

Weiser hospital asking voters for \$6.5 million to build ER wing

Bond measure will be on May 19 primary election ballot

by Steve Lyon

Weiser Memorial Hospital trustees will ask voters to approve a \$6.5 million bond measure to construct a new addition to house the emergency department.

The hospital district board approved going to voters with the bond to finance the largest expansion of the medical facility in many years. The hospital's bond levy will be on the May 19 primary election ballot.

The total cost of the proposed ER addition project is \$9 million and would take two years to complete. Weiser Memorial Hospital will contribute \$2.5 million of the cost through grants, foundation fundraising and hospital financing.

The \$6.5 million bond would be paid by property taxes within the hospital district, which takes in the same area as the school district.

Hospital administrators have said the emergency department at the 25-bed critical access hospital is in need of expansion and updating for myriad of reasons.

The ER project received the highest priority after two years of strategic planning with the hospital board and staff.

"We don't go into this lightly. We're looking at all options to make it as least impactful on the community, but in reality we have to move forward to get this done," CEO Steve Hale said.

Hospital district trustees approved hiring an architectural firm in 2018 to do a complete facilities masterplan. The review looked

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All schools in state will be out until April 20

Schools in Washington County and across the state will close until April 20 under an order issued Monday by the Idaho State Board of Education to prevent the spread of coronavirus.

The additional time gives district administrators the opportunity to plan for remote learning and providing food service if an extended school closure is ordered beyond April 20.

Weiser schools are on an extended spring break this week. Students were scheduled to return on Wednesday, April 1.

Until Monday's board action, the state had left it up to school districts to decide on coronavirus closure plans.

Concern over coronavirus closes courthouse and Weiser City Hall

by Steve Lyon

Weiser City Hall closed to the public on Thursday for an indefinite period in a precautionary move to protect employees and the public from any possible exposure to the coronavirus.

The action was taken one day after the Weiser City Council passed a resolution declaring an emergency in a short meeting last Wednesday evening.

At that time city officials said city hall would not close, but then reconsidered and announced the closure effective at noon on Thursday.

"We're going to continue to review it, but it's indefinite at this time," Mayor Randy Hibberd said.

City officials approved the emergency declaration resolution in a short meeting at city hall on Wednesday night.

The mayor can declare an emergency for seven days, which can be extended with ratification from the city council.

Hibberd said the city could receive up to 90 percent reimbursement for extra expenses if a certain spending threshold is reached. The city is not sure of what extraordinary expenses related to coronavirus might occur at this point.

With city hall closed to the public, residents are urged to pay their utility bills by using the dropbox located across from city hall, paying online, or through the mail.

There were no plans to reduce the number of employees at city hall, and employees will

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Weiser City Hall closed to the public on Thursday at noon in an effort to prevent the spread of the coronavirus and possible exposure to employees. City leaders say they are continually reviewing the situation and will post updates on the city's website. Photo by Steve Lyon

Commissioner 'I don't want to put employees at risk'

by Steve Lyon

Washington County commissioners took emergency action last Wednesday to close the county courthouse in response to the threat of coronavirus.

A sign on the courthouse on Monday notified the public that the building is closed to in-person visits. County departments in the courthouse will remain staffed to assist citizens via telephone, email or online.

The courthouse and annex, which houses the DMV and vehicle registration, will be closed

until at least March 30. On that date, commissioners will assess the situation and decide if the closure continues based on information on the coronavirus from public health agencies, the governor and federal officials.

The county's trash transfer sites in Weiser and Midvale will remain open for public use. Emergency services will remain fully staffed and operational. The county jail has temporarily imposed restrictions on who can visit inmates.

The district and magistrate

court offices will remain open to the public during normal business hours. All court filings should be delivered to the magistrate court office, which is located in the county annex right across the street from the courthouse.

During the emergency meeting to consider the courthouse closure, commission chairman Kirk Chandler said he heard that people were coming from out of the county to use local court

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Absentee voting encouraged for May 19 primary

Idaho Secretary of State considering alternatives to in-person voting

by Steve Lyon

The continuing uncertainty created by the coronavirus pandemic has prompted the Washington County clerk's office to encourage residents to vote absentee in the May 19 primary.

In a little over two months from now, Republicans and Democrats in Idaho will nominate their party's candidate for county, state and federal offices in the November election.

There will also be a bond measure on the May 19 ballot that seeks \$6.5 million in funding for a new ER wing at Weiser Memorial Hospital.

Given the ever-changing coronavirus situation, and the efforts to limit its spread, there has been some discussion at the state level about possible changes or even postponement

of the May 19 primary date.

County clerks in Idaho's 44 counties are waiting to see if Secretary of State Lawrence Denney makes any changes, such as offering alternatives to in-person voting at polling places.

The secretary of state's website promotes absentee voting with the slogan "vote early Idaho" and provides forms to request an absentee ballot.

One concern that has been raised with in-person voting in the election is the age of many poll workers puts them in the at-risk category for exposure to coronavirus.

There are also recommendations on social distancing and limiting the number of people that congregate in a group to slow the spread of the virus.



The Idaho Democratic Party sent both Idaho Gov. Brad Little and the Secretary of State a letter urging state officials to hold the May 19 primary election entirely by absentee ballot due to coronavirus.

The letter suggested that absentee ballot request forms be sent by mail to every registered Idaho voter.

Absentee ballot request forms

are available online on the county website and also on the Idaho secretary of state website. Download the form, print it, fill it out, sign it, date it and return it to the county clerk's office:

Washington County Clerk
P.O. Box 670
Weiser, ID 83672

Voters also can call the county clerk's office at 208-414-2092 and ask that an absentee ballot request form be mailed to them. County officials said they were already getting quite a few requests for ballots.

The county clerk's office could receive the absentee ballots as early as April 3 and will start mailing them out.

The primary election ballots must be returned to the county clerk's office before 8 p.m. on election day, May 19.

Coming Up

Weiser Elks Lodge bingo

Have a fun evening at the Weiser Elks Lodge playing bingo on Thursday evenings starting at 7 p.m. Everyone is invited to come and play.

Weiser Senior and Community Center closed

The Weiser Senior and Community Center has announced that they will be closed until further notice. Monday night bingo, lunches at the center and the first and third Saturday breakfasts have been suspended. Anyone interested in meals on wheels please call the center at 208-414-0750 to order a meal to be delivered.

Weiser Lions Club meetings

The Weiser Lions meet monthly on the first Wednesday at noon and the third Wednesday at 5 p.m. at Idaho Pizza. If you share our passion for helping others in our community, please join us. Everyone is welcome.

Fit and Fall Proof Classes Suspended

Fit and Fall Proof classes have been suspended until further notice. For more information, contact Kasey Brock at 208-549-4490.

Gem State Fiddlers jam suspended

The Gem State Fiddlers jam sessions have been suspended until further notice due to the Weiser Senior and Community Center closure.

Twentieth Century Club

The Twentieth Century Club will meet on Friday, March 27, at the Guthberlet Hall at 1:30 p.m. Jeri will host and Delores will present the program.

Youth track registration deadline is April 1

Joyce Taylor will be back to teach youngsters sixth grade and under the fundamentals of running, jumping and throwing. The youth track registration deadline is April 1 at the Weiser Recreation Department office. The fee is \$12 and those 3 and under are free. Practice dates will be April 6-10 from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Weiser High School track. The practice for Tuesday, April 7 will be held at the Weiser Middle School. The track meet will be held Saturday, April 11 at the Weiser High School track. Registration will begin at noon with the meet starting at 1 p.m. Cost is \$2 per participant. For more information, call 208-414-0301.

Friends of the Library

The Friends of the Library will meet on Wednesday, April 1, at 4:30 p.m. at the Weiser Public Library.

Four County Art Guild

The Four County Art Guild meets the first Thursday of the month. The guild's next meeting will be held April 2 at the Weiser Public Library in the conference room at noon.

Easter Egg Hunt

Ole's Men Social Club will host their annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 4 at 12 p.m. behind Ole's Tavern. Children ages 0 to 10 are invited to come hunt eggs and win prizes. There will be a drawing for a barbecue donated by Ridley's and \$200 meat bundle donated by Ridley's and OMSC.

Washington County Waterways Committee

Washington County Waterways Committee will meet April 7 at the Weiser Rural Fire Department, 167 W. Commercial St., at 6 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

Mann Creek Ditch Company meeting

The Mann Creek Ditch Company annual meeting will be held on the steps of the Saling School on April 7 at 7 p.m.

Chapter T P.E.O.

Chapter T P.E.O. will meet on April 7 at 7 p.m. at the home of Kelly Haun. The social committee will host a birthday party.

Friends of the Hospital to meet on April 13

The Friends of the Hospital will meet on Monday, April 13, for a luncheon at noon at the Weiser Christian Church, 1299 E. Second St.

Indianhead Fly Fishers

The Indianhead Fly Fishers will meet on Tuesday, April 14, at 7 p.m., at Idaho Pizza. All persons interested in fly fishing or wishing to become fly fishers are welcome to attend. Call Perry Kelley at 549-0538 or Mike Thomas at 549-2473, for more information.

Republican Central Committee to meet April 14

The Washington County Republican Central Committee will meet on Tuesday, April 14, at the Weiser Elks Lodge at 7 p.m. Anyone interested is invited to attend.

Kindergarten registration April 30 and May 1

Kindergarten registration for the 2020-2021 school year will be by appointment on April 30 and May 1. Call Pioneer School, 208-414-3131, to schedule an appointment. Student must be present for testing during registration. Bring child's certified birth certificate and immunization records. The registration process will take approximately one half hour. Students entering kindergarten must be 5 years old on or before Sept. 1, 2020.

B.P.O.E. 1683

The Benevolent Protective Order of Elks meets the second and fourth Wednesday of every month at 8 p.m. at the Elks Lodge, 38 W. Idaho St.

Weiser Lodge #23 AF & AM

Weiser Lodge #23 AF & AM meets the first Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Masonic Hall, 420 State St. For more information, call 550-1436. or visit www.weiserlodge23.com.

TOPS ID 123

TOPS ID 123, Weiser, meets every Tuesday at the Church of the Redeemer in Guthberlet Hall at the corner of East First and Liberty. Weigh-in from 5 to 6 p.m. with the meeting starting at 6 p.m. Everyone is welcome. For more info, contact Glenna Schiedel at 549-3381.

TOPS ID 219

TOPS ID 219 meets every Thursday morning at 9 a.m. at the Cottages, 1225 E. 6th St. For more info, call Karen Ross at (208) 550-0215.

Narcotics Anonymous

Narcotics Anonymous will meet on Monday and Friday from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Church of Christ, 595 E. 2nd St. (meet in the basement, look for the blue door). For more information, contact Boyd at 208-585-8089. All addictions welcome.

Obituaries

Vernon Loy Jacks

Vernon Loy Jacks, 91 years old, a pioneer from Midvale, Idaho, passed away March 18, 2020 at Weiser Care of Cascadia in Weiser, Idaho.

Vernon is survived by his wife and soul mate Norma Jacks, his stepson Rodney Jones and his wife Susan and son Christopher, two sisters Aimee and Bertha, two brothers Alan and Bobby, and many nieces and nephews.

Vernon quit school and became a janitor of the Midvale High School and later became the bus driver and drove for many

years. He was the best driver they ever had; just ask any of his students.

Vernon had other jobs in his long life including helping his dad deliver mail on the Star Route on horseback in all kinds of weather and working as caretaker at the Midvale and Keithley Creek cemeteries.

Vernon and his brother Alan had a business called Have Hounds will Travel, hunting with their hounds for raccoon, bobcat, and bear that farmers were having trouble with. Vernon and his brother Alan also had a dairy, raised cattle, and grew alfalfa.

Vernon was a wonderful husband, son, brother, uncle and stepfather. He loved his ranch and nature, was a great storyteller and was always ready to share his hunting and other adventures to everyone he met.

He will be terribly missed by family and friends, and especially by his wife Norma, of 50 years, who is left with a broken heart.

Arrangements are under the direction of Thomason Funeral Home. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.lienkaemper-thomason.com.

