

State board extends school closure due to coronavirus

Districts can reopen schools if yet-to-be determined criteria is met

by Steve Lyon

The Idaho State Board of Education on Monday extended the closure of schools for the rest of the academic year, but also offered the option for school districts to reopen under certain circumstances.

Board members said there is the potential for local school boards to reopen schools if they meet certain criteria that will be developed in consultation with public health officials, school leaders and the governor and reviewed by the board on April 13.

There are areas in the state where there are few or no coronavirus cases, and local school districts should have the opportunity to possibly reopen schools, board members said.

Board President Debbie Critchfield said the board needs to be flexible and provide guidance to local school districts so they can make the best decisions for their areas.

The board approved a motion to extend the soft closure to the end of the school year, "or until such time as local and state distancing orders have been lifted and re-entry criteria established by the board have been met."

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One local case of coronavirus reported

by Steve Lyon

The Idaho Department of Health and Welfare reported the first case of coronavirus in Washington County on Thursday.

The ill person is a woman in her 70s who is recovering at home. The source of the transmission is under investigation.

If other people are found to have been possibly exposed, they will be contacted, provided guidance, and monitored for symptoms, public health officials said.

As of Tuesday morning, the state health agency still reported just the one case in Washington County, while other counties were reporting new cases of coronavirus.

The number of confirmed coronavirus cases statewide totaled 1,170 on Tuesday, with 31 of 44 counties reporting at least one case. There have been 13 deaths and 83 people

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County officials not happy with visitors while gov.'s stay-home order in effect

BLM recreation sites are open and attracting people from all over

by Steve Lyon

Washington County officials have expressed concern over the number of people visiting to camp and recreate at a time when the governor's stay-home order to slow the spread of coronavirus is in effect.

A recent Saturday saw off-roaders and campers visiting Steck Park, a popular site located about 20 miles west of Weiser. Another area managed by the BLM that is seeing use is the Weiser sand dunes.

The influx of people from out of the area hauling campers and off-road vehicles during the coronavirus pandemic potentially poses a health risk for local residents, one county official said.

On Monday, sheriff Matt Thomas said the BLM recreation sites in the county were still open. Many of the vehicles at Steck Park on a recent Saturday were from Canyon County. Most were day-trippers driving over from Nampa or Caldwell.

An Idaho Fish and Game officer told Thomas that he hasn't seen so many people at the recreation sites since the eclipse in August of 2017.

"There are a lot of people coming over here," he said.

The BLM said it is doing its part to address COVID-19 and the state-wide stay-home order by closing all offices to the public. The agency has not closed public lands, trails and recreation sites in Idaho.

A notice posted on the BLM's

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Off-roaders have fun at the Weiser sand dunes in this undated BLM photo. The BLM has not closed recreation sites during the governor's stay-home order, which was issued to stop the spread of coronavirus. The influx of visitors has some officials concerned.

Locals busy making face masks for hospital

What the hospital can't use will go to other public agencies in the community

by Steve Lyon

Weiser resident Amy Frank is one of a number of people sewing cloth masks to donate to Weiser Memorial Hospital during the current coronavirus pandemic.

Frank started last week with a pattern she found online. She figures she can sew five to eight face masks per day and has already dropped some off at the hospital.

"I'll make as many as I can," she said. "Let's face it. We're all stuck inside anyway."

Frank, 61, said she has been sewing since she was 4 years old. Making face masks might be a good project for kids who are home because of the school closure, she said.

WMH spokesperson Layna Hafer said the hospital hopes to collect 300 face masks for use by

hospital and clinic staff and patients. As of late last week, 200 cloth masks had been donated.

The hospital is serving as a collection point. Once 300 masks are collected the rest will go to other public agencies or organizations that can use them.

"At this point, we will take whatever people are willing to make," Hafer said. "The community has been so generous. It's pretty amazing."

The large number is needed to supply healthcare workers, who need to change their mask several times during their shift as it becomes soiled or damp for maximum protection, Hafer said.

There are many different patterns that can be found online and it

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Weiser resident Amy Frank started sewing cloth face masks last week. She has already dropped some off at Weiser Memorial Hospital, which is serving as a collection point. Photo by Steve Lyon

Obituaries



Marla Squire Egbert

For Marla, After the one year passing of our beloved wife, mother, and grandmother, we are wanting to invite our family, friends, and the community to listen to the Profit's voice. Please contact myself, Alan Egbert by email to learn more. rockbert53@hotmail.com.

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He does now reveal, and we believe that He will yet reveal many great and important things pertaining to the Kingdom of God.

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11. We claim the privilege of worshipping Almighty God according to the dictates of our own conscience, and allow all men the same privilege, let them worship how, where, or what they may.
12. We believe in being subject to kings, presidents, rulers, and magistrates, in obeying, honoring, and sustaining the law.
13. We believe in being honest, true, chaste, benevolent, virtuous, and in doing good to all men; indeed, we may say that we follow the admonition of Paul – We believe all things, we hope all things, we have endured many things, and hope to be able to endure all things. If there is anything virtuous, lovely, or of good report or praiseworthy, we seek after these things.

Joseph Smith



Elaine Randall

Elaine Randall, 96, a longtime resident of Weiser, Idaho, passed away Feb. 10, 2020 at the Rose Blumkin Jewish Home in Omaha, Neb.

Elaine was born July 7, 1923 in Wilder, Idaho, the daughter of Ward and Pansy Hume. She grew up in Wilder and left to attend, first the College of Idaho in Caldwell, then the University of Washington in Seattle where she earned a BA

degree.

In 1945, Elaine married Richard H. Randall and they moved to Weiser in 1947. She was a stay-at-home mom to the great benefit of her children and worked several part-time jobs until she began teaching at Weiser High School in 1963. There she taught English, speech and drama and then served as high school librarian for over 20 years until her retirement.

She volunteered many hours at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Friends of the Library, Friends of the Hospital, The National Oldtime Fiddlers' Contest and Weiser Little Theater.

Elaine was a loving wife and mother and a world class grandmother. She had many interests includ-

ing stage acting, reading, travel with family and friends, gardening, horse racing and rugby.

Elaine had a warm and generous personality and she could light up a room with her smile. She will be missed by everyone fortunate enough to have known her.

She is survived by her son, David Randall of Tacoma, Wash.; daughter, Margaret Wellman of Omaha, Neb.; four grandchildren, Sadie, Chris, Francie and Katie; eight great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Elaine was preceded in death by her husband Richard, parents, brother Donald and son-in-law, Jon Wellman.

Memorials may be made to St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Weiser, Idaho or St. Augustine's Episcopal Church in Elkhorn, Neb.



Delight Ann Neal

Nov. 22, 1945 - March 22, 2020

Delight Ann Neal passed away peacefully with family in Sacramento, Calif.

She is survived by her husband David G. Neal, 8 children and 15 grandchildren. She is also survived by her sister Pamela Meeker and countless cousins, nieces and nephews, all of whom she loved dearly.

