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THE LEWISTON TRIBUNE

### THURSDAY, JULY 11, 2019

# Port cold to ice rink's lease break bid

Lewiston port commissioners plan on making repairs, but won't lower amount paid by hockey group

By ELAINE WILLIAMS
OF THE TRIBUNE

The volunteer operators of the Lewiston-Clarkston Valley's only ice skating rink will likely get help with building upgrades from their landlord, the Port of

But the port's commissioners declined a request to lower

Leaders of the Lewis Clark Amateur Hockey Association had asked for the commissioners to reduce that amount to \$45,600 annually for the rink at 1521 Sixth Ave. N.

The organization is doing significantly better than it has in the past and has almost \$30,000

voted to keep it at \$48,300 for the  $\,$  McFetridge,  $\,$  the  $\,$  association's coming year.

But he's worried that money won't last long because of coming expenses estimated at as much as \$10,000.

The association is replacing rental skates, lobby flooring and gear that's rented to beginning players when they are deciding if hockey is a sport they want to purthe lease rate for the facility at a Wednesday meeting and instead \$18,110 deficit in 2017, said Dan sue. It also needs to repair some of its ice-making equipment.

The port will look at subsidizing ceiling repairs and wall insulation, partly because that work could be considered part of maintaining the building, said Port Manager David Doeringsfeld.

Any assistance the port offers will support forms of recreation for young people that are gaining momentum, McFetridge said.

The group's youngest team, for

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#### **Roundabout in the works**



Tribune/Pete Caster

Concrete is poured from an Atlas Sand and Rock truck while Knox Concrete workers Jarid Davis (left), Marcus Touraille (center) and Ozzy Wexler work the slurry into an island on the south end of a roundabout being built at the intersection of 12th Street and Warner Avenue near the new Lewiston High School on Wednesday afternoon in the Lewiston Orchards.

# Moscow agencies outline plans for edible forest park

Harvest Park plan calls for amphitheater, seating areas, edible food trees on 4-acre hillside between Indian Hills Drive, Grove apartments

> By GARRETT CABEZA FOR THE TRIBUNE

MOSCOW — The proposed 4.09-acre edible food forest park on the south end of Moscow would include an amphitheater, picnic seating areas, pathways and other amenities based on the conceptual plan the Moscow Tree and Parks and Recreation commissions approved Wednesday night during a joint meeting at the Hamilton Indoor Recreation

The city council is tentatively scheduled to make a decision on the plan at its

Sept. 2 meeting. Even if the council approves the plan, development of Harvest Park — which would be located on a vacant Southview Avenue hillside between Indian Hills Drive and The Grove apartments — will be developed over years or even decades as funding allows, said Assistant Parks and Recreation Director David Schott.

Schott said the city anticipates heavy involvement from the community for donations of plant material and maintenance of the park. For example, a group may adopt an area and provide fundraising for the plant material, then plant and

Seven area Idaho school districts

have received state-administered

grants that will allow students

to have access to fresh fruit and

vegetables at no cost during the

ceived the grants from the U.S.

ble Program selection process

gives priority to schools with

the highest enrollment of stu-

The Fresh Fruit and Vegeta-

Department of Agriculture.

schools re-

coming school year.

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**ASSISTANT PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR DAVID SCHOTT** 

maintain the area. The areas would be recognized through a plaque or stone to describe the group's contributions.

Schott said there will likely be grant opportunities to potentially fund park development.

Examples of vegetation planted at the park could include fruit and nut trees.

"I really believe that Moscow, Idaho, and our community will be excited

about this project," Schott said.

The conceptual park plan has three phases totaling \$311,000. The first phase essentially concentrates on the west side of the park, the second phase on the east side and the third phase on the southcentral side.

The first phase is expected to cost about \$197,000 for initial development like the staging area, site utilities, pathways and the amphitheater/education area. The second phase would cost about \$58,000 for pathway construction, and the third phase would cost roughly \$56,000 for pathways.

Pending council approval of the plan,

reduced-cost meals.
"This selection criterion en-

sures that the program benefits

children who generally have few-

er opportunities to eat fresh fruit

and vegetables on a regular basis," according to a news release

from the Idaho State Department

As part of the program, schools are reimbursed for providing

fruits and vegetables to all stu-

dents during the school day, at a

time separate from when school

meal programs operate.

of Education.

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# **Washington agency** OKs killing of wolf pack

By NICHOLAS K. **GERANIOS** 

SPOKANE — The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife on Wednesday authorized killing some members of a wolf pack that are preying on cattle in the northeastern corner of

Agency director Kelly

"This is a very difficult situation for all those involved, especially given the history of wolflivestock conflict in this area," Susewind said. "Our goal is to change this pack's behavior."

Wolf tracks were seen near where the cow was found, the agency said.

novative solutions," said Sophia Ressler of the Center for Biological Diversity, which opposes

the killing of wolves. "State and federal officials could find an alternate grazing allotment that isn't such fantastic

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same area does not stop

agency should walk its

own talk about using in-

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Conservation groups

pack alive.

wolf habitat," she said. Wolves were wiped out in the state by the 1930s on behalf of livestock interests. But the animals started returning to the state early this century from surrounding areas. Most of the wolves live in the northeastern corner of the state, where they have prompted numerous conflicts with livestock producers.

The WDFW said the

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A quick look at what's going on in our region:

#### > 'Captain Marvel' on the screen tonight at Kamiah

KAMIAH - The Upriver Youth Leadership Council's Youth Advisory Board is showing "Captain Marvel" (PG-13) at about 9 TONIGHT outdoors at Riverfront Park off of U.S. Highway 12 in Kamiah. There is no cost to attend the movie. Concessions will be sold by KES PTO. All children younger than 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

#### > Film series continues this evening in Moscow

MOSCOW - The University of Idaho's Screen on the Green film series continues with the movie "Shazam!" (PG-13), showing at 8:45 TONIGHT on the Theophilus Tower lawn. Blankets and chairs are advised, and free popcorn will be served on a firstcome, first-served basis. If weather forces the event indoors, it will be shown in the International Ballroom of the Bruce M. Pitman Center.