Death Notices

Carolyn Turner

Carolyn Turner, 75, of Payette, Idaho, passed away March 19, 2020 in Nampa. Arrangements under the direction of Thomason Funeral Home.

Gloria G. Huerta

Gloria G. Huerta, 45, of Weiser, Idaho, passed away March 17, 2020 in Weiser. Arrangements under the direction of Thomason Funeral Home.

Pacita M. Alejandro

Pacita M. Alejandro, of Ontario, Ore., passed away March 20, 2020 at Saint Alphonsus in Ontario. Arrangements are under the direction of Haren-Wood Funeral Chapel, Ontario.

Donna 'Kelly'

Mae Kelly

Donna "Kelly" Mae Kelly, 76, of Ontario, Ore., died March 15, 2020 at home. Arrangements by Lienkaemper Chapel, Ontario.

Ruth Hunter

Ruth Hunter, 96, of Weiser, Idaho, passed away March 19, 2020 in Weiser. Arrangements under the direction of Thomason Funeral Home.



The Oregon State Police reported that Weiser resident Michael Maddox, 55, was parked on the shoulder of I-84 in the eastbound lane near Baker City last Thursday when his vehicle was hit from behind by the driver of the Ford Explorer. Maddox died at the scene of the early morning accident. *OSP photo*

Weiser resident killed in accident near Baker City

A Weiser resident died on Thursday, March 19, in a two-vehicle accident near Baker City, Ore., on Interstate 84 near milepost 342.

The Oregon State Police reported the accident occurred at about 6:50 a.m. The preliminary investigation indicated that a Pontiac Grand Am driven by Michael Maddox, 55, of Weiser was parked on the eastbound shoulder of I-84 when an eastbound Ford Explorer operated by Debra Archer, 37, of Kelso,

Wash., slammed into the Pontiac.

Maddox, who was seated in the driver's seat, sustained fatal injuries and was pronounced deceased. Archer was transported by ground ambulance to the hospital for injuries.

A passenger in the Ford Explorer, Jimmy Padilla, 48, of Las Cruces, New Mexico, was transported by air ambulance with serious injuries.

OSP was assisted by Huntington Rural Fire Department and ODOT.



The grand opening of the University of Idaho Cooperative Extension office in Weiser provided the opportunity to show off the many education programs and activities extension offers. Above, Megan Inwards, a 4-H program assistant, shows Gwen Potter slides to observe with a microscope. Photo by Steve Lyon

Washington County extension office hosts grand opening

County bought the former restaurant in downtown Weiser in 2018 and extensively renovated it

by Steve Lyon

It was a larger remodeling project than initially envisioned, but the new University of Idaho Extension Office in Washington County was worth the wait, officials said at the recent grand opening.

The public was invited to a ribbon cutting and to tour the building. County commissioners Kirk Chandler and Nate Marvin joined county clerk Donna Atwood in the ceremonial ribbon-cutting.

Extension educator Mary Ridout thanked contractor Robert Huff and extension staff for their efforts in the lengthy renovation project. The extension office will serve residents with numerous educational activities and programs for a long time.

“This is a day I think a lot of us have been waiting for,” she said. “This is a really big day for us but also Washington County.”

The remodeled building has 5,800 square feet of space and features four offices, two storage areas and a classroom. For the grand opening, there were numerous displays set up that showed off the many extension programs, such as 4-H, master gardener and more.

Located right behind the building is a fenced yard that will provide outdoor space for activities and projects. The master gardeners also plan to use the space for educational purposes like demonstration gardens and raised beds.

The county bought the former El Tamalito restaurant in the fall of 2018 with the intent of transforming it into the new county extension office. Design West Architects worked on the plans with input from extension staff and former county planning administrator Chad Brock.

Commissioner Nate Marvin said the central location in downtown Weiser is ideal and the county was able to take an empty building and give it a new life and purpose for decades to come.

“I’m very happy with it. I’m glad we did it,” he said. “I think it will make us a

good facility for a long time.”

In a letter to county commissioners read aloud at the grand opening, Dr. Barbara Petty, University of Idaho Extension director, said the new facility will help extension deliver researched-based educational programs designed to improve people’s lives.

She thanked the county for the major investment in the facility and said the support of local government was important to extension’s vision “to be leaders in building a thriving, prosperous, healthy Idaho.”

“I believe this new facility will be a hub of activity with the youth learning critical life skills and adults developing new skills and solving problems while building a better future,” Petty said.

Pat Momont, district director for U of I extension, thanked commissioners for the financial support and said the facility was an investment in the extension program for the next 50 years in Washington County.

He said Washington County was the first county in the state to provide the funding to support a full-time 4-H coordinator.

The county had been searching for space for the University of Idaho extension office and 4-H program since May of 2018, when the extension office moved out of the county annex building across the street from the courthouse to make way for the DMV and driver’s license office.

Most recently, the county rented temporary space for the extension office in downtown Weiser at 21 West Idaho St. The extension office moved a couple of times since vacating the county annex building in May of 2018.

In an arrangement that dates back more than 100 years with the land grant university, the counties around the state provide the facilities and the support staff, along with an annual office operating budget, while the extension educator is a University of Idaho employee.

Washington County Marriage Licenses

Nov. 6 - Douglas Jay Parker and Ruth Elaine Pedersen, both of Weiser.

Nov. 8 - Steven John Fullerton and Judith Diane Jennings, both of Weiser.

Nov. 13 - Shela Dawn Gable and Tim David Freer, both of Weiser.

Nov. 15 - Elizabeth Ann

Brady and Cole Thomas Franklin, both of Cambridge.

Nov. 18 - Jose Luis Salinas and Erica Juarez, both of Weiser.

Nov. 21 - Bryan Daniel Bachelder, Ontario and Lexcie Ruth Hawkins, Weiser.

Nov. 26 - Sierra Lynn Paulsen and Berkeley James Walker, both of Weiser.

Dec. 18 - Shayne Thomas Stone and Tara Nichole Roundy, both of Weiser.

Dec. 20 - Charles Edward Banks III, Caldwell and Erin Lynne Miller, Weiser.



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Wooden Teeth?

There is a popular misconception that our first president had wooden teeth. George Washington, in fact wore many sets of false teeth. Some were made of ivory, hippo tusk, and a few instances his own teeth set into a gold base.

President Washington’s dental problems had some influence on American history. He suffered from bad teeth, then from ill-fitting, uncomfortable and painful false teeth. He was so uncomfortable and embarrassed by his false teeth, that he avoided public engagements. He also declined to make his inaugural speech for his second term as the president.

Washington was also known to have a hair-trigger temper which could have been due to the constant tooth pain and ill-fitting dentures that he experienced.

For his famous portrait by Gilbert Stuart, the one on the one dollar bill, he stuffed his cheeks with cotton. That was because his face was sunken in by the loss of teeth and supporting structure.

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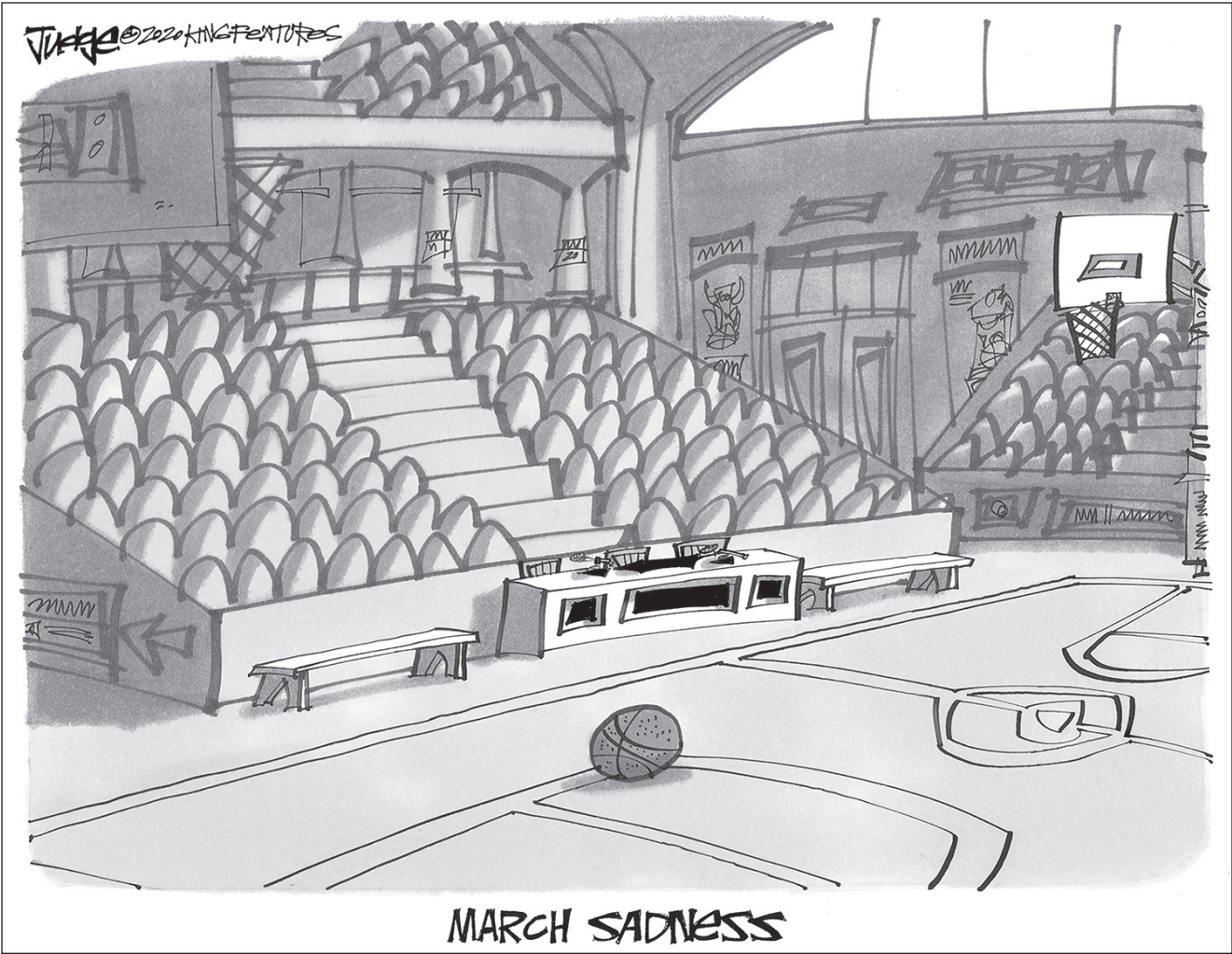
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During the Great Depression W.K. Kellogg continued marketing his cereals while his rivals were cutting back. In doing so he pulled ahead of Post Cereals in sales, a change that has never been reversed.



OPINION



The coronavirus cancellations keep coming

The disruptions to everyday life are many these days due to the contagion known as the coronavirus. The many community events that we look forward to this time of year and brought us together have been cancelled one by one.

Many are major fundraisers for local organizations and churches. Without the revenue they could usually count on, they will have to make some budget decisions later on.

The Weiser Chamber of Commerce has had to pull the plug on this year's crab feed. The date was just two weeks away and it doesn't look like we will be over the coronavirus pandemic by then.

With the threat of the easily transmitted coronavirus out there, it's simply not in the best interest of anyone to pack 350 people together in close proximity.

It was officially announced on Tuesday morning that the 2020 fiddle contest, which is Weiser's signature event, has been cancelled.

The Weiser Senior and Community

Center has indefinitely cancelled sit-down lunch for the first time in anyone's memory. The center is offering takeout meals and Meals on Wheels deliveries. Call the center for details.

Closing the center for dining is the right thing to do. It would be beyond terrible if the coronavirus swept through the center infecting seniors, who are at higher risk for serious illness.

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Of all the bad news we have been subjected to daily, one story elicited in me a near apoplectic sense of outrage.

According to news sources, four U.S. senators attended closed-door briefings back in February about the dire economic situation that was coming with the spread of the coronavirus.

With this privileged information the senators began to dump their stock holdings knowing the financial markets were soon to take a tumble.

