

State awards \$325K in local rebound grants

Recipients include 35 small businesses, nonprofits in county

by Steve Lyon

A total of 35 small businesses and nonprofits in Washington County have received \$325,000 in Idaho Rebounds cash grants to help with economic impacts from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Of the 35 grant recipients in the county, 27 are located in Weiser, seven in Cambridge and one in Midvale. The nonprofits that received \$10,000 grants include the Cambridge Senior Center, Weiser Chamber of Commerce and National Oldtime Fiddlers' Contest.

So far, the state has awarded \$43 million in 5,176 cash grants and will continue until the money runs out. The data on grant recipients are found on the Transparent Idaho website.

Most of the local grants were for the maximum of \$10,000 and went to small businesses or nonprofits that employ one to 10 people. Four grants were awarded to self-employed for the maximum amount of \$7,500.

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June shaping up as another rainy month

by Steve Lyon

June is shaping up as another wet month in the Treasure Valley, following on the heels of a rainy May.

Through June 15, the west end of the valley has received 1.27 inches of rain, which is .84 inches more than average.

Records fell in Boise and Ontario, Ore., after a tremendous soaking on June 13. Boise received 1.21 inches of rain on June 13, breaking the old record of .45 inches set in 2006.

So far this month, Boise has received 2.5 inches of rain, which is 2 inches more than average.

Ontario received .74 inches of rain on June 13, breaking the old record of .44 inches set in 1981.

June's rain comes on top of a wet May. The west end of the Treasure Valley received 1.26 inches of rain in May, which was .85 inches more than normal for the month.

April and March were below average in precipitation.



A decade in the making, scaled-down 9th Street project will happen this fall

City rejected bids in 2019 that came in over budget and revised scope of work to cut costs.

by Steve Lyon

The Weiser City Council recently awarded a contract for \$316,559 to Stanley Consultants to oversee construction of a scaled-down West 9th Street project.

With all of the major contracts for the job now awarded, construction will start this fall once water is out of the Galloway canal, city officials said.

Replacing the obsolete bridge over the canal is the centerpiece of the project. The bridge is currently one-lane and will be replaced with a new 40-foot-wide structure.

City officials have wanted to realign and widen the narrow West 9th Street and replace the canal bridge for a decade. The first round of bids on the project were rejected in May of 2019 after the lower of two bids received came in \$800,000 more than the engineer's estimate.

City officials and the city's engineer Keller Associates were forced to reduce the scope of work to bring the costs down and put the project out to bid a second time.

The changes were significant enough that the entire project had to go through a redesign and another review process again by LHTAC, the state agency administering the grant.

The original planned scope of work would have widened West 9th Street from Pioneer Road north to beyond the intersection with Indianhead Road. The project has been cut back to widening 600 feet south of the canal bridge and 300 feet north

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Local coronavirus cases outpacing neighboring counties

State health officials report recent cases at assisted-living center in Weiser

by Steve Lyon

The number of coronavirus cases continues to go up in Weiser and Washington County and at a quicker pace than surrounding counties.

As of Monday night, Washington County was second only to Canyon County among the six counties that make up Southwest District Health in the number of cases with 51 confirmed and six probable for a total of 57.

Four confirmed cases of coronavirus were recently reported at The Cottages assisted-living facility in Weiser among employees and/or residents by the Idaho Department of Health

and Welfare.

The IDHW only recently began reporting confirmed coronavirus cases at assisted-living centers in the state. They were kept private until the *Idaho Statesman* threatened legal action to get the state health agency to provide information.

For the past two weeks, the IDHW has provided the number of confirmed cases and the names of assisted-living centers across the state.

The cases at The Cottages in Weiser were listed in the weekly report ending June 12, but were not in the weekly report ending June 5.

Nikole Zogg, director of



Southwest District Health, said the four cases at The Cottages were connected to the cluster of cases that were reported in mid-May involving employees at Fry Foods in Weiser.

All of the positive cases at The Cottages are asymptomatic and under monitoring. Confirmed cases have been isolated from those who have tested

negative, she said.

Fry Foods had what the Southwest District Health described as a cluster of cases in mid-May that eventually numbered more than a dozen employees and their family members and temporarily closed the Weiser plant.

Of those in the Fry Foods cluster, three individuals were hospitalized but not in Weiser. As of June 12, two have been discharged and one is still recovering at an unnamed hospital, Zogg said.

Asked about the coronavirus cases at The Cottages, CEO

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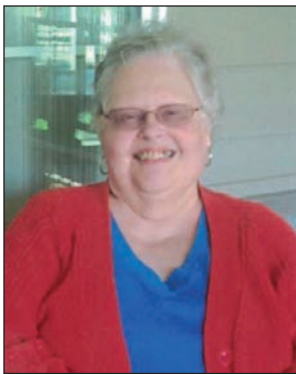
Obituaries



Steven Craig Stayton
Steven Craig Stayton, 75, of Mountain Home, Idaho, passed away Friday, May 15, 2020, at St. Luke's Hospital in Boise, Idaho.
He was born on Feb. 16, 1945 in Modesto, Calif., to parents Clyde and Hazel (Leith) Stayton, who preceded him in death.
Steve graduated from Marion High School in Marion, Kansas, in 1963. After graduation he served in the U.S. Navy until he was honorably discharged in 1967.
He served two tours of duty in Vietnam dur-

ing the Vietnam War as a member of the Seabees. He received a Vietnam Service Medal with Fleet Marine Force Combat Insignia, a National Defense Service Medal, and a Vietnam Campaign Medal with Device.
Steve is survived by daughter and son-in-law Kim and Scott Spicer of Plattsmouth, Neb.; daughter and son-in-law Kris and David Page of McPherson, Kansas; daughter and son-in-law Kelli and Craig Yost of Wilmore, Kansas; daughter Christy Vickery of Louisiana; daughter Tiffany Haertling of Mountain Home, Idaho; daughter and son-in-law Amber and Robert Lindsay of Mountain Home, Idaho; daughter Gracie of Weiser, Idaho; stepson James Larson and wife Keilee of Nyssa, Ore.; and stepson Keidon Decker of Weiser, Idaho; grandchildren: Erin, Quinten, Archer, Madison, Ethan, Elle, Cy, Ashley, Hunter, Logan,

Paige, Evan, and Quinn; five great-grandchildren; his sister Linda (Stayton) Thomas; sister-in-law Carol Burch and husband Bob; sister-in-law Robin Owings and husband Steve; niece Deanna Woodley and husband Brian; niece Jennifer Simmons; niece Melissa Laninga and husband Nathan. He is also survived by Frances Sanders, mother of Kim, Kris, and Kelli; and Shelley Stayton, mother of James, Keidon, and Gracie.
Besides his parents, Steve was also preceded in death by his wife, Debbie (Meriweather) Stayton, mother of Christy, Tiffany, and Amber; his mother-in-law June Meriweather; father-in-law Tom Meriweather; and brother-in-law Bob Thomas.
A memorial and celebration of Steve's life will be announced at a later date.
Please visit Steve's memorial webpage at www.bowmanfuneral.com.



Sarah Marie Compton
Sarah Marie Compton, 81, a resident of Weiser, Idaho, passed away April 2, 2020 in Boise, Idaho.
Sarah was born June 6, 1938, in Weiser, Idaho, daughter of Ralph Turnidge and Velda (Hoover) Turnidge.
Her parents were born and raised on Mann Creek. Her father was a teacher and later became a minister.
After living in several towns, the family returned to Weiser, where she attended Enterprise School for first and second grade. They lived for a time in Outlook Wash., and in 1948, Sarah's family moved to Bakersfield,

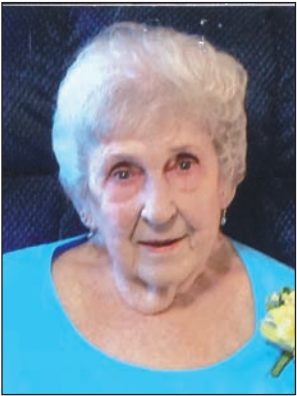
Calif.
She met (Arthur) Charles Honeycutt and they married in 1955. They had six children in the first 5 years of marriage. Sarah and Charles divorced in 1968.
She then married John Conrad Compton in 1970 and divorced in 1981.
Sarah relocated to Seattle, Wash., where she attended baking school and started working at Safeway.
While living in Seattle she met John Ary. They moved to Port Angeles, Wash., where she continued to work for Safeway. Her and John were married in 1989. John passed away in 1997.
After her retirement she was very active in Port Angeles Friends of the Library.
Sarah returned to Weiser, Idaho in 2015, where she enjoyed being close to family. Sarah was an avid reader and extremely social. She loved to talk and laugh and enjoyed nothing more than a good meal.
The final 15 months of

her life she was a resident of The Cottages, where she made new friends and was lovingly cared for by the staff in building #1.
She is survived by her sister Nancy Powell of Sequim, Wash., and brother Bill Turnidge of Kent, Wash. She is also survived by her six children Larry Honeycutt (Helen) of Bremerton, Wash., Karen Wyatt (Lyle) of Weiser, Idaho, Nancy Berry of Bakersfield, Calif., Timothy Honeycutt (Kim) of Bakersfield, Calif., Craig Honeycutt (Kathy) of Palmer, Alaska and Donna Honeycutt of Weiser, Idaho, also, six grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.
A memorial service will be held at Hillcrest Cemetery, in Weiser, Idaho, at 10:30 a.m., on June 23, 2020, under the shelter. After the service, memories and food will be shared at Jeffries School, 1818 Weiser River Road, courtesy of the Shamrock Club. In lieu of flowers, please donate to your favorite charity.

