

Courthouse to reopen in stages

Public will make appointments with county officials

by Steve Lyon

The Washington County courthouse will reopen in stages, starting with allowing the public to make appointments with county departments as soon as next Tuesday.

Commissioners, elected officials and department supervisors on Monday discussed the best way to gradually reopen the courthouse.

There is no firm date yet on when the courthouse will be fully open, and county officials suggested they will follow the governor's reopening plan.

The courthouse and other county buildings have been

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County still has one case of coronavirus

The Idaho Department of Health and Welfare's latest numbers show Washington County still has only one case of coronavirus.

The local case was reported by public health officials on April 2 and involved a woman in her 70s who was not hospitalized.

The IDHW said there were 20 new cases of the illness on Monday. The total number of cases in the state stood at 1,917.



The Weiser fishing pond is open again after the city closed it on March 25 in response to the coronavirus pandemic. City officials decided to open the pond and city parks last week as long as the rules are followed. Above, Vince Craig and Tara Davis, 3, try their luck at catching trout on Saturday. Tara's mom, Tamah Davis, also enjoyed the afternoon at the pond. Photo by Steve Lyon

City of Weiser reopens parks, fishing pond

Users need to follow posted regulations during coronavirus pandemic

by Steve Lyon

The community fishing pond and city parks in Weiser have reopened for public use after they were closed for more than a month in response to coronavirus and concerns about the number of people gathering and the potential spread of the virus.

Mayor Randy Hibberd said the decision to reopen was made after a discussion with hospital officials and police and was based on the low number of local cases of coronavirus and observations that people are maintaining social distancing.

Hibberd said allowing use of public spaces in town may relieve some of the pressure on recreation areas like Steck Park and the Weiser sand dunes, where many people have been going in droves to get out.

They can now stay home and enjoy the warmer weather as long as they follow the rules posted on signs placed at city parks.

"If we can help out, we will," Hibberd said.

As of Monday, the official count of coronavirus cases in Washington County as reported by the Idaho Department of Health

and Welfare was one. That case was reported by state health officials on April 2, which is almost a month ago.

There are some restrictions in using the outdoor spaces in the city with the governor's stay-home order and social distancing guidelines still in place to curb the spread of coronavirus.

In the parks, the playground equipment, basketball, and tennis courts will remain closed. Contact sports will not be allowed.

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Spanish Influenza Pandemic of 1918 took a tragic toll

Washington County residents were not spared suffering

by Steve Lyon

Weiser and Washington County were not spared the terrible toll of lives young and old taken prematurely during the Spanish flu pandemic of 1918.

Weiser was a two-news-paper town at the time, and both the *Weiser Weekly Signal* and the *Weiser American* covered the devastating flu outbreak in somber tones and sad stories.

Schools were closed, businesses were shuttered, and meetings were banned — all measures imposed in the interest of public health that are similar to today's coronavirus pandemic.

The Spanish flu arrived on the East Coast in the U.S. in the spring of 1918 and was first seen among U.S. troops, many of whom were returning from World War I.

Influenza sickened thousands of soldiers in crowded camps before it swept across the country with breathtaking speed and devastating consequences.

Pandemic influenza arrived in Idaho sometime before the end of September in 1918. The date is uncertain because the public health agency at the time did not require states to report the flu until Sept. 27,

1918. Not long after that the first cases were reported across the state.

The *Weiser American* announced in a bold headline on page one in the Oct. 10, 1918, issue that the "Fight on influenza opens in Idaho" with the first 30 cases reported.

The State Board of Health of Idaho issued an order effective immediately banning all indoor public gatherings and meetings until further notice. Railroad companies operating passenger trains were told to keep coaches properly ventilated.

In Weiser, Dr. G.M. Wa-

terhouse, the county health doctor, received the order in a telegram and was charged with informing mayors of cities and village trustees that theaters, dance halls, the natatorium and political rallies were to be closed. The order did not include public or private schools, but that would follow shortly.

One week later, on Oct. 17, acting on the advice of the state board of health, school trustees and local physicians, Weiser schools were closed for an indefinite period "or until the

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Coughs and Sneezes Spread Diseases



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This announcement ran in the *Weiser American* in October of 1918 at the height of the Spanish flu.

Obituaries



Ed Kautz

After more than a year of ferociously fighting cancer, it's with broken hearts that we announce on Monday, April 20, 2020 Big Eddy Kautz passed away.

Until the very end he fought with the same powerful aggression that he ran a football or crushed a softball. All this with the big heart and contagious smile that drew us all to him and kept us coming back for more.

In his youth, Ed was a force to be reckoned with. A gentle giant that couldn't find a sport he wasn't good at or a person he couldn't make his friend.

His parents, Reuben and Mary, indulged Ed's busy nature and hauled him and his brother, Larry, and sister, Kathy, to any game, meet, or event their heart's desired.

Ed shared often the many stories of his glory days and he came away from them with lifelong friends that he valued beyond words.

As an adult, Ed vehemently and intentionally refused to ever really grow up. A generous, hardworking, caring man who would take any opportunity he could to make someone smile...or blush.

Ed had two kids, Megan and Kory. Between Ed

and his kids, a lifelong battle of who was prouder of the other ensued. Ed happily wore countless bruises while patiently assuring Megan someday she'd throw strikes, and burned the midnight oil with Kory on his steady stream of mechanical projects.

Ed gave all he had and more to his kids and over the last year discovered a new phase of life and love as the best grandfather little Kashlynn could ask for.

Even up until the very end, Ed worried that his passing would bring sadness.

As his family, we ask that you join us in remembering this great, goofy man with a smile. At his request, in the presence of beer and pizza, we will have a celebration of life at a date that allows us to all join together properly.



John T. 'Jack' Perry

John T. "Jack" Perry of Weiser, Idaho, passed away Wednesday, April 15, 2020 at Weiser Memorial Hospital.

He was born July 9, 1939 in Boise, Idaho to John T. and Frankie (Ansoategui) Perry.

Jack grew up in the Boise area with many friends and many interests. He participated in the Boise Basque Community, and spent time hunting and fishing with family and friends.

Jack attended Boise Junior College and served in the United States Army Reserves.

Jack married Lucy Marshall on April 22, 1961.

He began his insurance career as a claims adjuster with General Adjustment Bureau starting in Reno, Nev., and later transferring to Roseburg, Ore., Bend, Ore., and Pocatello, Idaho.

While living and working in Pocatello, he purchased Insurance Services, Inc., an independent insurance agency.

Jack and Lucy have two sons, Dirk and Greg. The family spent time together and with friends snow skiing, water skiing, hunting, fishing, and participating in the community.

After their sons moved from home, Jack and Lucy sold the agency. They traveled and worked in Portland, Ore., Fort Collins, Colo., and Reno, Nev. In 1997, he was asked to join University Affiliates Medical Group in Los Angeles, California as vice-president of marketing. He held that position until his retirement in 2003.

Jack and Lucy's "semi retirement" started in Salt Lake City, Utah with Jack working for Deer Valley Ski Resort and, together with Lucy, took advan-

tage of the great skiing. In 2014, they left the working world behind and purchased a farm in Weiser, Idaho and enjoyed living the country life.

Jack was diagnosed with cancer in early 2020 and began chemotherapy treatment on March 26. Though he fought to stay with his family, his battle was lost April 15, 2020.

Jack is survived by his wife and best friend Lucy, sons Dirk and Greg (Kristin), grandson Sam (Erika), granddaughter Sophia, brother Gene, and many friends and family.

Jack was laid to rest at Dry Creek Cemetery in Boise, Idaho, on April 23, 2020 surrounded by his family.

Rest in Peace Jack Perry. We love you and you will be forever in our hearts.

Remembrances may be made in Jack's name to St. Agnes Catholic Church in Weiser, Idaho or to the Tunnels to Towers Foundation.

Arrangements under the direction of Thomason Funeral Home.



Residents living along a stretch of Hall Road near Cambridge asked the county to reduce the speed limit from 55 mph to 35 mph. County commissioners agreed to lower the speed limit on the gravel road in front of the Painted Ridge subdivision. Signs will be posted in both directions where the speed limit was lowered.

Commissioners lower speed limit on stretch of Hall Road near Cambridge

Current speed limit of 55 miles per hour on short stretch of gravel road deemed too fast

by Steve Lyon

Washington County commissioners agreed to lower the speed limit from 55 miles per hour to 35 mph on a short stretch of Hall Road east of Cambridge.

County road and bridge supervisor Jerod Odoms brought the speed limit issue to commissioners last week at the request of residents living along Hall Road. He said the current speed limit of 55 mph in some areas seemed a little fast in some locations.

The speed limit will be lowered to 35 mph on a half-mile stretch of Hall Road in front of the Painted Ridge subdivision. The county road and bridge department will post signs in both directions in front of the subdivision to slow traffic.

"Once they get out past that the

driveways are few and far between but through that section if we could keep them slow," Odoms said.

Odoms said there are some other sections of county roads where speed limits may be discussed in the future, but he needs to do more research first. Unless otherwise posted, county roads are 55 mph in most places.

Commissioners briefly discussed the idea of a speed limit for gravel roads and one for paved roads in the county. State law gives commissioners the authority to post speed limits on county roads.

Commissioner Kirk Chandler said setting speed limits really depends on the road. There are plenty of county roads with a 55 mph speed limit that do not see any accidents.

Death Notices

Duane L. DeLong

Duane L. DeLong, 82, of Vale, Ore., died April 23, 2020 at home. Arrangements by Lienkaemper Chapel, Vale.

