

Weiser signs up for Gov.'s plan to reduce property taxes

\$200 million in federal COVID-19 funds will be used for program

by Steve Lyon

Weiser is one of 54 cities in Idaho that have signed up to participate in Gov. Brad Little's plan to use federal COVID-19 relief funds to pay public safety salaries and pass on the savings to property taxpayers.

In announcing the plan, Little said he wanted the budget savings that cities and counties will see given back to property owners with a tax break rather than "backfilling" local government budgets.

Property taxpayers in cities or counties that participate could see a 10-20 percent one-time reduction in their property taxes this year. It's estimated that the plan could provide up to \$200 million in property tax reductions, according to the governor's office.

Interest in the plan has exceeded the funds available so a pro-rated allocation of funds will cover about 44 percent of local government payroll costs.

Weiser city clerk Dave Tate told the city council on July 13 that the governor announced the plan last month to allow cities and counties to account for the funds as budgets are set for fiscal year 2021.

The city is working with the guidelines that have been announced so far, but they are not
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County sees slightly larger federal PILT check this year

Funds help offset loss of property tax revenue from public lands

by Steve Lyon

Washington County will see a small increase in the annual Payment in Lieu of Taxes proceeds from the federal government this year.

A total of 1,900 local governments across the country received funds from the \$514.7 million appropriated by Congress for the PILT program for fiscal year 2020.

The payments go mostly to western states to help offset the loss in property taxes from nontaxable public lands within their borders.

Washington County's payment will total \$858,715 in 2020, representing an increase of about \$11,000 over the 2019 payment of \$847,486.

Although higher than last year, the 2020 payment to the county is
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FUN AT THE FAIR

The Washington County Fair is in full swing at the fairgrounds in Cambridge through Saturday with lots to see and do. The fair is a great place to have a little fun in between feeding and grooming 4-H and FFA project animals and getting them ready to show. From left, Kaitlyn Hicks, Addi Barton, Cambria Longtin, Hope Harrison, Hailey Kindal and Dusty Longtin. The kids in the wheelbarrow include Jewels Hearald, Kineley Waggoner and Waylon Rose. Photo by Sheri Smit

Commissioners opposed to face mask mandates

by Steve Lyon

Washington County commissioners said they were unified in opposition to any mandate by Southwest District Health or any other state agency that requires residents to use face coverings.

Commissioners discussed

the increasingly controversial face mask issue prior to a meeting of the Southwest District Health board last Thursday, where some thought a face mask mandate would be voted on by the board.

The SWDH meeting was scheduled to discuss mitigation strategies to slow the spread of COVID-19 cases in the six Idaho counties that make up the health district.

After hearing input from the other two commissioners,

Nate Marvin, who serves as the county's representative on the SWDH board, said he would vote no on a face mask mandate if it came up.

Marvin said he received about 30 emails from people from Grangeville, Nampa, Caldwell and elsewhere and all were opposed to any mandate to wear face masks.

During Thursday's meeting, the health district board voted to recommend but did not mandate the use of face

coverings.

The health district also recommended that people follow social distancing guidelines and other measures to slow the spread of COVID-19.

The SWDH board meeting was held at the county courthouse in Caldwell after it was rescheduled twice over what officials said were security concerns.

The first attempt to hold
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Business is good for one Weiser butcher as people seek out locally sourced beef in response to high store prices

The owner of Roe's Custom meats is working long hours just to keep up

by Steve Lyon

Business is good these days for Brian Roe, the owner of Roe's Custom Meats, who is working long hours to keep up with the demand for his services.

Roe, who owns and operates a butcher business on Mann Creek Road, doesn't sell meat. He cuts it and packages it.

More people are buying half-beefs and pigs for him to process both to save money and to obtain a reliable supply of locally sourced meat.

Roe said he's doing twice the business he would nor-

mally do this time of year and is working seven days a week to keep up.

"This is the busiest we've ever been," Roe said on a recent afternoon in his shop.

Roe said the consumers were shocked, even scared, this spring when shelves at the stores were nearly empty of meat and prices rose due to COVID-19-created shortages.

While prices and supply issues have since moderated, some stores continue to limit the quantity of hamburger that can be purchased.

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Lindsey Brandel makes up a big batch of sausage at Roe's Custom Meats on Mann Creek Road. The custom butcher business is busy as more people buy half-beefs and pork due to shortages and high prices at the grocery store. Photo by Steve Lyon

Obituaries



James George Skouras

James "Jim" George Skouras was born on Aug. 25, 1964, in Weiser, Idaho and passed away peacefully at home in the arms of his sisters, Jahna and Lana, on July 17, 2020 in Boise, Idaho at the age of 55.

Jim graduated from Weiser High School in 1982 and earned an A.A. degree from Treasure Valley Community College in Ontario, Oregon.

Jim was self-employed as a painting contractor for over 30 years. He was also a skilled welder who created many wonderful works of art including horseshoe crosses, wine racks, and wine bottle holders.

Jim loved spending time with his family and friends, telling jokes,

tending to his garden, and helping those in need. He often stopped by his parent's house to visit and see if there was anything they needed.

He would take them for drives and loved to cook for them. Sometimes, he even put on Greek music for a little dancing. He rarely went to bed without calling his mom to make sure all was okay.

One of the ways that Jim enjoyed helping others was by collecting fruits and vegetables from his farmer friends and distributing them among his other friends and customers.

He earned his pilot's license and enjoyed the thrill of flying. Above all Jim was an outdoorsman who loved hunting for mule deer in the hills of his native Idaho and fishing the state's many rivers and streams – especially with his father George. He also enjoyed teaching his nieces and nephew the finer points of fishing for trout in the mountain streams.

Jim was a natural athlete and was a skilled skier on snow and water and was particularly fond

of relaxing and enjoying the outdoors in McCall, Idaho with his family and friends.

Jim is survived by his parents, George and Mary (Agrafiotou) Skouras, three sisters: Georgia Thorstenson of Herndon, Va.; Jahna O'Sullivan of Las Vegas, Nev.; and Lana Ellsworth of Boise, Idaho and their families. He was preceded in death by an infant brother Chris.

A small private service will be held at Saints Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church in Boise, Idaho on Tuesday, July 28 with a burial to follow at 3 p.m. at the Hillcrest Cemetery in Weiser, Idaho.

Due to current COVID-19 restrictions, the family asks that all who attend respect social distancing and wear a face mask.

Tributes and condolences can be left with Cloverdale Funeral Home at www.cloverdalefuneralhome.com.

In lieu of flowers, any memorial gifts may be given to the Saints Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church or a charity of your choice.



Mary Hicks Gonzales Jan 13, 1943- July 18, 2020

Our beloved mother, sister, grandmother and great-grandmother has left us to join the love of her life and best friend, Carmel Gonzales, whom she married Nov. 10, 1978.

Mary was born in Berkley, Calif., to Alvey and Kathryn Hicks. Shortly after her arrival, her parents made Boise, Idaho their home, where she attended local schools, graduating from Borah High in 1961.

After graduation, she attended local colleges and eventually transferred to San Diego State in California, earning her degree in chemistry.

She worked in Ocean-side, Calif., for the San Luis Rey Water Reclamation Department. It was there she met her beloved husband and engaged in a lifelong adventure in camping, fishing and hunting.

Upon retiring together and saying goodbye to many good friends and lots of family, they left Southern California in search of a new adventure which landed them in Weiser, Idaho.

Carmel loved trap shooting and encouraged Mary to become secretary of the Indian Valley Trap Club.

Mary had a big heart especially when it came to her grandson's John and Derek, as in her eyes (as we have witnessed many times) could do no wrong. She loved ALL of her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Mary loved sharing her family history with everyone and was proud to have Paiute Shoshone Indian blood running through her veins.

She is preceded in death by her parents, brother David Hicks and her husband Carmel Gonzales.

She is survived by sister, Maggie Courville

(Jim); daughters, Carmelita Abarca-Gonzales (Tony), Nicole Gonzales; son, Brandon Gonzales (Marivel); grandchildren, John Olivarez IV (Mary), Derek Gonzales (Amber), Amanda Abarca, Unique Cardoza, Brandon Gonzales Jr., Abrianna Gonzales, Jorge Gonzales, Rachel Rios; great-grandchildren, Trinite Olivarez, John Olivarez V, Hailee Gonzales, Aiden Gonzales, Aubrey Gonzales, along with many nieces and nephews.

The family would like to thank the caregivers at Horizon Home Hospice and Weiser Memorial who took such compassionate care of our family's rock during her stay. We would also like to thank Brenda and George (Mann Creek Store), Dan Gluch and Wayne Hill for always offering to help and being there when needed even if it was just a phone call. We would also like to give an extra thank you to her great-granddaughter Trinite Olivarez for making the visit every other weekend for the past 2 years and always reminding her how much she was loved.

Mary will be laid to rest privately at Hillcrest Cemetery in Weiser, Idaho. Arrangements under the direction of Thomason Funeral Home.

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



The pre-rodeo mutton bustin' is a crowd favorite as kids try to hold on to a sheep that's ready to run fast for the opposite side of the arena. Above, Klete Cook, 7, tried his best to hold on to his sheep at the Cambridge Rodeo. File photo

Lots of rodeo action on tap this weekend in Cambridge

by Steve Lyon

The 2020 Cambridge Rodeo promises thrills and spills this weekend at the Washington County fairgrounds.

Thursday night is slack night at the rodeo with free admission to what organizers say will be a great timed event. Then it's two nights of pro and amateur rodeo action in the arena on Friday and Saturday with mutton bustin' at 7:30 p.m. The main event starts at 8 p.m.

The pro cowboys and cowgirls in the Idaho Cowboys Association-sanctioned event will compete for \$3,450 in added money. They will be looking for good times in barrel racing and eight-second rides that impress the judges in bull riding, saddle bronc, bareback riding, calf roping, team roping, steer wrestling, and ranch saddle bronc.

The younger riders will be looking to hang on in novice bull riding, novice bareback riding and novice saddle bronc events.

The livestock contractor bringing the

bulls and bucking broncs this year is Superior Rodeo Company out of Emmett. Marsing resident Zack Zumstein, an auctioneer in his other job, will announce the rodeo.

The pro rodeo events will follow local events featuring contestants who have signed up for mutton bustin', junior novice 12 and under barrels, junior barrel race ages 13-18 and steer riding.

