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Early civics lessons pay off for Pioneer's reading week

by Nancy Grindstaff
Pioneer School's annual Reading Week and Bingo for Books night received some very welcome funding when Weiser Mayor Randy Hibberd delivered \$850 to Principal Dave Davies.
Hibberd jumped onboard the League of Idaho Cities' "Readers Becoming Leaders" in 2021, the second year of the statewide program in which city mayors began spending time with their community's third graders. Each fall, the participating mayors read a book to the students about city governance, the many services provided through municipalities, and how what the youngsters are learning in school connects to all of it. It could be called an introduction to civics.
Hibberd said in addition to donating a copy of the book to the school each year, copies in both English and Spanish were added to Pioneer's

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Wilkerson says IAC meeting was a useful session

*by Pat Caldwell
Signal American*
WEISER — Washington County Commissioner Gordon Wilkerson said the recent Idaho Association of Counties mid-winter conference was a useful session to collect information and listen to different viewpoints.
"It was worthwhile. You get perspective from other areas," he said.
The session was held at the end of January in Boise and Wilkerson said he believes such meetings are important for county-level leaders.
"You hear other people's ideas and opinions that you would not otherwise hear," he said.
Wilkerson said the session was also important because "you hear about stuff not happening to you yet, but you can see on the horizon."
"You keep your ear to the ground," he said.
Wilkerson said he was especially attentive regarding ideas on how other counties handle growth. He said Washington County continues to

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Weiser High School's FFA Chapter served its annual community appreciation breakfast on Saturday, Feb. 22, starting at 7 a.m. Chapter members Charlianne Grace, left, and Ashley Seay cooked and served hashbrowns, with other members cooking sausage and ham, scrambled eggs, and pancakes. The breakfast was a good start to a day filled with plenty of school and community related activities. *Photo by Nancy Grindstaff*

WMH surgical department sees upgrades

by Nancy Grindstaff
While brand new flooring in Weiser Memorial Hospital's surgical department was being installed in recent weeks, OR Manager Nate Carpenter told the *Signal American* they had used the opportunity to rearrange surgical equipment, tools and OR supplies more efficiently.
In the "sterile processing" room, surgical instruments and tools are packaged in sets before going into one of two new autoclaves. Tape on the packaging changes color at the end of the process to indicate the set is sterile. Orthopedic tools are sterilized inside hard cases with similar color coding symbols showing the package has been through the process.
Each of the autoclaves has an internal memory where the date and time of every cycle is stored. The cycles are also printed on a paper tape, and the tapes are put into a packet for a hard copy of the records at the end of each day, Carpenter said. It might be compared to double ledger accounting.
"We can go back and know when those instruments were run through the autoclave and verify when the instruments were sterilized and opened in an operating room," he said.
After the new flooring was put down and the new operating table, purchased through a Weiser Memorial Hospital Foundation grant, was installed, Carpenter said they were deliberate about

putting surgical instruments needed for any surgery into the OR room storage spaces, while labeled sets of specific surgical tools, such as for an orthopedic surgery, are all now kept in the sterile processing room.
Outside of scheduled surgery hours, a C-section surgical set is ready to go in the OR room if an emergency C-section arises.
The new, \$27,000 OR table is engineered to slide up and

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Ag protection bill still waiting in committee

by Nancy Grindstaff
After being printed, a bill out of the Idaho House Ways and Means committee introducing amendments to Idaho's 2024 Agricultural Protection Area (APA) legislation has been sitting at the Local Government committee desk since Feb. 17, and hasn't shown up on the committee's agenda.
Late last fall, Washington County's commissioners followed the state's new requirement of adding the APA law to the county's zoning ordinance, along with appointing a required three-member citizen advisory board specific to APA application considerations.

Originating out of and promoted by Washington County's Farm Bureau, Idaho's plan is different from existing National Resource Conservation Service and the nonprofit American Farmland Trust's programs. For the most part, those programs pay agricultural landowners upfront or in annual payments for development rights connected to the property in exchange for the landowner retaining and preserving the land permanently for agricultural purposes.

The legislation allows approved applicants to establish APAs for a

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Hoped for legislation that would provide an incentive for landowners to preserve their farmland seems to be held up in committee. *File photo*

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Local area artists have been busy producing a large number of beautifully made and painted birdhouses that will be auctioned off at the March 7 Flock to the Library, Friends of the Library fundraiser. The event will be at Weiser’s Historic Train Depot and will run from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., and includes both a live and silent auction. Photo by Nancy Grindstaff

Friends of the Library will host ‘Flock to the Library’ on March 7

by Joyce Taylor

This is going to be the bomb! As the name somewhat implies, it has to do with birds. To be more specific, it’s a birdhouse auction and fundraiser by the Friends of the Library on March 7 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Historic Train Depot. Doors open at 6 p.m. and the auction begins at 6:30 p.m. There will be a live auction of selected birdhouses in one room and a silent auction in the other room.

The birdhouses and related bird feeders were all painted by local artisans. Those artists include Holly Davies, Sandy Mockwitz, Lana Dishion, Katie Morgan, Joya Hill, Joyce Taylor, Grace Sharp, Heather Condon, Linda Strain, Linda McLaughlin, Wendy Stokes, and Petra McDaniel.

It’s not all birdhouses though. Some of the other items donated include framed photographs of birds by Bill Huck. Barbara Huck donated napkins, quilted placemats and potholders, all along the bird theme. Rachel Sharp painted a canvas book bag with blue birds and foliage. Susan Pritchard donated an oil pastel of a bird and surroundings. Wendy Martell is donating a jam of the month prize. In the coming weeks, there could be a whole lot more too.

On top of all of the fun stuff to bid on, there will also be Small Bites provided by Gabi Saldivar of The Market and Sweet Treats by the Friends of the Library, plus beverages which includes one free drink with purchase of a ticket. Cost for a ticket is \$10 with sales of said

tickets on sale now at the library. This is a must do event.

It’s been rumored that the Weiser Public Library really doesn’t need fund raisers but the rumor is false. The fund raising by the Friends of the Library is for a multitude of benefits to our community.

Did you know that the Friends of the Library (FOL) provide all the programming for our public library? Programming like STEM, all the book clubs, the take and make craft bags, the Dr. Seuss day (which is just around the corner), snacks and treats for all the story times.

The baskets that are raffled off by FOL provide free books for the summer reading program, Halloween, Christmas and Farmer’s markets. Also, prizes for those participating in the summer reading program. There are over 600 books given to our younger patrons, free due to the efforts of the FOL.

Here’s perhaps a little known fact. The FOL also uses the fund raising money to procure books from series that might be missing one or two. It’s addicting to read a series only to find out the library might be missing book three for instance.

The FOL bakes cookies for the Christmas open house and they pay for Santa to come visit. This is just the tip of the iceberg but it should give you an idea how important our library is to this community.

This evening of “Flock to the Library” promises to be a fun-filled and exciting evening. Buy your ticket and make plans to attend.

Obituaries

LaRay Burgess

Former Weiser, Idaho resident, LaRay Burgess, 94, passed away in Boise, Idaho on Feb. 12, 2025. She was the best neigh-

bor, a gifted bridge player, and treasured friend to many.

LaRay was also mother to Kent, Karla, and Rich-

ard.

She will be laid to rest with her husband, Dean, of 58 years at the Veterans Cemetery in Boise.

Death Notices

Rafael Moreno

Rafael Roman Moreno, 74, of Weiser, Idaho, passed away on Feb. 13, 2025, in Weiser. Arrangements under the direction of Thomason Funeral Home.

Leona Freeman

Leona Freeman, 85, of Payette, Idaho passed away on Feb. 12, 2025. Arrangements are under the direction of Haren-Wood Funeral Chapel, Payette.

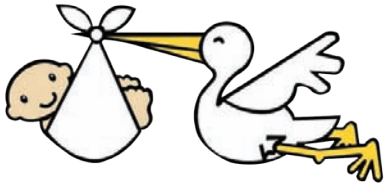
Larry Ballard

Larry E. Ballard, 82, of Weiser, Idaho, passed away Monday, Feb. 17, 2025, in Boise, Idaho. Arrangements under the direction of Thomason Funeral Home.



Weiser’s Patti Matthews, right, has been selected as the 2025 Beta Sigma Phi First Lady of Weiser. Laurie Patterson was among members of the sorority’s City Council who surprised Matthews in one of her WHS agriculture classes with the announcement last week. Photo by Nancy Grindstaff

New Arrivals



Ellowyn Muna Fernau

A girl, Ellowyn Muna Fernau was born Jan. 21, 2025 to Meagan Fernau and Carles Whitlock of Weiser at Weiser Memorial Hospital.

At birth Ellowyn weighed 8 pounds 2.1 ounces and measured 19.5 inches in length.

Adamson David Johnson

A boy, Adamson David Johnson

was born Feb. 14, 2025 to David Johnson Jr. and Orlanita Silayan Johnson, of Fruitland, Idaho at Weiser Memorial Hospital.

At birth Adamson weighed 8 pounds 14 ounces.

His grandmother is Sonia Maria Martinez and great-grandmother is Clara Luisa Fernandez.

Coming Up

Weiser Activity Center for Seniors breakfast

The Weiser Activity Center for Seniors will hold their monthly breakfast on the first Saturday of the month from 8 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Fly Tying workshop series

The Indianhead Fly Fishers will have a fly tying workshop every Thursday from Feb. 27 to March 27 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Learn how to create your own wet and dry flies. All materials and tools will be provided. The workshop will be held at the Bee Hive, 8 East Idaho St. Go to: www.indianheadflyfishers.org for more information. Register for each session at beetreefolkschool.org/events. Class size is limited to 15 students. There is a \$5 per session facility fee.

Washington County Fair beef weigh-in

The Washington County Fair livestock initial weigh-in starts March 1 for 4-H and FFA beef at the Weiser River Cattle Feeders, 1730 Weiser River Road, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. For more info contact the Extension office at 208-414-0415.

Historic Preservation Commission to meet March 3

The Weiser Historic Preservation Commission will meet on Monday, March 3 at 5 p.m. in the Weiser City Council chambers. Agenda items include updates on the creation of a Historic Preservation Plan for the city. The public is welcomed to join us.

Lego Engineering

Come and learn the exciting world of structures, dams, automobiles, prosthetics, and heavy machinery engineering at the University of Idaho Extension Washington County. Classes will be held Tuesday and Thursday, March 4-25 from 5 p.m. to 6:15 p.m. for ages 9-12. The cost is free. For more information call 208-414-0415.

Blood Drive March 5

Weiser’s quarterly blood drive will be held on Wednesday, March 5, from 8 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. at the Vendome. Please call or text Dorothy Evans at 208-550-0990 for an appointment or go to the American Red Cross website. Appointments are preferred but every attempt will be made to accommodate drop-ins. Rapid Pass is strongly encouraged. Your blood can save a life.