Betty Jo Wright

Betty Jo Wright, 88, of Ontario, Ore., died April 19, 2020 at home. Arrangements by Lienkaemper Chapel, Ontario.

Theodore 'Ted' Grim

Theodore "Ted" C. Grim, 71, of Ontario, Ore., died April 23, 2020 at home. Arrangements by Lienkaemper Chapel, Ontario.

Gary Lee Kamo

Gary Lee Kamo, 72, of Vale, Ore., died April 20, 2020 in Ontario. Arrangements by Lienkaemper Chapel, Vale.

Prudencio Escobedo

Prudencio G. Escobedo, 92, of Ontario, Ore., died April 22, 2020 at home. Arrangements by Lienkaemper Chapel, Nyssa.

Richard L. Jordan Sr.

Richard L. Jordan Sr., 92, of Westfall, Ore., died April 18, 2020 at home. Arrangements by Lienkaemper Chapel, Vale.

Gerald Martin

Gerald Martin, 79 of Ontario, Ore., died April 17, 2020 at a local hospital. Arrangements by Lienkaemper Chapel, Ontario.

Harry Shimojima

Harry Shimojima, 96 of Ontario, Ore., died April 20, 2020 at a local care facility. Arrangements by Lienkaemper Chapel, Ontario.

Bruce Allen Hanson

Bruce Allen Hanson, a resident of Weiser since 1994 passed away in the Weiser hospital on March 31, 2020.

Dollie L. Wiggins

Dollie L. Wiggins, 88, of Ontario, Ore., passed away April 24, 2020 at her home. Arrangements are under the direction of Haren-Wood Funeral Chapel, Ontario.

Elsie Manning

Elsie Charlene Manning, 80, of Weiser, Idaho, passed away April 24, 2020 in Weiser. Arrangements under the direction of Thomason Funeral Home.

Roger Mackey

Roger Mackey, 84, of Weiser, Idaho, passed away April 26, 2020 in Weiser. Arrangements under the direction of Thomason Funeral Home.

Washington County deeds

WARRANTY DEED

Dec. 2 - Patrick J. Sullivan and Cathleen L. Sullivan to Colton W. Chandler and Bailey M. Chandler. George D. Kautz and Emma J. Kautz to Mary Christine Short.

Dec. 3 - Stephen O. Scherer and Bonnie J. Scherer to Five Diamonds LLC. Royce Family Living Trust to Ray Nevarez and Maria Anne Nevarez.

Dec. 5 - Lary C. Walker and Marianne Walker to Clinton James Mikelson.

Dec. 6 - Rebecca E. McKnight ata Rebecca E. Smith, Tim D. McKnight to Phillip S. Ingram and Codilyn Campbell.

Dec. 10 - Dennis D.R. Charters and Cathy Jeanne Charters to Jim O. Hardenbrook and Pamela S. Hardenbrook. Ernest R. Tinker and Laurinda D. Steele to Barbara Allard Ward. George E. Broam and Carrol J. Broam to Scott Wyke and

Tamara Wyke.

Dec. 13 - James A. Darland and Rebecca S. Darland to Travis McFetridge and Kayla McFetridge. PMT LLC, Frank Pittz and Ruth Pittz to Debra L. Bauman Newberry and John M. Newberry.

Dec. 16 - Tom Wakefield and Doris G. Wakefield to Edward Ray Montierth and Susan Montierth. Vernon C. Sutton trustee, Lois G. Sutton trustee, Vernon and Lois Sutton living trust to Edward Ray Montierth and Susan Montierth. Bar MB Ranches Inc. to Edward Ray Montierth and Susan Montierth. David G. McKee to Brett P. Mosekian trustee, Melanie M. Mosekian trustee, Brett P. and Melanie M. Mosekian revocable trust.

Dec. 19 - Nathon J. Chaney by Briana K. Chaney power of attorney, Briana K. Chaney to Randal J. Stein trustee, Linda D. Stein trustee, Randal J. and Linda D. Stein revocable living trust.

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Washington County goes out to bid every year for hot mix for road projects. This year the county plans to pave sections of Cove Road (above), Mann Creek Road and Old Highway near Midvale that total about 2.6 miles. The county received one bid from Thueson Construction of Nampa. *Photo by Steve Lyon*

County accepts contractor’s bid of \$392,948 for paving work

Nampa contractor will supply paving equipment and employees for roadwork

by Steve Lyon

Washington County commissioners approved a bid for \$392,948 from a Nampa contractor to pave sections of three county roads totaling about 2.6 miles when the weather warms up.

The county road and bridge department received one bid from Thueson Construction after advertising the project in March. The bid covers the asphalt, labor and equipment to pave portions of Cove Road, Mann Creek Road and Old Highway near Midvale.

The bid includes paving 2,200 feet of Mann Creek Road, three sections of Cove Road that total 8,305 feet and another 3,620 feet of Old Highway Road near Midvale with a 3-inch layer of asphalt.

The contractor will truck in its own paving equipment and employees, while county road and bridge employees will handle the traffic control. The work could start this summer.

Road and bridge supervisor Jerod Odoms said the bid was more than the \$350,000 allocated in the road and bridge budget for asphalt. There are other line items in the department budget, such as funds for chip-sealing and gravel, that could be tapped to make up the difference.

Commissioners asked if the section of Mann Creek Road to be paved could be dropped to bring the bid lower to match the amount in the budget. It was decided to do all the paving in the original bid and not leave the road section gravel for another year.

“I think we ought to go ahead and do it,” Odoms said.

The paving includes 300 feet of Cove Road near Walkers Corner that was torn up to replace a culvert and fix drainage issues. Another 2,000 feet of Cove Road just east of Fraiser Road is ready for a lay-

er of asphalt. Road department crews put in base material and built the road up several feet above the elevation of adjacent fields so it wouldn’t flood out as much.

A stretch of Cove Road that is farther out and is more than a mile in length was milled out and needs to be paved. The portion to be paved is about 6,600 feet. The traffic counts on Cove Road require 3-inch asphalt.

Another area ready for paving is the triangle intersection at Valley Road and Old Highway Road outside of Midvale. About 2,200 feet of gravel on Mann Creek Road needs to be paved after the road was dug up and pipe was installed to fix drainage issues that were causing water to pool on the road.

Odoms updated commissioners on what road work is in progress or coming up. Road crews are currently finishing up blading the gravel on Upper Mann Creek Road near Adams Creek Road.

“There is a ton of traffic going in and out of there. We’ll see how long that can hold up,” Odoms said.

There are some other projects coming up in the next couple of weeks, including fixing some soft spots on Old Highway. There is some culvert pipe to be installed along roads. County road crews also will be using a crack sealer owned by the Weiser Valley Highway District on some country roads.

Maintaining the 487 miles of roads in the county is a full-time and year-round effort. There are 120 miles of asphalt roads and the rest are gravel. Crews try to blade all 331 miles of gravel road in the county every year starting in the spring and then come back and compact roads.

The county is responsible for maintaining all roads outside of the incorporated cities of Weiser, Midvale and Cambridge and the Weiser Valley Highway District.

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Have you ever heard that if you have a tooth ache you can relieve the pain by putting an aspirin in your mouth right next to the tooth that is hurting? Please do not try it! It is an old wives’ tale and it will only cause you more pain and suffering.

If an aspirin is placed next to a tooth it will actually burn the tissue. The full name of aspirin is Acetylsalicylic Acid. If an aspirin is left in the mouth long enough to cause a burn the tissue will become white in color and it will be tender to the touch.

Aspirin is only effective once it has entered the blood stream. It works by blocking certain pain chemicals in your

blood. There are some drugs that can be absorbed into the blood stream by way of mouth, but aspirin is not one of them.

An aspirin sitting next to a tooth to relieve a tooth ache is about as effective as taping an aspirin to your forehead to relieve a headache. Unfortunately, there isn’t a drug out there that will cure a tooth ache. If you have a tooth that is bothering you, please give us a call and we will help you get out of pain as quickly as possible.

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er. Hailey Frost Joslin, Ontario, Ore., and Kenneth Jereme Hites, Weiser.

OPINION

FROM THE MAYOR’S DESK

City must follow guidelines on reopening economy

As of Monday morning, the time of this writing, the hospital has screened 91 people for COVID-19. With 87 of those test results back, Washington County still has only 1 known case. (The second case reported over the weekend turned out to be an error.)

We have been extremely fortunate. That being said, it is too soon to let up on the social distancing measures. It is easy to spot kids walking down the street with their friends, or family members visiting each other in houses.

It was reported that this past weekend, Washington County had the most visitors since the eclipse in 2017. I understand the desire to get out. We want to see family and friends.

However, the CDC is saying we are still in the early stages in dealing with this virus. If you want to see family and friends, do so at a distance. Meet in the yard. Keep a distance.

I am personally thankful for the electronics we have that we can talk, see each other, be entertained, all while

keeping our distance.

Yesterday, I took a picture of our new-found way of having church. The laptop was on the coffee table with Cathy’s and my feet on either side, and a cup of cocoa somewhere in there.

We are all adapting and finding ways to make things work. Those businesses that are open, are adapting, just like businesses always do.

For those businesses that are not able to open, I understand the anguish, pain, and anxiety you are going through.

Your livelihood, identity, and future are tied up in your business that you have poured your heart and soul into.

The dividing line between those who are considered “essential” and those that aren’t are based on cold, hard, heartless models. But that does not mean that you are not essential. You are the difference between this being a place to live and this being a place to LIVE. You are essential.

In a perfect world we could inform the public on how the coronavirus spreads, provide guidelines on how to best control the spread of the disease, people

would heed the advice, do what is best for everyone, and we would all weather the storm looking out for each other.

