

INSIDE TODAY



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Draft reopening plan released for Weiser schools

COVID-19 transmission will determine level of instruction offered

by Steve Lyon

The Weiser School District released a draft plan to reopen schools that bases the level of instruction offered on the amount of community transmission of COVID-19 that is occurring.

Right now, the school district intends to begin the school year on Aug. 20 with schools open and students attending class in-person and with safety precautions in place.

District officials will assess the amount of community spread of COVID-19 closer to the proposed start date in consultation with Southwest District Health.

Superintendent Wade Wilson

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County's jobless rate takes a big drop in June

by Steve Lyon

Washington County's unemployment rate dropped significantly in June, a sign that the local economy is rebounding after COVID-19 restrictions were lifted.

The county's jobless rate fell from a revised number of 8.4 percent in May to 5.9 percent in June. There were 275 people looking for work in June in the county compared to 390 in May, according to the Idaho

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Firefighters with the Weiser Area Rural Fire Department pour water on a burning tire service truck in a wheat field near Annex, Ore., on Friday. The truck drove into the field to fix a flat tire on a piece of farm equipment and is believed to have ignited the fire. It was a total loss. Less than an acre of the field burned. Friday's fire on Noble Road was one of three fires in grain fields that rural firefighters were called to put out in the past five days. *Photo by Steve Lyon*

Weiser rural fire department responds to three fires in grain fields in five days

Job of fighting fires made even more difficult with triple-digit temperatures

by Steve Lyon

The Weiser Area Rural Fire Department responded to the third fire involving a grain field in five days on a sweltering Sunday afternoon.

Firefighters not only battled flames but also hot temperatures. Weiser and the Treasure Valley have been gripped in a heat

wave since last Wednesday that brought triple-digit temperatures daily through Sunday.

WARFD fire crews were dispatched to a reported fire in a grain field located north of the Cove Road bridge at 4:12 on Sunday. A combine located near the road was fully engulfed in flames and the fire had already burned about five acres when they arrived.

Assistant fire chief John Stuart said the farmer had just started harvesting the grain field when the fire started. The older combine he was using is believed to have caused the fire. The flames moving through

the wheat field in the 104-degree heat were tall and hot.

The fire burned about eight acres of grain before firefighters fully extinguished it. Fire crews spent about 90 minutes in total tackling the fire and then hitting hot spots.

One member of the rural fire department suffered minor burns in the incident. He was taken to Weiser Memorial Hospital to get checked out.

On Friday morning, firefighters were called out to a grain field on fire on Noble

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Weiser Senior and Community Center reopens for lunch after closure that lasted five months

'Yes, we missed it and we're glad to be back,' one lunch regular said

by Steve Lyon

Rita Shaw and Lorraine Hendry were glad to see the Weiser Senior and Community Center reopen on Monday after the COVID-19 pandemic closed it five months ago.

For Shaw, Hendry, and many other seniors, the week-day lunch at the center is more than a meal. It is the opportunity to socialize for an hour or two and get out of the house.

"Yes, we missed it and we're glad to be back," Hendry said.

There were only a dozen seniors at the center on Monday. It has not yet been widely publicized that the senior center has reopened and is serving lunch Monday through Friday.

Shaw and Hendry, who have been regulars for lunch at the center for nearly three years, heard about the reopening on Monday through word of mouth.

"It's about time it reopened. We missed it," Shaw said. "This is our home away from home."

The reopening for sit-down dining came with a few safety precautions. Tables were spread out and there were only four chairs at each table instead of the previous eight. The senior center is not offering a salad bar yet.

Senior center director Kathy Huerta said seniors will still

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Rita Shaw, left, and Lorraine Hendry had lunch at the Weiser senior center on Monday. The center reopened for dining after a five-month closure due to COVID-19. *Photo by Steve Lyon*



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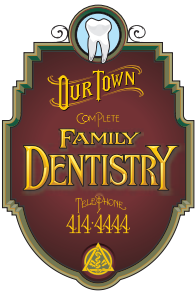


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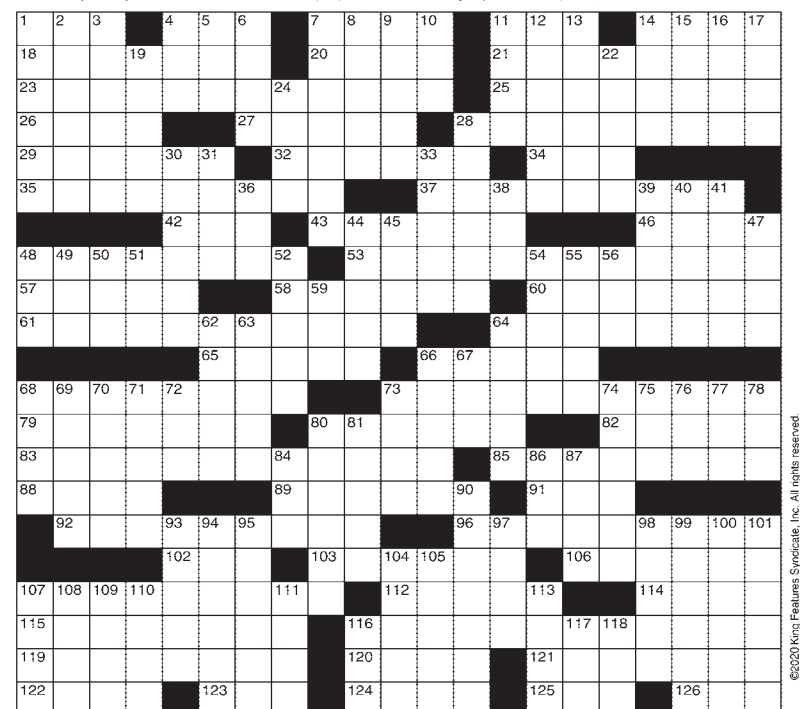
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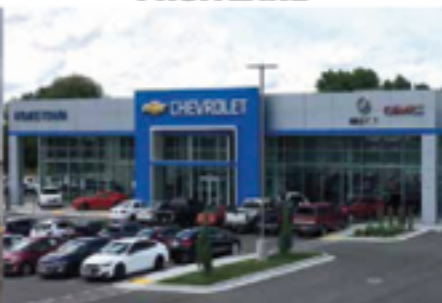
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The weather was great on Saturday to take an art class in Weiser's City Park. The painting session was taught by Bonnie Akbar, the owner of Artful Bon's studio in downtown Weiser. Everyone painted the same sunrise scene under Akbar's instruction. Penny Burris, above, works on her painting. Photo by Steve Lyon

