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More events postponed as COVID-19 cases rise

Out of abundance of caution, kids day, prom, parade put on hold for now

by Steve Lyon

An increase in coronavirus cases over the past week has prompted another round of event cancellations in Weiser.

As of Monday night, Southwest District Health reported 80 confirmed coronavirus cases in Washington County with an additional nine probable for a total of 89 cases.

The number of cases in neighboring Adams and Payette counties also went up over the past week.

Southwest District Health also reported that the most recent coronavirus cases in Weiser were spread by community transmission and could not be connected to any of the existing cases.

"The risk of exposure to the virus that causes COVID-19 is increasing in Washington County. Please do your part to help slow the spread of the virus," said Nikki Zogg, Southwest District Health director in a news release.

In light of the increase in cases, along with the report of community spread, Weiser Mayor Randy Hibberd said he discussed some of the planned events with public health officials.

He said SWDH officials expressed concerns about the potential for large public gatherings in Weiser at a time when coronavirus cases are going up.

Hibberd said he approached event organizers, who took action on Monday that included cancelling or postponing a number of events this week.

The kids day that was planned for downtown Weiser on Tuesday was postponed. In addition, a prom for high school students at the Vendome Events Center on Saturday was also rescheduled for later.

A parade that was certain to attract crowds planned for Saturday in Weiser with the theme of Celebrate Idaho also was postponed according to an email from a committee member.

Weiser has a parade every year during fiddle week in late June. Weiser's famous fiddle contest was cancelled this year due to COVID-19 concerns, but organizers wanted to keep the parade tradition going.

"Our committee is going to get together and pick a date," committee member Dorothy Evans said.

The Washington County Democrats cancelled their annual picnic scheduled for Saturday, noting that

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WEISER SENIORS PAINT THE STREET



Painting the street is a fun tradition at Weiser High School that goes back many decades. Members of the Class of 2020 were able to keep the tradition going on Monday and leave their painted legacy on the street behind the school. The event was delayed this year due to COVID-19. The school had to wait until restrictions on gatherings were eased. Photo by Steve Lyon

State funding cuts require belt-tightening in Weiser School District's FY 2021 budget

by Steve Lyon

Weiser School District trustees approved a fiscal year 2021 budget that reflects an anticipated 5 percent holdback in state funding and requires some belt-tightening.

Total revenue budgeted in FY 2021, which includes both state funding and local revenue sources, is estimated at \$9.66 million, a decrease from \$10.2 million in FY 2020. State funding represents about 90 percent of the district's general fund.

The FY 2021 budget revenue includes \$614,905 from local funding sources in the form of property taxes, which is close to the amount budgeted this year.

Total expenses are also down at \$9.9

million in FY 2021 compared to \$10.3 million in FY 2020. The difference between the budgeted revenue and expenses is \$329,075.

With expenses expected to come in under budget in the current fiscal year, district officials hope they won't have to spend down carryover funds much to cover the deficit. The audited carryover fund balance in FY 2019 totaled \$1.8 million.

Salaries and benefits make up about 85 percent of the district's general fund expenses, which is a typical percentage for most school districts.

In the proposed FY 2021 budget, salaries and benefits total about \$8.8

million compared to about \$9.1 million for FY 2020.

Superintendent Wade Wilson said the school district will see less funding from the state in FY 2021 in a number of areas, including transportation, discretionary funds, classroom technology, IT staffing, professional development, leadership premiums and more.

Gov. Brad Little hinted at austerity in the FY 2021 state budget in a memo to superintendents in May that outlined a plan to trim K-12 school funding by \$99 million in the face of the "new economic reality caused by the pandemic."

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COLD SNAP TO BLAME

Weiser sweet cherry crop is a near-total loss this year

Disappointing news for customers who visit Brooke Orchards every season

by Steve Lyon

The popular fruit stand sales and U-pick cherries at Brooke Orchards near Weiser have been cancelled this season due to a lack of fruit.

Blame the fickle spring weather. The rows of cherry trees exploded in blossoms in late March and early April, signaling a big crop in the making for 2020.

But then a cold snap at exactly the wrong time around Easter froze the blossoms and

no cherries appeared on the trees.

"It warmed up and then we got hit with multiple cold nights," fruit grower Rich Brooke said.

Brooke recently announced that there would be no crop of bentons, rainiers or bings this year, much to the dismay of cherry lovers who come from all over the Treasure Valley every summer.

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Brooke Orchards near Weiser had a big crop of sweet cherries in 2018, right, but not this year. Fickle spring weather froze the blossoms and no cherries came. File photo



Obituaries



Joseph Arvin Pickett

Joseph Arvin Pickett passed away on May 29, 2020 of natural causes at the age of 96 years.

Joe was born on June 22, 1923 to Joseph and Alma Rhea Pickett in Midvale, Idaho.

He graduated from Midvale High School in 1942 with a class of 14

students.

Joe served in the U.S. Army as a Private First Class from 1945-1946.

Joe was married on Jan. 21, 1946 in Council, Idaho to the love of his life, Elsie Magdalen Yeaw. They were married for 74 years and blessed with two children, Linda and Timothy.

Joe was enrolled as a Master Mason on Nov. 24, 1948. He was a member for 71 years in the Masonic Lodge.

Joe worked as a BTJ Steamfitter at the Hanford Nuclear Plant in Washington. He went on to be an employee of the Federal Prison System, having completed 20 years of service July 31, 1993 as a Construction Representa-

tive at FCI Lompoc, Calif.

Joe was preceded in death by his brother Rhea, daughter Linda and granddaughter Meggin Ford.

He is survived by his wife Elsie, son Tim (Sharon) Pickett, son-in-law Thomas Bailie, grandchildren Tomalin Bailie (Andrew) Wallace, Tamsyn and Zack Bailie, Sarah (Jessie) Slate, Laura (Jeffrey) Penny. Great-grandchildren Madison Bailie, Oliver and Max Bailie Wallace, Lane Ford, Olivia Slate and Draven and Harper Penny.

Arrangements under the direction of Thomason Funeral Home.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.lienkaemper-thomason.com.



Gary Dean Johnson
1942-2020

Gary was born in Ada, Minn., then moved to Coquille, Ore., with his par-

ents Jens and Elaine Johnson.

Gary grew up in Coquille, attended Coquille High School, enlisted in the Army where he served in Viet Nam and Thailand, returned to Oregon and attended Southern Oregon University with a basketball scholarship.

He took great pride in being inducted into the Southern Oregon Sports Hall of Fame for basketball.

Gary married and had two children, Suzannah Johnson and Gavin John-

son of Reno, Nev.

Later in life Gary met and married the love of his life, Donna Cox of Weiser. They lived happily in Weiser until Gary's death.

Gary is survived by his children, sisters Margo Healy, Kristi Murphy and brother Craig Johnson.

Gary was preceded in death by his parents Jens and Elaine Johnson and brother Kevin Johnson.

A celebration of Life will be held on June 25, 2020 at 6 p.m. in Ester Simplot Park, West Pavilion, Boise, Idaho.



John Leo Driessen

John Leo Driessen, 76, formerly of Weiser, Idaho passed away on Saturday, June 13, 2020 at his home in Elgin, Ore.

At his request there will be no service but a family gathering will be held later in the summer.

John was born July 17, 1943 in Great Falls, Mont., to Leo Donahue and Eleanor Gunvar Hemstad Driessen.

John was an only child and grew up on the family farm outside of Conrad, Mont., in a one-bedroom house. By the time he was three years old John slept in the bunkhouse and in the summer he and his Grandpa Hemstad enjoyed many laughs while his

grandpa stayed with the family.

John worked in mining, farmed most of his life and was a great mechanic. He loved music, camping, fishing and gold mining.

In his 76 years John never met a person who was a stranger.

John played the guitar and accordion and loved to dance and no one could jitterbug like John could!

In 1965 he married Sharon Mitchell. The couple enjoyed a shared love of music being in a band in their early marriage.

They had two children, Shawna and Lee and raised them on the family farms in Plummer, Idaho and Weiser, Idaho. His children have many memories growing up of snowmobiling, fishing, road trips and musical gatherings at the family home.

John worked and managed the experimental farm from 1987-2000 for the USDA, Agriculture Research Service in Pullman, Wash. While there he assisted in the design and performed nearly all

the construction of three experimental cross-slot no-till drills which have become an important part of soil conservation in the agricultural industry. John was excited and proud of his involvement in this project.

In 2012 John married Jan Bauer in Jacksonhole, Wyo. The couple enjoyed dancing, camping and fishing trips with family and belonged to a gold mining club. They loved karaoke and laughing together. Jan took great care of John while he was sick.