Friends of the Library ‘Flock to the Library’

The Friends of the Library will host a fun fundraiser ‘Flock to the Library’ on March 7 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Weiser Train Depot. Items to be auctioned will be related to everything birds created by local artisans. Tickets are \$10 which includes food from Gabi Saldivar and the Friends of the Library. Plan on attending and purchase a birdhouse or two for the little birdies in your yard.

Hillcrest Cemetery District to meet March 10

The Hillcrest Cemetery Maintenance District will have their regular meeting on Monday, March 10, at 5 p.m. at the district office located at 215 E. Indianhead Road. The meeting is open to the public, and the meeting agenda will be posted at the cemetery district office. You are welcome to attend.

Toothfully Speaking

by Dr. Bryan Dille



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OPINION

GUEST EDITORIAL

Weiser resident concerned about lack of due diligence

by Joseph Vaughn

I am writing to express my deep concerns regarding recent action taken by Washington County and the apparent lack of due diligence on the part of our newly elected prosecuting attorney.

For those who may not be aware, the County, on behalf of the prosecuting attorney, purchased a property in 2024 that is zoned as Low Density – Single Family for residential use only. The request for a special use permit was denied by the City of Weiser Planning and Zoning Commission and the City Council on the basis that the zoning code, as written in Chapter 7 Section 10-7-1: Uses Permitted, states: “A professional office of a surgeon, physician, dentist, lawyer, clergyman or other professional person using his residence for the consultation, emergency treatment or performance of religious rites only, and not for the general practice of a profession.”

Since whoever occupies such residences and provides services must live there, it appears that was not the intent for the new attorney. Instead of acknowledging the lack of due diligence, the County per-

haps might decide to double down and attempt to occupy this residence in some form using the verbiage five lines down that states: “Parks, playgrounds, libraries, community centers and similar uses owned and operated by a governmental agency, including police, fire and postal substations.”

Upon initial review of this sentence, it appears this might be allowed. However, the zoning commission and city rightly should discern that this isn’t for the operation of these agencies, but rather it allows them to use these zonings for the specific utilization of parks, playgrounds, libraries, community centers, and similar uses that are owned by those agencies, not for those agencies to conduct their business from said residences.

Despite all of this, there are now obvious efforts to occupy this property for special business use, disregarding existing zoning laws and regulations. In summary, the County and new prosecuting attorney, before ever practicing here, have already indicated their disregard for zoning laws and appear to portray an attitude of negligence in conducting

their due diligence prior to engagements. Is this the example we want to set for Weiser? Consider this as these are elected positions representing your votes and potentially prosecuting with this as their culture.

Zoning laws exist to protect the integrity and character of our neighborhoods, and it is unacceptable for any public official to bypass these regulations for personal or county gains. The failure to adhere to proper due diligence before making such a purchase not only undermines public trust but also sets a dangerous precedent for future actions.

As residents of this county, we rely on our officials to act in our best interests and uphold the laws that govern us. The current actions taken by the prosecuting attorney and the county are a clear violation of this trust. I urge the county and all involved parties to reconsider their actions and to respect the zoning laws that are in place.

I hope that bringing this issue to light will prompt a thorough review and correction of this oversight. Our community deserves transparency, accountability, and adherence to the law from those who represent us.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Repeal of Medicaid expansion will hurt indigent fund

Editor,

House Bill 138 recently passed the House by a 38-32 vote. District 9 representatives Boyle and Shirts voted in favor of the bill. The bill effectively repeals Medicaid expansion in Idaho. The bill now heads to the Senate.

Medicaid expansion was approved by more than 60% of Idaho voters in 2018. That vote provided access to health care for Idahoans who were not eligible for coverage under traditional Medicaid and those without sufficient income to access other sources of health insurance.

The federal government picks up 90% of the cost of expansion. 89,300 Idahoans are eligible under expansion. Income

eligibility for expansion in 2025 will be \$44,367 for a family of four.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, Weiser’s median household income is \$45,463 (2023 dollars). That means half of the households in Weiser earn less than \$45,463. Without access to expansion, there will be an increased demand on Washington County’s indigent care fund, as people without coverage will still go to the hospital for emergencies.

Access to preventive care services will disappear. Analysts estimate the recent positive economic impact of expansion has been \$1.5 billion for the state. The legislature says it does not have \$50 million to help defray the increased cost of expansion, but they apparently have \$50 million to set aside in tax credits for a handful of families to send their kids to private schools?

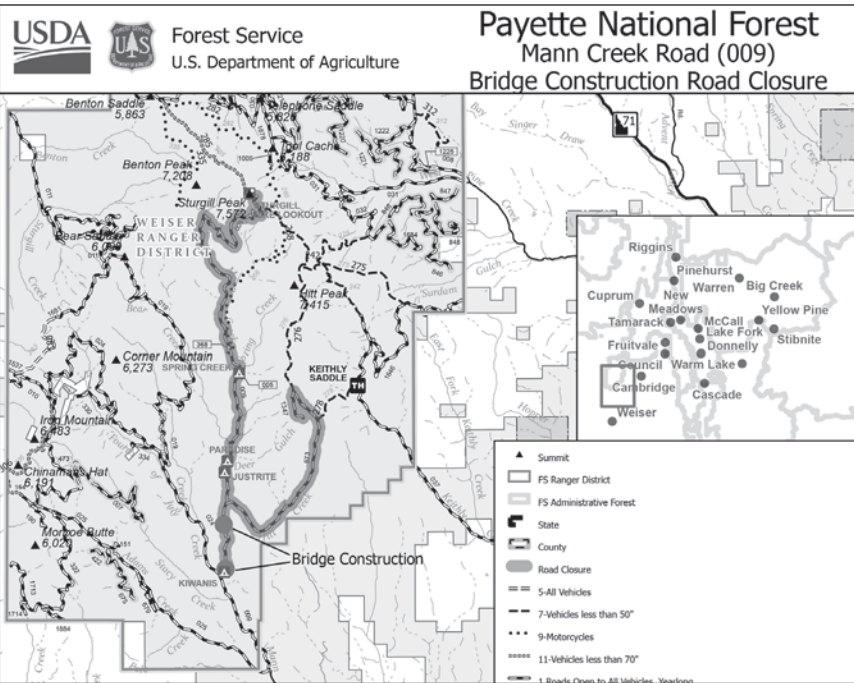
Wil Overgaard
Weiser, Idaho

Mann Creek bridge construction and road closure

WEISER, ID – The Payette National Forest will be constructing two road bridges to replace deteriorated double culverts on Mann Creek Road (FSR #009). This construction will close the upper portion of Mann Creek Road to traffic for approximately three weeks during the summer of 2025. Work is expected to begin after July 4, 2025. However, construction dates may change – watch for updates on the Payette National Forest website. Mann Creek Road will be reopened as soon as construction progress allows. We apologize for the inconvenience this may cause.

The closed portion of Mann Creek Road lies north of its junction with Fourth of July Creek Road (FSR #024), which will remain open. This will close vehicle access to the area of the Mann Creek drainage that includes Spring Creek, Paradise, and Justrite Campgrounds and Sturgill Fire Lookout. Alternative access to the area is available for ATVs and UTVs via existing trails but no services will be provided at these sites.

Two existing double culverts providing drainage beneath the road have deteriorated badly and become prone



to plugging during rain and runoff events. Emergency heavy equipment work has been required several times to prevent severe damage to the road. Replacement is necessary to prevent the loss of portions of Mann Creek Road during future events of

this type. The road bridges that will replace these culverts will allow for high flows and debris passage without damage to the roadway.

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Long live King Jesus!

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Earthly kings and political leaders always disappoint. The saying “long live the king” started in France in 1422. This was said on the death of Charles VI and the ascension of Charles VII. These kings did some good things but also suffered from mental illness especially later in life.

Psalm 72 was a prayer designed for the ascension of future kings of Israel. It was originally penned by David and then made into a psalm by King Solomon. These are the greatest kings in Israel’s history yet both had major failures.

No earthly king is perfect. That is why we need king Jesus. He is the one who will reign justly. All nations will willingly swear allegiance to His reign. The world will prosper. He reigns currently in the hearts of all who believe. One day he will create a new heaven and new earth where he will reign forever and ever.

“Long may he live; may gold of Sheba be given to him! May prayer be made for him continually, and blessings invoked for him all the day! May there be abundance of grain in the land; on the tops of the mountains may it wave; may its fruit be like Lebanon; and may people blossom in the cities like the grass of the field! May his name endure forever, his fame continue as long as the sun! May people be blessed in him, all nations call him blessed!” (Psalm 72:15-17, ESV).

I invite you to join us this Sunday. Our morning worship service is at 10:45am. We do expository, verse by verse, preaching. We are currently going through the second book of the Psalms, which includes Psalms 42 through 72. All are welcome! If you have any questions about this article, the Bible, or our church please feel free to email us at rb-cweiser@gmail.com. Our church website is riversidechurchweiser.com.

Pastor Ian Ross

Just something to think about

Sometimes it feels like nothing is working out exactly like I want it to. I have been struggling to come up with a topic for this week’s column. It is Sunday evening as I write this, and I still have no idea what to say. So, I will just try to talk about something that I am familiar with.

My sons! I think I have the best in the world! I have been having a lot of pain in my hip lately, and they have had to put my sock on for me. I also need to have my shoe put on, occasionally.

It sort of embarrasses me, but they do not whine. Then I recall that I helped them with their shoes and socks for many years. I guess that is part of the aging thing.

My mother had MS, and I remember the point that it felt like I became her parent. She needed help with a lot of things, and as the only daughter, that became part of my job. My brothers were willing to help, but some of the things that I did, only a daughter could do.

Our Heavenly Father is a long-suffering parent, too. When I read about His chosen people, the children of Israel, they caused Him a lot of pain and misery! My desire is to be more like Him.

Just something to think about. Jesus loves you and so do I.

C. Shaw

Don’t call me stupid, just whisper it

by Dr. James L. Snyder

One thing that irritates me is people talking behind my back. I want to be part of the conversation because I know more about me than they do. Or at least I think I do

While in the mall recently, I passed two people, and I heard one say, “Doesn’t he look stupid?”

I have found out that when I hear something, I usually don’t hear the whole story. If I don’t hear the whole story, I’m going to get it wrong, and if I react, I certainly will look stupid. Why do I care if someone I don’t know thinks I look stupid?

If The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage says I look stupid, that is a completely different scenario. I need to get the in-

formation she has so I can change whatever I need to change so I don’t look stupid in her eyes. Really, her opinion is the only one that really matters to me.

As a daily discipline, I strive not to judge people before I really get to know them. After getting to know some people, you find out they’re not really what they first appear to be.

I work very hard at not judging people. Sometimes, it’s hard, but I work at it all the more. If somebody wants to look the way they look, who am I to tell them it’s wrong?