Do you have an event you would like to see listed? Send the information in an email to apearson@lmtribune.com.

### **On This Date**

Stories published in the Lewiston Tribune on ...

#### **July 11, 1999**

Mary Beth Walker has returned to KLEW-TV in Lewiston as news director, replacing Noel Hardin. Hardin began work as assistant fire chief of the Asotin County Fire Department on June 1.

WINCHESTER The Winchester Library Friends has received a \$15,000 grant from the Steele-Reese Foundation. The money will go toward construction of the new library.

### **July 11, 1979**

CRAIGMONT — After five years of searching, residents in this small farming community have finally found a doctor. And Tuesday night folks turned out to welcome him.

ASOTIN — The Asotin Full Gospel Church, built in 1899 and added to the National Register for Historic Places about a year ago, has a new coat of white paint and newly reglazed windows.

#### **Oregon Zoo elephant Chendra is pregnant**

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PORTLAND, Ore. — Chendra, an elephant at the Oregon Zoo, is pregnant.

The Oregon Zoo said Chendra, 26, is due in late 2020. She is an Asian elephant.

Local news media reported Chendra came to Oregon in 1999. She was found as a young calf wandering alone near a palm oil plantation in Borneo.

### Online poll 1



This week's question: "Do you think a citizenship question should be included in the 2020 census?"

To vote, visit the Trib's website, www.lmtribune. com, and find the poll in the righthand column.

Results will be posted in Sunday's print edition.

# members preying on cattle

the state.

Susewind said the state will kill part of the OPT pack, for the second year in a row, in an effort to change the behavior of the pack.

The action comes after a cow was found on Saturday in Ferry County that had been killed and partially consumed by wolves.

Last year, the agency

School,

Junior-

by the State Department of Education "as an effective, cre-

ative way of introducing fresh

fruits and vegetables as healthy

snack options for schoolchildren

Area schools awarded grants

Culdesac School District:

• Kamiah School District:

• Lapwai School District:

Culdesac School, \$3,267.38.

Kamiah Schools, \$12,359.22.

Lapwai Elementary \$14,277.03; Lapwai

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throughout Idaho."

include:

Program to offer fresh fruits, vegetables to area school districts • Lewiston School District: McGhee Elementary School, \$19,604.28.

> • Mountain View School District: Clearwater Valley Elementary School, \$11,790.98.

• Orofino School District: Orofino Elementary School, \$24,150.20; Peck Elementary School, \$1,633.69; Timberline Schools, \$7,387.12.

• Salmon River School District: Riggins Elementary School,

The program is administered Senior High School, \$2,699.14. dents who qualify for free and

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### **NW briefs**

#### Lawsuit filed over mountain caribou habitat

SPOKANE — Conservation groups are suing the federal government for failing to designate critical habitat for endangered mountain caribou in the inland Northwest.

The lawsuit was filed Wednesday in federal court in Idaho by groups, including the Center for Biological Diversity, Defenders of Wildlife and others. It names the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service as defendant.

The southern Selkirk herd of caribou, which formerly occupied Idaho and Washington, has been protected under the Endangered Species Act since 1983.

In 2014, the Fish and Wildlife Service determined the herd was actually part of a larger population located in British Columbia.

But the FWS never finalized critical habitat to recover mountain caribou.

Last year, Canada brought the last mountain caribou into captivity, marking the loss of all caribou from the lower 48 states.

#### Two new measles cases confirmed in western Washington outbreak

SEATTLE — Health officials say two more cases of the measles — including one in an infant — have been confirmed in a western Washington outbreak.

Public Health-Seattle & King County said a teenager who lives in King County visited the Auburn Community Center last Saturday while infectious and before the teen was diagnosed. Officials said the teen lives in a household of a person who was previously diagnosed.

Public Health also confirmed measles in an infant who is not known to have been in any public locations while infectious. The baby also lived with a person who had been previously diagnosed.

The most recent cases bring the total to nine measles cases in King County since May.

#### Coroner names teen who died in mall stabbing

UNION GAP, Wash. — Yakima County Coroner Jim Curtice released the name of the 16-year-old boy who died after being stabbed Saturday at Valley Mall in Union Gap.

The Yakima Herald-Republic reported Curtice announced Tuesday that Davis Reyes Jr. died of a single stab wound to the torso.

Police said Reyes was stabbed after a fight broke out in the upstairs restroom of the Macy's store.

Union Gap Police Chief Greg Cobb said three juveniles were questioned in the matter and released pending further investigation.

#### Man charged in stabbing at Starbucks

EUGENE, Ore. — A Eugene man has been charged with attempted murder in connection with the stabbing of a man sitting outside a Eugene coffee shop Sunday

The Register-Guard reported 40-year-old Gabriel Pemble was charged Monday.

Eugene police said Pemble was drinking coffee inside Starbucks when he got up, went outside and stabbed a man sitting at a table outside the cafe at about 7 a.m. Sunday.

Police said the victim was hospitalized. His condition wasn't known Tuesday.

Police said the men do not appear to know each other.

Police said one of the bystanders who detained Pemble was taken to hospital for injuries he suffered while trying to subdue Pemble.

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## Boise to use facial recognition at city hall

keep 'banned people' out

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BOISE — City officials say Boise is installing facial recognition technology at its city halls to keep "banned people" out of the government buildings.

Mayor David Bieter's spokesman Mike Journee said the city will spend \$52,000 to install the technology at Boise City Hall and City Hall West in an effort to identify people who enter either building in violation of legal no-contact or no-trespassing orders. The program will send an alert to security staffers if

Officials say technology will someone who appears to match banned facial recognition technolothe description of a banned person

enters the building, Journee said.
"We recognized that it's important for our employees to feel safe at their jobs, and given the highprofile nature of city hall and some of the decisions that are made here, we felt it was important to invest in their safety and their security going forward and this is part of that effort," Journee said.