Delight was born to Wilma and Richard "Bud" Mark in Vallejo, Calif., on Nov. 22, 1945.

She had two siblings and liked being the middle child between Pam and her younger brother, Richard.

She spent 53 years loving her life in California. Growing up, she attended Mira Loma High School in Sacramento. She was "flabbergasted" when elected and crowned Mira Loma's first Jr. Prom Queen in 1962.

She worked 33 years in the family-run business known as the Top Drawer Beauty Salon. She enjoyed being a cosmetologist and making people feel good about themselves inside and out.

In 1998, she moved to Idaho with her husband to build their dream home, which overlooks the Snake River.

Delight truly was the epitome of her name: "charming; something that causes happiness or joy." So much so, her Idaho

friends nicknamed her "Delightful."

She embraced a new life of creativity, quilting, sewing with friends, and fishing with her husband. Delight had an amazing sense of humor and quick wit. Many who spent time with her would experience bouts of laughing until they cried at her hilarious remarks.

She especially loved her grandchildren and was always driving or flying to wherever they were to help out, being present and in the moment.

Her kind and loving spirit will be missed but forever embedded in our hearts. She said, if people asked, to tell them: "I had a wonderful life and was very happy. Think of me when you see a leaf fall or when you hear the wind rustle in the trees. I will see you all again in Heaven. Much Love, Delight."

Death Notices

- Joan M. (Richter) Wright**
Joan M. (Richter) Wright, 86, of Ontario, Ore., died April 2, 2020 at her home. Arrangements by Lienkaemper Chapel, Ontario.
- Kevin W. Johnson**
Kevin W. Johnson, 50, of Burns, Ore., died March 31, 2020 at Harper, Ore.. Arrangements by Lienkaemper Chapel, Vale.
- Minerva T. Lopez**
Minerva T. Lopez, 83, of Ontario, Ore., formerly of Nyssa, Ore., died March 30, 2020 at home. Arrangements by Lienkaemper Chapel, Nyssa.
- Sarah Marie Compton**
Sarah Marie Compton, 81, a resident of Weiser, passed away April 2, 2020 in Boise. Arrangements are under the direction of Bowman Funeral Parlor of Garden City.
- Lyle H. Lake**
Lyle H. Lake, of Ontario, Ore., passed away April 4, 2020. Arrangements are under the direction of Haren-Wood Funeral Chapel, Ontario.
- Ida Laurell Widener**
Ida Laurell Widener, 56, of Weiser, Idaho, passed away April 5, 2020 in Weiser. Arrangements under the direction of Thomason Funeral Home.
- Deadline for submitting obituaries and death notices noon on Monday**
news@signalamerican.com

Weiser senior center still serving takeout lunches

by Joanne Braden

There is not much I can say about the center except that we are still serving the Meals On Wheels program and take-out lunches. If you would like to use either of these services, call 208-414-0750 and put your order in so they will know how many to make.



All other activities are on hold until further notice. No pool, pinochle, bingo, dances, breakfasts or Gem State Fiddler jams.

Please remember to distance yourselves from others if you should have to go out. Really, the virus flies through the air a lot farther than six feet before it will drop. It cannot live long in the heat. It is advisable to drink lots of water with no ice.

If the droplets fall on metal it can live

up to 12 hours or more on metal, so if you touch metal, wash with soap and hot water as soon as possible. It lives only 5-10 minutes on your hands, but a lot can happen in that short amount off time, so wash hands frequently, and please don't touch your face. I know how hard that is with my itchy eyes in this allergy season. A gargle with a simple solution of salt in warm water can help too.

Always remember to drink plenty of water. I keep a bottle of water by my side at room temperature and try to drink hot liquids too. I can't say I'm perfect at this and am going to concentrate harder on drinking it. Remember heat kills viruses.

I am doing all I can to stay healthy because I am one of the high risk individuals with low immune system from my long battle with nerve pain from the shingles.

Keep hanging in there, doing your best to keep you and others safe, and it will be awesome when we can all get together again. Long distance hugs to you all.

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A truss is lifted into place at a new building under construction next to K Hardware in Weiser. The hardware store is expanding to offer more lumber products. The 4,000 square-foot building should be finished in a couple of weeks. It will allow drive-thru service for customers to load up. Photo by Sarah Imada

K Hardware expanding to offer lumber products

by Steve Lyon

K Hardware in Weiser is expanding to offer lumber and other products with the addition of a 4,000 square-foot metal building under construction adjacent to the existing store on State Street. Manager Amber Eisenbarth said the store owners talked about adding a wider variety of lumber products and building materials and decided it was time to move forward on the new building. The expansion will save local residents from having to drive to Ontario, Ore. The contractor on the project is Weeco from Idaho Falls. The building should be done in two weeks. Getting the interior fixtures in place and inventory will take a little while longer before opening to the public. The front of the new building will match the existing hardware store in color and design. The building will be designed as

a drive-thru that allows customers to pull in, pick up their load of lumber or building supplies, and exit out the back and through to the alley without ever having to get out of their vehicle. “They pull in and we load them up,” Eisenbarth said. The inventory will include a variety of finished lumber sizes for building projects and engineered wood products like plywood and particleboard. K Hardware also plans to add building materials like drywall and insulation. The building will also provide room for storage and also will house some of the hardware store’s rental equipment. K Hardware is an independently owned and operated True Value Hardware store in Weiser that offers the tools, products, and expert advice for all of your project needs. The Weiser location also offers Just Ask Rental equipment rental services.

11 law enforcement agencies work together to apprehend suspect

The Washington County Sheriff’s Office was one of 11 law enforcement agencies that participated in an all-out manhunt for a suspect wanted for attempted murder after shooting at Adams County deputies.



William James

On Saturday, officers from Idaho State Police, the Adams County Sheriff’s Office, the Valley County Sheriff’s Office and the McCall Police Department arrested William “Bill” Pearle James near his parent’s home in New Meadows. James was taken into custody without incident and transported to the Adams County Jail, according to a news release from

the ISP. Law enforcement agencies have been working together to locate James since March 29 after he fired a weapon at two Adams County Deputies. The deputies were responding to a call for assistance from James’ family after he violated a protection order. James also shot at an Idaho Fish and Game Officer, who was in the area and stopped to assist the deputies. “Due to his actions, Mr. James posed a threat to the public, and it was important to arrest him as soon as possible before he had a chance to hurt anyone.

We wouldn’t have been able to do it without the assistance of several other agencies and working together we made this happen,” ISP Capt. Matt Sly said. ISP credited the arrest of James to the extensive cooperation between many agencies. ISP troopers, as well as personnel and equipment from several local, state, and federal agencies, have been in the area since March 29. Agencies involved included: Idaho State Police, Owyhee County Sheriff, Canyon County Sheriff, Meridian Police Dept., Valley County Sheriff, McCall Police Dept., Washington County Sheriff, the Spokane County Sheriff’s Office, Idaho Fish and Game, the U.S. Forest Service, and the U.S. Marshal’s Office.