John is survived by his wife, Jan of Elgin, Ore.; daughter, Shawna (Randy) McKinnis of Imbler, Ore.; son, Lee (Sandy) Driessen of Midland, Tex.; stepson, Brian (Shelly) Graham of Midvale, Idaho; 12 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren and one on the way.

John is preceded in death by his parents and grandparents.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to your local dementia or Alzheimer's Association.



The Wells Fargo bank branch in downtown Weiser closed on March 23 due to COVID-19 and will not reopen, according to a spokesperson. Customers will receive a letter providing details on the closure and signs will be posted on the doors. Wells Fargo hopes to keep an ATM in Weiser. Photo by Steve Lyon

Wells Fargo provides additional details on Weiser branch closure

Bank is exploring options to keep an ATM in Weiser

by Steve Lyon

Wells Fargo bank officials have provided additional details on the closure of the branch office located at State and Main streets in downtown Weiser.

The *Weiser Signal American* was first to report the bank's closure after confirmation by a Wells Fargo spokesperson. Since then, Wells Fargo officials have provided additional information in response to followup questions.

The bank will send a letter to account holders and safe deposit box leasees in the near future informing them of the closure and what it means for them. Signs also will be posted on the doors at the branch, spokeswoman Julie Fogerson said.

The Wells Fargo bank branch in downtown Weiser closed on March 23 as part of a companywide decision to temporarily reduce the number of bank branches as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Wells Fargo officials decided not to reopen the Weiser branch, which Forgeron described as part of a "consolidation" of Wells Fargo branches. She said it was unknown yet what impact the closure will have on employees who worked at the Weiser branch.

Fogerson did not give specific reasons for the Weiser branch closure. The Weiser branch had been identified as a location the company considered closing in 2020 even before the coronavirus pandemic,

she said.

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

Customers in Weiser have been encouraged to use the Wells Fargo branches in Payette and Ontario for now and into the future. The Weiser branch building will be sold, Fogerson said, adding that the bank is "exploring options" to keep a bank-branded ATM in Weiser but does not have any details to share yet.

The *Weiser Signal American* has also learned that another Idaho-based bank might be interested in opening a branch in Weiser, possibly in the space occupied by Wells Fargo. More details to follow as they become available.

Wells Fargo also closed branches this year in Idaho Falls and Pocatello, although those communities had more than one branch and will still have a Wells Fargo presence.

In a 2018 presentation to investors the publicly traded bank said it planned to cut over 800 branches by the end of 2020 and get its count down to 5,000 branches before 2021. The company said the bank was shifting some resources to improving the quality of digital interactions with customers who are increasingly comfortable with online and mobile banking.

Death Notices

Margaret Thomason

Margaret Thomason, 95, of Mesa, Idaho, passed away June 15, 2020 in Weiser. Arrangements under the direction of Thomason Funeral Home.

Beverly M. Norton

Beverly M. Norton, 91, of Cambridge, Idaho, passed away June 14, 2020 in Cambridge. Arrangements under the direction of Thomason Funeral Home.

Betty J. Talbot

Betty J. Talbot, 87, of Nyssa, Ore., passed away June 16, 2020 at a Nyssa adult care facility. Arrangements are under the direction of Haren-Wood Funeral Chapel, Ontario.

Margie Boyce

Margie Boyce, 78, of Payette, Idaho, passed away at her home on June 18, 2020. Arrangements are under the direction of Haren-Wood Funeral Chapel, Payette.

Nellie Saito

Nellie Saito, 98, of Ontario, Ore., died June 2, 2020 at an assisted living facility. Arrangements by Lienkaemper Chapel, Ontario.

Jesslyn D. Burke

Jesslyn D. Burke, 52, of Ontario, Ore., passed away June 19, 2020 at her home in Ontario. Arrangements are under the direction of Haren-Wood Funeral Chapel, Ontario.

Coming Ups

Symphony to perform concert June 26 and 27

The Weiser Youth Symphony will be performing their Pops Concert two nights. Admission is free. Please bring a lawn chair and enjoy some music in the park. The symphony will perform on Friday, June 26 at Payette Kiwanis Park bandshell and Saturday, June 27 at the north end of Memorial Park in Weiser. Both shows begin at 7:30 p.m. See you there.

Deadline for submitting obituaries and death notices is noon on Monday
news@signalamerican.com



Washington County commissioners have agreed to review the fees charged to drop off old appliances and tires at the two transfer stations. Currently, residents pay \$10 to dump an old refrigerator, but it costs the county about \$15 to truck it to Clay Peak and pay the disposal fees at the Payette County landfill. Photo by Steve Lyon

Cost to dispose of appliances, tires at transfer stations could increase

County officials say current fees don't cover expense of hauling junk to Clay Peak dump

by Steve Lyon

The fees residents pay to dispose of tires, air conditioners and refrigerators at transfer sites in Weiser and Midvale don't cover the costs to haul away the items and should be increased, Washington County officials said.

County commissioners and solid waste supervisor Jerod Odoms recently discussed the disposal fees at the transfer stations and agreed the county needs to break even. They plan to adjust the fee schedule once the budget-setting season is out of the way.

The county charges \$10 for old refrigerators and air conditioners dropped off at the two transfer stations in Midvale and Weiser, but getting rid of them costs the county about \$15 each.

The county does not have a permitted landfill and instead operates two transfer stations, one in Midvale and one north of Weiser. Everything dumped at the transfer stations is trucked to Clay Peak landfill in Payette County at a cost to the county.

The county is charged \$12 to dispose of each unwanted refrigerator and appliance at Clay Peak. By the time labor and transportation costs are added in to truck the junk to Payette County, the county is out about \$15 for each appliance, Odoms said.

Disposing of old tires is also a money losing service for the county. Anyone who drops off a passenger tire at the transfer station pays \$2 or \$4 for a tire and rim. Employees have to clean up the tires, break them down and truck them to the Les Schwab tire center. With labor and transportation costs, disposing of a passenger car tire probably costs the county \$4 each, Odoms said.

The transfer station can only keep 50 tires on site at any one time, according to the operational plan. There can be 10-20 tires a day dropped off daily between the two transfer stations, requiring frequent trips to Les Schwab.

Odoms said he would like to seek commissioners double the disposal fee for passenger tires dropped off at the transfer

stations to cover what it costs in time and labor to get rid of them.

"I'm not looking to make money on the tires. I'm looking to break even for what the taxpayers are actually spending," Odoms said.

The cost is more for truck tires and tractor tires, although they are less common at the transfer station. Someone dropping off a truck tire pays \$8. It can cost the county up to \$40 to dispose of a tractor or farm tire.

Commissioners asked Odoms to figure out what it costs the county to dispose of items dropped off at the transfer stations and prepare a proposed fee schedule that they will take up in August or September.

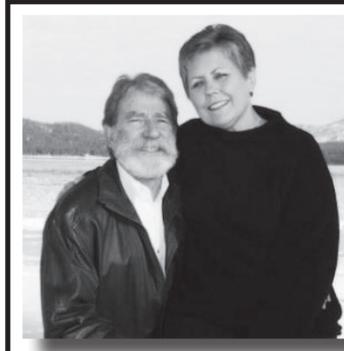
Commissioners also discussed the solid waste budget for fiscal year 2021 and if any changes need to be made in how the operation is funded. Every property owner in the county pays an annual \$56 solid waste fee and also are levied property taxes by the county to pay for solid waste services. Currently, each county resident is allowed four cubic yards of household waste per month.

There has been discussion about increasing the annual solid waste charge all property owners pay and then allow residents to dump at the transfer stations for free without having to weigh items. No action has been taken on the idea.

"It would just make everything simpler if you hauled your stuff to the dump and it was covered by the solid waste fee," commission chairman Kirk Chandler said.

Commissioner Nate Marvin said going that route could put an additional financial burden on seniors on a fixed income who may not dump at the transfer stations. People who don't use the transfer stations would be subsidizing those who do.

Chandler said another way to pay for solid waste operations, in part, would be based on a user fee approach and do away with the annual solid waste charge. That way, everything that was hauled to the transfer station would be weighed and they would pay the bill.



HAPPY 50th ANNIVERSARY!
Love, all your kids
Sadie & Ben, Emily, Dustin & Kadance
(Please don't be mad)

Ed Kautz Celebration of Life



Please join us for a celebration of life for Ed Kautz at Ruszoni's Pizza on July 11th. The celebration will be open house style from 4pm - 10pm.