No one is currently banned from city hall, although a managing partner of an NBA developmental league team was temporarily banned last year after he swore at and tapped an urban renewal official on the forehead during a heated city council meeting.

At least two U.S. cities have

gy over concerns that the real-time surveillance technology could be misused or that it could violate civil rights. Journee said the facial data collected by Boise's system will not be stored and will not be connected to any police database or criminal records.

The technology will be used as soon as the city can pull together regulations governing its use, likely by the end of 2019, he said.

Meridian, Idaho-based company CompuNet won the \$31,000 contract to provide the facial recognition software. It's expected to cost an additional \$21,000 for the city's information technology office to build the server that will operate

### Memorial service set for boy killed in hit-and-run

Montana youngster died after he was struck by speeding vehicle; suspect in crash in custody

> By PERRY BACKUS OF THE RAVALLI REPUBLIC

HAMILTON, Mont. -A memorial service for a 9-year-old Hamilton boy who died following a hitand-run crash has been set for 11 a.m. today at the Hamilton Middle School.

Robert Leonardi was struck and killed allegedly by a vehicle traveling at nearly double the 35-mph speed limit - as he attempted to cross Golf Course Road in Hamilton shortly before 1 p.m. Sunday.

The Hamilton School District has set up a memorial to Leonardi at the Daly Elementary School across the street from the district's administrative building, the Ravalli Republic reported. The Daly Mustangs Facebook page encourages friends of Leonardi to bring flowers, pictures and letters to the location, day or night.

"An amazing young boy in Robert Leonardi has left us far too soon," the Facebook post read. "His passing has left an enormous hole in our hearts. As a community, we remember together grieve together."

Corvallis School trict Superintendent Tim Johnson said the district is coordinating meals and other assistance for Leonardi's parents, Phil and Alyce, both longtime Corvallis high school teachers.

'Corvallis is a closeknit community and the tragic loss of life affecting the Leonardi family has rippled through our district and certainly the entire Bitterroot Valley,"



Associated Press

Mindy Marsh and her daughter, Taryn, place a bouquet of flowers at the memorial site at Hamilton's Daly Elementary for 9-year-old Robert Anthony Leonardi on Wednesday in Hamilton, Mont.

Johnson said. "Emotions are raw and our focus is supporting the Leonardis as best we can through this seemingly impossible reality. Please pray for healing.

Joseph John McNamara, 59, of Hamilton, was charged Monday with negligent homicide and a misdemeanor count of failure to remain at an accident scene where a person was injured.

According to Ravalli County Deputy Attorney Angela Wetzsteon's charging affidavit, Leonardi was hit near the inthe road with his scooter.

A witness said the driver of the tan passenger van that struck Leonardi got out of the van and approached the boy. Leonardi's father immediately ran from their nearby home to help his son.

Leonardi's father handed his cellphone to Mc-Namara and directed him to call 911. The affidavit said McNamara said he

needed to move his vehicle, kept the father's phone and drove away, heading east at a high rate of speed.

McNamara never returned to the crash scene. The witness used his

own cellphone to take a photo of the van, including its license plate. The Montana plate numbers showed the van registered to McNamara. As McNamara was flee-

ing, another motorist took note of the van because of its high rate of speed. After seeing the crash scene, the motorist imtersection of Golf Course mediately turned around Road and South Crest in an attempt to locate the Road as he tried to cross van, which he did under some tree cover farther east on Golf Course Road.

The motorist spoke to McNamara, who claimed he had seen the driver who struck the boy and that driver had been picked up and fled in a Monte Carlo, according to the affidavit. A Forest Service officer arrived on the scene a short time later, but McNamara had run away.

The officer spoke with McNamara's "on-again, girlfriend off-again" who lived at the location where the van was located. She initially said that McNamara had told her that he wasn't involved in a crash, but had seen the driver get into a Monte Carlo and drive away.

When the officer told the woman a child had died as a result of the crash, she quickly told the officer that she had been with McNamara prior to the incident at the Rotary Park day use area, where the two had quarreled.

She left the park to drive home and was still inside her vehicle talking on the phone when McNamara arrived in his van. The woman said McNamara asked her for a ride after telling her he had hit something. She refused to give him a ride. McNamara left on foot behind the home.

Following a 5½-hour search, McNamara was arrested at a home in Hamilton.

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boys and girls between the ages of 4 and 6 years old, has grown from six players to 21 players, said Shawn Wentworth, a coach for the association.

what the program is going to be," he said.

day and Saturday nights are popular for middle school students. "It used to be a ghost

The public skates Fri-

Wentworth said. town," "Now it's packed."

faces issues, such as the partnerships with the city fact that its rink is only of Lewiston Parks and

"That is your teller of two-thirds the size of a regulation hockey rink. That makes it difficult to stage tournaments that draw out-of-town visitors for anyone other than the youngest teams.

commissioners The suggested those challenges might Still, the association better addressed with

Recreation Department or the Boys & Girls Club of the Lewis Clark Valley, which are focused on vouth activities.

"It would seem like a good marriage," Commissioner Mike Thomason said.

Williams may be contacted at ewilliam@lmtribune. com or (208) 848-2261.

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Schott said a water booster station would be constructed next year and the first phase of park development would be scheduled for 2021

He said the park's primary access point would be from Southview Avenue — or the bottom of the hill but the goal is to provide access from Indian Hills Drive as well.

**BV KEITH RIDLER** 

OF THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

many wild horses on pub-

lic lands, a federal official

said Wednesday, and po-

tential solutions include

new sterilization meth-

ods, aggressive adoption

efforts and holding more

Burro Program Division

Chief Bruce Rittenhouse

of the U.S. Bureau of Land

Management said the near-

ly 90,000 wild horses in 10

Western states are more

than three times appropri-

ate levels. Officials esti-

mate that as many as 18,000

in a challenge right now

with this program," Rit-

"We know that we are

Wild horses are gen-

erally viewed as iconic

symbols of the West, but

officials said they have

few predators and quickly

foals are born each year.

Acting Wild Horse and

horses in corrals.

