

## PRIMARY ELECTION

### Turnout in county tops 54 percent *State sees highest turnout for primary election in 40 years*

by Steve Lyon

Voter turnout for the primary election in Washington County was described by one county election official as phenomenal at 54.6 percent, a number that exceeded the statewide turnout of 38.1 percent.

The all-mail, all-absentee ballot May 19 primary election was a first for the county and Idaho, allowing voters to mark their ballots in the comfort of their living rooms.

The decision to conduct the primary election by absentee ballot was made in March by Gov. Brad Little, who cited risks to poll workers and the public during an in-person election from the coronavirus.

Of the 3,016 ballots cast in the primary election in Washington County, a total of 2,464 were Republican, 405 were Democratic and 147 were non-partisan. Voters picked their party's nominations to go on the ballot for the general election in November.

Republicans had more contested races to decide in the primary election than Democrats or those voting as non-partisan.

In local races, two Republican candidates ran for the District 1 seat on the Washington County Board of Commissioners. Challenger Lyndon Haines garnered 1,577 votes (65.4 percent) to win the seat over incumbent Lisa Collini, who picked up 832 votes (34.5 percent).

In other county elected offices up for election in 2020, Sheriff

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## Coronavirus cases total 46 in county

by Steve Lyon

The number of confirmed coronavirus cases in Washington County has increased to 42 confirmed cases with another four probable for a total of 46.

The cases were reported by Southwest District Health as of Monday night. The figures are updated by 7 p.m. on weekdays.

Of the six counties that make up Southwest District Health, Washington County has the second-highest number of cases behind Canyon County, which has 345 cases.

The public health agency maintains a coronavirus call center Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The number is 208-455-5411.

## SUMMER'S (ALMOST) HERE!



The public pool in Weiser's Memorial Park is open for the season. After pool-goers enjoyed warm temperatures last week, a cold front blew through Weiser over the weekend, dropping temperatures 30 degrees and putting a chill in the air. Hopefully, summer temperatures return this week. See the story on page 10 for pool hours and more information. Photo by Steve Lyon

## Votes in favor of Weiser Memorial Hospital bond measure fall short of required supermajority

by Steve Lyon

More voters were in favor of a bond measure to finance an expansion at Weiser Memorial Hospital than were opposed, but the yes votes fell short of the two-thirds supermajority required for passage.

The \$6.5 million bond issue received 1,256 votes in favor, or 53.9 percent of the total, and 1,072 votes against, or 46.05 percent, in the May primary election, according to unofficial results.

Under Idaho law, a bond measure and taking on debt requires what is known as a supermajority of 66 percent to pass. The two-thirds rule has been in Idaho's consti-

tution since statehood.

The hospital district's board of trustees authorized the ballot question to go before Washington County voters in the primary election. The bond levy sought to raise funds to build a new emergency department wing at the hospital.

Following the election outcome on June 2, hospital CEO Steve Hale said that while the votes fell short of the supermajority, administrators and trustees were heartened that the bond measure did receive a majority of votes.

Hale said it was not an easy decision to leave the bond request on the ballot after

the COVID-19 pandemic started. It was a two-year process leading up to the decision to take the bond levy request to voters.

Hospital officials and trustees created an ad hoc bond committee and planned to speak with voters in small groups or one on one on why the hospital was seeking the bond and what the impacts would be on voters.

Then the COVID-19 pandemic appeared in Idaho in mid-March, followed by public health restrictions, such as social distancing, that affected the ability to reach out and

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## Wells Fargo not planning to reopen Weiser branch

*Weiser location was on list of 2020 closures prior to COVID-19 crisis*

by Steve Lyon

The Wells Fargo bank branch in downtown Weiser, which has been closed for the past 10 weeks due to COVID-19 precautions, will not reopen for business, a company spokesperson said.

The Weiser branch on State Street has been closed since March 23 as part of a companywide decision to temporarily reduce the number of bank branches as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Since then, we have affirmed our decision not to re-open this branch and encourage our customers to use our other nearby Payette and

Ontario branches," spokeswoman Julie Fogerson said in an email.

The Weiser branch had been identified as a location the company considered closing in 2020 even before the coronavirus pandemic, she said.

Fogerson did not give specific reasons for the Weiser branch closure.

She said the company conducts an ongoing evaluation of the branch network and regularly makes adjustments based on customer use, market factors, economic trends

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The Wells Fargo branch in Weiser has been closed since March 23 for COVID-19 precautions. A company spokesperson said the branch will not reopen. Photo by Steve Lyon

# Obituaries



**Jeffrey Bryan White**  
March 24, 1960-  
April 26, 2020

Jeffrey Bryan White returned to his loving Heavenly Father unexpectedly on Sunday, April 26, 2020, in Boise, Idaho.

Jeff was born March 24, 1960, to Louis and Sharon White in Boise Idaho.

When Jeff was about 1, they moved to Portland, Ore., and lived there until he was 10. While living in Portland, he met the Flemmer family, who became a second family to him. During that time, thanks to the Flemmers, he gained a love of horses.

At the age of 10 they moved to Weiser and shortly thereafter his beautiful baby sister, Shannon, joined the family.

Jeff started raising pigeons, despite his mother's wishes against keeping them in the back shed. This hobby became a great bonding time for Jeff and his dad, and remained a life-long passion for him.

Jeff was always a hard worker. At the age of 11, he started his first paper route. By the age of 14, he started working at East Side Grocery Store in Weiser. He also spent his summers working in fields, moving sprinkler pipes and bucking hay bales.

At 16 he started working for Safeway and saved up his money to buy his beloved blue Monte Carlo – everyone in town knew it belonged to him and he loved it! His sister Shannon said she always felt so lucky when she got to take a ride in it.

He had also worked so hard to save up money to buy his sister her first 10 speed bike.

He graduated in 1979 from Weiser High School and continued his career with Safeway moving up into management in the early '80s. He was in the grocery business until the late '80s when he transitioned to UPS, and retired in 2006.

Jeffrey married his high school sweetheart, Suzy Kelley, in August 1981 (divorced in 2006) and welcomed their 4 children, Marshall in March of 1982, Justin in June 1983, Stephanie in October of 1985, and Shareesa in August of 1988.

He loved being a dad. He loved adventures with his children.

One of his kids' most cherished memories with their parents was when their dad would get off of work on a Friday night. Jeff and Suzy would load up the van with all the kids and drive all night to the Oregon Coast for a quick weekend.

Jeff also loved to take the kids swimming at Indianhead Hot Springs and go camping in the mountains. He also loved to play video games with his boys. They all have fond memories of him playing games while blasting Journey, Bon Jovi, Def Leppard, and Scorpions.

Jeffrey met his wife Shelley Beets-Roth in 2007, married in Hawaii on 10/10/10 and spent the last 13 years together.

Shelley had a son Gerod, that Jeff loved like



his own. Jeff and Shelley moved to Nampa together, where they enjoyed fixing up the home they shared.

They loved to escape winters and spend a few months in Arizona with Shelley's parents.

In 2015, Jeff and Shelley went on an adventure and made a big move to Hawaii. They enjoyed life on the big island for a period of time before moving back to Nampa.

He was blessed to have his grandparents and great-grandparents in his life even through adulthood. In September of 2019, he tragically lost his parents just 4 days apart.

He is survived by his wife Shelley, his sister, Shannon White (Randy Crosby), Marshall White (Megan), Justin White (Courtney), Stephanie Moates (Jared Moates), Reesa Walters (Justin Walters), and Gerod Roth. He also leaves behind his grandchildren that he loved and adored more than anything: Jovi (11), McKinley (10), Bennett (9), Cohen (8), Bryson (7), Chesney (7), Adalei (7), Sawyer (6), Haizley (5), Louis (4), Miloh (3), Brooks (2), and Waylon (2).

Although Jeff was not able to meet his newest granddaughter here on the Earth we know he spent 6 days in Heaven, holding her and seeing her safe delivery. Shareesa, his youngest, welcomed her daughter Camryn Bryanna Rae Walters 6 days after Jeff passed.

His life was cut short, but he had a lot of wonderful experiences along the way. We will miss him: his joyful nature, his ability to be friends with everyone, his love for animals, gardening, '70s and '80s music and, most of all, his contagious laugh.

God be with you until we meet again.

## Weiser senior center may open doors soon

by Joanne Braden

I just got word that the senior center may be open soon. The possibility of opening on June 16 is hopefully the target day. In the meantime we are still doing Meals On Wheels and take-out meals. Call 208-414-0750 by 9 a.m. to order, so they will know how many meals to make for that day.

We had to shut the center down for a week because Harold, our cook, was sick. He's back on the job, thankfully,



and it was not the coronavirus.

I want to thank everyone that has helped with the coronavirus situation. You sacrificed your time, jobs and as a result lost money, but you cared enough about others, as well as yourself, to hang in there. We are survivors and we will recover. Things may not get back to normal as fast as we would like, but we will get there.

Personally I am looking forward to the senior and community center opening, going to church, dancing to start up, going out to dinner with friends and going on a shopping spree.

I especially want to greet all my friends with a big hug!

Hopefully, next month there will be lots of good news to report.

## Deadline to file for property tax reduction is June 15

The Property Tax Reduction (also known as the Circuit Breaker) program reduces property taxes for qualified applicants in Washington County.

The amount of reduction is based on income for the previous calendar year. If you qualify, the property taxes on your home and up to one acre of land may be reduced by as much as \$1,320. Property tax reduction benefits will not reduce solid waste, irrigation, or other fees charged by government entities.