We look forward to seeing you there and sharing memories of Big Ed.



ATTENTION:

County Road 70 Pavement Rehabilitation Project

The commissioners of the Weiser Valley Highway District are proud to announce the rebuilding of County Road 70 from Weiser city limits to Haas Road. Commencing on July 8, Thueson Construction of Nampa, Idaho will begin grinding and pulverizing the old blacktop, compact, and grade road bed, lay 2½" of new asphalt, and construct new shoulders. This capital improvement project is scheduled to be completed by July 24th.

Please use alternate routes to and from Weiser, such as Indianhead Road. Road closures and delays are always part of projects like this, however we will do our best to get you where you need to go. Detour signs will help guide our taxpayers around the work zone.

Please use caution, be prepared for delays, and reduce your speed.
Thank You.

Toothfully Speaking

by Dr. Bryan Dille



Toothbrush... Hard or Soft?

When you go to the store to buy a toothbrush there are so many choices. How do you decide which one to buy? I believe the best toothbrush you can buy is a high quality electric toothbrush. They consistently do a better job than a manual toothbrush. There are some low end electric models, but be warned they are not as good as the higher end models. Oral B and Sonicare both have a good high end model.

If you are shopping for a toothbrush, the most important thing you should be looking for is a model with "soft" bristles. The only reason to buy a medium or a hard bristle tooth brush is to clean something other than your

teeth like the grout in your shower or the toilet. It is actually possible to brush away your gum tissue and tooth structure with bristles that are too firm and/or by applying too much pressure while brushing. A soft toothbrush will clean your teeth as long as it is used properly and at least twice a day.

There are many soft bristle toothbrushes that are good. You don't need the most expensive one and I wouldn't buy the cheapest one either. The most important thing is that you use it!

If you have a topic for an article send us an email at dilledental@gmail.com, or better yet, stop in at our office. We love to talk about teeth and we will be happy to answer your question(s) in future columns.



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College News

Two Weiser students earn degrees from Southwestern Oregon Community College

Southwestern Oregon Community College hosted its 59th annual commencement on June 12, celebrating the 2020 graduates who have persevered under stressful and difficult times.

The college announced there were a total of 356 graduates from 15 states and five countries.

Graduates from Weiser and their de-

grees include:

Grace McKie - Associate of Applied Science, Baking and Pastry Arts; Certificate of Completion, Baking and Pastry Arts.

Hunter Stone - Associate of Applied Science, Fire Science.

The event is available at socc.edu/graduation.

FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

Latest numbers on COVID-19 are concerning

As most of you already know, as of Saturday, June 20, there have been 84 COVID-19 cases in Washington County.

At the time of this writing on Monday, there have been at least six more cases. This is an 80 percent increase in just 10 days.

Washington County is in a close race with Jerome County for second place for number of cases per capita in Idaho.

I know Weiser is a town that loves competition, but this is not the kind of contest we want to win.

We now have a case(s) where the source cannot be pinpointed or where it might have spread. This is referred to as community spread.

Over the weekend, there were two cases that were severe enough to require Life-Flighting from our hospital. From these two cases, the hospital now has a case within its staff. Your city has one employee who tested positive, with two more employees waiting for test results.

The Cottages residents who had tested positive had been asymptomatic but are now showing signs of the illness. Caldwell is also experiencing an outbreak caused by Weiser folk visiting gatherings in that fine city.

For those who think this is no more contagious or severe than the flu, Weiser has local evidence to the contrary. COVID-19 is much more contagious and the mortality rate is exponentially higher than the ordinary flu. This is not a bug that you want to contract.

Keep in mind that a third of people hospitalized in our district are under the age of 50 and the majority of those are under the age of 30. This is not just an old people's disease. Young people are contracting it as well and are ending up in the hospital.

I have received several concerned inquiries regarding the music festival and bikers rodeo happening this coming Saturday. These events will be taking place in the county, just outside of the city limits and are therefore outside of the city of Weiser's jurisdiction.

However, in light of the COVID-19 outbreak, the parade and the prom scheduled for Saturday, have been either cancelled or postponed. The 4th of July Veterans parade and the 4th of July firemen's barbecue are in question at this point. The fireworks can take place if people stay in their cars.

The baseball season will continue if players and spectators will practice

physical distancing. Otherwise, the season will be cancelled.

Events at the Vendome will be restricted to small groups that can be spread out. Face masks will be required in the city office.

I have been in steady contact with the district health office. It appears the governor will go ahead with plans to completely open the state at the end of this week.

However, authority to manage the virus will be turned over to the various District Health Offices in conjunction with local government units. This plan allows for local outbreaks, such as ours, to be dealt with as needed without using a broad brush to involve the entire state.

Hopefully, no further restrictions will be needed. But I want you to know that the situation is fluid and adjustments will be made appropriately.

As stated previously, how this situation plays out will depend on the personal responsibility taken by each of us. Nearly all of the cases in town can be traced back to just two people coming from out of state.

More importantly, it was the gathering of local residents with these two individuals that caused it to spread at such an intense rate in town.

Physical distancing, masks, and other precautions are the way to slow and stop the spread of COVID-19. Stopping the spread literally depends on each of us.



Mayor Randy Hibberd

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Hospital trustee responds to letter on bond election

Editor:

I am writing in response to Susan McCoy's letter that was published in the June 17th edition of the *Weiser Signal American*.

I am currently a trustee with Weiser Memorial Hospital and would like to clear up some issues/questions about the bond that was voted on in the May 19 primary election.

First, the question about the cost of our bond in comparison to a 78,000 square-foot building in Meridian.

Her reference is to a Meridian project that consists of building out the second and third floors of an existing building, which includes new interior walls, ceiling, light fixtures, plumbing, millwork and finishes.

I work in construction and have been involved in the bidding process of commercial buildings. Most first bids are for the shell of the building only and the completion on the inside is done by a separate bid.

The average square foot cost of a commercial building today is approximately \$200 per square foot. It also depends on what kind of a building is being constructed.

The materials used in a medical facility are a higher grade of material and the rules and regulations are different than a standard com-

mercial building.

No, we could not bulldoze the old hospital and build a new one for \$9 million. Two years was spent studying every possible construction option that could be done the most economically.

I would invite anyone to look at the current emergency room challenges and how we are addressing these needs for the safety of our patients and staff.

Secondly, we had planned on having several public meetings, visiting with smaller groups and going door to door to present our proposal for the new emergency department wing.

We waited until after the school bond election in March so we wouldn't interfere with the school bond election. We had no idea that we were going to be hit with a pandemic and a stay at home request.

We were representing our healthcare facility and it wouldn't have been right for us to disobey the order by going door to door. All bond election meetings were also cancelled.

I tried to respond to questions that people were asking on social media about the bond for the hospital. I even offered to electronically send the brochure about the bond to anyone that wanted it. All they had to do is message me with their email address and I would send it. I got one request and that was it.

At no time were we trying

to keep the taxpayers out of the loop. We had a display in the hospital with pictures of what the new wing addition would be, but due to the pandemic the lobby was not open to the public.

When the pandemic hit, we were already committed to the bond being voted on. I, as a trustee, did not let the taxpayers down.

I tried to inform you on the bond proposal but my hands were tied in many ways because of the pandemic and the restrictions that it brought to our community.

We are trying to make our hospital a facility where we can take care of everyone so that they do not have to travel out of town for medical care.

By building this new emergency department wing, we would help to meet the needs and care of our community.

Our Board of Trustee meetings are always open to the public. We follow all open meeting laws. We have several committees where no more than three trustees attend to make sure that we never have a quorum.

We never at, anytime, meet secretly. We are not trying to keep anything from the public. All of our meetings are recorded.

I served on the hospital board the first time nearly 20 years ago and I am very proud of what has been accomplished with our hospital over the years.

I am proud to serve with the current trustees. They

are a very dedicated and honest group.

Sherry Young
Weiser Memorial Hospital
Board Trustee

Hospital bond for new ER was well worth supporting

Editor:

It appears to me that some people gossip or complain about the Weiser hospital bond before getting all the information necessary.

Granted, construction costs for an office or other building are lower than building an effective emergency department.

For their information they should pay our emergency department a visit. So far, it consists of only two rooms with only two beds each.

Patients have to be taken to other parts of the hospital for necessary tests because none of the equipment is close to the emergency department.

My husband, a 100 percent disabled Vietnam veteran, was lucky enough to be taken care of there repeatedly.

Between the ambulance crews and doctors and staff he has always been treated professionally, and thanks to them he is still alive today.