Temperatures back to seasonal average following heatwave

Weiser swelters with multiple days of triple-digit temperatures by Steve Lyon

Temperatures dropped into the mid-90s this week following consecutive days of triple-digit heat in Weiser and across the Treasure Valley.

A strong high pressure system parked over Idaho was responsible for the above-average temperatures as the month of July came to a close. An extreme heat advisory issued by the National Weather Service for southwest Idaho last Wednesday expired on Sunday night.

A sampling of the hot temperatures around the valley revealed Weiser reached 105 degrees on July 29 and July 30. Ontario hit 105 degrees on July 30 and 107 degrees on July 31. Mountain Home roasted with 105 degrees on July 29 and 106 degrees on July 31.

Even the mountains experienced temperatures that were 10 degrees or more above average. Payette Lake was the place to cool off as McCall reached 94 degrees on July 31. July was a dry month in McCall as well, with less than one-tenth of an inch of rain recorded.

No records were broken during the heatwave. Boise's high temperature of 105 degrees on July 30 was one degree shy of a record for the date, according to the NWS.

There was scant precipitation in July and precipitation totals for the month are below average. Although July is a predictably dry month, it still averages .20 to .30 inches of rain. Some areas of the western end of the Treasure Valley reported not much more than a trace of rain for the entire month.

Those who could not avoid the heat by staying indoors with air conditioning had to weather the triple-digit temperatures for consecutive days.

Weiser postmaster Chad Franklin said mail carriers started their day 30 minutes early at 7 a.m. on the hottest days. The post office has a "safety standup" briefing every morning during heatwaves and other weather-related conditions that could impact mail carriers.

There are posters on the wall in the post office that provide information on potential heat-related illnesses like heatstroke and heat exhaustion. Staying hydrated is important during the heatwave. Employees can take a break if the heat gets to be too much.

"We drink a lot of water," he said. If it was hot in southwest Idaho, it was sizzling in the desert Southwest, with Phoenix reaching 116 degrees last Thursday. Las Vegas was 110 degrees at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday.



Evangelist Ernie Salinas brings message to Cornerstone Assembly on Aug. 9

Cornerstone Assembly of God complements local churches in reaching and ministering, teaching all how to live in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Salinas received God's call to be a pastor in 1973, completed the Berean School of the Bible, and began a life of pastoring for over 25 years.

His wife, Karol, has served alongside him for 47 years. They have pastored small churches of 30 and served as pastors in churches over 1,400 people; always striving to fully serve the Lord in whatever capacity He has called them.

In 2001, God called Ernie and Karol to their ministry of church and mission evangelism. Their calling

will be the guest speaker at Cornerstone Assembly of God Church on Aug. 9. Since 2001, they have ministered in Europe, Africa, Central America, and throughout the United States. Everyone is invited to hear Salinas' message on Aug. 9 at 10:30 a.m. and again at 6 p.m. at Cornerstone Assembly of God. The church is located on the corner of East Court Street and East 5th Street in Weiser. For more information about this event, contact Pastor Mark Burgess at (208) 549-2103.



Evangelist Ernie Salinas will be the guest speaker at Cornerstone Assembly of God Church on Aug. 9.

Death Notices

Brad Hunt

Brad Hunt, 65, of Weiser, Idaho, passed away July 30, 2020 in Weiser. Arrangements under the direction of Thomason Funeral Home.

Myrtle Alston

Myrtle Alston, 89, of Ontario, Ore., died July 27, 2020 at a local hospital. Arrangements by Lienkaemper Chapel, Ontario.

Francis Florez

Francis Florez, 64, of Fruitland, Idaho, passed away at her home July 31, 2020. Arrangements under the direction of Haren-Wood Funeral Chapel, Ontario.

Daniel Delbert Ledington

Daniel Delbert Ledington, 62, of Ontario, Ore., passed away July 30, 2020 at Legacy Good Samaritan Hospital in Portland, Ore. Arrangements are under the direction of Shaffer-Jensen Memory Chapel, Payette.

Emma Ruth Petterson

Emma Ruth Petterson, 95, of Nyssa, Ore., died Aug. 1, 2020 at home. Arrangements by Lienkaemper Chapel, Nyssa.

Jack F. Sams

Jack F. Sams, 77, of Ontario, Ore., died July 26, 2020 at home. Arrangements by Lienkaemper Chapel, Ontario.

Jimmy Tom Norman Bradshaw

Jimmy Tom Norman Bradshaw, 82, of Ontario, Ore., died July 25, 2020 at a local care home. Arrangements by Lienkaemper Chapel, Ontario.

Erma Coleman

Erma Coleman, 94, of Ontario, Ore., died July 30, 2020 in Boise. Arrangements by Lienkaemper Chapel, Ontario.

Herman J. Jungk Jr.

Herman J. Jungk Jr., 99, of Ironside, Ore., passed away July 31, 2020 at his home in Ironside. Arrangements are under the direction of Haren-Wood Funeral Chapel, Ontario.

Coming Up

Weiser blood drive coming Aug. 5

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

Weed Advisory Board

The Washington County Weed Advisory Board will hold its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, Aug. 11, at 7 p.m. at the Washington County Weed Department located at 1118 E. Court St., Weiser, Idaho. The public is welcome to attend.