The Cambridge rodeo always caps the weeklong Washington County Fair. The fair kicked off on Monday and concludes on Saturday with the market livestock sale. FFA and 4-H youth will be selling their livestock projects, hoping to turn a profit on their hard work of raising sheep, steers and pigs.

The end of fair week also includes the Saturday night parade from Main Street to the rodeo grounds. The lineup starts at 5:30 p.m. and the parade begins at 6:30 p.m.

The rodeo arena is located just to the south of the fairgrounds.

Death Notices

Betty L. Rickman

Betty L. Rickman, 47, passed away July 22, 2020 at her home in Ontario, Oregon. Arrangements are under the direction of Haren-Wood Funeral Chapel, Ontario.

Emma Angeline 'Anne' Folden

Emma Angeline "Anne" Folden, 90, of Ontario, Ore., died June 23, 2020 at a local assisted living facility. Arrangements by Lienkaemper Chapel, Ontario.

Robert Kido

Robert Kido, 88, of Ontario, Ore., died July 24, 2020 at his home. Arrangements by Lienkaemper Chapel, Ontario.

Patricia A. Pinkston

Patricia A. Pinkston, 77, of Nyssa, Ore., passed away July 21, 2020. Arrangements are under the direction of Haren-Wood Funeral Chapel, Ontario.

Elvin Lee Roy Ballou

Elvin Lee Roy Ballou, 94, of Nyssa, Ore., died July 17, 2020 at a local assisted living facility. Arrangements by Lienkaemper Chapel, Nyssa.

Lisa K. Plaza

Lisa K. Plaza, 55, of Ontario, Ore., died July 20, 2020 at a Boise hospital. Arrangements by Lienkaemper Chapel, Ontario.

James Michael Frank Kaus

James Michael Frank Kaus, 65, of Payette, Idaho, passed away July 21, 2020 at home in Payette. Arrangements are under the direction of Shaffer-Jensen Memory Chapel, Payette.

Thomas Kenneth Cronk

Thomas Kenneth Cronk, 55, of Caldwell, Idaho, died July 26, 2020 at home in Caldwell. Funeral services are under the direction of Shaffer-Jensen Memory Chapel, Payette.

Deadline for submitting obituaries and death notices noon on Monday's email: news@signalamerican.com

Weiser blood drive coming Aug. 5

Weiser's quarterly blood drive will be held on Wednesday, Aug. 5, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Vendome. Please call Alex Chavarria at 208-602-7138 for an appointment. Appointments are preferred but we will attempt to accommodate drop-ins as well. Precautions will be made to ensure everyone's safety. Donors must wear a face mask and maintain social distancing. Your blood could save a life.



Weiser library director Pat Hamilton staffs the table in front of the library on Wednesdays and hands out free books as part of the summer reading book giveaway. So far, the library has given away 400-500 books. The program will continue until school starts. Isabel Odette browses the selection. *Photo by Jamie Brown*

Weiser library handing out free books as part of summer program for kids

Library hosting event outside every Wednesday

by Steve Lyon

The Weiser public library has “something for everyone” at the summer reading book giveaway each Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in front of the library.

Librarian Pat Hamilton estimates the library has given away 400 to 500 free books since the program began a month ago. Kids can pick out two free books from the table located outside.

The Weiser library, like a lot of other libraries, orders the books through First Book and gets a substantial discount. The library’s only cost is paying for shipping. The books are available for toddlers ages 1-2 up to junior high school, and there are many titles to choose from.

“We have different books each week and there is a nice variety,” Hamilton said.

Hamilton said kids that have not used the library much in the past are coming by to get free books, and that’s getting books into the hands of a whole new group of young people. The weekly summer book giveaways will continue until school starts.

Although the library is closed to the public due to COVID-19, the library’s friendly and knowledgeable staff can help with signing up online for a library

card, which provides a password that allows patrons to access the online catalog. Library users can search through a collection of 28,000 books, periodicals, audio books and videos to check out.

Staff can make suggestions for books that might be of interest based on a user’s past book checkouts. The online reservation system is easy to use. Just click on the item and library staff will have it ready that day for pickup. The public can also call during the current library hours to request books.

“Every week people are getting used to it,” Hamilton said, of the growing use of online book and DVD browsing and reservations.

The Weiser Public Library closed to the public in March when the governor issued a stay-home order in a public health effort to slow the spread of COVID-19. The order issued by the governor also closed all non-essential businesses. When the library will open to the public again is not known.

The library’s hours are Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday. Call 208-549-1243 for information and for help reserving books and other items like DVDs online.

Washington County deeds

QUIT CLAIM

Feb. 19 - Frank and Leons LLC to Makaela and Jakaelas LLC. Kisha Caline Cowan to Francine E. Faria.

Feb. 20 - Mark Greer and Toni Greer to Mark Greer and Toni L. Greer. James Pattee to Bill M. Pattee.

Feb. 25 - John Widner personal representative, Estate of Wesley A. Widner to Katherine Williams. Katherine Williams to Wesley A. Widner. John Wesley Widner to Wesley A. Widner. John Widner, Estate of Wesley A. Wid-

ner to John Wesley Widner. Billie J. Attebery, Robert N. Attebery and Robert L. Attebery to John Wesley Widner. John Wesley Widner to Billie J. Attebery and Robert N. Attebery.

Feb. 28 - Karl Pedersen to Fireball Consortium LLC. Ethel J. Pearson, Robin L. Thorsen to Ethel J. Pearson and Robin L. Thorsen. Erin D. Messick to Steven Messick and Erin D. Messick.

March 2 - Jory B. Hearne to Jory B. Hearne and Amanda R. Hearne.

March 3 - Patricia A.

Culley to Thomas A. Culley and Lori S. Culley. DEED

Feb. 19 - Joanna Lynn Huskey, Steven Leon Carlock to Steven L. Carlock trustee, Joanna L. Huskey trustee, Carlock Huskey partnership trust. WARRANTY DEED

Feb. 20 - Elden W. Isaak trustee, Dianne M. Isaak trustee, Elden W. and Dianne M. Isaak family trust to Kimberly A. Bruck.

Feb. 21 - Julia Hernandez by Martha Hernandez power of attorney to Stephen E. Mosler.



Decay Under a Crown

I have been asked a few times if it is possible to get decay under a crown. Unfortunately, the answer is yes. A crown is made out of porcelain and/or metal and the crown itself will not get decay. A crown however, doesn't cover all of the tooth and all tooth structure is susceptible to decay.

When a crown is made it is important that the margins are closed. The margin is where the crown and the tooth meet. If there is a gap between where the crown

and the tooth meet it is called an open margin. Bacteria can reside in open margins and start the decay process.

Even if all the margins are closed it is still possible to get decay. Oral hygiene and a healthy diet are important to maintain your teeth. Remember, you don't have to brush and floss all of your teeth, only the ones you want to keep!

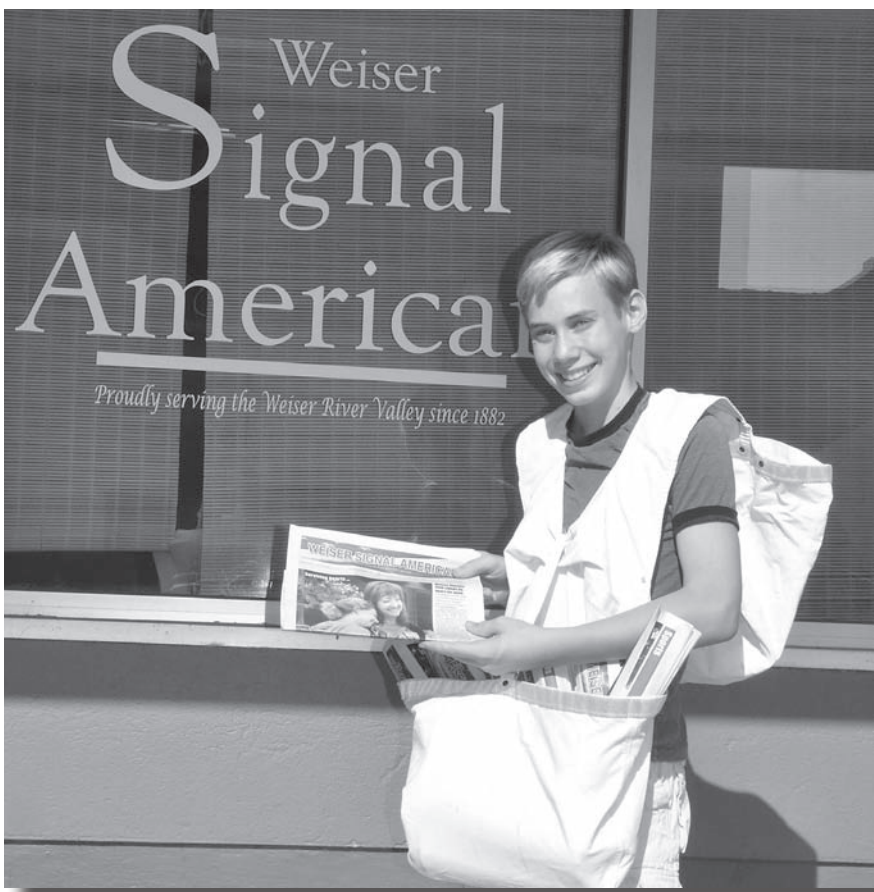
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OPINION

FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

We as a nation need to drop the labels and talk

Last Friday, I had the opportunity to sit down with a Weiser graduate from a few years back for an engaging and interesting conversation.

This person was very articulate in expressing views that were thought provoking for an old white guy. The individual had furthered their education and is now putting it to use in very constructive ways.

This person is definitely a credit to the town of Weiser. This party is also a person of color who has experienced racism here in Idaho and is now concerned about simply walking down the street for fear of personal safety in some areas of Idaho.

This party originally contacted me with an email titled "Eradicate Racism" not long after George Floyd's death.

I can tell you the title caught my attention. Through further email correspondence we were able to sit down last Friday to discuss concerns locally and on a broader plane.

Speaking with this person helped me realize further the need to listen to what is going on in the country; to get past the noise and rhetoric of extreme examples and simply listen to the experiences and thoughts of people who may be outside of our personal circle.

Not everyone has experienced this great country of ours in the same way.