However, as can be seen all around us, people do what they want to do rather than what is best.

Therefore, declarations and orders are given to try to get people to do what they should do. These end up being blanket statements without consideration for the nuances and understanding of different area’s or different individual’s needs, wants, or desires.

If people were to take on the personal responsibility necessary for the good of all there would be no need for rules.

That being said, the city must follow the governor’s guidelines for reopening the economy.

As a city, it is the only response we can give. We will use the governor’s guidance in enforcing this edict by using education and relying on Idaho’s cherished values of personal responsibility and self-reliance.

Personal responsibility is the key in fighting this pandemic. Each of us is responsible for controlling the spread or causing it to spread.

You have done an excellent job in containing the virus locally and everyone should be commended. This really is a remarkable community.



Mayor Randy Hibberd

COMMENTARY BY U.S. SEN. MIKE CRAPO

Relief is available for agricultural producers

Idaho farmers, ranchers and agricultural workers are among those continuing to work hard every day to put food on our tables – despite the personal health threat of the novel coronavirus and enormous strain on the agricultural sector.

The intent of this column is to help clarify some of the federal assistance available to help Idaho agricultural producers weather this storm.

Agriculture is facing tremendous disruption due to the shuttering or scaling back of restaurants, schools and other food service operations to limit the spread of COVID-19.

According to the Idaho

Dairymen’s Association, about half the milk used for cheese and butter typically goes to these sectors. With demand rapidly shrinking, Idaho dairy producers face prices far below production costs.

Live cattle prices are down about 25 percent since January, reports the American Farm Bureau Federation. The restaurant sector also accounts for at least half of the lamb industry’s

usual demand, according to the American Sheep Industry Association.

The farmed fish industry also relies heavily on restaurant and food service sectors for the majority of its sales, as reported by the University of Idaho Extension.

According to the Idaho Potato Commission, fresh potato demand at grocery and retail is way up, but food service sector demand for processed potatoes is significantly down, reflecting the slump in restaurant activity.

Other fruit and vegetable producers, including onion producers now without a market, are also among those impacted by restaurant closures, reported the “Capital Press.” In addition, many producers are struggling to secure a needed workforce.

There has been confusion as to what in Phase 3 of the emergency coronavirus response legislation, the bipartisan Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, is accessible to farmers and ranchers.

The agriculture relief package provided in the CARES Act will likely not completely

compensate for the loss and disruption experienced by producers.

Nevertheless, the intent is to help producers through this difficult time.

The CARES Act includes \$9.5 billion to provide direct assistance to impacted agriculture producers, targeted to dairy, livestock, specialty crop and other producers supplying local food systems and farmers’ markets, restaurants and schools.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture administers these funds. I joined Idaho’s Congressional delegation in sending a letter and supporting documentation to U.S. Department of Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue sharing the concerns of Idaho’s dairy, beef, onion, potato, hops, barley, aquaculture and sheep

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Idahoans who lose jobs may qualify for healthcare

Editor:

In the wake of the coronavirus pandemic, tens of thousands of Idahoans are losing their jobs and also their health insurance.

Fortunately, many are learning that they qualify for free, high-quality healthcare through the Medicaid expansion program.

Visit reclaimidaho.org today to see if you qualify and to learn how you can help your friends and neighbors get enrolled in the program.

If you don’t have internet

access, you can apply over the phone by calling 1-877-456-1233.

Linda Strain
Volunteer for Reclaim Idaho
Weiser

Support Lyndon Haines for county commissioner

Editor:

Reputation. When I was a kid, mother always told me to be careful with whom I associate, as my character and reputation would be classed with theirs. This has always stuck with me for some reason.

As I have read the letters to

the editor in support of Lyndon Haines, I can see that he has been careful in choosing his associates. They seem to be caring public servants, past and present, who have the best interest of the citizens of the county at heart.

Lyndon, as well as his supporters, seem to act in a transparent, educated and informed way toward public policy.

I see no indication of a personal agenda, other than a genuine desire to serve the greater good of the county.

My experience is that Lyndon has been totally honest and forthright in his positions and communicating the principles he will use in

ELECTION LETTERS

The *Signal American* will accept letters to the editor related to the May 19 primary election until 5 p.m. on Friday, May 1. No primary election letters will be published after the May 6 issue.

governing as a county commissioner.

I urge you to join me in supporting Lyndon Haines for District 1 county commissioner. He is the best person for the job.

Anna Stark
Weiser



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Governor vetoes bill that earmarked more sales tax revenue for bridges

Economic uncertainty surrounding coronavirus cited as reason for veto

by Steve Lyon

Concern about the fiscal impact on the state's finances from the coronavirus pandemic prompted Gov. Brad Little to veto a bill that would have helped rural counties repair and replace aging bridges.

In a letter to House leadership, Little said he vetoed the legislation because it results in a fiscal impact to the state's general fund at a time of uncertainty in the coming fiscal year and the ongoing COVID-19 crisis.

Little said the maintenance and growth of the state's transportation infrastructure remains a vital commitment of the state and he encouraged lawmakers to pursue a comprehensive package when the state is facing a more positive economic outlook.

The legislation would have doubled the amount of revenue from sales tax collections from 1 percent to 2 percent (after local revenue sharing) that is allocated to the state's transportation expansion and congestion mitigation fund.

In terms of dollars, the additional sales tax proceeds would have amounted to \$18 million. That would be in addition to the \$18 million in sales taxes that already goes to ITD for a total of about \$36 million.

Prior to passing House Bill 325, the senate amended the legislation to allocate 60 percent of the additional sales tax proceeds to roads and 40 percent would go into a new fund managed by the Idaho



Washington County has about 57 bridges to maintain. There are even more bridges on the state highway system in the county the state is responsible for. County officials have said property taxes cannot keep up with the bridge maintenance and replacement needs. The bridge above over the Galloway canal on Weiser River Road was replaced a couple of years ago. Photo by Steve Lyon

Department of Transportation dedicated to bridge maintenance and replacement.

Although the bill passed the senate 24-10 in favor of the amended HB 325, critics of the legislation were opposed to taking more money out of the state's general fund for roads. Revenue from gas taxes and registration fees is also allocated to roads and highways.

Even as state lawmakers have hiked gas taxes and registration and user fees in recent years to fund roads, there is not enough money to keep up.

ITD officials said as recently as 2018 that there is an estimated \$400 million annual shortfall for road and bridge maintenance and expansion in the state.

By 2021, more than half of the 1,835 bridges on the state highway system will be beyond their design life of 50-60 years. One of the primary challenges for ITD and local highway jurisdictions like Washington County is maintaining and replacing aging bridges. As bridges age they become more expensive to maintain, the agency said in its 2019 annual report.

Washington County officials have said numerous times over the years that the county cannot raise enough in property taxes to keep up with maintenance and replacement of bridges, many of which are aged. There are about 60 bridges in the county. Those over 20 feet are inspected and rated by the ITD.

Two well-used bridges in the county located on Cove Road and Unity Lane are both restricted on the loads they can handle. Both are a century old and slated to be replaced within the next five years,

contingent on federal and state funding.

Rep. Ryan Kerby, R-New Plymouth, whose District 9 takes in Washington County, said the vetoed bill would have given cities, counties and highway districts additional funding for bridge maintenance.

Kerby said Washington County has the most unstable bridges in the state with 30. He made the comments in response to a candidate question and answer installment published by the *Weiser Signal American* on April 22.

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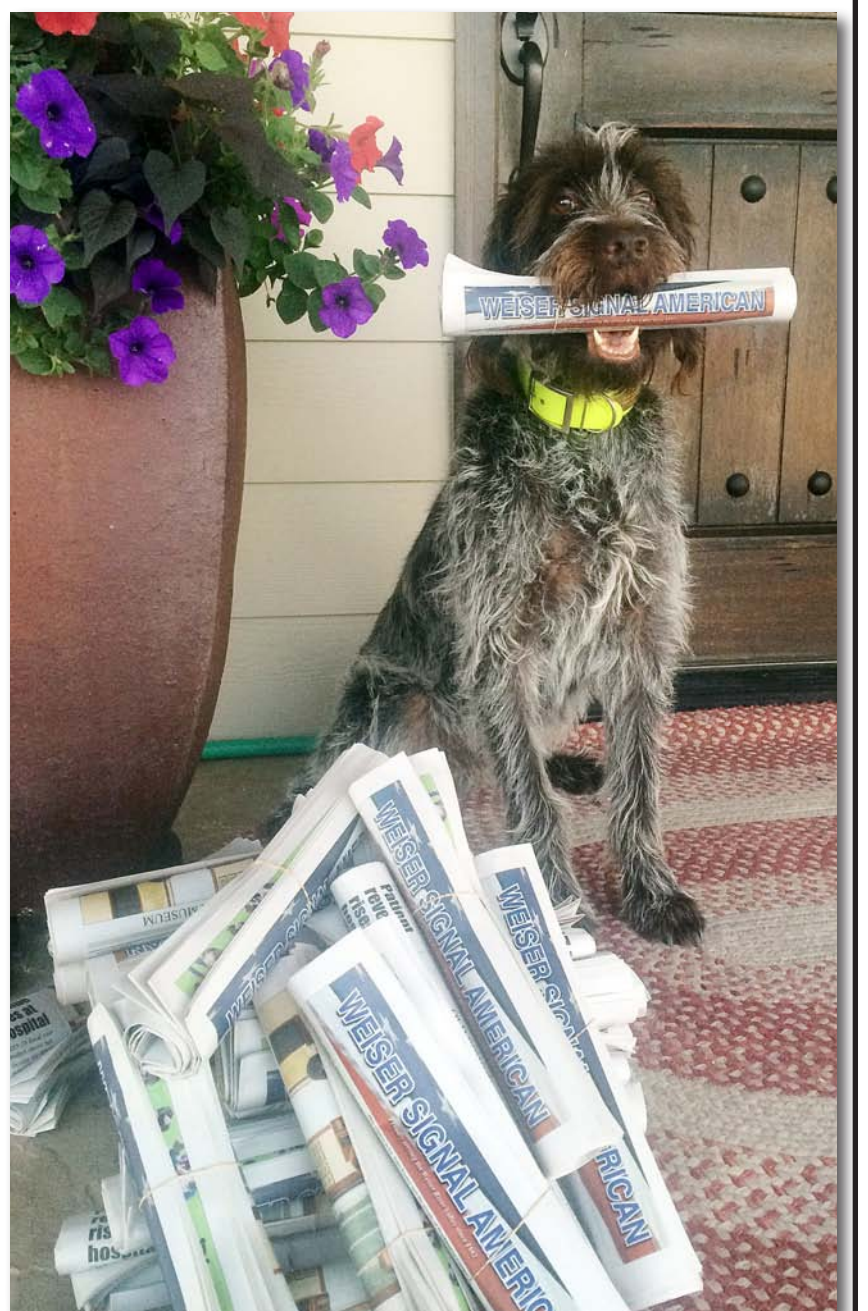
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Donate to local nonprofits through the Idaho Gives online fundraiser