Ken Bartoschek asked Love INC of Washington County if the nonprofit could help build a ramp to assist his wife Nancy to access their Weiser home. The project came together with donated materials and numerous volunteers offering their time and expertise. Sadly, Ken’s wife died before she could use the ramp.

Love INC, volunteers team up to build ramp for local couple

Most of the materials were donated for project

by Sara Lundberg

Love In the Name of Christ (Love INC), along with many volunteers and donors within the Weiser community, saved the day for a Weiser couple as the nonprofit organization both funded and built a mobility ramp leading to their front door.

Earlier this year, Ken Bartoschek approached Weiser’s Love INC with a personal need. As his wife Nancy had begun having trouble moving around and walking up and down stairs, the steps leading to their front door needed to be replaced with a ramp.

Love INC director Pam Burris heard his request and got the project going. She reached out to some of Weiser’s locals, looking for helpers and volunteers. The project required plenty of materials and people to build the ramp.

Champion Homes helped the cause by donating much of the material needed to build the ramp. In addition, Ken Lukehart was responsible for providing the special metal piece needed for the project’s completion.

Along with the material, some special tools were required for the construction of the ramp. Many of these were provided by Rick Estes and Weiser schools. Once both the materials and tools were collected, volunteer builders were needed.

Weiser High School shop teacher Jon

Lundberg took on the project as the lead builder. He received assistance from John Wootton, who serves as chairman of the Love INC board.

While project planning, collecting of building materials and tools, and organizing volunteers took about two months to complete, the actual construction part was accomplished in about a week.

Unfortunately, by the time the ramp was completed and ready for use, Nancy Bartoschek, who had been hospitalized and later moved to a care facility, passed away without getting a chance to use it.

However, as Ken himself has begun having some trouble with walking and climbing stairs, he will be able to enjoy the ramp for himself.

With larger projects such as this one being more uncommon for Love INC to participate in, Love INC was happy and excited to help the local couple. With their help and generosity of the donors and volunteers, a project that normally would cost a couple of thousand dollars required only \$278.

“I would like to say a big thank you to everyone who donated their time, money, or tools to make this happen. It was a really generous project. It would have been several thousand dollars to accomplish that project and we were able to do it under three-hundred dollars because almost everything was donated,” Pam Burris said.

Weiser Senior Center is open

by Joanne Braden

Well, here we are once again with not much news to report. Are you as tired as I am of all the dis-sen-tion? To stay at home or not? To wear a mask or not? To keep your distance or not? Will we have our lives back to normal or not? There are many more “or nots” in this mess!



The good news is that, although there are deaths, the percentage is low compared to the percentage of cases reported.

I just take it one day at a time. I do what I have to do, throw in a couple of things I want to do, and keep in touch with friends and family. Stress I do not need, so I am planning on keeping a positive attitude so the “or not” can’t get me. Lol.

The Weiser Senior and Community

Center opened on Aug. 1. Everyone can still get a great meal, complete with dessert, for only \$5. Just call (208) 414-0750 in early morning, to order. Then come to pick up at noon.

Meals on Wheels took a real hit on funding this year due to the fact that the main fundraiser, the National Oldtime Fiddlers’ Contest, was cancelled for the first time ever. People are being very generous with their great donations. We would appreciate any donations you can give, because the price of groceries has skyrocketed, plus some things are getting scarce.

You can pick up a monthly menu when you pick up your meal, or just drop by and pick one up as you’re passing by. We really appreciate Kathy and Harold and the other workers and volunteers that have kept on serving us through this trying time, Thank you all.

Love to you all. Stay healthy, stay positive and be wise. Hugz, Joanne

Toothfully Speaking

by Dr. Bryan Dille



Sleeping with Food

I have recently heard about people falling asleep with some sort of food item in their mouth such as: cough drops, chewable vitamins, hard candies and gum. When I heard about this my first thought was, why? I have learned that for some people it is very soothing and helps them sleep better. Some have also said that their mouth gets dry at night and this helps keep it moist. Others say that if they have a sore throat it helps them feel better.

Besides the possibility of choking, there are some very negative things that can happen to your teeth. Sugar left in the mouth for long periods of time is feeding the bacteria in your

mouth that whole time! While we are sleeping our saliva flow is greatly decreased. Without saliva to wash bacteria away and a constant supply of sugar feeding the bacteria, that combination will rapidly cause damage to your teeth.

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OPINION

FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

It's time to get back to work after camping trip

My wife, Cathy, and I had the chance to get away camping for a few days last week.

It was nice to be in the hills fishing, hiking, soaking in hot springs in the cool mornings, and sitting in our lawn chairs in the river on the hot afternoons.

I would have gone bike riding, except that one tube just decided to blow a few minutes before I even had a chance to use it. I guess it was too hot.

We came back to find that there was a tremendous outpouring of support for the Loudermilk family in just the short time we were gone.

It is truly heartwarming to know that Washington County is the kind of place that supports each other in times of need. This is a great community.

With that said, our hearts, prayers, and support will continue going out to the Loudermilk family as they go through this difficult time.

It was good to get away, but it is now time to get back to work.

We are now at 190 COVID-19 cases in the county. This is a 14.5 percent increase from the week before. The White House's report, breaking down the cases state by state and county by county, continues to place Washington County in the "Red Zone."



Mayor Randy Hibberd

The Idaho Department of Health and Welfare places our county just below this in the "Orange Zone." The difference is in the target number for new cases per 100,000 people.

The state does not expect to be able to eliminate the spread and so has a higher number used in their matrix.

In either category, the recommendations are the same with using masks, hand washing, distancing, and limiting the size of crowds.

Controlling the spread of this virus is the responsibility of each of us. Please do your part.

One of the projects we are working on here at the city is the possibility of combining the city and rural fire departments. Mike Hopkins, your city councilman, is heading up the team looking into this.