So, I and my family are not ashamed for supporting their bond. I am sorry so many gossips kept it from passing.

Ingeborg Albritton
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With years of retail experience comes customer service experience, aka – people experience. With people experience comes a lot of head shaking and knocking that same head against the wall thinking, “I just don’t understand people.”

Just because you don’t understand people doesn’t mean you ignore them when they come with a complaint about something they perceive you or the business or the product they’ve purchased has done them wrong. It means you have to figure out how to get them to a mutual place of satisfaction.

My personal favorite internal mantra is the famous unemotional catch-phrase of Dagnet’s Joe Friday, “Just the facts, ma’am.” Going into a situation with my mental fists up, ready to go head-to-head with an angry customer, meant I, and the customer, was going to have a bad day made worse. Through trial, error, and practice, I learned to always listen carefully and ask the customer what will bring them satisfaction. Then, with an unemotionally charged “just the facts, ma’am” response, give an account to explain our perspective and offer a fair resolution.

Does it always work? ... no. But you

would be amazed at how effectively the flame of rage can be all but extinguished when a person feels like they are being heard, respected and honored, whether or not what you tell them is what they want to hear.

I think Joe Friday was inspired by Jesus.

How many times, did the Pharisees attempt tripping Jesus up to find a reason to accuse Him of dastardly, blasphemous things, just to have Him calmly come back with an irrefutable voice of reason, void of emotion and packed with truth, to effectively shut them down? Or, instead of just forcing a healing on someone, ask what they wanted Him to do for them?

What a diplomat. With wit and truth spoken with a voice of reason, Jesus showed us just how to represent the Kingdom in His name with honor, power, and authority as His ambassadors in this foreign land that is not our home.

When the complaints come against us, we needn’t respond with the flame of rage and insult, but, instead, rely on the Lord to be our voice and heart to put the fire out, bringing glory to God! – Jody R. Goode, redemerweiser@gmail.com.

1 Peter 3:9 NRSV - Do not repay evil for evil or abuse for abuse...

Just something to think about

Summer is officially here. I rather enjoyed the cooler, wetter start of June. It was amazing that we had to start fires in the mornings past the middle of June. I even had to add a blanket to the bed to keep warm.

Even our pets were a bit chilly. I tend to sleep on my belly, and woke up one morning with the dog on my back, and a cat between my legs, on top of the blankets. It took a little bit to get oriented to what was going on. I managed to get them kicked

off in time to get to the bathroom!

When you get to be my age, that is the most important thing to do first thing in the morning. Of course, I am saying good morning to the Lord as I am heading that direction.

Perhaps the summer heat will knock out the pandemic. That would be great...another thing to thank our heavenly Father for.

Just something to think about.

C. Shaw

Be a respectful revolutionary

Riverside Baptist

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your testimony.

“Show yourself in all respects to be a model of good works, and in your teaching show integrity, dignity, and sound speech that cannot be condemned, so that an opponent may be put to shame, having nothing evil to say about us.” (Titus 2:7-8, ESV)

Our church meets on Sundays 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. Our church website is riversidechurchweiser.com.

Pastor Ian Ross

Sunshine on my shoulders

St. Luke’s Episcopal by Carolyn Wesner

There is a song that begins “Sunshine on my shoulders makes me happy...” and after all this rain some sunny days feel pretty good all over.

In ancient times there were many civilizations which looked upon the sun as an object of worship (not understanding the science behind the planetary rotations, the solar system, or the galaxy – thank you Copernicus and Galileo) so sometimes Bible writers also used the sun in descriptions connected with God.

One of these is Psalms 84 verse 11: “For the Lord is a sun and shield; the Lord will give grace and

glory; no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly.”

Other times, God’s face was described as a light shining on people; a good thing. Whereas when God turned his face away, there was darkness.

There is an Old Testament prophet named Isaiah who wrote a whole chapter about this, chapter 59.

Isaiah lived in a time of great injustice, unfairness, and wrongdoing – he wrote this when people asked him why God had turned his face/his light away from them.

Then Isaiah wrote 20 sad verses listing the problems in society: lies, dishonesty, empty words, deeds of violence, and

schemes of mischief leaving a trail of ruin and devastation. “We look for the light” he said, “but we walk in deep gloom.”

Later on, at the very end of the Old Testament another prophet, Malachi, gave some hope if only the people would seek for peace and justice. Quoting the “Lord of Hosts,” he wrote, “For you who love my name, the Sun of Righteousness will rise with healing in his wings.” Truly sunshine on our shoulders!

St. Luke’s Episcopal church in Weiser will re-open soon, July 5, socially-distanced for everyone’s safety. Listen for the bell each Sunday at 11 a.m.

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Weiser City Council increases funding for economic development committee

All-volunteer committee works to promote Weiser and attract new businesses

by Steve Lyon

The Weiser City Council increased funding for the city's economic development committee to \$4,900 for 2021, saying it was money well spent to promote Weiser to businesses.

The city council also allocated money for other organizations and nonprofits during a recent budget discussion. The FY 2021 budget won't be final until a public hearing is held and it is adopted in August by the city council.

Sherry Young, a member of the economic development committee, requested the city council bump up the group's budget in FY 2021 to \$4,900. The city council has given the committee \$1,800 every year since it was created as the mayor's economic task force in 2015.

Young listed the projects the all-volunteer committee is working on to promote Weiser and some of the associated costs. They include \$1,200 to update a marketing brochure that is circulated widely promoting Weiser. Realtors use

the brochure and they are handed out at trade shows for local, regional, and national markets.

The economic development committee also maintains a website to market the area and provides information to businesses. The group also created an inventory database of available commercial properties in Weiser.

Other programs include sending letters of appreciation to local businesses that expand or make improvements to their buildings. The group hosted formed a "Ready to Go" team that meets with prospective businesses looking to locate in Weiser to provide information and answer questions.

The committee hosted a successful local job fair in April of 2018 that brought employers from Weiser, Payette, Fruitland, Ontario and New Plymouth to the Vendome.

The committee tries to meet twice a month and is made up of representatives from businesses, Weiser Chamber of Commerce,



school district and city government. Neither Weiser nor Washington County has a dedicated economic development department.

Council member Dan Randleman said the committee is doing a great job with the funding provided by the city.

"I've seen tons of money spent on economic development. I'm a firm believer that if we do it ourselves with our own people we get more bang for the buck."

Mayor Randy Hibberd said the diligent efforts by the city's economic development committee working with the Snake River Economic Development Alliance (SREDA) were major factors in bringing two businesses that located south of Weiser in the industrial park within the past couple of years.

City council member Larry Hogg serves as the city's representative on SREDA and said execu-

tive director Kit Kamo has praised Weiser's volunteer economic development group for the work members do.

"She wishes every community had a committee like ours," Hogg said.

Both the city of Weiser and Washington County financially support SREDA, a nonprofit, public-private partnership that markets Malheur, Payette and Washington counties to businesses and industries around the

nation looking for a place to expand or relocate.

SREDA has a paid executive director whose role is outreach, going to trade shows and making contacts with businesses. SREDA can get leads from companies showing an interest in the area and pass them on to city's economic development committee.

In other budget actions, the city council approved allocating \$500 for WICAP, \$1,800 for ROSE Advocates and \$500 for SREDA. The numbers are the same amounts that were approved by the city council last year.

City council member Layna Hafer said SREDA does a great job in passing along business referrals to the city's economic development committee.

The committee doesn't have the money to pay someone to attend all the trade shows that SREDA executive director Kit Kamo attends, she said.

"I think \$500 is pretty cheap for all of the referrals that come back to us," Hafer said.

Proposed trailer sales lot in Midvale receives nod from county planners

by Steve Lyon

A proposed equipment trailer sales lot south of Midvale along U.S. Highway 95 received initial approval from the Washington County Planning and Zoning Commission at a public hearing on June 16.

The county planning board took

up an application for a special use permit submitted by property owner Wendell Ader for the trailer business.

Following a hearing attended by 10 people, planners recommended approval of the application. It now goes to county commissioners for final action.

Middle Valley Trailers will be located in the county along U.S. Highway 95 just south of Midvale and within the city's impact zone. The proposed trailer sales lot would be at least 300 feet from any homes or farms.

The application states that five to 10 trailers would be parked on

an unimproved dirt lot .25 acres in size. In the future the lot could be improved with gravel, but no structures are planned. There will be a sign advertising the trailers with a telephone number.

The property is located in an area zoned A1 agriculture and outside of the 100-year floodplain.