BOISE — There are too

Parks and Recreation Director

Dwight Curtis said this is a longterm project with several unknown details.

"What we plan tonight doesn't necessarily mean that we can't still make plans for tomorrow," Curtis

Part of the park's vision statement reads, "This unique space is intended to provide educational opportunities and an example to our community of stewardship of a public food forest. This unique space will create a sense of place and community pride for the city of Moscow for generations to come."

In April 2018, the city council ap- 4631, or by email to gcabeza@dnews.com.

Officials eye ways to limit wild horse numbers

"There is limited forage and range and

habitat and water for all of the organisms

out there. It's easy for (wild horses) to exceed

their own carrying capacity because they

reproduce quickly."

**ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER CELESTE CARLISLE** 

proved a parkland exchange and dedication agreement between Indian Hills Trading Company and the city. As a result of the swap, the city acquired the 4.09-acre hillside and IHTC took the original 1.74acre parkland dedication associated with the Indian Hills 8th Addition Subdivision — which includes The Grove, the parkland dedication and another lot nearby — and the remaining unplatted IHTC property surrounding the area.

Cabeza can be reached at (208) 883-

August.

amining fertility control,

the cost of holding horses,

and the potential euthana-

sia of healthy horses, Rit-

tenhouse said. He said it

wasn't yet clear what the

final report might look

like when it comes out in

or injured horses are eu-

thanized, and Congress

prohibits the sale of wild

John Ruhs, director

of the Bureau of Land

Management in Idaho,

said a return to sending

wild horses to slaughter, a

standard practice much of

last century, wasn't likely.

answer," he said. "I think

we have a different soci-

ety and a different mind-

There are 177 such areas

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federal law,

horses for slaughter.

Currently, only sick

### Man sentenced to federal prison for assault

COEUR D'ALENE toxicated at the time, A 74-year-old Lap- mistakenly believed the wai man was sentenced Tuesday to almost four vears in federal prison for an attack that left his victim with life-threatening injuries.

Otto Mark Homan was sentenced to 46 months for assault with a dangerous weapon and assault resulting in serious bodily injury. According to court records, Homan walked to

axe." Homan then left the scene. Homan, who was in-

his neighbor's house and

hit the victim once in the

head with "a hammer/

mistakenly believed the victim stole his television. The victim spent more than three months in various medical care facilities following the incident.

A news release from the U.S. Department of Justice did not indicate when the attack took place, but Homan was indicted by a federal grand jury Oct. 16, 2018. Chief U.S. District Judge David C. Nye also ordered Homan to serve three vears supervised release after he finishes his pris-

### RECORDS

Of Wednesday, July 10, 2019 Births

St. Joseph Regional Medical Center

Ramona and Daniel White, of Lewiston, a daughter, Eloise Catherine White, born Tuesday.

#### **Marriage Licenses**

#### **Nez Perce County**

Jessie Jose Cordova and Jessica Marie Skaggs, both of Esparto, Calif.

Damian Sidney McWilliams and Kendall Rae Schumacher, both of Juliaetta.

#### **Asotin County**

Matthew Donald Foran, of Clarkston, and Chrissy Wessels Middendorp, of Rathdrum.

#### Dissolutions

#### **Asotin County**

Filed

Lisa K. Stormes and Jonathan D. Stormes. Keith Douglas Hawkins and Kimberleigh M. Hawkins.

#### District Court

#### **Nez Perce County**

**Judge Jeff Brudie** David J. Shoesmith II, 38, 401 McCall St., Juliaetta, pleaded innocent to three counts of grand theft by receiving/possessing stolen property, a felony. Jury

trial set for Oct. 21. Joshua J. Musgrove, 39, 3135 Ninth St., Lewiston, pleaded innocent to three counts of delivery of a controlled substance, a felony. Jury trial set for Oct. 21.

#### Crime Reports

Two backpacks, two laptops and a wallet were reported stolen from two unlocked vehicles on the 500 block of Sixth Avenue in Lewiston. An estimated value for the

items was not immediately available. A 7,500-watt generator valued at \$550 was reported stolen near the intersection of 14th Avenue and Eighth Street in Lewiston.

### overpopulate what rangelands can support. Offi-

tenhouse said.

> Continued from PAGE 1C state had a minimum of 126 wolves in 27 packs, with 15 successful breeding pairs, last year. For the first time, a wolf pack was found living west of the Cascade Range

Gray wolves are no longer listed as an endangered species under federal protection in eastern Washington. They are still federally protected across the rest of the state, although the federal government is considering lifting those protections.

Susewind said the OPT pack has repeatedly preved on cattle on federal grazing lands in the

Kettle River Range. Last year, the OPT pack was involved in 16 depredations in less than two months. That prompted the WDFW to kill two members of the pack last September, leaving two

cials also said they con-

sume food on rangelands

used for raising cattle and

can cause problems for

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and water for all of the or-

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advisory board member

Celeste Carlisle during a

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being held in corrals at a cost of \$50 million annu-

reproduce quickly."

native wildlife.

members alive. The WDFW said the pack has since grown to

pups. The rancher involved in this case has taken numerous steps to protect his livestock from wolves, and efforts to kill some wolves will begin almost immediately, the agency

The agency said it will kill one or more wolves and then evaluate whether more need to be killed prevent livestock depredations.

#### break in the meeting. "It's set of how we look at those animals." easy for (wild horses) to which the federal agen-Under exceed their own carrycies can accept or reject. Most wild horses roam wild horses are man-Bureau of Land Managed in what are called As a result, another Herd Management Areas.

half of the Bureau of Land Management's budget for its Wild Horse and Bureau Program. The advisory board is

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tasked with making recommendations to the Bureau of Land Management and U.S. Forest Service regarding management of wild horses and burros,

agement land, and that agency is in the process of preparing a report requested by Congress ex-

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### Upgrades planned for Idler's Rest Nature Preserve

Project at base of Moscow Mountain will add parking, signage, vault toilet and improved access to site

> By GARRETT CABEZA FOR THE TRIBUNE

MOSCOW — More parking, better access, new signage and a toilet are expected to be available at Idler's Rest Nature Preserve northeast of Moscow this fall.