Judging somebody by his or her outside appearance really challenges decency. I’ve counseled many people over the years and learned one

thing: most of them do not want to hear the truth. They want me to tell them what they want to hear.

That’s the kind of world we live in today. Nobody wants to hear the truth or tell the truth, and everybody is completely happy with that. Well, I’m not.

Thinking about this I was reminded what Jesus said. “Judge not according to the appearance, but judge righteous judgment” (John 7:24).

Jesus did not judge according to appearance. It’s not how we look, but how we act that is the defining factor. So, instead of concentrating on my outside, I need to focus on my inside, that is my relationship with Christ. That is how God will judge me in the final day.

Random stabs of discovery

St. Luke’s Episcopal by Carolyn Wesner

Sometimes this column is hard to write. Sometimes the flow of ideas and inspiration dry up, and then what? Open the Bible, take a stab at some random verse, look up references (what is the background about this subject?), pray for guidance, take a deep breath, and ready set GO! Maybe, maybe not.

Many parts of scripture are particularly purposeful: messages for a certain time, place and people. Examples: the warnings of ancient prophets like Joel, Amos, Obadiah and Habakkuk. Other chapters document local/national historical stories and events. These would be Joshua, Judges, Kings, Chronicles, etc. Some of those long-ago writers

were specifically told by God to “write this down, even if you don’t want to” and many truly didn’t want to – after all, they got in trouble for writing down negative things about their leader, their government, injustice, or brutal economic systems. Some, like Jonah, had only one job to do for God, refused to do it, ran away and hid from God! This generally doesn’t work.

Even if some of these stories cannot be proven via archeology or other contemporary sources, it was still important to include them in the Biblical collection. Take the Jonah story: he really, really did not want to go to the huge, wicked city of Ninevah and tell them that God had decreed that their whole nation would be destroyed

in 30 days if they didn’t shape up. He got on a ship going anywhere else (denial), went overboard in a storm (guilt), got swallowed by a big dark fish (depression), then came to his senses and obeyed (rehab and recovery). Jonah went and gave the message of destruction, the people woke up and changed their ways, God was merciful, everybody was saved, which made Jonah mad (a Fool’s Errand). Something to learn about in our lives today, right?

Take a stab at some random Bible verses (or a newspaper article even), pray, and ask God to reveal even a little truth for today. See you Sundays at St. Luke’s, 10 a.m., 11 a.m. for coffee hour. Soup lunches continue Thursdays, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.



GOD BLESS AMERICA

Come unto me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Matthew 11:28

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How your legislators voted in week 7 of the 2025 session

Feb. 17 - Feb. 21

District 9 representatives’ telephone contact numbers, gleaned from the Idaho Legislature membership website, are: Rep. Judy Boyle (208) 332-1064, (208) 355-3225; Rep. John Shirts (208) 332-1166, (208) 550-3190; and Sen. Brandon Shippy, the Statehouse number only (208) 332-1325.

by *Nancy Grindstaff*

At the Idaho Statehouse, by the end of the seventh week of the 2025 session that ended on Friday, Feb. 21, a total of 310 bills had been proposed in the House of Representatives, and another 125 in the Senate. The following bills and House or Senate resolutions saw action on one or both sides of the Legislature during the week of Feb. 17-21.

The information provided in the *Signal American’s* weekly coverage will include only actions taken on bills or resolutions during the five-day period, previously reported on bills appearing after further action is taken.

HB7, Amendment mandating a minimum fine for marijuana possession of 3 ounces or less. House vote Jan. 21, 54-14-2; Boyle, yes, Shirts, yes; Senate vote Feb. 18, 27-8-0, Floor sponsor Shippy, yes.

HB15, Fish and Game; amends law providing an exception to “outfitter” and “guide.” House vote Jan. 29, 59-10-1, Boyle, yes, Shirts, yes; Senate vote Feb. 21, Shippy, yes.

HB21, Temporary license plates, and vehicle license plate

exemptions. House vote Feb. 20, 40-25-5, Boyle, yes, Shirts, yes.

HB22, Amendment to require data security compliance training for systems used by DMV. House vote Feb. 20. Boyle, yes, Shirts, yes.

HB23, Amendment to driver’s license permit renewals, and transfer of out-of-state driver’s license to Idaho license. House vote Feb. 20. Boyle, yes. Shirts, yes.

HB29, Updates Idaho’s Controlled Substance Act. House vote Feb. 3. Boyle, yes. Shirts, yes. Senate vote Feb. 18. Shippy, yes.

HB32, Establishes provisions regarding the prohibition of mask mandates. House vote Jan. 29, 52-16-2. Boyle, yes. Shirts, yes. Senate vote Feb. 21, 27-6-2. Shippy, yes.

HB35, State agency multifactor login authentication. Passed in House Jan. 27, 54-16-0, Boyle, yes. Shirts, yes. Passed in Senate Feb. 18, 31-4. Shippy, yes.

HB47, Amendment to revise adoptee access to adoption records. Passed in House Feb. 20. Boyle, yes. Shirts, yes.

HB48, Amends concealed weapons carry law in regard to course instruction. Passed in House Feb. 20. Boyle, yes. Shirts, yes.

HB55, Allows newly retired PERSI members to volunteer with a PERSI employer without changing their benefit. Passed in House Feb. 6. Boyle, yes. Shirts, yes. Passed in Senate Feb. 21. Shippy, yes.

HB65, Amends language in Idaho Code relating to definition of member of an employer’s family. Passed in House on Feb. 18. Boyle, yes, Shirts, yes.

HB71, Adds uniform standards for certain insurers and registered insurance holding company systems. Passed in House Feb. 20. Boyle, yes. Shirts, yes.

HB81, Limits liability of volunteers and members of recreation clubs. Passed in House Feb. 18, 59-11-0. Boyle, yes. Shirts, yes.

HB82, Amendment to change terminology regarding livestock depredation claims. Passed in House on Feb. 18, 56-14-0. Boyle, yes. Shirts, yes.

HB86, Preempts local governments from imposing requirements to install or maintain EV charging stations. Passed in House Feb. 20, 61-9-0. Boyle, yes. Shirts, yes.

HB88, Amendment that makes soliciting commercial sexual activity a felony. Passed in House Feb. 21, 50-19-1. Boyle, yes. Shirts, yes.

HB91, Amends and repeals DHW laws identified as obsolete or superfluous. Passed in House Feb. 21. Boyle, yes. Shirts, yes.

HB93, Adds to law to establish Idaho parental choice tax credit, and Idaho parental choice tax credit advance payment fund. Passed in House Feb. 7, 42-28-0. Boyle, yes. Shirts, yes. Passed in Senate Feb. 19, 20-15-0. Shippy, no.

HB96, Amends existing law

providing that a governmental entity shall only display certain flags. Passed in House Feb. 18, 53-17-0. Boyle, yes. Shirts, yes.

HB97, Amends existing law to allow individuals to refuse evacuation orders, but requires them to accept all risks and reimburse rescue costs if needed. Passed in House Feb. 20, 63-5-2. Boyle, yes. Shirts, yes.

HB99, Removes confusing language in 2024 law allowing parents or guardians to privately teach their children to drive and obtain a license. Passed in House Feb. 21. Boyle, yes. Shirts, yes.

HB110, Provides that Medicaid will not limit practice authority conferred by the legislature and licensing boards. Passed in House Feb. 21. Boyle, yes. Shirts, yes.

HB122, Amends existing law to delicense glamour photography. Passed in House Feb. 21. Boyle, yes. Shirts, yes.

HB129, Amends existing law to extend the time moneys can be held in the land bank fund from five to 10 years. Passed in House Feb. 20, 47-21-2. Boyle, yes. Shirts, yes.

HB133, Amends, repeals, and adds to existing law, moving a variety of definitions related to tobacco products and electronic smoking devices from rules into Idaho code. Passed in House Feb. 21, 62-7-1. Boyle, yes. Shirts, yes.

HB138, Amends existing law to require certain federal waivers for continued Medicaid expansion eligibility. Passed in House Feb. 19,

38-22-0. Boyle, yes. Shirts, yes.

HB142, Amends existing law to revise provisions regarding the minimum requirements for an audit. Passed in House Feb. 20. Boyle, yes. Shirts, yes.

HB147, Amends existing law to revise the bonding capacity from 5 percent to 8 percent of the market value for assessment purposes for issuing school bonds. Failed in House Feb. 20, 29-39-2. Boyle, no. Shirts, yes.

HB148, Adds to existing law to provide assistance to individuals litigating against the federal government. Passed in House Feb. 21, 63-5-2. Boyle, yes. Shirts, yes.

HB151, Repeals and adds to existing law certain reporting requirements to be made by state agencies with licensing authority. Passed in House Feb. 21. Boyle, yes. Shirts, yes.

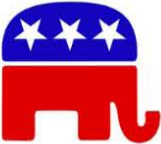
HB156, Amends law to increase daily compensation rate for Idaho Commission of Pardons and Parole members. Failed in House Feb. 18, 34-35-1. Boyle, no. Shirts, yes.

HB160, Amends law relating to worker’s compensation in the State of Idaho. Passed in House Feb. 20. Boyle, yes. Shirts, yes.

HB161, Amends law enabling flood control districts to update their meeting locations, frequency, and notice provisions. Passed in House Feb. 18, 57-13-0. Boyle, yes. Shirts, yes.

HB165, Amends unclaimed

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Special Thank You to Nate Shelman for coming out to entertain us with his words of wisdom!

The importance of quality relationships

by Crystal Linn
Recently, I shared a few older health articles with a dear friend. She encouraged me to republish this one, which I wrote during Covid. She argued we all need to be reminded of how important it is to have quality people in our lives.

In my opinion the person who created the phrase “Social Distancing” should be required to take classes in behavioral sciences before being allowed to continue working. Humans were created to be social!

Most of us have heard some variations on the term social distancing. My favorite is the one used in a friend’s church, spatial distancing. This phrase correctly emphasizes the fact we can be separated by the space around us yet still interact socially.

According to biology, neuroscience, psychology and more our physical bodies actually work better when we are with others compared to when we are isolated. Other studies have proven that having limited social connections is linked with heart disease, cancer and impaired immune function. It is also linked to slower recovery rates from these, and other health problems. We humans are wired for connection. It is in our DNA, and is as strong as our need for food, water and shelter.

When we have quality family and friends with whom we can lean on, laugh with and cry with we are nourishing ourselves physically, mentally and emotionally. These people are also being nourished, making the interactions a win-win for everyone involved.

Our human connections can reduce stress levels, ward off depression and suicide, and even lower the risk of any de-



Good friends, Kelsie Mittelstadt and Arielle Johnson, have attended over 20 paint-night classes at Artful Bon’s, which earned each of them a personalized apron. The ladies take advantage of the chance to paint together whenever their husbands go hunting, and thoroughly enjoy their friendship. Artful Bon’s, a local art studio offers group paint nights and paint parties where you can come together and enjoy the activity together. Photo by Bonnie Akbar, Artful Bon’s

mentias. We all know how much easier it is to exercise and live a healthier lifestyle with the support of friends and family. The bottom line is, having quality people in our lives enables us to live longer and healthier.