Cleo Gordon
Cleo Gordon died Sunday, June 7, 2020.
Ethel Cleo Allen, was born to her parents Clark Allen and Alice Mary (Balldock) Allen in Hailley, Idaho at the North Star Mine on Dec. 16, 1930. She was the youngest of six children: Earl Balldock Allen, Silas Dale Allen, Ora Doris "Dode" Allen, Alphama Mary Allen, and

Minerva Dean Allen.
Cleo met Walter Lowell Gordon when she was 16 in Baker, Oregon. They married May 6, 1950.
Cleo and Walt had four children: Tanna Jo Gordon, born in 1951, Donald Ray Gordon, 1952, Sheryl "Sherry" Lynn Gordon, 1953, and Jacqueline "Jackie" Marie Gordon, 1956.
Cleo and Walt retired

to their home in Midvale, Idaho.
Cleo loved hunting, fishing, and camping with her family. She was a creative cheery person, who had a wonderful sense of humor. She was easy to talk with and a keen Scrabble and Pinochle player.
She was greatly loved by her family and friends and will be missed by all who knew her.



Anna Lee Johnson
Our beloved Anna Lee Johnson passed away in Weiser, Idaho, June 10, 2020 at 94 years old.
She was born in Castle Dale, Utah, Aug. 10, 1925 to Elmer and Cleo

Anna Nielson and was the youngest of their three children (Utahna and Reece).
She had a full life beginning with her first husband Frank C. Olsen with whom she had three children (Rodger, Boyd, and Sharon) and had a wonderful career as a school teacher. She was then lucky to meet her second husband Keith Johnson who she loved to travel with.
Travel and golf were always a passion that she enjoyed with family members and even on her own.
She was preceded in

death by her husbands, her son Boyd and her grandson Nathan.
She is survived by her two children Rodger Olsen and Sharon Miles, her grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.
She will be laid to rest in a private service on Wednesday, June 17, 2020 next to her grandson Nathan Miles in Ontario, Oregon.
Arrangements under the direction of Thomason Funeral Home.
Condolences may be sent to the family at www.lienkaemper-thomason.com.

Death Notices

Glenda Gayle Barnes
Glenda Gayle Barnes, 84, of Nyssa, Ore., died June 12, 2020 at her home. Arrangements by Lienkaemper Chapel, Nyssa.

Michael McConnaha
Michael Steven McConnaha, 73, of Kaiser, Ore., formerly of Ontario, Ore., died June 9, 2020 at a Salem hospital. Arrangements by Lienkaemper Chapel, Ontario.

Yoshiko 'Yo' Ogawa
Yoshiko "Yo" Ogawa, 97, of Ontario, Ore., died June 8, 2020 at home. Arrangements by Lienkaemper Chapel, Ontario.

Robert Lee Moore
Robert Lee Moore, 81, of Ontario, Ore., passed away at his home on June 14, 2020. Arrangements are under the direction of Haren-Wood Funeral Chapel, Ontario.

David H. Farmer
David H. Farmer, 77, of Vale, Ore., died June 8, 2020 at home. Arrangements by Lienkaemper Chapel, Vale.

Frances Lucile Steele
Frances Lucile Steele, 99, of Meridian, Idaho, formerly of Ontario, Ore., died June 5, 2020 at a local assisted living facility. Arrangements by Lienkaemper Chapel, Ontario.

Second half payment of 2019 property taxes due on June 22

The Washington County treasurer is reminding property owners that the second half installment of 2019 property taxes is due by June 22, 2020.
Payment may be made in person at the county treasurer's office in the courthouse on weekdays (Monday through Friday) from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. The courthouse is located at 256 East Court St. in Weiser.
Payments also can be made via online eCheck. There is a vendor processing fee of \$1. Visit www.co.washington.id.us.
A credit or debit card also can be used to make a payment. A vendor processing fee of 2.5 percent of payment applies. Visit www.co.washington.id.us or the county treasurer's office. Call (208)

414-0324 during business hours for more information.
Payment by mail should be addressed to Washington County Tax Collector, 256 East Court St., Weiser, Idaho 83672. The payment must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service on or before June 22, 2020, to avoid late charges.
To ensure payments are applied as intended, please include parcel numbers on all types of payments. The parcel number can be found on the original tax bill or reminder notice and is identified as a PIN.
Idaho law directs the tax collector to charge a 2 percent delinquency fee and 1 percent per month of interest accrual on a delinquency dating back to Jan. 1, 2020.

Washington County deeds

WARRANTY
Feb. 13 - Secretary of Veterans Affairs, United States of America to Ben J. Comer and Amanda R. Comer.
Feb. 14 - Kristine Tuttle, Bruce Tuttle, Gail Coddling, David Coddling, Thomas Ames and Claire Ames to Troy Gantz. Leola Joan Hill to Mark S. Ellingson and Linda S. Ellingson. Patricia Jane Corcoran by William Gene Wilson power of at-

torney to Benjamin N. Drury and Bethany S. Drury.
Feb. 18 - Sara Clason aka Sara M. Thibault to Flip It Chick LLC. Value Homes of Idaho LLC to Keith L. Harlan and Avra M. Harlan.
Feb. 19 - David D. Cook trustee, Joyce C. Cook trustee, Cook family trust to George G. Martinez and Sharon E. Martinez.
QUIT CLAIM
Feb. 12 - Hayden T. Leen trustee, Sharon L. Leen

trustee, Leen family trust 2017 to Hayden T. Leen and Sharon L. Leen.
Feb. 14 - S. Dale Sorensen and Tammy J. Sorensen to NHI Reit of Oregon LLC. NHI Reit of Oregon LLC to S. Dale Sorensen and Tammy Sorensen.
Feb. 18 - Hayden T. Leen and Sharon L. Leen to Leen family trust 2017, Hayden T. Leen trustee, Sharon L. Leen trustee.

Deadline for submitting obituaries and death notices is noon on Monday
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Coming Ups

Weiser Youth Symphony to perform Pops Concert June 26 and 27

The Weiser Youth Symphony will be performing their Pops Concert two nights. Admission is free. Please bring a lawn chair and enjoy some music in the park with our biggest orchestra ever – over 55 musicians. The symphony will perform on Friday, June 26 at Payette Kiwanis Park bandshell and Saturday, June 27 at the north end of Memorial Park in Weiser. Both shows begin at 7:30 p.m. See you there.



Wild horses, and sometimes a few burros, are kept in over 101,000 square feet space at the Boise wild horse corrals before they are put up for adoption. Many of the horses that will be gathered this summer or fall from the Four Mile Herd Management Area also will be offered for adoption. BLM photo

BLM plans to reduce wild horse numbers on public land in county

Federal agency says excess wild horse population roaming Four Mile Herd Management Area

by Steve Lyon

The Bureau of Land Management plans to remove about 184 wild horses in the Four Mile Herd Management Area in an effort to reduce the number to what the agency said is the appropriate management level of 37-60 wild horses.

The wild horse roundup will take place this summer or fall, depending on when funding is available, according to the record of decision recently issued by the BLM that authorizes the action.

The HMA is administered by the BLM’s Four Rivers Field Office and begins about 20 miles north of Emmett. More than half of the 18,034-acre horse management area (HMA) is located in Washington County, with smaller portions of the HMA located in Gem and Payette counties. The ownership breakdown includes 16,761 BLM acres, 925 acres of state of Idaho lands and 1,114 acres of private land.

During scoping for the environmental review, public land managers estimated the current number of wild horses at 135 and projected the population will reach 221 by the end of 2020 based on expected growth rates. The HMA can support an appropriate management level of 37 to 60 wild horses, the BLM said.

In the record of decision authorizing the wild horse gather, the BLM said active management of the herd is necessary to prevent detrimental impacts to the rangelands. The agency plans to reduce the wild horse population within the HMA to the low end of 37 animals. The BLM will use a helicopter and bait and/or water traps to capture the targeted number of 184 wild horses to be removed.

The BLM will initially gather a minimum of 90 percent of the total wild horse population to select horses to return to the HMA to re-establish the AML of 37 animals, to treat all returned mares with temporary fertility control vaccine and to remove excess wild horses that would be prepared for the adoption or sale program.

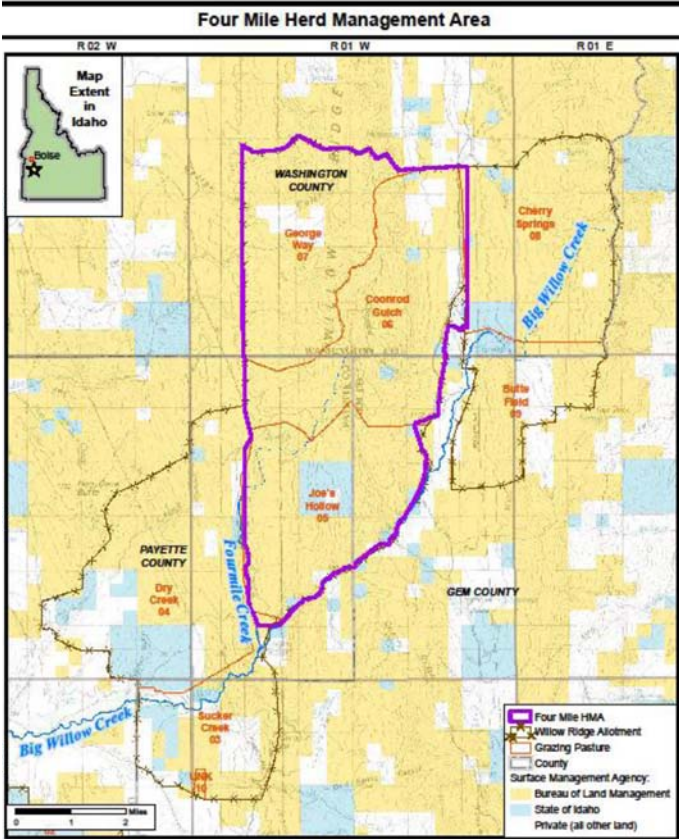
To maximize adoption potential, younger horses would be removed before older ones from the herd. Horses 20 years old or older would not be removed from the herd management area unless circumstances prevent them from being turned back to the range, such as fire or illness, the BLM said in planning documents.