You may qualify for property tax reduction in 2020 if you had income of \$31,280 or less for 2019 and met one or more of the following status requirements as of Jan. 1, 2020:



- Age 65 or older.
- Widow(er).
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- Fatherless or motherless child under 18 years of age.
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- Disabled as recognized by the Social Security Administration, Railroad Retirement Board,

or Federal Civil Service. If you're not covered by the listed agencies, then disabled as recognized by a public employee retirement system.

Contact the Washington County Assessor for application materials. The assessor's office can help with filling out the application.

When you file your application, you must provide proof of:

- Income
- Medical expenses
- The requirement(s) you meet (age 65 or older, blind, VA disability, etc.)
- Ownership, if the property is owned by a trust or limited liability corporation (LLC)
- File the application with your assessor's office by June 15.

## Death Notices

### Shirley Halsey

Shirley Halsey, 70, of Fruitland, Idaho, passed away May 27, 2020 in Fruitland. Arrangements under the direction of Thomason Funeral Home.

### Lanelle Marie Williams

Lanelle Marie Williams, 73, of Vale, Ore., died June 1, 2020 at a Boise hospital. Arrangements by Lienkaemper Chapel, Vale.

### Grace Arlene Grothaus

A celebration of life will be held for Grace Arlene Grothaus on June 20 at the Weiser Senior and Community Center from 1-3 p.m.

### Lawrence V. Martin

Lawrence V. Martin, 77, of Fruitland, Idaho, passed away May 23, 2020 in Nampa. Arrangements under the direction of Thomason Funeral Home.

### Karen Mae Ward

Karan Mae Ward, 76, of Nyssa, Ore., died May 31, 2020 at home. Arrangements by Lienkaemper Chapel, Nyssa.

### Delbert Randall Buell

Delbert Randall Buell, 91, of Ontario, Ore., died May 28, 2020 at a local assisted living facility. Arrangements by Lienkaemper Chapel, Ontario.

### Eric Trujillo

Eric Trujillo, 53, of Fruitland, Idaho passed away at his home on June 5, 2020. Arrangements are pending under the direction of Haren-Wood Funeral Chapel, Ontario.

### Daniel Jay Johnson

Daniel Jay Johnson, 54, of Huntington, Ore., died June 6, 2020 at home. Arrangements by Lienkaemper Chapel, Ontario.

### Gordon Dale Luther

Gordon Dale Luther, 71, of Vale, Ore., died May 31, 2020 at a local hospital. Arrangements by Lienkaemper Chapel, Ontario.

## Weiser student makes Dean's List at George Fox University

Benjamin Wootton of Weiser was among those who earned Dean's List recognition at George Fox University for the spring 2020 semester. Undergraduate students must earn a 3.5 grade point average or above on 12 or more hours of graded work to earn a spot on the Dean's List.

Wootton is a senior majoring in biology.

More than 4,000 students attend classes on the university's campus in Newberg, Ore., and at teaching centers in Portland, Salem and Redmond, Ore.

George Fox offers bachelor's degrees in more than 40 majors, degree-completion programs for working adults, seven seminary degrees and 13 master's and doctoral degrees.

## Coming Ups

### Hillcrest Cemetery District to meet

The Hillcrest Cemetery Maintenance District board of commissioners will meet on Monday, June 15 at 3 p.m. for a regular meeting. Commissioners will meet in the district business office at 215 E. Indianhead Road. The meeting is open to the public and the agenda will be posted at the cemetery district office.



# Washington County has higher rate of Census participation than state

*Census field operations have restarted after shutdown due to coronavirus pandemic*

by Steve Lyon

Washington County residents are doing a better job of completing the 2020 Census questionnaire than both Idaho as a whole and the nation.

The county's response rate as of May 28 was 64.9 percent, which is higher than Idaho's overall response rate of 62.6 percent and the national figure of 60.3 percent. Of those who filled out the Census questionnaire, 39.9 percent did it online and the rest were completed by phone or mail.

Some neighboring rural counties are lagging Washington County in completing the Census form. In Adams County, the response rate was only 24.9 percent, while Valley County's participation was 15 percent as of May 5. Payette County was among the best in the state with a response rate of 69.5 percent.

Among cities in Washington County, Weiser posted a 69.7 percent response rate as of May 28. Midvale and Cambridge trailed with response rates of 15.5 percent and 4.5 percent, respectively, according to the U.S. Census Bureau's daily ranking of state, city and county response rates.

Census field operations have restarted in Idaho after they were shut down when the coronavirus pandemic hit in mid-March. The coronavirus crisis required the U.S. Census Bureau to make adjustments, including suspending field operations and extending the deadline to finish the head count.

Field operations were able to resume once the governor's stay-home order to curb the spread of coronavirus expired and restrictions eased on May 1. The effort to

count all Idahoans once every decade will send Census-takers out again to verify addresses and deliver questionnaires in-person to homes in rural areas as part of the "update leave" program.

About 200 Census-takers, most of whom live in the counties where they work, will be dispatched as part of the program to deliver Census packets in areas where households don't get regular mail service or their addresses have not been verified.

The "update leave" program will require Census-takers to reach out to more than 70,000 homes in rural counties in Idaho and areas identified as low self-response rates through early June, Census officials said.

The Census Bureau said it will closely follow guidance from the CDC and public health authorities when conducting field operations. All Census staff will receive safety training to observe social distancing. The Census Bureau also has ordered personal protective equipment for staff.

Residents that receive the Census packet can use the included code to respond to the Census online or mail their completed questionnaire. It takes about 10 minutes to answer the Census questions online. This is the first year the online Census questionnaire has been available.

The next stage of the Census will involve field staff doing in-person canvassing and interviews with places that have not responded. That stage will not start until August.

The date for completing the 2020 census has been pushed back from the end of July to the end of October.

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*Toothfully Speaking*  
by Dr. Bryan Dille




### Oral Cancer

Prevention is the best line of defense against many diseases including oral cancer. The chances of developing oral cancer can be greatly reduced by living a healthy life style.

Risk factors are anything that increases the chances of getting a disease. Some of the risk factors for developing oral cancer are; using tobacco (this includes smoking and chewing tobacco), alcohol use, chewing betel nuts, being infected with certain human papillomavirus (HPV), exposure to sunlight, race (African Americans) and being male. If you don't have any of these risk factors it doesn't mean you won't develop oral cancer, but it does reduce your chances.

Along with living a healthy lifestyle it is also important to have an oral cancer screening performed regularly. At Dille Dental we perform an oral cancer screening at every cleaning appointment. It is a quick, painless procedure. We don't charge extra for the screening, we just consider it part of the exam. If an irregular area is observed we will recommend that the area be biopsied. A biopsy is the only way to definitively know what the irregularity is.

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## Coach Harrison's summer football schedule

There is lots coming up as Weiser High School varsity football coach Tom Harrison puts together his summer football schedule.

**Weiser High School team camp** will be held at the WHS practice field for varsity and JV (grades 9-12) from June 29 to July 2.

The camp will start with no pads June 29-30 and full pads on July 1-2. The sessions start at 7 p.m. on Monday and Wednesday and 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday and Thursday.

The cost is \$40 to participate. Pads will be issued upon receipt of \$40 fee prior to camp throughout June or after camp practice June 29-30.

Make arrangements with coach Tom Harrison

at 208-589-3999 or coach Brad Cordes at 208-550-0467. Players must provide their own water. Social distancing will be followed as much as possible.

The weight room at WHS is now open. The hours are Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. The hours on Tuesday and Thursday are 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Bring your own water bottle.

**Weiser team competition camp.** On July 6-10, the Weiser team competition starts with participating schools Melba, Caldwell, Columbia and Ridgevue. The camp will be held at Columbia High School in Nampa from 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

July 6 at Columbia High School versus Columbia and Ridgevue. JV

starts at 6:30 p.m. with varsity to follow with full pads. Participants need to bring their own water bottles.

On July 7-8, no pad practice at 7 p.m.

July 9, competition camp at Columbia High School in Nampa versus Columbia and Melba. JV starts at 6:30 p.m. with varsity to follow. Participants need to bring their own water bottle.

**Group football** Tuesday and Thursday nights starting June 2 from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the WHS practice field. Football pads and equipment will be handed out before or after weights on Monday and Wednesday mornings.

No evening practice on June 23 and June 25. Bring your own water bottle.

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FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

My statement as mayor on the national protests

Across the country this has been an incredible week with protests in large cities, small towns, and everything in-between.

The act which prompted the protests was horrible. No one deserves to die while defenselessly held down.

There have been people in town who have asked for a response from the city of Weiser regarding matters of discrimination and use of force.

At first, I was surprised that anyone would think a statement might be necessary. From my vantage point, we have an excellent police force with a very good relationship with the town. They treat people fairly and even-handedly.

However, in thinking about this further, I realized that I am an old white guy. I needed to look at this from the perspective of someone who is part of a minority.

I don't know all that minorities have experienced here or elsewhere as far as discrimination is concerned and so cannot be dismissive of people's concerns.

I can say that I have witnessed in-

stances earlier in life, where I was horrified and amazed at the attitudes of people toward other people just because of skin color. We are all people. We are all the same. We are all valuable.

So, here is my statement as the mayor of the city of Weiser. Our employees will not tolerate intolerance. We will not tolerate excessive use of force.

I have discussed this matter with the police chief and we are in agreement on this. From what I can tell since living in Weiser for 26 years, this has always been the case and will continue to be.

When I moved here in 1994, I was impressed and pleased to realize we had a Native-American mayor, an African-American city councilman, and a gay county commissioner. I would like to think the Weiser community is still that tolerant.

