

Midvale and Cambridge elections coming up

by **Nancy Grindstaff**

The 2025 mid-term elections include competitive city council elections in all three of Washington County’s municipalities. Voters are reminded that early voting is now open at the Washington County Courthouse from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, through Oct. 31.

The *Signal American* asked each council candidate the same question: What challenges do you see your city facing or projects coming up that you want to take part in solving and/or planning?

In both Midvale and Cambridge, three candidates are running for two four-year terms.

At Midvale, Boden Meyer, Mike Rebman, and Brady Whitener, all long-time residents in the Middle Valley, have entered the race. First incorporated in 1876, Midvale serves an in-town population of around 200. Improving the city’s water infrastructure is on everyone’s mind these days.

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Attorney’s fees sought out of conflicting court cases

by **Nancy Grindstaff**

Now in private practice, former Idaho Attorney General Lawrence Wasden has submitted a request for payment of attorney’s fees in a civil case filed in March against Washington County and a list of current and former county officials and employees.

After sending a letter to the Washington County Commissioners a week earlier, Wasden spoke to the board directly via zoom during the Monday, Oct. 6, regular weekly meeting.

“As you are aware, I sent you a letter and made a request on behalf of my client, Delton Walker, for coverage of his attorney fees in the case of Moye versus the State of Idaho and a variety of other persons, including Washington County and officials from Washington County,” Wasden said.

Wasden said most of the county officials had been served around April 15, but

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Weiser cancer support group Angel Wings Network held its annual Walk/Run Fundraising Event at Weiser City Park on Saturday, Oct. 11, with the largest pre-registration they’ve ever had at 161 participants, according to Executive Director Mabel Dobbs. Dobbs said there were well over 225 total participating and \$30,000 raised. Photo by Nancy Grindstaff

Court denies county’s motion to dismiss city’s lawsuit

by **Nancy Grindstaff**

It isn’t clear whether the City of Weiser’s lawsuit against the county will ultimately prevail, but the Washington County Prosecutor’s office was unsuccessful in a motion on behalf of the county for dismissal of the case in District Court on Thursday, Oct. 9.

Filed on July 21, 2025, the City’s complaint stems from the Washington County Commissioners decision to move ahead with setting up a county prosecutor’s office in an A1 residential zone at 343 East Main St., in spite of the fact that Weiser’s City Council had turned down a conditional use permit application on Sept. 23, 2024.

After hearing lengthy arguments, first from Washington County Deputy Prosecutor Sean Jorgensen and then from the City’s legal representative Jeff Schroeder, presiding District Judge Gabriel McCarthy denied the county’s dismissal motion from the bench.

Following Jorgensen’s final rebuttal, McCarthy said the court is required to “exude a record in the light that is most favorable to the non-moving party.”

“The issue is not whether the plaintiff will ultimately prevail, but whether the plaintiff is entitled to offer evidence to support its claims,” McCarthy said. “This is an area of

discretion for the court. The court must act consistent with applicable legal standards and reach its decision by an exercise of reason.”

McCarthy said it ultimately comes down to whether or not the city is or was legally required to approve the requested use of the location.

“I haven’t heard any legal argument that would require the city to allow or permit the county prosecutor’s office to operate at this location,” McCarthy said. “That’s why I’m ruling from the bench. I expect the county

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Growing into the role of Weiser historian

by **Nancy Grindstaff**

In the last of a series of special events hosted at the Snake River Heritage Center and just in time for Halloween, an unforgettable evening hearing about the Haunted History of Weiser will take place from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 24, in the quintessential Hooker Hall auditorium.

For local history buffs or those who would like to be, Sarah Borda will tell three true-life tales from 1882 and 1883 in Weiser’s “old town,” where it was first sited at the end of East Main Street.

It’s fair to say that Borda has picked up the mantle of compiling, preserving, and sharing the historical passages of Weiser, learning and telling the stories of the benefactors who made the place we call home.

Describing herself as a nerd and always an avid reader, Borda said her interest in Weiser history was born out of a 7th grade social studies assignment, a class taught by Jeri Kleppin with whom she now volunteers at the Snake River Heritage Center.

“We had an assignment where we had to find someone in Weiser who had lived here a long time and ask them 20 things, interesting facts about Weiser,” Borda said. “I think I talked with Leah Marvin, but I remember finding that assignment super interesting. And, I always enjoyed reading the ‘In Days of Old’ section of the *Signal American*.”

That kicked off her local historical interest, but it was a

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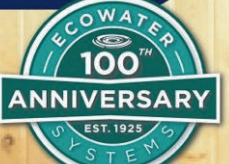
Pictured in the *Signal American*’s morgue, Sarah Borda has discovered a passion for Weiser history and through it has become a goldmine of knowledge about the town’s past.

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Weiser firefighter Wyatt Moreno talks with some children, including his own, about firefighting during the Weiser Fire District's open house held on Wednesday, Oct. 8. Those attending enjoyed refreshments and got a closer look at the district's newest engine. *Photo by Sarah Imada*

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City's case moves forward

will file an answer, and I expect there will be further motion practice on this.”

In their arguments, both Schroeder and Jorgensen pointed out the small building had been used as a chiropractor's office in the past, but neither provided verification whether or not that business had sought a use permit from the city in 2008 when it first opened there, or if the original owner was living in the house at that time.

After changing ownership in 2014, the chiropractic business relocated to a commercial spot in downtown Weiser a few years later, and the house on East Main reverted to a residential rental property.

No one knows if the county has ever provided a county-owned office for its prosecutor, but at least for the previous 50 years, locally based attorneys serving in the position completed their elected duties out of their own offices. To meet the state's legal requirement for the provision of prosecutor's office amenities, during those years the county entered into lease agreements with the elected prosecutors for the use of their office facilities.

The Board of Commissioners purchased the East Main property for \$230,000 ahead of a scheduled city plan-

ning and zoning conditional use permit hearing in August, 2024. At the time of the purchase, the property was listed for sale as a single-family two-bedroom, one-bath residence.

With no county representative attending the hearing, and one neighboring property owner testifying against the proposal, the City of Weiser P&Z commission voted unanimously to recommend a denial of the application. The Weiser City Council followed up with a vote to uphold the P&Z's recommendation on Sept. 23, 2024. The county appealed the decision and was again denied in December on a 3-2 vote.

By then, the County Commissioners had moved ahead with a remodel of the building, and in January newly elected Prosecutor True Pearce and his staff moved in.

In April, Weiser Mayor Randy Hibberd went to the board of commissioners, urging them to either reapply for a permit, or suggesting an easier resolution would be to take the case to administrative court where a judge could interpret the code and issue a ruling.

Without a reply from the county by July, the city moved forward by filing the lawsuit.

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History became a habit

number of years before she undertook the “habit” on a more fulltime basis.

When her son Parker was born with several physical challenges to overcome, the two of them spent the next several years seeing doctors and in hospitals, which gave her a lot of time in a waiting mode. Now, at 13, Parker is doing well and pursuing many of his own interests.

But, in all of that waiting time Sarah had become bored with television.

“I had my laptop with me and was looking at the Weiser library to find a book, and I came across the online newspapers,” she said. “A lot of the early, early papers weren't readable, but I finally found one I could read and then I went down the rabbit hole.

“After a few months, I decided I should be making notes on this,” she said. “In the last few years, I just really have enjoyed it, and I got connected with the museum. I sit on their board, which helps feed my habit.”

