



## LEWISTON CITY NEWSLETTER

### Mayor's Report

I want to provide a couple of updates to projects and issues affecting Lewiston City.

1. The drought continues to impact the Lewiston City water supply, but water use has decreased to a point that our current water sources are able to recharge in a manner to provide adequate water. Continued conservation is required, but if water use is maintained at the current levels, mandatory restrictions will not be required. Thank you for your efforts.
2. Bids were requested for the planned sewer upgrades. Unfortunately, in the current economic situation the bids received greatly exceeded the engineering estimates and available funds for the project. We are working with our engineering firm to identify additional funding sources. At this point we do not plan to borrow additional funds or ask the rate payers for additional money. If the project cannot be completed as planned, we may need to change the scope.
3. A bid for the completion of the new well has been received and it is within the cost estimates for the project, and it will be awarded. We are currently awaiting final approval of the transfer of our water right to the well by the state engineer so the project can get underway.
4. The last several years Lewiston City has sponsored an annual community picnic. We plan to do so once again this year. We have not set the exact date as of this time, but it will be held in September on the 17<sup>th</sup> or the 24<sup>th</sup>. Please plan to attend for a free meal and to visit with your neighbors.

Property taxes are always a hot topic. None of us like to pay taxes, myself included, but such taxes are the only way we can fund the necessary operations of our city. Lewiston City has a history of holding the tax rate as a buffer against inflation. The funds collected from the taxes are used to provide roads, police, fire protection, first responders, parks, library, theatre and even the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration. Each year the costs to fund these operations increases. Under Utah law a taxing entity is only allowed to collect the same property tax plus new development as the previous year. If the defined tax rate will produce more income, then it is automatically revised down. Holding the previous tax rate becomes a tax increase because the taxing entity will collect additional taxes. Lewiston City will be holding a tax rate hearing to hold the tax rate at 0.002288 to help fund our city operations.

As you consider this keep in mind Lewiston City only represents approximately 20.8% of your total property tax bill. In contrast Cache County Schools represent approximately 62.1% of the total property tax bill. The remaining portions goes to Cache County and other entities such as mosquito abatement and the Cache Water District.

Using my tax bill as an example my tax responsibility to Lewiston City will increase \$5.86/month if Lewiston City holds the 0.002288 tax rate. City property taxes are the tax which is used directly to benefit you and I as residents of a community. I ask for your support with the proposal to hold the tax rate. Property taxes are complicated, and I provided a simple explanation of them.

If you have questions, contact me at 435-770-4267 (if I do not answer please leave a message) or mayorfield@gmail.com.

### Lewiston Theatre Presents

#### WITNESSES

AUG. 6, 7 & 9

PETER RABBIT 2: THE RUNAWAY

AUGUST 13, 14 & 16

DREAM HORSE

AUGUST 20, 21 & 23

HARRY POTTER & THE SORCERERS STONE

AUGUST 27, 28 & 30

FRIDAY, SATURDAY & MONDAY

7:00 P.M.

\$2 Each or \$10 per FAMILY on MONDAYS

### CONCERT IN THE PARK

Monday, August 9<sup>TH</sup> @ 7:00 P.M

featuring

"ROCKY MOUNTAIN EXPRESS"

Music and Treats for the Entire Family

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Thanks to K & B Service for their  
contribution to Summer Reading

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YOUTH COUNCIL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED  
APPLY AT THE LIBRARY OR CITY OFFICE

CRAFT FAIR SEPTEMBER 18, 2021

10 A.M. TO 4 P.M.

# TUESDAY AUGUST 10<sup>TH</sup> IS THE PRIMARY ELECTION

## VOTING ON ONE (1) TWO YEAR CITY COUNCIL POSITION

### REGAN WHEELER

I was born in Lewiston and have lived here my entire life. I raised four sons on the same street where I grew up and I operated a successful farming business for 50-plus years. This background and experience have provided me with an awareness of the needs of the community, the resources available to us, as well as the public concerns that faces our city. As such, I want to formally announce that I will be running for the Lewiston City Council seat.

