

KZID-FM Issues and Answers Programming

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Health:

LEWISTON CITY COUNCIL PASSES MASK MANDATE BY A VOTE OF 4-3

LEWISTON - At a special meeting held on Thursday, November 19, the Lewiston City Council voted to implement a mask mandate for the city of Lewiston by a vote of 4-3. The mandate has a 'termination date' of on OR before January 25, 2021, meaning the issue will be revisited by the council on that date, if it is not done so before.

IDAHO STUDENT MENTAL HEALTH SUMMIT TO BE HELD TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8

The Idaho State Board of Education is sponsoring a virtual Idaho Student Mental Health Summit coming up on Tuesday, December 8, 2020 at 3:00pm PST. Idaho student leaders both in high school and college will prepare video messages about what they are seeing and hearing from their fellow students.

LC VALLEY HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION FUNDS UNIVERSITY OF IDAHO EXTENSION MENTAL HEALTH TRAINING

A grant from the Lewis-Clark Valley Healthcare Foundation will help University of Idaho Extension expand mental health first-aid training and suicide prevention efforts across the state. The foundation recently awarded \$40,000 to U of I to train 10 county Extension educators in the Question, Persuade and Refer Suicide Awareness Program.

Regence BlueShield of Idaho Announces First Health Plan in Country to Partner with Fitbit to Help Employees Return to Work. On Thursday, October 29, Regence Blue Shield of Idaho announced the first health plan in the country to partner with Fitbit on an early illness detection program that will make it easier for employees in many industries to return to work during the COVID-19 pandemic. Employers with Regence BlueShield of Idaho health insurance will be able to access Fitbit's Ready for Work program that helps employees with early illness detection and improves workplace safety for businesses. Regence is the first health plan in United States to make Fitbit's Ready for Work solution available to employer groups.

The Tri-State Memorial Hospital COVID-19 hotline is now live! To best serve the community, Tri-State Memorial has opened up their COVID-19 hotline for community members who have questions or concerns regarding COVID-19. Call 509.769.2215, Monday - Friday from 7:00am - 5:00pm, and Saturdays, from 8:00am - 5:00pm.

Quality Behavioral Health Multi campaigns run dates 10/1-12/31

Bullying- Red Ribbon- Anger Management campaign airs Oct 1-31-

Nov 1-30 and Dec 1-31- Seasonal depression, Homelessness, crisis line, stalking campaigns

Tri-State Hospital Foundation Home Health and Healing month air dates: Oct 5-30th 2020

TRI-STATE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL BEGINS VACCINATION PROCESS OF EMPLOYEES

CLARKSTON - Tri-State Memorial Hospital & Medical Campus received the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine last week and began giving the vaccine to employees on Wednesday, December 16. The first phase, or tier, is to allocate the vaccine to first responders and healthcare workers. As of Friday, December 18, 20 employees have received the vaccination, with others signing up daily.

Education:

On Friday, October 30, Washington Governor Jay Inslee announced the allocation of \$24 million in Coronavirus Relief Funds to purchase approximately 64,000 computing devices for students across the state. These devices will help enable students to receive their education in the new COVID-19 remote learning environment. The first shipment of 20,000 devices is expected in the coming weeks. At the beginning of the 2020–2021 school year, more than 95% of students in Washington began the year in remote learning due to the COVID-19 pandemic. However, according to the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) and the nine regional educational service districts, approximately 64,000 students and school staff statewide do not currently have their own computing device or tablet.

LEWIS-CLARK STATE RECEIVES \$25,000 FOR SCHWEITZER CTE CENTER FROM 2KIDSFROMLEWISTON FUND. LEWISTON - Lewis-Clark State College has received a \$25,000 donation toward the new Schweitzer Career & Technical Education Center from the 2kidsfromLewiston Fund, Erika Allen, LC State Director of College Advancement and Foundation Executive Director, has announced. The donation was made to offset construction costs for the new facility located in the Lewiston Orchards.

On Friday, October 30, Idaho Governor Brad Little announced the state's participation in CyberStart America - an innovative, online cybersecurity competition sponsored by the National Cyber Scholarship Foundation and the SANS Institute and supported by the Idaho National Laboratory. Idaho students in grades 9-12 are encouraged to explore their aptitude for cybersecurity and computer science and win prizes, scholarships and recognition for their themselves and their schools.

The Nez Perce Tribe, through their local education program fund, has contributed \$10,000 to the Valnet library consortium. These funds will be used to purchase digital ebooks and audiobooks that all library card holders within the consortium service area will be able to access through Overdrive. Librarians in the consortium, composed of school and public libraries in both eastern Washington and north central Idaho, will purchase ebooks and audiobooks primarily for children and young adults. A portion of the grant funding will also be used to educate library staff from Valnet school and public libraries on circulation and cataloging of items, making them more accessible to students and the public in general.

Community:

LAPWAI -- The Nez Perce Tribe (Tribe) 2020 Fall General Council (GC) has been rescheduled for Oct. 15-17 at the Pi-Nee-Waus Community Center in Lapwai.