Racism is an issue in this country and needs to be dealt with.

I have seen examples of racism that have shocked me. I have also experienced examples where severely disadvantaged minority individuals when given the opportunity, flourished.

I have personally experienced the benefits of white privilege, even if I didn't agree with it.

I also grew up in a very dysfunctional family with many issues. One of the things I learned was that in order to become healthy, issues must be brought out into the open and discussed in a respectful, constructive manner with a view

of working on those issues and moving forward.

At this point in our society, we as a nation are dysfunctional; we are us or them, red or blue, black or white, patriots or communists, pro-police or antifa.

The labels we use divide us. If we could drop our labels of each other and realize we are all just people we, as a society and country would be much better off.

To be clear, I am not advocating buddying up to extremists in any form, but the vast majority of people are not extremists. There are issues which need to be discussed. Without addressing issues and trying to come up with

solutions, moving forward is an impossibility.

Racism may not seem to be much of an issue locally, but it does exist. Acknowledging this fact does not mean I don't support the police, that I agree with what is going on in cities to the west of us, or other distractions.

What this acknowledgment means is that we need to talk to each other to gain a better understanding of where people outside of our small circle of friends are coming from and take action on solutions, just the same way you would do with family.

I am an old dog, who is learning something new from someone much younger, who has a different perspective. Listening and learning helps me grow as a person.

I may not agree with everything, but there is usually something to be learned. OK, now to move on to other items.

In city news this week, the recreation department is taking registrations for fall football and soccer. No fees are being collected at this time, since it may become necessary later to cancel the season.

For those of you who own an RV, the city is in the process of constructing a waste dump site on the corner of West 9th and West Idaho streets where the recycling center used to be. Construction should be completed sometime in August.

That's it for this week. Let's help Weiser be an even better place to live for everyone!



Mayor Randy Hibberd

GUEST OPINION FROM GOV. BRAD LITTLE

Budget well positioned for COVID-19 impacts

Idaho just ended its fiscal year with a surplus nearly three times what was expected before COVID-19.

How, in the middle of a global pandemic did we manage to do that?

Through conservative principles of governing.

In late March, shortly after the first coronavirus case was confirmed in Idaho, I asked state government agencies to do what businesses and families across Idaho were having to do – tighten their belts.

I called for agencies to cut spending and freeze hiring and any planned salary increases. We were one of the first states to announce a formal holdback.

Conservative revenue forecasting also contributed to our relatively positive budget situation. With the support of the Legislature, we used a more conservative revenue forecast than in previous years in order to provide a greater cushion at fiscal year-end.

We also moved the state income tax filing deadline to June 15, giving citizens more time to file their taxes but kept filings in the same fiscal year. Other liberal states had to look for ways to cover shortfalls.

We've also taken steps to catalyze Idaho's economic rebound. Idaho was one of the last states with a confirmed COVID-19 case and one of the first states with a plan to safely and responsibly open our economy in stages.

In fact, Idaho was ranked as the number one state for economic momentum during the pandemic because of our wage growth and employment figures.

While other states already withdrew approximately \$1.7 billion from their rainy-day funds during COVID-19, we strengthened Idaho's rainy-day funds with year-end transfers.

We anticipate having close to \$580 million in reserve. This money will prepare us well for the coming years.

I'm not trying to be overly optimistic about our budget situation. We anticipate there will be a three- to four-year budget impact because of COVID-19.

However, ending our fiscal year with a large surplus means Idaho is well positioned to deal with the ongoing economic reality of living during a global pandemic.

We will be able to carry over the surplus into the current fiscal year and minimize service disruption to Idahoans. While other states are facing 20 to 40 percent cuts, I have asked Idaho state government to prepare for a 5-percent holdback this fiscal year.

Holdbacks are never easy, but a lot of states would love to be in our position right now.

Thankfully, Idaho's public school system will be minimally impacted by COVID-19 in the new fiscal year because of our efforts to strategically leverage federal funds to offset planned reductions.

Fiscal conservatism elsewhere in the budget combined with the relief funds

we directed to K-12 mean teachers, students, and parents won't feel as much of an impact in schools like they will in other states.

Between direct federal support for schools and our actions through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, a total of \$122.2 million has been committed to K-12 public education for the next school year.

I've said it before – it's what you do in the good years that sets you up for failure or success. Under criticism from some, the Legislature and I chose to pad our rainy-day funds during times of economic prosperity, so we are better able to weather economic downturns like the one we are experiencing across the country now.

I want to thank my partners in the Legislature who have helped position our state for a strong economic rebound.

These are uncertain, challenging times but we are far better off here than elsewhere right now, thanks to our focus on fiscal conservatism in state government.



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Your Faith Was that you, Lord?

Church of the Redeemer

At the grocery store, I noticed someone so familiar but just couldn't place her. That evening the veil lifted and I remembered. Whew!

What must it have been like for the disciples when they walked and talked with Jesus after He rose from the dead, yet did not recognize Him for who He truly was?

Their confusion is certainly understandable considering they just saw Jesus die and be buried a few days before. The words Jesus spoke about His coming death and resurrection were all blotted out in their grief as all their hope vanished when He breathed His last at Calvary's cross.

They certainly didn't expect to see Jesus alive to walk and talk with them. They had watched Him die. It wasn't until they witnessed Him doing something "so Jesus" – calling out their name with heavenly authority or the breaking and sharing of the bread – their eyes were opened and they recognized Him as their Savior and now risen Lord.

I'm sure there was much more than a "whew" with that revelation. More like a "WOW and HALLELUJAH!", followed by a willingness to go in the power of His

Holy Spirit proclaiming the Good News of Christ's salvation to the ends of the earth.

It wasn't just for the first disciples, but the Lord's Holy Spirit is the promised gift of His presence for all who have believed on His name, giving each one His heavenly authority by which His love may be revealed through us as a beacon of light and life to this broken, hurting, ever-darkening world we live in.

The next time a friend or stranger encourages or supports you in love by thought, word, or deed, and a niggling in your heart makes you wonder, "Was that You, Lord?", don't be too surprised if in that moment of recognition the answer comes back as a resounding, "YES, now go and do the same," – Jody R. Goode, *redeemerweiser@gmail.com*

John 20:16 (NASB) - Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to Him in Hebrew, "Rabboni!" (which means, Teacher).

Luke 24:31-32 (NASB) - Then their eyes were opened and they recognized Him; ... They said to one another, "Were not our hearts burning within us while He was speaking to us on the road, while He was explaining the Scriptures to us?"

Keep your eyes on the prize

St. Luke's Episcopal by Carolyn Wesner

There is an old folk song with a line which says "keep your eyes on the prize, hold on."

While it's always good to conduct life for the self-satisfaction of doing one's duty and doing one's best, we do live in a culture where prizes are awarded at the end.

Think of Olympic gold medals, or going to state to compete with the best of the best in other regions, or being the big winner on TV's Jeopardy. All are done with eyes on the prize, although participating is rewarding too.

Paul, the traveling evangelist in the Bible, was a very competitive guy –

whatever activity he did, he threw his whole self into it. Sure, he had worthy motives (as in spreading the Good News about life with Jesus), and he sometimes also used the Olympic metaphor about running the race, fighting the good fight of faith, and stretching forward like a marathoner to cross the finish line and win the prize.

In Paul's day, the athlete winners didn't get gold medals; they received prestigious leaf garlands but the fame and respect was theirs nevertheless.

Paul never gave up during his life's race: he was deported, shipwrecked, stoned nearly to death, imprisoned, beaten several times and yet he kept on

spreading the (unpopular and anti-government) message that Jesus is Lord of all.

In a letter to the small home-church group at Philippi, Greece, Paul confessed that regardless of the dangers and the ups and downs of the human condition, he was pushing on, keeping his eyes on the prize; which was what, exactly? He said "I press on towards the goal, to win the prize which is God's call to life above, in Christ Jesus." Keep on keeping on.

St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Weiser will be closed until August, but we continue to offer drive-by communion most Sundays. Listen for the bell Sundays at 11 a.m.

Just something to think about

It always seems that the last two weeks of July and the first two weeks of August are always the hottest of the year. So here we are...and it is hot!

I love the sun, but it is nice to have an occasional cloudy day. The Good Lord knows what we need.

A friend of mine said, "Don't just please someone with your work, AMAZE them!" Recently, I have even been amazing myself with what I am accomplishing.

My brother and I are planning to

trade houses in a month or two. I have been packing. I am a book lover and so that is a major part of what I am doing at the moment.

My goal is to pack a box a day. I have done pretty well. I have managed to part with some of my books.

I am so glad that I won't have to have a U-Haul trailer behind the hearse when I die. God has my new home in heaven fully furnished and ready to move into.

Just something to think about.

C. Shaw

Victim or victor?

Riverside Baptist

Do you believe that life is based on chance? When life doesn't go your way, do you feel like a victim of circumstances? The Bible teaches that there is no such thing as bad luck.

Paul could have felt like a victim. He was arrested in Jerusalem and beaten. He was innocent of the crimes of which he was charged.

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Instead of feeling like a victim, Paul trusted the providence of God in all things. He used his imprisonment to victoriously heralded the gospel of Jesus

Christ and the resurrection.

The providence of God means that God is continuously at work in all of creation so that in all things it accomplishes His purposes.

He makes the rain to water the earth and is Lord over the storm. Christ holds the universe together and directs it to glorify God. The believer can be confident that all things work together for our ultimate good and God's glory.

"Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? No, in all these things we are more than conquerors

through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Romans 8:35, 37-39, ESV).

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

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

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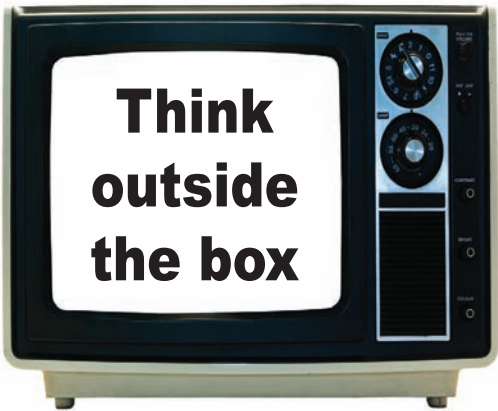
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The Weiser Lions hold their annual potluck in Memorial Park to install new officers for the upcoming year and also present many awards to club members for their service both to the club and community. Above, from left, Christina Isaacson, Linda Youngblood, Juanita Moyle, Don Moyle, Dorothy Evans, John Evans, Lois Watkins, Clarence Stark and Anna Stark. Courtesy photo

Weiser Lions install club officers for next year

Numerous awards given out at annual picnic

by Steve Lyon

The Weiser Lions installed a slate of officers for the next year and presented numerous awards at the club’s annual picnic at Memorial Park.