Unfortunately, sometime in the past two or three years, those digitized copies dating back to 1882 were lost when the web host supporting them went down. But, since then, when Borda has a block of time available she spends time in the *Signal American's* morgue, photographing page after page of the earliest Weiser newspapers starting in 1882.

“I've read every newspaper from the beginning, 1882 until I'm in the middle of 1903 right now,” she said. “I've made notes on them all.

“There are so many stories about Weiser I've run across, small things that happened, and nobody knows about it, or the people who did know are long gone,” Borda said. “A lot of the books written about Weiser hold the big stories, but one thing I'm surprised by are the amount of women that made Weiser what it was, and you never hear about them. They did the leg work, developing the culture, putting in the parks, making sure we had a library, all the volunteer work at the schools.

“I'm always amazed,” she said. “So many people did amazing things for the time or amount of time they were here, or because of constraints they were under, but still did cool things. And it's been lost to time, but the current generations are still benefiting from them.”

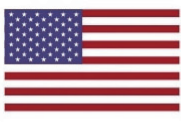
Death Notices

Caroline Rathbun

Caroline Rathbun, 89, of Weiser, Idaho passed away Oct 4, 2025 in Weiser. Arrangements under the direction of Thomason Funeral Home.

Patrick Hughes

Patrick Hughes, 47, of Weiser, Idaho passed away on Oct, 2, 2025 in Weiser. Arrangements under the direction of Thomason Funeral Home.



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Weiser's Nordgren family is hosting a fun-run/walk on Saturday, Oct. 18, to raise funds to help find a cure for a hereditary eye disease. Pictured, front, Emma, Tara, Ammon, and Faith Nordgren. Back, Carter and Brayden Nordgren.

Fundraiser set for eye disease cure

by Keith Boles

A fundraiser 5K fun-run/walk will be held on Saturday, Oct. 18 at 9 a.m. starting at the Weiser High School. All of the proceeds will be donated to help find a cure for blindness causing disease.

The world can truly be cruel sometimes. Some people are sadly given rough hands in life with things such as disease, but by participating in this fun run fundraiser, you might be able to make it a little fairer.

One of our core senses and most important is our sense of sight. Without it, there are so many experiences that would be taken away from us. Sadly, however, some people lose that gift and go blind.

One disease that causes this is the hereditary disease called Choroideremia. One family in Weiser has been forced to deal with its effects.

The Nordgren family has had many family members afflicted with this condition, and their youngest son, Carter Nordgren, inherited the disease and will someday be completely blind, much like his grandfather.

The family, wanting to not only raise awareness for the disease, but also wanting to raise funds to help research to find a cure for it, decided to host a fun run fundraiser.

The run will start at the high school,

and it will run along Indianhead Road and past the golf course, then turn onto Valley View Drive. Then it will turn left onto McGinnis and then take another left to Ali Lane before heading back and ending at the high school.

The goal of this fun run was at first low, but now, with the generosity of Weiser, the goal has been raised to the large sum of \$10,000.

All of that money will then go towards the Choroideremia Research Foundation, which is an organization bent on finding the cure for this disease. The CEO, who has the disease himself, makes sure all proceeds go straight into researching and finding a cure.

To join the race, you need to donate \$25 for one person or \$100 for a family of 4 or more. To donate the money, use the QR codes in the flyer for the event.

Most people would let this disease get them down, but Carter, the member of the family afflicted with the sickness, doesn't let it stop him.

"Everyone might think that this is a terrible thing that is happening to me and it is. But I have learned that it is just something I have to deal with so I am," Nordgren said.

This is only the first fundraiser the Nordgrens are doing, and hopefully, the ones in the future can be just as successful as this one is shaping up to be.



Brushing Habits

In life we seem to focus most of our attention on the things that we can see. There is the old saying "Out of sight out of mind." For a lot of people I think this applies to the way they brush their teeth.

While brushing, most people spend the majority of their time on what they see. When you open your mouth wide and look in the mirror you see the biting surface (occlusal surface) of your lower teeth. Many individuals will scrub the biting surface of the lower teeth and then scrub the biting surface of the top teeth. Then they will smile in the mirror and scrub their front teeth.

Our teeth have five surfaces, but some of the surfaces need more attention than others. All of the surfaces need to be cleaned, but if you had to skip one of the surfaces I would pick the biting surface. What? While chewing you naturally remove the plaque from this surface.

Plaque tends to accumulate in the areas that we can't easily see! While brushing focus on the gum line! You will also need to floss to remove the plaque between the teeth. If you are wondering if you are brushing correctly stop in for a demonstration.

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Coming Up

Museum to celebrate 100 years with Haunted History of Weiser

The Snake River Heritage Center is celebrating its 100th birthday. Mark your calendars for a Haunted History of Weiser on Oct. 24 at 7 p.m. Come listen to some chilling (real) tales from the archives. Visit their website at SnakeRiverHeritage-Center.org for more information.

WHS wrestling program fundraisers

Two upcoming fundraisers on behalf of Weiser High School's wrestling program will be held in the upcoming weeks. The first will be a silent auction at Memorial Park, cornhole tournament at just \$30 per team, and a \$9 meal deal set for Saturday, Oct. 18 at 11 a.m. Plan ahead to take part in the third annual Weiser Wrestling Turkey Trot, starting at 9 a.m. on Thanksgiving morning at Memorial Park. Entry fees are just \$25 for adults and \$15 for 12 and under. Register at lorisarich@gmail.com.

Idaho-Oregon Buddhist Temple bazaar and auction

The Idaho-Oregon Buddhist Temple will have their bazaar and auction on Sunday, Oct. 19 starting at noon. The temple is located at 286 SE 4th St. in Ontario. There will be food, produce, sanctuary open house, bingo, and auction.

Community Supplemental Levy Conversation

Weiser School District Superintendent Dave Kerby, Board Clerk Kyla Dickerson, and Business Manager Barbara Choate will present information regarding the upcoming Supplemental Levy at the Weiser Public Library, 628 East 1st Street in Weiser, on Monday, Oct. 20, 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. The supplemental levy for the 2026-27 and 2027-28 school years will be on the Nov. 4 general election ballot.

Safe disposal of medications at Memorial Hospital on Oct. 25

Bring unwanted medications to Weiser Memorial Hospital's front entrance on Saturday, Oct. 25 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for safe disposal.

Winter coat and hoodie giveaway

Love INC ministry winter coat and hoodie giveaway will be held on Saturday, Oct. 25, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at St. Agnes Catholic Church, 214 E. Liberty, Weiser. Free new and gently used coats and hoodies are available for adults and children. For more information call Dorothy Evans at 208-550-0990.

Ontario Community Church Harvest Bazaar to be Nov. 2

The Ontario Community Church Harvest Bazaar will be held Sunday, Nov. 2. Worship will be held at 11:15 a.m. The bazaar from noon to 3 p.m. and the auction begins at 2 p.m.



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Hatred leaves a bad taste

Dear Editor:

Hatred is a savage animal without conscience, and once unleashed it seeks to undermine the safety of the surrounding innocent in its rule of nature of self-serving ill conceived acts.

It feeds off of the ego-maniacal resolve of tainted hearts and minds, and would spread like a virus in its twisted conceptions. The Beast intoxicates itself in its rabid state, void of counter reasoning. It will employ all manner of evil in furthering its disruptive agenda, and invites anyone

in its warped announcements of hate to adopt it. The only way to rein in the beast or lessen its will of intent is through the starvation on which it feeds. Only then will it weaken to the point of management. But, be it known in deceptively the beast can be incapacitated, it can gain new

strength in an event it will consume as sustenance. An though it remains the threat it chooses to be, it knows full well its number one opponent are those with God’s armament of the purity of His love in their hearts.
Lync McCandles
Weiser, Idaho

Open letter to the Washington County Commissioners

Dear Commissioners,

I respectfully hope that you will have used your Oct. 14, agenda item titled “Planning and Zoning Commission Membership Discussion” to accomplish two things.