The target is to objectively analyze past expenses for both departments, project expenses if combined, project cost savings, analyze tax implications, project impact to the city for a new fire truck if the departments are not combined, and impact to homeowners for homeowner's insurance if the city does not purchase a fire truck and our fire rating diminishes. It is a big project, but is in very capable hands.

Another project being worked on in-

volves our weed, junk, and debris ordinance. We are looking at other city ordinances in Idaho who have dealt with this successfully to try to build on their knowledge. This will also involve your city council members.

If you have input on what you would like to see, please let me or one of your council members know. At this point we are looking at an abatement program where, as a last resort, the city would clean up the property in question and add the expense to the individual property owner's taxes for the following year as allowed by Idaho statute.

In other city business, State Street will be blocked off from Court Street to West Park Street until Friday, Aug. 7, to continue a project to upgrade the water lines in town.

The RV dump site is coming along nicely. The sewer and water are almost complete. The project should be done well before the target date of Labor Day.

It has been interesting and rewarding to watch the water, wastewater, street, and electrical departments all working together to get this project cranked out quickly. If you see any of these guys, please thank them, especially if you own an RV.

Also, the swimming pool's end of season will be Aug. 15. If you plan on using the pool this summer and haven't, you should probably get there in a hurry!

Well, that's it for this week. We live in such a great community!

COMMENTARY BY U.S. SEN. MIKE CRAPO

Defense bill supports nation's servicemembers

One of the most critical jobs of Congress is providing for our national defense, and this is the 60th consecutive year that Congress has fulfilled its constitutional duty.

Our country's Founders delineated this responsibility in Section 8 of our Constitution, providing Congress with the power to fund the common defense of the United States.

Congress has been moving forward with enacting the Fiscal Year 2021 National Defense Authorization Act (FY21 NDAA) to support our nation's servicemembers as they prepare for and re-

spond to national threats.

While the final details of the legislation are expected to be worked out between the U.S. Senate, House of Representatives and the Trump administration, the Senate passed FY21 NDAA by a vote of 86 to 14.

The legislation includes the following important measures:

- A 3 percent pay raise for our troops;
- Prioritizes support for family readiness, including spouse employment opportunities and child care;
- Ensures previous reforms to the military privatized housing program and to the

military health system are implemented to rigorous standards; and

•Repairs gaps and weaknesses in the supply chain that the ongoing pandemic exposed and exacerbated.

The legislation also includes reforms aimed at improving the U.S. Department of Defense's stewardship of taxpayer dollars and support system for our troops in the field.

Reforms included in the legislation would also address how the Department recruits and retains top civilian talent, particularly in high-demand science, technology and acquisition fields.

Throughout the process of crafting the legislation, I have advocated for additional priorities to enhance defense capabilities and advance Idaho's nuclear energy efforts, which include the following provisions in the Senate-passed bill:

- \$137.8 million for sitewide safeguards and security at Idaho National Laboratory.
- \$294 million for INL cleanup programs.
- \$5 million for directed energy counter-unmanned aerial systems technology to address capability needs in

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Make the tough decision – require use of face masks

Editor:

After learning the Washington County Commissioners decided against any mandate that requires face coverings in the county it boggles my mind.

The state of Idaho now has more cases than the state of Oregon and we have half the population.

We have also been mentioned in the "New York Times" and the "Washington Post" in the past as one state unwilling to require masks for its citizens.

According to a new Harvard University Global

Health Institute report, Idaho is one of 13 states that should lock down immediately.

People here talk about their rights about not wearing masks, and I say, "What about my rights staying safe from people who don't wear masks?"

We have to wear seatbelts while driving vehicles, but we whine about wearing a mask while running into a store. I struggle to understand that mentality.

I'm aware of people who have tested positive for coronavirus and exhibit little, if no symptoms, and have refused to self quarantine.

It shows a total disregard for the health, welfare and safety of the community,

state and country, as well as a lack of moral character.

Don't tell me this is their right. It is not their right, but everyone looks the other way. Shame on us and shame on the governor for not making some tough decisions.

Because of people's stubbornness and lack of knowledge, we are repeating the devastation of the 1918 pandemic, which killed more than 50 million people worldwide.

What does this state not get? We can't change everyone's thoughts but we can do what's right for the majority of people, not just the ignorant few.

Diane Brandt
Weiser

Visitor thankful for help finding lost hearing aid

Editor:

A big thank you to the folks at True Value. I stopped to make a purchase and put on my mask. It interfered with a hearing aid and it fell to the pavement.

I didn't notice until at a campground in McCall. I called and described about where I was parked. A nice man and lady searched and found it. It was held for me.

They saved me a bunch of money and hassle. Thanks to all for the extra effort.

Jim Bradbury
Bend, Ore.



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When Your only Son descended to death in the waters of baptism and by the Spirit raised into new and transformed life, proclaimed from Heaven came Your voice, “this is My Son, in whom I am well pleased.” When given a foretaste of His high holy glory, it was added, “listen to Him!”

Are we listening? When evils come and tempt to sway us, do we turn a blind eye and deaf ear to go our own way, to the right or to the left? Either way we no longer walk the narrow path that leads to life. Then, Jesus’ own words resound, “he who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says.” “I am the way, the truth and the life.” “Follow Me.”

When asked, it were these commands deemed the greatest of them all – “Love

the Lord your God, with all of heart, soul, mind, and strength.” And the second much like the first, “love your neighbor as yourself.” Teach us to love ourselves just as You love us!

These commands we do not have within us to obey. But You knew and thus it was Your plan. There is no one righteous, not even one! It was Jesus who fulfilled the law. Repent and turn to God. This was Your desire that we comprehend. To lean not on our own understanding, but Yours. We are made righteous by Christ’s own sacrifice when once we believe!

By grace through faith alone, and not of ourselves, it is Your gift we be saved from the futility of our own existence and brought eternally into Your presence, where times of refreshing may come.