The county's zoning ordinance lists farm equipment and supply dealers, along with other uses, as allowable in A1 with a special use permit.

Ader said the location is ideal for trailer sales with Highway 95 frontage and traffic heading north and south.

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Food insecurity may affect up to 50 million Americans today

by Michelle Merrick,
RN, BSN
Horizon Home Health
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Food insecurity is defined by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) as inconsistent access to food to be able to lead an active and healthy life.

Hunger and food insecurity are closely related but different concepts. Hunger is the pain and discomfort that one feels when they have not been able to eat for a period of time, while food insecurity is not having the financial resources to maintain the food needed for the household.

Before the COVID-19 pandemic, 1 in 9 Americans identified as being food insecure. This estimates to about 37 million people. Since March, some estimates have increased this number to over 17 million more people as identifying as food insecure. This means that over 50 million Americans do not have the financial means to access food to meet their everyday needs.

Some of this is related to children not being in school where they usually have access to breakfast and lunch. There are also many people either working from home or not working at all so they are spending more hours at home which results in them potentially eating more food at home.

Food insecurity has major effects on overall health. Birth de-



fects in children, anemia, lower nutritional intakes, cognitive problems, increased aggression and anxiety are just to name a few.

People who have poor access to food are more likely to be hospitalized, are more likely to suffer from asthma, have behavioral problems, suffer from depression, have suicidal ideation, and have poor oral health.

There are resources available for those who need access to food who are home bound or who are food insecure. There are home food delivery pro-

grams that are free or at a reduced cost for seniors or those who are disabled. There are also food boxes and food pantries where those who are in need can get access to food as needed.

Food Pantries

Ontario: Next Chapter Food Pantry - St. Matthew's, 762 SW 5th St., Ontario, Tuesday 4-6 p.m.

Nyssa: Nyssa Community Food Pantry, Corner of 5th and Main, Nyssa, Monday 4-7 p.m. and Thursday 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Vale: Vale Food Pantry, 252 B St. (City Hall basement),

Vale, Tuesday 1-4 p.m., Thursday noon-3 p.m.

Adrian: Adrian Community Food Pantry, Adrian High School, 207 Owyhee St., Adrian, Thursday, 4:30-6 p.m.

Fruitland: Corpus Christi Catholic Church, 900 NW 7th St., Fruitland, Monday-Thursday, 1-4 p.m.

Fruitland: Highway Assembly of God, 100 S. Whitley Dr., Fruitland, last three Mondays of the month, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Fruitland: West Valley Methodist Church, 100 E. 1st St., Fruitland, Wednesday 10 a.m.-3:45

p.m. (by appointment).

Payette: Payette Seventh Day Adventist, corner of 3rd and 9th, Payette, Thursday, 9 a.m.-noon.

Payette: WICAP, 1431 S. Main St., Payette, Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Weiser: WICAP, 35 W. Court St., Weiser, Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Weiser: Love INC, 722 W. Idaho St., Monday 2 p.m.-5 p.m., Wednesday, 9 a.m.-noon, Tuesday, 9 a.m.-noon, Thursday, 9 a.m.-noon.

Mobile Pantries

Weiser - The Idaho Mobile Food Bank comes to Cornerstone Assembly on the third Wednesday of each month. The semi arrives at 9:30 a.m. and the distribution begins at 10 a.m. Those seeking food items please line up in the parking lot on the corner of E. Main and E. 5th St. in Weiser. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. Please bring containers for your food items and be patient. For more information, call 208-549-2103.

Jordan Valley: Lions Hall, fourth Thursday of the month, 12:30-2 p.m.

Harper: 2975 A St., Harper, second Thursday of the month, 11 a.m.-noon.

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Lori McKinney and Kendra Marvin of Indianhead Realty Group have lived, worked, and served in the Weiser area for over 25 years and this is home.

Lori and her husband, Doug, have worked on the OX Ranch for 35 years and raised their daughters in the Weiser community.

A lifetime of ranching has afforded Lori the opportunity to specialize in the farm and ranch market, as well as having 15 years of experience in the residential market throughout Washington, Payette, Adams, and Malheur counties.

Lori has founded her business on the principles of Financial Peace University as one of Dave Ramsey's Endorsed Local Providers. Her passion is helping her clients reach their goals with a practical and realistic plan.

Kendra Marvin and her husband,

Kurt, have spent nearly all their 21 years in the Weiser area as well.

Raising their daughters here has been a priority to them, and as a family they enjoy the sports and rodeo activities that the girls are part of.

Kendra is also a professional photographer. Her background in business, alongside growing up in ranching, will help you make wise decisions in your real estate transactions.

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The mother and daughter team of Lori McKinney and Kendra Marvin are ready to help potential buyers and sellers with all their real estate needs.



Heather Madden and David Flowers, owners of RELOAD Out West Outdoors in Ontario offers a wide variety of clothing, gear and accessories for the outdoor enthusiast. Also helping out with the family business are Clover, Quinton, Daisy, Bella and Cooper.

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The developer of a planned RV park along the Snake River in Weiser has been working on the project incrementally for the past four years. It will eventually have up to 30 full-service RV spots with hookups, a camping area along the river, an office and laundry and greenbelt. *Photo by Steve Lyon*

\$50,000 Gem Grant will pay for upgrades at RV Park

Planned water system improvements will benefit both RV park development and city

by Steve Lyon

A \$50,000 Gem Grant will pay for a new water line at a private RV park under construction along the Snake River in Weiser and also allow the city to increase its water system capacity on the west side of town.

The Snake River Economic Development Alliance applied for the Gem Grant on behalf of the city of Weiser, and executive director Kit Kamo said the grant will be administered by Washington County. The funds will be used to reimburse expenses for the water system improvements.

The RV park developer is now working with the city to design the water system upgrades. The grant was needed to pay for a water main to be placed between two fire hydrants at the property and would “move the development further along.”

The city plans to contribute additional funding to upsize a waterline in the area from 8 inches to 12 inches and install 600 feet of water main. The larger pipe that will connect the water plant with the line that is already there and runs under the underpass, increasing the capacity on the west side of town.

“It’s a great partnership,” Kamo said, which benefits both the city and the development.

Gem grants are awarded by the Idaho Commerce Department for up to \$50,000. The Gem grant program is open to any rural community with a population of 10,000 residents or less. Applications must be submitted by a city, county or tribal government.

Eligible activities that qualify for Gem grants include water and sewer infrastructure for a new business or development. The grants must be directly connected to private sector job creation and economic development, according to the state.

The RV park development is located on 11.26 acres located between West Railroad Street and the Snake River at the site of the old livestock sales yard along the Snake River. The parcel is lo-

cated within the city limits and is zoned for industrial use.

Work on the RV park, which received approval from the city’s planning and zoning commission and the city council in 2016, continues incrementally. The owner and developer gave no date on when the RV park would be open for business.

At the time the RV park project was approved, owner Jim Reed said he wanted to build something that brings revenue to Weiser. The RV park would be an asset to the community and include a public greenbelt path along the river.

Some buildings have already been constructed at the RV park site, including an office for the park that will contain showers and laundry machines. Another building will become his home as the onsite RV park manager and owner. A grassy area would be set aside for tent camping near the river.

The development would have between 20-30 full-service hookups for RVs and other spots with just electricity and water and no sewer service. The project would be built in phases and could eventually have 60 or so spots for RVs and camping sites.

One part of the project still pending is construction of a sewer system for the full-service RV spots and other buildings. The developer said he is looking at a couple of large enclosed septic tanks for the park that would be pumped out instead of a septic system with a drainfield or trying to connect to the city’s sewer system.

Connecting the proposed RV park to the city sewer system would require boring under the mainline Union Pacific railroad track and laying pipe to the north to where the city’s main sewer line is located.

Local business owners and economic development officials have supported the RV park project since it was first approved in 2016 as a needed facility for visitors. A year-round RV park would attract tourists to Weiser and the property is suited for the planned development.

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Estimate your property taxes with online tool

Did you know that an increase in a property's value won't automatically equal a tax increase?

To find out the impact of rising property values on them, residents in 29 Idaho counties now can estimate their 2020 property taxes by using a calculator on the Idaho State Tax Commission's website at tax.idaho.gov.

The calculator also is available through a link on the "Quick Picks" section of the home page. Your assessment notice has the value and tax code area information needed to use the estimator.

Estimates provided by the calculator might not include levies for new taxing districts and recent voter-approved funds.

They also don't include fees (e.g. solid waste, forest protection) that may be billed on tax notices. Please contact your county treasurer for a list of fees in



your area.