Their immediate concern after hearing about the havoc the coronavirus was certain to bring to Wall Street was not

to warn the public but to quietly enrich themselves.

They got out with a profit while we the common people were left holding the bag. The average Joe's 401K was pummeled by nonstop selling in the market.

"The Guardian" newspaper called the senators and their coronavirus insider trading "a symbol of moral bankruptcy" for profiting from a disaster.

The four senators have, of course, offered explanations and called the stock sales prior to the market crash just a matter of coincidence. I don't buy it. It smells too rotten.

Even if they didn't personally call their broker to dump stocks, someone close to them did based on inside knowledge they shared about the dark days on Wall Street to come.

There have been loud calls for the senators to resign. You would think a disgraced politician would step aside and let someone with integrity have their seat in the senate, but they never do.

Let's hope voters don't forget the senators who personally profited during a national crisis at election time.

Steve Lyon is the editor of the Weiser Signal American. Contact him at scoop@signalamerican.com.



EYE ON WEISER
Steve Lyon

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

'Steel Magnolias' postponed until late September

Editor:

Please know the health and safety of our loyal, dedicated supporters of the Weiser Little Theater are foremost in our thoughts.

In light of the current health concerns we have collectively decided to postpone our production of "Steel Magnolias" until late September.

You will receive a full refund from your ticket purchase and ask for your patience during this transition.

We will inform you when the next production dates are confirmed.

St. Agnes church offers refunds on dinner tickets

Editor:
The St. Agnes Catholic

Women's League would like to thank the community and the parish team who helped at the hall for their support during our annual St. Patrick's Day dinner.

Regretfully, at the recommendation of the Washington County Sheriff, we decided to cancel the event this year due to recent health concerns in our region and throughout the world.

Anyone who purchased advance tickets for the St. Patrick's Day dinner may return their tickets to the church office for a refund.

Although we were disappointed, we do look forward to seeing everyone at the event next year.

St. Agnes Church
Weiser

Haines gets our support for county commissioner

Editor:

My wife Peggy and I are supporting Lyndon Haines in his campaign for Washington County Commissioner from District 1.

Lyndon recently requested a meeting with me and other former county commissioners in order to get a better understanding of the office he is seeking.

I was pleasantly surprised at his in-depth research he had already done, his understanding of Idaho Code as it pertains to elected officials

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OPINION

FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

We want this to be ‘Much Ado About Nothing’

To put it mildly, the past week has been an interesting one. The City Council declared a State of Emergency over the COVID-19 virus.

The city, like many entities and businesses, to protect the public, limit the spread of the virus, and protect its employees has closed the front door.

We are fully operational and doing what we normally do. Business will be conducted by phone.

In-person business will be conducted by appointment on a limited basis. We are limiting meetings to take the same precautions we are recommending to others.

If you have questions relating to the city's response, you can call city hall at 208-414-1965

to speak to someone. Any updates will be posted online daily. We want to keep you

informed as we receive information.

The grocery store will be receiving increased deliveries this week. It appears that locally, the hoard buying has decreased.

With the increased deliveries, they expect to be back to their normal inventory levels by the end of the week.

They recommend that people plan their visits to the store to buy what is needed for several days, but not more.

The idea is to limit the exposure by limiting the number of times you go to the store, but without hoard buying.

There still seems to be those who believe this is, to quote Shakespeare, “Much Ado About Nothing.”

In response, as of Sunday at 5 p.m., statewide there have been 1,346 tests proc-

essed in Idaho of which 47 have proved positive for the virus or just under 3.5 percent.

In Weiser, there have been 18 tests as of Monday morning. Only one test has come back from the laboratory. That one test was negative.

However, if you run the numbers, there is a 50/50 chance that someone out of those 18 here in Weiser will be infected with the coronavirus. This is said so people take this threat seriously.

There is no built up immunity to this virus in the way we have an inherent resistance to the flu through centuries of exposure.

The precautions we are taking are not to stop the spread of the virus, but to slow the rate that it is spread.

We are trying to keep the number of cases, at any one time, limited so that the healthcare system is not overwhelmed with people needing treatment all at once. This could lead to a situation where people would not receive the help needed to save lives.

If we are successful, when this is all over, it will seem like “Much Ado About Nothing.”



Mayor Randy Hibberd

COMMENTARY BY U.S. SEN. MIKE CRAPO

Moving America's transportation system forward

The Senate Banking Committee recently held a hearing on the reauthorization of the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act, which expires at the end of September 2020.

The FAST Act provides long-term funding certainty for public transportation agencies across the country, funding that goes toward capital purchases and operations of the systems, and ultimately promotes safety, mobility and economic opportunity.

Public transportation plays a key role in our nation's economy. There are over 430,000 workers employed in public transportation in the United States, and transit provides approximately 33 million trips every workday, taking many Americans to and from work, school and medical appointments.

Although people typically think of public transportation as large, urban transportation systems, such as subways, transit is a critical lifeline to many rural communities as well.

For example, in Idaho, where fixed-route bus service plays an important role in the more urban areas like Boise, non-emergency medical transportation is critical to the health and well-being of many elderly and disabled Idahoans, and tribal transit provides connectivity opportunities for the Coeur d'Alene, Nez Perce and Shoshone-Bannock Tribes.

During this public hearing, there was an appropriately large emphasis on the fact that we are facing yet another surface transportation reauthorization where the solvency of the Highway Trust Fund is the most significant issue that needs to be addressed in order to advance a comprehensive, long-term reauthorization bill.

The Highway Trust Fund was originally intended to be funded with federal gas and diesel taxes.

However, since 1993, Congress has chosen to transfer general fund money into the Highway Trust Fund to pay for reauthorization bills.

The highway account required a \$52.8 billion general fund transfer to pay for the FAST Act and the transit portion of the FAST Act required an \$18.1 billion general fund infusion; these numbers will only continue to grow if we do not address the underlying solvency.

There have also been many changes to the mobility landscape since the last reauthorization, such as the rise of on-demand service, transitions to electric vehicles and deployment of autonomous technologies that should be addressed in a comprehensive long-term bill.

Traditional fixed-route transit service is an essential backbone for comprehensive transportation networks.

However, there have been numerous technological advances that can enable a higher quality of service at a lower cost that agencies should consider.

Transit agencies should incorporate these technologies to complement fixed-route service outside of service hours, to provide non-emergency medical transportation, to bring riders to or from fixed-route service to their final destinations, and to modernize fare payment collec-

tion, just to name a few.

Federal policies should provide more certainty to transit agencies by addressing statutory and regulatory burdens in order to invite more innovation into the transit industry.

Federal policies should encourage business-like operations of transit systems. This includes streamlining efficiencies, assessing current service with needs, maintaining assets in a state of good repair, leveraging resources for procurements, and seeking out partnerships with the private sector where appropriate.

Public transportation is an area of our committee which is historically known for having overwhelming bipartisan support.

I intend to continue this bipartisan tradition as we seek to balance the needs of bus and rail, urban and rural systems across the country.

A long-term reauthorization bill is critical to providing the certainty and stability that transit agencies, cities and states across the country need to make responsible transportation planning decisions.

Mike Crapo is the senior U.S. senator from Idaho.



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and particular to the duties of county commissioners.

Lyndon is a man of high moral character and will fulfill his oath of office with dedication to his duties as a county commissioner.

Lyndon has a passion for serving the citizens of Washington County with dignity and transparency.

He believes as I do that our form of government is and should always be “of the people by the people and for the people.”

His conservative values, his

willingness to listen to the view point of others, along with his ability to do the research necessary to reach an informed decision on all matters brought before the board.

This will give the Washington County Board of Commissioners a much-needed representative of the people and for the people.

I believe he has a vision of a future for Washington County that we can all be proud of.

That is why Peggy and I will be voting for Lyndon Haines in the May primary election.

Please consider doing the same.

Dave and Peggy Springer
Midvale

Collini has proven she can do the job as county commissioner

Editor:

We appreciated the article on our county commissioner Lisa Collini. By reading her credentials anyone can see not only she has life experience, she is well qualified, has job experience and is reliable.

Lisa shows up, she does the job, and she makes the most of meetings and conferences to be better at her job.

One thing is very important in choosing to re-elect Lisa is that she is able to be dedicated. Although Lisa is active in the community, she doesn't have to juggle family, serve a congregation and several other volunteer obligations as does her opponent.

Lisa has proven she can do the job. She has the time and dedication. Lisa gets our vote.

Larry and Mary Lundin
Midvale

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

What is something you could teach me about?



“Batting.”

Brexon Haun
Weiser



“Baseball.”

Taven Haun
Weiser



“Softball.”

Lillian Janicek
Weiser



“Pitching.”

Madilyn Janicek
Weiser



“Baseball.”

Coltyn Janicek
Weiser

Your Faith

A solid hope based on truth

Riverside Baptist Church

As I am writing this article I am watching the President’s press conference of March 19. Dr. Stephen Hahn of the FDA is explaining clinical testing of two new drugs that may treat the symptoms of Coronavirus. Dr. Hahn started his comments with describing his experiences treating patients with cancer. He talked about in times of crisis the need to have hope. He went on to explain that hope cannot be a false hope but a solid hope based on truth. The only solid hope in life and in death is the Lord Jesus Christ. Jesus paid the price for

our sin so that all those who believe in Him are justified. Justified means to be declared righteous in God’s court of law. Those who are justified have peace with God through Jesus Christ. All believers have great assurance that God is on our side, hears our prayers, and helps us to stand. Through Jesus Christ, we have an eternal hope that in the future God will make all things new. God will make a new heaven and a new earth for His people. There will be no sin, no war, and no Coronavirus. The hope of God is a solid hope based on the truth of

Scripture. All who call upon the name of the Lord will be saved. Will you believe in Jesus today? “Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.” (Romans 5:1-2, ESV) If you have any questions about this article, the Bible, or our church please feel free to email us at rbcweiser@gmail.com. Our church website is riversidechurchweiser.com. Pastor Ian Ross

Just something to think about

I woke up this morning feeling well. It is the first time in weeks that I woke without pain. What a praise the Lord! Today the sun is shining, but I was up before the sun. I am reading the Bible through in a year...but this is a chronological Bible, so it has been a bit different, good, but different. Also, I am reading a poetry book that has poetry from the 1500 and 1600’s as well as more modern times. It has a Bible verse, and a commentary on the author, also. The one about Saint Patrick was an eye opener. He was not a saint from the Catholic Church standpoint, but the people called him that. Perhaps, the Vatican decided it later, but originally, the people were the only ones to call him a saint. Last year, I thought I planted a forsythia, but it must not have made it through the winter. I will try again...and maybe a pussy willow, also.

I can’t tell if my bleeding heart is going to come up yet, and if not, I will get another. When I was a child, we had a California poppy at the front of the house, and a weeping willow in the yard. Of course, things were different then. Where the poppy used to be is now the carport. I think the house I live in now is where the willow used to be. My computer is giving me fits this morning. It went from normal size font to a tiny one. I don’t know how to fix it, and son doesn’t either. Weird. Sometimes it seems like the whole world is out of control, but our dear Lord has everything in His hands. If we believe that, we have peace. His word says, “My peace I give unto you...not as the world gives.” The world can only promise peace, but we know He can do it. Just something to think about. C. Shaw

BIBLE TRIVIA

1. Is the book of Numbers in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. In Luke 11, what group of people did Jesus say took away the key of knowledge? Prophets, Carpenters, Lawyers, Scribes
3. Whose son, Mahershalalhashbaz, is the longest human name in the Bible? Judas, Enoch, Isaiah, Abednego
4. The Ark of the Covenant was carried around and around what city? Ramah, Moroni, Jericho, Nicopolis
5. From John 13, who said to Jesus, “Thou shalt never wash my feet”? Paul, Peter, Andrew, Thomas
6. Who was Jonah’s father? Eli, Joppa, Tirezah, Amittai

ANSWERS: 1) Old; 2) Lawyers; 3) Isaiah; 4) Jericho; 5) Peter; 6) Amittai

“The person who can bring the spirit of laughter into a room is indeed blessed. Bennett Cerf

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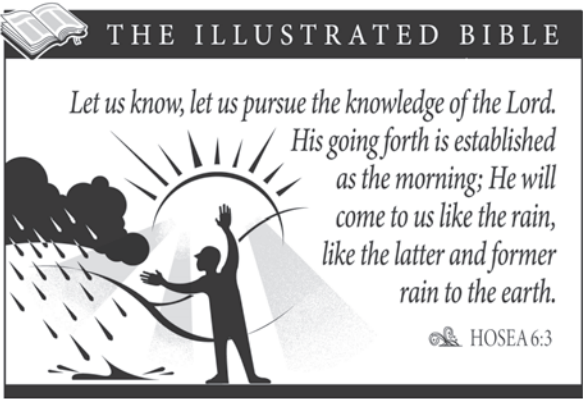
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Your Faith cont.

