

Residential property values up in county

Assessor's office mailing out annual notices this week

by Steve Lyon

The taxable value of residential property went up again this year in Weiser and Washington County, mirroring what has been a strong real estate market throughout the Treasure Valley.

The county assessor's office is mailing nearly 8,900 annual notices to property owners this week with an estimate of what the assessor says their property was worth on Jan. 1, 2020. The assessment is the value that will be used to calculate property taxes.

Washington County Assessor Debbie Moxley-Potter said residential values are up across the county based on higher home sale prices. The data on home sales lags the current real estate market by a few months. The sales data used to determine assessed value are from Oct. 1, 2018, through Sept. 30 of 2019.

The assessed value of commercial property in the county was basically flat. There were not enough sales of comparable properties to move the valuations up or down on commercial property.

Agriculture land in the county went down slightly in assessed value. Ag property is assessed on a rolling five-year average based on an income approach.

Moxley-Potter said the increase in assessed value for residential property doesn't necessarily mean

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Elks placing flags on veterans graves for Memorial Day

by Steve Lyon

The Weiser Elks of Lodge 1683 will place American flags on the graves of all veterans at Hillcrest Cemetery in Weiser in time for Memorial Day.

Anyone who would like to assist the Elks in putting out the flags should show up at 4 p.m. this Friday at the gazebo at the cemetery.



The Elks will have plenty of flags to hand out. They bring 300 to 400 small flags for the event.

Local Scouts and 4-H members usually help out with the flag project, but the Elks invite anybody in the community who would like to

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A PARADE FOR THE CLASS OF 2020



Graduation activities for Weiser High School's Class of 2020 wrapped up with a parade on Sunday afternoon through town. Seniors and family members followed the Homecoming parade route and finished at Weiser Middle School. Below, Sienna McClellan and Ebbe Hansen-King pose for a photo in front of the high school at commencement. Photo by Steve Lyon

Weiser seniors sent off with unique graduation

by Steve Lyon

Horns honked and cheers erupted in the Weiser High School parking lot as seniors participated in a unique commencement ceremony held outdoors on Sunday.

The 122 seniors in the Class of 2020 are unlikely to forget the circumstances surrounding their graduation during the coronavirus pandemic.

A special time called for a special graduation, one that mixed the traditional with the virtual.

Attired in caps and gowns, seniors exited their vehicles when principal Dave Davies

called their names. While practicing social distancing, seniors one by one picked up their diplomas, stopped for a photo on stage and returned to their vehicles and families.

School district trustees wearing facemasks sat behind the stage in quiet support of the graduates. They usually have the job of handing out the diplomas, but not this year.

Following commencement, a parade of dozens of cars containing the graduates and their parents left the high school parking lot and followed the

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Washington County sees largest weekly jump in coronavirus cases since pandemic began in March

Fry Foods tests all employees after cluster of cases reported at plant

by Steve Lyon

Fry Foods resumed limited operations with 25 percent of the workforce at its Weiser plant on Monday, one week after voluntarily closing after an employee tested positive for coronavirus.

Douglas Wold, Fry Foods human resources manager, said the facility was cleaned and the employees who returned to work on Monday all had tested negative for coronavirus.

On Friday, the nonprofit organization Crush the Curve

conducted free drive-thru testing at the Weiser Fry Foods plant for employees and family members. The food-processing facility employs about 250 workers.

Wold said he reached out to Crush the Curve for help with testing after finding it difficult to secure testing for Weiser employees who were asymptomatic.

Southwest District Health confirmed last Wednesday that a cluster of coronavirus cases

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Crush the Curve provided COVID-19 testing for Fry Foods employees on Friday. The company has tested all employees at both the Weiser and Ontario plants. Photo by Steve Lyon

Obituaries

Manuel C. Olvera
Manuel C. Olvera, 64, went home to be with our Heavenly Father on Wednesday, May 13, 2020.
Even though his family was not able to be with him, they are certain he went peacefully.
He was born Sept. 18, 1955, in Stanton, Tex., to Dionisio and Alicia Olvera.
Manuel married the love of his life, Rose Valdez, in 1973 and they raised three sons.

Manuel retired after working over 30 years at Simplot.
He loved camping, fishing, hunting and spending time with family and friends.
Manuel experienced a lot of loss in his life, yet he kept plugging away the best he knew how. He was a very loving and caring man, doing what he could to help those around him.
Manuel is survived by his three sons, Isacc, David, Adam (Shelley); granddaughter, Lavita;

great-granddaughter, Alice; siblings, Consuelo Lopez (Pete), Anna Loos (David), Albert Olvera (Mary) and Telesforo Olvera (Ofelia); several nieces and nephews.
He is preceded in death by his parents; wife; sisters, Esperanza Cano, Delfina Huerta, Ofelia Olvera; brother, Miguel (Mike) Olvera; nephew, David Huerta; niece, Mary Zesiger; and grandparents.
We love you. You will be missed.

Death Notices

Larry Walling
Larry Walling, 76, of Council, Idaho, passed away May 9, 2020 in Payette. Arrangements under the direction of Thomason Funeral Home.
Alice Joyce Gipson
Alice Joyce Gipson, 75, of Ontario, Ore., died May 13, 2020, at a local assisted living facility. Arrangements by Lienkaemper Chapel, Ontario.
Leroy Barton
Leroy Barton, 93, of Vale, Ore., died May 13, 2020 at his home. Arrangements by Lienkaemper Chapel, Vale.

Tyler J. Hardy
Tyler J. Hardy, 22, of Great Falls, Mont., formerly of Payette, Idaho, passed away May 10, 2020 as a result of a dirt bike accident. Arrangements are under the direction of Haren-Wood Funeral Chapel.
Ray E. Hickman
Ray E. Hickman, 31, of Weiser, Idaho, died May 9, 2020. Arrangements by Lienkaemper Chapel, Ontario.
James E. Cox
James E. Cox, 67, of Ironside, Ore., died May 15, 2020 at home. Arrangements by Lienkaemper Chapel, Vale.