That being said, the law will continue to be enforced. While doing so, we will always strive to make sure the action is appropriate to the situation.

The police do not have a "safe" job. It requires a great deal of situational awareness, the ability to make split-sec-

ond decisions, and carries a great deal of responsibility in making those quick decisions.

We are very fortunate to have the high-quality police force we have keeping the community safe for all of us.

I hope and pray that this nation, as a people, can learn to see things from each other's perspective, to learn from each other, and appreciate each other.

Now transitioning to city business, the library is still offering curbside service. The parks are fully open, including the basketball courts. The swimming pool will be opening for evening swimming three nights a week starting next week.

Also, when you experience a power outage, it is helpful to have people call in to the city in order to locate exactly where the outage is occurring. This saves time in restoring the power.

Concerning COVID-19, there are 46 confirmed and probable cases in town. In talking with the district health director, all of the cases are related to the outbreak experienced during the second week of May.

There has not been any known spread to the rest of the community. Still, it is not totally safe out there and caution is called for.

Well, that's all there is to say for this week.



Mayor Randy Hibberd

Recall effort targeting 'King Little' is unfounded

Gov. Brad Little's response to the appearance of the then-unknown coronavirus in March was by many accounts reasonable and the prudent thing to do.

The stay-home order he issued in March and accompanying closure of essential businesses were based on what public health officials were telling him.

It was neither a unilateral nor authoritarian action taken by the state's chief executive to assert power. That's not Little's style, anyway.

It was an effort to keep people safe from a contagion that was believed to be easily transmitted and potentially deadly to some.

Now a group from northern Idaho (Isn't it always a group from northern Idaho?) is seeking to recall the first-term Republican governor for his handling of the pandemic.

Various news accounts describe the effort as a group of women who have formed Idahoans for the Recall of Governor Brad Little with the intent of hounding the governor over their specious assertions of abuse of power.

The group has filed a petition with the Idaho Secretary of State and is now embarking on the effort to collect signatures to put the issue before voters in the Nov. 3 election.

Recalls are really difficult to achieve, and this one, in my opinion, won't get nearly the 183,500 signatures required. I'd be surprised if it got 10 percent of the needed signatures.

According to the group's website, the recall was initiated because Little, "has abused the trust of the citizens of Idaho by willfully ignoring our grievances and turning a deaf ear to our representatives. Governor Little's unilateral actions have irrevocably damaged our financial stability, cherished freedoms and trust in our system of government."

One member of the recall group said Little has acted like a king with his directives on the coronavirus. Civil rights were trounced in the name of a virus that didn't match the initial hype, they said.

When a local, state or federal government tells anybody to do anything anymore, even in the best interest of

society at large, it's immediately opposed as tyranny to be usurped and denounced.

There's always a counter-culture crowd out there like the recall backers, and they seem especially prevalent in these dire days of domestic discord. Their mantra is basically, "nobody is going to tell me what to do."

Really, the recall effort is unfounded and pure spiteful hindsight. The political pressure is on Little and every other governor to open up everything and fast. Let's get back to the good old days. What virus? That was so March, and we're over it.

For better or worse, no state, and Idaho included, is going back to the stay-home order days, even as the coronavirus is still out there lurking. For some people around us with underlying health conditions, or who are older, it is still an incredible threat to their health. We're close to 3,000 cases in Idaho and the number is rising.

Let's flip the pandemic stay-home order discussion for the sake of argument. If the governor did nothing as the virus spread, the outcry, not to mention the liability, would be even louder.

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EYE ON WEISER  
Steve Lyon

COMMENTARY BY U.S. SEN. MIKE CRAPO

Flag Day is a beacon of hope that unites us all

In recognition of Flag Day, I wrote this column weeks ago to commemorate our flag and national anthem.

Today, as our country grapples with division and some have used the flag in expressions of rage, I questioned whether to submit it.

However, I determined that especially now we should remember the inspiration of our national symbols as beacons of hope and unity.

Our flag is not the symbol of a nation without flaws, but

rather a symbol to inspire hope in the ideals we collectively hold.

I am convinced that we are more united as a nation than we are divided.

The American Flag written about in the poem that became our national anthem is on permanent exhibit at the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History in Washington, D.C.

Mary Pickersgill made the flag in 1813. As the Smithsonian reports, the flag was,

"Raised over Fort McHenry on the morning of September 14, 1814, to signal American victory over the British in the Battle of Baltimore; the sight inspired Francis Scott Key to write 'The Star-Spangled Banner.'"

The grandson of Lieutenant Colonel George Armistead, who led the defense of Fort McHenry and commissioned the immense flag, loaned and later gifted the flag to the Smithsonian.

The museum preserves

and displays the flag for the public to view this historic national symbol.

As historians recount, Francis Scott Key was an attorney working to negotiate the release of an American detained by the British attacking our coastal cities in the War of 1812.

This put Francis Scott Key aboard a ship in view of the British attack on Fort McHenry. The British forces

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David of Bethlehem, the youngest, and shepherd of the family flocks, was sent by his father to bring supplies to his brothers at the front lines in the battle against the dreaded Philistine army. The Philistine champion, Goliath of Gath, was formidable in size, standing 9 feet tall, outfitted in armor, wielding javelin and spear, all of heavy bronze and iron, taunted the Israelite army for 40 days challenging them to send their best warrior to fight him. Winner takes all.

There was no one in Israel's camp willing to meet the challenge.

David was appalled when he heard the taunts of Goliath against the armies of the living God! David was brought before King Saul ready to fearlessly take on the challenge, to glorify God and restore honor to Israel, His people.

Though his confidence and passion were honorable, the King thought the young and inexperienced David, a poor choice. But no one else was stepping up; not even himself.

To give David a fighting chance, the King clothed David in his garments and armor. But David could barely move. After explaining to the King, "The LORD who delivered me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear, He will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine," 1 Samuel 17:37. David refused to face the giant with anything more than his faith, a sling and five smooth stones.

Long story short, David won. Appearances are oft so deceiving...

You see, without a lick of bronze or iron, David was clothed in the full armor of God to defeat the giant before him.

The full armor of God is one size fits all. To be victorious against every giant, all we have to do is put it on – Jody R. Goode, [redeemerweiser@gmail.com](mailto:redeemerweiser@gmail.com).

Psalm 119:105 NASB - Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

Ephesians 6:14-15,17 NASB - the full armor of God...truth, righteousness, the gospel of peace, salvation, the word of God.

## Just something to think about

It is nearly flag day. We have a flag flying on the front of our house. There is a light that shines on it at night. It is one of the ways that I show our love for our country.

We stand and do the pledge of allegiance to the flag at church every Sunday. That is another way to support our country.

This part of the country, for the

most part, honors our country and the God who was a huge part of our democracy. We are so blessed to have churches that we can attend without fear.

It is a good day to praise the Lord and all of the good things He has done.

Just something to think about.

C. Shaw

# The spirit of unity

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Racism and rioting is the news of the day. There is a lot spoken about the problems, but little spoken about solutions.

The Bible tells us that it is the Spirit that unites people of every tongue, tribe, and nation into one people.

In Acts 19 we find the unusual story of some disciples of John the Baptist that were gathered in Ephesus. They didn't know about Jesus or the Holy Spirit only what John taught.

They believed in the name of the Jesus and received the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

Why was there a manifestation of the Spirit? God wanted people to

know that there was one church. He didn't want one church for Jews, and another church for Gentiles, and another church for John's disciples. They were to be one.

It is the Holy Spirit that unites today. He takes people of different colors, races, ages, and economic levels and makes them one in Christ.

He regenerates hearts to display the fruit of the Spirit of love, joy, peace, patience, and kindness. He gives the gifts of the Spirit to serve one another.

Unity comes from being filled with the Spirit. If everyone lived under the Holy Spirits control we would do away with pride and selfishness. Racism and rioting would dis-

appear. May we be people filled with the Spirit and with unity.

"Be eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit – just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call – one Lord, one faith, one baptism," (Ephesians 4:3-5, ESV)

Our church meets at 10:45 a.m. for worship. We are currently having a service for high risk folks at 9:30 a.m.

If you have any questions about this article, the Bible, or our church please feel free to email us at [rbcweiser@gmail.com](mailto:rbcweiser@gmail.com). Our church website is [riversidechurchweiser.com](http://riversidechurchweiser.com).

Pastor Ian Ross

## Sword-swinging friends

### St. Luke's Episcopal by Carolyn Wesner

We don't see much in the way of actual sword-fighting these days, but in some societies knives and machetes are effectively used as conflict weapons. Even our military soldiers still have bayonets as part of certain ceremonial uniforms, but in the Roman world back in the days of Jesus, swords were the primo weapons of choice.

Now Jesus was a teacher, a preacher and a healer with no time for killing – his purpose was to help everybody to "love one another as I have loved you." Of course this was good news to the people enslaved by the Romans who weren't allowed to pos-

sess swords anyway, but it was a very hard teaching for the occupying enemy. Living by the sword WAS their way of life.

Early in the evening before Jesus was arrested in Jerusalem and taken away to be killed, he went to a nearby hillside garden to pray about it and gather his strength.

Late that night a crowd of armed soldiers and local leaders came to arrest him, and a riot broke out. One of Jesus's friends grabbed a sword and took a mighty swing, slashing at someone's head but only cutting off an ear (after 3 years of "love one another" the message still hadn't sunk in).

"No, no!" said Jesus,

"put up the sword. Those who live by the sword will die by the sword!"