Annual giving campaign is underway and will end on May 7

by Steve Lyon

The annual Idaho Gives online fundraiser is raising money and awareness for nonprofits across the state, including Weiser Memorial Hospital Foundation, ROSE Advocates, Angel Wings, Inc., Friends of the Weiser River Trail and other local organizations.

Due to the coronavirus pandemic, the needs of Idaho's nonprofits are greater than ever, organizers said, and the online donation period has been extended from one day to two weeks. The online giving event started on April 23 and concludes on May 7.

Through the Idaho Gives campaign, Weiser Memorial Hospital Foundation hopes to raise \$16,000 to cover the cost of an outdoor gym in Weiser for the community to use at no charge and stay healthy.

Community Health Education Coordinator Kasey Brock came up with the goal of buying the gym equipment in 2019. The hospital's community health needs assessment identified physical inactivity and obesity as two health issues that need to be addressed in the community.

"We see high numbers in these areas in Washington County and they are major contributing factors for some of our most prevalent chronic conditions and causes of death," Brock said on the Idaho Gives website.

The outdoor gym project will include six double-sided pieces of workout equip-



ment – a leg press, tower, cross country skier, chest press, lateral pull-down and a fit rider machine. The equipment will provide users with the opportunity to complete a whole body workout.

Since the exercise equipment project was announced, it has gained momentum and financial support. Staff members at Weiser Memorial Hospital voted to use their contributions to the employee fund to help with the cost.

The hospital staff started the Outdoor Gym Fund by setting a donation aside to pay for three pieces of equipment – a cross country skier, leg press and rower. In all, WMH employees have given

\$8,879 to the project.

Brock also partnered with the WMH Foundation to explore grant opportunities to complete the project funding. Currently, \$14,500 is needed to purchase the remaining three pieces of equipment and to cover installation materials and labor.

"It is our hope that through the Idaho Gives campaign and other grant opportunities we can fully fund this project by the end of 2020," Brock said.

Brock is working with the city of Weiser to determine a permanent location for the outdoor gym, which will be accessible to everyone in the community.

The Weiser cancer support organiza-

tion Angel Wings, Inc., has signed up with Idaho Gives for many years. The nonprofit's vision is to provide support and services for cancer patients in rural locations in southwest Idaho and southeast Oregon who may not otherwise have support or the opportunity to receive services.

Angel Wings offered donors various levels of giving to support the nonprofit's mission. A \$50 donation will fund two gas cards to ensure a patient gets to live-saving treatment. A donation of \$100 will provide four gas cards or a comfort goody bag plus blanket.

In past years, Angel Wings has hosted a popular in-person fundraiser and Idaho Gives wrap-up party at the Weiser Senior and Community Center. With the current coronavirus crisis and a ban on groups of 10 or more people, that is not possible for 2020.

Since its inception, Idaho Gives has raised nearly \$8 million for nonprofits in the Gem State since 2013. In 2019, Idaho Gives beat its goal of raising \$1.7 million for nonprofits with a record of \$1.9 million donated to 589 nonprofit organization. The fundraising effort in 2018 raised \$1.56 million and also exceeded the goal.

To participate, residents can select a nonprofit from those registered with Idaho Gives and donate until 11:59 p.m. on May 7. Information is available at idaho-gives.org.

First Mormon crickets of the year spotted near Jenkins Creek Reservoir

Landowners can obtain cricket bait if insect infestation gets bad

by Steve Lyon

Recent warmer temperatures in the 60s could be the reason Mormon crickets have started to show up north of Jenkins Creek Reservoir.

Landowners in the area reported the crickets to Washington County commissioners, who notified the Idaho Department of Agriculture and cricket specialist Dan Safford. He visited the county last week to assess the situation.

Hay farmers John and Christy Hoff live on Jenkins Creek Road and said the crickets were about 1.5 miles north of their property. John described the insect infestation as thick north of the reservoir and in the vicinity of the Sheep Creek grade.

The Hoffs said they also fought the crickets two years ago, when the insects almost made it to their alfalfa fields. He used the cricket bait Carbaryl and plans to put some out again this spring north of their property. The Hoffs grow organic alfalfa and cannot use



chemicals on their fields.

"They would have marched clear to town if I had not stopped them," he said.

Sightings of Mormon crickets have become fairly common every April in the county. In 2019, a homeowner reported the crickets were out around upper Monroe Creek Road and above Mann Creek Reservoir in

early April. The crickets that appeared were small and the numbers were not that large.

John Hoff said he caught the crickets early last year and hired an applicator to spray the insecticide Dimilin. The chemical was effective and crickets were not a problem after that. The Hoffs said others in the area also need to join in the fight against

crickets.

The state ag department will provide Carbaryl to landowners to control crickets. The bait can be effective if the crickets stop and eat it. If they are on the move, they can march right over a strip of bait. The extent of damage to fields is related to how quickly farmers get bait out to kill the insects. The crickets, which

are actually a species of flightless katydid, are voracious eaters.

The severity of Mormon cricket infestations can be cyclical. The crickets are ground-dwelling insects native to the western U.S. They eat native, herbaceous perennials (forbs), grasses, shrubs, and cultivated forage crops, reducing feed for grazing wildlife and livestock.

Crickets damage forage plants, small grains, alfalfa, and most other crops. Crickets have a migratory habit, staying at one site usually three or four days. They crawl and hop, moving during daylight hours when skies are clear and temperatures range between 65 degrees to 95 degrees.

In 2019, all regions of Idaho, except northern Idaho, received complaints about Mormon crickets. Statewide, there were 80 landowner complaints and 41,960 pounds of Carbaryl bait were distributed to landowners in eight counties, a decrease from the 127,840 pounds that were distributed in 2018, according to sta-

tistics compiled by the ISDA.

Scouting for crickets started in early April of 2019 and the first complaint received by the ISDA was received on April 17 in Weiser. In Washington County, cricket outbreaks were concentrated north of Weiser, Midvale and Cambridge. The state ag department distributed 11,800 pounds of Carbaryl bait.

Farmers and ranchers with infestations on private property of more than five acres can fill out a complaint form and receive Carbaryl bait at no charge from the state ag department. The landowner must agree to take responsibility for proper application and storage of the bait.

A landowner who needs assistance in filling out an Idaho Department of Agriculture grasshopper and Mormon cricket complaint form, or wants to talk to someone at the state agency about a complaint, call Dan Safford at 208-332-8592 during regular business hours.

Business Spotlight...

Pioneer Express

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Pioneer Express is located on the corner of West Seventh and Pioneer Road and is a favorite place for residents and visitors to get the best fried chicken and Jo-Jo's in the area.

Dave Coleman, the owner of the business, purchased Pioneer Express from his brother in 1994. Coleman has 41 years experience in the grocery business.

The convenience store offers a wide array of products for those heading out to recreate west of Weiser at the Sand Dunes and Steck Park or for those needing a quick snack.

They feature deli foods, the best chicken in the world, breakfast foods from the Cook Shack on 7th, breakfast burritos and cinnamon rolls. And for the junk food addicts there is a wide array of chips, soda, candy, etc.

They are also known for the coldest beer in town and ice is free with the purchase of any 12 pack.

Pioneer Express has six employees. Kat Ledford has been helping Dave for 30 years, his wife Lara, Gary Coleman has been at the store off and on for the last 20 years and newer staff members are Ana Kanady, Shianne Davis and Kristy Santos.

Dave commented that his favorite thing about the community is he loves the small town, it's a great place to raise kids and he likes that Weiser is small enough know his patrons by name.

Dave has been the *Weiser Signal American's* contributor of two bikes for the spring Easter coloring contest. Due to the COVID-19 shutdown the paper extended the deadline for entries to April 24. The top two winners will be featured in the May 6 paper.

They are open Monday through Saturday from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Dave's favorite quote is, "Don't sweat the small stuff and everything is small."



Want great chicken and Jo-Jo's visit Pioneer Express at the corner of West Seventh and Pioneer Road and let the friendly staff help you with all your needs. Pictured from left are Gary Coleman, Dave Coleman, Lara Coleman, Ana Kanady, Kat Ledford, Shianne Davis. Not pictured is Kristy Santos.