Leslie L. Odgers
Leslie L. Odgers, 61, of New Plymouth, Idaho, passed away at his home on May 11, 2020. Arrangements are under the direction of Haren-Wood Funeral Chapel, Payette.
Lillie Lucrist Sturgill
Lillie Lucrist Sturgill, 69, of Ontario, Ore., died May 9, 2020 at a local nursing home. Arrangements by Lienkaemper Chapel, Ontario.
Deadline for submitting obituaries and death notices is noon on Monday

Weiser tennis and golf teams named 2020 Spring Academic State Champions

The Idaho High School Activities Association has named the 2020 Spring Sports Academic State Champions. This award, sponsored by the Idaho Army National Guard, is presented to the varsity team in each classification that achieves the highest cumulative grade point average.

The Weiser High School sports

teams that were singled out for honors among 3A division schools include the boys tennis team (3.88 GPA), girls tennis team (3.92 GPA) and the boys golf team (3.83 GPA).

The IHSAA congratulates these student-athletes for their outstanding academic achievement and commitment to excellence through athletics and activities.

Washington County deeds

QUIT CLAIM
Dec. 16 - David G. McKee to David G. McKee.
Dec. 17 - Bonnie Watson to William L. Vineyard.
Dec. 18 - Karen A. Strong to Karen A. Strong and Matthew A. Haught.
Dec. 20 - Russell Wilkerson aka Charles R. Wilkerson and Jan K. Wilkerson to Russell Wilkerson and Jan K. Wilkerson.
Dec. 26 - Robert L. Peters to Judith A. Peters.
Dec. 30 - Lane Williams and Elsa Freeman to Lane R. Williams trustee, Elsa Freeman trustee, Lane R. Williams family trust.
Dec. 31 - Paul Striker and Jerilyn Striker to Tracy Longanecker and Kenneth Longanecker.
Jan. 6 - Lary C. Walker and Marianne Walker to Delton L. Walker and Sherilee Walker.
Jan. 8 - Jim Simpson aka James R. Simpson and Elizabeth Simpson to Carl Glarborg and Marsha Glarborg.

WARRANTY DEED
Dec. 26 - Michael R. Woods trustee, Judith A. Peters trustee, Woods irrevocable trust to Michael R. Woods and Judith

A. Peters.
Dec. 27 - Jim O. Hardenbrook and Pamela S. Hardenbrook to Jim O. and Pamela S. Hardenbrook family trust, Jim O. Hardenbrook trustee, Pamela S. Hardenbrook trustee. David V. Segui to Steele Platt.
Dec. 30 - James Lee Kerner trustee, James Lee Kerner family living trust to Marcia D. Nickell. Clarence E. Smith, Clarence E. Smith trustee, Clarence E. Smith family trust to David F. Martson and Debra K. Martson. Jason P. Noyer and Ginger L. Hickey to Albert Townsend and Laura Townsend.
Dec. 31 - Les Schwab Tire Centers of Idaho Inc. to LS Propdrop LLC. William C. Wilcock and Sandra Wilcock to John Jeffries and Jo Ann Jeffries.
Jan. 6 - Robert Knorr and Cheri Knorr to Kevin Beeter and Renae Beeter.
GRANT DEED
Dec. 12 - Felipa Hernandez to Alfredo Hernandez Jr. and Veronica F. Hernandez.
STORAGE WATER DEED
Dec. 16 - Bar MB Ranches Inc. to Edward Ray Montierth and Susan Montierth.
BARGAIN AND SALE DEED
Dec. 23 - JR Simplot Company to Robin Ziniker and Martine Ziniker.



A May 1 fire severely damaged this home on Olds Ferry Road. After an investigation by the state fire marshal and the Weiser Area Rural Fire District, it was determined that the cause of the fire was a heating pad. The occupant of the home was able to get out without serious injuries. *Photo by Steve Lyon*

Heating pad is believed to have caused fire on Olds Ferry Road

Weiser Area Rural Fire District crews had been dispatched to a vehicle fire at the sand dunes on the afternoon of May 1, when one of the responding crews saw the house fire on Olds Ferry Road and reported it to dispatch. Responding crews diverted from the vehicle fire to the house fire.
On arrival, crews found heavy fire involvement in the front of the house spreading quickly. The occupant was outside the house directing firefighters to rescue his pet cats. The pets appear to have escaped from the house.
The older home had been remodeled several times. Fire spread to the upstairs before crews were able to gain control. The home is nearly a total loss, along with most of the contents, according to a news release on the cause of the fire from WARFD fire chief Tim Atwood.
The occupant was transported to Weiser Memorial Hospital for treatment of his injuries. Weiser City Fire and Rescue and the Payette Fire Department also responded.
A fire investigation was conducted by Idaho State Fire Marshal's office and Weiser Area Rural Fire District. The investigation revealed the fire started on the couch in the living room near the front of the house. A heating pad was frequently used by the occupant. The remains of the heating pad were found on the couch at the point of origin and is believed to be the cause of the fire, Atwood said.

Weiser holds a successful blood drive

by Dorothy Evans

Despite the pandemic scare, Weiser's quarterly blood drive held on May 6 was a booming success. An early lull in attendance raised a few concerns, but by the last appointment at 2 p.m., 65 donors had passed through the doors, the second highest May turnout since I started keeping track in 2014.
The setup at the Vendome was markedly different from normal since precautions were instituted to ensure everyone's safety from COVID-19. All the room dividers were pushed back so the entire Vendome could be utilized.
Immediately upon entering, the donor's temperature was taken and a face mask was given if the donor didn't bring their own. No one was permitted without one, including workers and volunteers. Then hand sanitizer was applied.
At the registration table, the pens and hand-held computers were wiped with disinfectant after each use. Chairs were placed six feet apart and the sandwiches were distributed by a gloved volunteer.
Even though the setup was different, the atmosphere was still the same with lively banter and good-natured joking. Weiser is a friendly town and even a pandemic scare



won't change that.