While video chats, and talking six-feet apart, through masks, are helpful solutions sometimes these options are not enough. Here are some suggestions for enriching our socializing while we are supposed to be social distancing.

Take the initiative to contact family and friends, especially those you have not talked with in awhile.

Send a “Thinking of You” card to a special person in your life.

Be creative in making social appointments. Examples are enjoying coffee in the park and going for a walk.

Volunteer to help an older friend by buying groceries, cleaning their house, or by just listening.

If you live alone consider getting a pet.

It does not need to be a cat or dog. Some of my best pets have been Beta fish and Zebra Finches.

Call a friend and ask for a “pet fix.” Many times friends stop by just to hug my dog who makes everyone feel like they are the most special human in the world.

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Weiser’s mayor delivers \$850 to Pioneer School

library collection this school year.

In the first few years of the program, students in each classroom would fill out a form entering them into a weekly \$100 drawing, Hibberd said. In 2023, two Weiser students from two different classrooms were drawn, Lucy Ramirez and Geneva Briggs, both now fifth graders. The \$100 awards were used in each of their own classrooms.

Last year, the awards were changed so each participating school received \$100, plus a drawing for an additional amount for one community’s school. The program increased the school awards to \$250 per school this year, plus the bonus drawing for one city to receive another \$600 to pass on to the school, as well.

“Weiser got that,” Hibberd told the *Signal American*.

“So, there’s \$250 for my just coming and reading, and \$600 from winning the drawing,” he said as he handed the two checks to Davies.

“We’ll take all \$850 of those dollars and put them toward our upcoming reading week and Bingo for Books, which is a huge community event,” Davies said. “Bingo for Books promotes literacy, and this is a perfect fit for these funds. The bulk of it will buy new books for the

kids’ prizes at the family bingo night.”

During the Jan. 13 monthly Weiser School Trustees meeting, Davies said the 2025 Reading Week theme is “The World Belongs to Those who Read.” The fun-filled week of reading focus will run March 3-6.

The door for the Bingo for Books night on March 6, will open at 5:45, with the event running from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

“We’re going to be reading ‘around the world,’ and different grade levels are going to be choosing different continents and different countries to represent them,” Davies said. “We’ll be doing all of those activities and once we get a little more information nailed down on that we’ll make sure all of you are aware of them so you can participate in some of the assemblies.”

In addition to the big Bingo for Books night, Davies said Pioneer’s leadership team added a family math night that was held Feb. 6.

“We had families in, and the kids led their parents through what we’re doing at each grade level in math, so parents got more familiarized with the curriculum we’re using and then it gave the kids an opportunity to show off what they’ve learned this year,” he said.



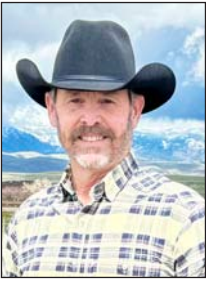
Weiser Mayor Randy Hibberd delivered \$850 to Pioneer School Principal Dave Davies early this month after returning from a meeting with the League of Idaho Cities. Weiser was the winner of a \$600 drawing, along with \$250 that is given to grade schools where mayors read to third grade students.

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County commission focused on managing growth

flourish and expand and meeting the demand for land while navigating individual property rights will be key challenges in the future.

“Protecting private property rights and accepting growth will be difficult. Because with growth you take up



property and growth does not pay for itself,” he said.

Wilkerson said local lawmakers won’t be able to control growth.

“You can’t stop it. But you can try to guide it,” he said.

He said he is particularly concerned about safeguarding individual property rights as growth speeds up.

Wilkerson said people from California and the Boise-metro area are finding the rural lifestyle of Washington County at-

tractive.

“People who live there are tired of the growth, so they come here,” said Wilkerson.

Wilkerson, who, along with fellow commissioner Nate Marvin, is a member of the Idaho Association of Counties’ Public Lands and Natural Resources Committee, believes land use issues are key for the future. He said private property rights are important so that “people can do what God gave them the right to

do.”

“And to make sure the government doesn’t overreach,” he said.

Land use issues, he said, “are the most difficult things you deal with.”

Wilkerson said meetings like the Boise conference are important.

“They give you insight into how to handle future issues. Elected county officials from across the state get together to collaborate, talk about issues and how to make things better,” he said.

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Ag preservation incentives could be by donation

minimum of 20 years, but also allows landowners to petition commissioners to remove any or all of the approved APA acreage. The removal date is to be confirmed “as 10 years from the date of the petition for removal, or upon expiration of the designation, whichever is sooner.”

Along with that allowance,

each county commission must establish a process by which a landowner with an APA may remove any or all of the land for reasons of hardship.

If the amended bill makes it through the legislative process and is signed into law, it adds a funding mechanism for incentivizing farmers and ranchers to

participate in the agricultural land preservation effort. The lack of financial incentives for producers was a regular criticism of the 2024 bill in last fall’s commissioners’ discussions.

What’s offered in the amendment may or may not serve as any further enticement, as the

funding will depend entirely on voluntary donations and contributions from public and private entities. Each county will be tasked with setting up its own APA fund no later than Jan. 1, 2026, with 95 percent of the fund’s annual contributions to be distributed once each year on a per-acre basis to APA par-

ticipating landowners.

The remaining 5 percent of the donated funds is to be used to cover administration costs, and to promote agriculture inside the county’s boundaries.

As is, the bill doesn’t indicate that contributions to the fund would be tax deductible for donors.

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Hospital staff excited with surgery center upgrades

down, back and forth a full eight inches, and tilts, all allowing space for x-rays during surgical procedures.

“It eliminates having to turn the whole table around,” Carpenter said. “The base configuration of the table doesn’t ever have to be changed.”

Carpenter described the new \$10,000 orthopedic power tools, also funded through a WMHF grant, as a drill similar to a Dewalt cordless drill, “but, it can be put through an autoclave,” he said.

“There’s also a specialized saw, with a blade that goes back and forth,” Carpenter added. “The batteries for both power tools are wrapped and run through the autoclave, as well. A lot of things are just like what you would think.”

A registered nurse with 19 years

of operating room experience, Carpenter said the OR manager position has him attending to things like budgets and meetings, but he sometimes gets to scrub in on cases.

“We’re doing some exciting stuff here,” he said. “I have an incredible team of nurses and techs. I can’t express how much I love this hospital. We take better care of patients here than any hospital in the valley, and I can say that with confidence.

“We are really excited,” Carpenter concluded. “We’re always looking for ways to be more efficient. It saves money for the hospital and makes things easier for everyone who works here. And, if we can serve more patients because we are more efficient, it’s better for the hospital and better for the patients, a complete circle.”



Weiser Memorial Operating Room Manager Nate Carpenter, right, demonstrates the new surgery table, while Certified Nurse Anesthetist Aaron Gopp looks on. Photo by Nancy Grindstaff

WHS Winter Sports

Boys Basketball

Date	Meet	Site	Time
Dec. 3	Nampa Christian	A	4:30 65-58W
Dec. 4	Ontario	H	4:30 84-42W
Dec. 10	Nampa Christian	H	4:30 48-43W
Dec. 11	Nyssa	H	4:30 53-35W
Dec. 16	Ontario	A	4:30 69-44W
Dec. 20	Marsing	A	4:30 91-81W
Dec. 21	Lewiston at McCall (JV/V)	A	12:00 38-70L
Jan. 3	Gooding	H	12:00 66-44W
Jan. 6	*Cole Valley	H	4:30 45-57L
Jan. 8	Vale	A	4:00 72-36W
Jan. 16	*Homedale	A	4:30 43-51L
Jan. 21	*Fruitland	H	4:30 70-48W
Jan. 24	*Payette	A	4:30 76-46W
Jan. 30	*McCall	H	4:30 80-73W
Jan. 31	Parma	A	Cancelled
Feb. 1	*Homedale	H	12:00 58-45W
Feb. 4	*Cole Valley	A	4:30 57-68L
Feb. 7	*Fruitland	A	4:30 58-51W
Feb. 12	*Payette	H	4:30 66-35W
Feb. 14	*McCall	A	4:30 56-60L
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Feb. 18	Payette	H	64-34W
Feb. 22	Cole Valley	A	49-67L
Feb. 25	Homedale	H	
March 1	State Play-In Game at Mtn. Home	TBA	
March 6-8	State at Meridian	TBA	

Times: Freshman - 4:30; JV-20 Min. After Frosh Game; Varsity 20 Min. After JV Game. No Earlier Than 7:30.



Wolverine Garrett Walker (30) starts a drive around a Payette defender in Weiser's 64-34 District game win. Photo by Michelle Estes



Weiser's Shayd Crossley drives to the basket in Weiser's District game win over Payette. Photo by Michelle Estes

Wrestling

Good Luck at State Wrestling Feb. 28-March 1 at Pocatello



Weiser's first-place 4A District wrestling champions include, top, Luke Sarich at 165 pounds, at left, Kash Cobb at 175 pounds, and at right, Cole Ingle at 132 pounds. Pictured on Page 11 is Ty Cobb, who won the 144-pound title. A total of 14 qualifiers are heading to the State Tournament in Pocatello. Photos by Nancy Grindstaff



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Wolverine boys basketball team takes first round win

Weiser overpowers Payette to take 64-34 win in Snake River Valley District tournament

by Michelle Estes

On Tuesday, Feb. 18, the Weiser Wolverines defeated the Payette Pirates 64 to 34 in the first round of the Snake River Valley District tournament. With this victory, the Wolverines advanced to the semi-final round.

Weiser won the tip-off, but both teams struggled to score initially. The first points came from free throws a minute into the game, when Weiser's Shayd Crossley was fouled and went to the line. Payette quickly tied the game with a jumper. However, Weiser's strong defense held the Pirates to a total of just 3 points in the first quarter, with the only other point coming over 3 minutes into the contest.

Five different Wolverines contributed points in the first period, helping Weiser score 17 points in total. Josh Mizar made the initial field goal for Weiser after stealing the ball right after Payette secured a defensive rebound, resulting in a quick layup. Thirty seconds later, Mizar made a long pass up court to Garrett Walker for another 2 points. On the next trip down the court, Crossley made a nice lob pass over the defense to Isai Herrera for another basket.

In the final minutes of the period, Crossley had a rebound put-back, Mizar scored after a baseline drive, Crossley added 2 more free throws, and Ko-



Josh Mizar (10) brings in a rebound while teammates Karsten Walker (32) and Garrett Walker (30) do a great job boxing out, clearing the way for a Wolverine rebound. Photo by Michelle Estes

lin Cook received a pass from Brayden Nordgren for a deep 3-pointer. At the end of the first quarter, the score was Weiser 17, Payette 3.