The Weiser Lions noted a major milestone this year. The local club was officially chartered 90 years ago and is still going strong. Unfortunately, the COVID-19 pandemic forced the cancellation of a celebration of the anniversary that was planned in March.

The new interim president of the Weiser Lions is Anna Stark, a longtime member of the club. She replaces outgoing Weiser Lions president Dorothy Evans.

Clarence Stark was selected as first vice president and will oversee purchasing for the club’s concession operations at the football field. Lois Watkins was named first vice president in charge of concessions volunteer scheduling.

The Lions run the concession stand during Weiser High School football games, and it’s a big part of fundraising efforts. Proceeds allow the Lions to donate to the annual coat drive, Christmas community dinner, Love INC, the Ho Ho Express, July 4th fireworks, Cub and Boy Scouts, Festival of Trees and numerous other community programs.

Juanita Moyle was installed as second vice president and will continue to run the club’s vision programs. The third vice president for membership is Julie Derr, and the fourth vice president is Christina Isaacson, who will be in charge of the young Lions, also known as the Leos.

John Evans, a retired CPA, will retain his position as treasurer and Dorothy Evans will serve as interim secretary. The title of tail twister went to Lois Watkins, and Don Moyle will take on duties as lion

tamer. Linda Youngblood will serve as a board member of the club.

The Lions also give out annual awards for everything from attendance to going above the call of civic and club duty. The award recipients were selected by a nominating committee made up of Lions members Christina Isaacson, Lois Watkins and Dorothy Evans.

Attendance pins were awarded to Sherri Breaux, Dorothy Evans, John Evans, Christina Isaacson, Don Moyle, Juanita Moyle, Karen Penner, Steve Penner, Karen Schaeffer, Betty Simpson, Lois Watkins and Linda Youngblood.

Certificates of appreciation for their efforts volunteering for the club and serving the community went to Don Moyle, Juanita Moyle and Julie Derr.

The We Serve Award was given to Lois Watkins. This was a president’s choice award given by Dorothy Evans, who commended Watkins for her enthusiasm and willingness to serve on many Lions committees and help out with club service projects.

The Lion of the Year award for the Weiser club went to Linda Youngblood, who was selected for her service to the community and unwavering volunteer spirit.

The Hallock-Weymann Award for outstanding service to the club was presented to Steve Penner, a four-time winner.

The Heritage Award was given to John Evans, who has been a member of the lions for 29 years. The award recognizes club members who have been Lions for a long time and been involved in many programs.

Anyone interested in learning more about the Lions or joining the organization can call Dorothy Evans at 550-0990.

New law provides income tax deduction for first-time home buyers in Idaho

A new law allows first-time home buyers in Idaho to save money toward the purchase of a home while reducing how much Idaho individual income tax they owe.

Idahoans who set up a First-Time Home Buyer Savings Account at an Idaho financial institution can claim an income tax deduction on their account contributions and interest earned starting with their

Idaho income tax return for 2020. Individuals can deduct up to \$15,000 each year. Married couples filing a joint tax return can deduct up to \$30,000 a year.

Withdrawals from the account balance – including accrued interest – aren’t taxable when account owners use the money to make a down payment on their first home or to cover other eligible

costs related to buying the home. Account owners can’t have previously owned a home.

Financial institutions must report account withdrawals to the Idaho State Tax Commission by using Form ID-FTHB, Beneficiary and Withdrawal Schedule First-time Home Buyer Savings Account. Account deposits can’t exceed \$100,000 over the lifetime of the account.

Protect your skin this summer

by Paulla Mizer, DNP, RN, MSI
Horizon Home Health
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Although we all know that we need to protect our skin when we are out in the sun, many Americans lack a general knowledge or awareness about the risks associated with sun exposure, or they may think they are at low risk of developing skin cancer or sunburn.

But do you know the statistics associated with skin cancer? According to the Skin Cancer Foundation, up until age 49 significantly more white women develop melanoma than white men. From the age of 50 on, significantly more men develop melanoma than women.

Overall, one in 27 white men and one in 40 white women will develop melanoma in their lifetimes. The majority of people who develop melanoma are white men over age 55.

The average person may not be impressed with those statistics and continue with their bad behaviors, especially when social norms regard tanned skin as attractive and healthy, creating barriers to reducing intentional exposure to UV radiation, whether indoors or outdoors.

However, with more people being diagnosed with skin cancer in the U.S. than all other cancers combined. This economic impact to society as a whole is huge. The annual cost



of treating skin cancers in the U.S. is estimated at \$8.1 billion (\$4.8 billion for non-melanoma skin cancers and \$3.3 billion for melanoma).

The Skin Cancer Foundation offers these startling statistics. More than 9,500 people are diagnosed with skin cancer every day. It's estimated that the number of new melanoma cases diagnosed in 2019 will increase by 7.7 percent in the U.S.

More than 5.4 million cases of non-melanoma skin cancer were treated in over 3.3 million people in 2012, which is the

most recent year new statistics were available. Between 2009 and 2019 the number of new invasive melanoma cases diagnosed annually increased by 54 percent. As you can see, the toll is high for a condition that people can help to prevent.

Individuals can take steps to reduce their risk of developing skin cancer by improving sun protection behaviors. Most skin cancers are at least partially caused by UV exposure, so reducing exposure reduces skin cancer risk.

It's not only the skin that can

be damaged. Sun protection helps prevent the harmful effects of sun exposure that can lead to premature skin aging and eye damage.

According to the World Health Organization (WHO) International Agency for Research on Cancer, ideal sun protection involves several behaviors:

- Limit your time in the sun.
- Indoor tanning is harmful and increases skin cancer risk significantly.
- Wear tightly woven protective clothing.
- Wear a hat that provides

adequate shade to the whole head.

- Seek shade whenever possible, avoiding outdoor activities during periods of peak sunlight (such as midday)

- Use sunscreen (in conjunction with other sun protection behaviors).

Be safe this summer, cover up and wear broad spectrum sunscreens with SPF levels of 15 or higher with other sun protection measures, including limiting time in the sun and wearing long-sleeved shirts, pants, hats, and sunglasses.

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Sydney Cobb stays busy with her expanding businesses while also attending TVCC, where she studies elementary education and plans to teach second grade. Cobb always wanted to open a coffee shop called Thirsty Cactus, but instead decided to use the name for her custom jewelry business. She has expanded to include a line of western-inspired boutique clothing as part of her business.

Weiser woman starts business making western-inspired jewelry and clothing

Sydney Cobb created a line of custom western jewelry creations and called it Thirsty Cactus

by Nicole Miller

Sydney Cobb has always wanted to run her own business. She even received an entrepreneurial scholarship from Weiser Classic Candy for the business savvy and interest she showed in high school.

Recently, Cobb has made those goals come true with her new business “Thirsty Cactus” – specializing in custom stamped jewelry and boutique clothing.

Metal stamping is something that Cobb has been interested in for a long time. She saw an ad on Facebook advertising some custom stamped jewelry, but it did not have the western-inspired styling that she loves, so she decided to make her own.

Cobb utilized online tutorials and Youtube videos, and with practice she was able to teach herself and began making custom jewelry. After growing her customer base for her jewelry, Cobb also added western inspired boutique clothing.

With going to college and competing on the TVCC rodeo team, Cobb found that she had limited hours available to work for a traditional business, so she found herself more motivated to make her business work because it allowed her to set her own hours.

When the quarantine hit, she was able to work even more on her jewelry and found it was the perfect time to expand into offering clothing that she loved to her customers as well.

Originally, Cobb wanted to start a

coffee shop, always envisioning Thirsty Cactus as the name, but when she started stamping and couldn’t think of a name, she decided to use the name for her jewelry instead.

Cobb makes necklaces, hat pins, rings, earrings, and bracelets, but the imagination is the only limit, and has received custom orders for several unique pieces. While most of her jewelry is silver, she has also completed custom copper and leather pieces as well.

She begins by stamping the metal, then shaping it and finally finalizes the color. While many of her customers come with some design elements in mind, Cobb also has several other designs consistently available on her website.

Recently, Cobb has been able to experience selling her jewelry and clothing at booths during horse sales. She has really enjoyed having the opportunity to share her work in person and expand her customer base.

Cobb loves clothing and fashion and hopes that this business can continue to be a great job helping her earn money for college. Cobb is studying elementary education at TVCC and hopes to be a second grade teacher in the near future.

Thirsty Cactus clothing and jewelry is available to order on her website <https://thirstycactusco.com/> and customers can also follow her to see her new designs and clothing available on Facebook and Instagram @thirstycactusco.

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Gov.'s plan for tax relief

“hard facts” as the governor’s plan is finalized.

“We’re going to proceed as if we’re going to participate in this program for now,” he said.

City budget officials said it appears the city could be in line for about \$560,000 in state relief funds to cover public safety payrolls through the governor’s plan based on current calculations. The city is supposed to receive the funds to cover public safety salaries by December.

The county treasurer will credit city property taxpayers with the amount of money the city receives from the state, providing a tax break to homeowners.

In return for the state payroll support, cities and counties that agree to participate cannot raise their tax levy by the annual 3 percent that is allowed under state law as they set their FY 2021 budgets. Cities and counties also must agree that they will not use any forgone tax money they may have on the books.

City officials said there is still some uncertainty about whether the federal relief money that went to the state can be used for public safety salaries and if that qualifies as COVID-19 related. The city has the opportunity to opt out of the program.

Washington County commissioners also discussed the governor’s plan and declined to participate.

Commissioners cited uncertainties about knowing how much the county would receive to pay for public safety salaries with a deadline looming to finalize the county budget

for fiscal year 2021.

It’s a fiscal unknown that commissioners said they were not comfortable with in finalizing the FY 2021 budget.

“I don’t think it’s worth the risk. That’s my opinion,” commissioner Nate Marvin said.