Giving blood is an altruistic act, putting others' needs before one's own. At the blood drive, 65 donors selflessly gave so that others could live. We are grateful to all our donors.
Those giving their permission to print their name are: John Aegerter, Jeff Kahler, Jason Bair, Yesenia Carpenter, Randy Hibberd, Kimberley Kimball, Chris McCord, Fred Haun, Wendy Martell, Nancy Cox, Marg Chipman, Mari Bionaz, Rick Haynes, Rejeana Goolsby, Ralph Graham, Ed Roukema, Pat Sullivan, Janet MacLean, William Taylor, Steve Cooper, Gary Hill, Steve Spencer, Wil Overgaard, Bob Barber, Suzanna Hubele, Judy Rule, Barbara Huck, Jacob Evans, Mirna Soto, Steve Nakamura, Dave Rule, Lupita Rodriguez, Rhonda Hirata, Sue Slade, Amy Hinton, Cass Hinton, Joe Milner, Patti Hartnett, Charles Winegardner, Austen Thomason, David Hopper, Ward Sutton, Lucy Ross,

Sabrina Young, Molly Jensen, Jennifer Moreno, Tina Frei, Brian Johnson, Betty Ketterling, Samantha Widner, Scott Ellwood, Harry Soulen, Sherri Breaux, Rebekah Tracy, Maria Almanza, Lila Harper, Mark Christensen, Sheila Sorensen, Tammy Simmons and Dave Nudo.
Many thanks go out to our volunteers and helpers. Ronnell Chavarria worked the food table while husband, Alex, handed out sandwiches and made reminder telephone calls. Dorothy Evans manned the registration table and Tom Anderson arranged all the tables and chairs to meet COVID-19 guidelines.
Special thanks are extended to Patrick Nauman of Weiser Classic Candy who generously donated sandwiches for the donors and bag lunches (each with a velvet mint!) for the workers and volunteers. We are also very grateful to MTE for their contribution that pays for supplies and WIFI.
Weiser's next quarterly blood drive will be held in the Vendome on Wednesday, Aug. 5, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Please call Alex Chavarria at 208-602-7138 to schedule an appointment.
Your blood could save a life. There's no better way to spend an hour of your time.



Unless otherwise posted, speed limits on gravel roads in the county are 55 mph. Commissioners continue to get complaints from residents about vehicles driving too fast on gravel roads. A rancher said he has had three calves hit by speeding vehicles this spring on South Crane Road.

Commissioners discuss idea of ordinance to set countywide speed limits on roads

Under state law, county roads are 55 mph unless posted otherwise

by Steve Lyon

Washington County commissioners continue to receive complaints about vehicles speeding on gravel roads in the county, prompting a discussion on whether an ordinance setting countywide speed limits is the way to go.

A rancher on South Crane Road told county officials that cars are traveling too fast on the gravel road. The rancher said he has had three calves hit this spring by speeding vehicles. Big Flat Road is another gravel road that is seeing a lot of fast drivers.

Jerod Odoms, the county’s road and bridge supervisor, checked out the gravel roads cited in the complaints at the request of commissioner Kirk Chandler. He said he would not be opposed to posting the stretch of South Crane Road as 35 miles per hour.

A request that the speed limit be posted as 15 mph in front of a home on South Crane Road was not possible. Lowering the speed limit to 15 mph is “unattainable” and he doesn’t think drivers will follow it, Odoms said.

According to state law, any county road that is not posted with a speed limit is 55 mph by default. Commissioners have the authority to set speed limits on county roads and the sheriff will enforce those speed limits.

Commissioners said they would consider a countywide ordinance to set the speed limit on paved roads at 55 mph and 35 mph on gravel roads unless otherwise posted. The other option is to continue with the current policy, which is setting

speed limits on individual sections of roads as warranted.

Before moving forward, they requested Odoms do some research into how an ordinance setting countywide speed limits might work. Would the county have to post signs at all entrances into the county to notify drivers of the speed limits on paved and gravel roads?

Odoms said he had concerns about allowing 55 mph on some paved roads near the Weiser airport and also in the Sunnyside area because those roads are narrow in places. Some are currently posted 55 mph and some are posted 35 mph.

Commissioner Nate Marvin said he had concerns that 55 mph might be too fast on some gravel roads. While 35 mph might be fine on most gravel roads, there also might be areas where 40 mph or 45 mph might be acceptable.

“I think we need to find a happy medium,” he said.

Marvin said he would consider whatever Odoms recommended, whether that is a countywide ordinance on speed limits or posting speed limits on individual roads. Odoms was asked to consult with the sheriff on the best course of action.

In April, commissioners agreed to lower the speed limit from 55 miles per hour to 35 mph on a short stretch of Hall Road east of Cambridge at the request of residents along the gravel road.

The lower speed limit is only in front of the Painted Ridge subdivision. The county road and bridge department will post signs in both directions in front of the subdivision to slow traffic.

Matthew Pritchard of Weiser earns degree from University of Nebraska

Matthew Pritchard of Weiser was among 3,417 graduates who received degrees from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln during a virtual graduation celebration on May 9.

Pritchard earned a Bachelor of Science with highest distinction from the College of Arts and Sciences.

He is a 2016 graduate of

Weiser High School, where he earned a 4.0 GPA and played numerous sports.

The May graduates were from 54 countries, 45 states and Puerto Rico, and 250 Nebraska communities.

Go Big Grad: A Husker Graduation Celebration featured a “Dream Big” address from John Cook, head coach of Nebraska

volleyball, and appearances by special guests. At the end of the event, Chancellor Ronnie Green officially conferred degrees to students.

Diplomas will be mailed to graduates. All May 2020 graduates are invited to participate in a future commencement ceremony, and those plans are in the works.



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OPINION

FROM THE MAYOR’S DESK

It’s up to us to curb the spread of coronavirus

As most of you are already aware, we have had a significant outbreak of COVID-19 over the past week.

The details of the outbreak are not important, other than to say it appears to have been entirely preventable including large gatherings, going to work while feeling sick, etc.

The outbreak comes at a vulnerable time for our city as we are attempting to open up businesses and public services in our “new normal” environment.

I have been in contact with the health authorities to try to get an idea of what we can expect going forward.

So far, all of the cases are related to a single group of people who had social and work-related contact. As of the time of this writing there are 28 confirmed and two probable cases in Washington County with additional related cases in the surrounding counties.

The source of the outbreak has been identified and measures taken to contain the spread as well as possible.

However, the authorities also say we can expect to have “community spread” soon. This is referring to people infected in the community without being able to trace the virus back to the source.

Community spread happens from random encounters with the virus in stores, at the gas station, meeting with friends, and so on.

The community spread stage is when Weiser is most vulnerable. The virus is here and going to spread.

From this point on, how this plays out will depend on how each of us assumes personal responsibility for ourselves and responsibility for protecting others.