Palouse Land Trust Executive Director Lovina Englund said the first phase of the project includes parking lot improvements and vault toilet installation, while the second phase features the installation of a universal access trail from the parking lot to the Cedar Grove, and upgraded signage.

Englund said parking capacity will increase from about 12 vehicles to at least 20 by slightly expanding the lot and designating angled parking spaces. A handicappedaccessible space and an oversized vehicle space will be included.

She said the current parking situation is a bit of a "free-for-all" because there are no marked spaces. Wooden parking bumpers will be installed as part of the parking lot improvement project, and the dirt lot will become gravel.

Englund said maintaining the preserve's integrity is the highest priority for those working on the

project.
"We've designed the plans in such a way they won't impact (many) trees on the site so that we can make sure the feel of the nature preserve is maintained," she said. "I think that is really important to the community.'

The wheelchair-accessible vault toilet, in which waste is held in an underground tank, will fill the restroom need at the preserve and will sit next to the parking lot.

Englund said several parents of young children told her the bathroom will make their Idler's Rest experience much more comfortable.

While much of the work will be



Daily News/Geoff Crimmins

Lovina Englund (left to right), Colin Priebe, and Jaime Jovanovich Walker clear brush near the parking lot at Idler's Rest Nature Preserve north of Moscow.

universal access trail, Englund

The aggregate rock trail will allow those with physical limitations, such as Moscow's Morgan Stage, to access the Cedar Grove.

Stage is 60 and a quadriplegic. He has several memories of playing in the grove as a child when his mother was there serving as a camp counselor. After a skiing accident in 1982, Stage said he has not been able to access the grove, which he described as extremely scenic and peaceful.

Stage said he reviewed the trust's \$43,000 grant application to the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation. He had previously served on the department's review

"I've missed the opportunity to get down in there and experience Stage said. "So when I heard they were proposing a project for it, I offered my assistance.

"We're super excited that we're going to be able to open up to more potential users, and especially us-

tractor will be hired to finish the table of access as we would have hoped for," Englund said.

The final pieces of the project include the installation of new interpretive signage, a new trail map and more trail signs. Two metal bicycle racks made by Moscow High School students also will be installed in the parking lot area, Englund said.

To fund the almost \$100,000 project, Englund said the trust will use the \$43,000 Idaho Parks and Recreation grant, a \$30,000 Thomas O. Brown Foundation grant and more than \$15,000 in community support it received.

"There's so much going on out there that makes my heart really excited," Englund said. "But a big part of it is just helping more members of our community getting access to being outside and removing those barriers that might otherwise prevent them from enjoying that space."

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## **Obituaries**

#### Eldon L. Anglen

Eldon L. Anglen, 78, of Cottonwood, passed away Wednesday, July 3, 2019, at Grangeville Health and Rehab in Grangeville.

Eldon was born Sept. 29, 1940, to Ralph and Beulah Pruitt Anglen, in Bonners Ferry, Idaho. After graduating from high school and completing basic training with the Army National Guard, he returned to Bonners Ferry and married Carol Ann Sams on July 6, 1959. The newlyweds lived in Libby, Mont., until 1964, when they moved back to Idaho with their young family. He spent his early working years logging and in

Eldon's love of hunting and the great outdoors led him to enroll at the University of Idaho, where he obtained a degree in wildlife management in 1971. He worked for Idaho Fish and Game as a wildlife manager and conservation officer until his retirement in 1996. His college years and career kept his family on the move: Moscow, Bonners Ferry, Coeur d'Alene, Harrison, Naples, Garden Valley, Riggins and finally to Cottonwood in 1990, where he and Carol purchased land and prepared to settle down for retirement. Once retired, Eldon worked seasonally with the Forest Service at Slate Creek.

Eldon is survived by son Darrell E. (Sheri), of Moscow, and their children, Sarah Brutsman, Joshua, Jesse and Nathan Anglen and Rachel Virgin; Darla (Floyd) Whitley, of Cottonwood, and their children. Doris Reedy, Silas and Claire Whitley; and Darren L. (Laurie), of Middleton. and their children, Jordan and Emily Anglen; plus 19 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his beloved Carol. his parents and infant sister Phyllis Rae.

He will be laid to rest alongside Carol at Grandview Cemetery in Bonners Ferry at a private graveside service to be held at a later date. Arrangements are under the direction of the Blackmer Funeral Home of Grangeville. You may submit condolences to family to Blackmerfuneralhome.com.

#### **DEATHS**

#### Francis "Bill" William Coy

SPOKANE — Francis "Bill" William Coy, 77, of Lewiston, died Saturday, July 6, 2019, at Sacred Heart Medical Center in Spokane. Pacific Northwest Cremation and Funeral Home of Spokane Valley, Wash., is in charge of arrangements.

#### **Jennifer Manwaring**

BOISE — Jennifer Manwaring, 56, of Boise and formerly of Lewiston, died Tuesday, July 9, 2019, at St. Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise. Malcom's Brower-Wann Funeral Home of Lewiston is in charge of arrangements.

#### Joyce A. Flerchinger

Joyce A. Flerchinger, 93, of Clarkston, died Tuesday, July 9, 2019, at the Idaho State Veterans Home in Lewiston. Merchant Funeral Home of Clarkston is in charge of arrangements.

### Officials push back against proposed gas pipeline

ASSOCIATED PRESS

MEDFORD, Ore. — Local county officials in southwestern Oregon are asking the federal government to reject a Canadian company's bid to build a 229-mile underground natural gas pipeline in the area, saying the project would violate environmental regulations and provide only a short-term boost to the regional economy.

County commissioners in Jackson County said in a letter to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission this month that they unanimously oppose the proposed pipeline, which would run through four southwestern Oregon counties with a planned terminal near the port town of Coos Bay. Pembina, the Canadian-based company behind the project, has floated the proposal as one of the largest impacts (to the environment)," the future meetings.

investments in rural southern Oregon, saying it would bring new jobs and hundreds of millions of dollars to the area, according to the Medford Mail Tribune.