Actual tax amounts will be determined after cities, counties, and other taxing districts set their budgets in late summer.

The tax estimator is a joint effort between the Tax Commission and these participating counties: Ada, Adams, Bannock, Bear Lake, Benewah, Bingham, Blaine, Boise, Bonner, Bonneville, Boundary, Butte, Canyon, Caribou, Cassia, Clark, Clearwater, Elmore, Franklin, Jefferson, Jerome, Latah, Minidoka, Nez Perce, Owyhee, Power, Twin Falls, Valley, and Washington.

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No cherry crop this year

Cherry trees in bloom can withstand freezing temperatures down to about 28 degrees. Anything colder than that begins to damage the fruit.

There were a couple of nights in April when the temperatures dropped to 24 degrees, causing widespread cherry losses.

The freezing temperatures in April also did in the apricot crop at Brooke Orchards. Apricots are just as sensitive to cold as cherries.

The 2020 growing season won't be a total loss for the Brookes. The plum and honey crisp apple crops survived the cold weather.

The same freezing nights in April damaged about half of the peach crop at Kelley Orchards, which is located right across the road from Brooke Orchards on Hill Road.

Kelley said some peach varieties do better than others during a cold snap. Topography can be a factor in limiting losses. Some areas of the orchards did not get as cold as other areas.

The plums and apples were not affected by the cold. The apples won't be ripe for a couple of months.

"Everything else looks really good," Kelley said.

Kelley Orchards will have limited pie cherries ready after July 4th. They will also have freshly picked blackberries for sale at the fruit shed at the orchard located at 53 Hill Road south of Weiser. Call the Kelleys at 208-642-7265 for times.

The loss of the cherry season also meant the Brookes were unable to hire the seasonal employees who sort the fresh-picked cherries to sell to the many visitors.

Brooke said people had already stopped by the first week in May to inquire about the cherry crop this year.

In good years – and both 2018 and 2019 produced lots of fruit – Brooke Orchards sells 15,000 to 20,000 pounds of cherries during the short season when the cherries are ripe.



The cherry trees at Brooke Orchards near Weiser had bountiful blossoms earlier this spring. Unfortunately, a few freezing nights in April were enough to wipe out the cherry crop. *Courtesy photo*



Woodhead Park is a popular recreation site operated by Idaho Power in the Hells Canyon area. The park is spread over 65 acres, divided into four camping loops and is on the Idaho side of Brownlee Reservoir.

All Idaho Power recreation sites open

Demand for campsites is high; reservations are recommended

All Idaho Power campgrounds, parks, boat ramps and recreation access sites are now open.

The company closed its recreation sites in March due to the COVID-19 pandemic and began a phased reopening in May.

Demand for campsites at the company's campgrounds in Hells Canyon and at C.J. Strike Reservoir

has been high, with many locations filling up on weekends.

Visitors are advised to visit idahopower.com/recreation to reserve a spot before heading out.

Other things to know before you go:

- Restroom buildings and showers at campgrounds remain closed; portable toilets are in place and are serviced regularly.

- Fish-cleaning stations and RV dump sites are open.

- The Swan Falls powerhouse museum, which is usually open on Saturdays for self-guided tours, re-

mains closed.

Idaho Power asks all visitors to follow social-distancing guidelines, including when they interact with Idaho Power staff.

Minimizing the potential for exposure to critical power plant employees is an important part of maintaining reliable electrical service.

Idaho Power owns and maintains more than 50 recreational sites along the Snake River, from American Falls downstream to Hells Canyon, as part of its requirements under federal licenses to operate its hydroelectric projects.

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More events cancelled due to COVID-19 spike

COVID-19 cases are on the rise locally. A number of Democratic candidates running for office were planning to take part in the parade and a candidate forum later on Saturday at City Park.

While local coronavirus cases are going up, the

state is relaxing restrictions in stage four and is moving to implement stage five, the last stage in reopening plans.

In stage five, there are no restrictions on public gatherings and all venues can open.

Hibberd said the city

is taking a cautious approach and will restrict use of the Vendome and approve events there on a case-by-case basis. Events can be held in the city owned facility, but they must be small groups and social distancing must be followed.

Also, the city is now requiring anybody that enters city hall to wear a facemask.

"We don't want to over-react. We're constantly assessing the situation and we will take whatever action that we need to," he said.

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School district budget reflects state funding cuts

The proposed reductions in education spending would include freezing the salary career ladder for teachers to save \$26.6 million.

The cuts also include reducing classroom technology funding by \$10 million and trimming the professional development by \$10 million.

Another \$5.1 million will be saved by suspending the 2 percent base salary raises for administrators and classified staff. Reducing funding for IT staffing would save \$5.1 million in the next fiscal year.

Wilson said the state will not be implementing the third rung of the career ladder for experienced staff. Idaho code mandates that beginning teacher salaries move from a minimum of \$38,500 in FY 2020 to \$40,000 in FY 2021. The code has not

changed, so the district must hike beginning teacher salaries to the new minimum.

The 5 percent holdback in state spending announced by the governor will require the school district to make some reductions for FY 2021 in the budget, Wilson said.

The district will not fill a half-time English teacher position at Weiser High School that came open as the result of the retirement of a teacher in May.

The district will go back to offering half-time kindergarten at Pioneer Elementary School, which is all the state funds, after offering full-time kindergarten this year, which Wilson said was a "disappointing budget reduction."

The district has budgeted only

replacement costs for lost or damaged books in FY 2021. The district was not able to mitigate increased insurance costs for classified staff.

"We will watch spending and try to save a dollar whenever we see the opportunity," Wilson said.

The school district anticipates receiving an estimated \$228,402 in federal funds to help mitigate some financial impacts from the coronavirus pandemic.

In total, Idaho will receive nearly \$48 million in federal funding through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act for the K-12 educational system.

School districts and charter schools across the state will receive funding based on the amount of Title I funds they receive, which is money allocated

to help schools with high populations of low-income students.

Wilson said the CARES Act money the district receives will come in the form of reimburseable expenses and must be spent by September of 2020.

The district plans to use some of the federal funds to continue with an afterschool program next year. The district did not receive a 21st Century Community Learning Center Grant for FY 2021 and will reduce the BEST programming.

Wilson said the district is excited to be able to offer something to students after having to close down onsite schooling for the fourth quarter of this year. Funding the afterschool programming is an acceptable expense for CARES Act funds.



Lifeguards at the Weiser municipal pool must practice water rescues and other skills exercises to get certified. Recently, seven new recruits took the three-day class leading to certification and passed. Aimee Wootton, a Weiser High School graduate and former pool manager, instructed the class. All lifeguards must have strong swimming skills to participate in rescues. New lifeguards also learned CPR skills as part of the certification class. Photo by Sara Lundberg

Weiser pool lifeguards complete a rigorous certification class

Seven new lifeguards are ready to keep swimmers safe this summer

by Sara Lundberg

Seven new faces will be on the Weiser Pool lifeguard stands this summer. New recruits Nathan Kendall, Beth Gladhart, Caden Cramer, Pedro Ixta, Ezra Burkhart, Logan Ankarberg and Mattie Shirts have all been trained and hired after passing the three-day lifeguard certification class.

Among the trainees were returning guards Abbey Shirts and Ashlee Huggins, who needed to recertify as certifications expire after two years.

This class took place from June 5-7. Aimee Wootton, a former Weiser High School alumni and city pool lifeguard and manager, instructed the class. This was her second time teaching this certifi-

cation class for Weiser guards.

The class was split into two sections: the online class portion through the Red Cross, and the hands-on skills and rescues portion in the pool.

For the first day on Friday, the class trained in the evening after the pool was closed. This session consisted of a prerequisite swim test of 300 yards and a couple introductory rescues.

On Saturday, Wootton had the class do multiple sessions throughout the day. They spent all morning in the pool going through different scenarios. These included decisions on whether the guards would need spinal boards or normal boards, how to calm the individuals that may be drowning, how to grab

and hold the swimmers during rescues without endangering either party, and how to work as a team.

Teamwork was a big part of the class, being one of the main focuses Wootton drilled into her guards.

"Lifeguarding is a group task. It is team oriented, so they need to make sure they can work together to identify the needs of a rescue along with the different roles for the pool without needing to be told what to do," Wootton stated.

During the afternoon they focused mainly on CPR, learning the proper techniques and when to administer. They then proceeded to come back later that evening to learn and practice the

different types of rescues.

On Sunday, the third and final day of training, Wootton worked with the guards to further develop and enhance rescue techniques. To conclude the class, the guards took a final written test along with a final skills test in the pool.