First, a vote to cancel/drop/rescind (or whatever the correct term is) the proposed action to revise county ordinance 1-7-2 is the right answer to a public that has spoken loud and clear – we don’t want the change you commissioners have proposed, and it is not in the best interest of the county. Second, your vote to immediately reinstate all of the dismissed county planning and zoning commission members is only right.

We need our P&Z commission back in place to allow our normal planning and zoning business to be

conducted. Any vacancies that result following the reinstatement can be filled in March as described in the county ordinance and state law, with the nominations made by the BOCC chairman, and confirmed by a 2/3 majority vote.

The county does not need you to continue to delay and play games with these P&Z Commission matters. Our tax dollars are not being well spent with this recent BOCC behavior. We need our BOCC to get back to the business that you were elected to conduct, and quit creating chaos and trying to do the job of a P&Z commission. The BOCC has now wasted about six months with the games on ordinances and planning and zoning. The ability to end this disruption is in your hands. Please don’t miss this opportunity to do the right thing.

Many of us citizens of the county will help and support you. But you must work within the bounds of the

law, our county ordinances, and the wishes of the hardworking citizens of Washington County. We need you to allow the processes to work, make thoughtful decisions, and not be working outside of the laws and rules. We also need your assurance that there are no deals being made outside of the public forum. Be transparent.

I sincerely want to help you – just let me know how. Most of the citizens that care about the county want to see the litigation end, including the ridiculous suits that are being initiated by our own prosecuting attorney. However, if the BOCC does not start following the law and does not start making wise decisions, I will be surprised if the county isn’t faced with additional litigation. None of us citizens want to see that happen.

Thank you for your consideration.
Frank Schwartz
Cambridge, Idaho

Guest editorial by Becky Funk, President of North Idaho Federated Republican Women

Absentee Voting: Idaho’s quiet success story

Absentee voting has quietly served Idaho for decades. It gives seniors, rural residents, working families, and military members a trusted way to cast their ballots. For many, it’s not just convenient but essential.

And for our active-duty service members in the U.S. and abroad, absentee voting isn’t simply a matter of convenience it is the only way their voices can be heard.

A soldier serving away from home should never lose the right to vote for the leaders who shape the policies that affect their service. All veterans should always have a voice in the very democracy they helped defend. Absentee voting ensures that the men and women who have given so much for our country continue to have a say in its future.

Absentee Voting Isn’t Mail-In Voting. One common misunderstanding is confusing absentee voting with universal mail-in voting. They are not the same.

- In Idaho, absentee ballots are available only to registered voters who request them in advance. Each request is verified, and ballots must be returned by strict deadlines.

- Universal mail-in voting, on the other hand, automatically sends ballots to every registered voter, whether they asked for one or not.

Idaho does not use universal mail-in voting. Our absentee system is controlled, request-based, and full of checks that protect security and accountability.

Idaho has recently strengthened absentee voting even more:

- Online ballot requests require ei-

ther a state-issued ID or the last four digits of a Social Security number; but you must have first registered with your Idaho driver’s license or state-issued ID card number to request an absentee ballot.

- Requests must be made annually.
- Returned ballots must have signatures that match voter records, and county clerks carefully verify them. County Election offices must have annual training on signature verification.

These steps are straightforward, transparent, and build public confidence. They also ensure that when a ballot is sent to a Marine in the Pacific, an airman in Europe, or a soldier stationed in the Middle East, that vote is every bit as secure as one cast in person at the polls.

Much of the handwringing about absentee ballots simply isn’t based on fact. Idaho election officials, Republican and Democrat alike, have testified that fraud is extremely rare. Paper ballots, signature verification, and post-election audits already safeguard the process. And in Idaho, when fraud does occur, it is prosecuted. The evidence shows absentee voting is secure and reliable.

Idaho has also put an end to ballot harvesting. Only the voter, or a close contact like a family member or caregiver, can return a ballot. No one can legally drop off a stack of ballots at the elections office. That safeguard further protects the chain of custody.

These reforms haven’t gone unnoticed. In 2024, Idaho improved its standing on The Heritage Foundation’s Election Integrity Scorecard,

joining states recognized for significantly strengthening election security. The Honest Elections Project also praised reforms like requiring voter ID for every ballot and securing early and absentee voting, which Idaho has already put into practice.

The impact goes beyond rankings. In places like Kootenai County, absentee voting helps ease poll-day congestion, reduces pressure on poll workers, and keeps lines shorter. That makes Election Day smoother and more efficient for everyone. But above all, absentee ballots protect the voices of Idaho’s veterans and active-duty military, a group that above any other has earned right and expectation, that their vote will count.

At its heart, absentee voting is about access. It gives every eligible Idahoan a secure way to vote, no matter their circumstances. When politicians add hurdles just to look tough on elections, they aren’t protecting democracy they’re getting in the way of legitimate voters.

Idaho should continue building on this quiet success story by keeping access strong while making smart, thoughtful improvements.

Absentee voting in Idaho is secure, tested, and improving. More importantly, it keeps faith with every Idahoan, including those who have worn the uniform and stood watch so we can remain free to cast our ballots at home.

For more information on Idaho’s elections and to request an absentee ballot, visit VoteIdaho.gov. Absentee ballots must be requested by 5 p.m. on Oct. 24.



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Testing, testing 123

St. Luke's Episcopal
by Carolyn Wesner

You've heard this a million times with sound systems: testing, testing, 123. The idea of sound checks is to find out if the mics are working, whether the volume is appropriate for the room, or if there is annoying feedback. There are many other kinds of tests we take too: driving tests, blood analysis tests, pop quizzes in school, medical or dental board exams, and physical fitness tests. Pass or fail? Grade on the curve? Open book?

Sometimes Christ-followers evaluate themselves, to see if they measure up to God's "standards" (and some Christians like to evaluate others...). Near the end of the New Testament there

are three small books written by "John" maybe the disciple or John the Evangelist – scholars aren't sure, but no matter. These Greek letters were written from the city of Ephesus to newly converted believers, many of whom didn't have much of a religious background. They had not met Jesus in far away Jerusalem or Galilee decades before, so they really didn't know how to live the Jesus life. They had questions: what is sin, anyway? How do we know if we're living the Christ-like way properly? They needed guidance!

"Here is a test, so you can tell if you know Jesus: keep his commands ("love one another as I have loved you"). A few verses later, John poses

another test: "You can make sure you are living in Jesus by living the way he lived." Pretty much the rest of 1st John lists examples of how Jesus-y people do this. Here are some of his main points: love those around you and show it by your actions, don't be a liar, don't set your hopes on the godless world or anything in it, be thoughtful and do the right things, get rid of all hatred towards others, and do away with lawlessness.

John ends his letter kindly: approach God with confidence, pray and rescue each other, and know that God forgives, lives within us, and will return for us at last.

See you Sundays at St. Luke's, 10 a.m. worship, 11 a.m. Coffee Hour. Everyone is welcome!

Just something to think about

I love to travel. But, I cannot imagine getting on a ship and heading out for "somewhere" as Columbus did. He traveled on the open sea with three ships and great hopes. I am grateful that he did, because I love this land of ours.