But local officials dispute that claim, saying in a joint letter that the project would only bring temporary construction positions that would dry up once the pipeline's constructed. Commissioners add that they also take issue with Pembina's assurances that it would follow environmental regulations, saying in the letter that the company is lobbying to become exempt from federal law.

'If the agencies must amend their environmental rules to allow the project, then it is perplexing how the laws and regulations of those agencies will somehow limit

commissioners wrote.

The project would transport natural gas from Canada and the American Rockies to the Coos Bay terminal, where it would be liquefied and shipped overseas to primarily Asian markets. If constructed, the project would become the state's largest emitter of greenhouse gases.

A previous incarnation of the proposal was rejected under the Obama administration, but the plan was resubmitted shortly after President Donald Trump took office in 2017. Federal regulators will decide whether to approve the

project by early 2020. Pembina told the Mail-Tribune that it has received a copy of the commissioners' letter, and that it hopes to address their concerns in

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#### **Friday**

Joe A. Chapman, 81, of **Lewiston** — 4:30-7 p.m. friends and family gathering, 3224 Meadowlark Drive, Lewiston.

#### **Saturday**

Jimmie Lou "Jim" Asker, 87, of Bend, Ore., and formerly of Cottonwood 11 a.m. graveside service, Cottonwood Cemetery. A celebration of life gathering will follow at 2 p.m. at Gary and Mary Asker's home, 2317 Sunset Drive, Lewiston.

John Wood, 66,

Clearwater — 1 p.m. memorial, Harpster RV Park Gazebo.

Dennis Jay Ochszner, 69, of Clarkston — Noon celebration of life, Beachview Park, Chestnut Street, Clarkston.

Phylis June 3-6 p.m. 86, of Lewiston celebration of life, Loyal Order of Moose, 814 Sixth St., Clarkston.

#### Sunday

Silberberg Julia Cohen, 100, of Pullman memorial, Bishop Place Senior Living, 815 SE Klemgard St., Pullman.

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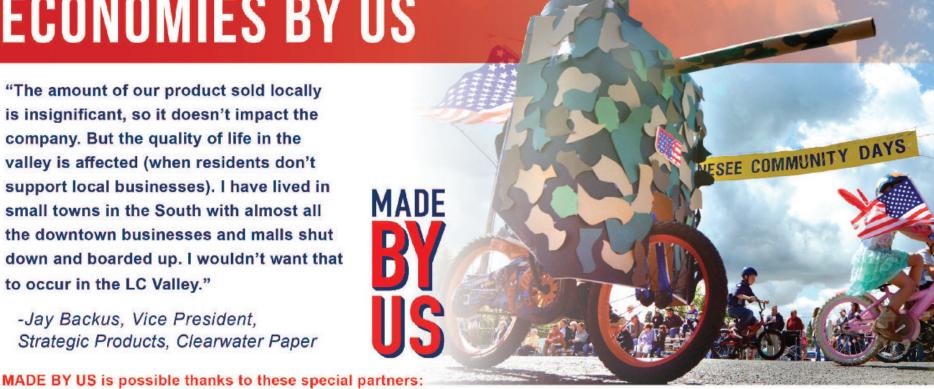


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#### **Elaine Barney Conder**

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her grandparents' home in Layton, Utah. She returned to her heavenly father, her loving husband and other loved ones peacefully Monday, July 8, 2019, at her home in Lewiston with her

son, daughters, daughterin-law, brother and sister-inlaw by her side.

Elaine was born to Vird and Verla (Bone) Barney, the third of five children. She married her high school sweetheart, Joseph Wade Conder, Jan. 2, 1953, in Elsinore, Utah, and they enjoyed more than 61 and a half years of wedded bliss before Wade passed away. Their marriage was later solemnized for time and all eternity in the Los Angeles temple of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on Feb. 11. 1967. Together, Wade and Elaine welcomed to their family three children, raising them while living in Utah, Nevada, California and Idaho.

Elaine was an active member of the church and loved her heavenly father and savior. She served in many callings, including Relief Society, Young Women's and Primary.

She graduated from high school in Monroe, Utah, she was a cheerleader. Elaine worked as a

Elaine Barney Conder, telephone operator in Utah loving wife, mom, grandma, and a school bus driver great-grandma and great- in Los Angeles before she great-grandma, was born started building her career Nov. 21, 1933, at with lafra where

she became the first district director in the state of Idaho, traveling and training many others throughout the Northwest.

enjoyed fishing, Elaine hunting, camping boating,

and spending time with dear friends. But most of all, she enjoyed spending time with her family. Her family was the most important thing in her life.

Elaine is survived by her children, Debra (William) Freudiger, Joseph (Mary) Conder and Kymberly (Bryan) Oliver; seven grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and a soon-to-beborn great-great-grandchild; her youngest brother, Nolan (Carol) Barney; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, her parents, her brothers, William Dale and Reid, and her sister, Carol.

Funeral services will be held 10 a.m. Friday at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints stake center at Ninth and Preston in Lewiston. Viewing will be held at 9 a.m. prior to the funeral. Burial will take place at 11 a.m. Tuesday, July 16, at the Monroe, Utah City Cemetery, with family and friends.

#### Colleen M. Ross

Ross Colleen Marie passed away Monday, July 8, 2019, at Wedgewood Terrace, in Lewiston.

Colleen was born 4, 1930, in Sharon, Mich., to Roy and Hazel Seeley. In 1937, the family moved to Weippe, where she attended school. She graduated from Weippe High School in 1948.

After high school, she worked at miscellaneous restaurants and at the logging camp for Potlatch Forest Industries around Headquarters, Idaho. She met Ted Byers there in 1950, and they were married in the spring of 1951. Colleen and Ted welcomed a son, Kelly, later that year. They divorced in 1952.