The results can go either way, but the outcome will depend on the choices each one of us makes. Will we continue to keep our distance? Will we walk away from a crowd, no matter who is there or who says it’s OK? Wearing a mask is not a bad idea.

The outcome depends on us. There is no one else who can control the outbreak. There is only us and we are responsible for what happens now.

Keeping these things in mind, this

amazing community, which has shown time after time how much we care about each other, is fully capable of crushing unpreventable spread.

The outcome will depend on each of us and the individual decisions that are made. We had the fewest number of cases in our region until last week. This city had shown the curve could be crushed.

But, with just a few poor choices this deadly disease is in our midst. Please take responsibility to contain this virus and decide to keep this community healthy.

As far as city business goes, I stated that the library would be opening this week. I did that without consulting with the library board first and I apologize.

Starting Tuesday, May 26, the library will be taking call-in orders from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and Saturday 9 a.m. to noon.

Books will be bagged with the patron’s name and placed in the foyer of the library for pickup. The library can be reached at 208-549-1243.

Also, the power bump on Saturday was due to a suicidal squirrel.

Well, that’s it for this week. Remember...Only YOU Can Prevent COVID-19.



Mayor Randy Hibberd

A NOTE TO SCHOOL DISTRICT PARENTS AND PATRONS

Everyone came together to meet challenges

by Wade Wilson

This has been an extraordinary year to say the least. Our students and programs have experienced many highs and our students have achieved success in a number of arenas.

And we can certainly say that we learned new things this year.

The onset of coronavirus changed the way we do business in our schools

beginning in March. We were forced to move to remote teaching and learning throughout the entire final quarter of the year.

It was new, and it brought challenges for everyone. Yet, the experience provided an opportunity for all of us to learn in ways we hadn’t imagined just a few short weeks ago. I hope that everyone can say that they have grown due to the experience.

I would like to thank our students, staff, parents, and entire community for their efforts the last few weeks.

We faced challenges, yet everywhere I went I experienced great people coming together to help one another, provide assistance where needed, show gratitude and kindness, and encourage others. It makes me proud to be a part of this great community.

I have been touched by

many experiences that I have had this spring. The staff in the WSD truly stepped up to change the way they provided instruction and support for our students – and they did it with virtually no time to prepare.

I consistently heard throughout the spring of the special opportunities and support that staff provided students.

Teachers created videos, employed teleconferencing, made personal contacts with students, and demonstrated flexibility in order to meet the unique needs of their students. Special things happened for sure.

I heard from parents of the challenges remote learning created, but also heard of many amazing experiences their children encountered under the circumstances.

We experienced kindness from our community. I heard praise for staff who were going above and beyond in their teaching, ways in which parents and our community pitched in to provide support, and learned of ways individuals gave of themselves to our schools and students.

Several times this spring parents and community members made donations to our school lunch program – including providing the ladies surprise lunches in ap-

preciation for their efforts. Wow!

The 2020 graduation ceremony for our seniors felt incredible. We have an amazing group of seniors whose spring was altered due to circumstances that were beyond their control.

Although they had to miss several traditional spring activities, and this spring did not allow for the closure to a 13-year school career that the kids deserved, Sunday’s 121st WHS Commencement Ceremony contained its own special and memorable elements.

I want to thank our community for the respect and support that they showed this tremendous group of graduates on Sunday, May 17. It did my heart good to witness the warmth and encouragement Weiser provided these kids during their celebratory parade. WAY TO GO WEISER!

I would like to recognize WHS Principal Dave Davies, Kip Hicks, Mike Turner, Joey Endicott, Trish Shirts, Alex Chavarria, and so many others for the incredible work they did to make the digital and live stream elements of the commencement ceremony a reality.

Our student speakers presented polished and insightful messages, and each of our graduates were provided their own special moment in time. If you haven’t seen it, please take the time to check

it out. You can find a link on our website as well as at livinginthenews.com. It is an amazing production.

This week marks the end of the 2019-20 school year, and there is a lot that needs to be done in order to wrap things up.

Each of our four buildings has a plan for collecting school property from students (electronic devices, uniforms, and other school equipment), and for allowing students to retrieve their personal belongings. Parents, please contact your child’s school if you have questions or if you need additional information.

As we wrap up the year, I would like to thank everyone for their support, patience, and positive and cooperative outlook as we found ways to navigate this spring in the most productive manner possible.

It was our goal to keep the end of the year relevant and meaningful for our students, while keeping the safety and best interest of our students, staff, and community of utmost importance. COVID-19 will surely force us to make changes to our traditional school programming next fall.

However, as we enter the summer months I encourage you to stay positive, support others, continue to learn new things, and have fun. But most of all, please stay safe.

Wade Wilson is the superintendent of the Weiser School District.



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The Insurance Group roots go back to 1908 when John Lloyd established Lloyd's Agency in Weiser. Don Lee became a partner in Lloyd's Agency in 1954 and Larry Lee purchased the business from his father in 1987. Larry merged with Three Rivers Agency in 1994. Dennis Holmes owned Upper Country Insurance in Midvale. He also merged with Three Rivers in 1994. In 1998, Dennis and Larry joined two other branches in Ontario and Fruitland to form The Insurance Group. In 1999, they merged with the Sherrer Insurance Agency in Emmett. In 2014 The Insurance Group purchased Horner-West, another Weiser agency. The four branches of The Insurance Group are managed by Casey Sherrer in Emmett, Greg Tuttle in Ontario, Amber

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The staff at The Insurance Group in Weiser includes front row, from left: Katelynn Young, Karen Kelley, Deb Nakamura, Francisca Higgins, Suzanne Hart. Back: Andy Glenn, Dennis Holmes, Larry Lee. Not pictured: Debbie Trost.



Two Rivers Medical Clinic, P.A.

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Two Rivers Medical Clinic, P.A., was established as a corporate entity in 1995. The medical clinic was purchased from Dr. Edward R. Wheeler who began his practice in 1969. The clinic is now owned by Dr. Lore Wootton. The medical clinic employs 21 people who believe in establishing a long-lasting relationship with their patients. Patients and physicians enjoy the ease and comfort that comes from knowing each other and building a trusting relationship over time. Physicians Lore Wooton, MD, Suzanna Hubele, MD, Kent Hamilton, PAC and Selena Ankarberg, FNP specialize in affordable primary care for the whole family. There are two locations to serve their patients. The Cambridge Clinic is open on Mondays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and is located at 70 Superior Street. Dr. Hubele and Dr. Wootton rotate weeks at the clinic. The Weiser Clinic is located at 683 E. 3rd St.