The travel bug has sort of bitten me, but I am staying pretty close to home, because of a recent hip replacement. They say it is the easiest joint surgery to recover from. The physical therapy is simply a matter of walking. The dog will love that!

Once I recuperate, if the weather is still nice, I would like to get up and go. The one question I asked my surgeon was how soon I could drive

again. Because it is my left hip, I won't need to use it for the pedals, so I should be on the road again in one to two weeks. Watch out Weiser!

I am looking forward to being in heaven where I don't need to drive! No car payments! No car insurance! And going about at the speed of walking so I can see all of the scenery! And hear all of the sounds. Marvellous!

What a great thing to look forward to. Columbus only had the sea and the sky for all of the miles he crossed. We have so much more ahead of us.

Just something to think about!

Jesus loves you and so do I.

C. Shaw



Love one another

Riverside Baptist

What is the distinct characteristic of a disciple of Christ? Jesus states that you are my disciples if you love one another. These words were spoken during the "Last Supper." Knowing that the cross awaited Him, Jesus chose to leave His disciples with a legacy of service through a simple powerful act. He took water and a towel and washed his disciples' feet. The disciple that Jesus knew would betray Him, Judas, was also at this meal. Jesus washed the feet of His enemy. Why did Jesus do this? He demonstrated that we are to serve even those that are against us.

Jesus commanded us to love one another in the same way he demonstrated love, by washing His disciples' feet. Jesus redefines love. It's no longer about feelings or convenience. It's sacrificial, humble, and costly. It reaches into brokenness, bears burdens, and remains faithful even when wounded.

In a society often marked by division,

cynicism, and competition, Jesus says the world should be able to see His followers by the way they love each other. Not by their theology alone, but by their selfless devotion to one another. This love is the Christian's spiritual fingerprint.

"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." (John 13:34-35, ESV).

I invite you to join us this Sunday. Our morning worship service is at 10:45 a.m. We do expository, verse by verse, preaching. We are currently studying a series on "Discipleship: Obeying the Commands of Jesus." All are welcome!

If you have any questions about this article, the Bible, or our church please feel free to email us at rbcweiser@gmail.com. Our church website is river-sidechurchweiser.com.

Pastor Ian Ross

St. Luke's hosts Blessing of the Animals at new dog park

In celebration of the bond between humans and their beloved pets, St. Luke's Episcopal Church will host a Blessing of the Animals on Saturday, Oct. 18 at noon at the new Weiser dog park, Happy Tails Dog Park, located at 1110 E. Park St.

The event honors St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of animals and all of God's creation. Families are invited to bring their well-behaved dogs, contained cats, and even photos or favorite toys representing other

cherished animals for a special blessing.

"This is a beautiful way to recognize the joy and companionship our pets bring into our lives," said a church representative. "It's also a moment to reflect on the sacredness of all living things."

The Blessing of the Animals is open to everyone in the community, regardless of faith tradition. Attendees are encouraged to arrive a few minutes early and gather in the lawn area of the dog park.

Donations collected

during the event will benefit the Weiser River Shelter and Rescue, supporting their ongoing efforts to care for and rehome animals in need.

Whether your pet barks, purrs, chirps – or lives in your heart as a memory – this event offers a gentle moment of gratitude, connection, and community spirit.

For more information, contact Blake Coats at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 208-549-1994 or visit the Weiser Dog Park Facebook page.

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English Sunday Mass: 9 a.m.
Spanish Sunday Mass: 12 p.m.
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Tues.-Wed.: 7:30 a.m.
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Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m.
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Overlapping legal actions may add to county’s costs

Walker wasn’t served until June 11.

“Prior to Mr. Walker being served, the Washington County prosecutor True Pearce, also filed a case directly against Mr. Walker,” Wasden said. “That case was filed on April 23 and claimed that Mr. Walker committed usurpation of office. The reason that’s important is because the prosecutor’s filing that lawsuit disqualified the Washington County prosecutor and his office members from representing Mr. Walker in the Moye lawsuit.”

Wasden said the Idaho Rules of Professional Conduct, rules 1.7 and 1.8, “would find that to be a conflict of interest, which would disqualify Mr. Pearce from representing Mr. Walker.”

Wasden then referred to advice given by Pearce to the governing board in a special meeting on July 10, regarding the county’s obligation to cover the legal fees of county employees named in a Federal 1983 lawsuit who were acting in their official duties. Known as the Dickerson and Burnett versus Washington County lawsuit, the county announced a settlement payment of \$20,000 to the plaintiffs in September.

“The board authorized individual county officers to obtain their own legal services, and with a maximum of \$500 per hour,” Wasden said.

Quoting from Idaho code 31-2604, Wasden said county prosecutors are duty-bound to “defend all actions, applications or motions, civil or criminal, in the district court of his county in which the people, or the state, or the county, are interested, or are a party.” He then noted Idaho code 31-2014 “provides that any county elected official with the approval of the Board of County Commissioners may hire an attorney to elect as his legal adviser.”

“Those statutes are operational here,” Wasden said. “Mr. Walker was at all times within the Moye lawsuit acting as the elected Washington County prosecutor, and, therefore, subject to the attorney fees being covered by Washington County.”

Wasden then pointed out that former county commissioner Lyndon Haines is in a similar situation.

In a court hearing on Sept. 29, where three separate motions to dismiss the Moye lawsuit were heard in District Court, Wasden told the commissioners “the court was quite distressed that Mr. Haines did not have representation.”

“On that basis, I’m asking the county commission to cover Mr. Walker’s attorney’s fees that have been incurred and will be incurred as he defends himself for actions taken while he was the Washing-

ton County prosecuting attorney,” Wasden said.

The board then voted to go into executive session, and afterwards elected to add a time to discuss Wasden’s request during this week’s, Tuesday, Oct. 14, weekly meeting.

Moye/Beery vs Washington County

Motions to dismiss the lawsuit filed in late March by Gentry Lane residents Tanya Moye, Terry Moye, and Judy Beery, are now awaiting a written decision from Judge Davis VanderVelde following a court hearing held Sept. 29.

During the hearing, where the State of Idaho, Southwest District Health, and Walker each entered motions, the plaintiffs were found to be representing themselves, saying they had been unable to find an attorney to take their case.

Although Washington County Deputy Prosecutor Sean Jorgensen didn’t state details in a pending settlement agreement the county is pursuing with the plaintiffs, Tanya Moye told the court “our information about the timeline is that they’re just waiting for the new surveyor’s report, and as soon as it is complete, it will be done.”

Represented by Deputy AG Matt Maurer, the State believes it was erroneously tied into the case, somehow bound up with

SWDH, but as a political subdivision of the state, Idaho code 39-2401 provides for health districts to seek their own legal counsel.

SWDH’s attorney Michael Kane said SWDH had found out they were named in the suit somewhat obliquely.

“They had heard from different people, and found a notice of tort claim to the State of Idaho with SWDH on the top of the list,” Kane said. “Two issues: a) SWDH was never served notice, and b) thought the responsible thing is to let the court know they are not properly named in this case.”

On behalf of Walker, Wasden argued that the plaintiffs had missed the 28-day timeframe for judicial review in both 2021 on a neighbor’s rezone land-use decision, and again in early 2024, when the county commissioners voted to validate Gentry Lane as a county road.

“I will issue a written decision that does conclude the matters we had on the calendar for today,” VanderVelde said.