Apart from You we are consumed by the water and flame of the raging storms of life. Though we live, so shall we die. But in You, O, Father, Holy Lord, Almighty one, Creator of Heaven and Earth, do we find the true life our hearts so yearn for. Though dead, so shall we live. Forevermore, amen – Jody R Goode, *redeemer-weiser@gmail.com*.

Just something to think about

I am so thankful for this time in my life. My sons are now good men. I have a pretty good dog. She is a good watch dog, although she’d rather bark at dogs than someone at the door.

My books and music surround me with good vibes. I love my daily Bible study and devotionals. I also love going to church.

I feel sorry for the churches in

California that have been told that they cannot sing in church, and some of the churches are closed. Sad!

Our country was founded, because England refused to allow religious freedom. Our country has been considered a Christian nation since its inception. I pray that we can live up to that.

Just something to think about.

C. Shaw

Stand up for the truth!

Riverside Baptist

Truth is in short supply these days. There is much speculation and opinion but little truth.

Issues are hotly debated on social media with more fire than light. One of the reasons our nation is so divided is that we can’t even agree on what is truth.

The apostle Paul, in Acts 22, was beaten by a hostile mob and put in chains by the Roman authorities. The mob was convinced of his guilt based on half truths and outright lies. Amazingly, Paul requested that he be given an opportunity to make a defense.

Paul’s defense wasn’t

his own opinion or speculation. Paul didn’t defend himself. He defended the gospel of Jesus Christ. He told the story of the divine appointment from God to turn to Christ. He shared the story of the day that he saw the light and met Jesus the Savior. All believers have a story to tell of how they met Jesus. He is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Let’s stand up for the truth of the gospel!

“In your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, having a

good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God’s will, than for doing evil.” (1 Peter 3:15-17, ESV).

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

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

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WICAP assists local residents impacted by COVID-19

Nonprofit is also expanding number of programs it offers in seven-county service area

by Steve Lyon

The Western Idaho Community Action Partnership (WICAP) office in Weiser has been assisting with rent, utility and food for Washington County residents impacted by COVID-19, an official with the nonprofit said.

Carrie Palmer, who is the new director of community services for WICAP, recently updated county commissioners on the programs provided by the social services agency in a seven-county region.

Palmer said WICAP has received some federal relief funds through the CARES Act and also from the state to provide assistance to people impacted by COVID-19. Just as fast as the grant money comes in, it is spent assisting residents.

In June, WICAP handed out 900 food boxes and helped 400 families with rental assistance, utility bills, gas cards and other services in the counties the agency serves.

WICAP was able to use funding to help a woman fix her water pipes and restore water service at her house. She had gone without running water for a couple of months, Palmer said.

During the COVID-19 pandemic the Weiser office located on West Main Street has been closed to the public. Employees continue to work in the office and are taking phone calls. Some are working

remotely from home.

“We’re still servicing families and we’re still providing food,” Palmer said.

WICAP employee Steve Morningstar said food boxes are given out at the Weiser office on Tuesday and Thursday from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Families that need food pull up in front of the office and prepared boxes are brought out to the vehicle. There is no contact between WICAP employees and families receiving food.

Morningstar said 128 families in Washington County received food boxes in July through the Weiser office. Each family receives 110 to 150 pounds of food. Families have to be residents of Washington County.

WICAP also has been referring people who have been financially impacted by COVID-19 to the Idaho Housing Association for help with rent and utility bills. The IHA offers short-term assistance for those who qualify through its Housing Preservation Program.

Palmer said the number of programs offered by WICAP continues to grow as does the demand for services.

WICAP has applied for a fatherhood grant to work with incarcerated parents of children. The program will be designed to support dads in their relationships with their children when they are released from jail

and help keep those relationships alive, Palmer said.

“We’re excited about that if we get it,” she said.

Another WICAP program called Project LAUNCH (Linking Actions for Unmet Needs in Children’s Health) is designed to address the physical, social, emotional, cognitive and behavioral aspects of child development from infant to age 8.

The grant-funded program employs resiliency advocates who engage in evidence-based strategies to support improved outcomes for young children and their families.

Resiliency advocates join with families and community partners to identify children’s unmet needs, then develop individualized planning that guides families access to resources as well as providing direct services.

Palmer’s visit with county commissioners coincided with FY 2021 budget preparations. Commissioners contributed \$10,000 in support for WICAP in fiscal year 2020 and plan to continue with that contribution amount in FY 2021.

Commissioners said WICAP could request the funds anytime during the next fiscal year and doesn’t have to wait until the end of FY 2021. They also requested WICAP provide a summary of how the funds are spent.



The WICAP office in Weiser provides food boxes to families that reside in Washington County every week on Tuesdays and Thursdays. While the local office is not currently open to the public for walk-in traffic due to the COVID-19 pandemic, staff members are conducting business over the phone.

Nationwide coin shortage not a problem in Weiser

In other areas, customers asked to pay with exact change, debit or credit cards

by Steve Lyon

A nationwide coin shortage has banks rationing rolls of nickels, dimes and quarters and businesses asking people to bring in their change to swap for dollar bills.

A sign posted at the Payette branch of Wells Fargo bank notifies customers that it is currently unable to provide rolled coins for customers. The bank is also limiting businesses to one roll of coins per denomination.

The coin crunch can be blamed on the COVID-19 pandemic. People have not been spending as much cash over the past few months during stay-home orders, and the slump in economic activity has reduced the

amount of coins that go to the banks.

Now that the economy is reopening, and as more people get back to shopping and eating out, there simply is not enough coins in circulation to meet demand.

According to the Federal Reserve Bank, business and bank closures associated with the COVID-19 pandemic have disrupted the supply chain and normal circulation patterns for coins.

There is an adequate amount of coins in the economy, the Fed says, but the slower pace of circulation has reduced inventories in some areas of the country, the Fed said.