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Dr. Gudmestad graduated from the University of North Dakota and then went on to Creighton University School of Dentistry in Nebraska, where he graduated with honors. Dr. Gudmestad offers a wide variety of services including tooth colored restorations, root canals, tooth replacement, implants and cosmetic dentistry.

Tom is a member of the Idaho Dental Association, Southwest Idaho Dental Association, and the American Dental Association. He is also a member of the Weiser Chamber of Commerce and is also

a proud supporter of Weiser, Midvale, and Cambridge schools and their students.

Dr. Gudmestad loves to hunt and fish in his spare time and is an avid outdoorsman. Tom has been known to take several of his patients to his favorite fishing and hunting spots over the years. The hometown feel of conversing with his patients means a lot to him.

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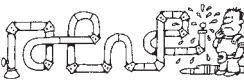
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Spring brings allergy symptoms and worry about coronavirus

by Michelle Merrick,
RN, BSN
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Spring has finally come! With the warmer weather we are greeted with bright colors of blooming flowers and full trees, green grass, and pollen in the air.

This is a welcome time for most after the cold Idaho winter. It does, however, bring with it suffering for many. Red noses, runny eyes, sniffing, coughing, and a scratchy throat that in any other year we wouldn't think much of.

This year the coronavirus pandemic (COVID-19) has brought with it a new sense of awareness and in some cases panic over symptoms that would have otherwise gone unnoticed in previous years.

How do we know the difference between normal allergy symptoms and when to call the doctor? According to the CDC, the coronavirus has three common symptoms of a fever, a dry cough, and feeling very tired.

Some people have symptoms of nasal congestion, runny nose, sore throat, diarrhea and body aches. It can affect everyone a little bit differently.

On average, it takes someone who has been affected with coronavirus five to six days to start showing symptoms, but it can take up to 14 days to show symptoms if they will show any at all.

With allergies, there will rarely ever be a fever. The affected person will have a runny nose, a dry, tickly cough, itchy, watery eyes, sneezing, and nasal congestion. These symp-

toms happen quickly after the affected person has been exposed to the allergen (flowers, grass, pollen, mold, etc.) Allergies are an overreaction of the inflammatory system within the body.

Allergy symptoms can be treated with over-the-counter allergy medications (always seek medical advice before starting any new medication). Tracking new symptoms with the pollen count can help to know when to start allergy medications to avoid allergy flare-ups.

Washing your hands and face often will avoid pollen in the eyes and nose. Remove shoes when entering the home to keep pollen out of the carpet and off furniture. Vacuum carpets and remove dust from the home to remove allergens from the house. Use a quality air-conditioning filter to remove as much of the allergens circulating throughout your house and improve overall air quality.

Regardless of the cause, if someone is having symptoms of an uncontrolled cough, difficulty breathing, fever, a headache that will not go away, and tiredness not resolved with rest, please call your doctor to have the symptoms assessed by a medical professional.

Please continue to practice good social distancing for as long as it is recommended. Good handwashing has always been a best practice and will continue to be needed. Avoid touching your eyes and face.

Use a mask as needed, especially in public if you are immunocompromised or at a greater risk for becoming sick. Keep taking care of each other and we will all be OK.

TRACK YOUR SYMPTOMS		
 COVID-19	 FLU	 ALLERGIES
fever	sudden fever	sneezing
dry cough	cough	cough
difficulty breathing	muscle & joint pain	red, watery, or itchy eyes
fatigue	sore throat	runny or stuffy nose
Less common: aches, runny or stuffy nose, sore throat, or diarrhea	runny or stuffy nose	
Note: some people with coronavirus might not develop symptoms		Sources: UNM Health, WHO, CDC

The coronavirus has brought with it a new sense of awareness about common allergy sniffles. The chart above explains the symptoms of COVID-19, flu and allergies and what to look out for. Seasonal allergies, for example, rarely cause a fever.

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Weiser resident Anya Boles works on a chalk drawing on the sidewalk. Kids can get outdoors and express their creative side during a chalk art contest coming up on May 8-9. Budding artists need to register for the contest at Artful Bon’s in downtown Weiser to participate. Photo by Nicole Miller

Chalk art contest promises fun for kids, and prizes too

Entrants must pre-register to receive a space
by Nicole Miller

Looking for something fun for the kids to do while still practicing social distancing? With many events and activities canceled or closed, this can be a challenge.

One event that is offering a solution to this dilemma is the kids downtown chalk art contest sponsored by Artful Bon’s art studio coming up May 8-9.

The contest is open to kids grade K-12, with separate categories determined by grade level. Squares of sidewalk downtown will be assigned based on age and topic.

Artful Bon’s owner Bonnie Akbar said that her goal for the contest is to fill the downtown with beautiful images and encouraging words. The idea was based on a national movement called “Chalk your Walk,” which was created to get people outside and writing messages of encouragement and hope on the sidewalk to brighten the moods and provide hope around neighborhoods.

Being the owner of an art studio, Akbar loved the idea of art-based encouragement that could both beautify and lift the energy of downtown during these difficult times.

“I really believe art is good therapy. Both creating art, and looking at art is good for the attitude. This can be a reminder that we are still a community working together and not isolated souls,”

Akbar said.

The way the contest will work is that each entrant will have a numbered square on the sidewalk to draw in along State Street between Main and Idaho streets. The criteria for each entry is to create a chalk design that represents the idea of spreading joy. Violent, negative, sarcastic or profane entries will not be allowed. There will be prizes for each category and honorable mention depending on the number of entries.

The contest is free to enter if you provide your own chalk or \$1 a bag if you need to buy chalk. Participants will have as much time as they like on Friday, May 8, and until 5 p.m. on Saturday, May 9, to draw and can work on them whenever it is convenient for them.

The final drawings will be judged by several of the local downtown businesses on Saturday evening. Artwork needs to be done by 5 p.m. so the judging can take place. Prizes will consist of different art kits, gift certificates, and items from Artful Bon’s and an awards ceremony will be at 7 p.m. Saturday night for anyone who wants to come.

Participants must pre-register to be assigned their square. To enter, register with Artful Bon’s by picking up and turning in a registration flyer in the box outside Artful Bon’s studio at 19 E. Main St. in Weiser.

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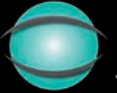






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Weiser, Washington County, nation stricken in 1918 Spanish flu pandemic

danger of an epidemic shall seem to have passed.”

In the panic that accompanied the appearance of the contagion in the community, many parents had already taken their children out of school by then. The East Side School reported 118 absences on Oct. 17.

To reduce the chances of children catching the respiratory virus, it was recommended to clean the throat regularly with an antiseptic such as listerine or a diluted peroxide solution and spray the nostrils. In the absence of other remedies a solution of salt and water is beneficial, as is plenty of fresh air.

Ken Walston, a local historian who has researched Weiser extensively for a series of history books, related a story he was told about influenza in Weiser.

There was a period of time during the pandemic when the children were taken to a park-like area about 600 yards northwest of the intersection of Weiser River Road and Lower Mann Creek Road where they camped out. They wanted to get the children away from the contagion and into fresh air.

Walston said Rita Blevins related this bit of Weiser history. She believed she was immune to the disease, and never in her long life did she get a flu shot nor did she ever contract the flu.

The number of influenza cases in Idaho was reported as 2,227 in the Oct. 24, 1918, *Weiser Weekly Signal*, which was only a month or so after the virus first showed up. There was an urgent need for a nurse in the Rockland District of Power County, the news-

paper reported, with 50 cases in the small community and 200 in the county.

With no vaccine to protect against influenza infection and no antibiotics to treat secondary bacterial infections that can be associated with influenza infections, control efforts worldwide in 1918 consisted of isolation, quarantine, good personal hygiene, use of disinfectants, and limitations of public gatherings and other non-drug measures which were applied unevenly.

The *Weiser Weekly Signal* informed the public that “common decency” always demands that when coughing or sneezing to hold a handkerchief in front of the mouth and nose. When talking, keep at a reasonable distance and do not splutter into the listener’s face.

Lastly, “spitting in public places should be absolutely forbidden and the laws on that point should be rigidly enforced.”

The months of October and November of 1918 were especially bad in Weiser and across the country. An estimated 195,000 Americans perished from the flu and its terrible complication of pneumonia in October 1918.

On the inside pages of Weiser’s newspapers, the deaths of local folks were chronicled, with each story seemingly more tragic than the last.

On Nov. 7, a young serviceman with the last name of DeBord got off the train in Weiser after a trip from Fort Lewis and was hurrying to get home to “Brownlee country.” He had received word

that three sisters had come down with influenza. Two died before he could get home.

Another story of unexpected loss was told in the headline, “Seven year old daughter follows mother to the great beyond.”

“These are sad days in many Weiser homes because of the ravages of the dread influenza, but no sadder events have been recorded in these columns than the death of Mrs. John F. Kyle, 44, who passed away on Monday, Nov. 11, 1918, and the later death of the seven year old daughter, who passed away on Wednesday, Nov. 13.

“Mr. Kyle is also very sick and neighbors are doing their utmost to care for him and the remaining members of the family.”

It was announced that Weiser schools would reopen on Dec. 1, 1918, as the flu epidemic appeared to peak. During the previous three days only two local flu cases were reported.

Making up the lost school time would require “strenuous months ahead for both teachers and pupils with longer hours, longer lessons and some home study.”

In early 1919, a second wave of the Spanish flu arrived, bringing more sickness to the area. The Feb. 17, 1919, *Weiser Weekly Signal* reported sad news out of Midvale.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Widenkeller both died only a few days apart. Mildred Widenkeller would have been 23 on Feb. 26 and died on Feb. 6. Henry Widenkeller was about the same age as his wife and died Feb. 8.