State of Idaho/Pearce vs Delton Walker

In a complaint filed in April by Washington County Prosecutor True Pearce, Pearce accused former prosecutor Delton Walker of usurpation of office.

On Sept. 24 District Judge Gene Petty heard in-person oral

arguments on a motion for summary judgment.

In the courtroom Wasden’s arguments in favor of the motion narrowed down to two allegations in the Pearce’s complaint. One was an accusation that Walker had received a memo from a county employee that was not authorized for release, and secondly, he had forwarded a legal opinion to Commissioner Nate Marvin, one the commissioners had first received in 2021.

Wasden said both the Idaho and US constitutions guarantee citizens the right to speak freely to their elected representatives, “including Mr. Walker.” Referring to the subject of the memo, Wasden said the plaintiffs had not provided any evidence for the claim.

Opposing arguments by Jorgensen representing Pearce, who was not in the courtroom that day, included a power point laying out the list of complaints in the original filing, including references to the recently settled Dickerson/Burnett vs Washington County lawsuit.

Petty questioned whether or not a county prosecutor has the exclusive authority to provide advice to county commissioners.

Taking the case under advisement, Petty said he will enter a written decision as soon as possible.

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Infrastructure in focus for upper country candidates



Boden Meyer

“Our city is facing an important challenge with water usage during the summer months. When demand peaks as residents water their lawns, our system struggles to provide steady water pressure for everyone. The solution will require thoughtful upgrades to our infrastructure, but it’s essential that we move forward in a way that is financially wise. My goal is to make improvements that secure our future water needs while protecting residents from rising costs.

Having grown up in the Middle Valley, with family roots that stretch back to the early settlers, I value the responsibility of keeping our city both resilient and affordable. Today, I am proud to be raising my family here with my wife and our two young kids.

My work as a volunteer with the Midvale Fire Protection District has shown me how much strong infrastructure matters to the

safety and wellbeing of a community, and I want to carry that same commitment to ensuring reliable, affordable water services for our neighbors now and for generations to come.”



Mike Rebman

Incumbent Mike Rebman says he believes the choices they make to improve the city’s water service infrastructure could send spending out of the ballpark.

“We can’t afford that,” Rebman said. “We’re looking at a number of different options, and we’re holding public meetings for people to throw their views around. It’s not going to be cheap no matter what, but Midvale isn’t the only city having water issues. Everything, the town’s systems, is old. We did replace all of the water lines, I believe, in 2002.”

Rebman said the city is in the process of doubling the current water rates, “which are something like \$22, and now it’s going to be around \$45.

“I just don’t want to spend ourselves broke,” he said. “The population is probably 60 to 70 percent elderly people, on fixed incomes, and many of them lifelong residents.”



Brady Whitener

Incumbent, Brady Whitener said the city’s water service is obviously at the forefront of the city’s issues currently.

“We’ve been exploring a lot of ideas, and are trying to keep it local and in-house to try to accomplish it,” Whitener said. “DEQ offered a loan, but it’s so high, over \$2 million just for a tank and booster system.”

Whitener said if they went that route the water rates could go over \$150 per month, quite a jump from the current rates that are around \$20 per month.

“We’re raising rates at this month’s city council meeting, and will start by saving the increase to pay towards the improvements,” he said.

Whitener said they are looking at striking a lease agreement on a piece of ground that sits above the city where they will punch a new well.

“Then we’ll put a tank that will gravity feed most of the city,” he said. “It’s our plan to try to do this in stages, do what we can afford, pay for them as we go, or maybe with some smaller loan amounts, but slowly upgrade over two to three years. Consequently, water bills have to go up.”

Cambridge

In Cambridge, with a population hovering between 350 to 400, over time the city has and continues to upgrade public services in the 125 year-old town. The city was founded in 1900 after the completion of the Idaho Pacific and Northern railroad line, and incorporated in 1902.

Seeking election to the Council are two incumbents, Gene Neumann and Levi Harrison, and challenger Taylor Powell.

Gene Neumann

I am focused on lowering costs for the people, to get the town to look good aesthetically, and to get more things done to improve the town.

Taylor Powell

Our city is presently experiencing numerous infrastructure enhancements and repairs, and I am eager to assist in making the process smoother while



witnessing the development of our community.

One challenge I observe that Cambridge is dealing with is a lack of housing. Many workers or seasonal laborers find themselves with limited options. A significant portion of Cambridge’s housing stock requires considerable repairs or is utilized as Air BnBs. I am excited to contribute to addressing this issue.

Levi Harrison

Levi Harrison was unable to respond to the *Signal American’s* request for a statement.

Some taxing district positions go unchallenged

Running unopposed, Cambridge Mayor Mark Loveland will retain his position for another four years, and, also unopposed, Hayden Boll will fill a two-year term on the city council.

Without challengers, a number of taxing district commissioners will also retain their positions as commissioners on the

boards.

In Midvale’s cemetery district, Dennis Holmes will continue to serve Zone 1. Frank Schwartz will retain his seat on Salubria Cemetery board for Zone 3.

At Hillcrest Cemetery District in Weiser, Cary Gibbs, Zone 1, and Steve Penner, Zone 2, will retain their commission seats.

Cambridge Fire District commissioners continuing their service are Ron Jaeger, Zone 3, and William Gladhart, Zone 2. In Midvale’s Fire District, it’s Wes Mitchell in Zone 3, and in Weiser Fire District, Nicholas Rynearson, Zone 1.

Two school districts hold races

While Melissa Noah, Zone 5, and Pam Schwenkfelder, Zone 2, will continue serving as trustees on the Cambridge School Board, Daniel Leuthold is unopposed for Midvale School District’s Zone 1.

There are two contested races for four-year terms on the Midvale School Board. In Zone 2, Brittany Waggoner and Jerry Piper have both entered the race and in Zone 5, Jerry Lunsford and Jacob Waggoner are both running for the position.

In Weiser’s School Board election, Jim Brush and Sam Lancaster are on the ballot to represent Zone 2, and unopposed, Toby Clary will fill the seat for Zone 1.

Fall Sports Schedule

Football

VARSITY

Date	Meet	Site	Time	W/L
Aug. 28	Buhl	A	7:00	14-19L
Sept. 5	Lakeland	H	7:00	9-24L
Sept. 12	Melba	A	7:00	32-14W
Sept. 19	Pendleton	H	7:00	62-14W
Sept. 26	*McCall	A	7:00	21-14W
Oct. 3	*Homedale	A	7:00	14-24L
Oct. 10	*Cole Valley	H	7:00	38-6W
Oct. 17	*Fruitland	H	7:00	
Oct. 24	*Payette	A	7:00	
Oct. 30-Nov. 1	State First Round	TBA		
Nov. 6-8	State Quarterfinals	TBA		
Nov. 13-15	State Semifinals	TBA		



Weiser's Wolverines played a tremendous game against Cole Valley, winning the 2025 Homecoming game 38-6. Defense was on fire, with Brendan Youngberg (20), Shayd Crossley (7), Dylann Ashley (52), and Klete Cook (8) surrounding the Chargers carrier on this play.