Then he found the severed ear, put it on the bleeding man's head and healed the wound right then and there.

Jesus allowed himself to be led away in chains, and his fearful friends ran away into the night. Now fairly soon they felt remorseful and came back, and within a few weeks the Christian movement, the "love one another" movement was sweeping the world, still a valuable concept today.

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The Weiser River Music Festival is three days of music and fun and more along the Weiser River from June 25-27. This is the third year of the festival, which will feature dozens of bands. The organizer expects about 900 people to visit Weiser over the three days. It all starts on Thursday, June 27, at Ruszoni's in downtown Weiser.

# County commissioners and promoter discuss upcoming music festival

*Organizer says he was caught off guard by ordinance never previously mentioned*

by Steve Lyon

Washington County commissioners recently met with Nick Reed, the promoter of the Weiser River Music Festival, and landowner Rick Michael to discuss a county noise ordinance and entertainment permit requirement that have never been previously mentioned.

Commissioners said they want to work with Reed on the three-day music event that will feature dozens of bands and bring an estimated 900 music fans to town. The third annual Weiser River Music Festival is scheduled for June 25-27.

“We are not interested in shutting anything down. We’re just trying to see where we’re at and what you have planned,” commissioner Kirk Chandler said.

Commissioners said they had no record of meeting with Reed last year to discuss the festival. Following last year’s event, which is held along the Weiser River just

south of town, there was a complaint that the music went too late into the night.

Reed said he previously met with commissioners when he was organizing the first music festival. He shared lease agreements, schedules, proof of insurance and other details of the event that commissioners said at the time they did not need to review.

Recently, Reed said he was told he needed to apply for a county permit for a gathering of more than 400 people and abide by a noise ordinance that he had not been made aware of previously. The late notice caught him off guard. Bands have already been booked, contracts signed, the schedule set, and all the details are in place, he said.

“I’m willing to work through it. It’s short notice on some of it,” he said.

Reed said if anyone complained about the noise last year, he wished he would have heard about it earlier so he could

have addressed it. Both Reed and commissioners said they will proceed with this year’s music festival and work through some parts of the ordinance in the future.

Commissioner Nate Marvin said the music festival is good for the community and brings people to Weiser. He did not want to shut the music festival down, but there is a noise ordinance that has been around since 1971, although it’s never been invoked.

“I don’t know why nobody dug that out the first year you came in here, but we do have it,” Marvin said.

He also said the county is willing to work with Reed for this year’s music festival and address some of the applicable issues in the ordinance, such as a decibel level that all agreed was not realistic, before the next festival.

If there are any noise complaints this year, the sheriff will have to deal with

them, Marvin said.

Reed said he doesn’t think the music will go quite as late as it has in previous years.

It was also mentioned that the music festival will start with two days left on the governor’s reopen order related to COVID-19. The order provides guidelines for opening events in stages and how many people can gather in one location.

Reed said he has guidelines in place for social distancing in the camping areas. The bands have also been given protocols to follow backstage. All the vendors will have individual permits secured through the Southwest District Health.

He agreed to review the county ordinance and permit requirements and meet with commissioners again before the music festival to discuss any outstanding issues.

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Bailey Coleman, an eighth grader at Weiser Middle School, shows off the awards she received for winning first place in the Elks essay contest and first place in the Idaho fiction contest. She won in the under 18 division for her story ‘Home Away from Home,’ which the judges found to be of superior literary merit.

# Middle school students win awards for writing

by Nicole Miller

Weiser Middle School writers were honored this spring with awards for their writing skills. Six students won awards through the annual Elks essay contest, and three eighth grade students were chosen by Idaho magazine as the youth award winners for the annual Idaho fiction writing contest.

The sixth grade winners for the Elks essay contest were Keith Boles (first place), Brayden Nordgren (second place) and Adalyn Brush (third place). For the eighth grade, the winners were Bailey Coleman (first place), Kendall Rynearson (second place) and Ella Terry (third place).

The Elks essay program is a national contest geared towards students in fifth through eighth grades to promote patriotism among young people. This year’s theme was “What Does Freedom of Speech Mean to Me?”

Each winning essayist was awarded a plaque and cash prize. Traditionally, the local Elks Lodge also hosts a dinner for these students and parents, but due to the social distancing precautions in place the students were mailed their awards this year.

The Idaho fiction contest calls for writ-

ers to write imaginative, well-developed stories with interesting characters, emotional punch and most importantly a distinctly Idaho flavor. Each story must have an Idaho setting, and fit the categories of realistic or historical fiction.

Three Weiser eighth graders captured the top three prizes in the junior division for writers under the age of 18. First place this year went to Bailey Coleman for “Home Away from Home.” It also won the judge’s award for a story an individual judge felt was worthy of special mention.

The second place winner in the youth category was Ella Terry for “Begin Again.” Third place went to Mollie Price of Weiser for “Lost in the Woods.”

The young Weiser writers swept the youth division with the only other honor going to an honorable mention to a submission from Sandpoint.

All the winners will receive Idaho magazine’s Tensegrity Award, a beautiful and intricate handmade structure of sticks and string held together through tension and compression, without the need for glue or any other fastener. They will also have the opportunity to publish their stories on the Idaho magazine’s website.



Keith Boles  
First Place



Brayden Nordgren  
Second Place



Kendall Rynearson  
Second Place

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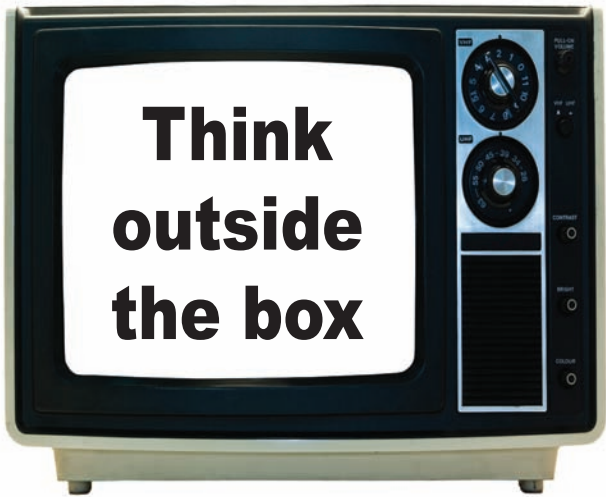
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The Weiser Valley Hospital District d/b/a Weiser Memorial Hospital will conduct their annual budget hearing on Thursday, June 18, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. in the Weiser Memorial Hospital Conference Room.

### Budget Summary 2020-2021 Hospital District Budget Proposal Weiser Valley Hospital District

	Current Budget	Proposed Budget
	2019-2020	2020-2021
OPERATING REVENUE:		
NET PATIENT REVENUE	17,668,863	18,327,777
OTHER OPERATING REVENUE	867,740	1,033,429
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE	18,536,603	19,361,206
OPERATING EXPENSE:		
SALARY & WAGES	7,144,943	7,493,339
EMPLOYEE TAXES & BENEFITS	1,938,874	2,201,591
PROFESSIONAL FEES	3,248,324	3,397,277
PURCHASED SERVICES	1,873,971	1,798,825
SUPPLY EXPENSE	573,100	567,850
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EDUCATION, TRAVEL, & RECRUIT	307,909	271,937
RENTALS, LEASES, & MINOR EQUIP	199,917	136,245
UTILITIES & MISC. EXPENSE	187,940	195,515
DEPRECIATION	710,399	801,648
INSURANCE, LICENSING, & TAXES	70,550	84,275
INTEREST EXPENSE	128,169	97,197
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSE	18,157,690	19,015,772
INCOME (LOSS) FROM OPERATIONS	378,914	345,434
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It's a sprint to the finish between Matthew Hernandez, Ozzy Perez and Whit Swan at the annual Weiser recreation department track meet last year. The all-around fun event for kids is a little late this year, but organizers say it will happen, with practice starting on June 15 and the track meet on Saturday, June 20.

# Better late than not at all for track meet

*Week of practice starts on June 15,  
followed by big event on June 20*

by Joyce Taylor

As everyone knows, COVID-19 has played havoc with our lives. However, they say that good old vitamin D, liquid sunshine, is supposed to be beneficial in counteracting this wicked thing.

Recreational sports were put on hold for awhile but now that the restrictions have been somewhat lifted, it's time to get back into the living of life as we used to know it.

What better way to not only do this but also to bask in some sunshine than to have a little fun on a track? With that in mind, the Weiser Recreation Department has the annual youth track program running the week of June 15.

This ongoing tradition was one that just had to happen, not only for the youth of the area but for the long time coach. I, being that coach, need this week of pure fun and exercise to re-energize my own batteries.

With the program running a lot later in the year and with the temperatures being much hotter, sunscreen, hats if you prefer and plenty of water is recommended for participation. Bathrooms may not be available so keep that in mind.

Also of note due to the lateness, the grade requirement will be modified. If the young athlete has just completed the sixth grade, they will still be allowed to participate as a sixth grader.

What does this camp provide, you may ask? It's a learning experience on how to properly run, jump and throw a softball. Participants can compete in the 25 and 50 yard dashes, the 100, 200 and 400 meters (depending on age restrictions), the standing and running long jumps and the softball throw. Girls throw the smaller ball.

Each practice begins at 5 p.m. at the Weiser High School track and runs for an hour. The first order of business is to

greet your coach and then run a half a lap. Proper stretching is done as a group with plenty of distance between athletes.

Next, form running which is where the athlete will be encouraged to do the exercise properly. After that, it's all about the fun.