When life gets turned on its head

Church of the Redeemer

Whether it's just our personal world or the whole wide world that gets rocked, life is shaken to its core when the unexpected comes like an earthquake bringing down the walls of what was our reality. After the rumble, tumble, and crumble, we're left in the dust of dismay, despair, and disillusionment.

In the wake of the world altering event, life is anything but business as usual. We are thrown into the stages of grief – denial, anger, bargaining, depression, acceptance. Is this thing really happening? Why? How is this fair? Just when things were going so well. This really hurts! We promise to do things better, smarter, if things can just go back to the way they were. How can we survive? We just don't have what it takes to get through this. Is it even worth it to try? In the end, it is what it is. We're resigned to whatever is coming, even if it means death.

What do we do now? To whom shall we go?

There is no easy answer if we grieve as those without hope.

In the beginning, out of dust we were created in the image of God. Created for the life that God breathed into our nostrils making us living beings. The life intended to be without sorrow, fear, pain, death. That life got turned on its head when we turned our backs on the God whose pleasure it was to provide for it in all abundance and joy. The new reality of life had its consequences.

In our ignorance and foolishness we grieved. Is this thing really happening? Why? How is this fair? Things were going so well. This really hurts! We promise to do things better, smarter, if things can just go back to the way they were. How can we survive? We just don't have what it takes to get through this. Is it even worth it to try? In the end, it is what it is. We're resigned to whatever is coming, even if it means death.

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But we do have a hope our hearts and minds can run to as our refuge and strength.

The Lord is faithful to hear the cry of our

hearts. God rescues and brings freedom to the captives. The Lord did way back then and the Lord does today. The Lord is faithful, even when we are not.

Sometimes it takes a good shake and quake to wake us up. A good rumble, tumble and crumble to make us humble. To see that business as usual is really the path that leads to dismay and despair. The old reality is really the illusion. Could it be in this new world altering event is the path to life as it was meant to be in the beginning?

In the dust of chaos and confusion we are brought back to our beginning. Though we may see dimly and hear faintly, we see it is Christ who holds out His hand to rescue our hearts and hear Him as He calls us to follow Him.

What do we do now? To whom shall we go?

We lean not on our own understanding and run, not walk, to the one God and Savior of us all. Our refuge and strength in time of trouble. Who, by promise, will never leave nor forsake us. Even when life gets turned on its head – Jody R. Goode, redemerweiser@gmail.com.

Exodus 14:11-12 NASB - Then they said to Moses, "Is it because there were no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? Why have you dealt with us in this way, bringing us out of Egypt? Is this not the word that we spoke to you in Egypt, saying, 'Leave us alone that we may serve the Egyptians?' For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness."

Psalms 40:1-3 NASB - I waited patiently for the LORD; And He inclined to me and heard my cry. He brought me up out of the pit of destruction, out of the miry clay, And He set my feet upon a rock making my footsteps firm. He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God; Many will see and fear And will trust in the LORD.

In response to the current health crisis, all worship services and other church activities have been suspended until further notice. Just remember, the Church is not the building in which we meet. We are the Church, so let's be the Church to our world.

Thankful for...



Photo by Nicole Miller

Some things seem too good to be true

by Dr. James L. Snyder

Recently I discovered something. The more I try to keep up with the latest trend, the further behind I get. I am not a complete technical idiot, but I'm not too far off. The only thing I can say about me is that I at least try.

The best example of all of this has to do with my cell phone. Is there anybody on the planet today that does not have a cell phone? And, the most important question, is there anybody driving a car that is not at the same time on that cell phone? Who in the world are they all talking to?

At this point, I cannot tell the difference when my cell phone is ringing or when I am receiving a text message. When a text message comes in, I try to answer the cell phone, and nobody seems to be on the other end. When I try to read the text message, there are only letters instead of words. It takes me a half-hour to figure out one text message. Where is Sherlock Holmes when you need him?

In a crowded restaurant the other day, my cell phone went off. Not thinking too much of my environment, I answered the cell phone. It was a friend calling me.

The conversation started rather jovial for all practical purposes. Suddenly I became conscious I had an audience. There are times when I prefer not to have an audience. This was one of those times.

I realized some of the people around me were eavesdropping in on my conversation. Then the unthinkable happened. My cell phone suddenly went dead. It went dead in the middle of a rather humorous joke I was telling. Now, what was I to do?

It really was not my fault that the phone went dead. I did not plan it that

way. Besides, I hate it when somebody stops in the middle of a joke, and you never get to the punchline.

For a few seconds, I was not sure what the proper protocol is when your phone goes dead, and you have an audience. I had to do some swift thinking and come up with what I thought was a brilliant plan.

I understand that when you do have an audience, you have a certain responsibility with that audience. So, not to disappoint my audience, I continued my conversation on the cell phone as though somebody was actually on the other end. I was able to finish my joke, and then I paused, not knowing what else to do. I merely continued the conversation I was having with my friend, who was not on the other end.

Sometimes it is good just to keep up a good front. From the snickers of the people around me in that restaurant, it was well worth finishing that joke. I hate to waste a good joke. After all, they are so hard to come by these days.

Many things are just too good to be true, and many of them I probably will never really get the hang of it. One thing I never really will fully understand is God's love for me.

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16).

Although this sounds too good to be true, it is true nevertheless.

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Jesus and social distancing

St. Luke's Episcopal by Carolyn Wesner

First, St. Luke's Episcopal Church is sorry to announce that our annual Clam Chowder Feed on April 3 has been postponed indefinitely because of... well, you know why. Our church services have also ended for the time being, but please do take advantage of one of the many on-line worship spaces to feed your soul each week.

Although Jesus was all about mingling and getting right in with the crowds, there were also times when he needed some distance, some solitude, some away time – not because of germs but for refreshment and meditation. For us in rural places, this might be harder to appreciate since most of our time is not so crowded – not like in a New York City subway, for example.

One such time is recorded by his follower Mathew: Jesus' cousin had been

murdered, so upon hearing the sad news Jesus got in a fishing boat and quietly headed out to a lonely place.

Sometimes, especially during a tragedy, a person just needs some time and space to think and mourn.

Not long after that when Jesus finished a huge crowd speaking event, he sent everybody home and took a hike up the mountainside to be alone and pray.

Being with huge groups can certainly drain a person's energy, so taking time-out for some social distancing is very healthy.

Another time, Jesus took his closest friends with him to an out-of-the-way spot to rest. Sometimes being with your favorite safe friends or family, away from others, is better than being alone.

After these times of social distancing, Jesus always came back to day to day living, and we will too! Keep calm and carry on,

stay connected by phone and whatever media is available to you with those you care about.

You may have time to do some of the things which are rare these days: write a thank you letter (with actual pen and paper) and send it snail mail to someone you appreciate but never got around to thanking. Pick a sunny day and slowly weed that neglected patch of the yard, WITH YOUR KIDS, being sure to have a sweet treat afterwards. Draw a picture and send it to Grandma and Grandpa. Give the dog a bath. Comb those spring mats out of the cat's fur (carefully, with gloves, then wash your hands!).

We at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Weiser are thinking of you and praying for the safety of our communities. Treat others the way you would like to be treated, take care, and God bless.



GOD BLESS AMERICA

Look to Me, and be saved, all the ends of the earth! For I am God, and there is no other. Isaiah 45:22

BE STILL, AND KNOW THAT I AM GOD

Weiser High School teacher called for active duty

Ben Parsons is an Arab linguist who specializes in translation work

by Nicole Miller

Weiser High School science teacher Ben Parsons has been called up from the Navy Reserves and will serve on active duty at the end of the school year.

He will be taking a one-year leave during his time of service to the country.

Parsons served in the active duty Navy from 2004 to 2010. For the first year and half he learned Arabic at the Defense Language Institute. Parsons is an Arabic linguist that specializes in Iraqi dialects. He specializes in translation work with an emphasis on providing tactical force protection for the Army in partnership with the Navy.

Parsons joined the reserves in 2010 after leaving active duty and has been in the reserves since then. The reserves and national guard function solely as a way of keeping personnel with needed skills on hand to supplement the active duty components.

With our country's current situations in the Middle East, demand for Arabic linguists exceeds the active components supply.

Because of the shortage of qualified and skilled personnel, mobilization of reserve military is used to help with the high demand. Usually the activation lasts around a year.

Parsons was previously mobilized back in 2015, also supporting the United States Central Command (CENTCOM). Following this mobilization, Parsons was given a five-year break before mobilizing him again.

For operational security reasons, Parsons cannot discuss specific locations of his assignment in a mass media setting. Although the

locations are not classified, they are protected. He will be supporting U.S. Army Central Command to help provide tactical force protection for Operation Freedom's Sentinel.

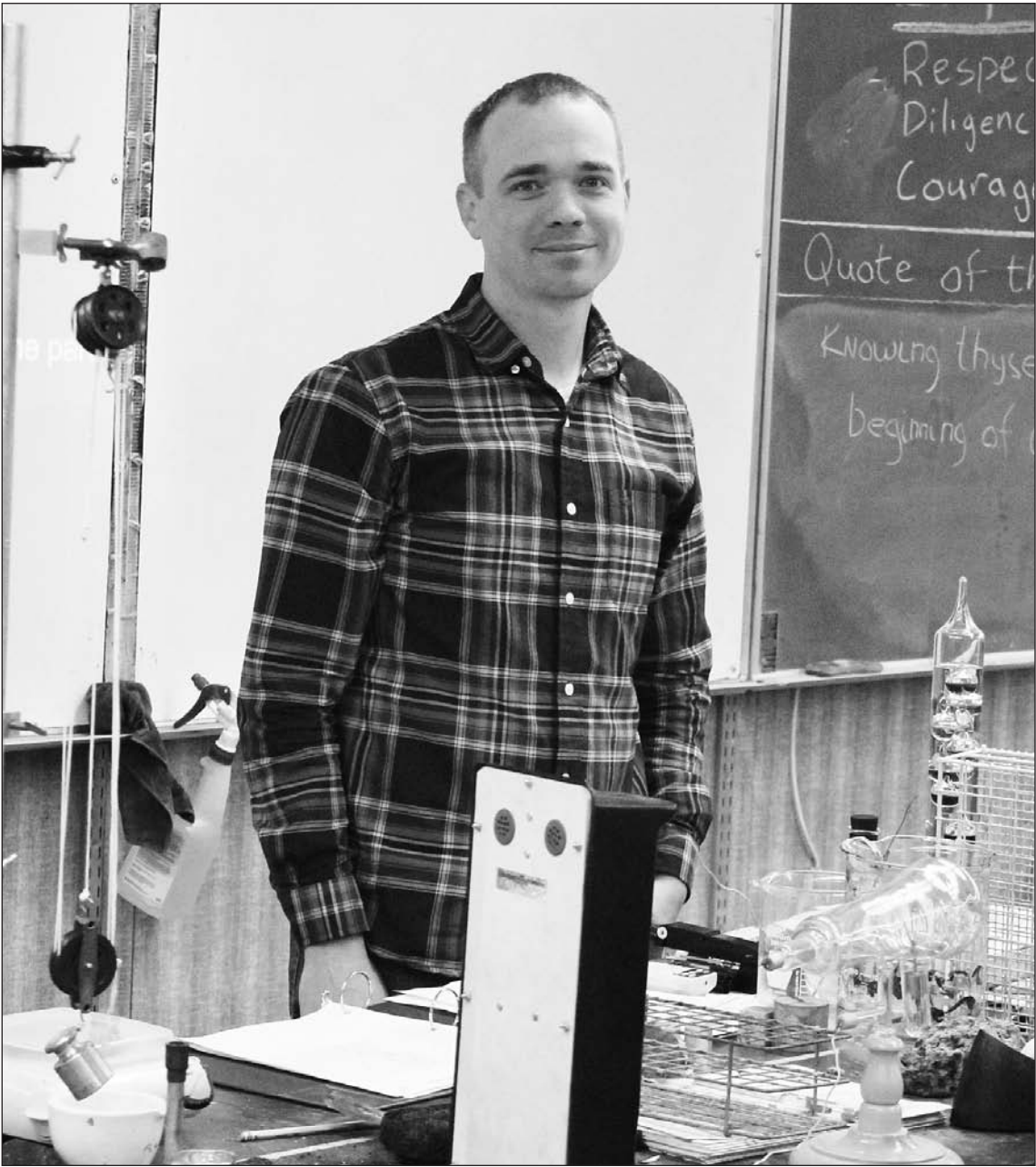
Parsons shared that he enjoys being in the Reserves as it gives him the opportunity to continue to serve the country while providing for a more stable home life than on active duty, even with the mobilizations.