They left behind a baby

girl of five months and several relatives and a host of friends to mourn their loss.

“Each of these two had the dreaded influenza, which developed into pneumonia. Both had good care from the start, but it seemed impossible to get anything to relieve them,” the newspaper reported.

There is no number to be easily found on total flu cases and deaths in Washington County or the state of Idaho at the end of the Spanish Influenza.

In the absence of any effective treatment or vaccine, the deadly flu “simply ran its course, unchecked by actions taken by state, local or federal officials,” according to a story on the 1918 epidemic on the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare website.

Flu cases lessened during the late fall of 1918, but it was not until the summer of 1919 that the disease began to disappear from the state.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention noted that mortality was high in people younger than 5 years old, 20-40 years old, and 65 years and older.

The striking number of deaths in healthy people, including those in the 20-40 year age group, was a medically unexplained feature of the pandemic.

The 1918 influenza outbreak was the most severe pandemic in recent history, exceeding coronavirus. It is estimated that about 500 million people became infected with this virus. The number of deaths was estimated to be at least 50 million worldwide with about 675,000 occurring in the United States.

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The photo above shows a parade in Weiser in September of 1918. At the time, there was a push for people to donate to the Red Cross.

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Weiser reopens parks, fishing pond

The bathrooms at the parks are also open and are being disinfected three times a day.

Hibberd said the police department will be patrolling to ensure compliance. Anyone who uses the picnic tables is encouraged to bring their own table cloth for safety.

Hibberd said city hall remains closed to the public, a situation that is continually reviewed but unlikely to change immediately.

All city services are operating and employees are available over the phone or

email.

“I’ve been really pleased at how things have gone,” he said.

The city council approved an emergency resolution related to the coronavirus pandemic on March 25 and that week closed city hall, parks and the public library in a precautionary move to protect employees and the public from any possible exposure to the coronavirus.

Idaho Gov. Brad Little issued a stay-home order for all Idahoans and non-essential businesses on

March 25 to help stop the spread of coronavirus. The order was based on the guidance of public health officials.

The governor’s stay-home order was extended through April 30 with some exceptions for operations of formerly non-essential businesses.

With the city hall closed to the public, residents are urged to pay their monthly utility bills by using the dropbox located across from city hall, paying online, or through the mail.

from page 4

Relief for Idaho's agriculture sector

industries.

We also urged the USDA’s immediate release of the funds to offer relief to Idaho’s cattlemen. Similar efforts requested action to help the dairy industry survive this crisis.

The CARES Act also includes \$14 billion to replenish the Commodity Credit Corporation. This fund supports farm, con-

servation, marketing and other program assistance.

I continue to advocate for Idaho agriculture throughout the allocation of the direct and program funds. The USDA indicates it would like to make purchases of milk and meat products. This will assist with hunger relief and help ease the pressure on the agricultural industry.

I will continue to work to support Idaho producers’ steady work on all of our behalves. As we pray for the defeat of COVID-19 and the health and safety of loved ones, those fighting it and humankind as a whole, a special prayer goes to the agriculture producers not letting up in feeding the world no matter the obstacles.

from page 1

County courthouse to reopen in stages

closed to the public since March 25 as a precaution to prevent the spread of coronavirus. During that same week, commissioners approved a declaration of emergency to recoup any extraordinary expenses incurred due to the coronavirus pandemic.

Between now and next Tuesday, commissioners asked department heads and elected officials to put their safety precautions in place and begin to prepare for a phased-in reopening. Many departments in the courthouse plan to install sneeze guards at counters and issue facemasks to all employees. Guidelines on social distancing also will be followed.

Emergency management director Tony Buthman said starting with appointments for a while would allow county departments to figure out what precautions work best to keep employees safe and avoid any exposure to the coronavirus.

Going with appointments only also would

limit the number of people that are in the courthouse at any one time. There was no clear idea of what sort of influx of people to expect in the courthouse when it is fully open to the public.

Buthman said there needs to be extra diligence on sanitation in the courthouse, including door knobs and handrails. Specific bathrooms will be designated for public use. Departments are working on getting supplies like hand sanitizer and employees that handle cash or papers would get latex gloves.

It was suggested that county departments collaborate on ordering supplies and do group orders. It was mentioned that much of what is needed as far as cleaning and disinfecting items is on backorder and suppliers are out of stock.

The sheriff’s office opened last week to the public with no spike in the number of visitors and no major changes in procedures. It was business as

usual for the department, Sheriff Matt Thomas said, with employees handling routine duties that involve public interaction like VIN and brand inspections and admitting attorneys to visit clients in jail.

As far as safety precautions Thomas said all new arrests are screened for coronavirus symptoms before they are allowed in the jail.

As the county moves into stages three and four in the reopening process, there may be additional guidelines put in place that limit the number of people that can be in the building at one time and in county offices. There also may be some markings put on the floor to keep six feet of social distancing and direct visitors on which way to go.

At their weekly Monday meeting, commissioners will take up the building closures again and make sure plans are in place to allow the public to make appointments with departments in the courthouse.

Your Faith

Cry out to Him ‘I want to live’

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When life is threatened by illness or tragedy there is something deeply innate that screams from our very core, “I want to live!”

From the beginning of time, life has been precious. Often in desperation, we search for cures, remedies or physicians to mend what ails us to restore life and wholeness to our beings.

When given the choice, our nature is to fight to preserve life, whether it’s our’s or another’s.

We clutch so desperately to life that continues only as long as we can take in breath. Isn’t any cure or remedy only an extension and delay of the inevitability of death? There must be more to life than just keeping our bodies functioning or it wouldn’t bring such joy to witness a new life or pain in the absence of a cherished life that’s been taken – something that goes beyond the grave.

A journal entry from 1999 reads, “We cannot be healed until we admit we are diseased. We cannot be resurrected into True Life until we admit we are dead. ‘Soul Cancer’: the most widely spread cancer around that goes largely undetected and undiagnosed.”

We go to great lengths to assure our

good health. Our souls need the same attention and care. Unattended it can become riddled with dis-ease, fear and despair, as the enemy wreaks unrelenting havoc upon it.

How do we battle cancer of the soul? Follow our nature. Seek and, by promise, find our Great Physician, who came that we might have life and have it abundantly. Cry out to Him from our very core, “I want to live!”

He, who is the way, the truth and the life; He, who conquered death and lives forever beyond the grave, will embrace, restore life and wholeness, and lead us in the everlasting way into the eternal presence of the Father, where death will be no more, never again to suffer pain, tears or mourning.

Life – it truly is worth living! – Jody R. Goode, redemerweiser@gmail.com.

John 10:10 (NASB) - The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

Revelation 21:4 (NASB) - “He will wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there will no longer be any death; there will no longer be any mourning, or crying, or pain; the first things have passed away.”

Just something to think about

It is nearly May and I have already voted. Seems strange that although COVID 19 has caused some changes, I have not had too many problems.

The thing I miss most is not being able to be with my church family face to face. We have a phone web on Sunday morning, so we can hear the preaching, and even talk to each other before and after the service, but it just is not the same. I understand

that church gatherings will be one of the first steps of re-opening our stay-at-home order. Yay!

I am more inclined to stay at home in the spring due to seasonal allergies. I don’t recall having allergies when I was younger. More of the senior stuff, I guess.

Take care of yourselves and others! Just something to think about.

C. Shaw

Why does God allow coronavirus?

Riverside Baptist

The question you had in the back of your mind but were too afraid to ask. Why has God allowed this plague? We are isolated. People are dying. The economy is suffering. Why do we suffer and endure pain?

We often think that God loves us if we are blessed and God hates us when we suffer. Think back to when you were a child. If your parents gave you a cookie, they loved you. If they said no to a second cookie, they hated you. Then you matured. You understood your parents were doing what was best for you, even though it involved pain.

So why do we endure

pain? Romans 8:20-23 tells us that pain has a purpose. God placed the creation in bondage and in hope. The curse causes us to look to God for salvation, not ourselves. The creation groans with “birth pain” waiting for deliverance. Birth is painful but has a good and glorious purpose. The birth of a child. Pain in this life is bitter but we look forward to something better.

Jesus came to display God’s great and glorious love. His death on the cross delivered His people from sin and eternal death. We can experience God’s love through faith in Jesus Christ. Our bodies are decaying but inwardly we are renewed spiritually.

Christ follower’s look forward to His return. Though we suffer now, one day Jesus will return and redeem our bodies. There will be a new heaven and a new earth with no coronavirus, earthquakes, tornados, or war. Pain helps us long for that day.

I owe some of my thinking for this article to the book “Coronavirus and Christ” by John Piper. You can download it for free at desiringgod.com.

If you have any questions about this article, the Bible, or our church please feel free to email us at rb-cweiser@gmail.com. Our church website is riversidechurchweiser.com.

Pastor Ian Ross

Make every breath count – sing!

St. Luke’s Episcopal

by Carolyn Wesner

Our lungs are a set of the largest organs in our bodies: in/out, in/out, over and over, about 12-15 times a minute while sitting or resting (more while running marathons...). Shallow breathing can be a sign of stress while deep, slow breathing can relax the whole system.

One way to exercise the lungs is singing. While listening to music is great, participating in music by singing is even better. The first mention of singing in the Bible is in the second book, Exodus, after the Hebrews escaped from enslavement in Egypt (the “Let My People Go” event). They sang songs of happiness and praise to God – the Bible even tells us to sing with a loud voice; great exercise! There were songs of praise, songs of thanksgiving, songs of sadness, songs of worship and songs of mourning – all kinds of subjects to sing about.