Washington County deeds

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Hello Washington County. I’m Lyndon Haines. I’m the Pastor at the Weiser Christian Church, and as such I have a flexible schedule. I also work part-time as a Lieutenant at Weiser Rural Fire. When elected, I will refocus my time from the Weiser Rural Fire to devote my energy to county responsibilities. I have dedicated myself to attending County Commissioner meetings this year to familiarize myself with the issues facing the county.

I believe we should be represented by someone with energy and passion for our County. They should have a strong work ethic and be committed to serving both family and the community. I will bring all these assets to the job of County Commissioner.

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OPINION

FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

It's time to dispel speculation on the coronavirus

This has been a momentous week for us here in Weiser. The coronavirus and an earthquake both came to town.

Given the way this virus has spread elsewhere, there are probably more cases that are undetected at this time.

As of the time of this writing, Monday morning, Weiser Memorial Hospital has given 51 tests, 44 have come back negative, with 1 being positive.

Regarding COVID-19 locally, we need to dispel some speculation that is going around town. The speculation revolves around the illness many in the area experienced between November and February this last winter.

Because there was no name for it, many people are wondering if it was, in fact, COVID-19. This is not the case.

The word from the medical community, principally the hospital Chief of Staff and Emergency Department physician, Dr. Torrey Nash, is the COVID-19 virus, which has been documented to have originated in November 2019 in China, could NOT have reached our isolated community during that time frame.



Mayor Randy Hibberd

It would have had to cross the Pacific and land specifically in our isolated town. Instead, it predictably spread through international travel, coming to our coastal transportation hubs and spreading from there.

What was circulating in and around Weiser last winter was some other bug.

We are in the very first stages of seeing this virus in our community. We were among the last of the counties in the state to get the virus.

We need to keep distancing ourselves, wash hands, etc. Go to the stores sparingly, plan your visit, do not linger. What we are doing is working. Keep it up.

For answers to most questions, you can go to either the CDC's site at [cdc.gov/coronavirus](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus) or Idaho's site at [coronavirus.idaho.gov](https://www.coronavirus.idaho.gov).

If your question cannot be answered there, you can call Idaho's hotline at 888-330-3010 Monday-Friday 8 a.m. through 5 p.m.

It would be nice to think that the COVID-19 virus had already made the rounds. If it had, it would mean that most of the people who were going to be infected already had.

It would also mean we have seen the first wave of this disease pass through. Therefore, subsequent waves would be less severe in terms of the number of people infected.

Instead we are just beginning. We just need to do what we need to do to slow the spread and pray that we flatten the curve locally. We cannot let down our guard.

The month of March, which came in like a lion, then just kept getting worse, decided to shake things up further by giving us a bit of a ride in the form of an earthquake.

Fortunately, damage that we can see at this time has been limited to some cracks in foundations, an AC/heating unit coming off the side of a building, and a broken water fountain. With all of our older buildings in town, we were very fortunate.

If you would like a bit of light-hearted relief from all of this news and cabin fever, perhaps, look around on the internet. There are a lot of very talented people who have nothing to do but come up with ways to entertain.

For one of my favorites, search for SGN to see John Krasinski's "Some Good News" impromptu good news network.

Well, that's it for now. What a week!

Gov.'s order met with rhetoric from the fringe

Idaho was in the national news this week.

As I was perusing news about the coronavirus, I came across a story the "New York Times" published on Tuesday with the headline, "A 'liberty' rebellion in Idaho threatens to undermine coronavirus orders."

The author writes that the "sweeping restrictions aimed at containing the spread of the virus have run into outright rebellion in some parts of Idaho."

Some people of marginal prominence in northern Idaho, including one state lawmaker and a county sheriff, don't want to go along with the governor's stay-home order, which to many is an entirely reasonable measure to slow the spread of coronavirus.

They have publicly thumbed their noses at the governor's authority to issue an order in the public interest, decrying it as unconstitutional and an infringement on their rights.

Idaho lawmaker Heather Scott, who represents Bonner County, asked her constituents to openly defy the governor's March 25 stay-home order in her official newsletter.



EYE ON WEISER
Steve Lyon

She claimed the governor's order was "unconstitutional, unAmerican, and not the Idaho way." She questioned why Idaho's governor would follow the lead of mostly liberal states and order Idahoans to stay home and close non-essential services.

Believe me, longtime Idaho politician and ardent Republican Gov. Brad Little doesn't follow the lead of "liberal states." He followed the recommendations of public health officials in Idaho and elsewhere to take action to slow the virus.

Scott's comments were just off the mark. There are more states with stay-home orders and restrictions in place than there are states doing nothing.

Another northern Idaho official, Bonner County Sheriff Daryl Wheeler, posted an open letter saying that the public had been "misled" by public health officials' dire predictions and things just aren't that bad in his neck of the woods.

He requested the governor bring the Legislature back to Boise in an emergency session to debate his stay-at-home order, which the sheriff believes is unconstitutional.

The governor can request those who are sick to stay home, but everybody else has the right to go on with their normal business, the sheriff said.

Maybe Bonner County won't see a lot of coronavirus cases, but that's not the situation elsewhere in the state. The rhetoric from the fringe is contrary to the best interest of society right now.

The last time I checked there is no cure for the coronavirus. More than 10,000 people have died from it across the country. The number of Idaho residents who have caught the virus is now at 1,100 and growing.

In an April 6 editorial, the "Idaho Statesman" said the governor's decision to declare an emergency and issue the stay-home order recognizes the current situation for what it is – a national crisis.

"This temporary shutdown is meant to save lives, not control them," the capital city's newspaper opined.

The governor's stay-home order might be inconvenient and social distancing is a change from normal routines. These are aimed at protecting the public during unprecedented times.

To flaunt or subvert the public health rules and potentially put others in danger of getting ill is another kind of tyranny.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Personal shopping bags should not be allowed in stores

Editor:

About a year ago, before the mandated use of personal shopping bags in Oregon, a Walmart grocery clerk was complaining to me about the "dirty" bags that people were placing on her counter.

Fast forward to today's problems and think about the millions of people in Califor-

nia, Washington and Oregon who now bring these reused, possibly dirty bags into food stores.

Out of curiosity, I asked a very hygienic Oregon friend of mine if she washed her bags each week. The answer was no.

Maybe some people launder their bags regularly, but I shudder to think how many people don't.

What started out as a way to help the landfills may conceivably be causing a bigger problem.

Instead of using sterile, new plastic bags, these potentially germ-covered personal bags are being placed on the food counters. Even in the best of times, this isn't an ideal situation.

I applaud Bi-Mart for not currently allowing these bags in their store. Ridleys allows the bags but the grocery clerks can't touch them. Maybe Ridleys should follow Bi-Mart's lead. Better safe than sorry.

Dorothy Evans
Weiser

Haines shows a desire to work for county residents

Editor:

As concerned residents of Washington County, we are supporting Lyndon Haines for Washington County Commissioner.