This allows Parsons the flexibility to raise his family in Weiser instead of whichever military base the Navy decides he should be at. This will be meaningful during his upcoming mobilization as Parson's family will stay here in Weiser.

Parsons originally joined the military because he was tired of college and had no clear direction with what he wanted to do in life. He thought that maybe he needed a change of pace and something challenging to try.

After active duty, Parsons tried out a variety of careers from working as a home remodeler, a mechanic, and a private contract linguist for the government, but they all were not a good permanent fit. His dad had always said he should teach, and he had worked as a tutor for years and enjoyed it, so he went to school to teach high school science and has not looked back.

"While I enjoy the science subject itself, it will be getting to know the students and helping students learn to think for themselves and so become better citizens that I will miss the most. I might also miss the waffle days and the ping pong lunches. It's always a great day to be a Wolverine," Parsons said.



Weiser High School teacher Ben Parsons was notified that he is being called up for active duty in the U.S. Navy at the end of the current school year. Parsons, who is in the Navy Reserves, spent six years previously on active duty. He will take a one-year leave from teaching duties at WHS while he is deployed as an Arab linguist. He is not at liberty to say where he will be deployed, but it will last for about a year. He teaches science at WHS.

Weiser City Fire and Rescue will seek grant for breathing devices

City council approves department hiring consultant to assist with grant application

by Steve Lyon

Weiser City Fire and Rescue plans to hire a consulting firm that specializes in writing grants to assist the department in applying for federal funds to buy two dozen new air-packs.

Fire chief Kerry Nyce recently asked the city council to approve engaging consultant JMCM Consulting to pursue funding from FEMA's Assistance to Firefighters Grant in the amount of \$188,556.

The firm began offering grant writing services in 2005 to volunteer fire departments as the Fire Rescue Help Group. Today, JMCM provides assistance with developing applications for the AFG program to over 200 fire departments and municipalities. The company's success rate in obtaining grants for fire departments is in the 90-plus percent range, he said.

"They do a lot of them. They know how to streamline the information," Nyce said.

The city council authorized Nyce to work with the company in applying for funding through the

AFG program. The city will have to come up with a 5 percent match for the grant, which amounts to \$8,978. The consulting fee for hiring JMCM will cost about \$8,500.

Nyce said he will set aside the amount of the grant match in the fire department's fiscal year 2021 budget. The consulting firm will get paid only if the fire department is successful in getting the grant, the fire chief said.

"If we don't get the grant, we're not obligated," Nyce said.

The consultant will develop the application by collecting information on many years of fire runs, the fire department's finances, the demographics of the community served and more. Once the application is done, it will come back to the fire department for review and approval.

If the city is successful in getting the grant, Nyce said representatives from two or three of the top manufacturers will be invited to demonstrate their air-packs under different scenarios and the department will make a decision on which to purchase.



Weiser City Fire and Rescue is hoping to secure a grant that will allow the department to buy 25 new air-packs, or self-contained breathing apparatus. The fire department is seeking funds through the Assistance to Firefighters program.

The grant will cover the cost of 25 new air-packs for the fire department, one for each seat in the fire engines and the command vehicles. The fire depart-

ment's current air-packs, which are also known as self-contained breathing apparatus, are still certified but are getting older and date from 2007.

The city fire department will have a year to spend the grant money if it is awarded. If the fire department doesn't get the grant, Nyce said he will

have a backup plan and will still allocate funds in the department's FY 2021 budget for new equipment.

"One way or another I will get fire equipment. If I get the grant we'll pay for the air-packs. If I don't get the grant we're going to pay for other stuff," he told city council members.

He said the department should know in late April or early May if it was successful in getting a federal grant.

In the current fiscal year, the fire department allocated \$21,000 for new turnouts, which are the heavy, protective coats and pants that firemen wear. They were ordered in late December and the department is waiting for them to be delivered. There is a shortage of Nomex and other materials that go into the turnouts, Nyce said.

The recommendation from the National Fire Protection Association is that fire departments only use turnouts for 10 years. The coats come with two layers on the inside. One layer is a vapor barrier so water will shed off and the second is the thermal layer.

Handwashing helps keeps the germs away

by Michelle Merrick,
RN, BSN
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In the midst of the COVID-19 crisis we are currently experiencing, good handwashing has never been more important.

According to the Centers of Disease Control, handwashing should be done before, during and after preparing food, before eating food, before and after caring for someone who is sick, before and after treating a cut, after using the toilet, after changing a child's diaper or helping a child use the toilet, after blowing your nose, sneezing, caring for animals, or touching garbage.

Good handwashing is the best way to prevent the spread of germs. In order to prevent the spread of germs in the community from entering your home or vice versa, follow these five steps every time.

1. Wet your hands with clean running water and liberally apply soap to your hands.
2. Lather your hands by rubbing them together with the soap. Be sure to cover your entire hands. Do not forget the backs of your hands, between your fingers, and underneath your finger nails.
3. Scrub your hands for at least 20 seconds. Humming a short song such as Happy Birthday from beginning to end twice will be long enough to get the



Good handwashing is the best way to prevent the spread of germs. Scrub your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Humming a short song such as happy birthday from beginning to end twice helps to keep track of the seconds.

4. Rinse your hands well under clean running water.
5. Dry your hands using a clean towel or air dry them.

While soap and water is the best choice to clean

your hands in most situations, it is not always readily available. Alcohol based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60 percent alcohol is a very good option to cleanse hands when soap and water is not available.


Sanitizers can quickly remove most germs but they do not remove all germs. They will not work if your hands are visibly soiled with grease or dirt, or are messy from cleaning up feces. Soap and water must be used at these times.

Hand sanitizer is used by applying about a nickel to quarter sized amount to the palm of the hand. Hands should be rubbed vigorously to cover all surface areas of the hands, fingers and wrists until the hands are dry (this should take about 20 seconds).

Good hand hygiene saves lives. Taking the extra time to be sure to clean your hands and prevent the spread of germs will keep you and your family happy and healthy for as long as possible. In uncertain times, being able to control what we can is a gift. This is something we can control.

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From the harvest table

*A keep-it-simple food column
by Chef Keith Bryant*

My start in the food industry came at the age of 15 as a busboy. Chef Ray told me I didn't look comfortable in the front of the house, so he asked me to work for him in the kitchen. Eventually, my own family started their own restaurant in Slidell, Louisiana. I was in college at the time and came home on the weekends to cook in the kitchen. I also spent four years in the Navy cooking in mess halls. In 1989 I got out of



the military and went to work for overnight cruise vessels for the Delta Queen Steamboat Company out of New Orleans. Within two years, I worked my way up to executive chef. My career on boats lasted for 16 years before I took the opportunity to purchase Weiser Classic Candy with Patrick Nauman. In my many years of cooking, I have prepared cuisine from all over the world, but my passion is Cajun cooking.

Breakfast leftovers

With St. Patrick's Day over what do you do with the left-over corned beef? Well if you live with Sharon you must make corned beef hash.

When I make corned beef a couple of times a year I have to make enough so that we have a

little left for hash. If you have ever eaten the stuff that comes in a can it is way too salty and the potatoes are mush.

With the recent events there is a ton of corned beef for sale right now and it is getting cheaper. Making corned beef is



not hard, but just like anything else in life it takes time and patience.

I was able to find an eye of the round, but brisket works as well as any type of slow roasting beef portion.

If you have spent any time researching corned

beef you know there are two types. The red brisket is the traditional flavor old time New Englanders will recognize. It's cured in a seasoned brine for two weeks plus before being prepared for sale. These briskets contain nitrates and nitrites

(as preservatives) and have much saltier flavor.

Gray corned beef is cured in a saltwater brine for two weeks plus. This brine contains no preservatives, so the grey corned beef is a great option for those who are looking to avoid nitrates

and nitrites. Because the brine isn't seasoned, the grey corned beef can also be seasoned to your tastes.

This week I will give you the red recipe to try. You can find pink salt online or maybe ask over at Gilmores.

Recipe

Ingredients

Pickling spices:

- 1 tablespoon whole allspice berries
- 1 tablespoon whole mustard seeds (brown or yellow)
- 1 tablespoon coriander seeds
- 1 tablespoon red pepper flakes
- 1 tablespoon whole black peppercorns
- 2 teaspoons whole cloves
- 9 whole cardamom pods
- 6 large bay leaves, crumbled
- 2 teaspoons ground ginger
- ½ stick cinnamon

Brine:

- 1-gallon (3.8 liters) water
- 300 g Kosher salt (2 cups of Diamond Crystal brand Kosher salt OR 1 cup 3½ tablespoons of Morton's Kosher salt)
- 5 teaspoons pink curing salt or prague powder
- 3 tablespoons pickling spices
- ½ cup (90 g) brown sugar

Brisket:

- 1 5-pound beef brisket
- 1 tablespoon pickling spices

Red corned beef

Directions

- 1 - Toast and crush spices: You can either use store-bought pickling spices or you can make your own.
- To make your own, toast the allspice berries, mustard seeds, coriander seeds, red pepper flakes, peppercorns, cloves, and cardamom pods in a small frying pan on medium heat until fragrant.
- Remove from heat and place in a small bowl. Use a mortar and pestle to crush the spices a little (or the back of a spoon or the side of a knife on a flat surface). Add to a small bowl and stir in the crumbled bay leaves and ground ginger.
- 2 - Make curing brine: Add about 3 tbsp. of the spice mix (reserve the rest for cooking the corned beef after it has cured), plus the half stick of cinnamon, to a gallon of water in a large pot, along with the Kosher salt, pink salt (if using), and brown sugar. Bring to a boil, then remove from heat and let cool to room temperature. Then refrigerate until well chilled.
- 3 - Brine the brisket for 5-7 days: Place the brisket in a large, flat container or pan, and cover with the brine. The brine should cover the meat. The meat may float in which case you may want to weigh it down with a plate.

- Alternatively you can use a 2-gallon freezer bag (placed in a container so if it leaks it doesn't leak all over your refrigerator), place the brisket in the freezer bag and about 2 quarts of brine, squeezing out the air from the bag before sealing.
- Place in the refrigerator and chill from 5-7 days. Every day flip the brisket over, so that all sides get brined equally.
- 4 - Cook the corned beef: At the end of the cure, remove the brisket from the brine and rinse off the brine with cold water. Place the brisket in a large pot that just fits around the brisket and cover with at least one inch of water. If you want your brisket less salty, add another inch of water to the pot.
- Add a tablespoon of the pickling spices to the pot. Bring to a boil, reduce to a very low simmer (barely bubbling), and cook 3-4 hours, until the corned beef is fork tender. (At this point you can store in the fridge for up to a week.)
- 5 - Cut across the grain: Remove the meat to a cutting board. (You can use the spiced cooking liquid to cook vegetables for boiled dinner or corned beef and cabbage.) Notice the visible lines on the meat; this is the "grain" of the meat, or the direction of the muscle fibers.

