

## The Serving Tray

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**MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND - THE FLAGS WERE UP!** Danny Pagliai is pictured setting up a flag on the Lloyd property during this kickoff of the **Fly The Flag** events. Jeff said 60 flags were displayed. They have received 14 more orders since them being in the total to 74 or for flag Darg

then, bringing the total to 74 so far for Flag Day. President Debi thanked the team members for their efforts.

**OUR EXCHANGE STUDENT FROM ITALY TO RETURN HOME NEXT WEEK**: Chiara Gramillano (left) is pictured with her last host family - David and Heather Ward, along with their three children.





**ADAIR COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT UPDATE:** In Dale's introduction we learned that **Jim LeBaron** (pictured) has been the administrator at the Adair County health Department since 2010. He holds Master's degrees in public health (MSPH) and public administration (PA) from the University of Missouri. Also speaking today was **Lori Guffey RN** who holds a bachelor's degree in Nursing from Truman State University. She has had 22 years of experience in Public Health and is the Communicable Disease Nurse at the Health Department as well as serving as Assistant Administrator.

Jim spoke about a tax levy issue on the June 2 ballot. He said a five cent/\$100 value increase is sought (from 20 to 25 cents/\$100 value), the first increase sought in 40 years. According to Trust for American Health statistics, Missouri ranks last in the country at \$7/person for state public health funding. (Wash D.C. rates first at \$363/ person and some of our neighbors, as follows: IA \$83, NB \$38, IL \$30 and KS \$13). The five-cent increase is projected to result in an increase of \$150,000 in revenue. He spoke about various improvements which could be made with increased funding. (See attachments for details about the Department and also about rankings.)

Jim said that, as of today, there have been 49 cases of COVID-19 in Adair County. Lori said 90% of them have been from the meat packing industry. She said they have been working with an interpreter to do contact tracing by telephone asking for a 14-day quarantine. It has been time consuming. Those contacts include other people in their households or people who travel in a vehicle together. Lori said 80-90% of the 49 cases in Adair County have been from symptomatic persons (which differs greatly from U.S. cases generally). Five of them have been hospitalized; however, none of the patients have died.

**President Debi announced that our June 10 and 24th meetings will be held at Rotary Park**. Jim and Lori felt that we could do this safely with precautions. Detailed instructions for the June 10 meal-free meeting will be provided next week. **SEE PHOTOS FROM ROTARY PARK WORKDAY ON PAGE 2.** 

## **UPCOMING PROGRAMS/EVENTS**

May 28 &30: President Elect Training via Zoom; June 3: Karyn Eppler, D6040 Global Grants Chair, and individuals from Panama on Rotary Grant project there; June 10: (At Rotary Park) Shirley Riley/U.S. Cadet Nurse Corp in WWII; June 17: Ranee Brayton/Update on Northeast Regional Medical Center; June 24: President Debi Boughton/Year End (At Rotary Park)

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