Commissioners said they would take the allowed 3 percent increase in property taxes allowed under state law as a sure thing rather than risk an unknown amount of funding from the state.

“There are too many unknowns,” commissioner Lisa Collini said.

Prosecuting attorney Delton Walker said some counties are not planning to take funds because they don’t feel like they can meet the requirements of the federal relief law that says the money has to be used for emergency management and law enforcement payroll related to COVID-19 expenses.

Some counties are worried they might have to pay it back if the plan somehow doesn’t meet the letter of the law for use of COVID-19 funds.

Cities and counties that did send in letters of intent to the state can back out of the governor’s plan if they want to up until September.

Idaho received \$1.25 billion in federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act funds to address the economic impacts of COVID-19.

U.S. Treasury guidelines allow for the funds to cover the payroll of public health and public safety personnel.

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County PILT payment

still less than the 2018 PILT amount of \$920,135.

The 2020 payment to Washington County was based on 340,642 acres of public land within the county, which didn’t change from the number of acres in 2019. The 2018 payment was based on 340,676 acres of public land.

A total of \$33.7 million was paid to Idaho’s 44 counties in 2020. The amount is up from \$32.2 million in 2019.

The largest single payment to any one county in Idaho went to Elmore County, which received \$2.6 million in PILT funds based on 1.35 million acres of public land.

The formula used to figure the payments is contained in the PILT legislation and is based on population, receipt sharing payments and the amount of federal land within a county. PILT payments are renewed on a year-to-year basis so the amount can vary.

The National Associa-

tion of Counties has urged members of Congress to continue to fund PILT at the full amount. The current funding for PILT is set to expire on Sept. 30, 2020.

Without congressional action to reauthorize PILT for FY 2021 and into the future, counties could face budget shortfalls that will impact their ability to provide essential services to residents and visitors, NACO said.

PILT funds from the Department of Interior help county governments in rural areas of the West carry out services like firefighting and law enforcement protection, construction of public schools and roads and search-and-rescue operations.

Washington County commissioners have used the PILT money in the last couple of years to cover budget shortfalls and augment the county’s justice fund, which includes county law enforcement, the courts, and a couple of other departments.



Brian Roe, the owner of Roe’s Custom Meats in Weiser, said his business has doubled over the past couple of months. COVID-19 caused sharp increases in prices for beef at the retail level, and shutdowns by packing houses brought shortages to grocery store shelves. In response, more people are buying whole or half-beef from local ranchers to save money and go with locally sourced beef. He makes his living by turning those half-beefs into burgers to tri-tip. Employee Kaylah Brown looks. *Photo by Steve Lyon*

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Weiser butcher working long hours to keep up

As a result, more people have responded by buying beef straight from local ranchers to fill their freezers in bulk.

The arrangement also benefits local livestock producers, who have taken a hit from the coronavirus pandemic as cattle prices dipped.

“The main thing is people are realizing the farm to the butcher and back to the farm is the only way to go,” Roe said.

Consumers also are buying pigs for custom butchers like Roe to butcher. He processed 200 pigs in two months earlier this spring. Usually, he does 500 pigs in an entire year.

On a recent afternoon, an employee at Roe’s was busy grinding up lots of pork for sausage.

“I’ve gotten new customers because every butcher is booked up,” he said.

The savings can be substantial by buying a half-beef or quarter-beef and having it custom cut and wrapped. A half-beef costs around \$2 a pound hanging weight. His cost to turn that half or whole beef into steaks and burgers adds about \$1 a pound.

“You’re going to be under \$3 a pound for everything and that’s pretty cheap,” he said.

Roe knows local ranchers with beef to sell and

connects them with people who want to buy. He can also buy a whole or half beef for a customer or customers from a local rancher and process it.

He’s also trying to help ranchers get the best prices they can during a market slump. While the price of meat at the grocery store went up, ranchers were not getting rich. Prices they received for their livestock dove when restaurants closed during the COVID-19 stay home order and the demand dropped.

Early in the pandemic, packing houses were forced to close when employees contracted COVID-19, resulting in meat

shortages at the grocery store and leaving ranchers with no place to sell their cattle. That situation has pretty much been resolved and capacity is back up.

Roe thinks meat prices will stay high for another year, “because they don’t have to drop them down.”

In a case of cause and effect, the rising cost of meat also has resulted in a run on freezers.

People are buying meat in bulk to save money, or buying whole or half steers for custom butchering, and need a place to store all that beef.

One local appliance store said freezers were on back order through August.

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Commissioners opposed to face covering mandates

the meeting at the health district offices on July 16 was disrupted by protestors who were not allowed into the meeting.

The SWDH board’s agenda for the July 16 meeting did have a possible vote on mandatory use of face coverings within the health district on the agenda.

The meeting last week only mentioned recommendations for the use of face masks and other health measures.

Mandating the use of face masks has become a contentious issue in the Treasure Valley.

Central Health District imposed an order in Boise and Ada County requiring the use of face masks in

public places by residents.

Although it wasn’t on the agenda, the possibility that Southwest District Health could order a mandate brought a crowd to the meeting last Thursday. Various media sources noted that nobody in the public seating wore face masks.

Commission chairman Kirk Chandler said he’s OK if a business requires face coverings to enter because people can choose if they want to go in or not. That is different than a mandate that impacts everyone.

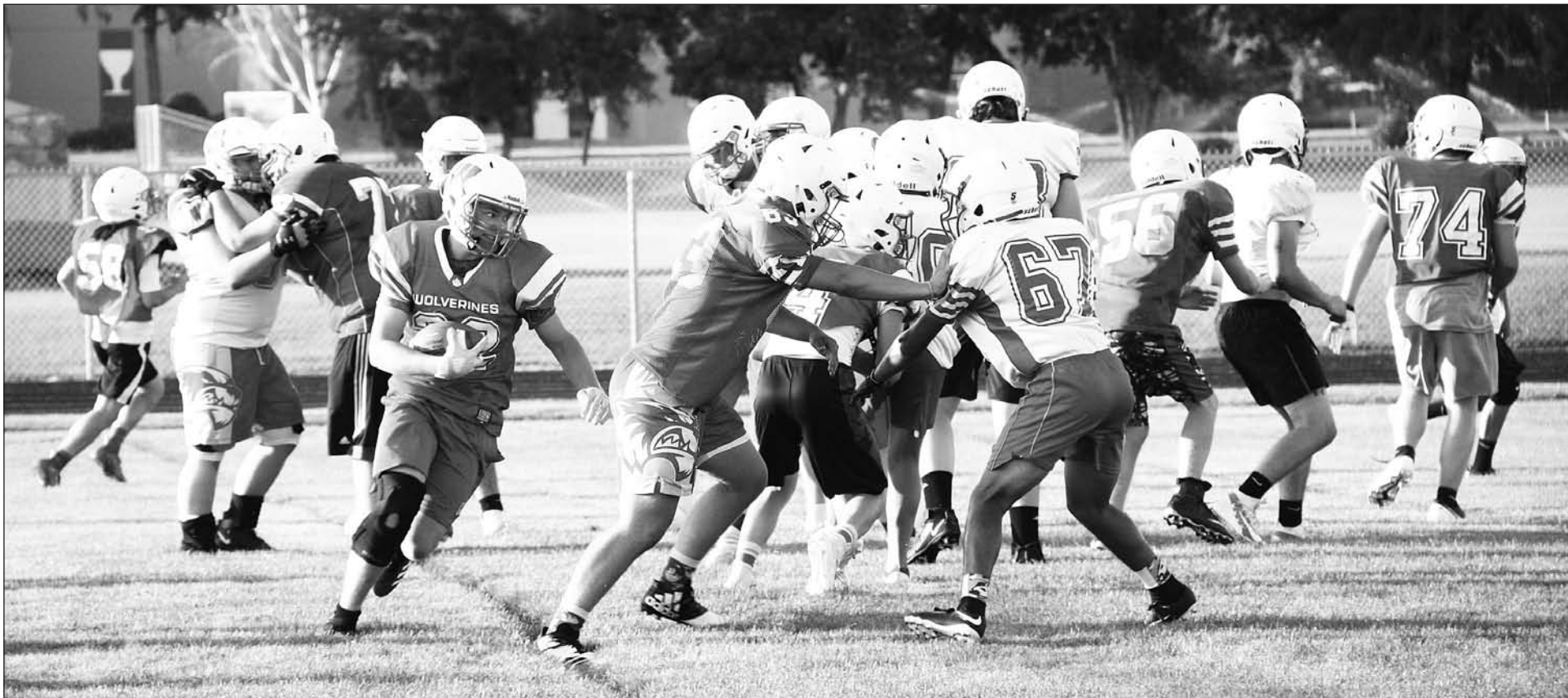
During their discussion on the mandatory use of facemasks, commissioners said enforcing an order would likely be impossible

and also questioned who would be responsible for enforcement.

They also said individuals should be free to make their own decisions on health issues.

“If you’re going to put in a mandate it has to be enforceable. How are you going to enforce it when the cities and counties say they are not enforcing it?” Chandler said.

As elected officials, if something can be done to help slow the spread of COVID-19 they should do it, but it should stop short of mandates and taking away the constitution rights of people to run their business and have the freedom to gather, Chandler said.



The Idaho High School Activities Association recently released a 52-page document that outlines how Idaho high schools can resume sports in the fall. High schools will be able to officially start practices on Aug. 10 and play their first game of the season two weeks after that. The IHSAA plan provides guidelines and requirements for schools to follow to keep athletes safe from COVID-19. Above Weiser players get in a workout on a recent afternoon at the high school. Photo by Steve Lyon

Guidelines released for resuming high school sports next month

IHSAA details recommendations and requirements to restart sports

by Steve Lyon

The governing body of Idaho high school sports recently issued extensive guidelines and recommendations that are designed to minimize COVID-19 risks for players and allow practices to start on Aug. 10.

The Idaho High School Activities Association's 52-page document was prepared using guidance from the National Federation of State High School Associations and the NFHS and IHSAA Sports Medicine Advisory Committees.

The IHSAA outlines potential risks of COVID-19 exposure specific to each fall sport, including football, volleyball, soccer and cross country. Suggested safety measures that are emphasized include the use of face coverings, so-

cial distancing by players and cleaning of equipment. No hugging, shaking hands or fist bumps should be done by players.

