888-330-3010.

The statewide stay-

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## Letters to the editor continued: Primary election

His opinions are valued by the board. He shows courage and calm in the face of danger when actively engaged in firefighting as a volunteer for the W.A.R.F.D.

4. Lyndon Haines has a servant's heart. He is in this race because he wishes to be of service to the citizens of Washington County.

5. I believe that Lyndon's goal, when elected, is to assist in creating a more honest, accessible, and transparent governing board without hidden agendas and impulsive decisions which place our county at risk.

My only regret is that when Lyndon Haines is elected, he will resign his part-time, paid position at the rural fire department in

The Meals on Wheels driver is taking extra precautions while delivering meals during the coronavirus crisis, including wearing gloves and a face mask and using plenty of hand sanitizer.

For many seniors, the weekday lunch at the center was more than a meal. It was the opportunity to socialize with peers and get out of the house. There has been an interruption in

their lives since the center temporarily stopped serving sit-down meals on March 20.

"There are some that are having a rough time with it," Kathy Huerta said.

Ken Bartoschek was a regular for lunch at the center when it was open and is getting his meals to go these days during the coronavirus shutdown. He said he doesn't mind coming down to the center to

pick up his meal.

"It's actually nice the way things are to get out of the house for a few minutes," he said.

There is no firm date yet when the center will open again for sit-down meals. It will likely be the end of the month before the center hears anything.

To order a meal or to sign up for Meals on Wheels, call 208-414-0750.

home order issued by the governor remains in effect until April 15. It was implemented on March 25 for three weeks or 21 days and directs all residents to self-isolate and stay and work from home as much as possible.

In a precautionary move to try to limit the spread of coronavirus, both the city of Weiser and Washington County have followed the gov.'s stay-home order and also closed city hall and the county courthouse to the public.

County commissioners on Monday said they will wait to hear what the governor decides to do before they make any changes to current policy or open up the courthouse to the public. No decision will be made before next Monday.

order to open that time for his obligations to the voters of Washington County. Our loss, Washington County's gain!

As a pastor, Lyndon Haines has a flexible schedule and will be available for his duties as commissioner and available to all residents of Washington County when needed.

My vote is for Lyndon Haines.

Dennis M. Cooper  
Weiser

### We support Haines for county commissioner

Editor:

We are writing this letter to express our endorsement of Lyndon Haines for District 1 Washington County Commissioner for 2020.

The information and the events in the past few months in our Washington County Board of Commissioners have been disturbing.

Their desire to even consider letting paved county roads revert to gravel after being paved for 50-plus years or to be closed entirely

creating even more issues with access is totally absurd. All because the recent county leaders have neglected to plan and make road and bridge access and maintenance a priority.

We in Washington County have access to a wonderful public resource, namely our Forest Service and BLM lands. Public Lands are where we recreate, camp, hunt and fish with our families.

The commissioners have acted to interfere with or condemn actions of public land managers on our public lands in the county.

However, the Forest Service and BLM managers are an integral part of the mutual aid fire protection in our county and have provided resources that wouldn't be available without their help.

Numerous times in the past few summers wildfires have threatened homes in the county. If it weren't for the retardant drops from Forest Service aircraft those homes may have been lost.

These mutual aid efforts help our volunteer fire departments with resources they don't have access to otherwise. The Forest Ser-

vice and BLM provide this service without the Washington County taxpayers having to pay for it.

Lyndon Haines is a Lieutenant and Chaplain for the Weiser Area Rural Fire Department. He has worked and will work in collaboration with the public land agencies to restore a good working relationship for the benefit of our county.

The commissioners recently fired Chad Brock, the planning and zoning director and building inspector, when the county is experiencing record growth

This has caused undue hardship to Washington County residents, building contractors, leaving our county without a licensed inspector and risking lawsuits at the cost of the taxpayer.

We need open, honest and ethical county government.

With that said, we hope you will join us in supporting Lyndon Haines for Washington County Commissioner and honor him with your vote in the May 19 primary election.