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A person using the Weiser River Trail took this photo of recent vandalism to the restroom located at Presley Trailhead east of Weiser. The repairs will cost the nonprofit Friends of the Weiser River Trail more than \$1,000 to repair. The door and doorframe were damaged and cannot be opened. The vandalism was caused by someone shooting up the building. *Courtesy photo*

Public bathroom located along Weiser River Trail vandalized

Someone shot up building at Presley Trailhead east of Weiser
by Steve Lyon

A public restroom on the Weiser River Trail at the Presley Trailhead east of Weiser was vandalized and it could cost the Friends of the Weiser River Trail \$1,000 or more to repair.

The damage to the restroom was discovered by someone using the trail on March 15. It was reported to the Washington County Sheriff's Office, FWRT president Pat Trainor said.

The vandalism included numerous bullet holes to the exterior of the concrete building and the door is damaged and won't open. The door and the frame will have to be replaced and the holes patched, Trainor said, and the repairs will come out of the nonprofit's operating budget.

The facility is located in a remote area near the Galloway diversion on the Weiser River and has been hit by vandalism before. The FWRT has had to clean up graffiti on the inside walls of the bathroom and

last summer the lock on the door was shot up, but nothing this major.

"We've always suspected it's a party spot," Trainor said.

The FWRT has also had to deal with vandalism at the restrooms installed along the trail in Midvale City Park. The heaters were stolen out of the restroom after it opened in July of 2017 and had to be replaced. That facility is now locked up at night, Trainor said.


The maintenance contractor who works for the FWRT will begin his annual spring trail cleanup this week. The effort will start in Weiser and move up the trail to the north clearing rocks and debris that have fallen on the trail over the winter months.

It will take a couple of weeks to clean up the trail. The work also includes using equipment towed by a pickup truck to roll the trail smooth. The northern end of the

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These loans may be used to pay fixed debts, payroll, accounts payable and other bills that can't be paid because of the disaster's impact.

The interest rate is 3.75 percent for small businesses with long-term repayments to keep payments affordable,

up to a maximum of 30 years. The interest rate for non-profits is 2.75 percent.

Terms are determined on a case-by-case basis, based upon each borrower's ability to repay.

SBA's Economic Injury Disaster Loans are just one piece of the expanded focus of the federal government's coordinated response, and the SBA is strongly committed to providing the most effective and customer-focused response possible.

For questions, please contact the SBA disaster assistance customer service center at 1-800-659-2955 or e-mail disastercustomerservice@sba.gov.

Spring visitors to Weiser are headed north

Every spring brings the annual arrival of turkey vultures in Weiser. They usually show up in mid-March on their northward migration. Some will choose to spend the summer in Idaho. Recently, dozens of the red-headed vultures have been spotted soaring on air currents and roosting in trees on the west side of Weiser near the sewer plant. The northern populations of turkey vultures travel south to spend winters in Mexico, Central America and coastal regions of the U.S.

Photo by Steve Lyon



Submit nominations for Idaho Teacher of the Year

The Idaho State Department of Education is accepting 2021 nominations for Idaho's top teaching honor, Teacher of the Year.

"We all know amazing Idaho teachers, and now is your opportunity to nominate a passionate, talented teacher in your school as Idaho's next Teacher of the Year," Superintendent of Public Instruction Sherri Ybarra said in a news release.

"Let's make the selection committee's job particularly hard this year with many great choices from all parts of the state, subjects and grade levels."

To nominate a teacher, go to the SDE's Teacher of the Year website and fill out the online nomination form. Submissions will be accepted through Monday, April 27.

Nominated teachers will be notified and will have until June 1 to apply for the honor.

Applications will be reviewed by a selection committee, and the winning teacher will be announced in September during a surprise visit to their school.

The 2021 Teacher of the Year will receive a cash award and travel across Idaho talking with other teachers, legislators and policymakers about education in our state.

She or he will serve as Idaho's nominee for National Teacher of the Year and will travel to Washington, D.C., in the spring to meet with other state winners, the president of the United States, and other leaders.

Idaho's next Teacher of the Year will take over from 2020 Teacher of the Year Stacie Lawler, a health and physical education teacher from Spirit Lake who is passionate about mental health and social-emotional learning.

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Courthouse closed over coronavirus concerns

facilities and the DMV after those offices were closed in other counties. The influx could potentially expose county personnel to the coronavirus from outside the county, he said.

Commissioners Nate Marvin and Lisa Collini agreed to the courthouse closure. Officials said it was a prudent move following the governor's declaration of a state of emergency due to the possible spread of the coronavirus.

Commissioners also declared a county state of emergency during a meeting on March 16 to discuss coronavirus. They met with department heads, the mayors of Weiser, Midvale and Cambridge, law enforcement, fire and first responders and others on the county's response.

"I certainly don't want to put our employees at risk," Marvin said.

Collini said it was important the county follow the guidelines issued

by the CDC and public health agencies to limit the spread of the coronavirus and also to protect county employees. She wanted a time limit on how long the courthouse would close.

Commissioners followed the lead of other counties and closed the courthouse until March 30. They agreed to review the situation every week during the commission meeting on Monday to see if the closure remains warranted.

Commission meetings will remain open to the public, but the public won't be allowed to attend in person as long as the courthouse is closed and will have to listen via teleconference or somehow obtain a copy of the recorded commission meeting.

During the courthouse closure, commissioners said they will try to keep their weekly meeting short and limit the agenda items to what is necessary for

county functions.

There was some discussion about making sure that homeowners who are applying for the "circuit breaker" property tax reduction were able to file the paperwork and are taken care of before the deadline.

On Monday, Assessor Debbie Moxley-Potter said her office will contact all property tax reduction applicants to make sure their applications are processed before the April 15 deadline.

The assessor's office will accept applications over the phone, by mail and email. The assessor's office will also make appointments for those who are unable to complete their application over the phone or by mail.

Residents needing help with motor vehicles can call 208-414-2530 to speak with a member of the assessor's staff.

"We will try to accom-

modate the public as best we can either by phone, online, mail or by appointment," Moxley-Potter said.

She said one of the assessor's department deputies would be covering the driver's license office by appointment for licenses like CDLs with hazmat endorsements, medical certificates for CDLs and extenuating circumstances.

For example, if someone is leaving for a mission for two years and needs their ID card or driver's license renewed, the assessor's office will try to do that with an appointment.

For other county departments, such as road and bridge and the weed eradication, the buildings will be closed to the public but employees will take calls\.

If someone needs to pick up something from the weed department, the item could be placed outside the building and avoid any face-to-face contact officials said.

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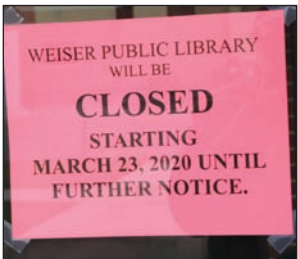
City hall closed to public

The various city council committees, along with the city council and city planning and zoning commission, will meet on phone conferences. They will continue to be public meetings, but will require people to call in.

The city is not limiting the size of groups that meet in parks or buildings, but may revisit that issue in the future, depending on how the coronavirus situation develops.

It was reported that many events at the city owned Vendome Events Center have been cancelled or postponed.

Training that involved city employees was trimmed down to a smaller number after guidelines were issued by Southwest District Health and other health agencies on limiting group sizes.



Weiser city officials closed the library on Friday as a precaution to stop the spread of the coronavirus. The library will waive all late fees during the closure.
Photo by Steve Lyon

A CPR class that initially had 25 city employees signed up was scaled back to 10 employees to comply.

The city also closed the public library on Friday for an indefinite period. The front foyer will stay open in the day to pick up books. Late fines will be waived for books.

at the facility indepth to identify the greatest space needs and the most economical designs to meet those needs. Adding a wing onto the hospital became the most cost-effective choice, officials said.

The proposed ER wing would allow the hospital to consolidate radiology services, including ultrasound, CT and X-ray that are currently located in different areas of the hospital.

The ER sees about 5,000 patients annually. Having proximity to these services would assist with the ease and care of patients.

The building plan also includes enlarging treatment rooms and adding a mental health holding center.

The existing emergency department space will be remodeled to accommodate out-patient surgical and recovery areas, including multiple out-patient recovery bays. More surger-



ies are being performed as outpatient surgeries, hospital officials said.

The emergency department addition would be constructed in the current parking lot at the hospital. The existing parking lot would be relocated from north of the hospital to south of the hospital, where there is currently an expansive lawn. The new parking lot will provide extra parking spaces for patients and staff.

The bond will be struc-

tured around the district's existing \$1.4 million bond. The debt was a 20-year debt consolidation bond from 2007 and had seven years remaining on the bond.

WMH officials anticipate an annual interest rate of 2.9 percent on the bond based on current market rates. The bond would be paid off over 20 years.

According to information provided by the hospital, the \$6.5 million bond levy would cost the owner

of a \$200,000 home who receives a \$100,000 homeowners exemption a total of \$57.51 per year in additional property taxes.

CFO Mark Christensen said the hospital's finances are the best they have been in 10 or 20 years. But the income from normal operations is not enough to cover the cost of the proposed project.

"It's a good investment for the future. The hospital is worth putting money into," he said.



Building a new home in Washington County will cost more next month when building permit fees go up. County commissioners hiked the fees on March 9 and said the county needed to catch up to what other counties in Idaho are charging. The fees had not been adjusted since 2003.

County building permits will cost more starting on April 9

The last time fees were adjusted was 2003

by Steve Lyon

Washington County commissioners approved fee increases for building permits and other building department services, but delayed the implementation of the new fee schedule until April 9.

Commissioners held a public hearing on the fee increases in February. During the hearing they noted that the last time building permit fees were adjusted was 2003. Only one person showed up to oppose the 46 percent hike in the cost of a building permit.

The need to update the fees was brought to the attention of county officials by building inspector Steve Pierson, who owns Idaho Building Inspection Services in Canyon County and has been handling building permits and inspections as needed for the past couple of months. He is not a county employee and is paid a portion of the permit fees for his services.

The cost of a building permit is calculated based on the total construction value of a new residence. The county for years has been us-

ing an older version of the ICC Building Valuation table to come up with valuation but will switch to the most current schedule.

For example, under the existing fee schedule, a building permit for a \$200,000 home in the county would cost \$1,553. Under the proposed rates, a building permit for the same \$200,000 home would cost \$2,849, according to a number supplied by the county building department.

The re-inspection or special inspection fee will increase to \$100 per hour with a minimum of one hour. Plan review fees will be calculated at 65 percent of the building permit fee. Plan review fees are in addition to the building permit fees.

The \$100 fee for special inspections covers any additional inspections over what the county requires. Most of those issues can be solved over the phone at no charge if added help is needed. The inspector is available by phone to anyone who needs his help and will be in the county a couple of days a week on

average, county officials said.

County commissioner Kirk Chandler said the county does not have enough demand to hire a full-time building inspector. Under the arrangement with Pierson and his firm, county taxpayers will no longer be paying the salary of a building inspector. His wages will be paid for out of the permit fees.

Those who buy the building permits and use the services of the building office will cover the cost of the building inspector. The building permit is a user fee paid for by the homeowner. The fees go toward inspecting a new home to ensure it is built to standards that are recognized as safe to live in.

Chandler said commissioners should have incrementally raised the fees over the years so the jump would not be so big, but they were overlooked.

Commissioners said the building permits are good for 180 days and anyone who plans to build a home in the next six months should come in before April 9 and lock in the lower price before the fees go up.

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Restroom located along Weiser River Trail damaged

84-mile trail near Council is still covered in snow, Trainor said.

“It’s weather dependent, of course,” he said.

The nonprofit FWRT receives a \$22,000 grant every year from the Idaho Department of Lands that covers the cost of fall and spring maintenance on the 84-mile trail, which extends from Weiser to just short of New Meadows.

A rockslide that blocked part of the Weiser River Trail in the Cambridge canyon between Shoepeg Road and Silver Bridge in February has been cleared, Trainor said.