The second quarter was nearly even, with Weiser adding 18 points and Payette 13. For the first 5 minutes, scoring was sporadic, with about 60 seconds between each score. The Pirates started

off with a jumper a minute in. With 6 minutes to go, Weiser scored quickly in transition, with Mizar rebounding and passing to Walker at mid-court, who then passed it to Cook for a layup. Almost a minute later, Crossley, with his back to the basket at the free-throw line, executed a spin move for another layup. Cook then scored 2 more points off a steal,

driving coast to coast.

In the final minutes of the second quarter, both teams found the basket more frequently including Crossley who made two 3-pointers from the corner for the Wolverines, and by halftime, Weiser held a commanding 19-point lead, 35-16.

The third quarter opened with a flurry of 3-pointers from both

teams. Weiser started with two: Cook found Mizar near the top of the key, and then Cook hit a 3 of his own 90 seconds later. It was Payette's turn next, as they also hit two 3-pointers. Halfway through the third, the score was Weiser 41, Payette 28.

The Wolverines quickly stretched their lead to 20 points when Nordgren had a rebound put-back,

followed by Crossley driving in for 2 points. Nordgren scored again during a fast break, receiving a pass from Cook for a left-handed layup, followed by a free throw from Mizar.

The third quarter closed out with Payette hitting another 3-pointer, while Weiser's Owen Funke tipped the ball to Walker for 2 points, and Funke then scored off a rebound. At the end of the third, Weiser led 54 to 31.

The game concluded as Payette scored only 3 points in the final quarter, matching their output in the opening quarter. The Wolverines initiated a running clock with 3 minutes left when they went up by 30 points, thanks to a 3-pointer from Funke, followed by a 3 from Mizar, and another 3 from Funke.

When the final buzzer sounded, Weiser triumphed over Payette with a score of 64 to 34. The Wolverines were led by Crossley, who scored a game-high 18 points, while Mizar added 17 points. Cook contributed 10 points, Funke 8, and both Nordgren and Walker each scored 4, with Herrera chipping in 3 points.

Scores at the end of quarters:

	Weiser	Payette
1st:	17	3
2nd:	35	16
3rd:	54	31
4th:	64	34

Weiser's hope to advance to championship game squashed like a bug

by Joyce Taylor

When the Weiser Wolverines traveled to Meridian to play the Cole Valley Christian Chargers on Saturday, Feb. 22, it was the three seed versus the two seed in District play.

Cole Valley had previously defeated Weiser twice. It was hoped that this game would be a different outcome. When Josh Mizar went up with the ball on the opening tip and controlled it, hope blossomed. When Weiser held CV scoreless until 4:58 in the first quarter, hope unfurled.

Weiser played a better first half than second but those missed shots started to erode that foundation. Sadly, CV would win the game 67-49 shoving Weiser into the loser side of the bracket. Weiser's next game will have been played at home on Tuesday, Feb. 25 against Homedale.

As stated previously, Mizar controlled the tip. It was a perfect strategy as he was up against a 6'6" freshman. Weiser scored at 5:55 when Kolin Cook put back his own rebound, 2-0 W. Cole Valley went up 3-2 and never gave the lead back. Isai Herrera to Mizar for a three, 6-5 CV. Cook drove the key and banked the shot home, 8-7 CV. Cook with an "O" rebound to Mizar for another three, 13-10 CV. At the



Weiser's Shayd Crossley (3) goes up for two points in Saturday's, Feb. 22, District game at Cole Valley. Isai Herrera (00) is moving in for a rebound, and Kolin Cook (2) gets ready to move into the play. Photo by Joyce Taylor

end of the first, Cole Valley led 15-10.

The second quarter had Cole Valley on a scoring spree. Shayd Crossley drove the left side of the key along the baseline for the bucket, 23-12 CV. Cook with a "D" rebound. On

the fast break, Cook led the pass to Crossley for the finish. CV was hit with a goal tend on that shot so the basket counted (it was going in either way), 23-14 CV. Cook with a hesitation move allowed the taller player to go by as he sank the

shot, 25-16 CV. Cook was determined to score and he did, 27-18 CV. Brayden Nordgren to Karsten Walker to Crossley for a three, 27-21 CV. Crossley with the bucket, 32-23 CV. Mizar launched a half court shot that went in but the officials

said he did not get the shot off on time. Great shot though. At the half, Cole Valley led 34-23.

Weiser used a zone defense briefly in this third quarter. Weiser's scoring began when Garrett Walker put back an "O" rebound, 34-25 CV. Crazy tips of the ball finally went Weiser's way as Cook sank a three, 34-28 CV. CV was on a scoring tear. Coach Ron Shirts called time out at 3:45 trailing 45-28. Mizar with the drive for two, 45-30 CV. K. Walker with an "O" rebound put back, 45-32 CV. Cook to Owen Funke for a three, 52-35 CV. (The game was slipping away fast). Cook with a "D" rebound launched a high looping shot from near half court as the buzzer sounded. The shot went in! With one quarter to go, CV was comfortably in the lead 52-38.

Cole Valley scored first. Cook with a banked three, 54-41 CV. Crossley to Mizar for a three, 56-44 CV. Cook was fouled making one free throw. 56-45 CV. CV called time out at 3:19. CV was wisely using the clock to frustrate Weiser completely. Cook was fouled making a free throw, 63-46 CV. Cook hit a three, 67-49 CV. CV with the win 67-49.

Scoring: Cook 22, Mizar 11, Crossley 9, Funke 3, Karsten Walker and Garrett Walker 2 each.

Weiser wrestlers place second at district tourney

Parsons will represent the girls team and 13 boys will compete at state in Pocatello

by Katie von Brethorst

Weiser saw some great wrestling this past weekend with the girls district tournament taking place last Tuesday and Wednesday in Boise and the boys district competition in Fruitland.

Corrianna Parsons took third during the tournament beating the number four seed in overtime and then falling to the number one seed in the semi-finals. Parsons then battled back to beat the number four seed again this time by fall to take third.

Head coach, Chad Gibson, was proud of Parsons, “she was absolutely the dark horse of this tournament. She has busted her behind and kept her head pointed in the right direction with her hard work and consistency and now she is seeing her efforts pay off!” Parsons is state bound this next weekend in Pocatello.

On the boys side of the district tournament this past weekend, the Wolverines brought home second place during team competition.

“We have plenty to celebrate with our second place finish, eight finalists, four champs, 13 qualifiers for state and the potential of three wild cards (Eric Ramirez, Wyatt Wrenfrow and Telsyn Hawker) getting bids to

the Northwest Collegiate Conference Tournament this past weekend and earned a berth to the NAIA National Wrestling tournament in Kansas.

Kaleb Grove, a recent 2024 Weiser High School graduate also wrestled this weekend for Northwestern College for their regional tournament in Nebraska.

Darrian wrestled in Kaleb is a true freshman



Wolverine Ty Cobb claimed the District 3 4A championship title in the 144-pound weight class in this past weekend's district tournament in Fruitland. Photo by Nancy Grindstaff

the state tournament,” Gibson stated.

To say Weiser did well may be an understatement. The eight finalists in the championship round were Wyatt Black at 113, Cole Ingle at 132, Klete Cook at 138, Ty Cobb at 144, Stockton Young at 157, Luke Sarich at 165, Kash Cobb at 175, and Matthew Monterrosa at 190. All of these eight matches were battles to say the least, but four young men battled and came out on top bringing home first place.

Cole Ingle came out on top going into the district tournament as the number one seed. He received a bye during the first round and then took out a Homedale opponent by fall in just 44 seconds. In the finals he faced a Fruitland wrestler and took him all three rounds to win

true Cobb form Ty dug in and went to work taking the match to three rounds and coming out with a huge win by decision 17-10.

Luke Sarich was next at 165 and received a bye in the first round and then beat a Payette opponent by fall before heading into the championship match. Sarich took on a Fruitland foe for the championship and beat him handily with a 14-8 decision.

Kash Cobb was the final champion during the weekend. He started out with a Fruitland opponent that he fell in just 35 seconds. Next he took on Payette and won that one by fall in a short 25 seconds. He headed into the championship against a Fruitland wrestler and won by technical fall 16-1.

Any wrestler who placed first through fourth place earns the right to go to state. Kash Williams took fourth at 120. Sean Elliott at 98, Charlie Nevarez at 132, Rick Erickson at 150, and Kaiden Peck at 285 all took third place. Wyatt Black at 113, Klete Cook at 138, Stockton Young at 157, and Matthew Monterrosa all took second place.

Congratulations to the Wolverines who will represent Weiser at 4A State wrestling!

Two Weiser graduates earn berths to NAIA National Wrestling tourney

by Katie von Brethorst

Darrian Hoobery a 2019 graduate of Weiser High School represented Weiser and his college, Eastern Oregon University this past weekend in the wrestling arena.

Hoobery wrestled while in high school and then at Missouri Valley College and for the past two years at Eastern Oregon.

Darrian wrestled in Kaleb is a true freshman



A 2019 WHS graduate, Darrian Hoobery has earned a berth to the national NAIA wrestling tournament.

who earned a berth to the NAIA National Wrestling tournament in Kansas. Congratulations to two former Wolverines representing Weiser well.



A 2024 WHS graduate, Kaleb Grove is headed to the NAIA national wrestling tournament in Kansas. Signal American file photos

PUBLIC NOTICE

LEGAL NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Weiser City Council will hold a public hearing on the 10th day of March, 2025 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.

Bomont Stearns on behalf of JN Randall Century Ranch LLC Special Use Request

The applicants are requesting a special use permit in an A1 zone to allow them to operate a plant nursery on a portion of parcel RP11N05W292110, located off Quail Lane in the Weiser Area of City Impact.

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.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

LEGAL NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Weiser City Council will hold a public hearing on March 10, 2025 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: Luis & Maria M. Negrete Rezone Request.

The applicant is requesting a rezone of property located off East 12th Street in the Weiser City Impact Area. The applicant wishes to rezone parcel RP11N05W287063, from current A1 (agricultural) to A2 (agricultural transitional).

All interested persons are invited to attend the hearing and comment or submit written comment prior or at the hearing.

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

Rodney C Panike Rezone Request

The applicant is requesting a rezone of property located off US Highway 95 north of Weiser in the Weiser City Impact Area. The applicant wishes to rezone a portion of parcel RP11N05W219200, from the current A1 (agricultural) to A2 (agricultural transitional).

