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## **Prosser Memorial Health Foundation Announces Cancellation of the 2020 Bottles, Brews, Barbecues Event in June**

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Prosser Memorial Health Foundation has announced that the 2020 Bottles, Brews, Barbecues event that was to be held June 12-13 at Vintner's Village has been cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

"It is with a heavy heart that we're announcing the cancellation of Bottles, Brews and Barbecues this year," said Foundation President Julie Sollers. "This is an extraordinary time for all of us and it's changing our day-to-day "normal" lives constantly. As a healthcare organization we would rather err on the side of caution and keep our community, volunteers and eventgoers as safe as possible."

"I am happy to announce that we've confirmed with the Pacific Northwest Barbecue Association that we are on their 2021 calendar for June 11-12."

Bottles, Brews, Barbecues is an annual event held in Prosser in partnership with the Pacific Northwest Barbecue Association. Last year Prosser Memorial Health Foundation took over as the lead sponsor and organization as its main fundraising event.

"This was not a decision that we came to lightly as this will have a financial impact on the Foundation in the short-term, as well as the local businesses who plan on the additional revenue that comes from the event, but after consulting with Prosser Memorial Health's COVID-19 Incident Command Task Force that includes physicians, infection preventionists, and nursing leaders, we were told that a large group gathering in early June would be ill advised. This recommendation was brought to the Foundation's Board of Directors who voted unanimously to cancel the event," said Foundation Executive Director and PMH Chief Communications Officer Shannon Hitchcock.

On a positive note, we are looking toward September 19<sup>th</sup> for our first annual golf tournament at Black Rock Creek Golf Course. The Foundation is still moving forward with awarding three \$2,000 scholarships to seniors in Prosser, Grandview and the Kiona Benton School Districts

who are pursuing a higher education degree in healthcare. To learn more about the Prosser Memorial Health Foundation visit [prosserhealth.foundation](http://prosserhealth.foundation).

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***About Prosser Memorial Health Foundation:** The Prosser Memorial Health Foundation pursues, receives, and administers donations and gifts for the benefit of Prosser Memorial Health. The Foundation is dedicated to supporting and enhancing healthcare at Prosser Memorial Health for the Lower Valley and surrounding region through new equipment purchases, funding for building projects, and other organizational advancements.*