We are impressed by his understanding of county government as he prepares for this campaign and election.

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Sunday's comin', but first the sacrifice. Let's take a trip in the Way Back Machine to the Old Testament. Abraham, known to us as the father of faith, was sent to a mountain of the Lord's choosing in the land of Moriah to bring as an offering before the Lord his only son by Sarah his wife. He went whence called.

Abraham made his way up the mountain, with son and wood for the offering in tow. When asked, Abraham answered his son, Isaac, that God would be faithful to provide the sacrifice for the offering upon the altar.

Not long after we find Abraham, with knife in hand and arm raised to slay his only son. At just the right moment, God staid his hand and the sacrificial lamb was provided, caught amidst the thorny bush. A test of faith. Abraham passed. A covenant to be filled through the son of promise to be a blessing to every nation and people of the world.

Not so way back, in the New Testament, at just the right moment, Jesus, known to us as the only Son of God, through whom faith is perfected, was sent by the Father into the world. He went whence called. His mission to the whole world led Him

to an enraged crowd demanding, "Crucify Him!"

There being no other way, mockingly dressed in kingly garb and crown, made from the thorny bush, Jesus made His way to Calvary's hill and there was offered in perfect sacrifice before the Lord. The sacrificial lamb was provided. A test of faith reserved only for Him. Jesus passed.

In His own words, "It is finished." A covenant filled through death and sacrifice by the Son of promise to bring a blessing of forgiveness and salvation to every nation and people of the world, for all eternity.

Sunday's comin', and we won't be disappointed – Jody R. Goode, *redeemerweiser@gmail.com*.

Isaiah 53:7 NASB - He was oppressed and He was afflicted, ... Like a lamb that is led to slaughter.

Matthew 27:23 NASB - ...But they kept shouting all the more, saying, "Crucify Him!"

A Presbytery-wide video worship service is planned for Easter Sunday, April 12. We will announce the details. Let's be sure to gather, joined as family by the blood of the Lamb, Jesus Christ, whose name we lift in praise to the glory of God!

Easter will be different this year

St. Luke's Episcopal by Carolyn Wesner

Next Sunday may be the most unusual Easter many of us will experience: at home, with only ourselves and/or with our in-house nearest and dearest. Here is a short reminder of what Easter is all about.

A part of God (a higher power in the universe) came to this earth approximately 2,020 years ago to save us from ourselves and to show us a better way to live.

The local and regional governments at that time were afraid of him (Jesus) because he promised a future life after death and also because his ways challenged the wealth and misguided influence of the powers-that-be.

So they held a rigged trial, found him guilty of political subversion, and gave him the death sentence. Jesus died by crucifixion on a Friday afternoon, rested in the grave on Saturday/Sabbath, regained his life on the following Sunday morning, then returned to God to prepare a future place for us.

There is more to Christianity than this, (lots more!) but Easter is the celebration of Jesus coming back to life on that fateful first day of the week.

Usually this celebration involves joyful sunrise worship services, ringing of church bells, large family dinners, cute Easter outfits for kids, Easter egg hunts and lots of chocolate!

Still, church services can be viewed online, kids can still dress up for a small family dinner, enjoy an Easter egg hunt in the backyard and savor the chocolate. Wait, what about ringing some bells?

St. Luke's Episcopal Church bell will ring at 11 a.m. on Easter Sunday for one minute – will you join in from home? Stand on your porch and ring whatever bells you have for one minute – maybe even your doorbell. Make a joyful noise, and a Very Happy Easter to all!

We at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Weiser are thinking of you and praying for the safety of our communities. Take care, and God bless.

God's church always overcomes

Riverside Baptist

The Gospel Coalition published an article written by Leonardo de Chirico an Italian pastor. In the midst of death and suffering from the COVID-19 pandemic, Leonardo stands on God's promise that the gates of hell will never prevail against the church. He writes, "Empowered and encouraged by this promise, across the centuries the church has survived persecutions, famines, and plagues, never stopping her life and mission. Nothing – coronavirus included – can stop the church of the Lord Jesus Christ."

The church is squeezed but never squashed. She is bewildered but never befuddled. We are knocked

down but never knocked out. Throughout history the church has always overcome.

We can be confident that the church will always endure based on the promise of God. We may suffer hardship and pain. We may need to use the internet to proclaim the gospel for a time. In all things we endure and overcome through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The church lives out the gospel through applying the death and resurrection of Jesus. Good Friday always comes before Resurrection Sunday. We live out the sufferings of Christ as we die to ourselves. We endure sin, disease, war, and famine. We live out the resurrection of Jesus Christ by

the Holy Spirit, the power of the gospel, and prayer. God has never promised health, wealth, and prosperity. He has promised victory.

"We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies." (2 Corinthians 4:8-10, ESV)

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

Pastor Ian Ross

Just something to think about

On April Fool's Day when I was in grade school, I told my teacher that our hay stack had burned down. In the 1950s, that could be devastating. When I said, "April Fools!", I think she could have slapped me.

My Grandma Slyter used to swap out the sugar for the salt before breakfast every April Fools day. That first cup of coffee was pretty nasty with salt instead of sugar to flavor it.

When my sons were in high school, I put vaseline on the closed bathroom doorknob. It was so slimy! What a rotten mom...but I got a big laugh out of it.

The old saying is that April showers bring May flowers. We could use a bit of rain. A slow soaker that would encourage the crops to grow, without washing them away, would be really nice.

I love words. I am so glad that we usually get something in the mail. It is rare that we don't. I read a lot, too. Usually the first thing I read in the morning is a bit of

scripture. I wish I could say that the Bible is my favorite thing to read, but it seems I get sidetracked by other books, mail and magazines. In fact, I am getting ready to read Max Lucado's book "It's Not About Me." Maybe, it will help me get back on track.

Not that I don't read God's word, actually, I do several times a day, but sometimes, it just doesn't seem like it is quite enough, or doesn't stay in my mind as it should.

Sunday, the pastor spoke on James 1. Later, I watched a program on TV that used a verse in the same chapter. Son, Tony, said his pastor used a verse from that chapter, also. Cool!

I came across a devotional book that had belonged to my aunt Viva. It was special to read something that she had also read.

May we all be blessed with good health during this trying time. God bless you!

Just something to think about.

C. Shaw



GOD BLESS AMERICA

And He bearing His cross, went out to a place called the Place of the Skull, which is called in Hebrew, Golgotha, where they crucified Him. John 19:17

BE STILL, AND KNOW THAT I AM GOD

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In the mouth, S. mutans use sucrose (sugar) to produce a sticky substance called a polysaccharide that allows them to group together.

We refer to this formation as plaque. If teeth are not cleaned daily, plaque will start to accumulate on all the surfaces of the teeth. The bacteria in the plaque release acid when food particles are present. This acid breaks down enamel and starts the formation of cavities.