Ron and Linda Strain  
Weiser



### Sweet Tooth? Try Xylitol

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Dec. 19 - Gary M. Carroll, Boise, failure to register vehicle annually, fined \$10.50 plus \$56.50 court costs. Teresa A. Culver, Nyssa, speeding, fined \$33.50 plus \$56.50 court costs. Celestino L. Garcia, Weiser, operate vehicle without a current or valid class D/operators license, fined \$150 plus \$157.50 court costs. Erika Nayeli Perez, Weiser, failure to provide proof of vehicle insurance, fined \$75 plus \$56.50 court costs. Dalton James Reimers, John Day, speeding, fined \$33.50 plus \$59.50 court costs. Dillon James Rothman, Cambridge, failure to provide proof of vehicle insurance, fined \$75 plus \$56.50 court costs.

Dec. 20 - Cody R. Flint, Arlington, failure to provide proof of vehicle insurance, fined \$75 plus \$56.50 court costs; driving without privileges, fined \$150 plus \$157.50 court costs. Amanda Kay Fortin, Cambridge, operate vehicle without a current or valid class D/operators liense, fined \$150 plus \$157.50 court costs. Colin J. Hoult, parking, stopping or standing vehicle - outside business or residential district, fined \$5 plus \$41.50 court costs. Jason W. Hovey, failure to provide proof of vehicle insurance, fined \$75 plus \$56.50 court costs. Michael Melendez, Weiser, speeding, fined \$33.50 plus \$59.50 court costs. Jade K Reyes, Weiser, speeding, fined \$98.50 plus \$59.50 court costs.

Dec. 22 - Jesse Phillipe Kaye, Boise, failure to register vehicle annually, fined \$10.50 plus \$56.50 court costs.

Dec. 23 - David Charles Erlebach, Nampa, speed-

ing, fined \$33.50 plus \$56.50 court costs. Kimmy L. Hood, Boise, operating vehicle without registration or assigned license plate or sticker, fined \$44.50 plus \$56.50 court costs. Steven Huffman, Weiser, falure to maintain vehicle liability insurance, fined \$75 plus \$56.50 court costs.

Dec. 25 - John Bosco Kamayzi, Federal Way, windshield condition violation, fined \$43.50 plus \$157.50 court costs.

Dec. 26 - Wendy Marie Andersen, Cambridge, failure to use vehicle safety restraint, fined \$33.50 plus \$56.50 court costs. Todrichard F. Blaint, Kuna, speeding, fined \$33.50 plus \$56.50 court costs. Tyler J. Morgan, Mountain Home, driving - passing on solid line violation, fined \$33.50 plus \$59.50 court costs.

Dec. 27 - Aristeia R. Bolanos, Weiser, possession of controlled substance, fined \$1,000 (\$750 suspended), sentenced 2 years determinate time, 3 years indeterminate time plus \$865.50 court costs; possession of controlled substance, fined \$1,000 (\$750 suspended), sentenced 2 years determinate time, 3 years indeterminate time, plus \$382.50 court costs. Katie Marie Harris, Weiser, failure to provide proof of vehicle insurance, fined \$75 plus \$56.50 court costs. Miguel Nunez A. Huerta, Ontario, operating vehicle without a current or valid class D/operators license, fined \$150 plus \$160.50 court costs. Sydney M. Toombs, Echo, speeding, fined \$33.50 plus \$56.50 court costs.

Dec. 30 - Desmine A. Carey, Weiser, failure to maintain vehicle liability insurance, fined \$75 plus

\$56.50 court costs. Frank T. Leming Jr., Horseshoe Bend, driving without privileges, sentenced 10 days in jail plus \$172.50 court costs. Mckenzie T. Sorrell, Adrian, speeding, fined \$98.50 plus \$56.50 court costs.

Jan 1 - Robert J. Wickland, Caldwell, speeding, fined \$33.50 plus \$56.50 court costs.

Jan. 3 - Roberto C. Alcantra, Nampa, operating vehicle without a current or valid class D/operators license, fined \$150 plus \$160.50 court costs. Thomas R. Bornoty, Council, driving without privileges plus \$150 plus \$157.50 court costs. Tamela L. Brown, Boise, failure to provide proof of vehicle insurance, fined \$75 plus \$56.50 court costs. Heath Christopher Keyse, Nampa, Fish and Game wildlife unlawful possession of, fined \$25, sentenced 30 days in jail (30 days suspended), placed on 12 months probation, plus \$165 court costs. Andrew R. Lopez, Weiser, failure to secure vehicle registration, fined \$10.50 plus \$56.50 court costs.