There were also production issues at the U.S.



Mint, which manufactures the nation’s coin supply. Staffing was reduced at some facilities due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Businesses that go through lots of coins, such as laundromats and car washes, are especially

feeling the pinch. Some stores are asking for exact change for purchases, or asking customers to use debit or credit cards. Others are rounding transactions to the nearest dollar to avoid making change.

Dave Coleman, owner

of Pioneer Express convenience store in Weiser, said it’s been harder to get quarters in bulk and \$10 bills. He used to make change for people who needed quarters for the car wash across the street, but he’s had to cut back.

He said he now has to order \$10 bills and quarters a week in advance from the bank. Of all the denominations, \$10 bills seem to be in the shortest supply as far as paper money, he said.

“It works out OK. I just have to make sure we don’t run out,” Coleman said.

The branch manager at the Columbia Bank in Weiser said she has not seen a local coin shortage. She can’t order as much

coins from the federal reserve these days, but she has not had to limit what businesses can get.

“I don’t think it’s huge issue in this area,” Terri Fritts said.

“Not yet,” she added.

Fritts’ bank branch orders coins from a different Federal Reserve bank than other Columbia Bank branches in Oregon and Washington, which are seeing some coin shortages, she said.

Aside from the coin shortage related to the COVID-19 pandemic, the macro trend is leading toward a cash-less society. More people are using debit cards, and there are many digital payment apps that can be downloaded onto a smartphone.

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Defense bill includes money for projects at Idaho National Laboratory

airbase defense, precision strike and aircraft protection.

Additionally, my colleagues and I were successful in securing authorization of the Nuclear Energy Leadership Act to boost nuclear energy innovation by fostering partnerships between indus-

try and our national laboratories, including the INL, to demonstrate the next generation of advanced nuclear reactors to provide clean, safe, affordable and reliable energy production and advance national security interests.

On July 21, 2020, the House of

Representatives passed its version of the FY21 NDAA by a vote of 295 to 125.

As the details of the final legislation are resolved, I will continue to advocate for provisions important to Idaho and our nation’s defense.

I look forward to enactment of

a final version of the FY21 NDAA that effectively backs American servicemembers, honors their enormous contributions to our security and protection of our freedoms and provides for their expedient and successful return to our communities following their

service.

Fulfillment of this task is an essential part of our congressional responsibility and duty to the military families who give so much to our great country.

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



The owners of the Believe Pulling Sled, which looks similar to the sled above, asked Weiser officials if they could hold a tractor and truck pull next to Mortimer’s Island on city owned property. City leaders said the property had never been rented for a commercial event. They declined to allow the event until they can develop rules for use of the property and a contract. They liked the idea of bringing the event to Weiser and told the promoters to come back in 2021.

City council declines to allow use of property for commercial event

Promoters of truck and tractor sled pulling competition invited to come back in 2021

by Steve Lyon

Members of the Weiser city council declined to allow a tractor and truck pulling sled event that promoters said could bring 500 participants and spectators to town.

The city council said the Laird property next to Mortimer’s Island has never been used for a commercial event before and allowing an event on Aug. 22 would be unprecedented. There was also concern about COVID-19 and the possibility that a large gathering would take place on city property.

City officials said they were not opposed to possibly allowing the event in the future and invited the promoters to come back and talk about a 2021 date. Between now and then, the city will develop rules and regulations governing commercial use of the Laird property and come up with a contract.

Corey and Matt Petero appeared before the city council last month requesting to hold the pulling sled event on city property near Mortimer’s Island. It’s the same location used by the Weiser mud drags every October. While the mud drags are a city fire department fundraiser, the sled pull would be a commercial event that would require rules, regulations and a contract, city officials said.

The Peteros said the event in Weiser likely would attract spectators and participants from Utah and Oregon, where motorsports events have been closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Idaho is still in stage 4 of reopening, which allows public gatherings.

The promoters turned to the city for a potential venue for the event after plans to hold it at Fred Hust rodeo arena were cancelled. The Peteros own the Believe Pulling Sled and would be in charge of everything related to the event, including handling concessions and track preparations.

The sled pulling involves both regular and modified gas and diesel trucks and supercharged, multi-engine tractors. The competition pits rigs against each other to see how far they can drag the Believe Pulling Sled farther down the 350-foot track. The promoters expected

30-40 local trucks to enter the competition, along with pro tractors.

Council member Dan Randleman offered support for the Peteros and said the event offered a good opportunity to promote economic development and tourism in Weiser.

“It sounds good to me,” he said.

In a normal year, the city would probably jump at the chance to host the sled pull and bring in 500 people, council member Larry Hogg said, but 2020 has not been a normal year. He said many events were cancelled in June due to COVID-19 and questioned if it would be fair to let this event happen.

Council member Cliff Barberis said the event would be a great way to showcase Weiser. He said he would like to see it happen as long as the number of COVID-19 cases do not skyrocket.

After hearing the plans for the event, city council members decided not to act immediately on the request and referred the issue to a city committee to review. They told the promoters they would have a decision by July 29. The Peteros were hoping to hold the sled pull on Aug. 22.

The committee took up the proposed event and forwarded a recommendation to the city council that it not be allowed this year. The city council upheld the committee’s recommendations at a special council meeting on July 27.

Following the city council’s decision, Mayor Randy Hibberd said the committee reviewed the proposed event and decided that the city was not prepared to enter into a contract right now to allow commercial events on the Laird property.

Hibberd said the city didn’t want to rush into an agreement. If the city council decides to move forward with allowing commercial use of the property in the future, it will be a thorough process to cover any and all liability issues.

The number of people that might attend from out of state as Weiser’s COVID-19 cases continue to go up was also raised during discussion. The promoters said they could cancel the event with 48 hours notice.