Trainor said the maintenance person who works for the FWRT brought in a large excavator to remove the pile of rocks after deciding a backhoe would not take care of the job.

Some of the rocks that fell were embedded in the trail up to a foot deep.

It is not uncommon to have rooks falling on the trail in the canyon south of Cambridge in early spring. The freeze and thaw cycle in February, along with a lot of rain that has fallen over the past couple of weeks, loosened the rocks, Trainor said.

Trainor said the Weiser River Trail is a great place to walk, bike, or ride and get outdoors during the coronavirus pandemic threat. There is plenty of room to maintain the suggested six feet of space, also known as social distancing. The trail is always open 24/7

“We plan on maintaining the trail as long as we can,” he said.

Federal tax filing deadline extended to July 15

The Internal Revenue Service announced following President Trump’s recent emergency declaration that the federal income tax filing due date will be extended from April 15 to July 15.

also defer federal income tax payments to July 15 without penalties and interest, regardless of the amount owed. This deferment applies to all taxpayers, including individuals, trusts and estates, corporations and

other non-corporate tax filers as well as those who pay self-employment tax.

Taxpayers do not need to file any additional forms or call the IRS to qualify for this automatic federal tax filing and payment relief.

Individual taxpayers who need additional time to file beyond the July 15 deadline can request a filing extension by filing Form 4868 through their tax professional, tax software or using the Free File link on

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The IRS urges taxpayers who are due a refund to file as soon as possible. Most tax refunds are still being issued within 21 days.

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The team of Yee Haws competed in the 'A' division. Team members, not in pictured order, are Shay Kinnard, Macey Buescher, Bella Strasser, Jade Simonsen, Lynnz Rasmussen, Ivy Morris, Kait Friend and Krista

The 'B' league had four teams competing. Members of the Cuddy Mountain Flooring team are, not in pictured order, Nicole Gutierrez, Hailie Ashley, Shayna Gutierrez, Katie Rollins, Malia Noah, Ally Cordero, Aubry Wilson and Vanessa Malher.

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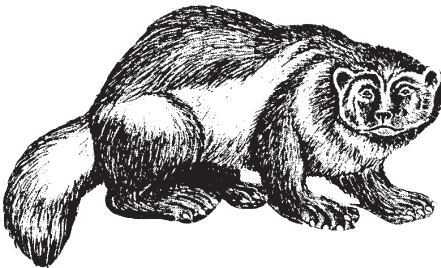
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The team of We Showed Up consisted of, not in pictured order, Chelsy Cauey, Bailey Chandler, Cammi Rodriguez, Julie Chandler, Lisa Horzen, Shelly Cox, Jonna Duvall, Jhonna Eldridge, Krista Luff and Jenn Cauey.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMISSIONER
MINUTES PUBLICATION

February 10, 2020
January 27, 2020 Minutes - Approved.
Claims \$151,228.28
November 2019 Operations in Funds/Statement of Treasurer’s Cash \$9,543,400.42 - Approved.
December 2019 Operations in Funds/Statement of Treasurer’s Cash \$9,648,842.42 - Approved.
Quarterly Operations in Funds/Statement of Treasurer’s Cash \$9,648,842.42 - Approved.
Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation Agreement - Approved.
M2 Automation Annual Service Agreement \$41,835.43 - Approved.
Reinstatement of Washington Fair Board Members - Approved.
Resolution No. 20-03 Multi Hazard Mitigation Plan - Approved.
Buried Cable Or Pipe Line Application - Approved.
Ambulance Claim \$13,107.60 - Approved.
Ambulance Payroll \$20,219.72 - Approved.
Discussed: Emergency Management GIS Computer Program, Transportation Sales Tax Funding, Grazing Regulations, Weed and Rodent Control Matters, Juvenile Probations Matters, Emergency Management Matters, Prosecuting Attorney Matters, Planning and Zoning Matters, Weiser Area Rural Fire District and Fire Code Matters, Road and Bridge and Solid Waste Matters, Ambulance Matters, Jail Inspection.

February 13, 2020
Discussed: Public Acknowledgment of an Open Meeting Law Violation.

February 18, 2020
Weiser Senior Center 2020 Fiscal Year Budget - Approved.
Polling Place Agreements - Approved.
February 13, 2020 - Approved.
Social Services Clerk’s Reasons for Approval or Denial - Approved.
Ratify Vote and Decision of Chad Brock’s Termination - Approved.
Steve Carlock’s Fox Pit Pasture Lease Bid - Approved.
Ambulance Payroll \$20,574.08 - Approved.
Ambulance Claims \$4,470.84 - Approved.
Zoll Medical Corporation Quote and Agreement \$28,879.08 - Approved.
Discussed: Information Technology Matters, Prosecuting Attorney Matters, Road and Bridge and Solid Waste Matters, Building Permits, Inspections and Plan Review Public Hearing, Extension Office Walk-Through.

February 24, 2020
February 18, 2020 Minutes - Approved.
Claims \$134,190.44 - Approved.
Polling Place Agreement - Approved.
Demand Warrant \$32,539.00 Baker City Auto Ranch - Approved.
DataTel Quote \$12,302.58 - Approved.
Turrentine’s Special Use Permit - Approved.
Driveway Approach Application Haines - Approved.
Road and Bridge Department Part-Time Temporary Positions - Approved.
Ambulance Claims \$9,101.65 - Approved.
Letter of Withdrawal Weiser River Valley Emergency Medical Agreement - Approved.
Discussed: Correspondence, Weed and Rodent Control Matters, Prosecuting Attorney, Planning and Zoning Matters, Hanson Division of Property and Building Permit Issue, Road and Bridge and Solid Waste Matters, Ambulance Matters.
Claims for the month of February, 2020 totaling \$773,490.42 - Approved.
The complete minutes are available for inspection in the office of the Clerk-Auditor-Recorder.
Kirk Chandler, Chairman,
Board of County Commissioners.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMISSIONER
MINUTES PUBLICATION

January 6, 2020
March 10, 2020 Presidential Primary Election Polling Places - Approved.
Demand Warrant \$49,558.30 Robert Huff Construction - Approved.
Retail Alcoholic Beverage License - Approved.
December 30, 2019 Minutes - Approved.
Demand Warrant \$175.00 Dakota Taylor - Approved.
Road and Bridge Credit Card - Approved.
Social Services Clerk’s Reasons for Approval or Denial - Approved.
Federal Aid Application Unity Bridge - Approved.
Demand Warrant \$21,100.00 Bryne Equipment - Approved.
Dump Bed Purchase - Approved.
Ambulance Claims \$20,313.17 - Approved.
Ambulance Payroll \$39,259.23 - Approved.
Discussed: Juvenile Probation Matters, Elected Officials and Supervisors Various Matters, Snake River Economic Development Alliance Matters, Planning and Zoning/Building and Grounds Matters, Appointment of Bonnie Brent as Planning and Zoning Administrator

January 13, 2020
January 6, 2020 Minutes - Approved.
Retail Alcoholic Beverage License - Approved.
Resolution No. 20-02 Mileage Reimbursement Rate - Approved.
Claims \$153,724.05 - Approved.
Social Service Claims \$605.00 - Approved.
Extension Office Moving Expense - Approved.
Extension Office Closure While Moving - Approved.
Purchase of Emergency Generator - Approved.
Resolution 20-01 Destruction of County Records - Approved.
Prosecutor’s Office Purchase of iPads - Approved.
Darin Sutton’s Culvert Application - Approved.
Ambulance Claims \$2,163.05 - Approved.
Discussed: Emergency Management Matters, Planning and Zoning Matters, Co-Opportunities, Inc.’s Property Tax Exemption, Name Clearing Hearing, Ambulance Matters

January 21, 2020
Certificates of Residency - Approved.
Weiser River Soil Conservation District Contribution - Approved.
Retail Alcoholic Beverage License - Approved.
January 13, 2020 Minutes - Approved.
Purchase of CompuNet Hours - Approved.
University of Idaho Cooperative Agreement - Approved.
Social Services Clerk’s Reasons for Approval or Denial - Approved.
Project TRACTOR GEM Grant - Approved.
ICRMP Proposal Regarding Old Trailer - Approved.
Purchase of New Trailer \$79,984.97 - Approved.
Ambulance Claims \$221.02 - Approved.
Ambulance Payroll \$19,079.11 - Approved.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Discussed: Planning and Zoning Matters, Information Technology Matters, Prosecuting Attorney Matters, ICRMP Discount Program

January 27, 2020
University of Idaho Extension Programs Cooperative Agreement - Approved.
January 21, 2020 Minutes - Approved.
Claims \$131,053.80 - Approved.
Social Services Clerk’s Reasons for Approval or Denial - Approved.
Billington’s Property Rezone - Approved.
Walker Special Use Permit - Approved.
Ambulance Claims \$5,319.20 - Approved.
Discussed: Weiser Ambulance District Audit, Washington County Annual Audit, Prosecuting Attorney Matters, Planning and Zoning Matters, Road and Bridge and Solid Waste Matters, Ambulance Matters, Water Contaminants.
Claims for the month of January, 2020 totaling \$996,739.23 - Approved,
The complete minutes are available for inspection in the office of the Clerk-Auditor-Recorder.
Kirk Chandler, Chairman,
Board of County Commissioners.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to established procedure, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Washington County Board of Commissioners will hold a public hearing in the County Courthouse on March 30, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. The purpose of the hearing is to consider 2020 Fiscal Year Budget adjustments for needed changes and to increase spending authority to the Emergency 911 Fund for the purchase of purchasing new radio equipment for dispatch as approved by the E911 Board. The adjustment or adjustments to the 2020 Fiscal Year Budget to be considered will not affect levied property taxes.

The hearing officer shall be authorized to impose a five-minute limitation on any oral testimony. If testimony is anticipated to exceed that five-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 Atwood
Washington County Clerk

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WASHINGTON COUNTY NOTICE OF PENDING ISSUE OF TAX DEED							
PARCEL/NAME	LEGAL DESCRIPTION	YEAR	TAX	INTEREST	LATE	COST	*TOTAL
RPW2650016006A BUTERBAUGH JOHN 666 W IDAHO WEISER ID 83672	E 20 FT OF LOT 6; LOT 7; BLK 16; WATLINGTONS ADD, ATHENA CLUB 35 E IDAHO	2016	1,730.09	689.99	34.60	284.50	2,739.18
RPW0900002009A FLYNN CHARLES NORMAN 10254 W CARLTON BAY DR GARDEN CITY ID 83714	LOT 9, W 26 FT OF LOT 10, BLK 2; 1ST ADD HILLIERS SUB 627 W IDAHO	2016	885.40	353.10	17.72	242.25	1,498.47
RPW0900002010A OWNER UNKNOWN 256 E COURT ST WEISER ID 83672	E 4 FT OF LOT 10, BLK 2, 1ST ADD TO HILLIERS SUB 627 W IDAHO	2016	2.28	0.90	0.04	241.70	244.92
RPW2100002016A SCHMUCH JEFFERY D 1029 E COURT WEISER ID 83672	TN 4 LOT 16 BLK 2 SHANNON ADD 1029 E COURT	2016	912.38	363.86	18.24	228.35	1,522.83
RPW26500100070 SOLIZ RICARDO 521 W IDAHO WEISER ID 83672	LOT 7 BLK 10 WATLINGTONS ADD 521 W IDAHO	2016	889.38	354.68	17.78	270.05	1,531.89
RPW0300000043A VILLANEUVA ANGELITA G PO BOX 787 WEISER ID 83672	N 1/2 OF LOT 43 S30T11R5 DEL BAERE ACRES 1290 W 13TH	2016	50.40	20.10	1.00	235.30	306.80
RPW0450003001A VOTAW DAVID J 1550 PILOT ST PAYETTE ID 83661	LOTS 1-2 BLK 3 GALLOWAY ADD 308 E PARK	2016	1,488.96	593.80	29.78	249.20	2,361.74
RP14N03W78305A WARD GEORGE RANDALL 2909 SALUBRIA RD CAMBRIDGE ID 83610	TN-4, TN-5, TN-6 IN NWNW; S13T14R3 1 ACRE AND THE S 50' OF FORMER WEISER ST LYING E OF LOT 16, TAYLOR & SMITH ADDN 2909 SALUBRIA RD	2016	408.12	162.77	8.17	221.40	800.46

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OUT OF THE ORDINARY

ACROSS

1 It may begin "Here lies ..."

8 Like fables with morals

15 Sprayed like a firefighter

20 Composer Saint-Saëns

21 Maui tourist town

22 Wash away

23 Like overly harsh punishment

25 Consolidate

26 Suffix with prophet

27 Calc prereq

28 Hosiery hitch

30 Transmission option

31 Coil of yarn

33 1985 hit for Sheila E.