One of the most popular activities that is presented is the relays. Every athlete has a chance to run as part of a relay. The little ones run much shorter distances of course. This is by far the most competitive event offered on a daily basis.

It's an absolute joy to watch and the coach has been known to help some teams by holding back the faster/older groups so the competition is much closer. As always, being able to laugh, smile and have fun is a requisite.

After a week of learning how to run, jump and throw, the athletes will have a chance to put all they have learned into real competition against each other.

The track meet will commence on Saturday, June 20, with registration beginning at 8 a.m. The meet will begin at 9 a.m. with the group stretch and then the group picture. Field events will be done first with the exception of the 400 meters. The culminating event is the all ages 4x100 meter relay.

Everyone is encouraged to participate and in years past, this has been the greatest of all events with parents competing against their children. Yes, you parents can still impress your youngsters by showing them how it's done. The Bengay and aches and pains just prove you are still alive. The past several years, the meet has only lasted three hours so the rest of Saturday will be free.

Let's hope Mother Nature is kind to us this year as traditionally this week seems to hold some tremendous thunder booms and such. Hope to see you all there.

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Weiser Middle School students participated in eCYBERMISSION, with two teams earning prizes at the state level. Pictured here are the participants in the problem-solving and STEM-based competition. Front row, from left: Shayd Crossley, Brayden Nordgren, Thayn Blanchard, Ella Terry, McKenna Manser. Back row: Payton Hoffman, Jack Shirts, Kian Hartley, Aleska Burton, Elizabeth Hansen, Kendall Ryneerson and Tyler Hamilton.

# Teams from Weiser Middle School earn eCYBERMISSION honors

Students compete in web-based STEM challenge for students in grades six through nine

by Nicole Miller

This spring several Weiser Middle School students, under the guidance of math teacher Marie Thomas, participated in a contest titled eCYBERMISSION. The STEM-based contest offered participants a chance to win money for college based on

science-based research and problem solving. Teams from Weiser Middle School took first place among sixth-graders and second place among eighth-graders in Idaho's first annual eCYBERMISSION competition. The Army is giving each student on a first-place state-win-

ning team a Series EE U.S. Savings Bond worth up to \$1,000 in matured value. It is also giving each student on a second-place state-winning team a Series EE U.S. Savings Bond worth up to \$500 in matured value. In addition, the STEM Action Center is awarding the advisers of first-place teams \$750, sec-

ond-place teams \$500, and honorable-mention-earning teams \$250 to further STEM learning and engagement. The advisers can use this money for STEM education in their classroom or support eCYBERMISSION at their school next year. According to the competition website, eCYBERMISSION is

a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) competition for students in grades six through nine that promotes the concepts of the real-life applications of STEM. Teams of three or four students are instructed to ask science see **CONTEST**, Page 11

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## Hospital bond levy vote

inform voters, Hale said.

Hospital officials have said the existing emergency department, which sees about 5,000 patients annually, is in need of both modernization and expansion.

The ER project had a price tag of \$9 million, with \$6.5 million requested from taxpayers in the bond levy and the remaining \$2.5 million coming from hospital sources.

Two years ago, the hospital staff, board and administration began strategic planning for the future of the 25-bed critical care access hospital. The ER project received the highest priority after a lengthy review of needs.

The bond funds would be used to build a larger, more efficient emergency department wing, adding reception and waiting room areas, private rooms, mental hold room, trauma

room and other improvements.

The ER wing also would allow the hospital to consolidate radiology services, including ultrasound, CT and X-ray that are currently located in different areas of the hospital, into one location for improved flow and efficiency, officials said.

“Even though a lot has changed over the past few months, the need to improve the emergency department has not. We are committed to our mission: saving lives, improving health and building community, and the emergency room project is a major part of our ability to continue that into the future,” Hale said.

Hale said hospital leadership and the hospital district board will be meeting in the near future to discuss the next steps in moving forward.

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## Sen. Crapo on Flag Day

had already burned our U.S. Capitol and other public buildings in Washington, D.C., before attempting to take Baltimore, Maryland.

However, American forces held Fort McHenry through an intense bombardment, and the British withdrew, marking a turning point in the War.

“Waving proudly over the fort, the banner could be seen for miles around – as far away as a ship anchored eight miles down the river, where an American lawyer named Francis Scott Key had spent an anxious night watching and hoping for a sign that the city – and the nation – might be saved,” reads a Smithsonian narrative.

The enormous sense of relief, hope and elation Francis Scott Key must have felt in seeing the Star-Spangled Banner raised after a long, harrowing battle is unmistakable in the words he penned:

*“O say can you see, by the dawn’s early light,  
What so proudly we hail’d at the twilight’s last gleaming,*

*Whose broad stripes and bright stars through the perilous fight*

*O’er the ramparts we watch’d were so gallantly streaming?*

*And the rocket’s red glare, the bombs bursting in air,*

*Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there,*

*O say does that star-spangled banner yet wave*

*O’er the land of the free and the home of the brave? . . .”*

The importance of this national symbol and the hope it inspires is at the heart of the creation of Flag Day, celebrated on June 14.

Flag Day recognizes the Second Continental Congress’s establishment of our national flag on June 14, 1777.

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May our Star-Spangled Banner forever wave over our land of the free and our home of the brave. May it be a beacon of hope around the world and in our nation.

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## Weiser branch closure

and competitor actions.

The Weiser branch is not the only Wells Fargo location to close this year in Idaho. Branches in Idaho Falls and Pocatello have closed.

Those cities had more than one Wells Fargo location, and the company cited reduced traffic and a customer shift to online and mobile banking as reasons for branch closings.

When other branches have closed, customers and safe deposit box holders received a letter from Wells Fargo with information about the closure. Questions about customer

accounts and whether Wells Fargo will keep an ATM in Weiser were also directed at Fogerson.

In 2018, Wells Fargo officials said during a presentation on quarterly earnings that the banking giant planned to cut over 800 branches by the end of 2020 and get its count down to 5,000 branches before 2021.

At that time the company said the bank was shifting its energies to improving the quality of digital interactions with customers who are increasingly comfortable with online and mobile banking.



Hot weather will be back soon, and the city of Weiser’s public pool is a great place to cool off. The pool has implemented some new guidelines due to the coronavirus pandemic. The pool has daily sessions for open swim and hours reserved for lap swims and aerobics. *Photo by Sara Lundberg*

## City pool is open in Weiser with a few changes due to COVID-19

by Sara Lundberg

The Weiser pool opened for the summer on June 1. It is a place for people of all ages to swim, exercise, relax, and have fun.

The pool’s opening was a bit later than usual due to the restrictions and guidelines of the COVID-19 pandemic. Additional changes have been made to keep the swimmers and community members as safe as possible.

The first major change due to COVID-19 is that there will be no night swimming. The rest of the pool’s schedule, however, will remain the same as previous years, starting with lap swim and aerobics from 7 a.m. to 8 a.m., swim team from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m., swim lessons from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., lap swim from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., and lap swim and aerobics from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.

The second major change prohibits people from reserving the pool for private parties.

Thirdly, only private swimming lessons are available at this time. In contrast to public lessons, which include a group of kids, private lessons allow only one kid per instructor. These will take place during the regular lesson times.

Additionally, there is a restriction on the number of people allowed in the pool at one time. The number is

currently capped at 50 people in the pool at a time. Once this limitation is reached, people will need to wait to be let in, including season pass holders.

Along with all these changes, all staff members of the pool are working tirelessly to keep the pool as clean and safe as possible.

Abbey Shirts is the manager of the pool. She started working there in 2016 as a lifeguard. The next two summers, in 2017 and 2018, she served as a head lifeguard. In 2019 she became manager of the pool.

She loves working there, finding joy in teaching lessons and becoming good friends with her coworkers.

“My favorite part is working with my amazing staff and all the kids,” Shirts said.

Shirts believes that despite all the changes and difficulties that have occurred this year due to COVID-19, everything is going smoothly, and the lifeguards have been handling everything very well.

The lifeguards this year include siblings Emma Estes and Justin Estes, Bentley Weldon, Ciana Fuller and Luke Johnson. There are plans to hire additional lifeguards soon.

Many of these lifeguards have grown up swimming at the pool and love that they are now the ones sitting in the stands watching over eve-

rything to keep the swimmers safe.

Bentley Weldon, who is back for her second year as a lifeguard, said she has spent many summer days at the city pool.

“I loved growing up at the pool. I joined the swim team when I got older, and now I am working as a lifeguard,” she said. “It is a great place for kids to spend their summer afternoons playing and getting a tan. I am very grateful for Ken Anderson, our Weiser recreation director, our manager Abbey Shirts, and everyone else whose contribution keeps the pool operating so we can bring joy to others.”

Other lifeguards have also expressed their joy for working at the place they grew up.

Emma Estes, who returns for her fourth year as a lifeguard, said she is looking forward to a great summer.

“Working as a lifeguard has been a great experience. I love getting to see all the kids every year. I have gained a lot of knowledge I can apply to all areas of my life.”

The pool is open six days a week, Monday through Saturday. A season pass costs \$46, while day passes range from \$2.50 for ages 12 and under, \$3 for ages 13 and up, and \$1.50 for seniors 55 and up.

All the staffers are working together to make sure the summer is fun and safe for all the swimmers.

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## Primary election records big turnout in county

Matt Thomas, Prosecuting Attorney Delton Walker and District 2 County Commissioner Nate Marvin were not challenged in the primary. All ran as Republicans in the primary election.