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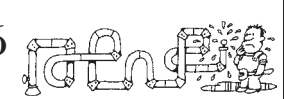
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Account representative Will Nesbitt, with Idaho Election Systems and Software, demonstrates how the DS200 scanner and tabulator works for Washington County Clerk Donna Atwood, left, and Kellie Campbell, deputy elections clerk. The ballot-counting equipment will be used for the primary election.

County officials invite observers to test of new election equipment

High-tech scanner and vote tabulator will replace counting ballots by hand

by Steve Lyon

Employees in the Washington County clerk's office participated in testing new ballot scanning and tabulating equipment the county will use for the primary election and general election.

County officials were joined by representatives from the local Republican and Democratic parties to view a demonstration of the election equipment and software on Friday at the courthouse.

The accuracy testing was conducted by Will Nesbitt, an account representative with equipment vendor Idaho Election Systems and Software.

The DS200 precinct scanner and tabulator purchased by the county scans ballots, records the results in a database and prints out the election results, while retaining the paper ballots in a locked box as backup.

The optical scan device has been certified for use by state election officials, a requirement under state law. The same model of scanner and vote tabulator made by ESS has been in use for elections in Idaho for five years, Nesbitt said.

The high-tech equipment will replace the time-consuming practice of poll workers counting the ballots by hand once the polls closed. Each precinct in the county will have one of the election systems on site when in-person voting resumes.

Rather than mark an X on the ballot, voters fill in ovals with a black pen next to their candidate of choice. The ballot is then inserted by the voter into the machine, which scans the ballot and records the results. The machine can store up to 2,500 paper ballots in the main ballot compartment and also has an auxiliary ballot compartment.

During in-person elections in the future, voters will insert their completed ballot into the scanner and tabulator. The device has a touch screen and display, which provides voters with instructions

and immediate feedback after they insert a ballot.

The technology in the scanner and vote tabulator ensures even the most poorly marked ballots are read accurately and consistently, protecting voter intent. If a ballot is marked wrong, such as an over-vote when too many ovals are filled out, the machine will reject the ballot. Poll officials can void the bad ballot and issue a new one to a voter.

After the polls close, a button is pushed to close the polls on the device. The election results are downloaded from the vote scanner and tabulator onto an encrypted thumb drive, which is read by a computer that can print out the results in many formats. The computer reading the thumb drive with the results is "hardened" for security and cannot be connected to the internet.

Nesbitt answered a few questions from the observers about the election equipment. The device has a battery backup if the power goes out. The operating system controls, limits and detects unauthorized access to all critical data.

For the accuracy test on Friday at the courthouse, 74 sample ballots were prepared in advance on April 27 and the results of the voting were known.

Once all the sample ballots were tabulated by the machine, the test results matched exactly the results that were known in advance.

The scanner and vote tabulator system will be used in the upcoming all-mail primary election. Voters must return their completed absentee ballots back to the county clerk's office by 8 p.m. on June 2 to be counted.

Idaho Secretary of State Lawrence Denney and Gov. Brad Little made the decision in late March to conduct the May 19 primary election entirely by absentee voting, citing the risks posed to poll workers and the public from the coronavirus.

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Firewood season starts on Payette National Forest

Personal use fuelwood permits for the Payette National Forest are available through Nov. 30.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic Forest Service personnel will be processing mail-in applications, and call-in applications for fuelwood permits until further notice.

The mail-in and call-in systems are being implemented for the safety of members of the public, and the safety of USFS employees.

Permits will not be sold at USFS offices or local vendors until further notice.

Mail-in applications will be available in front of the McCall, New Meadows, Council and Weiser Ranger district offices, and can be found on the Fuelwood webpage, or on the Facebook page U.S. Forest

Service-Payette National Forest.

A new regulation for this year is no cutting of Larch (Tamarack) after Nov. 1. Larch lose their needles every fall and appear to be dead, resulting in too many live trees being accidentally cut.

Fuelwood permit prices remain at \$6.25 per cord with a four cord minimum, and a 10 cord maximum per household. The USFS cannot sell permits for only two cords. If you want all 10 cords, permits purchased will need to be five cords and five cords, or four cords and six cords, or all 10 cords at once.

The Payette National Forest has a free-use area located in the Big Creek area. A free-use permit is required and can be obtained by calling the McCall Ranger District office.

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Flags for Memorial Day

assist to come out. Due to the coronavirus, please bring a mask to wear.

A flag is placed on every grave that has a military insignia or designation on it. If local residents know of other veterans buried at the cemetery whose graves are not marked, they can get a flag too to place on the grave.

Elks member Quincy Walla heads up the Memorial Day flag project every year. The Elks took over the effort a few years ago when the Weiser VFW merged with the Payette post and no longer had a

local post. That left nobody to organize and put out the flags in Weiser for Memorial Day.

The Elks also will put up the large flags that line the entrance to the cemetery through Memorial Day weekend.

Hillcrest Cemetery officials will not be providing a tent to help the public locate graves this Memorial Day due to COVID-19.

Decorations will be removed from graves one week following the Memorial Day weekend. Please pick up any items or they will be discarded.

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Property values increase

higher taxes for homeowners. The amount of property taxes is determined by the budgets set by the various taxing districts in the county.

The assessor's office does not set the property tax rate for the county, nor does it collect any property taxes. The assessment notices are strictly to inform property owners what their land and improvements have been valued at for the purposes of collecting property taxes.

Taxes may increase, decrease or remain the same on the tax notice property owners will get in November.

Property owners should see on their assessment notices a value placed on the land and a separate value placed on the improvements, such as a home, pavement or outbuildings.

There is also a column that shows last year's assessed value. If there is a homeowner's exemption, that is also shown on the assessment.

The bottom of the assessment notice shows a dozen taxing districts that collect property taxes in the county.

Property owners pay taxes to different taxing districts depending on where they live. The date of their budget hearings are also listed on the assessment notice.

Idaho law does not limit the amount an individual's property tax bill can increase, but it does limit the amount taxing districts can increase the portion of their budget that is funded by property taxes.