Colleen continued to work in the Headquarters area, where she met Charles "Chuck" Ross in 1958. They married Sept. 6, 1958, in Boise. They welcomed a daughter, Sandra, in 1959, and a son, Marty, in 1960. Colleen and Chuck lived in Headquarters until 1961, then briefly lived in Bovill before moving to Lewiston in 1963.

In Lewiston, Colleen worked as a homemaker and occasional housekeeper. The family welcomed two more sons, Steven in 1965 and David in 1967.

Colleen stayed and was in bowling leagues for many years. She was a

member of the Lewis Clark Doll Club and later a local button club. She was always very involved in her children's school activities,

> and could always be counted on for bake sales or making costumes for school plays.

Colleen was an avid doll collector and enjoyed participating in doll shows. Over the

years, her collection started to include stuffed animals and other collectibles. She enjoyed collecting stamps and buttons.

She will most be remembered for her huge heart. She loved children and treated many neighborhood children and friends like they were her own. No child ever left her house hungry. She was a gracious hostess and no one ever felt unwelcome in her home.

Colleen was preceded in death by her husband, Charles; her parents; and brothers Dennis, Gary, Gerald "Bud" and James.

She is survived by her sister, Esther (Don); sons Kelly (Sue), Marty (Amber), Steve (Stacey) and Dave (Stephanie); and daughter Sandy. She also has several grandchildren and greatgrandchildren and was a grandma" to many others.

An informal memorial service and covered-dish meal will be held from 1:30-3:30 p.m. Saturday at the Lewiston Community Center.

#### Paul Winkelman Jr.

Paul Winkelman Jr., 87, passed away Monday, July 1, 2019, at AHC Millennium in Huntsville, Ala.

He was born Oct. 28, 1931, to Pearl (Ballinger) Winkelman and Paul Winkelman Sr., in Salerno, Fla.

Paul spent a majority of his life in Lewiston, where he married his wife, Beverly Viers, on June 2, 1956. He worked for the Nez Perce County Road and Bridge Department for many years, retiring in 1993.

He is survived by his sister, Paula Wing, of Evansville, Ind.; daughters Randall. Leanne (Dick) Craigmont, Susan

(Wallace) Powelle, Baton Rouge, La., Julie Taft, of Juliaetta; sons Bryan, of Lewiston, Ray, of Coeur d'Alene, Kevin, of Meridianville, Ala., and Rob, of Rockport, Mass.; four granddaughters; four grandsons; and 13 greatgrandchildren. Paul was preceded in death by his parents, Pearl and Paul Sr.; his wife, Beverly; and his eight siblings.

A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, at Lewis-Clark Memorial Gardens, 3521 Seventh St., Lewiston. Mountain View Funeral Home will be handling arrangements.

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#### **Donald Ray Stuk**

Donald Ray Stuk, 64, of Battle Mountain, Nev., and formerly of Peck, lost his nine-year battle with cancer at St. Mary's Hospital in Reno, Nev., Sunday, July 7, 2019.

Don was born July 16, 1954, to Leo "Junior" and Stuk of Dorothy Culdesac. Their "Putt Putt" was the middle child of seven kids. After the family moved to the Lenore/Peck farm he went to school at Lapwai, where he played football and basketball and gradu-

Army and was honorably discharged Nov. 19, 1979.

Donnie then came home to farm and run cattle with his dad and brother Paul. He also worked for the next 10 years for Western Farm Service at Star Mill. During these years, he married Robin Roughton on Oct. 17, 1984, and, though this union didn't last, he cherished being a stepdad to her son, JR.

On Oct. 22, 2004, Don married his soulmate and best friend, Lori Kay, who brought two sons into his life, Brian and Mike. They gave him "his family." In 2004, Don, Lori and the boys moved to Battle Mountain, where he went to work at the Turquoise Ridge Gold Mine. He continued working there until cancer forced him to retire.

To keep busy on "good" Donnie helped his days, good friend, Dale Nichols, with his grass seed-

ing and fencing business all over Nevada and Oregon. Preceding Don in death were his dad mom, and brother Paul.

He is survived by his wife, Lori; son Brian (Rita, the daughter he always wanted) Zamarripa and their children,

Christopher, ated there in 1972. Soon Vincent Oppenhein and after, he entered the U.S. Alexis Adamson; son Mike Zamarripa and his children, Weston and Avdain, all of Battle Mountain, Nev.; sister Linda (Steve) Meacham of Lewiston; brothers Leo "Bud" (Gerry) Stuk of Richland, Steve (Trina) Stuk of Mason, Ohio, and David (Barb) Stuk of New Ulm, Minn.; sister-in-law Brenda Stuk of Peck; sister Lisa (Byron) Rudolph of Lapwai; and three aunts, Marjorie Culdesac, of Mattson Katharyn Mattson Nampa and Leona Wilkins of Seattle.

Cremation has taken place and, per Don's request, no funeral is planned, but a celebration of life for friends and family will be held at a later date.

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### **Leslie Marie Dahmen**

Leslie Marie Dahmen, 71, of Surprise, Ariz., and summer home resident of Coeur d'Alene for the past 18 years, died of cancer Monday, June 3, 2019, at her home in Surprise, Ariz.

Leslie believed in sharing her love for life with kindness, smiles, laughter and friendliness each day. Everyone was her favorite. Her faith was strong, and she never complained about her battle with cancer. Her saying was "Life is beautiful, enjoy the ride!"

She was born Feb. 18, 1948, at the hospital in Colfax, to Lester and Marie Wolf. Leslie graduated from St. Boniface Grade School, Colton High School and Kinman Business School.