Honored on senior night, Weiser's girls soccer seniors are from left, Via Magana, Autumn Jones, Presley Gamble, Hailey Christopherson, Hardy Capurro, Ailyn Lopez, Isabella Froshiesar, and Ariana Tarelo. Photo by Nancy Grindstaff



Weiser's Alex Juarez (19) sends the ball forward, while Julio Hernandez (7) is ready to help out. Photo by Nancy Grindstaff

Cross Country

Date	Location	Time
Sept. 11	SRV Conference Meet at Discovery Park in Meridian	4:00
Sept. 19	Dani Bates at Sunway Complex in Twin Falls	11:00
Sept. 24	Payette Open at McCain Middle School	5:00
Oct. 4	Gib Floyd Classic at Kuna High School	TBA
Oct. 4	Inland Empire Championships at Lewiston Orchards	TBA
Oct. 9	Glenn Crosby Invitational at TVCC	TBA
Oct. 15	Winston Tilzey Invite at Nampa West Park	TBA
Oct. 21	District 3 Championship at Rolling Hills in Weiser	TBA
Nov. 1	State Meet at Lewiston Orchards	10:00



Claire Matthews. Don't miss District 3 championships in Weiser on Oct. 21.

Volleyball

Date	Meet	Site	Time
Oct. 2	*Homedale	H	4:45
Oct. 7	*Emmett	A	4:45
Oct. 8	*Cole Valley	H	4:45
Oct. 14	*McCall	H	4:45
Oct. 16	*Fruitland	A	4:45
Oct. 18, 21, 23	District (High Seed)	TBA	
Oct. 20	Sub-Varsity District	TBA	
Oct. 25	Play-In Grangeville		1:00
Oct. 30-Nov. 1	State at Mt. American in Idaho Falls	TBA	

*SRV Conference Matches
Times: Frosh - 4:45; JV-20 Min. After
Frosh; Varsity 20 Min. After JV



Ashlynn Brush puts the ball into play, with Avery Palmer (1) and Evie Dolton (5) looking on and ready to help. Photo by Nancy Grindstaff



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While no one was looking, Garrett Walker (33) took off on a 75-yard run for Weiser’s first touchdown against Cole Valley in the 2025 Homecoming football game. The Wolverines went on to defeat the Chargers by 38-6 to top off a memorable Homecoming week. Photo by Nancy Grindstaff

Homecoming a sweet ending

by Joyce Taylor

When it comes to Homecoming or senior night games, one wants to pick a team that you are sure you can beat. Such was the occasion on Friday, Oct. 10 when Weiser hosted the Cole Valley Chargers football team. Weiser won the game 38-6 while amassing a total of 485 offensive yards. The JV team played the entire fourth quarter without giving up any points. Weiser only punted once in this game as well.

Weiser won the toss and kicked off to begin the contest. Cole Valley was moving the ball well on passes as the running game really wasn’t happening. First play of the set, Ty Cobb was like a bullet clearing the “O” line and tackling the running back for a loss. That’s how that game is played! However, every time CV was up against a third down, they went to the air with completions. They were in Weiser’s red zone when Garrett Walker stepped in front of the intended receiver, intercepted the pass and sprinted a long ways only to have most of that negated by a yellow hankie.

Weiser’s offensive drive had Cobb and Brenden Youngberg making medium gains. A fake to Cobb and a handoff to Walker was good for a 75 yard romp in the park, better known as a touchdown! The PAT kick by Shayd Crossley was good. Weiser scored first at 3:19 to lead 7-0.

Klete Cook was on fire on defense leading the team in tackles. He hit the CV running back while Dylann Ashley

finished the job. CV went to the air with a deep pass that looked like it might score until S. Crossley shoved the receiver out of bounds at the 10 yard line. CV would score via the pass three plays later. The PAT missed with Weiser maintaining a slim lead 7-6.

Konner White ran the kick off back 23 yards. Cole Ingle would gain 17 yards on first down. Two plays later, a Cook pass over the middle found Walker who had great blocking by KJ LaChapelle and Nate Herrera-Garcia en route to a 43 yard touchdown. The clock had expired. S. Crossley kicked the PAT as Weiser took a 14-6 lead into the second stanza.

Cole Valley once again fielded a Wolverine kick off to start the second quarter. A personal foul on Weiser helped their cause. Lance Albertson was very active on this series as he stopped the running back for a five yard loss. On the next play, no one was open for the pass with Albertson all over the QB for no gain. CV went for it on fourth down and completed a pass to earn a first down. They were once again in Weiser’s red zone. Cobb and Albertson shut down the first run. The screen pass had no gain. Third down was a pass out of the back of the end zone. CV attempted a field goal from the 11 yard line with Albertson blocking the attempt.

Youngberg picked up the loose ball and made it to the 23 yard line. Walker would gain 11 yards. Cobb a couple and Walker around the right end for 9 more. Ingle had a great run tip toeing down the

side line only to have a flag recall that. A pass to S. Crossley was good for 24 yards. Youngberg gained 8 yards and Ingle would score from the 4 yard line. The PAT was good putting Weiser up 21-6.

The Wolverine defense just would not allow a running game. Completed passes kept the Chargers in the game. With a fourth down up and all his receiver’s covered, the QB scrambled with Cook making the tackle short of a first down.

Time was of the essence with less than a minute to go in the first half. Cobb with a bruising 19 yard jaunt. Ingle gained 10 yards. On a reverse, Cobb took the hand-off, gave it back to Cook who launched a strike to Herrera-Garcia for the catch of 39 yards to the 10 yard line. As stated, time was running out. Weiser settled for a field goal of 27 yards kicked by S. Crossley. Weiser would lead at the half, 24-6.

Cole Valley kicked off to begin the third quarter. Cobb gained 11 yards on first down. With Herrera-Garcia leading, Cook gained 25 yards. A low pass was caught by LaChapelle for 11 yards. A key block by Ashley led to an 11 yard gain by Ingle. Cobb for 5 yards and Walker for 12 yards. Cobb would score from the three yard line. The PAT was good by S. Crossley. Weiser 31, CV 6.

Cole Valley tried to run but no dice plus a penalty or two hurt. The punt rolled dead. Weiser’s offense stalled on their drive with CV taking over on downs at Weiser’s 37 yard line. This was their best chance to score. That is until Ingle picked off a pass at the 28 yard line.

Ingle gained 9 yards. Cobb gained 19 yards. Rick Erickson gained a couple of yards. Cook let fly a deep pass to a wide open Herrera-Garcia for a 46 yard touchdown! The PAT kick by S. Crossley was good. Weiser upped the ante to 38-6. CV had the ball on fourth down as the quarter ended.

In fourth quarter action, the CV quarterback threw a great pass but the receiver bobbled the ball thus ending their offensive set.

Weiser took over on CV’s 39 yard line. As previously stated, the Weiser JV team was in for the remainder of the game. Weiser did end up punting on their first drive. The game wasn’t going any better for CV even with the younger squad in. They had a fourth and forever forcing them to punt. Weiser kept running the ball using up the clock. When it was all said and done, Weiser had won Homecoming 38-6.

Rushing: 309 yards. Passing: 176 yards. Total yards: 485. Rush: Cobb 9 carries for 70 yards, 1 TD; Cook 2/26 yards; White 1/6 yards; Reif Blanchard 3/10 yards; Ryder Perkins 2/5 yards; Youngberg 2/12 yards; Ingle 7 for 55 yards, 1 TD; Walker 3/95 yards, 1 TD; Keagan Fosu 4/28 yards; Erickson 2/3 yards. Passing: Cook 7 complete of 10 attempts, 176 yards. Receiving: Herrera-Garcia 2 catches for 85 yards, 1 TD; S. Crossley 1/24 yards; Walker 2/54 yards, 1 TD; LaChapelle 1/11 yards. Tackle Leaders: Cook 8, Ingle 6, Cobb 7, Ashley 5.