Each taxing district can increase its budget by a maximum of 3 percent over the previous year.

Anyone who has questions about their assessment or the appeals process should contact the assessor's office to review their appraisal as soon as they receive the assessment notice.

It is important that they don't wait until they receive their tax bills to review their assessment. Idaho law requires that appointments for protests be made on or before the fourth Monday in June.

Property owners can contact the Washington County assessor's office with any questions at 414-2000.



The Weiser High School parking lot was filled with seniors, family members and decorated vehicles for commencement on Sunday. The event took place outside and allowed students to walk the stage and get their diplomas. Following commencement, a car parade traveled through town. *Photo by Steve Lyon*

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Class of 2020 participates in commencement

route used every fall for Homecoming through town and finished at Weiser Middle School.

The parade route was lined with well-wishers and family, many of whom put up signs acknowledging graduates.

The virtual part of the graduation debuted on YouTube following the parade. The video featured the high school choir and chamber singers led by Mike Turner and short speeches from principal Dave Davies, class officers Branson Ward, Khalexius Burgess and Ciana Fuller and honor graduates Bentley Weldon and Grace Soulen.

In announcing that the seniors had fulfilled the requirements to graduate, Davies also thanked staff and faculty at WHS for their efforts during the unprecedented past couple of months during the coronavirus pandemic.

"While it would have been much easier to fold our tents at the end of the

third quarter this year, the WHS staff and faculty once again rose to the occasion and did an incredible job finding new ways to intervene and to remain engaged with students," he said.

Weldon, one of the two honor student speakers, said the 2020 commencement was arguably one of the most memorable graduations in the school's history due to the circumstances.

She thanked teachers and faculty for their support and encouragement over the past 12 years.

Success can come to students who attend schools and graduate from high school in a small town like Weiser.

She pointed out that alumni of WHS have played professional football, competed in a national pageant and been accepted to Harvard.

"What do all these people have in common? They are all Wolverines and alumni from Weiser

High School," she said.

Senior Grace Soulen, the second honor speaker, said achievement comes from hard work and nothing big comes without it.

She pointed to the high school robotics program's qualifying for Worlds and the WHS cheerleader's 12 district championships.

"There are many examples at WHS where hard work and tenacity have achieved greatness and I want to encourage all of you to practice those traits as we face the inevitable highs and lows of life," she said.

There were some special scholarships and awards given out at commencement to graduating seniors that were previously not announced.

•The Harry Reeves Memorial Scholarship was given to Layten Tolman.

•Seniors Brady Beam, Grace Soulen and Justin Estes received the Larry and Rolaine Hansen Family Scholarship.

•Bentley Weldon re-

ceived the Charles F. Gill Humanitarian Award and Scholarship.

•Justin Estes and Bentley Weldon were named as the recipients of the Babe Ruth Award.

•Grace Soulen and Branson Ward received the Distinguished Citizenship Award.

In addition to the scholarships awarded during commencement, the counseling department at WHS noted a few additional scholarships.

•Justin Estes received the Bill Herr Memorial Scholarship.

•The Weiser STEM Scholarship worth \$10,000 went to Jaclyn Dunn.

•Tim Reed received the \$6,000 Linkous Foundation Scholarship.

•The Four Rivers Association of Realtors awarded \$1,000 each to Andrea Bouvia, Jaclyn Dunn, and Kelsi Marvin.

•The Weiser Classic Candy Scholarship went to Justin Estes.

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Coronavirus cases jump in Washington County

had been identified among Fry Foods employees at the Weiser plant and family members outside of the workplace.

Wold said the initial number of employees who tested positive last week totaled eight. Following testing the number of cases increased to more than a dozen.

The employees who tested positive had attended a social gathering the previous weekend or are related to someone who attended, he said.

When asked last week if all of the cases among Fry Foods employees were a workplace outbreak, officials with Southwest District Health said there was documented transmission outside of the workplace.

Southwest District Health staff are continu-

ing the epidemiological investigation and contact tracing. Some of the Fry Foods employees are also part of a family unit that has confirmed cases.

Epidemiologists have initiated contact investigations to identify the close contacts of the individuals with confirmed COVID-19 and notify them of their potential exposure.

Individuals who do not receive a call from the health district have not been named as a close contact and do not have cause for concern.

Fry Foods was not the only Weiser company to have an employee test positive for the coronavirus.

A supervisor at Western Timber Products confirmed on Thursday that

the facility in Weiser had temporarily closed for cleaning and disinfecting after one employee tested positive for coronavirus.

The employee was tested on May 13 and the results came back positive on May 14. The company is working with Southwest District Health to get all 30 employees tested.

The shipping and receiving operations within the facility stayed open and company officials were hoping to open on Monday. Only employees who were free of symptoms would be allowed to return to work and everybody will wear facemasks.

On Monday, an official at Appleton Produce confirmed that one employee has tested positive for the coronavirus.

The onion packing

plant is working with Southwest District Health to implement precautions but is not closing.

Over the past week, Washington County has experienced its largest increase in the number of coronavirus cases since the pandemic began in mid-March.

As of Tuesday morning, the number of coronavirus cases reported by the Southwest District Health stood at 28 confirmed cases and two probable.

Washington County now has more confirmed cases than Adams (3), Gem (12) and Payette (18) counties.

For weeks, the county saw no new cases after the first one was reported on April 2 and involved a woman in her 70s who subsequently recovered.

Weiser Vendome reopening for public use on May 30

Public library changes plans, will take orders for books and offer pickup service only

by Steve Lyon

Weiser’s Vendome Events Center will be allowed to host public gatherings in stage three of the governor’s four-stage plan for reopening as long as safety guidelines are met and there is no significant increase in coronavirus cases.

Stage three of the governor’s Idaho Rebounds timeline begins on May 30. Under the reopening plan, restrictions will be eased on gatherings, both public and private. Groups of 10 to 50 people can gather as long as social distancing and precautionary measures can occur.

Numerous events that are usually held in the Vendome every year have had to cancel due to the state’s restrictions on public gatherings over 10 people. Among the major events that could not be held was the crab feed, a major fundraiser for the Weiser Chamber of Commerce.