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Weiser mayor swears in new police officers at city hall



Right, Weiser Mayor Randy Hibberd administers the oaths of office to new Weiser Police Department officers Michael Carrell, Joshua Pratt and Nicholas Randall on July 29 at city hall. Above, Hibberd presents officer Hayden Newbold with his certificate for successfully completing Idaho's POST Academy. *Courtesy photos*



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Field fires keep rural firefighters busy

Road in the Annex, Ore., area. When fire crews arrived at 9:10 a.m., they found a tire service truck in the field completely engulfed in flames. The burning truck sent black smoke billowing into the sunny morning sky.

A farmer pulling a disc behind a tractor was able to carve a fire break around the flames and contain the fire to less than an acre. People in the field with shovels also were trying to knock down the fire.

Firefighters were able to douse the burning tire service truck quickly. The truck was a total loss. The burning grain also was put out within a few minutes. There was less than an acre of standing grain lost in the fire.

WARFD Fire Chief Tim Atwood said the Point S tire service truck out of Payette is believed to have started the fire in the field.

The truck drove into the grain field to repair a flat tire on a combine that had just started harvesting grain. It was not long before hot exhaust or a spark ignited grain stubble beneath the truck.

The rural fire department sent a command vehicle, two brush trucks, a water tender and a structure engine to the fire. A second water tender that was stationed at the Mann Creek fire station north of Weiser was not needed.

Last Wednesday, rural fire crews were called out to a grain field on fire off Krause Road south of

Weiser. A farmer driving a swather was windrowing a harvested grain field in preparation for baling straw when the field caught on fire. About 25 acres burned before the fire was out.

Atwood said fires in grain fields are not uncommon. All it takes is a spark on a hot, dry day to start a fire and grain and stubble will burn.

After a week of dry, hot temperatures, and virtually no precipitation for all of July, vegetation is all but completely dried out in the area heading into the month of August.

“We’re well into the wildland fire season, so people need to be careful,” Atwood said.

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Weiser senior center open for lunch

have the option of dining in the center or grabbing lunch to take home.

“It’s completely up to them if they want to sit and eat or take it and go,” Huerta said.

Those over age 60 are asked to pay a suggested donation of \$5 for lunch. The cost for others under age 60 is \$5 for lunch.

The COVID-19-related closure of the senior center on March 20 did not impact the Meals on Wheels program. The number of people served by Meals on Wheels actually went up during the senior center closure as more seniors stayed home.

Meals on Wheels pro-

vides the homebound in the community with a nutritious meal for lunch. Those who are over age 60 and are basically disabled and unable to cook or drive are eligible for a free meal.

The Meals on Wheels driver is taking extra precautions while delivering meals during the coronavirus crisis, including wearing gloves and a face mask and using plenty of hand sanitizer.

The driver also makes daily contact and checks on the well-being of seniors she visits.

Ken Bartoschek was a regular for lunch at the center before it closed due to COVID-19. He picked

up a takeout meal while the center was closed but was back on Monday for a sit-down meal.

Delbert Kuntz also stopped by for lunch on Monday and found a spot at a table to sit and chat. During the months the senior center was closed, he also picked up takeout lunch almost daily.

The senior center shuttle bus is also operating Monday through Friday. Call the center at 208-414-0750 before 10 a.m. for a ride to the center for lunch.

The popular bingo night at the senior center will return next Monday night. The doors open at 6 p.m. and games start shortly.

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County's June jobless numbers drop

Department of Labor. The county recorded its highest unemployment rate this year in April at 9.2 percent. It was a sudden and severe increase from the pre-COVID-19 pandemic unemployment rate of 3 percent in March.

Neighboring counties also saw big jumps in

their jobless rate in April. Payette’s unemployment rate rose to 9.4 percent. To the north, sparsely populated Adams County climbed to 18.4 percent.

The state’s unemployment rate also fell to 5.6 percent in June as the state’s economy continued to reopen. June’s unemployment rate dropped

3.4 percentage points from a revised rate of 9 percent in May and down from April’s historic high of 11.8 percent.

Previous peak unemployment rates for the state include 10.2 percent for December of 1982 and 9.6 percent for June of 2006 at the peak of the Great Recession.

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School district drafts reopening plan

said on Monday that the district has not yet come up with the hard numbers of COVID-19 cases in the community that will drive the decision on what level of education is offered.

Administrators and trustees hope to announce the level of delivery to start the new school year following the Aug. 10 school board meeting.

One Treasure Valley school has identified their decision points on what level of instruction is offered based on positive COVID-19 test rates in the county and whether cases are increasing or decreasing, Wilson said.

The local school reopening plan includes input from parents and staff and incorporates the Idaho Back to School Framework released by the Idaho State Board of Education last month.

The framework sets expectations, establishes guidelines and best practices for school districts across the state to use to reopen based on local COVID-19 conditions.

The Weiser draft reopening plan states that COVID-19 will be present for an extended period of time and, despite the safety precautions that will be in place in schools, there will be inherent risks of exposure for those attending schools.

“The intent of this plan is to reduce, not eliminate, the risk of exposure during the school day for students and staff alike,” the document states.

The plan notes that the school district could be forced to move from level 1, which is the traditional in-person classroom instruction for students five days a week, to level 2 or level 3 instructional delivery at any time if COVID-19 cases worsen.

The district also plans to offer a full-time online model this fall for instruction for parents who choose to not send their kids to school.

The three levels of instructional delivery detailed in the reopening plan include:

Level 1: This is the tra-

ditional learning model arrangement. All schools are open and students attend classes in person five days per week. The schools will implement COVID-19 safety precautions.

Level 2: This is a blended learning model. Students will use a combination of in-school and at-home learning. Students will be assigned to either an “A day schedule” or a “B day schedule” and will combine in-school learning and at-home learning. Students will participate in school activities five days a week.

Level 3: Students participate in off-campus learning at home five days a week. Onsite intervention sessions at schools could be possible for some at-risk students.