## CIVIL CASES

Dec. 5 - Bonneville Billing and Collections Inc. was granted a claim against Daniel Flores in the amount of \$1,428.69. Bonneville Billing and Collections Inc. was granted a claim against Karen Detro in the amount of \$699.43. Bonneville Billing and Collections Inc. was granted a claim against Tessa A. Ransom in the amount of \$803.87. Bonneville

Billing and Collections Inc. was granted a claim against Shayna R. Gutierrez in the amount of \$3,111.69. Bonneville Billing and Collections was granted a claim against Trema O. Huggins-Marquez in the amount of \$4,331.99.

Dec. 10 - Capital One Bank (USA) NA was granted a claim against Seth Matthews in the amount of \$3,813.64. Bonneville Billing and Collections Inc. was granted a claim against Carie L. Lawrence and Jason Lawrence in the amount of \$1,254.89. LVNV Funding LLC was granted a claim against Jazmin Sanchez in the amount of \$2,763.27. Bonneville Billing and Collections Inc. was granted a claim against Bradley W. Dove in the amount \$1,829.11.

Dec. 11 - Portfolio Recovery Associates LLC was granted a claim against Priscilla Ramirez in the amount of \$885.78.

Dec. 12 - Portfolio Recovery Associates LLC was granted a claim against Teri Snedaker in the amount of \$1,300.99. LVNV Funding LLC was granted a claim against Joshua Stephenson in the amount of \$1,375.83. LVNV Funding LLC was granted a claim against Frances Torres in the amount of \$881.33.

Dec. 17 - Cavalry SPV I, LLC was granted a claim against Matthew W. Johnson in the amount of \$1,525.47. LVNV Funding LLC was granted a claim against Brenda Harvey in the amount of \$881.34.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

### NOTICE

#### STATE TIMBER SALES

The Idaho Department of Lands announces plans to conduct field work on timber sales associated with fiscal year 2022 annual plan and on sales proposed beyond fiscal year 2022.

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### IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WASHINGTON

#### MAGISTRATE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: )  
 )  
BEVERLY JEAN ELLWOOD, )  
 )  
Decedent. )

CASE NO. CV44-18-1163  
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY Given that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above-named Decedent. All persons having claims against the Decedent or her estate are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must either be presented to the undersigned at the address indicated or filed with the Clerk of the Court.

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### IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WASHINGTON MAGISTRATE DIVISION

In the Matter of the Estate of: )  
 )  
HAROLD N. WOLCOTT, )  
 )  
Deceased. )

Case No. CV44-20-121  
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above-named decedent. All persons having claims against the decedent or his estate are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will forever be barred. Claims must either be presented to the undersigned at the address indicated or filed with the Clerk of Court

DATED this 24th day of March, 2020.

Norman Bradley Wolcott

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Total Diversion: 0.03 CFS  
Date Filed: 01-06-2020  
Place Of Use: IRRIGATION  
T11N R05W S29 SWNE,SENW  
Total Acres: 1

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GARY SPACKMAN, Director  
Published on 4/16/2020 and 4/23/2020

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### IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WASHINGTON

#### MAGISTRATE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF )  
 )  
DALE C. KERR, )  
 )  
DECEASED. )

CASE NO. CV 44-20-0110  
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above-named decedent. All persons having claims against the decedent or the estate are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or said claims will be forever barred.

Claims must be presented to the undersigned at the address indicated and filed with the Clerk of the Court.

DATED this 21st day of March 2020.