The public can start making plans to use the Vendome beginning on May 30. The Weiser Chamber of Commerce manages the Vendome for the city. Call the Chamber office to reserve the Vendome.

In stage four of the governor’s reopen plan, which begins on June 13, public gatherings of more than 50 people can occur as long as physical distancing is followed. Large venues can also open, such as movie theaters and sporting events.

Weiser City Hall, the Vendome and the public library all closed on March 25 due to the stay-home order issued by the governor, which also closed all non-essential



The Vendome Events Center in downtown Weiser has been closed since March 25 due to the coronavirus pandemic. As Idaho reopens under the governor’s four-stage plan, the Vendome can once again host meetings of up to 50 people as of May 30 and in stage four can host groups of more than 50 people, as long as guidelines are followed. Photo by Steve Lyon

businesses. The Washington County Courthouse and county buildings also closed to the public on that date.

Two months later, city and county officials are slowly trying to reopen facilities to the public, while maintaining health guidelines to curb the spread of coronavirus.

City hall closed again to the public after allowing one person inside at a time in light of the additional coronavirus cases.

The county courthouse remains closed, but the public can make appointments with county departments like the treasurer and assessor to conduct business.

The Weiser public library was scheduled to open this week and limit the

number of people inside at any one time to nine. That plan has changed following a meeting of the library’s board of trustees, library director Pat Hamilton said.

The new date for reopening as far as book borrowing is Tuesday, May 26. The library won’t actually be open to the public. Instead, librarians will take orders for books from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday.

The public can call to request books or reserve books online. They will be available for pickup the following morning in the foyer of the library in a bag with the borrower’s name on it. All other libraries are doing it this way, Hamilton said.

With the warmer weather, the city has started twice-weekly trash pickup around town as a courtesy. The new schedule took effect on May 11. The city increases the frequency of trash removal to keep odors down during the summer months. There is no extra charge to residents.

The city does not have an official date yet for opening the swimming pool at Memorial Park, but it will likely be sometime in stage three, when groups of up to 50 people can gather in one place.

The city tries to open the pool around Memorial Day. The city plans to offer all of the pool programs it usually does with the exception of public swim lessons, pool rentals and limiting evening swims.

County cancels auction after delinquent taxes are paid up

by Steve Lyon

Washington County commissioners have canceled an auction tentatively scheduled for July on delinquent parcels after the property taxes were paid up.

Treasurer Sabrina Young told commissioners the list of parcels that owed property taxes dating back to 2016 was down to two. She received confirmation that the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare would pay the property taxes due on the two remaining parcels.

Young said her office had not received a check from the state as of April 27, but she felt confident that the taxes will be paid by the state agency.

“It’s probably just a timing issue with getting the claims submitted and paid by the state controller,” she said.

She recommended that commissioners not file tax deeds on the two properties and also cancel an auction that was tentatively scheduled for July, “as we will not have any tax deed parcels to

offer for auction.”

Commission chairman Kirk Chandler thanked the treasurer for working with the property owners this year and in previous years to collect back taxes for the county and avoid an auction of delinquent parcels.

“Every year you have worked with the people and get it to where they are able to get those paid and do what we need to do to help them, so I appreciate that a lot,” he said.

In March, there were eight

parcels in the county that owed property taxes dating to 2016. The total amount of taxes owe to the county was about \$11,000.

When real property becomes three years delinquent on taxes the county takes title to the property through a process called tax deed. The process takes about eight months and is outlined in state law.

The county treasurer does research to make sure that all individuals who are a legal party to the property are notified and

given the opportunity to pay the back taxes and associated expenses to keep the property.

The owner of tax-delinquent property can pay the back taxes at any time right up to the actual auction by the county commissioners.

If a tax deed property sells for more than the minimum bid, the “excess proceeds” can be paid to the owner of record.

Young said the process for tax deeds for delinquent 2017 taxes will begin on Jan. 1, 2021.

Washington County marriage licenses

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Jan. 21 - Hannah Lilyan-Jones Beberger and Tanner Scott Smallen, both of Weiser.

Jan. 23 - Pedro Huerta Jr. and Martha Becerra Sanchez both of Weiser.

Jan. 24 - Sarah Ann Cochran and Rene Rogue-Mendez both of Weiser.

Feb. 14 - Ryan Leroy Brandel, Caldwell and Lindsey Jean Roe, Weiser.

March 3 - John Robert Firby and Connie Ann Chaney, both of Weiser.

March 11 - Joseph George Gams Jr. and Michelle Lucy Williams both of Cambridge.

March 18 - Jacob Paul Kunde, Idaho Falls and Challis Maxine Nuffer, Indian Valley.

May 12 - Michael Stephen Macklin, Ontario and Mindy Anne Best, Weiser.

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

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Yard Sale

Combined sidewalk sale with RC Pawn and a retired teacher, May 30 in Washington Square, 9-6. Yard tools and equipment, camping and hunting gear. Teacher books, kid science books, science supplies, learning resource supplies. ys-21-2

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THE CITY OF WEISER
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UTILITY WORKER

NATURE OF WORK:

Works under the direction of the Street Supervisor, and performs construction and maintenance work on city streets, alleys, and storm drain system as part of a crew. Also works as a crew member on construction repair of city facilities as required.

EXAMPLES OF WORK:

- Operates city heavy maintenance equipment such as Dump Trucks, Loader, Street Grader, Backhoe, Street Sweeper and Leaf Vacuum.
- Works as laborer on city streets, alleys and snow removal.
- Works on construction projects as catch basin and manhole construction.
- Works in shop doing maintenance on equipment.
- Works in city parks mowing lawns, weed eating, cleaning bathrooms, trimming trees, and maintaining equipment.

MANDATORY QUALIFICATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS:

- High School Diploma or GED.
- Valid Idaho Drivers License.
- Physical ability to lift 75 pounds, climb ladders, and work in adverse weather conditions.
- Obtain Class B CDL within 12 months from date of hire.
- Follow written and oral instructions.
- I (one) year introductory period.
- Must show ability to possess positive working relationship with supervisor, co-workers and the public in general.
- Must be motivated self starter.
- Must have flexible work schedule, weekends and holidays.

DESIRABLE KNOWLEDGE, ABILITIES, AND SKILLS:

- Operating knowledge of heavy equipment.
- Knowledge of hand tools and material used in construction and equipment maintenance.