The natural world sings too, in its own

way, who knew? “Then shall the trees of the earth sing out, at the presence of the Lord” it says in 1 Chronicles 16:33. Or this: “Let the wilderness and the cities lift up their voices” Isaiah 42:11. How about boats? “The ships of Tarshish sang of you in the markets,” Ezekiel 27:25. And last but not least, at the beginning of earth’s history: “The morning stars sang together for joy.”

Singing takes a lot of air, so practice deep breathing often to help keep your lungs and respiratory system in good shape. Take a big breath, hold it for a second or two, and slowly let it out; repeat three times. Other good things for healthy lungs are: watching your posture, staying hydrated, laughing and staying active. Sing for joy! and take care.

We at St. Luke’s Episcopal Church in Weiser are thinking of you and praying for the safety of our communities. God bless, and listen for the bell on Sundays at 11 a.m.



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Thurs. Morning Study-10 a.m.
Lyndon Haines, Pastor

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Sunday Evening - 6 p.m.
Wed. Prayer - 6:30 p.m.

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240 E. Main - 208-549-9030
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It wasn't long after Domino's grand opening in Weiser in March that the coronavirus pandemic changed how restaurants do business. Domino's has been working hard to ensure the safety of employees and customers and has moved to contactless delivery. Above, Manager Jeff Brown and employees Samantha McChesney and SueAnne Webster are ready to deliver a tasty meal, or stop by the business on State Street for fast and friendly takeout service. Photo by Nicole Miller

Domino's owner wants to make a difference in Weiser

Coronavirus pandemic has brought numerous new challenges for all businesses

by Nicole Miller

Weiser Domino's owner Chad Bittner has been in the pizza business for over 20 years. He began by working with his aunt who was a franchise owner with Dominoes and worked for her until she sold her franchise and he purchased his store in Kuna about nine years ago.

Since then Bittner has expanded, opening additional locations around the valley, including Fruitland and most recently the Weiser location which opened the first weekend of March.

Choosing the right locations for Bittner depends a lot on the community feel of a town. A big focus for Bittner in his business is community involvement. Small towns provide opportunities for business-

es to get involved and have a big impact.

"We do our best to help with fundraisers and support the schools in our areas," Bittner said.

Between employing local people in a friendly work environment, providing a great product at a reasonable price to local families, and the fundraisers that benefit the schools and recreation sports teams, Bittner looks forward to Domino's making a difference in many ways to the Weiser community.

Domino's offers a surprising variety of products. Their pizza is available in five different crust styles with nine different sauces. From there, customers can continue to customize their order with eight different meats, seven different cheeses,

and 10 vegetable and fruit toppings, making the combinations endless.

In addition to pizza, Domino's offers buffalo wings in both boneless and traditional style with three different sauce choices, pasta, salad, sandwiches, and a variety of breadsticks. Customers can even satisfy their sweet tooth with chocolate lava cake, marbled cookie brownies, and cinnamon bread twists.

Although Bittner never could have predicted that in the same month of his Weiser grand opening the state would initiate a stay at home order, he shared that Domino's has been working hard to ensure the safety of the employees and customers during these difficult times.

Domino's was already known for quick

delivery, and with social distancing the company has also moved to fully contactless delivery.

Inside the store, the lobby has been barricaded off to keep the six feet social distancing guidelines. Employees wear gloves to handle all money, and all team members wear masks.

"We appreciate being able to stay open during this difficult time and keep our team members working and being able to serve our customers," Bittner said.

Bittner shared that so far Weiser has been a great place to conduct business even during these difficult times, and after having the first couple months of officially being open, business has been good.

Mayor appoints two new members to planning and zoning commission

by Steve Lyon

Two new members were appointed to the Weiser Planning and Zoning Commission recently to fill a couple of vacancies.

Mayor Randy Hibberd offered the names of Ken Lukehart and Heather Dryden to serve on the seven-member commission. Both appointments are four-year terms and received the approval of the city council.

Hibberd said he got to know Lukehart a couple of years ago while working with him on a church relief trip to do hurricane reconstruction in Puerto Rico. Lukehart was invaluable and the team was able to get two to three times more work done with the skills he added, the mayor said.

"Because of that knowledge and mindset, I think he would

be valuable on the planning and zoning," Hibberd said.

Lukehart has owned and operated a business in Weiser for many years, starting with Ken's Appliance, which he opened in the 1980s. In 2010, he joined his son-in-law Noel and they opened K&N Repair on East Commercial Street.

The city council also approved adding Heather Dryden

to the planning board at the recommendation of council member Larry Hogg.

Hogg said Dryden is detail oriented and diligent – two qualities that are perfect for the position. She wants to know what the rules are and follows them.

"I think she'll do a great job," Hogg said.

Dryden works for a local credit union and has worked in

the banking industry in Weiser for more than 20 years.

Hibberd said he met with Dryden and she was willing to sit on the commission.

Earlier this year, the city council filled another vacancy on the planning and zoning commission with the appointment of Jay Edwards, who is the former general manager at AmeriTitle in Weiser.

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SDE extends nomination deadline for Idaho Teacher of the Year

Idahoans now have until Monday, May 11, to nominate an outstanding educator for the state’s top teaching honor, Teacher of the Year.

“It’s hard to overstate the disruption to Idaho schools and families caused by the coronavirus pandemic since we announced the 2021 nomination process six weeks ago,” Superintendent of Public Instruction Sherri Ybarra said. “And once again we’re seeing teachers across our state going above and beyond the call of duty during this crisis. So we’re bumping back the deadline by two weeks and reminding folks of this opportunity to recognize the passionate, talented teachers who have made indelible impacts on their lives and communities.

This is the first year the general public has been allowed to nominate teachers for the honor. Go to www.sde.idaho.gov/toy and fill out the online nomination form.

PUBLIC NOTICE

LEGAL NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Washington County Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing on the 19th day of May, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at the Commissioners meeting room, in the basement of the Washington County Courthouse, 256 East Court, Weiser, Idaho. Enter through the west door of the building.

The purpose of this hearing will be to receive comment on the following matter.

MTE Communications Tower - Special Use Request

The applicant is requesting a special use permit to allow for the construction of a communication tower north of Weiser off of Upper Road. RP11N05W190010

All interested persons are invited to attend the hearing and comment or submit written comment prior to or at the hearing. Should the state stay-at-home order still be in force the hearing will be held via zoom. The connection to the meeting is not restricted. Citizens interested in listening to the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting may do so by accessing it through the URL (<https://zoom.us/j/94584398221>) and connect with a computer, iphone or android phone (you will need to download an app).

Join Zoom Meeting
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Due to uncertainty of the numbers giving testimony, all testimony will be limited to five minutes. Any person needing special accommodations to participate in noticed meetings should contact Washington County Planning and Zoning seven (7) days prior to the meeting at 208-414-3631. 18-15

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PUBLIC NOTICE

WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMISSIONER MINUTES PUBLICATION

March 2, 2020
Sheriff’s Office San and Dell EMC ME4024 Server Purchase - Approved.
Letter of Permission For Burial - Approved.
Retail Alcoholic Beverage Licenses - Approved.
February 24, 2020 Minutes - Approved.
Assessor Employee Vacation Carry Over - Approved.
Ambulance Payroll \$19,697.11 - Approved.
Ambulance Claims \$6,438.39 - Approved.
Extension Office Employee Vacation Carry Over - Approved.
Discussed: Soil and Water Conservation Meeting, Juvenile Probation Matters, Planning and Zoning Matters, County Matters, Rose Advocate Program, Road & Bridge and Solid Waste Matters, Ambulance District Matters, Midvale Airport Funding, Chuck Green Property Easement, Extension Office Open House.

March 9, 2020
March 2, 2020 Minutes - Approved.
Claims \$199,121.74 - Approved.
Juror Claims \$1,237.80 - Approved.
Huff Construction Change Order - Approved.
Resolution No. 20-04 Building Permits, Inspection and Plan Review Fees - Approved.
Social Services Clerk’s Reasons for Approval or Denial - Approved.
Cove Road Culvert Application - Approved.
Track Utilities Right-of-Way Application and Permit - Approved.
Ambulance Claims \$865.42 - Approved.
Ambulance District Education Assistance Agreement - Approved.
Ambulance District & Community First National Bank Lease Agreement - Approved.
Discussed: Southwest District Health Proposed Legislation, Coronavirus, Weed and Rodent Control Matters, Planning and Zoning Matters, Emergency Management Matters, Prosecuting Attorney Matters, Building and Grounds Employee Evaluation, Road & Bridge and Solid Waste Matters.

March 16, 2020
March 9, 2020 Minutes - Approved.
ManageEngine Subscription - Approved.
Chandler Special Use Permit - Approved.
March 2020 Presidential Primary Election Canvass of Votes - Approved.
Romans Precision Irrigation Culvert Application - Approved.
Power County Chip Seal Piggy Back Bid - Approved.
Ambulance Claims \$6,318.66 - Approved.
Ambulance Payroll \$22,752.81 - Approved.
Coronavirus Emergency Declaration - Approved.
Discussed: Americans With Disabilities Act Assessment, Idaho Gold Star Families Memorial Monument Committee, Planning and Zoning Matters, Prosecuting Attorney Matters, Chuck Green Property Easement, Ambulance District Matters, County Matters.

March 18, 2020
Emergency Meeting

Closure of County Buildings Due to COVID-19 Pandemic - Approved.