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.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, in accordance with the Idaho Code 63-1311A, by the City of Weiser, Idaho that the Weiser City Council will meet at 7:00 p.m. on March 10th, 2025, at Weiser City Hall, 55 W Idaho, to consider public comment regarding proposed fees for larger meter base rates and tap fees. The proposed base rates are \$556.00 for a 4” meter, \$1,202.00 for a 6” meter, and \$2,133.00 for a 8” meter. The proposed tap fees are \$5,363.00 for a 4” tap fee, \$7,280.00 for a 6” tap fee, and \$8,280.00 for a 8” tap fee. The City of Weiser is offering these rates for customers to have the option of having larger meters than they currently offer. Information regarding the proposed amendment may be obtained from the City Clerk’s office at Weiser City Hall during regular business hours.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

LEGAL NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Washington County Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing on the 18th day of March 2025, at 7:00 p.m. in 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.

Bruce Winegar – Variance Request

The applicant is requesting a variance from Washington County Ordinance 5-4-1(C) on property located off Ferrell Road west of Weiser. The request is to allow a variance for a split of less than one acre. RP11N06W177090

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).

Join Zoom Meeting
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Due to uncertainty of the numbers giving testimony, all testimony will be limited to five minutes. Any person needing special accommodations to participate in noticed meetings should contact Washington County Planning and Zoning seven (7) days prior to the meeting at 208-414-3631.

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property code to provide clarity on timeframes and notices for property presumed to be abandoned. Passed in House on Feb. 20. Boyle, yes. Shirts, yes.

HB166, Amends, repeals, and adds to law to allow for electronic publication of legal/public notices on the State Controller’s website. Passed in House on Feb. 20, 36-32-2. Boyle, no. Shirts, no.

HB174, Repeals Chapter 18 of Idaho code, and

PUBLIC NOTICE

00 11 16 – INVITATION TO BID

CITY OF WEISER
WASHINGTON COUNTY, IDAHO
9TH STREET TO COUNTY RD 70 WATERLINE

Sealed Bids for the construction of the **9th Street to County Rd 70 Waterline** project will be received by the **City of Weiser**, at **City Hall, 55 W. Idaho Street, Weiser, ID 83672** until **1:00 PM** local time on **March 27, 2025**, at which time the Bids received will be publicly opened and read. The Project consists of boring a 10-inch waterline under an existing railway at the intersection of 9th Street and West Idaho Street to County Road 70.

Bids will be received for a single prime Contract. Bids shall be on a lump sum basis as indicated in the Bid Form.

The Issuing Office for the Bidding Documents is:

Keller Associates, Inc, 100 E. Bower Street, Suite 110, Meridian, ID
Contact: Grae Harper, PE
Phone: 208-813-7614
Email: gharper@kellerassociates.com

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Bidding documents and drawings may be purchased electronically from Keller’s website (<https://goo.gl/VWGyy7>) through Quest CDN for a non-refundable fee of \$22.00. Prospective bidders shall purchase digital documents from Quest CDN to receive addenda postings. Addenda and Plan holders list will also be posted to and obtained from Quest CDN.

A pre-bid conference will be held at **1:00 pm** local time on **March 13, 2025** at the **City Hall, 55 W. Idaho Street, Weiser, ID 83672**. Attendance at the pre-bid conference is highly encouraged but is not mandatory.

The Bid Security may be in the form of a bid bond, certified check, cashier’s check or cash in the amount of 5% of the amount of the bid proposal. Said Bid Security shall be forfeited to City of Weiser as liquidated damages should the successful bidder fail to enter into contract in accordance with their Bid Documents as specified in the Instructions to Bidders.

City of Weiser reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, waive any nonmaterial irregularities in the bids received, and to accept the proposal deemed most advantageous to the best interest of the City.

Dates Advertised: February 27th and March 13th, 2025
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The purpose of this hearing will be to receive comment on the following matter.

George & Jeri Soulier - Special Use Request

The applicants are requesting a special use permit to allow for a farm/ranch house additional to that which is otherwise permitted, to house farm laborers for the operation of the ranch or farm, to temporarily be placed on property located at 1840 East Fork Road, north of Weiser. RP-13N04W310610

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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adds a new chapter relating to the towing and storage of motor vehicles. Passed in House Feb. 21. Floor sponsor Boyle, yes. Shirts, yes.

HB185, Amends law to revise provisions regarding moneys in Search and Rescue fund. Passed in House Feb. 20. Boyle, yes. Shirts, yes.

HB199, Establishes provisions regarding eligibility, limitations on benefits, and defines terms in the Refugee Medical Assistance Act. Passed in House Feb. 21, 61-8-2. Boyle, yes. Shirts, yes.

HB204, Amends and adds to existing law to establish a World Famous Idaho Potatoes black and a white license plate. Passed in House Feb. 21. Boyle, yes. Shirts, yes.

HB224, Amends existing law to require public school districts to adopt certain safety protocols.

Passed in House Feb. 18. Boyle, yes. Shirts, yes.

HB246, Appropriations to the Department of Commerce. Passed in House Feb. 20. Boyle, yes. Shirts, yes.

HB247, Appropriations to the Legislative Branch. Passed in House Feb. 20. Boyle, yes. Shirts, yes.

HB248, Appropriations to Natural Resources. Passed in House Feb. 20. Boyle, yes. Shirts, yes.

HB249, Appropriations to Constitutional officers. Passed in House Feb. 20, 66-2-2. Boyle, yes. Shirts, yes.

HB251, Appropriations to Public Schools Educational Support Program. Passed in House Feb. 20, 65-2-3. Boyle, yes. Shirts, yes.

HJR1, Proposes to amend state constitution to remove language allowing the Legislature to require school attendance. Failed

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE

On Thursday, the 12th day of June, 2025, at the hour of 10:00 o’clock a.m. of said day at Washington County Courthouse, 256 E. Court, Weiser, in the County of Washington, State of Idaho, Ryan M. Fawcett, as Successor Trustee, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property situated in the County of Washington, State of Idaho, and described as follows, to-wit:

Beginning at the Northwest corner of Lot 19 of Block 5 of Fruitvale Addition to the City of Weiser, Idaho, as shown on the official plat of said Addition, on file in the office of the County Recorder of Washington County, Idaho; thence East along the North line of said Lot 19, 76 feet; thence South parallel to the West line of said Block 5 to the North line of West Liberty Street; thence Northwesterly along West Libert Street to the Southwest corner of Block 5; thence North to the Place of Beginning.

The Successor Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above-referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113, Idaho Code, the Successor Trustee has been informed that the street address of 350 W. Liberty St., Weiser, Idaho, is sometimes associated with said real property.

Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by TONI M. BURGESS, Unmarried Woman, Grantor, to Ryan M. Fawcett, Successor Trustee, for the benefit and security of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., recorded January 29, 2021, as Instrument No. 243789, Mortgage records of Washington County, Idaho; and assigned to IDAHO HOUSING AND FINANCE ASSOCIATION by Assignment of Deed of Trust recorded on November 4, 2024, as Instrument No. 262394, Mortgage records of Washington County, Idaho. THE ABOVE GRANTOR IS NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506 (4) (a), IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT SHE IS, OR IS NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION.

Said sale is a public auction for which the bid price must be paid immediately upon close of bidding by certified funds in the form of cashier’s checks, certified checks, or valid money orders only. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason whatsoever, the successful bidder’s exclusive and sole remedy shall be the return of actual monies paid to the Successor Trustee and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse.

The default for which this sale is to be made the failure to pay when due, monthly installment payments under the Deed of Trust Note dated January 29, 2021, in the amount of \$1,511.00 each, for the months of June through December, 2024, inclusive. All delinquent payments are now due, plus accumulated late charges, plus all escrow advances, plus any costs or expenses associated with this foreclosure. The accrued interest is at the rate of 3.375% per annum from May 1, 2024, and the Beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation. The principal balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is \$228,947.37, plus accrued interest at the rate of 3.375% per annum from May 1, 2024.

DATED This 11th day of February, 2025.

RYAN M. FAWCETT, a Member of
the Idaho State Bar, SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE

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in House 46-23-1 (requires ⅔ majority) on Feb. 19. Boyle, yes. Shirts, yes. Shippy, Senate co-sponsor.

HCR8, Expresses concern and opposition to Lava Ridge wind energy project. Adopted in House Feb. 21, 68-0-2. Boyle, yes. Shirts, yes.

HJM5, Expresses concern and opposition to Lava Ridge wind energy project, and requests additional federal intervention. Adopted by voice vote in House Feb. 21.

SB1011, Amends Fish and Game law to provide requirements for members of winter feeding programs. Passed in Senate Feb. 21, 33-0-2. Shippy, yes.

SB1016, Amends and adds to existing Brand law to revise provisions regarding certain fees. Passed in Senate Feb. 21, 26-7-2. Shippy, yes.

SB1020, Amends existing law to provide for the deposit of Federal Energy Regulatory Commission funds. Passed in Senate Feb. 18, 35-0-0. Shippy, yes.

SB1033, Amends Right to Farm Act to provide penalties for certain complaints filed against agricultural operations. Passed in Senate Feb. 21, 33-0-2. Shippy, yes.

SB1038, Adds to existing law to provide Idaho to not be compelled to engage with the World Health Organization. Passed in Senate Feb. 18, 29-6-0. Shippy, yes.

SB1040, Amends existing law to revise provision regarding irrigation district contracts. Passed in Senate Feb. 18, 35-0-0. Shippy, yes.

SB1041, Amends existing water law to revise provisions regarding distributing laterals, ditches, or other conduits. Passed in Senate Feb. 18, 35-0-0. Shippy, yes.

SB1042, Adds to existing law to limit rental application fees. Passed in Senate Feb. 19, 23-12-0. Shippy, no.

SB1043, Amends and adds to existing law to remove a provision regarding coverture and to reorganize a chapter. Passed in Senate Feb. 19, 35-0-0. Shippy, yes.

SB1045, Amends existing law to revise provisions regarding limitations on the authority of district trustees, i.e. spouses of trustees being employed within the district. Passed in Senate Feb. 21, 32-1-2. Shippy, yes.

SB1056, Amends existing law to codify attorneys employed by the Division of Occupational and Professional Licenses as non-classified. Passed in Senate Feb. 21, 32-1-2. Shippy, yes.

PUBLIC NOTICE

00 11 16 – INVITATION TO BID

CITY OF WEISER
WASHINGTON COUNTY, IDAHO
INDIANHEAD PEDESTRIAN PATHWAY PHASE 2

Sealed Bids for the construction of the **Indianhead Pedestrian Pathway Phase 2** project will be received by the **City of Weiser**, at **City Hall, 55 W. Idaho Street, Weiser, ID 83672** until **3:00 PM** local time on **March 27, 2025** at which time the Bids received will be publicly opened and read. The Project consists of constructing concrete sidewalk, ADA compliant pedestrian ramps, asphalt pathway and painted pavement markings.

Bids will be received for a single prime Contract. Bids shall be on a lump sum basis as indicated in the Bid Form.