If a positive case of COVID-19 is confirmed in a school, the administration and/or district nurse will notify Southwest District Health and seek guidance. All staff and families who may be impacted will be notified.



Elected officers in Lions District 39W for 2020-2021 were recently installed. The Lions followed social distancing guidelines for this photo of the officers. From left, District Governor Lynn Johnson (Caldwell), First Vice District Governor Kathy Donahue (Star), and Second Vice District Governor Betty Simpson (Weiser). District 39W is comprised of 35 Lions Clubs in southwest Idaho and eastern Oregon. Lions Clubs International is the world’s largest service organization in over 45,000 clubs from over 200 countries with 1.4 million members. *Courtesy photo*

Washington County Court Report

May 12 - Lois Marie Barajas, Ola, failure to provide proof of vehicle insurance, fined \$75 plus \$56.50 court costs. Oscar

Ixta, Weiser, failure to provide proof of vehicle insurance, fined \$75 plus \$56.50 court costs; operate vehicle without a cur-

rent or valid class D/operators license, fined \$150 plus \$157.50 court costs.

May 13 - Casey William Bauer, Indian Valley, motor carrier - over weight - exceed allowable gross loads, fined \$25 plus \$56.50 court costs. Jessica M. Camacho-Gonzalez, Ontario, driving without privileges, fined \$127.50 plus \$174.50 court costs.

May 14 - Del L. Butler, Rigby, CFR - inspection, repair and maintenance violation, fined \$43.50 plus \$160.50 court costs.

May 15 - James Michael Dahl, Weiser, failure to provide proof of vehicle insurance, fined

\$75 plus \$56.50 court costs. Joseph Heath Fortin, Cambridge, operate vehicle without a current or valid class D/operators license, fined \$401 plus \$56.5 court costs. Robert Andrew Matthews Jr., Emmett, speeding, fined \$33.50 plus \$56.50 court costs. Lori J. Perry, Boise, speeding, fined \$98.50 plus \$59.50 court costs.

May 17 - Tanner James Lesley, Kuna, failure to register vehicle annually, fined \$10.50 plus \$56.50 court costs.

May 18 - Trystan K. Krahn, Vale, possession of controlled substance, fined \$1,000 (\$800 sus-

pending), sentenced 2 years determinate time, 3 years indeterminate time, placed on 3 years probation, plus \$1,345.50 court costs.

May 19 - Edvardo Alvarez, Burley, speeding, fined \$33.50 plus \$59.50 court costs. Quentin R. Thompson, Atascadero, speeding, fined \$33.50 plus \$56.50 court costs.

May 20 - David W. Nowlin, Weiser, speeding, fined \$98.50 plus \$56.50 court costs.

May 21 - Hector A. Ixta, Weiser, driving without privileges, fined \$150 plus \$157.50 court costs. Stephany Dee Pope, Weis-

er operate vehicle without a current or valid class D/operators license, fined \$150 plus \$157.50 court costs.

May 22 - Jordan Paul Heeringa, Lynden, stop sign and yield sign violations, fined \$33.50 plus \$56.50 court costs. Michael D. Husted, Portland, failure to provide proof of vehicle insurance, fined \$75 plus \$56.50 court costs; failure to secure vehicle registration, fined \$10.50 plus \$56.50 court costs. Larry L. Pattee, Cambridge, failure to provide proof of vehicle insurance, fined \$75 plus \$59.50 court costs.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Weiser Area Rural Fire District
Proposed Budget For Fiscal Year 2020

The budget hearing for the Weiser Area Rural Fire District will be held at 7:45 p.m., August 11, 2020. Hearing will be held at the fire station meeting room, 167 West Commercial Street, Weiser, Idaho. The proposed budget may be examined at the Rural Fire Station, 167 West Commercial Street, Hours 8:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

REVENUES

Permit Fees	1,000.00
Annex District Contract	12,000.00
Interest Income	3,000.00
Wash. County Sales Tax	20,000.00
Wash. Property Taxes	268,003.00
Wash. County Ag Replacement	7,387.00
Property Tax Replacement	1,893.00

Total Anticipated Revenues	313,283.00
Carry Over Surplus	202,897.00
Total Anticipated Revenues/ Carry Over Surplus	516,180.00

EXPENDITURES

Vehicle fuel	10,000.00
Vehicle Repairs	25,000.00
Bank Charges	500.00
Building Maintenance	12,000.00
Building Improvements	50,000.00
Dues and Subscriptions	2,500.00
Equipment	50,000.00
Equipment Repair	2,500.00
Fireworks Display	750.00
Health Insurance	
Workmans Comp.	3,800.00
Insurance/Tort	12,500.00
Miscellaneous Expense	10,000.00
Office Expense	5,000.00
Employee Retirement (PERSI)	6,000.00
Payroll Tax Expense	8,000.00
Chief’s Wages	7,800.00
Firemen’s Wages	59,000.00
Secretary Wages	4,800.00
Station Wages	43,500.00
Board Member Wages	5,400.00
Professional Services	8,000.00
Supplies	40,000.00
Training	7,500.00
Travel and Meeting Expense	2,500.00
Utilities	10,000.00
Vehicle replacement	129,130.00
Total Expenditures	516,180.00

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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

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

PROPOSED EXPENDITURES FOR 2020-2021

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

TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$570,500.00
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PROPOSED REVENUE FOR 2020-2021

Taxes	\$ 53,500.00
Highway User Fund	310,000.00
Forest Apportionment	20,000.00
Other Income	187,000.00

TOTAL REVENUE	\$570,000.00
Bruce Winegar, Chairman	
Sheri Johnson, Secretary	31-2S

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

MAGISTRATE DIVISION

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

CASE NO. CV44-20-0271
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of the above-named decedent. All persons having claims against the decedent or the estate are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or said claims will be forever barred.

Claims must be presented to the undersigned at the address indicated, and filed with the Clerk of the Court.

DATED this 1st day of July, 2020.
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