Weiser Wolverines wrap up season with grit and heart

by Nancy Grindstaff

The Weiser Wolverines soccer team closed out their 2025 regular season with a thrilling mix of triumph and heartbreak.

A hard-fought 2-1 win over Payette on Oct. 7 was followed by a narrow 3-2 loss to Fruitland on Senior Night, and a double-overtime heartbreaker against Ambrose in the district tournament.

Victory in Payette: Hansen strikes twice

Facing a tactical surprise with Payette’s Keller King moving to center forward, Weiser fell behind early. But with just 14 seconds left in the first half, they equalized. Ben Hansen came out blazing in the second half, netting the go-ahead goal that sealed the 2-1 win. The Wolverines fired 17 shots on goal, with Hansen scoring both, and goal-keeper Gabe McLaughlin making 13 crucial saves.

Senior Night showdown: a battle to the end

On Oct. 8, the Wolverines honored their seniors in a fierce match against Fruitland. Down 0-2 at halftime, Hansen once again delivered, scoring twice in quick succession to tie the game. But a late penalty kick awarded to Fruitland proved decisive, ending the match 3-2. District Tournament: a tenacious final stand

In the first round of the district tournament, Weiser faced the Ambrose Archers – a team they had lost to twice before. This time, the Wolverines pushed the Archers to the brink, forcing double overtime. With just under two minutes left, Ambrose broke through, ending Weiser’s postseason hopes with a 1-0 win.

Despite the season’s end, the Wolverines showed resilience, teamwork, and heart. From Hansen’s scoring heroics to McLaughlin’s steadfast goal-keeping, this team gave their all.

Congratulations, Wolverines – you made Weiser proud.



Weiser’s Wolverines soccer team took a close 2-1 win over Payette on Tuesday, then a narrow 3-2, last-minute loss to Fruitland on Wednesday. Thayne Blanchard (5) moves the ball up the field, while Alex Juarez (19) circles back to defense, and Everett Terry (9) gets ready to help out up front. Photo by Nancy Grindstaff

Weiser splits matches Homecoming week

by Joyce Taylor

In volleyball, a match consists of the best of five games. Prior to this night, Weiser had defeated Emmett at home in three games, thus winning the match. On Tuesday, Oct. 7, Weiser needed all five games to come away with a victory.

It's Homecoming week and maybe that's what you could blame the first two games outcome on. Our Ladies didn't play well dropping both the first two games 25-21 and 25-23 respectfully. Coach Michelle Estes made some personnel changes and the third game was much better with Weiser winning 25-19. They weren't out of the woods just yet. The fourth game is where our team showed up and played well and dominated winning 25-9. The final game is only played to 15 and it was a bit dicey there for awhile but an Emmett service error gave the win to Weiser 15-9 and the match overall.

Game one Weiser just didn't gel. Points were earned but mostly on Emmett miscues. Paige Pedevilla had a comebacker kill. Presley Williams tipped for a point and Evie Dolton had a kill. Williams also added a service ace. Adalyn Brush's kill knotted the

teams at 20-20. She had one more kill but Emmett surged ahead to win 25-21.

Game two was nip and tuck the whole way. Weiser's first point was a Dolton kill which she did again on the next point. Taylee Mink had a kill as Dolton continued to kill for points. The bigger problem was Emmett was reading those kills and blocking the shots with Weiser unable to save the ricochets. Natalya Hoobery and Williams combined for a rare block for Weiser. Hoobery had a service ace and Brush had a kill. Williams' tip put the score at 22-21 Emmett. Dolton's tip tied the game. Pedevilla's tip tied the game again at 23-23. Alas, Emmett won game two 25-23.

Game three was a must win. Dolton had a back row kill. Ellie Shirts had a service ace. Hoobery had a kill. Taylee Mink with a comebacker kill and a service ace a bit later. This was another tight game. Dolton with a commanding kill, 11-11. She would earn another kill and Williams had a service ace to go up 14-11. The teams would tie at 16-16. Brush with a kill. Alyvia Goff with a service ace, 20-16 Weiser. A late tip by Dolton and a tip by Pedevilla

followed by another tip by Dolton won this game 25-19.

Game four was also a must win but our gals really showed up for this game. Lucy Chandler was inserted into the game and she added a spark. She would also win a tip and combine with Mink for a block to put Weiser up 8-4. Shirts dove to her left, stuck out her arm and saved a huge point for Weiser. Shirts then stepped to the service line and didn't leave for a bit as she had four service aces in a row including one that hit the net and limped over for the point. Mink with another comebacker kill and Brush had a kill. Mink killed and Goff had a service ace. Dolton had a kill and Williams, who is normally the setter, had the opportunity for a kill of her own. Pedevilla had a kill as Weiser really cruised to the win 25-9.

Game five and the deciding contest. Emmett served but Pedevilla killed the ball to start the scoring. Pedevilla and Brush combined for a block, 5-1 Weiser. Chandler with a kill. Goff with a service ace, 8-4 Weiser. Dolton with a kill, 12-6. Williams had a service ace, 14-8. As stated, Emmett served into the net for the final winning point



It was a hard fought battle but the Lady Wolverines succeeded and came out with a win against Emmett in five games. Avery Jennings goes up for the leap with Paige Pedevilla, Ellie Shirts, Presley Williams and Evie Dolton ready for a possible return. Photo by Joyce Taylor

for Weiser, 15-9. Way to hang in their ladies!

Cole Valley came calling on Wednesday, Oct. 8. They handed Weiser a three game to none loss maintaining their number one status in the league. Game one was ugly as CV went up 6-0 before a

Taylee Mink kill stopped the onslaught. Final had CV winning 25-13. Game two was a much better contest with Weiser leading 23-20 off an Adalyn Brush cross court kill. Weiser couldn't hang on as CV won this game 26-24. Game three was

also close but Weiser trailed most of the game. Weiser scraped back into the game late to pull within two points at 23-21 CV. Alas, that's all the points Weiser would earn as Cole Valley took game three 25-21 and the match.

Weiser cross country priming for district

by Keith Boles

Weiser High School's cross country team just had another meet on Oct. 9, and it finally seems like they are getting their groove back.

The cross country teams have had it rough the past few meets, with low team scores and sometimes not even being able to be scored due to a lack of runners. Thankfully, that losing streak is starting to end with an amazing performance at the

most recent meet.

The meet was hosted on Oct. 9 at TVCC in Ontario. The meet was fairly large with a total of 14 teams participating from across the area, so Weiser definitely had some tough competition to take down.

In total, for the men's race, there were a total of 95 athletes, with six from Weiser. The top five of the team were Blake Quinton with a time of 17:45.22, who placed 4th overall; Alex Woods, 19:22.36, plac-

ing 28th; Ammon Anderson, who placed 30th with a time of 19:32.46, Dustin Clark, 40th with a time of 19:53.38; and Sean Elliot who placed 62nd with a time of 21:14.07. The boy's team managed to get fifth place.

In total for the women's race, there were a total of 46 runners, with six of them from Weiser. The top five were Corianna Parsons, who placed 4th with a time of 20:45.13, Claire Matthews, placed

5th with a time of 20:45.77, Brin Roeber, 18th with a time of 24:20.31, Kelsey Cole, 20th with a time of 24:26.91, and Salome Craven, 25th with a time of 25:12.99. The team overall got third place.

This meet was a simply great performance, but we can only hope they manage to do better on their next meet on Oct. 15 at West Park, Idaho. Hopefully, this meet is a good sign of things to come for Weiser cross country.

