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**Butterfield House**  
Jenkins Creek Road

Driving out Pioneer Road, make a right onto the Jenkins Creek Road. A few houses down, on the left, just below the Galloway Ditch (if you pass the ditch, you've gone too far), is the old A.G. Butterfield residence.

Designed by Tourtellotte & Hummell in 1918, it employs the half timber and stucco second story associated with the Elizabethan Tudor style. The house is a mixture of that style and the boxier, western colonial revival style.



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**Beckman House**  
Mann Creek Road

The two story log home at 1229 Mann Creek Road (the old Calvin Webb place), was constructed in 1978. To reach it go ten miles north on Highway 95 to the Mann Creek Store, make a horseshoe bend around the store and come south three miles on Mann Creek Road.

This house, though much newer than others on this tour, was built to last, sharing a historical perspective with Weiser's pioneer buildings. Logs, windows, doors, and inside beams came from Montana. Other materials were bought locally. There are 426 panes of glass in the house, and outside, on the one acre yard, over 70 deciduous and evergreen trees, 20 types of bushes and 55 kinds of annual and perennial flowers.

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Children \$3.50



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**4-Star Theater**  
State Street

Built in 1910, this theater was remodeled in the late 1930's. Beyond some missing neon and some minor alterations, the building has changed little from that time. Under new ownership, the theater is being refurbished, including new paint to an old scheme.

Tour tickets can be purchased at the 4-Star Theater all day.

A film of Weiser produced in the late 1930's will be shown at the theater at 10:30 A.M., 1:00 P.M. and 3:00 P.M. on July 4th.



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**OddFellows Hall #17**  
Idaho & State Street

This was one of the original buildings built on the west side of town. The lodge was built in 1886, with stained glass and a pressed tin ceiling in the hall upstairs. The lower floor housed the Metropole, where people met to enjoy a soda or eat lunch at the fancy counter. Later it was the Weiser Newstand, with books and magazines, while around the corner was Bob's Billiards. (Women weren't banned from this establishment, but they weren't encouraged either).

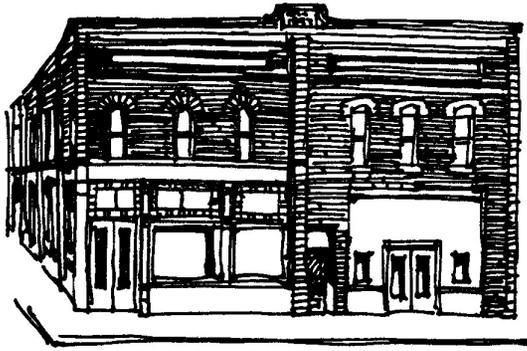


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**Pythian Castle**  
30 East Idaho

This building is one of the best examples of fantasy architecture in the state, and Weiser's most distinctive landmark. It was designed by Boise architects Tourtellotte & Hummell, and built in 1904 for \$9,000. The sandstone for the facade was quarried on the Weiser River, ten miles above town.

Installed in 1911, the twenty foot high, arched ceiling in the upstairs lodge hall is one of the best preserved pressed-tin ceilings in the state.



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### Matthew's Grain & Storage

East 1st & Commercial

This structure was also said to be among the earliest brick buildings on the new west side of Weiser.

In the thirties, it was known as the "Clinton Rooms", and was reputed to be one of the "red light" houses in town. A story told in Weiser is that a postal employee who delivered a C.O.D package to one of the residents was offered a barter of services instead of cash.



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### Oregon Short Line Depot

South end of State Street

This Queen Anne style depot, built in 1906-07 of brick with rusticated concrete block trim, was similar in design to the now demolished Payette depot. Originally a fanlight was above the main doors, and dormers graced the roof. This building has been saved from demolition, and there are plans to restore it. This is the one building on the tour not open to walk through, because of an agreement with Union Pacific, but the outer facade is interesting, and there is information about the depot available for reading.



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### Weiser Post Office

West Main & First Street

This large post office at one time housed all the federal offices, including the Forest Service's headquarters for the Weiser National Forest, an area that extended past McCall, now the Payette National Forest. This structure has had little alteration, from the round writing stands in the main floor, to the marble restrooms in the basement. Like many federal buildings of the period, this one was built with WPA assistance.



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### St. Luke's Episcopal Church

East First & Liberty

First located on the corner of State and Court, this church was built in 1892. The twin to St Luke's is St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Blackfoot. The bowed triangular window above the entrance is unique, and the resonant bell and stained glass windows add sound and color to the attractive nineteenth century interior. The open trussed ceiling and arched chancel remain intact.