In the 9th Legislative District, incumbent Rep. Ryan Kerby, R-New Plymouth, held off a primary challenge from Fruitland businessman Jim Smith. District 9 takes in Washington, Adams and Payette counties and part of Canyon County.

Kerby won the vote in Washington County 1,597 to 766. Kerby also took the most votes in the district with 5,059 votes, or 63.7 percent of the total. Smith received 2,873

votes, or 36.2 percent of the total.

The two other state lawmakers in District 9, who also are both Republicans, were not challenged in the primary election. State Sen. Abby Lee faces no general election opponent. Rep. Judy Boyle will face Democrat Allen Schmid in the November election.

In the primary contest for U.S. Senator, the Democrats voted overwhelmingly to nominate Paulette Jordan for the November election. She received 349 votes in Washington County, outpacing opponent Jim Vandermaas, who picked up 47 votes.

In statewide voting, Jordan received 72,777 votes (85.7 percent) to

12,145 votes (14.3 percent) for Vandermaas

Republicans nominated incumbent U.S. Sen. Jim Risch to run for re-election. Risch and Jordan will both be on the November general election ballot.

In the GOP race for U.S. Rep., District 1, incumbent congressman Russ Fulcher easily won his primary contest over challenger Nicholas Jones in Washington County and in the district. Fulcher garnered 1,888 votes (81.9 percent) to Jones’ 416 votes (18 percent) in the county.

Fulcher also won in the congressional district with 79.8 percent of the vote over Jones, who received

20.1 percent. The total vote count was 93,879 votes for Fulcher and 23,664 votes for Jones.

In the Democratic primary contest for U.S. Rep., District 1, Rudy Soto received the party’s nomination among county Democrats and also in the congressional district.

In county voting, Soto received 257 votes (71.3 percent). Staniela Nikolaeva garnered 103 votes, or 28.6 percent.

Soto also won the Democratic vote in the congressional district with 25,112 votes (65.7 percent) to 13,074 votes (34.2 percent) for Nikolaeva. Soto will challenge Fulcher in the general election in November.

# County applies for funds to help pay for indigent public defense services

*County's cost for attorneys to provide public defense has nearly doubled*

by Steve Lyon

Washington County has applied for funding from the Idaho Public Defense Commission to help cover the escalating cost of providing public defense representation for indigent county residents.

The county is spending more money to comply with standards aimed at improving and unifying representation for indigent defendants, such as requiring a public defense attorney at all stages of a criminal case.

The expense of hiring attorneys by the hour to do public defense work has increased in recent years, along with the number of indigent defendants.

The result has been that the bill for indigent public defense has almost doubled. The county budgeted \$160,000 for public defense attorney fees in fiscal year 2019 and spent \$285,565, an increase over the FY 2018 expense of \$168,000 for attorney fees.

"That is a lot of money," county commissioner chairman Kirk Chandler said.

In the FY 2020 county budget, commissioners bumped up the amount for attorney fees to \$300,000. The coronavirus pandemic has cancelled some court cases, which will likely save the county money in indigent defense costs this year. So far this fiscal year, the county has spent

\$164,000

In Idaho, indigent legal defense services are funded and administered by the county. As a result of the rising costs, the Idaho Association of Counties has sought to get the state to participate more in funding public defense. The Idaho Public Defense Commission offers counties some financial assistance for indigent defense from funds that are appropriated by the Legislature every year.

The county received \$42,000 in assistance from the Idaho Public Defense Commission to help indigent public defense costs in FY 2020, which ends on Sept. 30. The county received a \$25,000 grant in FY 2019. Commissioners approved filing an application to seek funding from the IPDC for FY 2021.

In 2017, the IPDC, through the Indigent Defense Grant Program, distributed over \$4.2 million of state funds to 43 of Idaho's 44 counties to augment the cost of providing indigent

defense, according to an annual report to the Idaho Legislature.

Larger counties like Ada and Canyon staff

that spelled out their duties and pay in detail. The county has since adopted a formal approach

with public defense attorneys in Caldwell and other communities to handle cases.

In March of 2014, Gov. Butch Otter signed into law legislation that created the Idaho Public Defense Commission to deal with indigent defense issues in Idaho. The law created a seven-member panel with authority to provide training, promulgate performance standards and initiate uniform data collection.

Since the IPDC was created, it has sought to implement reforms to unify the practices of Idaho's 44 counties when it comes to providing indigent public defense representation.

The reforms have also been the result of lawsuits that challenged the adequacy under the Constitution of public defense services across the state.

Some reforms rolled out by the IPDC have made it costlier for counties to provide indigent public defense. In recognition of the additional expense to comply, the IPDC provides funding to counties as appropriated by the Legislature to ensure compliance with standards.



their own public defender offices with attorneys. Washington County does not have a full-time public defender on staff and contracts with a number of attorneys on an hourly rate for indigent legal services.

Prior to 2017, Washington County did not have contracts with public defense attorneys

after the IPDC recommended it and has signed contracts with a list of attorneys who provide public defender services.

The attorneys who provide public defense services are appointed by judges to represent indigent defendants both in magistrate court and district court. With a limited number of local attorneys doing public defense work, the county has contracted

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## Teams from Weiser Middle School do well in eCYBERMISSION contest

based researchable questions and then construct explanations or design solutions based on identified problems in their community. Students compete for state, regional, and national awards. The competition is sponsored by the U.S. Army Educational Outreach Program.

More than 4,000 teams nationwide compete in the annual challenge, which the Army and NSTA launched in 2002. Teams must score at least 300 points to be considered for a state placement. The Idaho STEM Action Center partnered with the U.S. Army Educational Outreach Program and the National Science Teachers Association to bring the popular competition to the Gem State. They hosted three regional showcases in eastern, northern, and western Idaho in late February and early March. Thirteen teams participated in the state

competition.

Thomas found out about the opportunity for this project through a colleague who works at the STEM center in Boise. Thomas knew the colleague through serving on the state math standards committee. She knew immediately that the opportunity would be a perfect addition to the curriculum for her eighth grade advanced math students, and as she researched the competition, she wanted to offer the chance to sixth grade students as well.

Two eighth grade teams completed the project. Team Zoobies (Kendall Rynearson, Ella Terry, Elizabeth Hansen and Kian Hartley) studied the costs of different types of cafeteria trays to reduce the waste caused by disposable trays in landfills. They researched the upfront costs as well as cleaning costs of stainless steel trays, plastic trays, and

also the costs of compostable trays. Their project earned second place at the state level.

Also in the eighth-grade Team Cosmos – Jack Shirts, McKenna Manser, Aleska Burton and Tyler Hamilton studied recycling opportunities in our community. They placed recycling receptacles around Memorial Park to see if people would use them as intended.

The sixth grade team, Danger Zone, Shayd Crossley, Thayn Blanchard, Brayden Nordgren, and Payton Hoffman, studied the quality of water from different sources in our area. They looked at springs, streams, river water, reservoir water, and stagnant ponds. Their project earned first place at the state level.

The sixth grade team shared that working on the ecyber mission was a good experience because of the teamwork aspect of

the competition.

Thayn Blanchard shared that he is hopeful that their research on different water sources in the area will benefit the community by bringing the contaminants in different sources to attention.

Payton Hoffman was not only interested in working with his friends on the project, but was also excited for the opportunity to earn scholarship money.

"I learned that even working with your best friends can be a challenge and no matter how much time and hard work it takes, seeing something through is worth it," Hoffman said.

Nordgren and Crossley both also shared that the opportunity to work with friends and earn money for college made the project interesting. Nordgren shared that they learned a lot about compromise and learning to work with friends even when

you don't always agree.

Thomas shared that one of the biggest things all the students learned was the process of completing a large project together. The project was completed mostly outside of regular school hours so they had to find a time to collaborate and work together before or after school. Each project required that they go through the scientific process (method) and then had to create a report of their process and findings.

"One of the greatest things was seeing how they came to group decisions, and overcame different stumbling blocks," Thomas said.

Overall the project was a great success and learning opportunity for the students that participated and Thomas already has ideas for how to introduce the project and help new teams participate next year.

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It takes a lot of concentration and coordination to rope a fast-moving calf in the rodeo area, and sisters Kelsi and Quincy Marvin are really good at it. Above, the sisters compete in team roping at the high school district rodeo competition in Lewiston. In addition to qualifying for team roping at the state finals in Blackfoot, the talented Marvin sisters also qualified for a bunch of events as individuals. *Photo by Kendra Marvin*

# Local cowboys and cowgirls qualify for state June 14-17

by Nicole Miller

Although the high school rodeo season was cut short with many of the spring rodeos cancelled due to COVID-19 restrictions, many of Weiser's rodeo competitors were recently able to compete in the District 3 rodeo finals, with many of the local athletes qualifying for the state competition which was recently rescheduled and will take place in Blackfoot on June 14-17.

Senior Sylais York earned first place in calf roping, first place in bulldogging, and second place in team roping. Qualifying in all four events, York also earned the title of all-around champion.

York shared that although his senior year of rodeo has not gone the way he pictured, having more time to focus on his horses and

technique training really made a big difference in his district competition.

York's team roping partner, Spencer Gordon, tied with York for first place in bulldogging, earned second in calf-roping, and second in bull riding, also qualifying him for state in four events.

Garrett Bunker from Midvale qualified with a fourth place finish in team roping. Bunker's partner for team roping, Cooper Iverson also qualified for state with a first place in reining cow horse in addition to the fourth place finish in team roping.

For local girls the weekend was also a success. Madelyn Erickson qualified for state in five events earning first place in goat tying, second place in reining cow horse, third in breaka-

way roping, fourth in poles, and fifth in barrels. She also earned the title of reserve all-around champion.