I hope you will do your part to help reduce our enemy, S. mutans population by flossing and brushing two times a day.

If you have a topic for an article send us an email at dilledental@gmail.com, or better yet, stop in at our office. We love to talk about teeth and we will be happy to answer your question(s) in future columns



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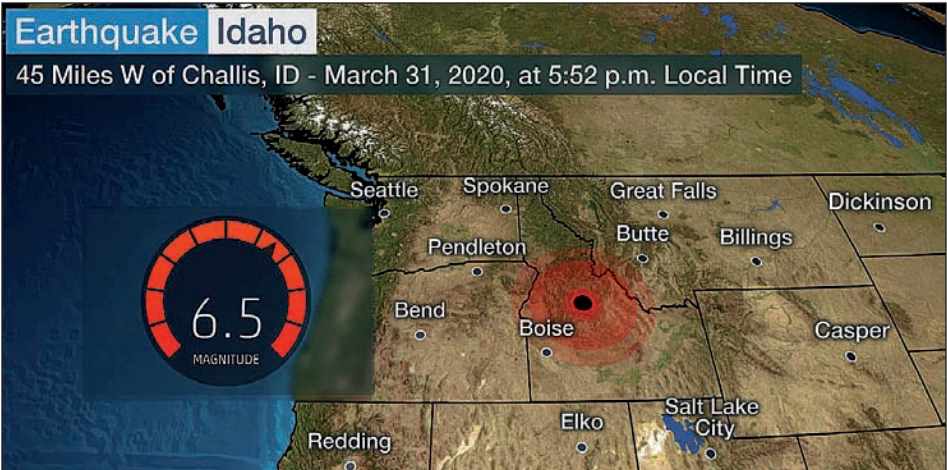
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This graphic shows the location in central Idaho of last week’s strong 6.5 magnitude earthquake. Most residents of Washington County felt the ground shake for 10-15 seconds. Not everyone knew immediately that it was an earthquake.

No major damage reported in Washington
County from earthquake in central Idaho

Residents from Weiser to Cambridge felt the shaking
by Steve Lyon

No major property damage was reported in Weiser or Washington County following a large 6.5 magnitude earthquake that struck central Idaho last week and was felt in six states.

The March 31 earthquake’s epicenter was located about 44 miles west of Challis and northwest of Stanley in the central Idaho mountains.

The earthquake originated at a depth of 6.2 miles below the earth’s surface, which is still defined as “shallow” by the USGS.

At least 45 aftershocks were recorded by Wednesday, with the largest one registering a magnitude of 4.6. A magnitude 3 temblor and above is large enough to be felt near the epicenter. The number of aftershocks will drop off over time, the USGS said.

The Washington County sheriff’s emergency dispatch reported the shaking from the earthquake, which occurred at 5:52 p.m. set off several business alarms.

Immediately after the earthquake county law enforcement went up to Mann Creek Reservoir located 13 miles north of Weiser to visually check out the dam. The dam operator also has inspected the facility and will continue to monitor it. The reservoir can hold 13,000 acre-feet of water at capacity. The surface area of the reservoir is 283 acres.

Tony Buthman, director of emergency management for Washington County, said he has received no reports of damage. All critical infrastructure in the city and county, including dams and bridges, was checked immediately after the earthquake.

Buthman said he was at home with his wife when the earthquake hit, and he initially thought the creaking and shaking might be a microburst of wind due to a storm. The house shook for about 10 seconds in total, he said.

To the north of Weiser, Cambridge mayor Jack Toothman also said the earthquake caused no damage in that small community.

Toothman said he was home at the time and sitting down when he felt the shaking of the earthquake, which he described as “a pretty good one.”

Toothman lived in earthquake-prone southern California and said he is familiar with the ground shaking. Last week’s event was more of a rolling earthquake. It’s the jolt-type earthquakes that do the most damage to buildings, he said.

Midvale resident Wendell Ader said he and his wife felt the earthquake “real well.” Everything in the living room was shaking and swaying, including the ceiling fan. The only damage he could find was a single brick that fell off the chimney into the yard, he said.

Ader said he was standing up when the shaking started and was not quite sure initially what was going on. His wife knew immediately it was an earthquake, he said.

Weiser residents Bob and Barbara Barber were home when the earthquake hit. Bob said he was working six feet down in an irrigation box cleaning out for the season. He didn’t feel any shaking, but he said Barbara came out of the house thinking that he had struck a gas line.

The USGS reported that seismic activity in the immediate area of the March 31 earthquake has historically been sparse. No earthquakes of a magnitude 5.0 or greater have occurred with 30 miles of the epicenter in the past 50 years.

The last major earthquake to hit Idaho occurred on Oct. 28, 1983. Two children were killed in the 6.9 magnitude Borah Peak earthquake from falling debris in Challis. The epicenter of that earthquake was on the Lost River fault zone 62 miles to the east from the recent March 31 event.

City of Weiser to replace 1,300 feet
of sewer line on East Fourth Street

by Steve Lyon

The city of Weiser plans to replace 1,300 feet of old concrete sewer line on East Fourth Street near Memorial Park in the near future.

The city council recently approved two bids on the project, including one bid for the trenching and installation of the sewer line and a second bid for the plastic pipe.

Wastewater department supervisor Lonnie Chambers said it was hard to get contractors in the valley to bid on the installation. The bids were sought prior to the coronavirus shutdown and prior to the governor’s stay-home order that sidelined many contractors.

He was eventually able to get two bids from contractors for the city council to review.

The city is hiring a contractor to do the digging part of the sewer line replacement and to install the plastic pipe. The city is buying the pipe and the rock chips needed for the project to save money.

The pipe to be replaced is an 8-inch concrete that is deteriorating inside. The pipe is part of the sewer line right behind Fry Foods and Bi-Mart. It will be replaced with 8-inch plastic pipe that will last 60 years or longer, Chambers said.

“We’re not going smaller. We’re not going bigger. We’re replacing pretty

much what was there,” Chambers said.

The city replaced much of the sewer line south of the wastewater sampling station near Fry Foods in 2001. The 1,300 feet of line to be replaced is the remaining concrete pipe. There are seven homes that will get new sewer taps as part of the project, Chambers said.

The bid for digging the trench and installing the sewer pipe was awarded to Anderson Excavating for \$48,000.

The city received three bids to supply the plastic pipe. The city awarded the bid to Consolidated Supply Company in the amount of \$4,817.



The Weiser Post Office is an essential service and the mail must continue to be delivered, despite the coronavirus pandemic. The postal service has taken precautions to protect employees like Mary Ann Boothe, above, from possible exposure and limit the spread of the coronavirus. Photo by Steve Lyon

No changes in hours or services due to coronavirus at Weiser post office

Precautions include plexiglass window at the counter and tape on the floor to encourage social distancing

by Steve Lyon

Keeping the nation’s mail moving is considered an essential service, and the Weiser post office has not reduced hours or made any major operational changes due to the threat of coronavirus.