Applications are available at Weiser City Hall, 55 West Idaho Street Monday – Friday during regular business hours or at our website cityofweiser.com. Closing date is 5:00 pm, May 22, 2020. The City of Weiser is an equal opportunity employer. The City of Weiser provides veterans preference.

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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Super Crossword

SELF DESCRIPTIONS

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|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| ACROSS | DOWN |
| 1 Completed | 40 Sister of Hansel |
| 4 Tea leaf readers, e.g. | 41 Sch. near Beverly Hills |
| 9 Title for Macbeth | 42 Experts |
| 14 Places to pitch tents | 43 Mount with presidents' heads |
| 19 Transgress | 44 Bone of the lower chest |
| 20 Bow go-with | 47 Bring harm to parts |
| 21 Dignity | 48 Mendel of genetics |
| 22 Largest city in Nebraska | 49 Skater Kulik |
| 23 Arthur of TV | 50 Fonz's quality |
| 24 White of TV | 52 "Traffic" actor |
| 25 Writer Dillard | 53 Fiber for newsprint |
| 26 Prohibited acts | 54 Wee colonist with an owl |
| 27 Gougiers charge them | 55 "— -haw!" |
| 30 Warrants | 59 "Relax, Gil!" |
| 31 Sioux division | 60 Assembled as one body |
| 32 Just OK | 63 All gone, as dinner |
| 33 Papa Doc's country | 65 Bible divs. |
| 35 First-aid flora | 68 Not lax at all |
| 36 No-see-ums | 69 Elk's kin |
| 38 Symptom of mumps | 70 Fasten |
| 41 Tumult | 71 Reno-to-Riverside dir. |
| 44 Air safety gp. | 72 Chowder fish |
| 45 1492, e.g. | 76 For — (not gratis) |
| 46 Pesto ingredient | 77 Peat source |
| 51 Portable enplaning bridge | 80 Tries to shred |
| 56 — Banos, California | 81 More elastic |
| 57 All tangled up | 84 Fischer's skill |
| 58 Friable soil | 86 Suffix with glob or duct |
| 61 — degree or another | 87 Apt rhyme for "treadle" |
| 62 Arthur of tennis | 89 Lupino of film |
| 64 Home of Iowa State | 90 Like always |
| 65 Organisms of a region | 93 Lynx variety |
| 66 Chew the scenery | 94 "Hellcats" actress |
| 67 Hand-softened "superfood" dish | 95 Expert talker |
| 71 "1492" director | 96 Intense |
| 73 Pierces | 97 Goddess |
| 74 Condé — | 98 Less fat |
| 75 Cyberjunk | 99 Chafe |
| 78 More ticked | 100 Snuck a look |
| 79 A Great Lake | 104 Test models |
| 80 Turns back to 000 | 106 "Purgatorio" poet |
| 82 Sci-fi hoverer | 107 "Of Thee —" |
| 83 Like paradise | 108 Invite to join at |
| 85 Result of dropping a bushel, maybe | 110 Mined finds |
| 88 Plant "pet" | 112 Duty |
| 91 45s' relatives | 113 Editor's strike-out |
| 92 Flimsy pancakes | 115 Telly giant |

Weiser store reopens after owner recovers from car accident

Anita Ward has been in business for nearly a quarter of a century

by Steve Lyon

A longtime store owner in downtown Weiser is back behind the counter after six months of recovery following a car accident last November.

The doors of Anita's G.R.A.B. (gifts, recycled, articles, books) Store on West Idaho Street have been locked since owner Anita Ward was injured in an accident on I-84 on Nov. 15, a day she remembers all too well.

Ward was driving to Nampa when a driver pulled in front of her near the Karcher exit and slowed. She tried to swerve to the shoulder of the highway to avoid a collision, but still hit the vehicle at 55 miles per hour. The impact totaled her vehicle, but did surprisingly little damage to the other vehicle.

The other driver was not injured, but Ward suffered two shattered ankles in the accident, along with miscellaneous bumps and bruises.

After surgery at a Boise hospital to repair the damage, which included the insertion of pins and screws, she began a long recovery.

She was in one rehabilitation facility from early December until March and then transferred to another as she began to heal. It wasn't until February that she could even put her feet on the floor. She was finally able to go home on April 7 after the lengthy recuperation.

"Everyone at rehab knew that I couldn't wait to get home and open the store," she said.

Ward has been a familiar face in downtown Weiser for the past 24 years and will



Anita Ward has been in the retail business in downtown Weiser for 24 years. The inventory in her second-hand store is always changing and attracts bargain hunters and collectors. Ward was out of the store for six months following a car accident last November. She's happy to be back behind the counter and interacting with customers. *Photo by Steve Lyon*

mark 25 years in July. Her first store was called Anita's Tradeables and Collectibles. She's rented retail space in a couple of downtown buildings over the years, including the old J.C. Penney's building and the mall on State Street.

A Weiser native with deep, local roots, Ward grew up on a farm near Monroe Creek just north of Weiser. The Monroe Creek campground is located on land that used to be part of her family's property.

She graduated from Weiser High School in the 1950s, when it was still located at the Institute. She married Harold and they

lived all over, including Germany, during the 22 years he was on active duty in the U.S. Air Force. The couple has been married for more than 60 years.

They had two sons and a daughter. Sadly, one of her children died of cancer. Her son RanDell and daughter Peggy June live in Boise. Both helped her out during her long rehabilitation, and her daughter opened the store for a few days.

Ward was finally able to open her store on May 9 after nearly six months. She is happy to be back on her feet and is working five days a week, her former schedule.

She bought another car to replace the one that was wrecked.

She enjoys the interaction with people who stop by the resale and second-hand shop looking for something unique or a bargain. The inventory, which she describes as eclectic, is always changing and includes collectibles, jewelry, home décor, glassware, books and much more.

"I'm not getting rich like Sam Walton, but I am having fun," she said.

The store is open Tuesday through Saturday. The address is 24 W. Idaho St. in downtown Weiser.



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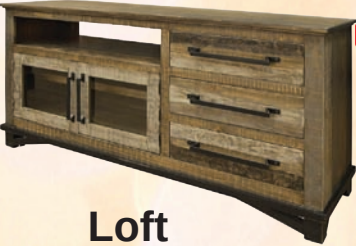
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