

Murder trial delayed again

The trial for the Fort Hall man charged with second-degree murder was delayed for fourth time.

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Wildlife officials hunt for bear that killed mountain biker.

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Kenadi Haggard, 6, gets an assist from her mom, Tina Carver, while throwing a disc on the beach at the Portneuf Wellness Complex on Thursday in Pocatello. A county official said this week that taxpayers could end up paying for maintenance and operations at the complex.

Taxpayers could end up paying for Portneuf Wellness Complex

By DEBBIE BRYCE For the Journal

POCATELLO — Bannock County Clerk Robert Poleki said this week that taxpayers could end up footing the bill for maintenance and operations at the Portneuf Wellness Complex.

The facility, which includes the Portneuf Health Trust Amphitheatre, was turned over to the county last year with \$1.9 million to fund maintenance and operations at the center. But Poleki said the funds were rapidly depleted by unexpected costs and just \$400,000 is left.

Poleki said the county expects to collect an additional \$300,000 in revenue generated through concerts, events and concessions at the complex, bringing the total available funds for operations and maintenance to

\$700,000 by 2017.

The county clerk said the funds will cover costs at the center next year. But in 2018, the county will have to look at other options.

Poleki said the commission could ask the Portneuf Health Trust to fund them again, or it could ask taxpayers to subsidize the wellness complex.

“Those are really our only two options,” Poleki said.

However, Bannock County Commission Chairman Steve Hadley said there is one other option — the county could give the venue back to the Portneuf Health Trust.

Hadley said the health trust gave the venue to the county last year, but there were strings attached. Terms for the transfer of ownership included contracting with United Concerts and Diamond Concessions of Utah and restrictions on competing hospitals

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and health care organizations use of the venue.

He said unexpected expenses at the wellness complex included remodeling the loading dock, which was too low for semi-tractor trailers to get under, moving the sound system, buying soccer nets and upgrading the electrical system.

Hadley said the commission will discuss options for future funding of maintenance and operations at the Portneuf Wellness Complex and the Portneuf Health Trust Amphitheatre during a meeting on July 13.

The meeting starts at 8 a.m. in the Commission Chambers at the Bannock County Courthouse.

Chubbuck Hobby Lobby set to open in September

By KENDRA EVENSEN kevensen@journalnet.com

CHUBBUCK — Hobby Lobby is planning to celebrate its opening at the Pine Ridge Mall in Chubbuck in September.

Officials confirmed Thursday that the grand opening and ribbon cutting ceremony for the 55,000-square-foot store has been set for Sept. 5 at 9 a.m.

“We are constantly looking for new locations to better serve our customers, and Chubbuck fits the bill,” said Bob Miller, communications coordinator for Hobby Lobby. “There are a lot of creative people in Chubbuck, and we are eager to partner with them and become a part of the community.”

The new store, located at Yellowstone and Pole Line, will be the fourth Hobby Lobby in Idaho, Miller said. There are stores in Ammon, Meridian and Nampa already.

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With permitless carry in effect, police chief cautions safety

By DEBBIE BRYCE For the Journal

POCATELLO — In March, Idaho became the ninth U.S. state to adopt a Constitutional Carry law, and that law goes into effect Friday.

During a press conference Thursday, Pocatello Police Chief Scott Marchand said he’s concerned about the safety of his officers and the public once the law is implemented.

Marchand wants citizens to know that just because Idahoans can now legally carry and conceal a gun, they cannot legally discharge it in just any situation.

The chief said he’s concerned about more weapons being on the streets, and he believes the permitless carry law will lead to an increase in gun calls and accidents involving guns.

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Marchand

Numerous fireworks shows planned in East Idaho

By KENDRA EVENSEN kevensen@journalnet.com

Loren Azzola says, “If you’re bored on the Fourth of July, it’s your own fault.”

The past president of the Biggest Show in Idaho’s board may be right.

There are numerous firework shows planned throughout the region over the weekend and on Monday, Independence Day. Among the largest are those that will be taking place in Pocatello, Idaho Falls and Blackfoot.

The Biggest Show in Idaho will set

off its fireworks, which will be synchronized to music, at about 10 p.m. Monday. Attendees can watch from the Portneuf Wellness Complex in Pocatello.

“It will be bigger and better than ever,” Azzola said.

He said they’ve added some ground fireworks to the lineup this year.

For the first time, the show will be free; however, there will be a \$10 fee per car to park in the paved main lot, or a \$5 fee to park in the dirt lot. Those who don’t want to pay the fee can walk or find other places to park, but Azzola said the

proceeds do help fund the fireworks show.

He hopes many community members will attend the show that’s put on for them.

“This event is sponsored by our community, and our community really should support it,” he said. “If you love where you live, be there. We’re doing it for you, and we’re doing it for us.”

There are several activities leading up to the fireworks show. For more information, visit www.biggest-showinidaho.net.

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Several fireworks shows and parades to be held in region

By JOURNAL STAFF

Several towns throughout East Idaho will host Fourth of July parades and firework shows this week. Here’s a rundown of events in each city

Pocatello: ■ Pocatello’s Fourth

of July parade will begin at 9 a.m. July 4 and will start at the corner of First Avenue and Center Street.

■ The Biggest Show in Idaho will be held at the Portneuf Wellness Complex on July 4. Fireworks will begin at 10 p.m.

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