The IHSAA acknowledges the myriad challenges to starting up sports next month in light of the "near certainty of recurrent outbreaks" of COVID-19 in some locations. High school sports programs need to be prepared for periodic school closures and the possibility of some teams having to isolate or quarantine for two to three weeks during the season.

It's not likely that all students will be able to return to and sustain athletic activity at the same time in all high schools and regions in Idaho. If a school district closes because of COVID-19, according to the IHSAA guidelines, "there should be no prac-

tice, training or competition among athletes in that school or district."

The goals and requirements contained in the IHSAA fall sports plan are subject to change based on directives from the governor's office, the Idaho State Board of Education or the Idaho High School Activities Association Board of directors.

The IHSAA guidelines mandate that schools have to get approval from their local school boards and public health officials before sports begin. The IHSAA document lists four requirements for schools:

- Schools that host events are required to create a plan for fan and team attendance. These plans must follow the governor's reopening protocols and receive local health department local school

board approval.

- Schools must develop a transportation plan for practices and games.
- Schools must have a plan for what to do if a coach or athlete tests positive that is approved by the health department and school board.
- They must also develop a "return-to-participation" plan with the school board and health department.

The IHSAA guidelines include a risk assessment for each sport developed by the National Federation of State High School Associations and offers suggestions on precautions to reduce the risk of exposure.

Among fall sports, cross country is considered lower risk because it can be done with physical distancing or individually with no sharing of equip-

ment. Suggestions include planning for smaller meets, staggering the start time of the races and runners and limiting out-of-state teams.

Sports that involve close, sustained contact between participants, such as football, are considered high risk by the NFHS.

Soccer is considered a moderate risk. Sports that involve close, sustained contact but with protective equipment in place may reduce the likelihood of respiratory particle transmission between players. With cleaning of equipment and use of masks, soccer could be downgraded to lower risk, the NFHS said.

Competitive cheer is considered high risk due to the close, sustained contact between participants, lack of protective barriers and the potential for spread of

respiratory droplets. Sideline cheer is considered a low risk activity due to the physical distancing.

Individual swimming events are lower risk because of the social distancing among participants and swimming relay events are moderate risk.

The NFHS considers volleyball a moderate risk sport. With appropriate cleaning of equipment used in the game and use of face coverings, it could be considered lower risk.

Football teams can play their first games on Aug. 28, and the Weiser High School Wolverines have Buhl on the schedule for a non-conference opener. Swimming and volleyball can open play on Aug. 26, with soccer and cross country able to schedule games after 10 days of practice.

Class of 2020 gets a senior prom after all

Community comes together to make sure seniors enjoy special night

by Nicole Miller

With the soft closure of schools in March, many end of year traditions were missed this spring. Thanks to the work of a committee of dedicated parents and business owners, and the leadership of Patrick Nauman, one tradition was recently given back to the students in a special way.

Weiser High School students, along with the students from Cambridge and Midvale high schools, celebrated with a combined special prom on July 8 at Sunnyside Farms.

The junior class had begun planning prom for April and had the theme of the "Roaring '20s" already chosen, and since it definitely seemed fitting to the circumstances, Nauman said that the committee planning the new prom decided to continue with that theme.

The prom had been in the

works for a long time, and was originally planned for June 27 at the Vendome, but with the recent spike in COVID-19 cases, the city asked that the indoor gathering be cancelled. Randi and Troy Davies offered their outdoor venue as an alternative, which allowed the event to be rescheduled.

The outdoor event was a huge success with volunteer photographers on hand to capture all the fun. DJ Alicia Cavazos kept the music going all night, and each attendee received a gift bag. The event was well attended by both Weiser and Tri-Valley students of all ages.

During the evening, a Prom King and Prom Queen was chosen for both the Weiser and Tri-Valley Schools. All students in attendance had the opportunity to vote based on a list of the seniors from the schools. The winners did not have to be at the

event. Chosen as the Tri Valley Prom King was Tyrel Barnett and the Queen was Elizabeth Gladhart.

For Weiser, the King was Robert Sudderth, and the Queen was Kailey Frederick. Barnett was the only royalty not in attendance, so the rest were crowned by Miss of Idaho Jasmine Rios.

Nauman shared that one of the reasons for the success of the evening was the support of the parents and businesses in the community. Once he started planning the prom, the support from parents and local businesses was clear.

Over 20 individuals and or businesses volunteered to donate desserts, Randi and Troy Davies donated the use of Sunnyside Farms, Idaho Pizza donated the gift bags, Ridley's donated all the beverages, and several parents came to every planning meeting helping it all come to-



Weiser High School royalty Robert Sudderth and Kailey Frederick dance at the prom held at Sunnyside Farms. Representing Tri-Valley, Elizabeth Gladhart danced with Teddy Ertel who volunteered to dance in Tyrel Barnett's place for the evening.

gether.

The night was an event to remember and a special way to show the students how much the community cares. They all missed out on their closure of the school year, and this was a great way to have a piece of those traditions with a special and memorable twist.



The Weiser High School volleyball team poses for a photo during volleyball camp while also practicing social distancing and wearing face masks. The team participated in the Gold Medal Squared camp July 13-16 to work on skills and get ready for the fall season. The camp brings in top coaches, many of whom are former college players, to work with the players. Everyone was excited to get out on the court and practice. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, no tournaments or games with other teams are allowed right now. Below, Mattie Shirts works on her serving during the summer camp. *Photos by Sara Lundberg*

Lady Wolverines work on skills at volleyball camp

Gold Medal Squared Camp brings top coaches from all over

by Sara Lundberg

Smiles and both sounds of bodies hitting the floor and volleyballs flying in the air filled the Weiser High School gyms as the Wolverine volleyball program was able to host its Gold Medal Squared camp July 13-16.

With COVID-19 restricting playing and practice time this summer for sports, both the players and coaches were extremely grateful to be able to host a camp. For this camp, 39 athletes in grades 7-12 participated.

The Gold Medal Squared (GMS) Camp has been a recent addition to the volleyball program's summer off-season in the past few years. The GMS program provides amazing coaching to the players along with fun activities.

"I feel like Gold Medal Squared camp is one of the best volleyball camps in the nation because we get coaches from all over. Most of them are either currently Division 1 level college players or college coaches. It's just an awesome camp and an awesome opportunity for our program to get better at volleyball," varsity coach Lindsey Grant said.

This year's Gold Medal Squared coaches were both very skilled and great with the players. They included Makayla Lindberg, who played at both

Eastern Oregon and Portland and currently coaches at Eastern Oregon, Wil Stanley, who is the current setter at Brigham Young University, and Crash Parker, a former player at St. Mary's.

The Weiser coaching staff this year includes varsity coach Lindsay Grant, varsity assistant coach CJ Davis, JV coach Michelle Estes, frosh/soph coach Anna Grandi, eighth grade coaches Katelyn Dalton and Chris Courter, and seventh grade coach Andrea Williams.

Each day of the four-day camp was split into morning and afternoon sessions. Monday and Tuesday were mainly focused on individual skill work for the girls. The coaches ran the girls through many drills meant to greatly improve passing, setting, spiking, and serving.

The last two days of the camp, Wednesday and Thursday, were then more team oriented. The girls played many six on six games and different competition-based drills that had a chemistry-building focus to them. Improving and gaining individual skills and teamwork are both very important factors that will help the Weiser volleyball program to become successful in their future seasons.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, many precautions were taken by the coaching staff to ensure the greatest safety of the

girls as possible. First off, every morning, all players and staff members had their temperature taken. Later then throughout the day, hand sanitizer was set out for everyone to frequently use. Social distancing was also a main focus and done as much as possible.

COVID-19 has also caused other changes to occur this summer for the volleyball program. No tournaments or games with other teams are permitted, causing the Wolverines to only practice and play against each other. Because of this, there will only be a few more open gyms and practices this summer for the girls until their season hopefully starts up on Aug. 10.

The regulations for the upcoming season are still unknown, as decisions are continually being made with new information on the virus. However, all the girls and coaches are really hoping to be able to have a season that allows them to play against different teams and lots of games. They are excited despite the current challenges and changes they are facing.

"I am excited for this season and I am excited for the girls we have in our program. I think all three programs are going to be really strong and I am looking forward to it," Coach Grant said about her players and upcoming season.



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Washington County Court Report

March 27 - Jeremy D. Johnson, Weiser, failure to provide proof of vehicle insurance, fined \$75 plus \$56.50 court costs. Eric Eugene Sanderson, Payette, speeding, fined \$33.50 plus \$56.50 court costs. Makayla L. Shropshire, Payette, operate vehicle without a current or valid class D/operators license, fined \$150 plus \$157.50 court costs.

March 31 - Anthony J. Miller Jr., Weiser, operate vehicle without a current or valid class D/operators license, fined \$150 plus \$157.50 court costs.

April 2 - Maureen R. White, Playa Vista, failure to register vehicle annually, fined \$10.50 plus \$59.50 court costs.

April 3 - Dale E. Lunders, Reubens, speeding, fined \$33.50 plus \$56.50 court costs. David A. Rieb, Nampa, speeding, fined \$33.50 plus \$59.50 court costs.

April 7 - Wyatt L. Hodges, Weiser, speeding, fined \$33.50 plus \$56.50 court costs. Edgar C. Rubio, Elmo, failure to register vehicle annually, fined \$10.50 plus \$56.50 court costs.

April 8 - Earl Leroy Rowton, Indian Valley, speeding, fined \$98.50 plus \$56.50 court costs.

April 10 - Brenda Kathleen Tanner, Meridian, driving under the influence, fined \$797.50 (\$1,000 suspended), sentenced 180 days in jail (175 days suspended), drivers license suspended 180 days, placed on 12 months probation, 32 hours community service plus \$324.70 court costs. David Ramirez, Weiser, Fish and Game, fish without license, fined \$26 plus \$165 court costs.

April 13 - Mason W. VollBrecht, Nampa, failure to provide proof of vehicle insurance, fined \$75 plus \$56.50 court costs. Oliver Rabit Yardley, Ontario, failure to provide proof of vehicle insurance, fined \$75 plus \$56.50 court costs. Jedin A. Brown, Redondo, speeding, fined \$33.50 plus \$56.50 court costs.

April 21 - Kaden A. Hickey, Weiser, speeding, fined \$98.50 plus \$56.50 court costs.