Future gathers would be conducted to maintain the herd within the 37-60 AML number as the herd continues to grow. Future gather dates and target removal numbers for gathers would be scheduled every five to six years based on future population surveys. Remote darting of mares with fertility control vaccines would be used as needed in the future to reduce population growth.

The BLM aims to extend the years between gather cycles and decrease the frequency of stressful events like helicopter gathers by implementing fertility control and conducting bait and/or water trap gathers. Currently, the growth rate for the herd is about 18 percent. Through the use of fertility control vaccines the growth rate will be reduced to four to six percent and would help increase the amount of time between gathers in the HMA.

The other alternative addressed in the environmental assessment would be to take no action and allow the wild horse herd to grow unchecked indefinitely, eventually relying on the resource conditions to limit herd growth through decreases in individual health leading to accelerated mortality.

The wild horse herd growth under this alternative would lead to increasingly poor range conditions threatening, not only the health of the wild horses, but the wildlife and livestock that also use the HMA. Though it may require many years for the population to reach catastrophic or self-limiting levels, the no action alternative poses the greatest risk to the long-term rangeland health of the Four Mile HMA, the BLM said its analysis.



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Toothfully Speaking

by Dr. Bryan Dille

Cold Sores

Cold sores are the red, crusty, painful blisters, which most commonly appear on the lip. Anyone that has ever had one knows about the tingling sensation that first alerts them that they are about to have an outbreak.

These lesions are technically referred to as herpes. Herpes are caused by the Herpes Simplex Virus (HSV). HSV -1 is most commonly found above the waist and HSV-2 is more common below the waist, but in about 10% of cases they can be found in both areas.

HSV is made out of a single stranded DNA strand. When HSV enters the body it lays dormant next to the nerves. HSV will stay dormant until something triggers it to start like

sunlight, trauma, stress, immunosuppression, dental work, menstruation, fever, or illness.

There are antivirals like acyclovir, if taken after the tingling sensation starts, which can reduce the duration and size of the outbreak. Unfortunately, there is not a cure for HSV.

If you are having an outbreak, avoid contact with the area because it is contagious to others and can also be spread to other areas. Herpetic lesions can be found on the lips, in the mouth, on fingers, in eyes and many other areas.

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OPINION

FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

Personal responsibility is now the key

Wow! That was quite a storm last Saturday. I planned on mowing the lawn that morning, but it was not to be. This was a minor inconvenience. Other places in town were not so fortunate, as there were tree limbs down and flooding in town due to the storm drain system being overwhelmed.

The electrical department and wastewater department put in overtime over the weekend dealing with these issues.

The wastewater department is going around town this week to make sure there are no blockages. Your city employees want to ensure that everything is done that can be done to prevent future flooding.

However, mother nature has a nasty habit of laying waste the best laid plans. (Remember the snow in 2016-17?)

In other news, many of you probably saw the increase in the number of COVID-19 cases over the weekend.

Unfortunately, this is primarily from an outbreak in one of our elder-care facilities. Early last week, there were two cases. After further testing last Thursday, there were an additional six people who tested positive. Each of these individuals has been isolated.

The Southwest District Health office will be testing weekly until there are no

new cases. Please keep these people in your thoughts and, for those of you who are so inclined, your prayers.

COVID-19 is an ugly, nasty, too often fatal disease that no one deserves to contract.

Just over a month ago, we had had only one case of COVID-19 in the county/city. At that time, it appeared we might skate through this virus with little impact.

Since then, a major employer in town has had to shut down temporarily and is still not quite up to full capacity. Other employers also had to take action to prevent spread in their facilities.

There are now 55 cases as of Saturday evening and the numbers continue to rise.

Washington County/Weiser has the 6th highest per-capita infection rate in the state. We are far from immune and far from over this.

As we move into the last stage of re-opening, we are coming to the point where personal responsibility is the only way to reduce the amount and rate of spread for this virus. Just want to remind everyone that this personal responsibility takes the form of maintaining distances, wearing a mask in public places, washing your hands, etc.

I do not see people willing to stay

at home again, or businesses willing or able to shut down – so keeping the spread under control is now up to each of us individually.

Another item in the news that would affect Idaho cities is a proposed property tax relief plan funded by the CARES Act. The short version of the proposal is if cities will reduce property taxes by the amount paid for police and firefighter wages for a set period of time, the State of Idaho would reimburse those expenses plus 3 percent.

However, like most things, the benefits and pitfalls are in the details. The proposal leaves a number of questions unanswered.

Depending on the answers to some of those questions, the proposal could actually be detrimental to the city's finances both now and in the future. So, rather than jumping on this, the city is waiting to find the answers first.

We will then put numbers to the proposal, project the effects, and seek the City Council's decision. There will be more information on this in upcoming articles.

In other news, the swimming pool is no longer restricted to 50 people. The pool will also be open three evenings a week: Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., with Monday being family night.

In addition, we will return to \$1 Wednesday starting this week. Hope you enjoy the pool!

Thanks for reading this week's report.



Mayor Randy Hibberd

COMMENTARY BY GOV. BRAD LITTLE

Idaho leans on fiscally conservative principles

Idaho was given the chance to once again demonstrate our fiscally conservative values when President Donald Trump and the U.S. Congress directed \$1.25 billion to all the smaller states including Idaho in federal coronavirus relief dollars.

And we answered the call.

We are directing much of those funds back to our citizens and businesses rather than putting coronavirus relief funds toward government budgets.

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act was intended to mitigate the economic fallout of COVID-19. All our

actions have been in lockstep with U.S. Treasury guidance for allocation of the funds.

Our economic rebound will occur more quickly if Idahoans have more of their hard-earned dollars in their pockets.

Recently, I joined mayors, county commissioners, and my partners in the Legislature in announcing Idaho will leverage federal coronavirus relief funds to cover local public safety personnel salaries and ensure there are no reductions in public safety during these unprecedented challenges.

At the same time, we are giving cities and counties

the opportunity to pass on the savings to property taxpayers rather than backfilling local government budgets.

The move is expected to result in up to \$200 million in one-time property tax relief. That could mean a 10- to 20-percent reduction in your property taxes this year.

Meanwhile, the Legislature will continue to explore ongoing relief to property taxpayers.

Idaho also has led the country in our support of small businesses.

We directed a sizeable chunk of relief funds toward direct cash support to the self-employed and to businesses with under 50 employees.

We listened to businesses large and small, and we're offering back-to-work bonuses to get folks off unemployment

and back to work safely.

Idaho businesses can open their doors and jobs are coming back, but businesses tell me they are having a hard time recruiting employees.

The back-to-work bonuses are based on a basic conservative principle articulated by President Ronald Reagan:

"We should measure success by how many people leave welfare, not by how many are added."

We don't want people on unemployment, sitting at home collecting government checks. We want people working. Work strengthens not just the individual and their family, but all of society.

I believe the more than 145,000 Idahoans who filed an unemployment claim

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Effort to get hospital bond approved is questioned

Editor:

The *Idaho Statesman* had an article dated June 11 about Amazon-owned PillPack building a new 78,000-square foot building in Meridian for \$7.1 million.

Our hospital officials and trustees are planning on spending \$9 million with a \$6.5 million bond to build a new emergency room?

They could bulldoze the whole hospital and build new for that kind of money.

Of course we have no real

idea of what they are building. Why wasn't the general public given written detailed information?

I was told from a couple different people about private (secret in my mind) meetings with known friends of the hospital to encourage them to talk to 20 of their friends to encourage them to vote for this addition.

When asked about the lack of publicity, one person was told it was being kept within the known friends of the

hospital. The hospital trustees didn't want yard signs because "radicals" might take photos and post them on social media shaming those supporting the bond. Really!

The hospital officials and trustees were working very hard to keep the taxpayers out of the loop with no information. A group of people we are supposed to trust to lead our hospital were trying to get this bond passed by sneaking around behind the majority of the taxpayers' backs.

The taxpayers need to be asking questions. Thankfully, enough of us had a bad feeling about all the secrecy and didn't pass this outrageous bond.

The hospital officials and trustees really let the taxpayers of this county down and need to be held accountable. How can a few thousand square foot building cost more than a 78,000-square foot commercial building?

Susan McCoy
Weiser



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When thought of like that, it's reasonable to believe the Kingdom of God first came to earth in the Garden of Eden.

From the Garden, the human race digressed bringing sin and separation by shifting fealty from God to fallen human-kind.

Sinning greatly in the sight of the Lord, we asked for a king in human flesh. Though warnings were given how life under a king's rule would diminish freedoms and blessings known under God's rule, we insisted. Even while letting us go our way, God had a plan to restore the Kingdom as it was in the beginning...

God first anointed Saul, from the tribe of

Benjamin, as king. When his heart proved disloyal to God's, David, from the tribe of Judah, a man after God's own heart, was anointed king with the promise there would always be a descendant of David on the throne. A promise ultimately fulfilled in Jesus, from the tribe of Judah by ancestral lineage.

I told you God had a plan to restore the Kingdom as it was in the beginning. And a clever plan it was. Jesus, anointed by the Father, incarnate by the Holy Spirit, was made fully human as the Son of Man, and fully God as the Son of God.

In Jesus, our plea for a king in human flesh and God's plan for God to be King was eternally satisfied. Paying our ransom in ultimate sacrifice, resurrected and glorified in body and spirit, sitting at God's right hand, Jesus was crowned our King forever.

