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**Employers add about 250 jobs in Spokane County**

Employers in Spokane County added a net of about 250 jobs in May, according to preliminary figures provided by the Washington state Employment Security Department. The unemployment rate for May came in at 5%, down from 5.5% April but up from 4.7% in May 2018.

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**Idaho reports gain of 1,700 jobs in May**

The Idaho Department of Labor reported that employers statewide added just over 1,700 jobs in May. The statewide unemployment rate remained steady at 2.8%, and the labor department reported it was the 18th straight month the jobless rate came in at or below 3%.

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**WSU Health Sciences hires Papich**

Washington State University Health Sciences Spokane has hired Kim Papich as director of communications and public affairs. Papich previously worked for the Spokane Regional Health District.

**LCSC Alumni Association names new president**

Kevin Reynolds, a student adviser at Lewis-Clark State College, has been named president of the LCSC Alumni Association. Reynolds, who will begin his two-year term on July 1, replaces Darcy Nelly, co-owner of Nelly Broadcasting.

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