Throughout the class, the guards had to complete two written tests and two skills-based tests with real life scenarios. The skills tests had to have been done within a certain amount of time in order for the guards to pass.

Caden Cramer, one of the new lifeguards, gave some words on his experience in the class.

"Throughout all the nerves when taking the lifeguard course, I am glad I preserved. This class

not only expanded my medical knowledge but allowed me to create new friends. Aimee did an amazing job teaching us what it takes to be a lifeguard. Thank you for the eye-opening experience," Cramer stated.

Pedro Ixta, another new recruit to the pool, also shared some thoughts he had about the class.

"It was awesome. I almost think it was more enjoyable than the actual job," Ixta joked. "It has given me knowledge that I can take with me forever," he continued.

These seven new guards, along with the two returners, are prepared with a great skill set to keep the patrons of the Weiser pool safe.

IIEA awards scholarships to Davis sisters

Two sisters from Weiser have been awarded scholarships from the Idaho Irrigation Equipment Association.

CJ and Katie Davis, who are the daughters of Marshall and Zane Davis, both received \$800 scholarships.

CJ will use her scholarship to pursue a degree in horticulture at Oregon State University. CJ's scholarship was donated by Pipeco, Senninger Irrigation, and Interstate Plastic, Inc

Katie Davis will use her scholarship to pursue a degree in animal science at Oregon State University. Davis's scholarship was donated by Lindsay and Cornell Pump Company. The new Weiser branch of Agri-Lines Irrigation sponsored the students.

The IIEA awarded \$22,500 in scholarships to 37 students for the 2020-2021 school year. These students were selected because of academic accomplishments, leadership, activities, and

career goals.

Some students are the children, grandchildren, and daughters-in-law of IIEA members.

Since 1980, the IIEA has awarded 804 scholarships totaling \$489,000. This is only possible due to the generous contributions of IIEA members and profits from the Idaho Irrigation Equipment Show & Conference.

The IIEA's Scholarship Program received the Idaho Governor's Award for Excellence in Agriculture in the Education/Advocacy category at the 2012 Larry Branen Idaho Ag Summit.

The IIEA was established in 1971 and membership consists of more than 110 separate entities including wholesale suppliers, retail dealers, equipment manufacturers, and public utilities engaged in serving Idaho's agricultural and landscape irrigation equipment needs.



Sisters Katie Davis and CJ Davis were awarded scholarships from the Idaho Irrigation Equipment Association. Both currently attend Oregon State University.



Members of the Weiser Youth Symphony and Junior Strings Orchestra take a break from practicing for a group photo. After numerous rehearsals, the musicians are ready to perform for an audience. The summer Pops concert, which is one of three annual performances, is the most popular. The two outdoor concerts coming up this week will feature the symphony and orchestra, both individually and together, for at least one song.

Symphony and orchestra will present Pops concerts June 26-27

Two special outdoor performances planned – one in Payette and one in Weiser

by Nicole Miller

The Weiser Youth Symphony and Junior Strings Orchestra will be presenting their Pops concert with two special outdoor performances on June 26 at 7:30 p.m. at the Payette bandshell in Kiwanis Park and on June 27 at 7:30 p.m. at Memorial Park. The concerts are free and fun for all ages.

The Weiser Youth Symphony, conducted by Denise Rasmussen, features 45 musicians of all ages representing communities from around the Snake River Valley and Upper Country.

The Junior Strings Orchestra features 18 musicians on string instruments only. The Junior Strings Orchestra began two years ago to give some of the less experienced string musicians more experience before joining the symphony.

The group presents three concerts a year: A Christmas concert, a classical concert, and the Pops concert. The Pops concert features music from movie themes and folk tunes, patriotic songs and even current radio tunes.

The music is always a crowd

pleaser because it's all familiar and full of variety. Rasmussen shared that it is always the most popular concert of the year.

Christina Ingalls who also performs in the symphony will be the emcee for the two performances. Ingalls brings a great sense of humor and theatrics to the stage and adds to the enjoyment of the evening.

This year, the concert will feature a few special soloists. Caleb Christensen, a senior percussionist from Fruitland High School, qualified for state solo competition but because of the COVID-19 shutdown did not get the opportunity to compete at the state level. He will perform his solo as part of the Pops concert.

The junior orchestra will begin the concert with four songs: "Jump in the Line" by Harry Belafonte, to classic American folk songs "Simple Gifts" and "When Johnny Comes Marching Home" and "A Million Dreams" from the musical The Greatest Showman.

The junior orchestra will stay on stage, and will be joined by the symphony for a special per-

formance of "The Star Spangled Banner." There is some overlap with some musicians in both groups, but that performance will feature a total of 55 musicians.

The symphony will continue with an Indiana Jones medley, followed by A Wonderful World Medley which will feature Ella Terry as a vocal solo. The Pennywhistle Jig will feature piccolo soloist Suzanne Boulyard. They will play a medley of music from Pirates of Penzance followed by "A Poor Wayfaring Stranger" which will feature cello soloists, Alyssa Murillo and Lydia Woodruff. Then the audience is invited to join in a sing-along for "Battlehymn of the Republic."

They will finish up the evening with two South American Tango songs. A performance of Lady Gaga's song "Shallow" featuring the vocal talents of Gracie Young and Andrew Waite, and ending with "What's up at the Symphony"

Variety is the main consideration when choosing the songs for the Pops concert. While Rasmussen always tries to feature at

least one patriotic song, the rest of the songs sometimes come from requests of donors and performers, but the most important factor is presenting a wide variety showing the range and talents of the group.

Rasmussen shared that when she realized that due to the social distancing guidelines, that the group would have to perform outside, she reached out to other musicians to have a large group performing for this special event. In their traditional venue of the stage at the Weiser museum, the large group of 55 musicians all on one stage would not fit. To rehearse, they have been practicing all 6 feet apart in the ballroom on the third floor.

"We have had a lot of challenges to be able to put this concert together, but everyone was so grateful to be able to practice and perform together again," Rasmussen said.

Rasmussen shared that the group has six musicians who were seniors in high school this school year who were particularly excited to get to come back and have this opportunity especially with all the other can-

celled events and activities this spring. Rasmussen shared that she would have worked to put on the concert even if it could only have been those six performers.

Rasmussen also shared that although the group is called the Weiser symphony, not only has it grown to represent several area communities, but that it has also grown to feature musicians from all ages. While there are youth musicians in the group, several adult musicians have joined the group over the years as well. While some have played with the group, others are college students who returned to the group after playing with the group as youth, all the musicians add to the talent making the group really special and unique that Rasmussen could not enjoy instructing more.

"From the adults to the kids, it's a total honor and pleasure to practice and perform with them," Rasmussen said.

Rasmussen also shared that they are very grateful for the audience support. The communities are supportive and generous with donations and have kept the group growing and successful.

Weiser student wins \$500 scholarship from Zions Bank

Bank rewards academic efforts through Pays for A's program

The coronavirus pandemic may have thrown a monkey wrench into the traditional school year, but that didn't stop Triston Kautz, a 12th grader at Weiser High School, from excelling academically.

Kautz won a \$500 scholarship savings account from Zions Bank as a regional winner of the spring Pays for A's drawing.

Pays for A's rewards students who put in the effort to make their grades count. In recent months, students faced unique challenges as they adjusted to a remote learning environment, studying at kitchen tables and makeshift home work-

stations.

Kautz was entered into the drawing by bringing his report card to Zions Bank. For each "A," he was paid a \$1 and received an entry into the regional prize drawing.

More than 3,700 students throughout Idaho and Utah entered the spring drawing.

"We're pleased to recognize Triston for working hard both inside and outside of the classroom despite the unusual circumstances of this school year," said Holly Lyons, manager of Zions Bank's Weiser branch.

Over the past 15 years, Pays for A's has rewarded

thousands of students across Idaho and Utah for working hard in school. Students ages 12 to 18 can participate by bringing their most current term-end report card into any Zions Bank location. Students do not need a Zions Bank account to participate.

They'll receive \$1 per "A" deposited into their savings account, or 50 cents per "A" if they opt for cash. For each "A" on their report cards, students are entered into a drawing to win one of 18 regional scholarship prizes each worth \$500 and one grand prize worth \$1,000 in each state.



Weiser High School senior Triston Kautz won a \$500 scholarship savings account from Zions Bank for good grades. Courtesy photo

PUBLIC NOTICE

LEGAL NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Washington County Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing on the 21st day of July, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at the Commissioners meeting room, in the basement of the Washington County Courthouse, 256 East Court, Weiser, Idaho. Enter through the west door of the building.