37 Female graduates

40 Middle: Abbr.

41 Cello bow rub-on

42 Monkey of kid-lit

46 Upholstered footstool

50 Country singer Travis

51 Inits. on a navy vessel

52 Neighbor of Ger.

54 Apple pie — mode

55 Just makes, with "out"

56 1965 Marvin Gaye hit

63 Dial-up alternative, for short

64 Fall away

65 Cube inventor

66 Feeble

67 Noncircular paths around bodies

72 Homeland, affectionately

75 Big name in dog food

76 108-card game

77 Toque or fez

80 1967 hit for the Doors

85 Infrequent

86 "Star Trek" rank: Abbr.

87 Pilfer from

88 Singer Yoko

89 Leaks slowly

90 To no extent

94 Mismatched collection

99 Knife of old infomercials

101 — Kippur

102 Stream of electrons

103 Witches in "Macbeth"

107 Cantaloupe or honeydew

108 Body gel additive

109 "There's — haven't heard!"

110 — prayer for

111 Univ. Web site suffix

114 Beach hills

116 "77 Sunset Strip" actor, familiarly

122 Mrs. Bunker

123 Use an umbrella, say

124 Posts again

125 Hunter's lure

126 Fusible alloys

127 Bad-mouth

DOWN

1 "Lo!, " to Livy

2 Golf norms

3 Don of radio

4 Deadlock

5 100%

6 Tableland

7 Units of inductance

8 Chug- — (guzzle)

9 Suffix with Caesar

10 Mu — pork

11 Western treaty inits.

12 Pope before Gregory XIII

13 More nonsensical

14 Prison, informally

15 — and haw

16 Pizza herb

17 More irritated

18 Rocker Winter

19 Plow pioneer

24 Noisy clamor

29 Basic idea

31 Actor Jimmy

32 Granny, e.g.

33 At — of (priced at)

34 Item in a P.O. box

35 Part of NATO: Abbr.

36 Acne spot

37 Performed on stage

38 Lies in wait

39 Apocryphal archangel

43 With 115- Down, nervous and apprehensive

44 Part of i.e.

45 "... wife could — lean"

47 Injure badly

48 Jai —

49 DEA agent

53 "Shape — ship out!"

56 Alphabet opener

57 "May — of service?"

58 Burglar's job

59 Missile's path

60 "Deathtrap" star Michael

61 "For — us a child is born"

62 Guitarist Paul

64 "Green" sci.

67 Sci-fi power

68 Robert De —

69 1990s exercise fad

70 Bldg. units

71 Virus, e.g.

72 Not closed

73 Jay of NBC

74 Biblical verb

77 Belittling frat brother

78 Circus venue

79 Touchy

81 Bohemian-ism

82 Meanders

83 Question's opp.

84 Turndowns

85 Like Brutus

89 Prince — von

91 Go along with

92 Christie's cry

93 — many words

95 Coloring stuff

96 Caméra —

97 Ones toeing the line

98 Tag anew

100 In the habit of

103 Crossed a ford

104 Get by

105 Like a charged atom

106 Cyclical, at the beach

107 — tai (drink)

110 "The — the limit!"

111 Markey of Tarzan films

112 Nixing mark

113 Stalin's land

115 See 43- Down

117 English dramatist Thomas

118 Lyrical verse

119 Bruin Bobby

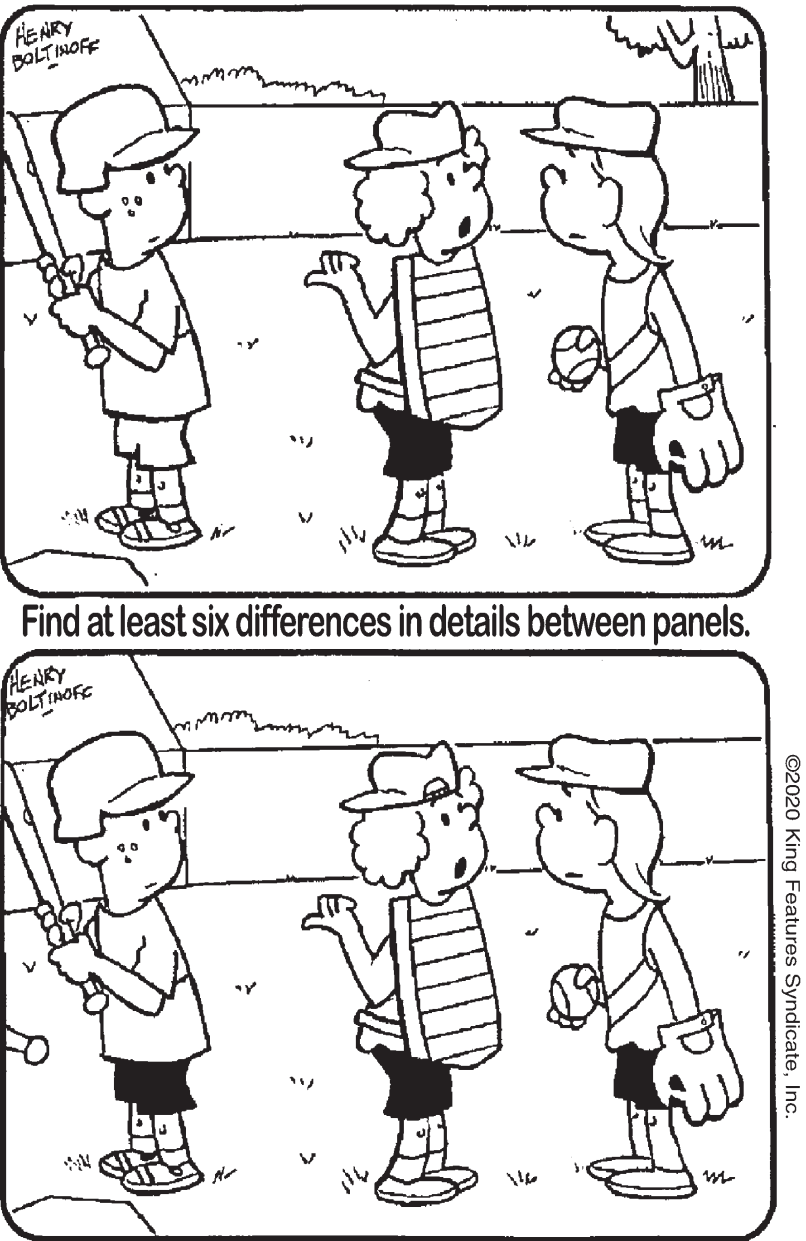
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Bat on the ground. 2. Ball has turned. 3. Umpire's hat is different. 4. Batter's pants are different. 5. Tree is gone. 6. Pitcher has no socks.

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by Linda Thistle

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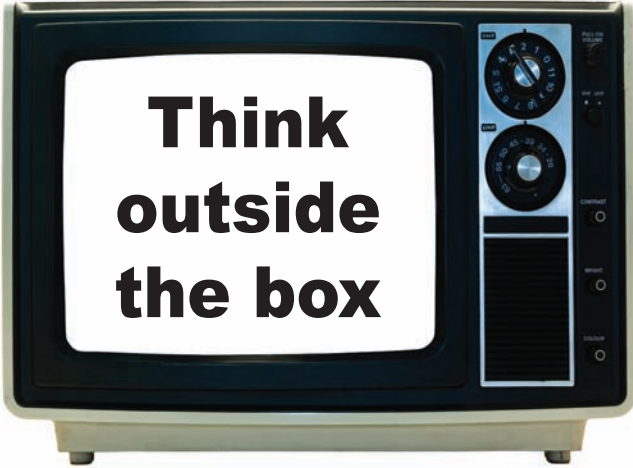


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Members of Dance Extreme 2.0 recently competed in the America On Stage state championships in Pocatello, Idaho. The combined overall scores of the teams earned them the title of Studio Grand Champion in the novice division. Team members (not in pictured order) included: extreme cheer junior team: Karlee Sivero, Paisley Messersmith, Brookelynn Blair, Hayley Barden, Camie Blair; extreme cheer senior team: Krista Messick, Cambria Maldonado, Samantha Messersmith, Neva Lavy, Caitlyn Lynch, Ahnala Meeds, Ivy Walker, Olivia Ramirez, Kayleigh Frazier, Kaori McDonald, Reesa Alder, Kynlee Sylvia, Tina Dodson; extreme project mini team, Blakely Yraguen, Hunter Smith, Andrea Ortiz, Claire Walker, Meagan Zubieta, Lucia Ramirez; extreme project junior team: Presley Gamble, Kendal Nicholson, Lillian Wiles, Aliyah Swain, Annalisa Aburto; extreme project senior team: Rosy Higgins, Emma Tolman, Stephanie Becerra, Elsie King, Aryssa Aburto, Stephanie Aldrich, Makayla Frazier.

Dancers earn top marks

by Nicole Miller

Although the competition season is temporarily put on hold, Dance Extreme 2.0 dancers kicked off the season in February with two extremely successful competitions. Dancers earned top marks in both solo and team performances.

The first competition of the season was the America On Stage Competition at the Nampa Civic Center the first weekend of February.

This is not only the first competition of the year, but also very important as it is the qualifier for the America On Stage Nationals competition that takes place in Lagoon each May. Although that competition is currently on hold, several of the teams and individuals earned top marks, qualifying them for the competition.

In the solo category, Stephanie Becerra earned a third place ribbon while Emma Tolman, Kendal Nicholson and Aryssa Aburto all earned first place ribbons.

In the teams competition, the extreme cheer junior team earned first place marks for their performance of “Can’t Stop the Feeling.” Along with the extreme cheer senior team earning first place for their cheer mix routine. These teams are coached by Weiser High School cheerleaders Tyra Ramirez and Bentley Weldon.

The extreme project mini team coached by Candace Lynch earned two first place marks in both the novice team jazz mini and in the novice team open mini.

The extreme project junior team also earned a first place award for their “Me Too” dance and a third place award for their “warrior performance,” as they com-

peted in two different dance categories.

The hip hop crew coached by Chandelle Huerta walked away with a third place award for their hip hop mix performance.

The extreme project senior team coached by director Alicia Cavazos, earned third place in both the intermediate level team contemporary category and the intermediate level hip hop junior categories.

Thanks to efforts of fundraising from the community and parents including a very successful Krispy Kreme donut sale, the teams were also able to attend their first America On Stage Idaho State Championships at Pocatello.

Soloists in Pocatello included: Kendal Nicholson, who was awarded first place, Stephanie Becerra who earned first place and a superstar award, and Aryssa Aburto who earned second place.

The extreme senior team once again earned first place, while the extreme cheer junior team earned a second place ribbon.

The extreme project mini team earned a second place in the jazz category division and a first place in the open category.

The extreme project junior team competed in three events, taking home first place in contemporary and open, and second place in the hip hop division.

The extreme project senior team earned a contemporary first place and high gold overall team grand champion, as well as jazz first place, and hip hop first place.

All the awards in Pocatello also meant that as a whole team, the studio earned the title of Overall Studio Grand Champion in the novice division.

ITD issues 90-day extension on expiring driver’s licenses, vehicle registration

To reduce large gatherings of people, the Idaho Transportation Department’s Division of Motor Vehicle is instituting a 90-day extension on some credentials.

The public is also encouraged to use the DMV’s online services rather than go to the county sheriffs’ and assessors’ offices for essential services. The 90-day extensions applies to driver’s licenses and non-commercial registration.

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