Erickson said that she is excited the state competition is actually happening because she qualified for state in a couple events in which she had not qualified for state before and is very excited for that new experience.

Madison Cobb qualified for state in both barrel racing and reining with a third place finish in reining. Cobb shared she has been excited to meet so many nice people and that since you are working with animals and people rodeo is a unique sport that can teach you things that no other sport can.

Josey Jones of Midvale qualified for state in goat tying and

breakaway with a fourth place finish in each. She is excited to travel and compete somewhere new, since the state rodeo usually takes place in Pocatello and with the recent reschedule due to COVID-19, the state competition will take place in Blackfoot this year.

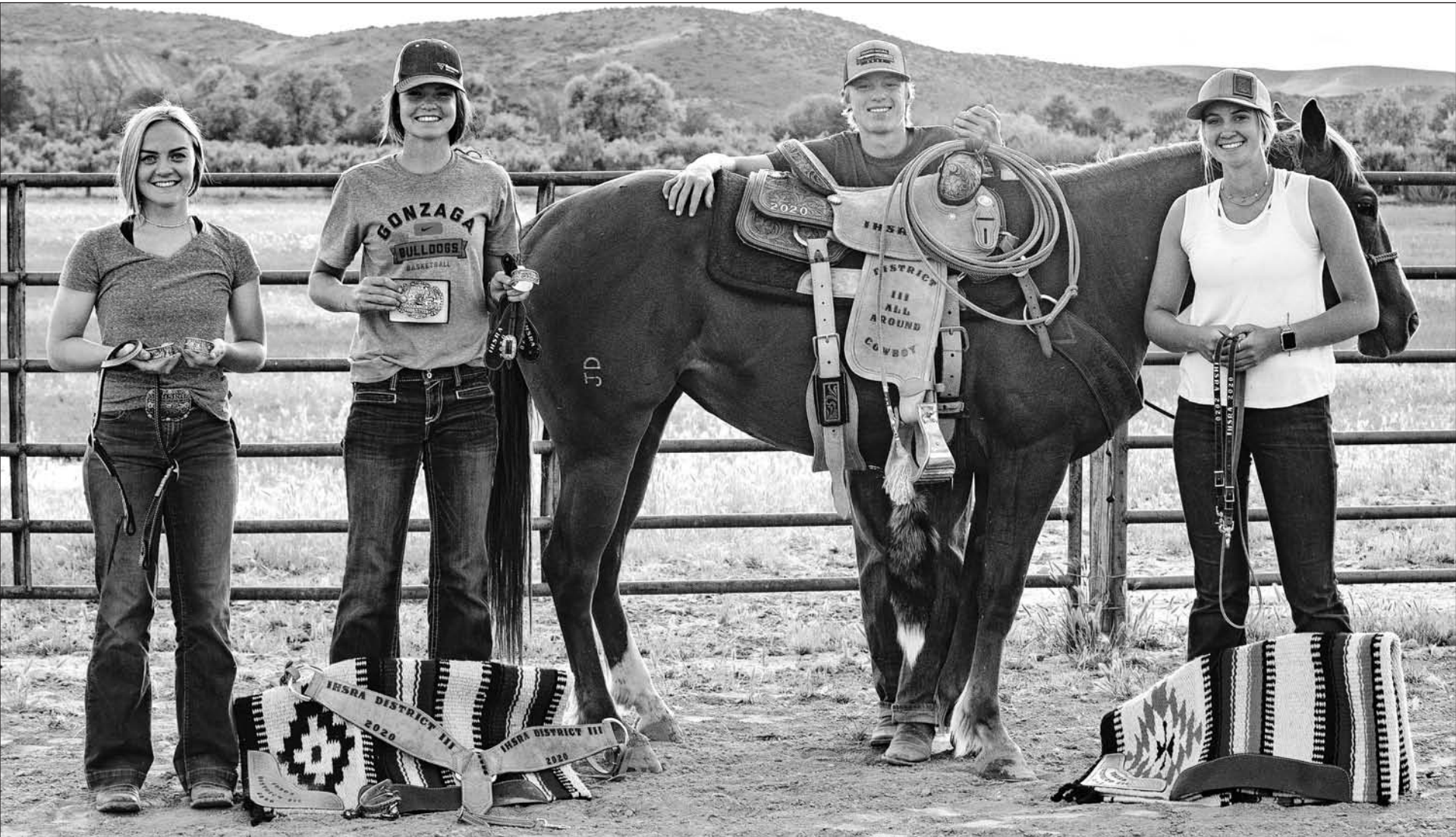
Sisters Kelsi and Quincy Marvin partnered up for team roping and qualified for state together as a senior and a freshman. Senior Kelsi shared that it was a special year with it being Quinci's first year and her last year, and getting to rope together and qualify for state together.

Kelsi also qualified for state in breakaway, barrels, and goat tying. Quinci qualified for state in breakaway in addition to the team roping.

The emotions have been high for these athletes as they prepared for state. Not only were most of the spring rodeos cancelled due to COVID-19, but the Monday after the District 3 competition it was announced that the state finals in Pocatello would be cancelled.

The following Thursday it was announced that instead of the event being cancelled it would take place in Blackfoot instead. Everyone has had to adjust their plans multiple times but the athletes are excited to finish their season with a state competition.

"Although we didn't get to have every rodeo we planned on, I'm blessed to have had a chance to finish out my last year and compete at state at Blackfoot," Kelsi Marvin said.



Some local Weiser and Midvale high school students had a great rodeo season, which was shortened due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and wrapped up with the district rodeo at Lewiston. They are looking forward to competing one more time at the state rodeo event coming up next week in Blackfoot. Posing with their district rodeo prizes are, left to right, Josey Jones, Madelyn Erickson, Sy York and Madison Cobb. *Photo by Nicole Miller*

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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 )  
 )  
MICHAEL A. MADDOX JR., )  
 )  
Deceased. )

CASE NO. CV 44-20-0183  
NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
(I.C. 15-3-801) Deceased.

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 12th day of May, 2020.

Judy J. Huston, Personal Representative

Kiley Stuchlik, Attorney at Law  
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350 East Liberty Street  
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Weiser, Idaho 83672  
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Feb. 12 - Douglas P. Knight to Karen Serke Wright. NCR Properties LLC to Weiser Commercial Center LLC.

Feb. 13 - Betty L. Jordan to Gerald F. Jarman.

Feb. 14 - Hihath LLC to CNK LLC.  
QUIT CLAIM

Feb. 3 - Bonnie Sue Akbar to James R. Garrett. James R. Garrett to Bonnie Sue Akbar. Roger D. Combs and Marcille M. Combs to River Leroy Combs.

Feb. 5 - John Gilbert Piper trustee to John and Anna M. Piper family trust, Karen Lynn Piper and Johnny Lynn Piper.

Feb. 6 - Jeanee Wilson Bailey and James Patrick Bailey to Jennifer Marshall

Eakins and Ryan Eakins. William Lynn Wilson and Linda Wilson to Jennifer Marshall Eakins and Ryan Eakins.

Feb. 7 - James Tidmore to James J. Tidmore family trust. Walko Construction LLC to Walko Construction LLC and Catherine A. Miller.

Feb. 10 - Lawrence D. Lundin to Lawrence D. Lundin and Mary Lundin. Gary S. Schoonhoven and Diane M. Schoonhoven to Gerrit J. Schoonhoven.

Feb. 11 - Alan D. Saito to Dian M. Saito inheritance trust.

Feb. 12 - Sharon Henley to Sharon Henley. Sharon Henley to Sharon Henley. Sharon Henley to Anthony Phillips and Becky Phillips.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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STATE OF IDAHO, DEPARTMENT OF )  
HEALTH AND WELFARE, )  
 )  
Plaintiff, )

vs. )

ROY COMER, Individually and as Trustee )  
and/or Beneficiary of the Roscoe Corner )  
Living Trust; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND )  
DEVISEES OF PHILIP COMER )  
(Deceased); UNKNOWN HEIRS AND )  
DEVISEES OF ROSCO L. COMER, aka )  
ROSCOE COMER and JUNE L. COMER, aka )  
JUNE N. COMER (Both Deceased); )  
CURRENT OCCUPANTS; JOHN DOE AND )  
JANE DOE, )

Defendants. )

Case No. CV44-20-0012  
NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that under and by virtue of an Order of Sale issued on the 29th day of April, 2020, out of and under the seal of the above-entitled action on the 14th day of April, 2020, in favor of the above-named Plaintiff, I am commanded and required to proceed to notice of sale and to sell at public auction the property described in said Order of Sale and to apply the proceeds of such sale to the satisfaction of said Judgment with interest thereon and my fees and costs.

The property directed to be sold is situated in Washington County, Idaho, and is described as follows:

Lot 28 of Block 2 of Ranahan Acres Subdivision to The City of Weiser, Idaho as the same is shown on the official plat thereof now on file in the office of the County Recorder, Washington County, Idaho.

Which may commonly be known as: 1112 West Galloway Avenue, Weiser, Idaho 83672.

Said real property is subject to redemption within six (6) months from the sale.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on the 30th day of June, 2020, at the hour of 10:00 o'clock a.m. in the lobby of the Washington County Sheriff's Office at 262 E. Court St., Weiser, Idaho, 83672, I will attend, offer, and sell at public auction all of the above-described real property thus directed to be sold to raise sufficient funds to pay and satisfy the Judgment as set out in the Order of Sale to the highest bidder therefore in lawful money of the United States of, America. The Plaintiff reserves the right to submit a credit bid. Sale may be cancelled without notice.