As it was in the beginning, to follow the rules of love, grace, mercy, compassion, and protection, we follow the King to the Kingdom that is as near as our heart – Jody R. Goode, redemerweiser@gmail.com.

1 Samuel 8:7 NASB - ...they have not rejected you, but they have rejected Me from being king over them.

Just something to think about

One of the down-sides of the COVID-19 virus, is that I haven't had my hair cut for months. However, the upside is that I recalled a childhood memory.

When I was about five, my younger brothers got haircuts. They looked pretty good, so I decided to cut my own hair.

I climbed up on a chair in front of the mirror. There was a cupboard beside the mirror, and curious me had to see what was in it. There were raisins, and some liquid children's vitamins. I remembered that I did not like the taste, but could not remember what the vitamins tasted

like.

So, I took a taste...and spilled some of the bottle on the floor. I also enjoyed the raisins, and spilled a few of them on the floor, too. Then, I took the scissors to my hair. My curly red locks joined the mess on the floor.

I thought I looked great, but when Mom came in the house, she just laughed and laughed. Then she took me to Grandma's house to see what she could do with my hair.

I am glad that God loves us and thinks we are beautiful, even when we are having a bad hair day.

Just something to think about.

C. Shaw

Knowledge is not power

Riverside Baptist

It has been said that knowledge is power.

Our society lives on this premise. We accumulate more and more knowledge. We actually have too much knowledge about things. I read that O type blood prevents COVID-19. I was happy because I have O type blood.

I then read another study that said 80 percent of those in the emergency room with COVID-19 were bald males. I decided to stop reading coronavirus statistics. Knowledge is not power. However, Biblical truth applied by the Holy Spirit is powerful.

Paul was teaching in Ephesus and the Word of the Lord prevailed might-

ily. The Bible is not passive. It is aggressively active by the work of the Holy Spirit.

The Word hardens some and transforms other. The Word worked powerfully so those in witchcraft disclosed their secrets and burned their books. These books had knowledge about magic.

Magic is man's attempt to use secret knowledge to get the gods to do what we want them to do. The one true God doesn't work like that. He performs miracles. God transforms lives through His Spirit empowered Word. The Spirit-empowered Scripture is our only hope for change.

"Also many of those who were now believers came, confessing and

divulging their practices. And a number of those who had practiced magic arts brought their books together and burned them in the sight of all. And they counted the value of them and found it came to fifty thousand pieces of silver. So the word of the Lord continued to increase and prevail mightily." (Acts 19:18-20, ESV)

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

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

Pastor Ian Ross

A word about peace

St. Luke's Episcopal by Carolyn Wesner

Did you know? The word "peace" is mentioned as an individual word in the 1611 King James English translation of the Bible about 430 times.

Sometimes it's used as a verb, as in "Peace! Calm down!" Sometimes it's used to describe a condition: "You shall have peace in your land." Other uses might be as a descriptive adjective: "Bring a peace offering unto God."

The words we use change a lot over time. You probably know regional words or slang words or nouns for things which hadn't been invented way back when, and even words used for thou-

sands of years have new meanings.

Jesus mentioned HIS peace; it was and is different. In his last discussion with his friends before that awful crucifixion took place, he said "Peace is my parting gift to you, my own peace, such as the world cannot give. Set your troubled hearts at rest, and banish your fears."

That could sound like a traditional good-bye sentence: have a great day, good luck and good fortune, take care, etc., but this is bigger in meaning. Even in the various Bible translations of John 14:27, the personal-ness of the message comes through.

There have always been

very hard times in the history of the world, and Jesus certainly lived through them himself yet he had an inner-heart kind of peace to share with the people he loved (which is everyone).

The great love of God and the great peace of God go hand in hand! Staying close to God is like a pipeline to a peaceful heart which can survive whatever the world throws at us, even as we work for the betterment of all as Jesus did. So pass the peace: Peace be with you (and also with you).

St. Luke's Episcopal in Weiser will re-open July 5, socially-distanced for everyone's safety. Listen for the bell each Sunday at 11 a.m.



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Tony Odoms learned the cobbler business from one of the best in the area, Mike Strong, his wife's uncle, who was a master craftsman and owned a shop in Weiser and then Ontario, Ore., for 30 years. Odoms has the equipment at his shop in Weiser to do all kinds of shoe repairs and more. *Photo by Steve Lyon*

Weiser cobbler back in business with downtown shoe repair shop

Tony Odoms can give a pair of boots or shoes a new life
by Steve Lyon

Tony Odoms has opened The Cobbler at 534 State St. and brought his shoe and boot repair skills back to downtown Weiser after relocating for a couple of years at stops in Texas and Washington.

The store is open six days a week and offers everything from a simple cleaning and polishing to rebuilding a pair of boots from the heel on up. The word is getting out that Odoms is back in the shoe repair business in Weiser, and he's happy to see his former customers.

Investing the money to repair or recondition a pair of well-worn boots is a lot less expensive than spending \$200 to \$300 on a new pair. If they are comfortable and they fit well, Odoms said, they are probably worth repairing. A good pair of boots can last 20-25 years with a little upkeep now and then.

The shop is filled with specialized equipment to take care of every type of shoe or boot repair that walks through the door. All work done at The Cobbler is guaranteed by Odoms, who charges a flat fee for the work he does, and no pair of boots or shoes leaves without a cleaning and polish.

He also can repair all kinds of leather and canvas, from a purse to a leather coat to the covering on a soft-top Jeep. He can often match the leather for boot and other repairs and the store also carries a line of boot and shoe conditioning products.

It's not just boots and shoes that can be repaired. He also can rebuild and recondition Birkenstocks for customers who do not want to part with the comfortable sandals. On a recent afternoon, there were three or four pairs sitting on the shelf waiting for a new sole and in-step replacement.

Odoms previously owned Old School Boot and Shoe Repair, which was also located in downtown Weiser inside Von's and not far from his current shop. He and wife Pepsi closed the business in 2018

and moved to Texas, which was "too flat," and then Yakima, Wash.

Neither place appealed to the Odoms and they moved back to Weiser with their family. Once he got back he knew he wanted to get back into the shoe and boot repair business, found a storefront and opened The Cobbler.

"I wanted to open my boot shop again," he said.

Odoms learned the shoe repair business from his wife Pepsi's uncle, Mike Strong, who was a master craftsman and owned a shop for nearly 30 years in Weiser and then in Ontario, Ore.

In 2002, Odoms started in Strong's shop as an apprentice cobbler. He learned from an expert how to tear boots down to the base and rebuild them from the heels up, along with everything else he needed to know about shoe repairs.

Odoms, who was born and raised in Weiser, did some other work for years, including HVAC work and construction, but he always wanted to get back to shoe repair. In 2014, he had the opportunity once again to work with Strong at Mike's Custom Footwear in Ontario. He drove over for two years and continued to work as an apprentice to Strong.

He gets personal satisfaction from giving a pair of boots or shoes a new life. Although the term cobbler sounds a bit dated, there has always been a need for someone who has the tool and expertise to repair footwear. The vocation of the cobbler dates back to the Vikings.

Business is picking up as local customers find his new location in downtown Weiser. They tell Odoms they are glad he's back and they don't have to make a trip to Nampa or Boise any longer. Plus, they are happy they can keep their business local and the wait time is much shorter.

The Cobbler is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday.

A special supplement from the Weiser Signal American



Celebrate Idaho

Featured Events:

- Goat Roping, June 20 • Kid's Day, June 23
- Celebrate Idaho Parade, June 27 • Bikers Rodeo, June 27
- Weiser River Music Festival, June 25-27 and more...

Celebrate Idaho parade open to all entries

Parade on Saturday, June 27, will follow same route as fiddle parade

by Nicole Miller

Each summer one of the most memorable community events is the Weiser fiddle festival parade. The culminating event of the week always brings the fiddlers and community together for a great celebration of not only the music but of community.

With the restrictions brought about by COVID-19, the official National Oldtime Fiddlers' Contest Parade had to also be canceled, but the tradition of Weiser hosting a parade on the fourth Saturday in June is one thing the community can still celebrate. Instead of the fiddle parade, Weiser will be hosting the "Celebrate Idaho" parade on June 27 at noon.

Although the National Oldtime Fiddlers' Contest directors had to make the decision to cancel the competition this year, the parade committee was able to plan a celebration that could still follow social distancing guidelines.

With the state now in stage four, and with the parade taking place all outdoors, the committee hoped that the parade could be the perfect way to allow the community members to still follow any social distancing guidelines that they feel are best, while still coming together to celebrate and focus on the positive things that bring us together.

The name of the parade and the theme of the parade go hand in hand: Celebrate Idaho. The parade committee invites anyone who wants to come and celebrate to

be in the parade. There will be no fee or form – just show up and be ready to have fun.

Those interested in participating in the parade are asked to check in on the morning of the parade between 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. at Weiser High School. The parade will begin there, with the horses staging at the empty lot by the cemetery.

The parade will follow the same route as the annual fiddle contest parade, heading south on State Street before turning east onto Idaho Street, and finally turning north on East 4th Street before finishing at Weiser Middle School.

Parade organizer Patrick Nauman shared that there has been a lot of interest in the parade. Invitations have been sent

to several local and area businesses and organizations. He is excited to announce that Weiser's very own state titleholders, Miss Idaho Grace Zimmerman, and Miss of Idaho Jasmine Rios, will both be at the head of the parade.

The committee is hopeful that the parade will help the local businesses and bring the community downtown for some safe fun together. With many of the other festivals and fairs around the state getting cancelled, the Celebrate Idaho parade will be the first of the 2020 parade season in the entire state.

Although Weiser will be excited to have the official National Oldtime Fiddlers' Parade back next year, what a great way to still come together and have a great time.