The purpose of this hearing will be to receive comment on the following matter.

David Rainwater - Special Use Request

The applicant is requesting a special use permit to split off a parcel greater than one acre but less than 20 acres on their property located at 477 Hill Road southeast of Weiser. RP10N05W102990

All interested persons are invited to attend the hearing and comment or submit written comment prior to or at the hearing. The hearing will be accessible via zoom. The connection to the meeting is not restricted. Citizens interested in listening to the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting may do so by accessing it through the URL (<https://zoom.us/j/94584398221>) and connect with a computer, iphone or android phone (you will need to download an app).

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PUBLIC NOTICE

LEGAL NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Weiser Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing on the 20th day of July, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at the City Council Chambers, 55 West Idaho, Weiser, Idaho.

The purpose of this hearing will be to receive comment on the following matter.

Amber Moore - Special Use Request

The applicant is requesting a special use permit to do an in-home daycare on property located at 1420 Pearl Lane north of Weiser within the City of Weiser Impact Zone. RP11N05W218450

All interested persons are invited to attend the hearing and comment or submit written comment prior to or at the hearing. Any person needing special accommodations to participate in noticed meetings should contact the City of Weiser seven (7) days prior to the meeting at 208-414-1965. 26-1S 29-1S

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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 STATE OF)
)
ROY LEE GILLIAM,)
)
Deceased.)

CASE NO. CV 44-20-0242
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
(I.C. 15-3-801)

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 June, 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:)
)
LORNA HANNA,)
)
Deceased.)

Case No.: CV44-20-0177
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Regarding: Estate of Lorna Hanna, Deceased
Probate No. CV44-20-0177

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the person described in subsection 1 below has been appointed as Personal Representative of the estate of the above-named Decedent. Pursuant to Idaho Code §15-3-801(a), 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 hereinafter, or filed with the Clerk of the Court.

1. The address of the Personal Representative, for purposes of presentation of a Creditor's Claim, is as follows:

Mary Otto
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Dated this 18th day of June, 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)
)
KAREN L. SCHAEFFER,)
)
Deceased.)

CASE NO. CV 44-20-0219
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
(I.C. 15-3-801)

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.

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LEGAL NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Washington County Board of County Commissioners will hold a public hearing on the 29th day of June, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at the Commissioners meeting room, in the basement of the Washington County Courthouse, 256 East Court, Weiser, Idaho. Enter through the west door of the building.

The purpose of this hearing will be to receive comment on the following matter.

FINAL DRAFT – WASHINGTON COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Electronic copies available upon request.

All interested persons are invited to attend the hearing and comment or submit written comment prior to or at the hearing. Citizens interested in listening to the Washington County Board of County Commissioners meeting may do so by accessing it through the URL (<https://zoom.us/j/94584398221>) and connect with a computer, iphone or android phone (you will need to download an app).

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The purpose of this hearing will be to receive comment on the following matter.

Bernie Weldon - Special Use Request

The applicant is requesting a special use permit to split off a parcel greater than one acre but less than 20 acres on their property located at 737 Jenkins Creek Road west of Weiser within the City of Weiser Impact Zone. RP11N06W257220

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CASE NO. CV44-20-0153

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that Troy E. Hager has been appointed personal representative of the Estate of Clyde Willard Hager, Third Judicial District, Washington County, ID. All persons having claims against the decedent or the estate are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or said claims shall be forever barred.

Claims must be provided to attorney Robert Montgomery at 2160 S. Twin Rapid, Boise, ID 83709 and filed with the Clerk of the Court in Washington County. Dated June 8, 2020.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGE OF WATER RIGHT TRANSFER NO. 84011

CITY OF WEISER, 55 W IDAHO ST, WEISER, ID 83672 has filed Application No. 84011 for changes to the following water rights within WASHINGTON County(s): Right No(s). 3-10198, 3-10264, 3-7034; to see a full description of these rights and the proposed transfer, please see <https://research.idwr.idaho.gov/apps/waterrights/querynewtransfers>. The purpose of the transfer is to change a portion of the above rights as follows: This transfer proposes to add a point of diversion for water rights 3-7034, 3-10198, and 3-10264 which currently irrigate 19, 188, and 11 acre places-of-use respectively from the Snake River. The additional point of diversion will be approximately ¾ of a mile up river from the current point of diversion for the City of Weiser. Water will be used at the current place of use approximately 2.5 miles south of Weiser, Idaho in Washington County near the intersection of Hansen and Airport Road.

For additional information concerning the property location, contact Western Region office at (208)334-2190. Protests may be submitted based on the criteria of Idaho Code Sec. 42-222. Any protest against the proposed change must be filed with the Department of Water Resources, Western Region, 2735 W AIRPORT WAY, BOISE ID 83705-5082 together with a protest fee of \$25.00 for each application on or before 7/6/2020. The protestant must also send a copy of the protest to the applicant.

GARY SPACKMAN, Director
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Robert and Janie Lewis bought the building in the early 1990s. Their granddaughters, Makaela and Jakaela Ruiz, painted the building to match the old Texaco gas station colors. They were assisted with the paint selection by Amberly Eisenbarth, right, manager of K Hardware in Weiser, who also cut some glass to fix some broken windows in the building. Below, an old black and white photo shows Montie's Garage and Storage in 1929. Montie Grindstaff is picture on the right. The other two men are not identified. *Photo courtesy of Dick Bergquist*

Frank and Leon's building has a rich history in Weiser

Downtown building has seen many owners during past 90 years

by Nicole Miller

The building on the corner of East Court and East 1st Street has been through many owners since it was first built in the 1920s, but for many local people it will always be known as the "Frank and Leon's building." Each of the historic buildings in Weiser have their own story.

The families that build and run businesses in these buildings create memories and lives in these buildings, each adding to the story of the building. Over the years, as the buildings change hands, often those memories and history is forgotten, but sometimes a reminder is left behind, keeping at least a portion of that building's history alive.

The building that came to be known as the "Frank and Leon's" building was originally built in 1929 for Montie Grindstaff. Montie's Garage and Stor-

age, occupied the building until it was leased for a few years by Farmer's Consumer Coop who occupied the building for a while until they built a new building across the street.

For a short time in the 1950s the building was used as a Hudson car dealership. In 1958, Leon Bergquist and Frank Terashima, who were working together at Mason Motors, which was located in the now Zions Bank Building, decided to start their own business. Bergquist and Terashima bought the building from the Grindstaff family and started their own auto repair business and called the business "Frank and Leon's Auto Repair."

Frank and Leon's had an awning out front that had 2-Texaco gas pumps, a Sky Chief (Ethyl gas) pump and a Fire Chief (regular gas) pump. There was a large round Texaco sign next

to Court Street. They also sold Armstrong Tires.

Leon's son Dick Bergquist remembers working at the shop during his high school years – pumping gas and washing car windows after the cars would drive over the rubber hose that would activate the bell inside the shop letting him know there was a gas customer outside.

Bergquist shared that he regrets that in all the years we spent in and around the shop, there were no pictures taken of the shop, so there are not any pictures of what the shop looked like during the time that Leon and Frank owned the building. The shop was just an everyday thing back then, but now it would be nice to share that piece of history with family. Bergquist is grateful for the pictures he was able to get from the Grindstaff family that capture those special

memories.

Frank and Leon sold the shop in the early 1980s to Ryder Ford car dealership, and they used it as an auto detail shop for many years even installing an automatic car wash in the building for the dealership.

Robert and Janie Lewis purchased the property in the early 1990s hoping one of their children would form a business in the building. Over the years, the building has been rented out to several businesses.

In an effort to restore the building to some of its history, Lewis's granddaughters Makaela and Jakaela Ruiz spent their time during the quarantine painting the building to match the Texaco gas station colors. They worked on the building each afternoon after their remote schoolwork was accomplished. Members of the class of 2020, the girls plan

to use the money they earned restoring and selling the building to help pay for college.

This spring, the building was purchased by Noel Gomez and will be the new home of K&N repair. Ken Lukehart and Noel Gomez ran K&N Repair as partners for 10 years until Lukehart decided to retire about two years ago, and Gomez took over the business. As K&N continues to grow, the need to look for a bigger building has also grown. The Frank and Leon's building seemed like the perfect new home for the business.

The Gomez family shared that while they plan to continue to repair and upgrade the building, they hope to preserve some of the history of the building as well. While it will have a new K&N sign, they have also decided to keep the Frank and Leon's sign like it is.