The post office has recently implemented measures to protect employees and the public from exposure to the coronavirus and limit the spread of the illness. It’s not exactly business as usual with the current pandemic, but the changes have been minor.

Plexiglass has been installed at the counter at the post office to create a cough/sneeze barrier between employees and the public. There also are tape markings on the lobby floor for customers to follow the social distancing rule of six feet of separation as they wait in line for service.

Weiser post office manager Chad Franklin said employees have been offered face masks and gloves if they want them to use on the job. Employees also have been following the rules of social distancing. The post office staff is small so it’s important to try to keep everyone healthy.

The mail and packages that come in are not treated any differently now than prior to the coronavirus outbreak. The mail is not disinfected before it is handled by postal workers. Experts have said the coronavirus doesn’t survive long on cardboard or paper.

There have been some changes in how mail is delivered around town by carriers. Instead of delivering mail to individual departments in the county courthouse, which is closed as a precaution to prevent the spread of coronavirus, a county employee comes outside to get the mail.

The post office has been collecting and holding mail for some Weiser businesses that have been closed since the governor issued a stay-home order on March 25 that is in effect for 21 days. The governor and public health officials will decide if the order should be extended.

“A lot of businesses have been good about communicating with us,” Franklin said.

Mail carriers out on deliveries are following new directives when it comes to getting customer signatures for packages. While maintaining a safe distance, employees will request the customer’s first initial and last name so the employee can enter the information on “mobile delivery devices.”

Mail carriers won’t hand mail or packages directly to residents under the new coronavirus guidelines. Instead, employees will politely ask the customer to step back a safe distance or close the screen door or door so that they can leave the item in the mailbox or by the door.

At the national level, the U.S. Postal Service has a Coronavirus Disease 2019 Command Response leadership team that is focusing on customer safety and the health and safety of more than 600,000 employees during the current pandemic.

The postal service has continually distributed millions of masks, gloves and sanitizing products are available and distributed to more than 30,000 locations every day.

The postal service delivers everything from much needed medications to Social Security checks and is the leading delivery service for online purchases, which makes it part of the nation’s “critical infrastructure,” the USPS said.

BSU and U of I cancel spring 2020 commencements due to coronavirus

The University of Idaho’s spring 2020 commencement ceremonies for Boise, Coeur d’Alene, Idaho Falls and Moscow have been cancelled because of concerns about the spread of COVID-19.

Students who have applied to graduate through the University of Idaho registrar’s office this spring will still receive their diploma in a timely way.

All U of I spring graduates are also invited to return and celebrate their

accomplishment in either December 2020 or May 2021, once school officials know it is safe to do so.

Plans to recognize the Class of 2020 this spring at the U of I in another way are still taking shape, officials said.

Boise State University will celebrate the Class of 2020 with an unprecedented digital experience being designed to commemorate the accomplishments of the first graduating class in university history to face the challenge of finishing

their degrees remotely in the face of an international crisis.

In addition, Boise State is inviting graduates who wish to participate in a traditional ceremony to return to campus in December for a special commencement celebration honoring all 2020 graduates.

The decision at both schools comes as universities across Idaho and the country are forced to restructure large in-person events to slow the spread of coronavirus.



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Watch out for scams related to coronavirus

The Idaho State Tax Commission is alerting Idahoans to be on the lookout for scams related to the economic stimulus payments the federal government will be sending out soon in response to the coronavirus pandemic.

Scammers reportedly are targeting taxpayers and tax professionals by phishing for banking information and Social Security numbers in the guise of helping taxpayers get their stimulus payments.

Idahoans should know that the federal government won't phone, text or email you to get information for your stimulus payment.

Also note that you don't need to pay any kind of fee to get the payment.

To avoid being scammed:

- Don't respond to any phone calls, texts or emails that ask for your Social Security number, bank account information, or credit card number in order to get your payment.
- Don't click on any email or text links related to the stimulus payment. The IRS is still working out the details to get the stimulus payments to taxpayers and will be providing information through its website about any action taxpayers may need to take.

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Hospital collects masks

doesn't matter which one is used. They can be made with elastic that goes around the ears or they can be made to tie to the back of the head.

The recommended fabrics for masks are tightly-woven fabrics that are minimal stretch materials such as cotton or twill fabrics.

The masks will be washed in hot water before they are used so it is helpful if you preshrink the material before sewing masks.

Frank said she planned to use fabric that is 100 percent cotton for her face masks. Cotton fabric can be boiled and it will shrink up tight. The pattern she is following uses 20-inch by 20-inch squares of fabric.

Masks to be donated should be dropped off at the emergency room door. The hospital is closed to visitors due to the threat

of coronavirus. Someone will pick them up and take them to be laundered and prepared for use.

Hafer said some members of the Friends of the Hospital, a volunteer group, are sewing masks. They also have some precut fabric ready to be sewn into face masks. The fabric comes with a pattern to follow for anyone who is interested in making facemasks.

Call Hafer at 208-550-0367 for more information.

The CDC recommends that everyone wear a cloth face mask when going out in public to prevent the spread of coronavirus, especially in places where social distancing measures are difficult to maintain like grocery stores.

Public health officials said people should not use medical or surgical masks, which are desperately needed by healthcare personnel.

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County records first case

been hospitalized with the virus.

The Idaho Department of Health and Welfare updates the confirmed coronavirus cases each day at 5 p.m. The IDHW is operating an Idaho COVID-19 hotline from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on weekdays. The number to call for questions is 1-888-330-3010.

The statewide stay-home order issued by the governor remains in effect until April 15. It was implemented on March 25 for three weeks or 21 days and directs all residents to self-isolate and stay and work from home as much as possible.

In a precautionary move to try to limit the spread of coronavirus, both the city of Weiser and Washington County have closed city hall and the county courthouse to the public.

County commissioners continue to meet weekly

on Monday via teleconference for commission meetings. The last item on the agenda is a weekly update and reassessment on the coronavirus situation and closure.

At Monday's meeting, the board decided the courthouse closure would remain in effect until at least until the governor's stay-home order expired on April 15.

The county will decide what action to take based on what the governor and public health agencies decide next week.

"As far as the county is concerned we will remain in this status," commission chairman Kirk Chandler said.

Chandler said some county employees may not agree with the courthouse closure, but he would rather err on the side of caution during the coronavirus crisis.

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BLM recreation sites not closed during shutdown

website says that all users of public lands, trails, and recreation sites in Idaho are required to fully comply with the governor's statewide stay-home order that remains in effect until April 15.

The order requires Idaho residents to cease all non-essential travel, to limit all non-essential gatherings of any number of individuals outside the household, and to stay six feet away from individuals who are not part of their household when engaging in outdoor activities.

County commissioner Kirk Chandler said he doesn't think campers at Steck Park are complying with the recommendations on social distancing and keeping groups to 10 people or less.

Thomas said he may print out the governor's stay-home order and have deputies hand them out at Steck Park and the sand dunes.