Weiser loves a parade. There is always a parade at the end of fiddle week, but things changed a bit this year due to the coronavirus pandemic. The fiddle contest was cancelled, unfortunately, but there will still be a parade. Organizers in the community have put together a week of events and are calling it Celebrate Idaho. The fun includes a parade on June 27 that is open to everyone who wants to participate. Show up at Weiser High School at noon and bring some candy to toss.


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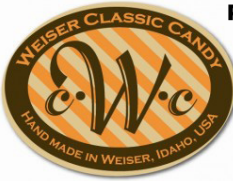
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Weiser will once again be on the live music map when the Weiser River Music Festival opens for a weekend of great music and bands June 25-27. The festival is located at a picturesque outdoor venue along the Weiser River just south of town. Camping is available and vendors will offer everything from food to clothes to beverages. A diverse lineup of bands will entertain all weekend long.

Weiser River Music Festival

brings top bands, musicians

Outdoor venue offers camping, variety of vendors and, of course, a weekend of bands

by Steve Lyon

The third annual Weiser River Music Festival coming up on June 25-27 will feature an eclectic and diverse lineup of bands and talented musicians that are guaranteed to get fans on their feet.

Festival promoter Nick Reed, the owner of Ruszoni's pizza in Weiser, founded the concert with the goal of bringing some of the best local, regional and national musicians around to Weiser for a weekend of almost nonstop entertainment in the great outdoors next to the Weiser River.

The festival will start on Thursday, June 25, at 4 p.m. and will wrap up on Saturday night. The outdoor venue is located immediately north of Hometown Motors at 606 U.S. Highway 95 next to the Weiser River and just south of the Weiser River bridge.

The lineup of bands this year celebrates all types of music, including bluegrass, country, Americana, blues, funk and rock, just to name a few. Bands will entertain on more than one stage at the spacious outdoor venue.

The bands and performers booked for the 2020 festival include the Steel Woods, Paul Caithen, Sunny Ledfurd, Dirty River Boys, Jeff Crosby, the outlaw country of Darci Carlson, Nick Sterling and the Nomads, Dodgy Mountain Men, Tylor and the Train Robbers, High Pine Whiskey Yell, Gary Takett and the list goes on.

Some well-known local musicians also will play at the festival, including the hardworking Dave Nudo Band and Weiser's own Stella.

Stella is a Berklee School of Music student Stella Beams, who describes her music as indie/folk and will be playing some originals when she takes the festival stage on Saturday at 3 p.m. She is looking forward to taking in a lot of good music at the festival.

"It's so awesome that we have these talented musicians right in our backyard," she said.

Nudo, a seasoned musician and performer, said the great thing about the Weiser River Music Festival is it's actually happening while so many other events have been cancelled because of the COVID-19 situation.

"I think it's a great thing for the community to have an event like this to bring people together and bring out of towners. I love the opportunity to hear other bands as well as share my music with everyone," he said.

Nudo said his music is a representation of country rock. Nudo writes songs that tell stories about life, love, failure, success, etc., with a bit of a southern rock or country feel. Because he's from the Northwest, he said he won't be singing songs about the Mississippi River or sweet tea.

"Our set list at Weiser River Music Festival will likely be all original. Unless of course we get the feeling to play an old favorite or something," he said.

Back in 2018, during planning for the first music festival, Reed had an architect look at the 16-acre venue, a hay field, and do an overlay of what would work best where with the Weiser River as a backdrop. A true weekend festival, there will be tent and RV camping and day parking available.

Besides the music, there will be lots of stuff to do for adults and kids at the concert site. The fun includes river rafting, float building, parade, face painting, tie dye, obstacle courses, dancing and more.

There will be food vendors set up at the festival. Beer and wine also will be sold on site, along with other vendors selling clothing and lots more, according to the event website.

Tickets for the festival vary in cost from single-day admission to

VIP tent and RV camping packages close to the stage and vendors for the weekend, according to the festival website. The cost depends on how many days are purchased. Kids 12 and under get in free. No dogs are allowed at the venue.

Weiser River Music Festival 2020 COVID-19 guidelines

The Weiser River Music Festival promises a weekend packed with music and fun. Organizers also are putting some safety precautions in place this year due to the coronavirus pandemic to keep everyone from music fan to vendors to bands and volunteers safe.

- Everyone attending the three-day outdoor festival will be screened for a temperature and any symptoms of flu or cough.

- Festival organizers will provide seating that is 6-10 feet apart. Families will be allowed to sit together. There will be 10 elevated spots for people to view the festival from their car.

- The interaction between bands and concert-goers will be limited, unfortunately.

- All vendors will be required to follow Southwest District Health's guidelines for 2020 and the COVID-19 requirements. This includes proper PPE and proper spacing.

- Camping spaces will be spaced a minimum of 10 feet apart.

- Guests will be allowed to bring their own food and drink into the camping areas. No alcohol.



Mason Rozin has the goat roped and now just needs to do the tying. Ole's Tavern in Weiser will be the site of the 'Dive on 95' summer series of goat roping events starting on June 20. The popular sport is a timed event that involves a header and a heeler, and it's all done on foot. The goal is to get a secure tie with the fastest time. Winners earn cash and prizes.

No horses needed for this fun goat-roping event

Anybody can register to participate in summer series starting June 20 at Ole's Tavern

by Nicole Miller

Goat roping will begin their "Dive on 95" summer series at Ole's Tavern with the season kick-off on June 20 at 7 p.m. The outdoor, family friendly event is fun for spectators and ropers alike.

Last spring Chad Hickey found a goat roping arena for sale and thought it would be fun to put on some goat ropings. He partnered up with his friend Quinn Messersmith, and after hosting a couple of private events the idea continued to grow for a local goat roping group.

The group hosted a summer

series at Mann Creek and a winter series indoors at the Double Diamond Saloon in New Plymouth, and they are excited to return to Weiser for their outdoor series this summer.

The goat roping is a timed event that includes a team of two ropers (a header and a heeler) and a goat. Unlike classic team roping, this event is all on foot. A goat is released from the chute, and one person ropes its head, and the other catches its hind legs. The goal is to catch the goat and get a secure tie with the fastest time.

While many just participate for fun, the event is competitive

and the top 5 can walk away with cash and prizes. Some of the prizes have included custom spurs, buckles, coolers, jackets, knives, and money clips.

For the summer series this year, participants will be able to score points at each roping, and at the end of the series, the highest point header and heeler will take home a new saddle.

As the event has grown, it's taken several people and sponsors to help bring it all together. The summer series has been sponsored by local businesses: Advanced Terrain Design, Creed Noah Real Estate, Root Ball and All, and Weiser Veterinary Clinic.

nary Clinic.

To participate, all you do is show up and sign up. At only \$10 per person to enter (\$20 per team) for two chances to rope, anyone can jump in and give it a try. They only accept cash, and there is no limit to how many times you can enter.

"Even if you've never tried it before, we have a great crew that loves helping new ropers figure it out. We want everyone to feel comfortable and have a great time," Messersmith said.

The event is fun for not only the ropers, but is fun for the spectators of all ages as well. Kids love the goat ropings be-

cause they can see and play with goats, and get to run around and have fun with friends.

The group even has a "mas-cot goat" that hangs out to play before and after the roping. Each roping, the group tries to designate a period before the roping starts for kids to play around and try to rope some goats.

The summer series will continue on July 18, Aug. 8, Sept. 12 and Oct. 3. If you want to know more or if you'd like to be an event sponsor, please contact Chad Hickey at 208-550-2404 or Quinn Messersmith at 208-550-7995.

Bikers rodeo promises a wild time for participants and spectators

Bikers will compete in up to five skills challenges with the winners earning cash prizes

by Steve Lyon

Weiser's bikers rodeo is a wildly fun and entertaining event for participants and spectators alike.

Weiser has hosted an annual bikers rodeo for the Harley Davidson-riding crowd for many years, adding to the wide variety of entertainment options during fiddle week. The rodeo is sponsored by the Copper Lounge in Weiser.

This year, the bikers rodeo will be held during the week of Celebrate Idaho events in Weiser. The bikers rodeo will be held on Saturday, June 27, at Ole's Tavern just south of town on U.S. Highway 95.

Signups for the bikers rodeo events will start at 2 p.m. and the fun gets underway at 3 p.m. Riders sign up for one or all five in a series of competitive events that test their riding skills. It costs \$5 to enter an event or \$25 to enter all of them.

Some of the events riders can enter at the bikers rodeo are self explanatory and some need a few details filled in. There is the "Honey, I'm Home," event, the slow race, the keg push, the weiner bite, the balloon toss and the plank ride.

Event organizer A.J. Banderziel said the slow race challenges motorcycle riders to go as slow as they possibly can as far as they possibly can without putting

their feet down. The keg push is a distance event that requires bikers to roll a keg with their motorcycle. The plank ride tests how far a bike rider can go on a narrow 14-foot plank without tipping over or driving off.

There will be cash prizes given to the first and second place winners in each skill event. The overall top winner will win a tattoo from Mindsight Tattoo in Weiser. The biker who puts his bike down in the dirt the most time wins a trophy. The contests are unlike any other riding event.

There will be food and beverages for sale at the venue. The Ole's Men's Social Club will be cooking a deep pit pig barbecue.

The bikers rodeo returns to Ole's in 2020 after many years at the Fred Hust Rodeo Arena in Weiser. The arena is not available this year, so it's back to Ole's for the fun, Ole's Greg Coleman said.

"This is not our first rodeo," Coleman said.

There is no admission charge to attend the bikers rodeo. In the past, the organizers have charged a gate fee to defray expenses, but they have opted not to this year. Bring your own chair but no coolers are allowed.

"We just want everybody to come out and have a good time," Banderziel said.