Lady Wolverines wrap up 2025 season with pluck and growth

by Nancy Grindstaff

The Weiser Lady Wolverines may not have had a high-scoring season, but their determination and teamwork shone through every match. Fans witnessed a squad that never stopped pushing to improve, culminating in a dramatic district showdown.

On Saturday, Oct. 11, the Wolverines ended their season in a nail-biting shootout against the Emmett Huskies. After a scoreless regulation and overtime, the match was decided on penalty kicks, with Emmett edging out Weiser 3-2.

Despite two regular-season losses to Emmett



Weiser's Isabella Froshiesar (7) scored the loose ball in the win over Payette. The girls season ended after double overtime and a shootout in Emmett.

(4-0 and 2-0), the Wolverines showed resilience and progress. Via Magana

and Isabella Froshiesar netted both goals in the district game, bringing

their combined season total to an impressive 18 goals.

The team celebrated senior night on Oct. 7 with a commanding 4-0 win over the Payette Lady Pirates. The following day, they faced Fruitland again, narrowing the scoring gap from 10-0 in their previous matchup to 5-0 the second time around.

Coach Trine Loenberg praised her team's heart and unity:

"What a way to finish the high school season. What a strong team effort in the district game... 0-0 full time, 0-0 overtime, then a 3-2 loss on pk's. I am so proud of these amazing girls."

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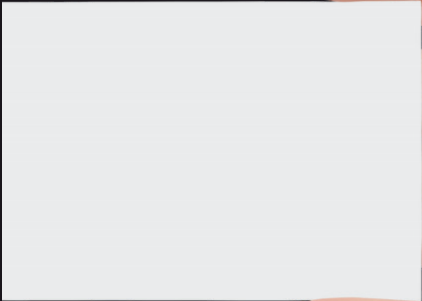
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Pursuant to established procedure, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Washington County Board of Commissioners will hold a public hearing in the County Courthouse on October 20, 2025 at 11:30 a.m. The purpose of the hearing is to consider 2025 Fiscal Year Budget adjustments for needed changes and to increase spending authority to the Opioid Settlement Fund for the purpose of balancing the budgeted line at fiscal year-end. The adjustment or adjustments to the 2025 Fiscal Year Budget to be considered will not affect levied property taxes.

The hearing officer shall be authorized to impose a three-minute limitation on any oral testimony. If testimony is anticipated to exceed that three-minute limit, it may be submitted in writing in advance to the Clerk's office to be part of the record.

Any person needing special accommodations to participate in the above noticed meeting should contact the Clerk's office at the County Courthouse seven days prior to the meeting.

Donna White
Washington County Clerk

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING: On October 20, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at 55 W Idaho the Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing to receive comment on a request by Agile Homes for a variance on the front setbacks for the Sundance Pointe Subdivision.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION
Sundance Pointe Subdivision on West 9th Street.

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. 41-2S

PUBLIC NOTICE

LEGAL NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Washington County Board of County Commissioners will hold a public hearing on Monday, the 27th day of October, 2025 at 1:00 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.

Ray Nevarez – Special Use Request – Agricultural Festival/ Pumpkin Patch

The applicant is requesting a Special Use under Washington County Code 5-4-1(G), on property located off W. Indianhead Rd and Upper Rd in Weiser. The request is to allow for an Agricultural Festival tied to Recreational use in the A1 Agricultural zone. RP11N05W197950

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 Board of County Commissioners hearing may do so by accessing it through the URL (<https://zoom.us/j/499630910>) and connect with a computer, iphone or android phone (you will need to download an app).

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

City of Cambridge, Area of City Impact per changes to Idaho Code 67-6526 (6) as stated below:

Cities and counties shall review their existing areas of impact and shall reestablish the areas in conformance with the provisions of this section by December 31, 2025. Failure to timely conduct such review and reestablishment shall nullify the current area of impact boundaries and require the city and county to go through the process set forth in subsection (2) of this section.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING: On October 20, 2025, in the City Council Chamber at 55 West Idaho Street, Weiser, Idaho, 83672, at 7:00 p.m., the Weiser City Planning & Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing to discuss the following proposed ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEISER, WASHINGTON COUNTY, IDAHO, ENACTING A NEW CHAPTER 9 TO TITLE 4, BUILDING REGULATIONS, WEISER CITY CODE, ENTITLED "NON-TEMPORARY PORTABLE STORAGE CONTAINERS"; PROVIDING FOR THE ALLOWANCE OF NON-TEMPORARY PORTABLE STORAGE CONTAINERS IN COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL ZONES BY CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT; PROVIDING FOR AN APPLICATION PROCESS FOR THE PERMIT; PROVIDING FOR PUBLIC HEARING ON APPLICATIONS AND NOTICE; AND PROVIDING THAT THIS ORDINANCE BE EFFECTIVE UPON ITS PASSAGE, APPROVAL, AND PUBLICATION ACCORDING TO LAW.

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. 41-2S

Cowboy Music and Poetry Gathering has something for everyone

by Nancy Grindstaff

A mix of well-known local and regional performers will converge on Weiser Oct. 24 and 25 for what’s become an annual October event, the Cowboy Music and Poetry Gathering.

The two days will feature a wonderful and talented mix of musicians, poets and story-tellers, all sharing their love of cowboy culture through verse, song, and storytelling.

Organized in conjunction with the Cowboy Poets of Idaho, the festival will be held at The Bee Hive, located at 8 East Idaho Street.

The event is free in the afternoon on Friday, Oct. 24, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. The daytime event will have an open mic, offering a great opportunity for local poets, storytellers and musicians to come join the fun and try out their material.

Feature shows are from 6:30 to 9 p.m. on Friday, with a Saturday Matinee at 2 p.m. Tickets for the feature shows are \$12 in advance and \$15 at the door, and may be purchased online at beetreefolk-school.org or in person at 30 East Idaho Street. Ages 12 and under are free.

Organizers say the gathering is more than just a showcase of talent – it’s a reunion of a close-knit community that feels like family, where old friends reconnect and new voices find a place in the tradition.

“It’s become a big family and we really enjoy getting together and having fun and entertaining the community,” says J.B. Barber, who has been a performer at the gather-

ing for many years.

The president of Cowboy Poets of Idaho, Barber says the annual event serves several purposes. Besides “having fun and enjoying good company,” he says the gathering helps to preserve rich traditions.

“The main thing is, we are attempting to preserve a western heritage – ranch life, cowboy life and the rural type of activities – with western songs and poetry,” Barber says.

Modern day cowboy poetry and storytelling carries on centuries-old traditions, he says.

“In the old days, there was no such thing as the internet,” Barber says. “So when they were out on cattle drives together, they entertained each other with poems and songs.”

Barber hopes the Weiser Western Music and Cowboy Poetry gathering will continue for years to come. He says they love to share the craft with younger generations in schools and elsewhere, and that “even the city kids” like it when they experience the traditional stories, music, and poetry.

Barber was a featured guest on NPR’s Morning Edition this past April, describing himself as a rodeo cowboy who had ridden rough stock until he got “too old and too banged up.”

He said he then shifted to team roping until he got more banged up.

“I just laid down my rope and saddle and picked up my guitar, and I started doing cowboy poetry in the ‘90s,” he said.



President of the Cowboy Poets of Idaho, JB Barber is known for performing original and classic works. Local area musicians and poets are invited to join Barber and other well-known performers in the annual Cowboy Music and Poetry Gathering on Oct. 24 and 25, at the Bee Hive at 8 East Idaho. See all the details in today’s Signal American article.

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