April 22 - Brent Matthew Ferro, Caldwell, speeding, fined \$33.50 plus \$56.50 court costs. Levi G. Morris, Cambridge, disturbing the peace, fined \$192.50, sentenced 90 days in jail (87 days suspended), placed on 12 months probation, plus \$157.50 court costs.

April 24 - Wyatt L. Hodges, Weiser, speeding, fined \$33.50 plus \$56.50 court costs. Teri R. Shuter, Weiser, dogs running at large, fined \$15.50 plus \$56.50 court costs. Ival R. Valadez, Nampa, drivers view obstructed, fined \$33.50 plus \$59.50 court costs.

April 27 - Josefina Leos, Weiser, speeding, fined \$33.50 plus \$59.50 court costs.

April 28 - Isabelle M. Ruehl, Boise, speeding, fined \$33.50 plus \$56.50 court costs. Maxwell E. Weaver, Boise, speeding, fined \$33.50 plus \$56.50 court costs.

April 30 - Yasser Mederos Garcia, Saint Cloud, motor carrier - failure to stop at checking station, fined \$118.50 plus \$157.50 court costs.

May 1 - Samuel I. Hernandez, Pasadena, speeding, fined \$33.50 plus \$56.50 court costs. Jonathan S. Howard, Boise, speeding, fined \$33.50 plus \$56.50 court costs.

May 4 - John Betten-court, Weiser, driving under the influence, fined

\$797.50 (\$500 suspended), sentenced 180 days in jail (166 days suspended), drivers license suspended 180 days, placed on 12 months probation, plus \$872.50 court costs. Nicole Marie Light, Weiser, operate vehicle without a current or valid class D/operators license, fined \$150 plus \$157.50 court costs; driving - turn unsafe in opposite direction, fined \$33.50 plus \$56.50 court costs. Christian Edgardo Lopez, San Fernando, motor carrier - failure to stop at checking station or submit to inspection, grading or weighting, fined \$118.50 plus \$157.50 court costs. Greg Allan Reed Jr., Mullan, speeding, fined \$98.50 plus \$56.50 court costs. Curtis Lee Upchurch Sr., Caldwell, speeding, fined \$33.50 plus \$56.50 court costs.

May 6 - Bill L. Hale, Weiser, dogs running at large violation, fined \$15.50 plus \$56.50 court costs. Heather R. Evans, Weiser, operate vehicle without a current or valid class D/operators liense,

fined \$150 plus \$157.50 court costs. Isidro Gutierrez Jr., pedestrian - under the influence of alcohol or drugs, fined \$142.50, sentenced 90 days in jail (83 days suspended), placed on 12 months probation, plus \$307.50 court costs; failure to appear for misdemeanor citation, fined \$42.50 plus \$157.50 court costs. Bill L. Hale, Weiser, dogs running at large violation, fined \$15.50 plus \$56.50 court costs. Haylee K. Marvin, Weiser, failure to provide proof of vehicle insurance, fined \$75 plus \$56.50 court costs. Francisco A. Urrabaza, Caldwell, use or possess with intent to use drug paraphernalia, fined \$102.50, sentenced 30 days in jail plus \$347.50 court costs; failure to appear for misdemeanor citation, fined \$42.50 plus \$157.50 court costs.

May 8 - Justin William Aspiazu, Nampa, speeding, fined \$33.50 plus \$56.50 court costs. Aiyanna K. Casillas, Weiser, dogs running at large violation, fined \$15.50 plus \$56.50 court costs. Joseph

Heath Fortin, Cambridge, driving with expired drivers license, fined \$44.50 plus \$56.50 court costs. Thomas A. Gillies, Superior, speeding, fined \$33.50 plus \$56.50 court costs. Sheena Fay Green, Weiser, failure to provide proof of vehicle insurance, fined \$75 plus \$56.50 court costs. Brandon Brenton Kidder, Weiser, driving without privileges, fined \$127.50 sentenced 10 days in jail plus \$272.50 court costs. Jeri A. Kipper, Boise, operate vehicle without a current or valid class D/operators license, fined \$150 plus \$157.50 court costs. Bryan Adam Miltimore, Weiser, driving without privileges, fined \$150 plus \$157.50 court costs. Tina Rachel Nipper, Weiser, driving without privileges, fined \$150 plus \$157.50 court costs.

May 11 - Jenna Cristine Boss, Weiser, speeding, fined \$33.50 plus \$59.50 court costs. Ramon Omar Castillon Jr., Weiser, operate vehicle without a current or valid class D/operators license, fined \$150 plus \$157.50 court costs.

PUBLIC NOTICE

WEISER SCHOOL DISTRICT ZONE V
TRUSTEE OPENING
Weiser School District No. 431
Washington County, Idaho

Public Notice is hereby given according to law, and the requisite action of the Board of Trustees of School District No. 431, Washington County Idaho, that The Weiser School District Board of Trustees is accepting letters of interest and resumes from persons interested in applying for the position of Trustee representing Zone V.

Only a qualified elector residing in Trustee Zone V shall be appointed. A trustee must be a registered voter and reside in Zone V. (see the legal description for Zone V below). The term of office for this position will run from the date of appointment to the January 2024 Board meeting.

Interested persons should submit a letter of interest and resume to the district. The letter of interest should address the following:

1. The applicant's vision for the Weiser School District
2. Their ideas for how the school district can be improved

Letters of interest and resumes should be submitted to Kyla Dickerson, Clerk of the Weiser Board of Trustees, Weiser School District, 925 Pioneer Rd., Weiser, ID 83672 by 4:00 p.m. Wednesday, August 12, 2020. The Board of Trustees will appoint someone to fulfill the trustee position for Zone V following the August 12, 2020 deadline for applications. Applicants desiring additional information about the Trustee position or descriptions of Zone V may inquire at the school district office or by calling (208) 414-0616 during business hours 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Legal Description of Trustee Zone V

Trustee Zone No. 5: Beginning at the intersection of State Street and Hillcrest Avenue East and North on Hillcrest Avenue to East 6th Street South on East 6th Street to Galloway Canal East along the Galloway Canal to East 9th Street South on East 9th Street to East Park Street East on East Park Street to the East line of the SENW of Section 33, Township 11 North, Range 5 West South on the East line of said SENW to the South line of the Weiser River Trail Southwesterly along South line of Weiser River Trail to East Cove Rd Southeast-erly along Cove Road to the Weiser Slough Then southwest-erly along the slough to the Weiser River West on the Weiser River to its intersection with US Highway 95 North on US Highway 95 to East Main Street West on East Main Street to East 4th Street North on East 4th Street to East Park Street West on East Park Street to State Street North on State Street to the point of beginning.

By Order of the Board of Trustees
Kyla Dickerson, Clerk
Date: July 15, 2020

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT FOR THE THIRD
JUDICIAL DISTRICT
FOR THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR
THE COUNTY OF WASHINGTON
IN RE: MATTHEW VINSETH PEDROZA)
Case No. CV 44-20-0265
NOTICE OF HEARING ON NAME CHANGE (Minor)

A Petition to change the name of Matthew Vinseth Pedroza, a minor, now residing in the City of Weiser, State of Idaho, has been filed in the District Court in Washington County, Idaho. The name will change to Matthew Vinseth Veluz Pedroza. The reason for the change in name is: To put his mother's maiden last name as his middle name and his middle name, joining his first name.

A hearing on the petition is scheduled for 11:00 o'clock a.m. on 8-19-2020 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: 7-6-2020

CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT

By: Ellie Ibarra, Deputy Clerk

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PUBLIC NOTICE

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021
Weiser Valley Highway District

Notice is hereby given that the Weiser Valley Highway District Board will hold a special meeting for consideration of the proposed budget for the fiscal period of October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021. Said meeting will be held at 998 Olds Ferry Road, Weiser, ID 83672, at 7:00 p.m. on August 11, 2020. At said meeting all interested persons may appear and show cause if any they have, why said proposed budget not be adopted.

PROPOSED EXPENDITURES FOR 2020-2021

Salaries & Benefits	\$125,000.00
Utilities	6,000.00
Insurance	22,000.00
Road Improvement	200,000.00
Office & Miscellaneous	15,500.00
Truck & Equipment	65,000.00
Engineering & Professional	37,000.00
Capital Outlay	100,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$570,500.00

PROPOSED REVENUE FOR 2020-2021

Taxes	\$ 53,500.00
Highway User Fund	310,000.00
Forest Apportionment	20,000.00
Other Income	187,000.00
TOTAL REVENUE	\$570,000.00
Bruce Winegar, Chairman	
Sheri Johnson, Secretary	31-2S

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF)
)
DEAN DONALD FAIRCHILD,)
)
Deceased)

CASE NO. CV44-20-0271
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
(I.C. 15-3-801)

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

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WANT ADS DIAL 549-1717

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12:00 p.m. Monday.
Minimum charge \$6.30
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Count three medium size words to the line. Include address and phone number in count.