Rex W. Kerr, Personal Representative  
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<b>ACROSS</b>	<b>57</b> "Nuts" director	<b>109</b> Tropical grassy plains	<b>8</b> Lunched, e.g.	<b>48</b> High on the draft list	<b>84</b> Judge's seat
<b>1</b> Musical pace	<b>61</b> CHRISTIAN	<b>111</b> Kettle output	<b>9</b> It's east of Calif.	<b>49</b> Online folks	<b>85</b> Epic tales
<b>6</b> — you note	<b>63</b> Pep rally cry	<b>112</b> Brand of fat replacer	<b>10</b> Painter Georgia O'—	<b>50</b> Grow dim	<b>88</b> Cotton deseeders
<b>11</b> Looker's leg	<b>65</b> Tarot card reader, e.g.	<b>113</b> University in North Carolina	<b>11</b> It's removed for a fill-up	<b>52</b> Financial tipster Suze	<b>90</b> Less chubby
<b>14</b> LaBelle with a Grammy	<b>66</b> Singer Donny	<b>114</b> 1836 siege setting	<b>12</b> Total number	<b>53</b> Bears, in Buenos Aires	<b>92</b> Ontario's capital, on scoreboards
<b>19</b> Oak seed	<b>67</b> Folk knowledge	<b>115</b> CARLOS	<b>13</b> Capital of Belarus	<b>54</b> Faxed, say	<b>94</b> Grassland
<b>20</b> Perfume queen	<b>70</b> JESSICA	<b>122</b> Justice Ruth — Ginsburg	<b>14</b> Pheasants' cousins	<b>55</b> Prefix with spore	<b>95</b> Resident maids
<b>21</b> Pai, to Gigi	<b>73</b> In the matter of	<b>123</b> Highway with a no.	<b>15</b> 1980s video game consoles	<b>58</b> Response to "Who's there?"	<b>96</b> Wholly
<b>22</b> One of the Three Musketeers	<b>74</b> Assembly with all members present	<b>124</b> Leek relative	<b>16</b> Despite the fact that	<b>59</b> See 125-Across	<b>97</b> Melon type
<b>23</b> LOUIS	<b>76</b> Language of Bangkok	<b>125</b> With 59-Down, crude oil, in slang	<b>17</b> "Clever comeback!"	<b>60</b> Dentists scrape it off	<b>98</b> Place to sculpt in school, say
<b>26</b> Painter Dufy	<b>77</b> Pastor's talk	<b>126</b> Deep pit	<b>18</b> Florida keys, e.g.	<b>62</b> Houses for students	<b>99</b> Dependable
<b>27</b> Co. heads	<b>79</b> WASHINGTON	<b>127</b> Sun — sen	<b>24</b> The Lone Ranger's companion	<b>63</b> Music style	<b>100</b> English river
<b>28</b> Zero in (on)	<b>82</b> Wren's home	<b>128</b> "— Hope" (old ABC soap)	<b>25</b> Par for the course	<b>64</b> Skier Phil	<b>101</b> "Blaze" actress
<b>29</b> What a white flag signifies	<b>83</b> "Mike & Molly" ailer	<b>DOWN</b>	<b>30</b> Hindu prince	<b>67</b> Women's links org.	<b>102</b> Tennis shoe hole
<b>30</b> Speed	<b>86</b> Adams of photography	<b>1</b> Paving gunk	<b>31</b> Mobil rival	<b>68</b> Steinhauer who wrote the 2009 bestseller "The Tourist"	<b>103</b> Israel's flag carrier
<b>35</b> LLOYD	<b>87</b> Small carpet	<b>2</b> Prefix with car or warrior	<b>32</b> Settle the tab	<b>69</b> Antique cars	<b>104</b> 12th grader
<b>37</b> Make — out of (toughen up)	<b>89</b> "Jijysse" star Milo	<b>3</b> Unruly throng	<b>33</b> Boozing sort	<b>71</b> "— Naglia"	<b>108</b> Bride's property
<b>38</b> Jogger's gait	<b>91</b> Cumulative pay abbr.	<b>4</b> District police station	<b>34</b> Fr. ladies with haloes	<b>72</b> Sooner than	<b>110</b> Nick of "Cape Fear"
<b>39</b> Pre- (bump, so to speak)	<b>93</b> JEAN	<b>5</b> How right turns are often allowed	<b>36</b> Early 20th-cen. conflict	<b>75</b> Nasty bits of dirt	<b>116</b> — old way
<b>40</b> Candle blowers' secrets	<b>97</b> Cuba's Fidel	<b>6</b> Mosaic tile	<b>42</b> Architect Saarinen	<b>78</b> Nebraska Sioux	<b>117</b> Actress
<b>41</b> CAROL	<b>101</b> Some jeans, familiarly	<b>7</b> DDE's forerunner	<b>43</b> "Stop talking!"	<b>80</b> Ill-bred guy	<b>118</b> Gained
<b>44</b> Caesar of old comedy	<b>105</b> "No, mein Herr"		<b>44</b> IRS ID	<b>81</b> Barbecue spice mix	<b>119</b> Firefighter's tool
<b>45</b> Severe	<b>106</b> Peruvian of long ago		<b>47</b> More like a hoarse voice	<b>83</b> Beijing's land	<b>120</b> Freddie —
<b>46</b> Hides from view	<b>107</b> CONAN				<b>121</b> Onetime jet-set jet
<b>51</b> Swan's kin					
<b>56</b> Copy a bunny					



# Winter produced average snowpack in Weiser River basin

## April 1 is considered peak of snowpack accumulation in Idaho's west-central mountains

by Steve Lyon

The storms during winter of 2020 produced an average snowpack in the Weiser River basin.