The county does not have the authority to close the recreation sites on public land, but Southwest District Health could close



Steck Park is a popular recreation site in Washington County managed by the BLM. The site features a boat ramp and camping. The BLM has kept most recreation sites open during the stay-home order issued by Idaho Gov. Brad Little.

them, if it becomes a major problem, he said.

"I think it would be fine to do that," Chandler said, "and let them know that we are aware that they are out there and need to be social distancing."

Thomas said the governor's stay-home order is subject to interpretation. Outdoor recreation is allowed, but the order states

it should be nearby. The order doesn't mean that people can drive all over for recreation, he said.

The U.S. Forest Service announced it would delay the opening of campgrounds and recreation sites in the Payette National Forest due to the threat of coronavirus.

Some are located in Washington County, in-

cluding Mann Creek, Spring Creek, Brownlee and others, and won't open before at least May 15.

Forest Service officials said these actions have been taken based on the best available medical advice for cleaning per Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines and to promote social distancing.

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School closure extended to end of year by board

Schools across the state have been locked since the board approved the statewide closure through April 20. Since April 1, students in the Weiser School District have been receiving their coursework remotely by teachers.

Weiser Superintendent Wade Wilson said without knowing what the criteria

and conditions are for reopening schools, it is too early to say what the Weiser School District will do. The local school year ends on May 21.

Once the criteria has been identified and met, the school board will make the decision to either finish the school year using the remote learning model or

reopen schools and allow students to return.

The next school board meeting is Monday, April 13, and Wilson said he hopes to be able to present the information from the SBOE then for the board to consider.

In other school district news, the district has received a second food serv-

ice waiver and will be able to begin serving two meals a day as of April 6.

Wilson said the district plans to serve both a breakfast and a lunch at the same time, so families will only have to make one trip to the middle school per day. The meals will continue to be served from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

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Letters to the editor continued from opinion page

He has gained much of this by talking with former commissioners and other leaders in our area.

He has studied the Idaho code as it applies to counties, as well as attending, and reading minutes of, several months of Washington County Commissioners' meetings.

Lyndon asks lots of questions and seeks out the answers as they pertain to our democratic form of government.

Not only does Lyndon believe in what is correct and true, but he also follows that as a guide for his actions.

He believes in open, fair, and just government of, by and for the people of Washington County. He is a listener who wants to hear from us.

We encourage others to vote for Lyndon in the May 19th Primary on the Republican ballot.

Residents must be registered Republicans to vote for Lyndon. If you are a registered voter of another party, you may ask for a Republican ballot, changing your registration for the

short term, if necessary.

Lyle and Jeri Kleppin
Weiser

Why I am supporting Haines for commissioner

Editor:

The following reasons are why I'm supporting Lyndon Haines for County Commissioner.

TRANSPARENCY; Idaho code clearly spells out the requirements our leaders are to follow in their decision-making process.

These were in place when I served, and we didn't violate them.

The Attorney General has since published expanded guidelines and examples for those who either don't understand or choose to interpret the law as they see fit. Regrettably, the incumbent was found to have violated these rules. I know Lyndon will do better.

TRUST; Our leaders are elected to represent all of us, putting our interests ahead of their own.

While I agree with a recent decision to raise build-

ing inspection fees, I was dismayed to hear the incumbent offer that because only 1 or 2 people showed up to a public hearing in opposition to the proposal, that by default, this must mean everyone else supported it! Really? Is it any wonder the public has lost trust in government?

Lyndon has a track record of actively engaging in order to consider all sides of an issue. I can trust his decisions will be based on impartial fact finding and will be fully disclosed.

INTEGRITY; Recently, the incumbent moved to unceremoniously fire our County Planning and Zoning administrator for what can best be summarized in the audio recording of that action as a personality conflict.

This decision was further defended as somehow justified because of Idaho's "employment at will" statute.

This near-retirement employee had served with distinction through several administrations and was well respected by the public he served, as evidenced by a packed room of citizens

who showed up to a subsequent meeting to express their dismay for the action.

We need leadership that both recognizes an organization's greatest assets are often its employees, but also possesses the management skills to resolve conflicts and performance issues before reaching the last resort.

I trust Lyndon's professional experience will better serve our county and not leave us to fight an unnecessary lawsuit like this one we will likely lose, or the budgeting shortfall it created because of the increased operational costs of their non-unanimous decision.

If you care about the future of our county but can't always attend a meeting or a hearing to let your voice be heard, I urge you to join me in supporting Lyndon Haines.

We can trust him to do what's right when no one's watching. And as the old adage says, "If you want something done, ask someone who's busy."

For so many reasons, he's the right guy for the job!

Tony Edmondson
Weiser



Weiser High School sports have been postponed since March 16 due to the coronavirus by the governing body, the IHSAA. The latest extension suspended sports through April 20, but that was before the State Board of Education on Monday kept the school closure in place through the end of the school year, which will likely impact high school sports. Above, the Wolverines in action earlier this year.

Suspension of high school spring sports is extended by IHSAA

by Steve Lyon

The Idaho High School Activities Association extended the suspension of high school sports and activities through at least April 20 in response to the coronavirus.

The IHSAA board met on March 31 to discuss the suspension of spring sports, which started on March 17 and was set to end on April 5.

The ISHAA had not announced any changes to its decision on Tuesday, following a State Board of Education meeting in which the “soft closure” of schools was extended through the end of the academic year.

If the IHSAA decides to align the current suspension with the decision by the SBOE on Monday, high school sports likely would not resume.

An effort to get clarification from the IHSAA was not possible on Tuesday.

In addition to all spring sports, the IHSAA has postponed the state debate and speech championships.

“The Idaho High School Activities Association, in response to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, is announcing that the mandatory suspen-

sion/postponement of activities, which was set to end on April 5, will continue through April 20. This new date aligns with the recommendations that came from the Idaho State Board of Education’s ‘soft closure’ of schools.”

The IHSAA board said it will continue to monitor and align with any future recommendations that come from the Idaho SBOE and Gov. Brad Little’s office.

“Our office staff is continuing to work on potential contingency plans for any upcoming spring events that may occur,” the IHSAA said.

Weiser High School and other high schools across the state were barely into their spring sports schedules when the IHSAA issued the suspension that went into effect on March 17.

In addition to impacting WHS spring sports, including tennis, baseball, softball, golf and track and field, the suspension also affected WHS cheer competitions. The state cheer competition was cancelled and will not be rescheduled, ending Weiser’s chance to defend its title at the 3A state competition.

Weiser School District superintendent Wade Wilson said he was notified of the IHSAA’s decision to extend the suspension through April 20 immediately after the board met last Tuesday.

“Our hearts go out to our student athletes and their coaches right now. We are all hoping that there remains a chance that our spring athletes will have an opportunity to compete again at some point this year,” he said.

With the suspension of all sports extended to April 20, teams will have missed at least a month of practice and games. The IHSAA previously said it was not changing the dates of the state championships scheduled for next month, but softened that tone at the March 31 meeting.