The Issuing Office for the Bidding Documents is:

Keller Associates, Inc, 100 E. Bower Street, Suite 110, Meridian, ID
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PUBLIC NOTICE

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City of Weiser
Natasha McDaniel, City Clerk 9-2S

PUBLIC NOTICE

Lauren von Jess
PO Box 6
Cambridge, ID 83610

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

IN RE: Otto von Jess

Case No. CV44-25-0003
NOTICE OF HEARING ON NAME CHANGE

A Petition to change the name of Otto von Jess, a minor, now residing in the City of Cambridge, State of Idaho, has been filed in the District Court in Washington County, Idaho. The name will change to Otto Joseph von Jess. The reason for the change in name is: adding the middle name Joseph.

A hearing on the petition is scheduled for 11:00 o’clock a.m. on March 19, 2025 at the Washington County Courthouse. Objections may be filed by any person who can show the court a good reason against the name change.

Date: Jan. 22, 2025

CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT
By Crystal Watts, Deputy Clerk 6-4S

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE

On Wednesday, the 4th day of June, 2025, at the hour of 10:00 o’clock a.m. of said day at Washington County Courthouse, 256 E Court St., Weiser, in the County of Washington, State of Idaho, Ryan M. Fawcett, as Successor Trustee, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property situated in the County of Washington, State of Idaho, and described as follows, to-wit:

The West 25 feet of Lot 21 and the East 39 feet of Lot 22, Block 3 of Hanthorn Addition to the City of Weiser, Idaho, as the same appear on the official plat thereof on file in the office of the County Recorder of Washington County, Idaho.

The Successor Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above-referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113, Idaho Code, the Successor Trustee has been informed that the street address of 622 E. Court St., Weiser, Idaho, is sometimes associated with said real property.

Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by COURTNEY THOMPSON and THOMAS THOMPSON, a Married Couple, Grantor, to Ryan M. Fawcett, Successor Trustee, for the benefit and security of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., recorded May 9, 2022, as Instrument No. 248553, Mortgage records of Washington County, Idaho; and assigned to IDAHO HOUSING AND FINANCE ASSOCIATION by Assignment of Deed of Trust recorded on October 2, 2024, as Instrument No. 261996, Mortgage records of Washington County, Idaho. THE ABOVE GRANTOR IS NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506 (4)(a), IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THEY ARE, OR IS NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION.

Said sale is a public auction for which the bid price must be paid immediately upon close of bidding by certified funds in the form of cashier’s checks, certified checks, or valid money orders only. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason whatsoever, the successful bidder’s exclusive and sole remedy shall be the return of actual monies paid to the Successor Trustee and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse.

The default for which this sale is to be made the failure to pay when due, monthly installment payments under the Deed of Trust Note dated May 5, 2022, in the amount of \$1,654.00 each, for the months of April through October, 2024, inclusive. All delinquent payments are now due, plus accumulated late charges, plus all escrow advances, plus any costs or expenses associated with this foreclosure. The accrued interest is at the rate of 6.125% per annum from March 1, 2024, and the Beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation. The principal balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is \$220,977.73, plus accrued interest at the rate of 6.125% per annum from March 1, 2024.

DATED This 24th day of January, 2025.

RYAN M. FAWCETT, a Member of the Idaho State Bar, SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE 6-4S

PUBLIC NOTICE

Washington County Prosecuting Attorney
Sean M. Jorgensen, ISB No. 9843
Chief Deputy Prosecutor
343 East Main Street
Weiser, ID 83672
Telephone: (208) 414-2034
Facsimile: (208) 414-2039
wcpaefile@washingtoncountyid.gov

Attorney for the Petitioner

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:)
)
DANIEL LAHEY,)
)
Deceased.)

Case No. CV44-24-0261
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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

DATED this 20th day of February, 2025.

Sabrina Young 9-3S
Washington County Treasurer

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING:
On March 3, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at 55 W Idaho the City of Weiser Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing to receive comment on a request by property owner Kale Buller for a preliminary plat to be called Parkview Landing Subdivision.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION
On E 4th Street behind Bi-Mart and Ridleys Family Market.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION
A parcel of land within the Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 29, Township 11 North, Range 5 West, Boise Meridian, Washington County, Idaho, being a portion of the parcel described in WARRANTY DEED Instrument No. 224891 and more particularly described as follows:

COMMENCING at the Corner of common to section 28, 29, 32 & 33 monumented by a found aluminum cap as described in Corner Record Instrument No. 172128, thence North 89°13’37” West, 2644.69 feet to the Quarter Corner common to section 29 & 32 monumented by a found “Chipped Hole in Concrete” as described in Corner Record Instrument No. 155286;

Thence along the West Line of the Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 29, North 01°02’51” East, 473.94 feet to a found ½” rebar with an illegible plastic cap, the POINT OF BEGINNING;

Thence continuing along said West line, North 01°02’51” East, 798.30 feet to the southerly right-of-way of Appleton Ln, monumented by a found ½” rebar with plastic cap stamped “MULNIX PE/PLS 4278”;

Thence along said Southerly right-of-way, South 89°11’40” East, 337.75 feet to a found 5/8” rebar with plastic stamped “MULNIX PE/PLS 4278”;

Thence South 01°01’22” West, 400.05 feet to a found 5/8” rebar with plastic cap stamped “MULNIX PE/PLS 4278”;

Thence South 89°11’4” East, 653.51 feet to the East boundary of the West ½ of the East ½ of the Southwest ¼ of the Southeast ¼ of Section 29, monumented by a found ½” rebar with plastic cap stamped “MULNIX PE/PLS 4278”;

Thence South 01°01’22” West, 397.70 feet to a found 5/8” rebar with plastic cap stamped “MULNIX PE/PLS 4278”;

Thence North 89°13’37” West, 991.60 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS are invited to attend the hearing, or submit written comment seven (7) days before public hearing.

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Please contact Dave Loos, Planning & Zoning Administrator, at City Hall, 55 West Idaho Street, Monday through Friday, from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., at (208) 414-1965. Thank you. 8-2S

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTIFICATION OF GEOTHERMAL LEASE APPLICATION AND PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to Idaho Code § 58-307(5), et seq. and according to Idaho Department of Lands policy, notice is hereby given that Ormat Nevada, Inc. has submitted an application for a geothermal lease on approximately 1,277 acres of state endowment trust land located in Township 12N, Range 04W, Section 36 and Township 11N, Range 03W, Section 16, approximately 12 miles northeast of Weiser, Idaho in Washington County. The term of the geothermal lease will be in excess of 20 years and up to 49 years. A geothermal lease which authorizes the exploration and development of geothermal resources for electrical generation is currently being developed that will be subject to a future advertised public auction process. A map of the project area, known as the Crane Creek Project, is posted on the Idaho Department of Lands website at:

<https://www.idl.idaho.gov/leasing/geothermal-leasing/>

The public is invited to hear about the potential geothermal lease and provide verbal or written comments at the following location, date, and time:

Location: Vendome Event Center – 309 State St., Weiser, ID
Date and Time: Thursday, March 20, 2025 - 7:00 pm (MT)

Written comments may be submitted at the meeting identified above or via email and via regular mail by close of business **March 30, 2025**. Comments may be submitted to Geothermal@idl.idaho.gov or to the Idaho Department of Lands, Attn: Mike Murphy, 300 N. 6th Street, Suite 103, Boise, Idaho 83702. Please contact Mike Murphy, Minerals Leasing Program Manager, at the above email address or by telephone at (208) 334-0200 if you have any questions. 9-4S

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE

On Thursday, the 12th day of June, 2025, at the hour of 10:00 o’clock a.m. of said day at Washington County Courthouse, 256 E. Court, Weiser, in the County of Washington, State of Idaho, Ryan M. Fawcett, as Successor Trustee, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property situated in the County of Washington, State of Idaho, and described as follows, to-wit:

IN WASHINGTON COUNTY, IDAHO: The North 180 feet of the South one half of Lot 1 of the Southern Idaho Land Company’s Orchard and Garden Tracts, as the same appears on the official plat thereof on file in the office of the County Recorder of Washington County, Idaho lying Northeasterly of the Lower Payette Ditch Co. Canal.

The Successor Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above-referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113, Idaho Code, the Successor Trustee has been informed that the street address of 387 Hill Rd., Weiser, Idaho, is sometimes associated with said real property.

Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by GEORGE E. WALDRON II, a married man, as his sole and separate property, Grantor, to Ryan M. Fawcett, Successor Trustee, for the benefit and security of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., recorded June 24, 2020, as Instrument No. 241378, Mortgage records of Washington County, Idaho; and assigned to IDAHO HOUSING AND FINANCE ASSOCIATION by Assignment of Deed of Trust recorded on October 24, 2024, as Instrument No. 262197, Mortgage records of Washington County, Idaho. THE ABOVE GRANTOR IS NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506 (4)(a), IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT HE IS, OR IS NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION.

Said sale is a public auction for which the bid price must be paid immediately upon close of bidding by certified funds in the form of cashier’s checks, certified checks, or valid money orders only. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason whatsoever, the successful bidder’s exclusive and sole remedy shall be the return of actual monies paid to the Successor Trustee and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse.

The default for which this sale is to be made the failure to pay when due, monthly installment payments under the Deed of Trust Note dated June 23, 2020, in the amount of \$1,698.00 each, for the months of May through December, 2024, inclusive. All delinquent payments are now due, plus accumulated late charges, plus all escrow advances, plus any costs or expenses associated with this foreclosure. The accrued interest is at the rate of 3.50% per annum from April 1, 2024, and the Beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation. The principal balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is \$232,823.03, plus accrued interest at the rate of 3.50% per annum from April 1, 2024.