April 1 is considered the peak of the snowpack in Idaho's mountains and the end of accumulation. The big snow-making months are November, December and January.

Historically, February's contribution to the snowpack is only half of what accumulates in January. March can add to the snowpack if cold weather systems come through, but by then 75 percent of the snow accumulation season is typically pretty much over.

The Idaho Water Supply Outlook Report released last week by the Natural Resources Conservation Service showed that snowpack in the Weiser River basin stood at 97 percent of average for April 1.

There is still significant snow yet to melt in the Weiser River basin, which all but guarantees there will be runoff for at least a few months to come. A couple of mid-March storms helped boost the snowpack during a fairly dry month.

Data from the NRCS' automated Snotel sites in the Weiser River basin show the snowpack is declining and spring melting has started in earnest with recent warmer temperatures.

Bear Saddle, a Snotel site located at 6,180 feet in elevation, had 46 inches of snow remain-



The view from the rest area on Midvale Hill on Sunday shows there is still snow to melt in the mountains north of Midvale. As of April 1, the snowpack in the Weiser River basin stood at 97 percent of average. The spring runoff is expected to fill local reservoirs. Photo by Steve Lyon

ing on the ground as of April 10. The peak snowpack this winter was reached on Feb. 9 with 57 inches.

Squaw Flat (6,240 feet) still had nearly five feet of snow on the ground on April 10. The peak snowpack was recorded on April 2 with 69 inches of snow.

Farther to the north, the West Branch Snotel site, which is at 5,560 feet in elevation, recorded 47 inches of snow on April 10. The peak snowpack was recorded on Feb. 7 with 74 inches.

The lowest elevation Snotel site at Van Wyck (4,920 feet) had no snow left on April 10.

The peak snowpack was reached on Feb. 19 with 26 inches.

According to the National Weather Service, January was a fairly wet month in the west end of the Treasure Valley, but February and March were below normal in precipitation totals.

The 1.48 inches of precipita-

tion that fell in January was .30 inches above the average for the month. February was a drier month with .32 inches of moisture, which was less than half of normal for the month.

March was a little better with .81 inches of precipitation, but that total was still .20 inches below normal for the month, according to NWS statistics.

The snowpack situation in the Weiser River basin in 2019 was much different as storm after storm dumped snow in February, doubling the snowpack in some locations from 50 inches to more than 100 inches. The Weiser River basin exceeded 141 percent of average for snow-water equivalent, a measurement of the water content.

Warm temperatures in April of 2019 brought flooding on the Weiser River as runoff from the melting snowpack pushed the Weiser River above flood stage at Cambridge and at Weiser.

Almost as quickly as flooding on the Weiser River created lakes on both sides of U.S. Highway 95 south of town, the water drained away and was gone in a couple of days. In the aftermath of the flooding, there were no reports of serious damage.

Floodwaters washed away the gravel shoulder along U.S. Highway 95 immediately south of Weiser. There was gravel from Cove Road that was washed into an adjacent field by fast-moving floodwaters.

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# Helpful Tips



## Mental Health & Relieving Anxiety


**AVOID EXCESSIVE EXPOSURE** to media coverage of the coronavirus. Also remember children may misinterpret things they hear or read from news sources or social media. It's important to be informed, but excessive exposure can create unneeded stress.

**CONNECT!** Social connections boost mood. Just remember to use social distancing rules and utilize text, calls, video chats, social media, letters, and other no contact options.

**PRACTICE HEALTHY HABITS.** Staying active, getting good sleep, and eating right go a long way to decrease anxiety and even improve your immune system. Modeling these behaviors helps others (especially kids) learn to rely on healthy coping habits.

**TRY TO KEEP A SCHEDULE.** Many things are out of our control, but keeping to a consistent wake time, meal times, bed time, and scheduling tasks helps us focus on the things we can control. Be sure to schedule time for connecting with loved ones as well as self-care activities (like yoga, reading, or taking a walk).

*We are all in this thing together. Our community is strong and compassionate and we know how to help raise one another up. Keep up the kindness and don't forget to allow yourself the same grace you show others. WMH CARES.*



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