For Sale

MTD lawnmower, 20" cutting width, 2 years old. \$120. 208-549-2250. fs-32-tfp

Apartment size washing machine. Exc. cond. 2 years old. Located in Weiser. \$275 cash. 719-217-0105. fs-28-tfp

BUY LOCAL! THE ULTIMATE soil enrichment! We sell Red Wiggler worms and worm castings for healthy gardens. 208-550-2096. fs-19-tfp

LADIES GERMAN BELT buckle, old dresser and mirror, crib. (208) 549-0096. fs-14-tfp

PARTS FOR '49 CHEVY. 550-0568. fs-49-tfp

Miscellaneous

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS. 741-4085. ms-31-tf

Lost & Found

Found Master Lock, 5 keys with leather strap on Indianhead Road. Call to identify. 602-818-2344. lf-30-3p

Yard Sale

1003 Partridge St., Fruitland. Fri. and Sat., 9-2. Oak entertainment center \$300; maple dresser "1957" \$300; Eeal leather upper recliner \$250; hoard of art supplies and materials in all media. ys-31-1p

Moving sale - 55 McGinnis Drive. July 31 8-3, Aug. 1 8-12. Lots and lots of treasures. Antiques, furniture, kitchen items, dishes and collectibles. ys-31-1

Real Estate

Property for sale by owner. 18.02 irrigated acres in Weiser, Idaho. Smaller 1 acre parcels available. 208-550-0606 leave name and ph. number. re-31-4p

Services

CRUSHED GRAVEL 8 grades available, road grade or clean. 10 yd. min. Mann Creek location. For pricing (208) 549-0391. s-9-tf

ALL GRAVEL PRODUCTS, SAND, DIRT, ROAD BUILDING. Frankie Williams, 739-0185. s-11-tf

Wanted

Private party is interested in purchasing small buildable acreage in Weiser area. Please contact Luke at 541-276-6662. wa-31-1p

Roommate wanted for 2 bdrm., 1 bath with kitchen and laundry. No smoking, drugs or alcohol. Mature adult. Call Mike 208-353-0431. wa-31-1

Wanted

Weiser School District is accepting applications for full-time, part-time and substitute custodians for possible day and night shifts. Qualifications: Must be physically fit to handle the physical nature of the job; be able to read labels and directions and follow the directions for safe use/application; have a high school diploma or GED. Must also pass a criminal history background check. Duties to include daily cleaning, repairs/maintenance, building security and other tasks as assigned by supervisor. Classified application is available at the Weiser School District office, 925 Pioneer Rd., Weiser, ID or online www.weiser schools.org. Positions will remain opened until filled. wa-31-2

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Rentals

C&B Storage

Units Available

5x10 & 10x10 units
Call
208-549-0646

Services

HUGGINS CONSTRUCTION

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GENERAL CONTRACTOR
and
Local Backhoe Service &
Septic Tank/Leach 1-1100
40 Years in Business
208-549-1551

Weiser Valley Landscape

Tree and shrub trimming and removal, stump grinding, rock/bark/stone installation and repair, fine grading and fencing.
Rex Shippy 208-602-0987

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208-549-1717

Real Estate



504 State Street • Weiser, ID 83672

This week's featured listing:

JUST LISTED - Exceptional quality built custom home located alongside the 4th hole of Rolling Hills Golf course. Situated on just under 1/2 acre and 3658 sf. \$545,000.

Melanie Davidson-Hickey • 208-861-3721
Francene Hickey • 208-550-0233
Katie Rollins • 208-585-8604
Lena Barbot • 208-860-1612
Stefanie Lancaster • 208-741-4010



SELECT PROPERTIES

Real Estate



524 E. 7th, Weiser
OFFICE - 208-549-2112

Come build your new home and enjoy country living - Three great acres to build on. Front of acres on paved road. Has irrigation water from Lower Payette Ditch. \$90,000

Rod Panike- Broker- 550-1414 Skip Davis - 550-1420
Gilbert Ball - 550-0117 Earl Henderson - 741-9481
Amber Moore - 405-8164 Julie Chandler - 550-1121

Alicia Cavazos - 901-0467
Michelle Charlton-Panike - Office Manager

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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Super Crossword

GOOD-LOOKING BEGINNERS

ACROSS

1 Farm output
5 Mosey along
10 Father
14 Verbal tests
19 Dispel
20 Slow — (Asian primate)
21 Spoil
22 Bo of "Bolero"
23 Magnetic pull
26 Certain Arab
27 Place for online small talk
28 Author Dinesen
29 One of Nixon's daughters
30 Hack down
31 Crow cry
32 Clear skies and 70 degrees, say
35 Smell — (suspect something)
37 Novelist Zora — Hurston
39 Stopover site
40 Santa Fe-to-Denver dir.
41 Horned viper
44 Annex
45 Sanctify with oil
48 SFO posting

49 What a happy couple makes together
54 Suffix with journal
56 Liberal arts subj.
57 With 90-Down, totally mistaken
58 Creepy quality
60 Rented living spaces:
64 Screening airport org.
65 Appear to be
67 Fit snugly
68 Target rival
69 Notions that an imp might get
72 Habanero, for one
74 Pays mind to
75 Infant bed
79 Brand of nonstick cookware
80 Org. for drs.
81 Admin. aide
82 Like rhythmic verse
84 Mag bigwigs
85 Thither
86 Victory sign

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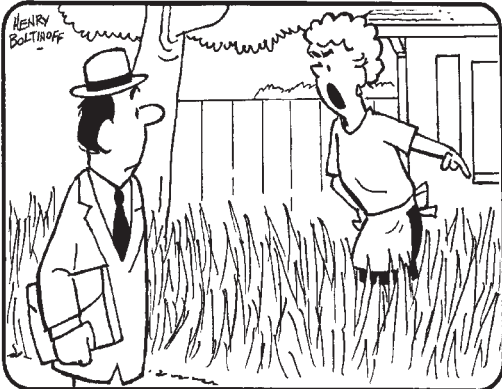
126 Slaving away
127 Not on time
128 Shot callers
129 Mended
130 Pot tops
1 Ballroom dance
2 Quite
3 Ontario city
4 Saucy
5 Big maker of food cans
6 Label for the Jackson 5
7 Hat's edge
8 Actress Tyler
9 Suffix with journal
10 Non-poetry
11 Of hearing
12 Finicky
13 Ending for meth-
14 Scenting substances
15 Send, as payment
16 Weaver of mythology
17 Lax
18 Place for downhillers
24 Oval part
25 Bill depicting Lincoln
29 Lend's sport
32 Soup scoop
33 Fathers, informally

34 Nintendo console
36 Greek "T"
38 Water, to Yves
42 Condition of equilibrium
43 Heaped up
45 Sale proviso
46 Fraction of about 11%
47 Forest cat
49 "You —!" ("Oh yeah!")
50 Comes after as a result
51 Swirly marbles
52 Shorn wool
53 Suffix with script
55 Pack tightly
59 Fixed price
61 Tropical fruit
62 Aftershock
63 Hair bit
66 Actress Plimpton
68 Actor Grammer
70 1999 Ron Howard satire
71 Clear kitchen wrap
73 Father, in Madrid
76 Have supper
77 PC readout of a sort
78 Not as tough

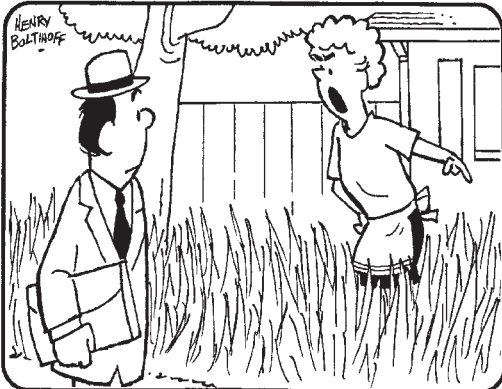
82 "Quo Vadis" director — LeRoy
83 TV producer Michaels
87 Like trade winds
89 China's — Zedong
90 See 57-Across
91 Certain rigging support
92 Coffee shop employee
93 Less lax
95 Quart fourth
100 Avocado dip, for short
101 Measure of current flow
103 American elk
104 Sedating substance
105 Blood vessel openers
107 Walk (on)
108 Furious
109 Part of CEO
110 Tenures
112 Decided
113 Part of REO
117 Highest point
118 Plus others: Abbr.
120 Pine relative
121 A bit askew
122 Hosp. body scan

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BY
HENRY BOLTHOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Bushes are missing. 2. Apron is different. 3. Earring is missing. 4. Window is smaller. 5. Man's nose is different. 6. Briefcase is larger.

Weiser woman competing in Miss of America pageant

Jasmine Rios will represent state at national event in November

by Nicole Miller

Weiser High School graduate of the class of 2017, and daughter of Courtney and Sean Thompson, Jasmine Rios was recently selected to represent the state of Idaho as the Miss of Idaho candidate for the Miss of America scholarship pageant.

Not to be confused with the Miss America program, the Miss of America program is a completely separate national program. The Miss of America scholarship program was created by the American Pageants family of programs.

The program strives to recognize girls for their scholastic accomplishments, professional achievements, leadership abilities, and personal achievements or accomplishments.

Candidates are judged in six categories which are designed to provide a fair judging format focusing on achievement. Those six areas are personal development of talents and skills (accounting for 15 percent of the final score), service and achievements in school and community (15 percent), scholastics and professional record (15 percent), personality projection and poise in evening wear (20 percent), judge’s interview (30 percent), and personal introduction (5 percent).

Rios was approached by fellow Weiser alum and Miss Teen of America 2011 Paige Jensen

through social media. Jensen has also represented Idaho through the American Pageants program and she told Rios about the program and suggested that she apply.

Rios was attracted to the program because she could see that it was designed to attract a wide variety of participants and help girls feel great about themselves.

“I really like that the goal of this program is to encourage young women to their full potential and in all aspects of life,” Rios said.

Rios was selected for her state title based on a written application, 60 second video on her personal Facebook page, and an interview. She was asked about her scholastic achievements, personal story and leadership experience.

Rios shared that when she visited with the judges about her leadership experience, she recognized that she had not had a lot of opportunities to be a leader in the community and had not taken on official leadership skills since high school.

She shared however, that she believes that leadership begins at home, and she has had many opportunities to be a positive leader at home.

As the state titleholder, Rios now has the responsibility and opportunity to represent Idaho in the national pageant this No-



Jasmine Rios is excited to represent the state of Idaho as the Miss of Idaho candidate. She will travel to Atlanta, Ga., in November for the competition. The national titleholder earns a scholarship and prize package valued at over \$60,000. A recent graduate of TVCC, Rios manages a soda shop in Fruitland called Sweet Willy’s.

vember 2020. She is excited to travel to Atlanta, Ga., for this competition and the experience of and meeting all the other state title holders. The national titleholder earns a scholarship and prize package valued at over \$60,000.

Rios shared that she never expected to compete in any kind of pageant so this whole experience is out of her comfort zone. So far, however, her experience has been incredibly positive and uplifting. Her goal is to be open minded about this new experi-

ence and enjoy it thoroughly. Rios graduated with her associate’s degree this last spring from Treasure Valley Community College. She currently resides in Weiser and works as a manager at Sweet Willy’s Restaurant in Fruitland.

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We are all in this together. Our communities are strong and compassionate and we know how to help raise one another up. Keep up the kindness and don’t forget to allow yourself the same grace you show others. **WEISER MEMORIAL HOSPITAL CARES.**

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

CONNECT! Social connections boost mood. Just remember to follow social distancing guidelines. Utilize text, calls, video chats, social media, letters, and other creative options to reach out to family and friends.

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

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