The IHSAA runs state championships for five activities each spring. They include speech, golf, softball, tennis and track and field. The IHSAA does not run the state high

school baseball tournament. All state championships are scheduled during the week of May 11.

The IHSAA has imposed strict rules for all schools during the suspension to prevent any competitive advantages in the event that it becomes possible to hold spring state tournaments.

During the suspension, IHSAA member schools are not allowed to compete in games or contests. Member schools cannot conduct practices in IHSAA sanctioned sports at any location. Neither member schools nor their coaches nor student athletes can hold meetings.

The suspension rules also state that member schools are not to allow students or coaches at any IHSAA member school to use the school’s athletic facilities for a practice, game or contest in any IHSAA sanctioned sport regardless of the affiliation (club or otherwise) of the group seeking to use the facilities.

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Kirk Chandler Chairman
Board of County Commissioners
Washington County, Idaho

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DATED this 24th day of March, 2020.

Norman Bradley Wolcott

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LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to established procedure, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Washington County Board of Commissioners will hold a public hearing in the County Courthouse on April 27, 2020, at 2:00 p.m. The purpose of the hearing is to consider 2020 Fiscal Year Budget adjustments for needed changes and to increase spending authority to the Solid Waste Capital Expense line for the purpose of purchasing a replacement trailer. The adjustment or adjustments to the 2020 Fiscal Year Budget to be considered will not affect levied property taxes.

The hearing officer shall be authorized to impose a five-minute limitation on any oral testimony. If testimony is anticipated to exceed that five-minute limit, it may be submitted in writing in advance to the Clerk’s office to be part of the record.

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Donna Atwood
Washington County Clerk

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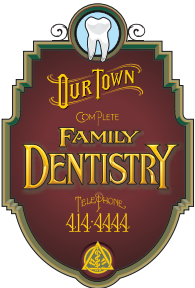
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by Linda Thistle

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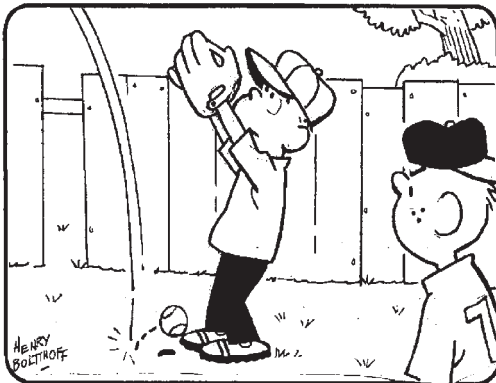
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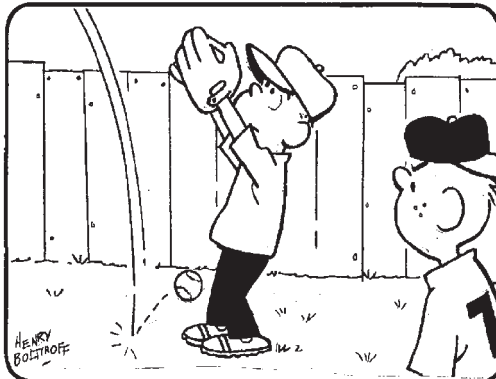
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BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



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1 Emmy, e.g.

6 Explorer — Polo

11 Milne's bear

15 Hospital VIPs

19 Spanish man

20 It's made of milk, flour and butter

22 Sharing the secret of

23 "The Matrix" star Reeves

24 Unit equal to 0.338 fluid ounce

25 Knock off

26 Stage muggers

28 Beating the former best

30 4x4, briefly

32 Lousy

34 Ian Fleming's alma mater

35 Jaded

36 Online comparison shopping site

42 More nasty

43 Dance in Rio

44 Has a bawl

45 Prenatal chambers

47 Locker, e.g.

54 U.S. enlistees

57 Arrest, as a perp

58 Tiddlywink or Frisbee

59 How- (DIYers' books)

60 Jurist Scalia

63 Novelist Graham

66 Camphor or fructose

69 Need-for-speed adage adapted from the Bible

72 Road salt

73 "It's about time!"

74 Separates after a multiplayer tackle

75 Edifice extension

76 Debate side

77 — Khan (Islamic imam)

78 Wide shoe spec

79 Building up to the loudest point

88 Parliament's House of —

89 "With a Little — Luck"

90 Piece-of-cake class

96 Fold, spindle or mutilate

97 Bottle near a salad bowl

99 Smell

100 Cannonballs and such

103 Pro-learning union: Abbr.

104 Healthful getaway

105 Backlash

111 Banks of modeling

113 Catch with one's ears

114 "Viva Las Vegas" co-star

116 Ancient Greek colony

119 — Stanley Gardner

120 Not trued up

121 Kids' caretaker

122 Changed the color of

123 Favorable votes

124 Actor Mike

125 Meal blessing that's "mixed" and hidden in seven answers in this puzzle

1 Inquire

2 Itsy-bitsy

3 Disneyland's city

4 Barrett of gossip

5 Snare sound

6 DC doubled

7 Warlike deity

8 Thinker

9 Descartes

9 Carrie Chapman —

10 Drop

11 Latex, e.g.

12 Money spent

13 Sailor's site

14 German man

15 Deny

16 Borrowed

17 Not smooth

18 — of Berlin (snack brand)

21 More crafty

27 Get less taut

29 Late film critic Roger

30 Happy times

31 — la-la

33 Silcom

34 Psychiatrist

35 Frasier, to his patients

37 "2 Broke Girls" airer

38 Steed breed

39 Sizable

40 Comb insect

41 Key near F1

42 Sea, to Gigi

45 Flustered

46 Tic-toe link

48 Chilling, as champagne

49 Playwright

50 Clifford

51 City in North Dakota

52 Star, in Nice

53 Having no service charge

53 — fly (African pest)

54 Congregate

55 Gobble down

56 — Artois (teen show)

61 "... — will!" (threat ender)

62 — Geo Wild

63 Must, slangly

64 Holy artifact

65 José's "that"

66 "— & Kol"

67 (teen show)

67 Psychic skill

68 Prefix with light

70 Turt groups

71 Real

76 aficionado

77 So-so link

77 Slip — (mess up)

80 Made a racket

81 Hulk of a wrestler?

82 Furiousness

83 Slugging stat

84 Essen "a"

85 Enhaloed Fr. lady

86 Deteriorating

87 Paddled tool

91 Girl told not to cry in song

92 "Uh-huh"

93 "I'm — loss for words"

94 Ran quickly

95 Carolid, e.g.

96 A pep talk may boost it

97 Outspoken

98 Receiving a pension: Abbr.

100 Golf's Palmer, to pals

101 High-IQ crew

102 The — & the Papas

106 Like venison

107 Quick haircut

108 Punker Pop

109 Alençon's department

110 At no time, in verse

112 Mimic a tiger

115 Saints' stats

117 Yellow pages abbr.

118 Favorable vote

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