Weiser has hosted a bikers rodeo for many years, and the fun event returns for 2020. Bikers can enter a number of skills challenges, such as the slow race, keg push, balloon toss, plank ride and more. The bikers rodeo will be held at Ole's Tavern on U.S. Highway 95 just south of Weiser. There's no charge to watch the bikers test their riding skills. Bring a chair but no coolers.



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Annual kids day returns to downtown Weiser

Full day of fun, activities and treats planned for June 23 as part of Celebrate Idaho!

by Nicole Miller

A favorite day of fiddle week for many of the families is kids day. The block of State Street between Main and Idaho streets is turned into a street side carnival of games, activities and treats.

Luckily, even though fiddle week was cancelled this year, the kids day tradition will continue. Weiser Classic Candy and the Weiser Elks Lodge are once again sponsoring this annual event and invite all kids and families to come celebrate on Tuesday, June 23, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Kids day offers not only fun and games downtown, but also a great way for local nonprofits to raise money for their organizations. The Elks and Weiser Classic Candy sponsor the event, providing all the supplies for the activities. Because the event is sponsored by the Elks, a focus of the event has always been affordable fun for the family.

The entrance to the event and many of the activities are free, but most of the activities require tickets to participate. At just 25 cents per ticket, the activities are a great way for families to have affordable fun, and help the organizations raise important funds. ROSE Advocates, C.O.P.S, the Greenhouse are just a few of the local nonprofits that will be there raising money for their organizations.

Kids can look forward to face



Kids day in downtown Weiser on June 23 will include lots of fun activities for youngsters, including face painting, bounce house, inflatable obstacle course and more. The block of State Street between Main and Idaho streets will be blocked off for the event, which is part of Celebrate Idaho! festivities in Weiser. Above, Samantha Pope gets creative with face-painting on Selah Watts at a previous kids day in Weiser.

painting, a bounce house, a basketball throw, an inflatable obstacle course, finger painting, a ring toss, snow cones and more. Many of the groups even offer prizes for the games on top of the fun activities.

A favorite booth each year

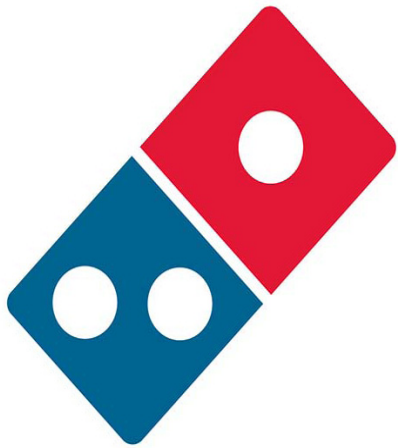
is the dunk tank for the Miss Western Idaho organization. Traditionally, this event is the perfect time to introduce contestants to that year's pageant. With the delay of this year's pageant, there are no new contestants, but kids will get to

dunk both current and past title holders to help the organization raise money for future scholarships.

One of the great things about kids day is that it brings families downtown. While spending time downtown together,

families can also check out the local businesses and all that they have to offer.

Many of them will be having specials and helping celebrate the day, so it's a great time to offer those businesses much deserved support.



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West 9th Street project

of Indianhead Road. The revised project attracted interest from eight or so bidders. The winning bid of \$1.66 million was submitted by contractor Braun-Jensen, which was awarded the job on May 22. The contract allows 100 days to complete the project.

“It came in under what we expected,” city public works official Mike Campbell said.

When the design, engineering and construction is added up, the West 9th Street project will cost about \$2.2 million. The

city has received funding from the Idaho Department of Transportation that will pay for most of the work.

The Local Highway Technical Assistance Council (LHTAC) will administer the grant funding and oversee the project. LHTAC provides technical services to local road jurisdictions across the state.

Some of the preliminary work on the street has already been done. City crews installed new waterlines and upgraded electric and sewer systems along the street.

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Idaho Rebounds grants

Businesses could use the grants for equipment, inventory, personal protective equipment, rent or utilities.

In May, Gov. Brad Little announced that Idaho would make \$300 million available to support 30,000 small businesses economically impacted by COVID-19. The grant program was later expanded to include self-employed business owners.

Small businesses in Idaho were eligible for grants if they had not already received an SBA-backed Payroll Protection loan or received less than \$10,000 in a federal PPL loan.

The state was allowed to use money from the Coronavirus Relief Fund for the cash grants to help businesses economically impacted by the stay-home order and closure of non-essential businesses.

Idaho received a total of \$1.25 billion in federal CARES Act funding for

state and local government pandemic responses.

The rebound grants were aimed at getting money to small businesses that had suffered business interruptions due to COVID-19 required closures. The criteria for a qualified business interruption included reduced sales, suspended operations, increased costs related to COVID-19 prevention measures and disrupted supply network leading to shortage of inventory or materials.

The governor on March 25 issued a statewide stay-home order that temporarily closed all non-essential businesses in Idaho to help slow the spread of coronavirus.

The order was extended to April 30. On May 1 the state began to reopen businesses in four stages as part of the Idaho Rebounds program. The stay-home order was replaced with the “Stay Healthy Order” for stage 1.

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Gov. Little commentary

since March 1 want to work if they can do so safely. Most of them have never encountered the unemployment line.

But most Americans who are out of work due to coronavirus earn more with the enhanced unemployment benefit than their normal wages – a perk that is expected to expire July 31.

In seven weeks, the extra \$600-per-week unemployment benefit goes away. The bonuses help folks get back to work sooner.

The back-to-work bonuses – \$1,500 for full-time workers and \$750 for part-time workers, paid out after they return to work – will help get our economy going again. That benefits us all, and it saves taxpayer dollars in the long run.

I understand the frustration on the part of those who reported to work throughout this time, putting their own health at risk performing services that we all needed.

It was and continues to be a stressful time, but many of us are fortunate we didn’t have major dis-

ruptions in our jobs or income – unlike those who were forced to file for unemployment benefits.

Unfortunately, the CARES Act does not allow bonuses to go to those who have kept their jobs, but we are looking at other ways to help this group.

In Idaho, we advocate for low taxes, airtight budgets, transparency in government, and minimal regulations.

The reason we can direct federal relief dollars back to the taxpayers is because all along we have governed conservatively – we put money into savings (rainy day accounts), we maintain a balanced budget, we don’t incur long-term debt for government operations, and we keep state agency budgets lean.

I’m proud of the citizens of Idaho for their collective efforts to effectively slow the spread of coronavirus in our state.

With your continued support, our economic rebound will happen more quickly and more robustly than many other places in the country and the world.



Weiser High School quarterback Brett Spencer looks for running room at a home game against Gooding in 2019. It won’t be long before the Wolverines are back on the field for the 2020 season. Upcoming summer camps in Weiser will help youth, middle school and high school players improve their skills.

Summer football camps scheduled for youth through high school

WHS head coach Tom Harrison will direct camps

There is lots coming up as Weiser High School varsity football coach Tom Harrison and assistant coaches direct the summer schedule of football camps leading up to practices for the 2020 season.

Weiser High School team camp will be held at the WHS practice field for varsity and JV (grades 9-12) from June 29 to July 2.

The camp will start with no pads June 29-30 and full pads on July 1-2. The sessions start at 7 p.m. on Monday and Wednesday and 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday and Thursday.

The cost is \$40 to participate. Pads will be issued upon receipt of \$40

fee prior to camp throughout June or after camp practice June 29-30.

Make arrangements with coach Tom Harrison at 208-589-3999 or coach Brad Cordes at 208-550-0467. Players must provide their own water. Social distancing will be followed as much as possible.

The weight room at WHS is now open. The hours are Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. The hours on Tuesday and Thursday are 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Bring your own water bottle.

Weiser team competition camp. In July, the Weiser team competition starts with other schools in the valley.

On July 6-10, the competition is against Columbia and Ridgeview varsity and JV. The JV starts at 6:30 p.m. to 7 p.m., with

varsity to follow with full pads. Participants need to bring their own water bottles.

On July 7-8, no pad practice at 7 p.m.

On July 9, competition camp will take place at Columbia High School in Nampa versus Columbia and Melba. JV starts at 6:30 p.m. with varsity to follow. Participants need to bring their own water bottle.

Group football Tuesday and Thursday nights starting June 2 from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the WHS practice field. Football pads and equipment will be handed out before or after weights on Monday and Wednesday mornings. No evening practice on June 23 and June 25. Bring your own water bottle.

Free physicals on July 20 in the auxiliary gym at WHS from 5 p.m. to 8

p.m.

Mandatory football practice begins Aug. 10 from 9 a.m. to noon for varsity and JV. Monday and Tuesday are helmets only. Wednesday is helmets and shoulder pads and Thursday is full pads. Players must have 10 practices to be eligible for the first game.

August football camps. Youth football camp Aug. 10-13 for grades three to six from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the WHS practice field. The cost is \$40 and includes T-shirt. Bring water bottle.

Middle school football camp. Aug. 17-20 for grades seven and eighth from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the WHS practice field. The cost is \$40 and includes T-shirt. Bring water bottle.

Any questions should be directed at coach Tom Harrison at 208-589-3999.

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Coronavirus cases in county continue to increase

Mark Maxfield said officials learned recently that some staff members had been exposed to a family member who had tested positive for COVID-19. The employees were removed and will not return until cleared by the local health department.

On June 2, everyone who works or resides at The Cottages, or who may have had a chance to come in contact with potentially exposed individuals, was tested, he said.

Anyone who was potentially exposed has been notified. All of the individuals who tested positive have shown no symptoms, Maxfield said.

“We as a company have done everything within our power to follow all recommendations from CDC to mitigate the risk

to our residents. It is important to know that even if everything is done perfectly, the risk of contraction is still ever present as we have been battling this national pandemic industry-wide for about four months,” he said in an email to the *Weiser Signal American*.