It is my belief that public service is a responsibility that all people share. When I was younger, I never seemed to find the time to give back to the community that was so generously providing a safe and supportive environment for me and my wife to raise our four boys. Now that I am older, I have become more aware of the added responsibility that community citizens face. Consequently, I would like to contribute my time and best effort to the service of others.

### KADE TARBET

Hello, I'm Kade Tarbet & I'm running for city council. I'm a 6th generation lifelong Lewiston resident. I run a dairy farm with my dad & Landon Wisner. I'm running for office because I feel an obligation to serve my city & community. I feel like our leaders have done a fine job & I'd like to continue to add to what they've built.

I feel strongly about having a careful growth management plan in place, so we don't deplete our resources. Having a major drought this past year has taught us how valuable our water is & we need to make sure that we protect that resource. I'm also interested in improving our Sports & Rec department. I'm sick of having to sign my kids up for teams in Smithfield or Logan because there's nothing being done or used in Lewiston. I look forward to helping in any way I can. Thanks for your vote.

### BRENDA LINK

I have lived in Cache county for 18 years and in Lewiston for 4 years. I have taught elementary school for the past 16 years, and I love working with youth and children. I have served in many capacities that deal with children, including in the Scouts as a den leader and as an 11-year-old scout leader. I also had the privilege of co-conducting an early morning elementary choir in Box Elder County, and I have participated in community theater projects both in Utah and Montana. Prior to teaching I had many employment opportunities, such as driving city and paratransit buses and working in the reservation department in Yellowstone National Park. I am concerned about our local, state, and federal communities. I am dedicated to upholding the Constitution and our civil liberties. As an educator I am concerned about the future of our education system and the wellbeing of our children. I feel that taking an active part in our local community as a member of the city council is a way that I can have a positive influence on policies and give back to the city and state that I love. I am not from Utah originally, but I choose to live here because of the amazing people and the unparalleled quality of life that exists. If I am elected to the city council, I promise to always have the best interests of Lewiston City and its people in mind when acting in that capacity.

### NED K. SIMPER

Hi, I am Ned Simper. I grew up in Taylorsville, Utah and moved to Cache Valley in 1995 to attend Utah State University. Where I received a bachelor's degree in Animal Science. While attending Utah State I met Jodie who was from Coalville, Utah. Soon after I graduated, we got married and have been married now for 22 years. We lived in the Logan area for 3 years before moving to Lewiston in 2002. At the time we moved here I was working for IFA North Region Feed in Lewiston. Shortly after moving to Lewiston, I made the decision to go back to school at Utah State University where I then received a master's degree in Extension Education. While I was attending school, I started working for Lowe's Home Improvement where I have been employed for the last 18 ½ years. I worked as a Department Manager for several years overseeing several different departments. In 2012 the position that I currently have opened, and I got the job. I now go to customers home's and help them with projects that we install for the exterior of the home. We have 3 children Jared who is 20, Natalie who is 18 and Jason who passed away in 2016 he would now be 16. I am actively involved in the community as a 4-H leader helping kids in the community raise livestock for the 4-H and FFA programs. My family also raises sheep and goats primarily for the 4-H and FFA program.

The town of Lewiston has been a great place to live, and the community has helped me get through some very rough times in my life. I plan on living in Lewiston for the rest of my life. I decided that I wanted to give back even more and help make Lewiston an even better place to live. Since the 2020 election it has become clearer to me that if we want to make a positive difference in our community and our government that we need to get involved. It is these 2 reasons that I am running for Lewiston City council. I hope to make a positive difference for the people of Lewiston and give back to them. Lewiston and the people of Lewiston hold a special place in my heart and I will do anything to make it a better place for the future.

**Ballots are coming from Cache County; they need to be postmarked prior to August 10<sup>th</sup> or dropped in the ballot box at Lewiston City until Tuesday, Aug. 10<sup>th</sup> @ 8:00 p.m.**