DATED This 11th day of February, 2025.
RYAN M. FAWCETT, a Member of the Idaho State Bar, SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE 9-4S

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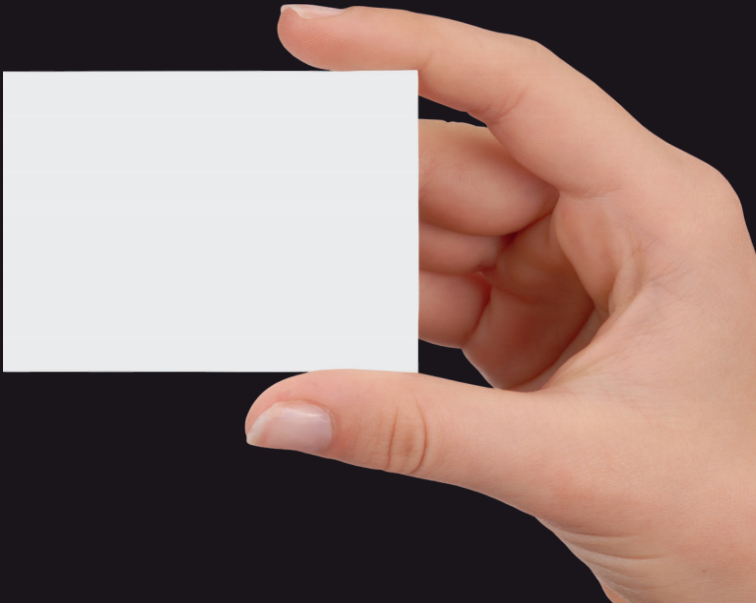
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Help Wanted

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Help Wanted

WEISER SCHOOL DISTRICT CLASSIFIED POSITIONS FOR 2024/2025

Location: Weiser, Idaho

**Weiser School District has the following
openings for the 24/25 School Year**

F/T YEAR ROUND BUS SHOP

MECHANIC -

ANNUAL SALARY \$52K - \$72K DOE &
QUALIFICATIONS

Prior to consideration for this position,
applicant shall complete the following:

1. Weiser School District Classified Application
2. Resume
3. Pass a Criminal History Background Check

Classified application is available at Weiser School District website or may be requested from the Weiser School District Office and returned to:

Affirmative Action Secretary
Weiser School District No. 431
925 Pioneer Road
Weiser, Idaho 83672
208 414-0616

downingr@weiserschools.org

Application Closing Date: Open until filled

WEISER SCHOOL DISTRICT ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS FOR 2025/2026

Location: Weiser, Idaho

**Weiser School District has the
following openings:**

ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL

**DIRECTOR OF SPECIAL EDUCATION
SERVICES**

Qualifications: Applicant shall either hold or qualify for the appropriate Administrative certification.

Prior to consideration for this position, applicant shall complete the following:

1. Administrative Weiser School District Application
2. Resume
3. Placement file or 3/5 letters of recommendation
4. Copies of all college transcripts
5. Cover letter

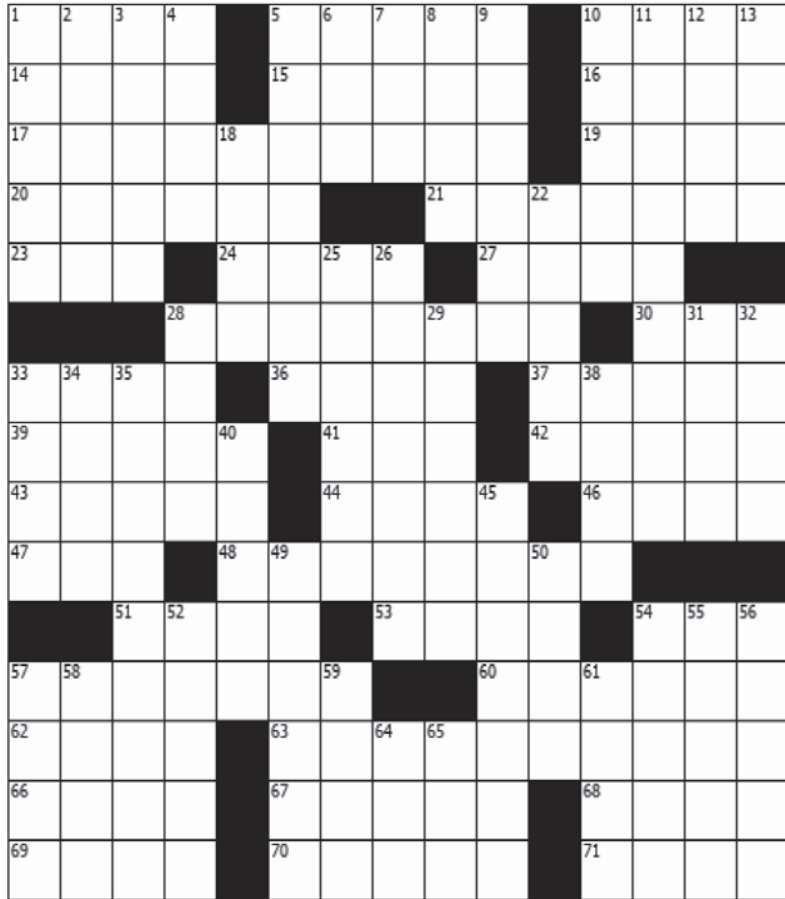
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Weiser School District No. 431
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Application Closing Date: Open until filled

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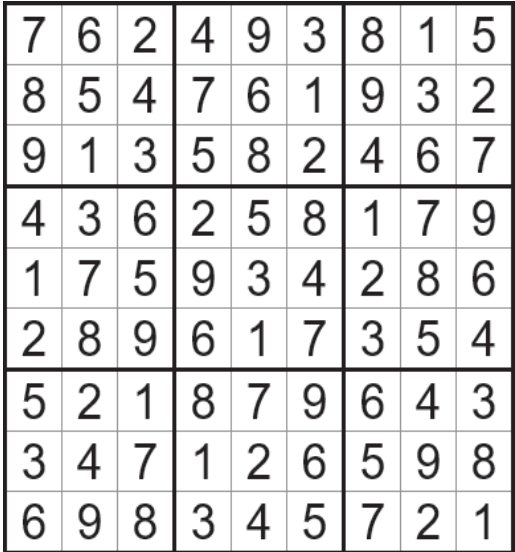
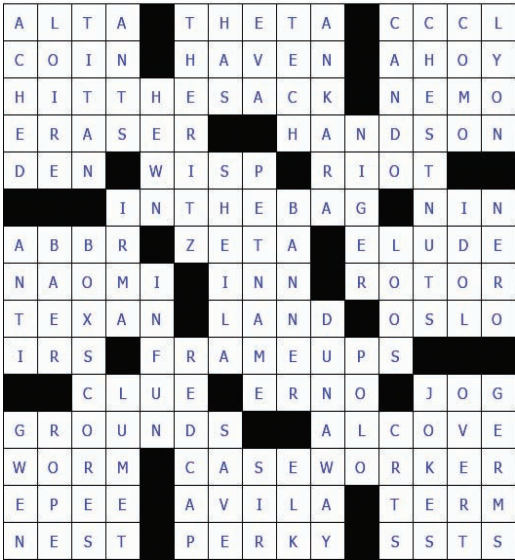
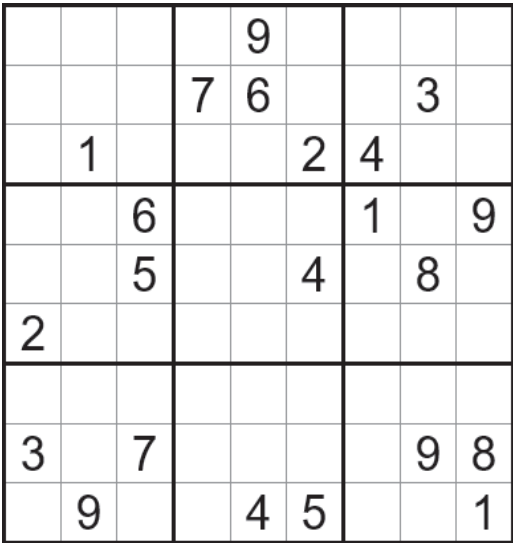
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54. Run slowly
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60. Room adjunct
62. Contemptible one
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1. Yearned
2. Longest French river
3. Moon of Saturn
4. Small hill builders
5. Classy Paris hotel
6. Is in possession of
7. Spacewalk, to NASA
8. Part of MIT
9. Capital of Turkey
10. "That won't be a problem!"
11. "___" roasting on an open fire"
12. Crooner Perry
13. French silk city

18. Felled, as a fir
22. Country east of Mali
25. Australian girl
26. "Snookums" or "Cupcake"
28. Film role for Shirley
29. Headline
31. Object of adoration
32. Claudius' stepson
33. One who's against
34. Pugilist Max
35. Sports-page listings
38. Lorelei Lee creator
40. Jocularly
45. Joan Crawford portrayer
49. Baggage handler
50. Italian explorer
52. "Network" director
54. Comic's stock-in-trade
55. Not disguised
56. Bacteria fear
57. Singer/dancer Verdon
58. Lariat
59. Keep around
61. Computer screens, initially
64. Knight's title
65. Large deer



Imagination Library needs a coordinator

**By Pat Caldwell
Signal American**
WEISER — Kelly Poe is looking for a champion. Poe, the local affiliate administrator for the Imagination Library program, hopes someone in Washington County will step up and help with the free children’s book effort.

The program — created by country and western music star Dolly Parton — is sponsored locally by the Ontario non-profit Four Rivers Healthy Community. The program delivers free books for children from infancy until they reach the age of 5. To sign up, parents can go online to imaginationlibrary.com. Each child receives 12 books a year under the program.

While the Imagination Library carries a robust presence in Malheur and Payette counties, the program needs a volunteer coordinator in Washington County, said Poe.

Poe, who lives in New Plymouth, said a local coordinator will ensure the program remains viable in Washington County.

“I’m doing the program now but I’m an outsider, so I worry about sustainability,” said Poe.

Poe, who is a retired early learning coordinator for the Malheur Education Service District, said the local piece of the free book program began at the Ontario Library but quickly outgrew the facility.



Country music star Dolly Parton is also a music writer and author in a variety of genres. In 1995, her Imagination Library, a program that gifts books to children ages birth to kindergarten, was implemented by the Dollywood Foundation, and has become an international movement. Washington County’s program needs a program coordinator. Photo by Nancy Grindstaff

“Within a year we needed to expand into Payette County. Then it took about two years before we had a young mom in Washington County call and say how come we don’t have the Imagination Library,” said Poe.

Parton’s book initiative currently has 3.1 million children registered. The Imagination Library coordinates with lo-

cal communities in a shared funding platform to furnish the books. Parton’s program pays for the cost of the books and the postage while local organizations are required to buy the books at a significant discount.

“The books we do are anywhere from \$7 to \$17 in retail value and we pay \$2.60 a book, and every book is mailed to the child,” said Poe.

The program is active in the U.S. and Canada, the United Kingdom, Australia and the Republic of Ireland.

“She (Parton) needs a local community to participate and get families to sign up for the program,” said Poe.

That’s where the non-profit Four Rivers Healthy Community comes in. The non-profit helps sponsor fundraisers and

coordinates the program, said Poe.

“We help sign up kids and promote the program,” said Poe.

The non-profit also asks organizations and businesses if they wish to sponsor labels on the books.

“Right now, we have over 2,000 kids signed up in the three-county area,” said Poe.

Poe said the program is about enhancing parent-to-child interaction.

“The No. 1 thing I want parents to do is spend time with their kids. When they read a book with their child they are getting eye contact, cadence to speech. There is no downside,” said Poe.

She said a local coordinator would be a big help with administrative tasks, such as answering phone calls from parents if their book does not arrive in the mail.

“Or if a parent needs to update their address or is having some other challenge with their books,” said Poe.

Poe said the worst-case scenario is the program dissolves in Washington County.

“It (the program) is at risk of ending if we don’t identify someone who will help,” said Poe.

To find out more about the program or to seek information regarding volunteering, interested individuals can call Poe at 208-230-0648.



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