DATED THIS 15th day of May, 2020.

MATT THOMAS  
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by Linda Thistle

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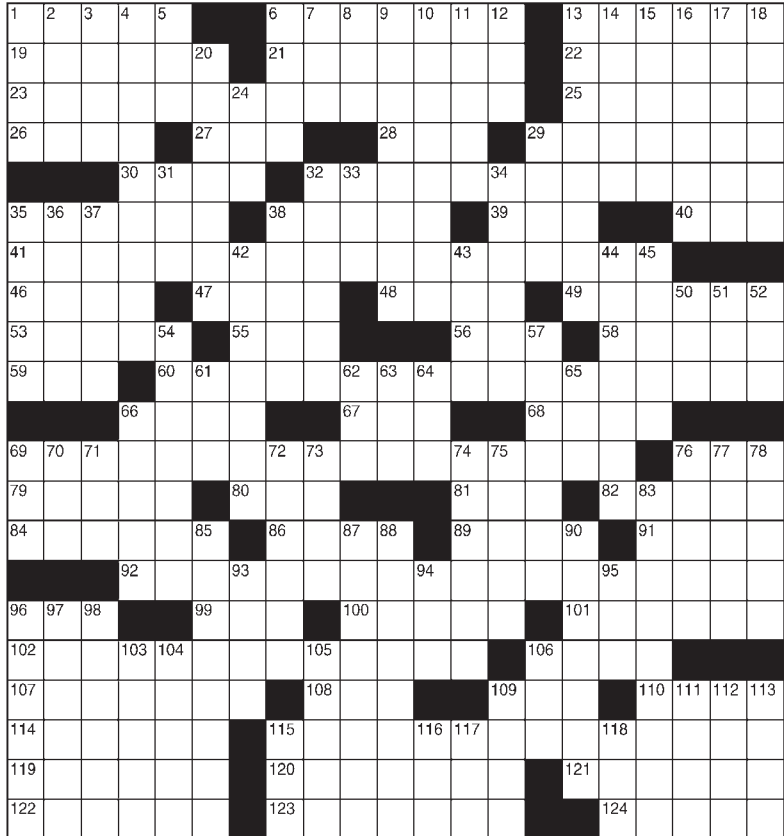
DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging  
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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## Super Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Big appliance brand  
6 Bursting, as a balloon  
13 Houdini feat  
19 Only  
21 New York senator  
Chuck  
22 Sudden floods  
23 Device used in saltwater aquariums  
25 Spanish conquistador  
Hernando  
26 Filter slowly  
27 Cagney or Lacey: Abbr.  
28 Seed case  
29 Tennis' Navratilova  
30 Took a 46-Across, e.g.  
32 "For Me and My Gal" director  
35 Marine ink squirts  
38 Welsh dog  
39 Tic-tac-toe row  
40 Some Web site banners  
41 Person paid for getting strikes  
46 Airport idler  
47 Apian abode
- 48 Try to get  
49 Online party summonses  
53 Madonna musical  
55 The Once- ("The Lorax" character)  
56 Gradually slowing, in music: Abbr.  
58 Legislate  
59 Cozy room  
60 Florida school near Daytona Beach  
66 Dimple locale  
67 Like Capp's Abner  
68 Parable, e.g.  
69 1977 pact signed by Carter and Torrijos  
76 Son of George Bush  
79 Painstaking, for short  
80 Academic e-mail suffix  
81 Tirana's nation: Abbr.  
82 Brain holder  
84 Hedy of film  
86 Just — on the map  
89 Diminutive suffix for "part"
- 91 Mrs. Victor Laszlo, in film  
92 Collectible Happy Meal miniatures  
96 Nine-digit ID issuer  
99 Vienna's land: Abbr.  
100 Made a boat move  
101 Most twisted, as humor  
102 Annual May race  
106 Stimulate  
107 Artist Renoir  
108 Gold, in Italy  
109 With 50-Down, rum cocktail  
110 Hits with high voltage  
114 Small cavern  
115 Exceeds limits (or what each of this puzzle's theme items does?)  
119 Word before snake or belt  
120 Like the jack of hearts  
121 In a creepy way  
122 Wood dyes  
123 Sheets and pillowcases sold as units
- 124 Rob of "90210"
- DOWN**
- 1 Some snakes  
2 Further  
3 Healing plant  
4 Bottom line  
5 Bristol brow  
6 Furtive "Looky here"  
7 Suffix with bull or hill  
8 Frat letter  
9 Fills up the tank, maybe  
10 Not budging  
11 In poverty  
12 Fido's threat  
13 Endive type  
14 Hybrid utensil  
15 A la —  
16 Hun name  
17 Flattened by hammering  
18 Thoreau writings  
20 Like "kvetch" or "schmear"  
24 Once called  
29 Fluffy's cry  
31 Not closed, in verse  
32 Many miffed fans, vocally  
33 Catering hall vessel  
34 "Oh, God! —" (1980 film sequel)
- 35 Made a pick  
36 Want badly  
37 Venom, e.g.  
38 Spotted, musky cat  
42 Hush  
43 Swiss capital  
44 Brothers Phil and Don of pop/rock  
45 Wash cycle  
50 See 109-Across  
51 Outer: Prefix  
52 Hogs' place  
54 Actor Shawn of "X-Men" films  
57 Stand for an idiot box  
61 Hollywood's Carrere  
62 Ending for pay or Motor  
63 Not any  
64 Last: Abbr.  
65 Have brunch  
66 Gem weight  
69 Jim Bakker's old ministry, familiarly  
70 Finder's cry  
71 — de plume  
72 Fresh as —  
73 Naked  
74 Early blues singer Ma —  
75 Spanish national hero  
76 Singer Andrews
- 77 "That's someone — problem!"  
78 Explosion  
83 Unwelcome advice givers  
85 Atomic piles  
87 Certain wind insert  
88 Flowers named for their scent  
90 "Charlotte's Web" author  
93 H-bomb, e.g.  
94 Wall St. manipulator  
95 Add up to  
96 Singer Ricky  
97 Painter  
98 Mohair goat  
103 — -frutti  
104 St. Paul-to-Fargo hwy.  
105 Lorna — cookies  
106 Huge battle  
109 What docs prescribe  
111 Quarrelling  
112 Magnet end  
113 1974 CIA spoof movie  
115 Hunk  
116 "— of little faith!"  
117 Critter doc  
118 "— hawl!"



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### HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



5. Blade handles are different. 6. Leaves are different. 3. Tree is gone. 4. Shadow is cast on bush. Different. 118. "— hawl!"

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# Long-time teachers, employees of Weiser School District retire

by Nicole Miller

The Weiser School District has several teachers and one employee who are starting a new chapter of their lives as they announced their retirement this year.

These educators represent over 100 years of experience in education and Weiser School District is grateful for their contribution to education and their years of service.

Rod Gehrke has retired from his position as the bus supervisor and head mechanic. Rod worked tirelessly behind the scenes keeping the busses safe and on the road.

Pioneer Elementary School is saying goodbye to three retiring teachers. In the first grade, Trina Nesbitt and Cindy Bowman-Ouellette retired. The two teachers combined have over 72 years teaching experience.

Trina Nesbitt taught for a total of 36 years: four years in Midvale, 2 years in Star, and 30 years at Pioneer Elementary. She is looking forward to spending more time with her family, especially her first grandchild arriving in June.

Cindy Bowman-Ouellette taught for 38 years in Kansas, California and Idaho, with 26 of those years in Weiser teaching kindergarten, Junior first and first. She plans on helping her aging parents on the ranch in Durango, Colo., being a caregiver for her grandson Ely and having more time to visit her girls and their families in Washington and Nebraska.

In the third grade Susan Pierson-Vincent is retiring as well. Although Pierson-Vincent has only worked in the Weiser School District for one year, she wished that she had gotten more time at Pioneer because she has

loved teaching there.

Pierson also taught in Emmett for 12 years. She is looking forward to spending time with her new husband and her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. She loves the outdoors and is learning about shooting sports and volunteering at the shooting range in Ontario as well.

At the high school level, Brad Maxfield is also retiring, after having taught half-time since 2017. He worked full time for the district prior to that starting in 2008. Maxfield started teaching in 1971 in Oregon followed by teaching at the college level for Pacific University, Boise State, UEES in Ecuador, Idaho State, and UTEP before returning to the Treasure Valley.

Maxfield hopes to spend his retirement working on the publication of his creative work, but he also shared that he is not very good at retirement so he will teach some English composition online.

Marty Hiner has taught 34 years with 29 in Weiser. Over the years Hiner taught earth science, biology and physical science. Hiner stated that he enjoyed his many years working for the district, but it was time for a new chapter in his life.

He is looking forward to setting his own schedule and spending time playing with grandkids. He plans to continue to volunteer with sports and other community activities as well.

Normally, these educators would have been honored in May with the end of the year retirement dinner. With the restrictions due to COVID-19, that dinner has been indefinitely postponed, but the district is hopeful that they will still be able to honor these teachers and educators this fall.



First-grade teachers Trina Nesbitt and Cindy Bowman Ouellette announced their retirement at the end of the school year. Between the two educators, they had over 72 years of experience in the classroom. Both taught at Pioneer Elementary School in Weiser and will be missed. Other veteran teachers at Weiser High School also wrapped up successful teaching careers this year. The school district usually hosts a retirement party at the end of the school year, but that was not possible due to COVID-19.

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