He said the safety of staff and residents is extremely important to The Cottages and detailed the precautions that have been put in place since COVID-19 first appeared in the state in March.

At the beginning of March, the company convened a coronavirus task force comprised of staff from various departments, including infection prevention specialists, to review existing policies and procedures related to in-

fectious diseases, he said.

As early as March 12 the campus was closed to all visitors and non-essential personnel. Beginning March 14, screening began for all staff and essential visitors for symptoms, including the presence of elevated temperature, labored breathing, coughing, and started travel inquiries. This was done every shift for all staff and essential visitors.

On March 16, The Cottages implemented social distancing within the homes to include no communal dining or activities, and all admissions were halted.

These measures and others have remained in place since they were implemented and we continue to do full symptom screening including pulse

oximetry every four hours for all residents in the Weiser community, Maxfield said.

“All of us at The Cottages take this extremely seriously and are doing our absolute best to minimize the spread of this disease,” Maxfield said.

“We further want the community of Weiser to know that all the hard-working caregivers at the Weiser Cottages and all health care facilities across the nation are heroes and are working harder than ever during a scary and uncertain time because they love their residents.”

The public health agency maintains a coronavirus call center Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The number is 208-455-5411.

PUBLIC NOTICE

No.
Weiser Valley Hospital District Budget Hearing

The Weiser Valley Hospital District d/b/a Weiser Memorial Hospital will conduct their annual budget hearing on Thursday, June 18, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. in the Weiser Memorial Hospital Conference Room. 23-3S

Budget Summary
2020-2021 Hospital District Budget Proposal
Weiser Valley Hospital District

	Current Budget	Proposed Budget
	2019-2020	2020-2021
OPERATING REVENUE:		
NET PATIENT REVENUE	17,668,863	18,327,777
OTHER OPERATING REVENUE	867,740	1,033,429
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE	18,536,603	19,361,206
OPERATING EXPENSE:		
SALARY & WAGES	7,144,943	7,493,339
EMPLOYEE TAXES & BENEFITS	1,938,874	2,201,591
PROFESSIONAL FEES	3,248,324	3,397,277
PURCHASED SERVICES	1,873,971	1,798,825
SUPPLY EXPENSE	573,100	567,850
REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	1,773,594	1,970,073
EDUCATION, TRAVEL, & RECRUIT	307,909	271,937
RENTALS, LEASES, & MINOR EQUIP	199,917	136,245
UTILITIES & MISC. EXPENSE	187,940	195,515
DEPRECIATION	710,399	801,648
INSURANCE, LICENSING, & TAXES	70,550	84,275
INTEREST EXPENSE	128,169	97,197
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSE	18,157,690	19,015,772
INCOME (LOSS) FROM OPERATIONS	378,914	345,434
PROPERTY TAX - M&O, TORT	358,189	368,935
PROPERTY TAX - BOND	194,780	191,020
NON OPERATING - Gains (Losses)		
NON-OPERATING GAINS/LOSSES	552,969	559,955
NET INCOME (LOSS)	931,883	905,389



Weiser Memorial Hospital projects \$905,389 in net income in FY 2021
Hospital district trustees will hold hearing on FY 2021 budget on Thursday, June 18

by Steve Lyon

Weiser Memorial Hospital’s fiscal year 2021 budget projects a positive bottom line and a net income of \$905,389 based on \$19.3 million in total operating revenue during the next fiscal year.

The budget estimates that net patient revenue will come in at \$18.3 million, an increase of about \$700,000 over the current year. The revenue increase is based on anticipated higher patient volumes at the hospital and clinics and some rate adjustments for services, CFO Mark Christensen said.

Non-patient revenue, such as foundation donations, grants, cafeteria proceeds and other sources, is estimated at \$1 million for FY 2021. The amount is up by about \$170,000 over the current year.

Total operating revenue from all sources is estimated at \$19.3 million in FY 2021, an increase of about \$800,000 over the current FY 2020 budget, which put total operating revenue at \$18.5 million, according to the hospital’s budget proposal.

The hospital district’s board of trustees will hold the annual budget hearing on Thursday, June 18, at 5 p.m. in the hospital conference room. Approval of the FY 2021 budget is expected at that time.

In-patient services at the hospital in the ER, surgery, OB and lab, along with the clinics and Family Medical Center practices are the main drivers of revenue for the hospital. Local volumes are trending up for CT, MRI and echocardiogram testing at the hospital, which contribute additional revenue.

There was some uncertainty and unknowns in putting together a budget during the coronavirus pandemic, Christensen said.

COVID-19 has not impacted the expense side as much as it has the revenue side of hospital operations. The hospital and clinics have resumed elective surgeries after suspending them in mid-March. Patient numbers are on the rebound after dropping in March and April, and there is a backlog of patient procedures to complete.

The hospital has received federal relief funds from the CARES Act to help cover any losses related to COVID-19. Additional federal funds have been received by WMH to cover payroll costs so that no layoffs or furloughs have been needed.

Christensen said the FY 2021 budget does not include any of the federal

CARES Act money the hospital received. The \$3.5 million can be used to “backfill” the budget if patient and revenue numbers fall short due to COVID-19.

“We’ll carefully make that money last and be prudent in how we use it,” he said.

On the expense side, salary and wages will increase from \$7.14 million in the current budget to \$7.49 million in FY 2021. Employee taxes and benefits also will rise from \$1.93 million in the current budget to \$2.2 million. The hospital has more than 100 full-time employees.

The amount the hospital pays in professional fees will go up slightly in FY 2021. The current budget year figure is \$3.24 million and that will rise to \$3.39 million. The hospital has a management agreement with St. Luke’s Health System that it pays for. The ER doctors at the hospital and physicians at Family Medical Center, along with the CEO, are hired by and compensated by St. Luke’s.

The cost of purchased services, such as radiology fees and contract nursing, will decline in FY 2021 to \$1.79 million from \$1.87 million. The budget line item for repair and maintenance will increase from \$1.77 million to \$1.97 million. The hospital’s original 50-year-old plumbing has required some major upgrades.

Interest expenses will decrease in FY 2021 to \$97,100 from \$128,169 from the current budget year as the hospital pays down debt.

The FY 2021 budget estimates total operating expenses at \$19 million, an increase over the current budget year’s figure of \$18.1 million. The hospital’s income from operations in FY 2021 is estimated at \$345,434. The bottom line profit is about the same as the current fiscal year budget.

The hospital is a taxing district and will collect \$368,935 in property taxes in FY 2021 for maintenance and operations and the tort fund. Another \$191,000 in property taxes will be collected for bond payments.

Some property tax revenue is also used to offset charity care and bad debt write-offs, which together will total nearly \$2 million in FY 2021.

Adding the property tax revenue to the operating income totals \$905,389 in net income estimated for FY 2021. The profit will allow the hospital to grow the cash position, fund capital projects, pay down debt and increase services.

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Washington County Court Report

Feb. 19 - Brenden J. Barron, Weiser, operate Barbot, Weiser, speeding, vehicle without a current or valid class D/operators license, fined \$150 court costs.

PUBLIC NOTICE

WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMISSIONER
MINUTES PUBLICATION

May 4, 2020
Demand Warrant Bi-Mart \$95.76 - Approved.
April 27, 2020 Minutes - Approved.
Ambulance Claims \$9,767.87 - Approved.
EMS Director Job Description - Approved.
Advertising EMS Director Position - Approved.
Weiser Ambulance District Paramedic/EMT Training Reimbursement Agreement - Approved.
2020 Tax Exemptions - Approved.
Discussed: Intrinsic Organics Complaint letter, Southwest District Health Meeting, Private Runway, WICAP Meeting, Intrinsic Organics Building Permits, Area 3 Agency on Aging Meeting, City of Weiser Hoop-up Fees, Road & Bridge/Solid Waste Matters, Planning and Zoning Matters, Prosecuting Attorney Matters, Reassessment of Protection Against COVID-19, Ambulance Matters.

May 11, 2020
CompuNet, Inc. Service Hours - Approved.
May 4, 2020 Minutes - Approved.
Claims \$128,230.59 - Approved.
Ambulance Payroll \$19,565.99 - Approved.
Ambulance Claims \$5,074.86 - Approved.
Weiser Ambulance District Paramedic/EMT Training Reimbursement Agreement - Approved.
Driveway Approach Application - Approved.
Pythian Castle Tax Exemption Status - Approved.
Discussed: Washington County Fair Board Meeting, Idaho Freedom Foundation Email, 2021 Indigent Defense Financial Assistance Compliance Proposal and Application, Weed and Rodent Control Matters, Emergency Management Matters, Planning and Zoning Matters, Prosecuting Attorney Matters, Southwest District Health 2021 Budget Request, Ambulance Matters, Road & Bridge/Solid Waste Matters, Tax Exemptions, Reassessment of Protection Against COVID-19.

May 18, 2020
Nate Marvin Appointment to Vote at Southwest District Health Budget Meeting - Approved.
May 11, 2020 Minutes - Approved.
American Legion Post 2021 Tax Exemption - Approved.
Ambulance Claims \$1,630.38 - Approved.
Social Services Clerk’s Reasons for Approval or Denial - Approved.
Discussed: Cove Road Complaint, Intrinsic Organics Complaint, Idaho E911 Grant Application Cycle, Juvenile Probation, Senior Center Budget, Information Technology Matters, Prosecuting Attorney Matters, Ambulance Matters, Planning and Zoning Matters, Misdemeanor Probation Matters, Road & Bridge/Solid Waste Matters, Reassessment of Protection Against COVID-19, Forest Service Matters.