March 23, 2020
Duplicate Warrant Gus Bezates \$1,785.60 - Approved.
Robert Huff Letter of Recommendation - Approved.
March 16, 2020 Minutes - Approved.
Claims \$240,276.24 - Approved.
Resolution No. 20-05 Coronavirus Pandemic Emergency Declaration - Approved.
San and Backup Servers - Approved.
Social Services Clerk’s Reasons for Approval or Denial - Approved.
Inspection Report Form/Application for Driveway - Approved.
Ambulance Claims \$767.88 - Approved.
Infectious Disease Emergency Leave Policy - Approved.
Discussed: Department of Agriculture Funding Request, Infectious Disease Emergency Leave Policy, Ambulance District Matters, Preparation for Remote Access and Protection Against COVID-19.

March 30, 2020
Demand Warrant IMCO \$79,984.97 - Approved.
Americans With Disabilities Act Compliance Letter - Approved.
March 18, 23 and 25, 2020 Minutes - Approved.
Reject Asphalt Bids - Approved.
April 13, 2020 New Bid Opening Date - Approved.
Ambulance Claims \$217.57 - Approved.
Ambulance Payroll \$19,171.70 - Approved.
Resolution No. 20-06 E911 Fund Budget Adjustment - Approved.
Resolution No. 20-07 Request Assistance from Idaho Emergency Management - Approved.
Discussed: Weed and Rodent Control Matters, Planning and Zoning Matters, Prosecuting Attorney Matters, Misdemeanor Probation Matters, Ambulance District Matters, Re-assessment of Protection Against COVID-19.
Claims for the month of March, 2020 totaling \$948,639.17 - Approved
The complete minutes are available for inspection in the office of the Clerk-Auditor-Recorder.
Kirk Chandler, Chairman,
Board of County Commissioners. 18-15

PUBLIC NOTICE

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MAGISTRATE DIVISION

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)
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)
Decedent.)

CASE NO. CV44-18-1163
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed proposals will be received by the Idaho Department of Fish and Game, c/o the MK Nature Center, 600 South Walnut St, Boise, Idaho 83712, until 2:00 p.m., prevailing local time, on May 6, 2020 for DFG Project No. 2019-120, Payette River WMA Shop. Bids may also be mailed by U.S. Postal Service (USPS) to P.O. Box 25, Boise, Idaho 83707 but must arrive to the PO Box before 7:00 a.m. on May 6, 2020. Do not mail to 600 South Walnut St when using USPS.

This project consists of the construction of a new 35’ x 61’ free-standing shop building and associated site improvements for the Payette River WMA Shop Building. The construction includes tying into an onsite septic system, a concrete slab system, and work areas for a typical garage shop, including bathroom and shower. The bid shall also include proposals for optional fencing and an optional covered storage area.

Proposals will be opened and publicly read at 2:00 p.m. on May 6, 2020 at the MK Nature Center.

A pre-bid tour of the project (highly recommended) will be held on April 30, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. Contact the Bureau of Engineering, (208) 334-3730 by April 29, 2020 to make arrangements to attend this tour.

Specifications, proposal forms and other information are on file for examination at the following locations:

- Department of Fish and Game
600 South Walnut, PO Box 25
Boise, ID 83707
- Associated General Contractors
1649 West Shoreline Drive, Suite 100
Boise, ID 83702
planroom@idahoagc.org
- Dodge Data & Analytics
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dodge.docs@construction.com
- Spokane Regional Plan Center
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A bid bond in the amount of 5% of the bid is required.

Documents may be obtained for bidding purposes from the Department of Fish and Game, Bureau of Engineering, Attn: Tim Eddy, Phone (208) 287-2842. No deposit is required. However, documents shall be returned to the above address.

A Public Works Contractors License for the State of Idaho is required of the successful bidder prior to the award of a contract. If a bidder does not currently have a Public Works Contractors License for the State of Idaho, he must verify the capability of obtaining a license prior to submitting a proposal.

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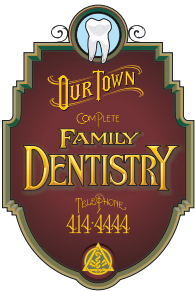
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Church missionaries return home due to coronavirus

Some Weiser residents were serving two-year missions in Brazil and Ecuador

by Steve Lyon

Weiser residents have been called home from church missions in far-flung places like Brazil and Ecuador as the coronavirus has spread around the world.

Eli To'omalatai had been in Brazil since January serving a two-year mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

He was notified at the end of March that he and other missionaries needed to leave the country.

It was a long flight back from San Paulo to Los Angeles. Due to cancellations of direct flights, he ended up flying from LA to Minneapolis before he could get to Boise and then home to Weiser. When he got back at the end of March he immediately spent two weeks in self-isolation.

"I didn't leave the house. I pretty much didn't even leave my room," he said.

To'omalatai was one of nearly 20,000 LDS missionaries who are U.S. citizens and were called back from postings abroad in the past month by the church.

Tim Erhard, a top official with the church in Weiser, said all missionar-

ies from outside the U.S. have returned, except those in Europe. Some have different travel restrictions. There were no Weiser missionaries serving in Europe.

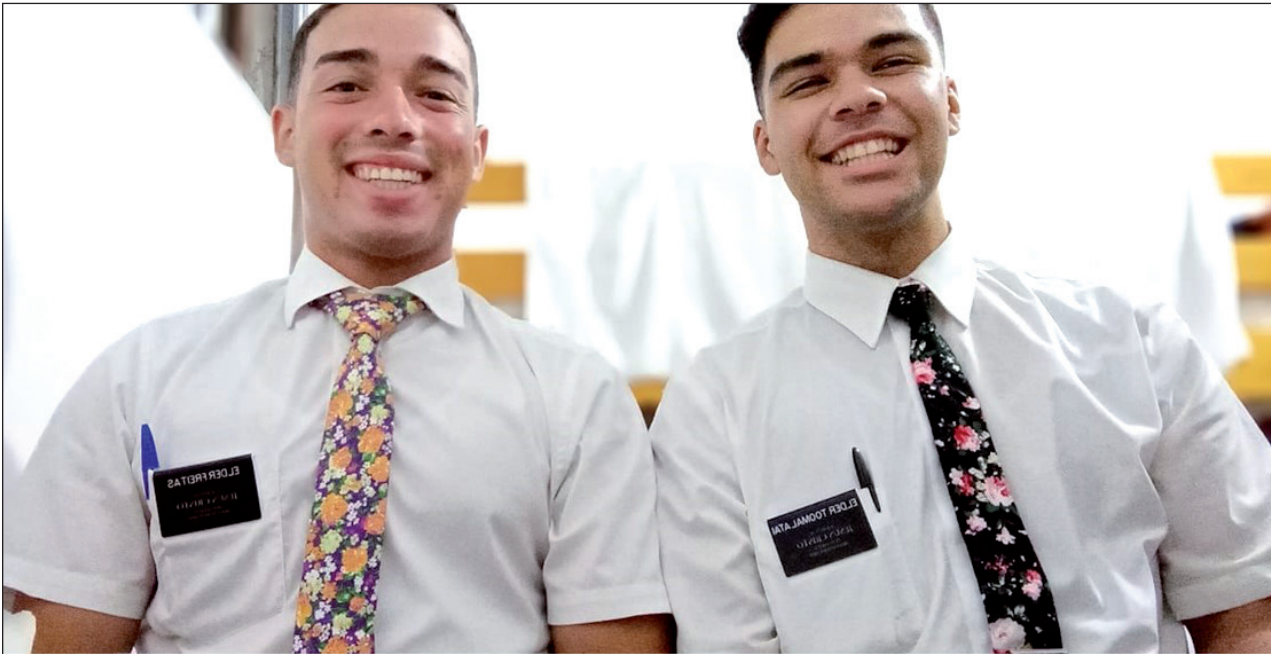
Missionaries were called back from postings in Africa, New Zealand, the Philippines, Mexico and South America.

In the local area, which includes Weiser, Payette and McCall, the church had 15 missionaries in those countries. All of them have returned home and are just ending their mandatory 14-day quarantine, Erhard said.

To'omalatai, a 2019 graduate of Weiser High School, was living in the city of Rio Grande, one of the oldest cities in the Brazilian state of Rio Grande. There were 20 or so missionaries serving in the community, with about half from the U.S. and the rest from other countries.

He said he had not heard a lot about the emerging coronavirus in the local community. What he knew came from talking long distance to his mom in Weiser and what the other missionaries had heard.

There could have been emerging cases of coronavirus in the area, but he didn't know anybody who



Young missionaries Elder Freitas and Elder Eli To'omalatai were serving in Brazil when the coronavirus reached the communities where they were living. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints called them and about 20,000 missionaries home from countries all over the world in March. Courtesy photo

had it.

To'omalatai said he liked the community where he was living. He learned how to speak Portuguese, the local language.

"It was pretty cool down there," he said.

When he signed up for his mission, Brazil was not even on his radar. He thought he might be assigned to Europe. He doesn't know yet if he will return to Brazil or complete his missionary work

in the U.S.

Kelvin Price is another missionary from Weiser who was serving the church in Salvador, Brazil, when he was told to return to the U.S. He had been in Brazil for about eight months when the coronavirus pandemic hit.

He said another missionary called him and told him to start packing as the coronavirus anxiety reached the city of Salvador. The country's borders were starting to close. As

he was leaving, stores were closing and the city was shutting down.

"It was starting to get a little crazy," he said.

Price also flew out of San Paulo and landed in LA. He has completed his two weeks of self-isolation at home.

He hasn't decided yet if he will go back to Brazil and continue with missionary work once the pandemic is over, or maybe he will start college in the fall. Right now, he's

working on a farm.

"I'm just going to wait and see," he said.

The church has temporarily released missionaries that have returned from overseas.

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