NEZ PERCE TRIBE FOOD BOX DISTRIBUTION

LAPWAI - The Nez Perce Tribe will hold a food box distribution for tribal families only in Lapwai and Kamiah on Wednesday, December 23. In Kamiah, the distribution will take place at the Wa-A'Yas Community Center parking lot beginning at 1:30pm. In Lapwai, the distribution will take place in the Lapwai High School gymnasium parking lot beginning at 4:00pm.

The 5th Annual LC Valley Pumpkin Patch is taking place from October 12 to October 31 from 10:00am to 6:00pm daily. The patch features over 2,000 pumpkins and gourds of all sizes. There will also be youth activities, games and photo opportunities. This event is the signature fundraising event for the LC Valley Habitat for Humanity. Proceeds from the event will support your local habitat. The Pumpkin Patch is located on the lawn of the Clarkston United Methodist Church, located at 1242 Highland Avenue in Clarkston.

Lewiston Independent School District Stuff the Bus 2020 was a huge success. Over 30,000lbs of food donated. Big Thank You to all who donated and helped make this event a success. Special thanks to Thrivent Financial Action Team who has been a partner for 5 years. Special shout out to Grocery Outlet who also donated to the cause.

LEWISTON FIRE DEPARTMENT RECEIVES \$3,000 DONATION FROM COUNTRY FINANCIAL

LEWISTON - On Tuesday, December 22, the Lewiston Fire Department announced they have received a \$3,000 donation from Country Financial in Lewiston. Agent Crystal Wendland presented the check to Chief Myklebust and members of B-Shift Station 1 earlier today.

IDAHO EMPLOYERS CATCH BREAK ON TAXES TO SUPPORT WORKERS WHO LOST JOBS FROM PANDEMIC

The Idaho Department of Labor says it will keep its standard unemployment-insurance tax rate on employers at the legal minimum in 2021: 1% of payroll costs. That's despite a surge of claims for unemployment compensation that placed heavy demands on the state's unemployment trust fund this year.

LEWISTON CITY LIBRARY TO HOST 'HOLIDAY BOOK HUNT' AT LOCOMOTIVE PARK DECEMBER 21, 22 & 23

LEWISTON - In celebration of the Winter Spirit light display, the Lewiston City Library will be hosting a holiday book hunt at Locomotive Park, on Monday December 21, Tuesday December 22, and Wednesday December 23. According to the Lewiston city Library, the books will be hidden and ready to find by 4:00pm each evening.

CLARKSTON FIRE DEPARTMENT/RESCUE ONE PURCHASES 15 BIKES AND ACCESSORIES AS PART OF ANNUAL 'BIKES FOR KIDS' CAMPAIGN

CLARKSTON - On Sunday, December 20, the Clarkston Fire Department/Rescue One crew did their annual 'Bikes For Kids' shopping. Overall, with generous donations from community businesses they were able to buy fifteen (15) bikes, along with all of the proper accessories for rider safety to go along with the bike!

SOLID WASTE HOLIDAY COLLECTION SCHEDULE FOR CITY OF LEWISTON

LEWISTON - City of Lewiston solid waste collection services during the week of Christmas will be normal Monday, December 21 through Thursday, December 24, while collection that normally occurs Friday will instead occur one day later on Saturday, December 26. The following week for New Years will be laid out the same.

"NIGHTHAWKS" CHOSEN AS NEW MASCOT FOR NEZPERCE SCHOOL DISTRICT

NEZPERCE, ID - At its regularly scheduled board meeting held on Monday, December 14, the Nezperce School District voted to officially change the district mascot to the "Nighthawks." Back on July 15, 2020, the Board made the decision to move away from the "Indians" mascot after a nearly six year process.

REPORT: WASHINGTON STATE HAS 5TH LARGEST HOMELESS POPULATION IN THE U.S.

CLARKSTON, WA - According to a look at the data by home services website Porch.com, there are 28.3 homeless people for every 10,000 residents in Washington state. In total, 44.3% of the homeless Washington population is living unsheltered. Among all U.S. states, Washington has the 5th highest rate of homelessness.

NEZ PERCE TRIBE DRIVE-THRU NECESSITIES DISTRIBUTION SCHEDULED FOR WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16

LAPWAI - The Nez Perce Tribe will be holding drive-thru necessities distributions for Nez Perce Tribal members (must show ID) in Lapwai and Kamiah on Wednesday, November 18. Necessities to be given out include PPE, cleaning supplies, toiletries, non-perishable foods and more.

UNIVERSITY OF IDAHO INVITES COMMUNITY TO VETERANS DAY WREATH LAYING CEREMONY WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11

LEWISTON - The University of Idaho is inviting the community to a wreath-laying ceremony to honor military members and veterans at 11:00am on Wednesday, November 11, on the northwest lawn of the University of Idaho Administration Building on the Moscow campus.

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