

Alder: Street to be widened

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parking issues, Stelzig said. The city's right of way on the block is 80 feet, so residents won't be forfeiting any property.

"It will almost complete our connections between the two storm-drain systems" in that area as well, he said.

The street improvement is one of many in the city's adopted pavement manage-



Cindy Yingst

Alder Avenue, which runs behind City Hall, will be widened.

ment plan and funding had been set aside in the budget.

"I think, overall, there is go-

ing to be better designated on-street parking," Mayor Henry Balensifer added.

Schools: Students, programs grow

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show up. ... But the trend is, we're up a bit across the district and it's pretty evenly spread across the elementary school grades. The high school hasn't seen a marked increase."

Teachers returned last week to get their classrooms and study plans in order.

Warrenton Grade School students were greeted by a

new principal and vice principal, as well as some new equipment, one of them a picnic table outside the cafeteria made by 8- to 14-year-olds who spent a week at the school over the summer in the Girls Build camp.

High schoolers found a nearly complete Career and Technical Education building and a new CTE teacher.

Eight new school employees were hired districtwide over the summer, including James Veverka, the new CTE teacher at Warrenton High School. He'll focus on automotive and welding in the new building, expected to be open next month.

Nearly 50 students signed up for automotive classes and 40 for welding.

"That's pretty exciting stuff," Rogozinski said. "This is a new program."

At the grade school, an emphasis is being placed on project-based learning experiences.

During the summer, Principal Robbie Porter sent teachers in three grade-level tiers to train in the Project Lead The Way program. It's designed to allow students to investigate real-world skills such as computers and engineering while building confidence, independent thinking and problem-solving.

Kindergarten students are being phased in a little more slowly.

Many attended Kindercamp last month to familiarize them with the campus and school day. Half attended for the first time on Thursday, the other half today and then all of them begin in earnest on Monday.

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