May 26, 2020
Retail Alcoholic Beverage License - Approved.
May 18, 2020 Minutes - Approved.
Claims \$142,064.92 - Approved.
Proofpoint Email Program - Approved.
MTE Special Use Permit - Approved.
Charles Freeman Vacation Hours Roll Over - Approved.
Ambulance Claims \$5,173.76 - Approved.
Ambulance Payroll \$20,219.86 - Approved.
Weiser Ambulance District Paramedic/EMT Training Reimbursement Agreement - Approved.
Discussed: Southwest District Health Meeting, Various Correspondence, Misdemeanor Probation Services, Weed and Rodent Control Matters, Information Technology Matters, County Extension Office Proposed Budget, Prosecuting Attorney Matters, Sheriff’s Proposed Budget, Planning and Zoning Matters, Weiser River Music Festival, Road and Bridge/Solid Waste Matters, Ambulance Matters, Reassessment of Protection Against COVID-19.
Claims for the month of May, 2020 totaling \$ 743,685.97 - Approved.

The complete minutes are available for inspection in the office of the Clerk-Auditor-Recorder.
Kirk Chandler, Chairman,
Board of County Commissioners. 25-1S

PUBLIC NOTICE

LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
CASE NO. CV44-20-0153

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that Troy E. Hager has been appointed personal representative of the Estate of Clyde Willard Hager, Third Judicial District, Washington County, ID. All persons having claims against the decedent or the estate are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or said claims shall be forever barred.

Claims must be provided to attorney Robert Montgomery at 2160 S. Twin Rapid, Boise, ID 83709 and filed with the Clerk of the Court in Washington County. Dated June 8, 2020

plus \$160.50 court costs.
Michael D. Evans, Nampa, alcoholic beverage - consume or possess open container by driver, fined \$62.50, sentenced 3 days in jail plus \$187.50 court costs; driving without privileges, fined \$127.50, sentenced 3 days in jail plus \$172.50 court costs. Lynn Douglas Hyslop, Middleton, speeding, fined \$33.50 plus \$56.50 court costs. Logan H. Kindall, Payette, possession of controlled substance, fined \$102.50, sentenced 180 days in jail

(176 days suspended), placed on 12 months probation, plus \$437.15 court costs. Steven F. Perkins, Weiser, driving under the influence, fined \$797.50 (\$400 suspended), sentenced 365 days in jail (350 days suspended), drivers license suspended 365 days, placed on 24 months probation, plus \$467.50 court costs. Daniel Clifford Talley, Weiser, operate vehicle without a current or valid class D/operators license, fined \$150 plus \$257.50 court costs.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGE OF WATER RIGHT
TRANSFER NO. 84011

CITY OF WEISER, 55 W IDAHO ST, WEISER, ID 83672 has filed Application No. 84011 for changes to the following water rights within WASHINGTON County(s): Right No(s). 3-10198, 3-10264, 3-7034; to see a full description of these rights and the proposed transfer, please see <https://research.idwr.idaho.gov/apps/waterrights/querynewtransfers>. The purpose of the transfer is to change a portion of the above rights as follows: This transfer proposes to add a point of diversion for water rights 3-7034, 3-10198, and 3-10264 which currently irrigate 19, 188, and 11 acre places-of-use respectively from the Snake River. The additional point of diversion will be approximately ¾ of a mile up river from the current point of diversion for the City of Weiser. Water will be used at the current place of use approximately 2.5 miles south of Weiser, Idaho in Washington County near the intersection of Hansen and Airport Road.

For additional information concerning the property location, contact Western Region office at (208)334-2190. Protests may be submitted based on the criteria of Idaho Code Sec. 42-222. Any protest against the proposed change must be filed with the Department of Water Resources, Western Region, 2735 W AIRPORT WAY, BOISE ID 83705-5082 together with a protest fee of \$25.00 for each application on or before 7/6/2020. The protestant must also send a copy of the protest to the applicant.

GARY SPACKMAN, Director
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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)
)
KAREN L. SCHAEFFER,)
)
Deceased.)

CASE NO. CV 44-20-0219
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
(I.C. 15-3-801)

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

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

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Feb. 20 - Antonio de Jesus Magana, Weiser, operate vehicle without a current or valid class D/operators license, fined \$150 plus \$159.50 court costs. Roberto I. Oyer-vides, Weiser, speeding, fined \$33.50 plus \$56.50 court costs.

Feb. 21 - Steven Allen Bush, Weiser, speeding, fined \$33.50 plus \$56.50 court costs. Tamara Sue Heeringa, Payette, speeding, fined \$98.50 plus \$56.50 court costs. Ismael Juarez Leon, Weiser, lights - farm equipment - failure to display lights and/or reflectors, fined \$10.50 plus \$56.50 court costs. Timothy Robert Menter,

Council, speeding, fined \$33.50 plus \$56.50 court costs; operate vehicle without a current or valid class D/operators license, fined \$150 plus \$157.50 court costs. Nathaniel Ray Rasmussen, Weiser, first offense trespass with no property damage - does not remain when ordered to depart, fined \$300 plus \$56.50 court costs. Eduardo Antonio Saenz, Weiser, speeding, fined \$33.50 plus \$56.50 court costs. Johnathan Robert Schiller, Weiser, speeding, fined \$33.50 plus \$56.50 court costs; failure to provide proof of vehicle insurance, fined \$75 plus \$56.50 court costs.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL
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THE COUNTY OF WASHINGTON

STATE OF IDAHO, DEPARTMENT OF)
HEALTH AND WELFARE,)
)
Plaintiff,)
)
vs.)
)
ROY COMER, Individually and as Trustee)
and/or Beneficiary of the Roscoe Corner)
Living Trust; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND)
DEVEISEES OF PHILIP COMER)
(Deceased); UNKNOWN HEIRS AND)
DEVEISEES OF ROSCO L. COMER, aka)
ROSCOE COMER and JUNE L. COMER, aka)
JUNE N. COMER (Both Deceased);)
CURRENT OCCUPANTS; JOHN DOE AND)
JANE DOE,)
)
Defendants.)

Case No. CV44-20-0012
NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that under and by virtue of an Order of Sale issued on the 29th day of April, 2020, out of and under the seal of the above-entitled action on the 14th day of April, 2020, in favor of the above-named Plaintiff, I am commanded and required to proceed to notice of sale and to sell at public auction the property described in said Order of Sale and to apply the proceeds of such sale to the satisfaction of said Judgment with interest thereon and my fees and costs.

The property directed to be sold is situated in Washington County, Idaho, and is described as follows:

Lot 28 of Block 2 of Ranahan Acres Subdivision to The City of Weiser, Idaho as the same is shown on the official plat thereof now on file in the office of the County Recorder, Washington County, Idaho.

Which may commonly be known as: 1112 West Galloway Avenue, Weiser, Idaho 83672.

Said real property is subject to redemption within six (6) months from the sale.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on the 30th day of June, 2020, at the hour of 10:00 o’clock a.m. in the lobby of the Washington County Sheriff’s Office at 262 E. Court St., Weiser, Idaho, 83672, I will attend, offer, and sell at public auction all of the above-described real property thus directed to be sold to raise sufficient funds to pay and satisfy the Judgment as set out in the Order of Sale to the highest bidder therefore in lawful money of the United States of, America. The Plaintiff reserves the right to submit a credit bid. Sale may be cancelled without notice.

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Rescheduled crab feed is June 20 at Vendome

Annual dinner is the Weiser Chamber of Commerce’s biggest fundraiser

by Steve Lyon

The Weiser Chamber of Commerce will serve up platters of steamed dungeness crab and barbecue pork ribs, along with salads and desserts, at the Vendome Events Center in Weiser on Saturday, June 20.

Tickets are still available for the annual all-you-can-eat crab feed and auction. The dinner is the chamber’s biggest fundraiser, and the proceeds support the nonprofit’s annual operating budget.

The event is usually held every April but had to be rescheduled this spring due to COVID-19 restrictions on public gatherings. The rescheduled date of June 20 will allow larger public gathering under the state’s reopen Idaho guidelines.

The Chamber typically sells 300 tickets for the dinner, and prior to the cancellation in April the dinner was sold out. Since then, refunds have been issued to some ticket-holders and tickets have become available for \$35 each at the chamber office in the Vendome at 309 State St.

Anyone who wants to attend but has not purchased tickets yet can stop by the chamber office or call with a credit card and tickets will be held for pickup at the dinner. Call the chamber for information on



Weiser resident Bob Barber digs into a plate of crab legs at a prior crab feed at the Vendome Events Center in Weiser. Barber wears the suggested attire of a bib when devouring plates of crab legs. The Chamber of Commerce usually hosts the feed in April, but it cancelled this year due to COVID-19. It can now take place under the state’s reopening stages for public gatherings and will be held on June 20. Not a fan of crab? The dinner also features barbecue ribs. *File photo*

tender and tasty pork ribs. In addition to the crab and ribs, there will be a variety of salads and desserts prepared and donated by local restaurants.

Local chef Harold Norris will handle the cooking duties for the event. In past years, the chamber usually orders about 600 pounds of crab for the dinner and nearly 200 pounds of ribs. The crab will be steamed to perfection.

In addition to sit-down dining at the crab feed, the chamber is offering the option of picking up a crab dinner curbside or frozen for ticket-holders who do not want to eat inside the Vendome. The event has been authorized by Southwest District Health, chamber officials said last week.

After dinner, the live auction begins. Donated items for the live and silent auctions were starting to pile up in the Chamber office last week. There will be plenty of donated items to bid on this year. Some items will be sold through the silent auction and others will be bid on live at the dinner.

Baker Auction Company is handling the live auction duties this year. Doors at the Vendome open at 5:30 p.m. for a social hour. Volunteers will start serving the dinner of crab and ribs at about 6:30 p.m.

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The crab feed brings plenty of folks through the Vendome

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