Leslie married Robert Dahmen on June 24, 1972, at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Uniontown. They moved to Salt Lake City in June 1973, and then to Phoenix in late 1973. She worked at the O'Conner & Cavanagh Law Firm and a regional Phoenix bank. In 1979, she became a United Parcel Service driver. In 1985, Leslie was promoted to management at the Glendale, Ariz., UPS Center. She retired from UPS in June 2000

include her Survivors husband, Robert, at their home in Surprise, Ariz., and Coeur d'Alene; three sons and daughter-in-laws, Casey Dahmen and Jody Ryan of Surprise, Ariz., Chris and Stacie Dahmen of Haddon Heights, N.J., and Mike Dahmen and Dinah Foddrill-Dahmen of Glendale, Ariz.; one daughter and son-in-law, Garry and Nich-

away suddenly Sunday, July

7, 2019, in Idaho while

camping, at the age

Mike was born

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ole Henderson of Peoria, Ariz.; and seven grandchildren, all Leslie's favorite, Tyler, Quinn, Pierce, Max, Owen, Nixon and Haven (only granddaughter); two brothers, Dan (Kathy) Wolf and Ed (Brenda) Wolf, of Diane (Jerry) Johnston, of Moscow, and Lola (Ken) Tai, of Castle Rock, Colo.

Leslie was preceded in death by her parents, Lester and Marie; and an unborn grandson, Angelo.

A rosary will be recited at 7 p.m. July 19 at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Uniontown. A funeral Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated at 11 a.m. July 20 at St. Boniface Catholic Church, Burial will follow at the St. Boniface Catholic

Cemetery in Uniontown. Arrangements are under the direction of Kimball Funeral Home of Pullman. Memorial contributions may be made to the St. Boniface Endowment Fund Guardian Angel-St. Boniface School in care of St. Boniface, P.O. Box 108, Colton, WA 99113. Online condolences may be sent to www.kimballfh.com.

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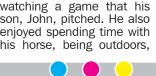


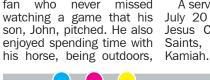
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mechanical engineering degree. Mike spent his career working in the aerospace industry, primarily working for Mike was an avid baseball fan who never missed

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Arizona.

**Michael James Havird** 

Michael J. Havird passed eating spicy food (his

He was preceded in death by his father, Leroy; and his Jesse stepfather. Weddle. He is survived by his mother, Patsey Carpenter; his wife, Laurie; his three children, Aaron, Alex and John; his

with his family in

brother, Sam Havird; his uncles, Jim Shriver and Lyndel Woods; his aunts, Melva Woods Turner and Molly Sheets; and his stepsister, Daughn Carpenter.

A service will be at 1 p.m. July 20 at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, U.S. Highway 12,

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### **Auditor: King County** allowed ICE to access jail information

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SEATTLE — A report from the King County auditor says Immigration Customs Enforcement officers continued to access an online jail database more than 1,000 times after the county passed a law in February 2018 prohibiting the sharing of personal information with immigration officials without a warrant.

The Seattle Times reported that in doing so, the officers were able to see photos, physical descriptions, addresses and aliases for more than 40,000 bookings into King County jails.

In some cases, the report released Tuesday said jail officials also collected citizenship information.

Jorge Barón, executive director of Northwest Immigrant Rights Project, called the revelations "profoundly disappointing and disturbing.

After discovering King County's data disclosures, the auditor in April notified the county's Department of Adult and Juvenile Detention, which cut off access to ICE within five working days. The sheriff's office also "immediately changed" its procedures, according to spokesman Sgt. Ryan Abbott.

County Council Chairman Rod Dembowski said he was frustrated. "You pass a law. The executive is in charge of implement-

ing it."
Why that didn't happen is not clear. County Executive Dow Constantine, in a July 1 letter to King County Auditor Kymber Waltmunson, agreed with her recommendations for training and a concrete plan to protect residents' privacy, but offered no explanation for the past failure to do so.

"It should be noted we know of no circumstance where federal agents used this data to detain or remove county residents," he noted.

Dembowski said his understanding is that ICE, along with other lawemorcement agencies, had used the jail database for as long as a decade. After the council passed its ordinance, nobody deactivated the ICE accounts.

#### Dworshak flows set to be increased by water managers this morning

AHSAHKA — Water managers for the Army Corps of Engineers are increasing flows leaving Dworshak Reservoir starting early this morn-

According to a news release from the agency, flows will begin rising from about 9,500 cubic feet per second at 12:01 a.m. today and gradually increase until they reach about 12,500 cubic feet per second. The increased flows are expected to raise the Clearwater River level by about 9 inches at a U.S. Geological Sur-

vey gauge at Peck. Each summer the agency, in cooperation with regional salmon managers, releases about 2 million acre-feet of water from the reservoir. The goal is to protect salmon and steelhead by lowering water temperatures and increasing flows in the Snake River. By the end of the season, about mid-September, the elevation of Dworshak Reservoir typically drops 80 feet.

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## Maverick Ross Perot proved popular in Northwest

Texas billionaire who died Tuesday made strong independent run for president in 1992

> By JIM CAMDEN OF THE SPOKESMAN-REVIEW

SPOKANE — Ross Perot could excite and mobilize voters in Washington and Idaho.

Although he didn't carry either state in his 1992 run for president, he did better than any independent candidate since Teddy Roosevelt 80 years earlier. And he got stronger support from voters in Spokane and Kootenai counties than he did for those states as a whole.

Some people will remember Perot — who died Tuesday in Texas at age 89 — showing off charts of the deficit on television talk shows or warning of the "giant sucking sound" of jobs going to Mexico from the North Ameri can Free Trade Agreement.

Connie Smith, now a retiree living in Chattaroy, remembers him as a wonderful boss.

"He was just the nicest gentleman to work for," said the director of his 1992 Washington campaign and an organizer who ran petition drives to get him on the ballot in 16 states. She was later selected to run United We Stand Washington and head up the state's Reform Party, which selected Perot as its nominee for his second run in 1996.

Smith was a travel agent with strong organizational skills but no political experience in early 1992 when her husband, Butch, asked her to meet him at a gathering for people organizing the beginnings of the local Perot campaign. The person at the microphone was asking for volunteers when someone behind Smith touched her shoulder, probably as they were leaving. Out of reflex, she stood up, and discovered she had volunteered herself.

Eventually she was selected to be the state director, traveling all 39 counties to get support for

Perot.
"He treated everyone with respect," Smith said. "He paid us all the same, the women the same as the men."

To get their independent candidate on the 1992 ballot, the Perot campaign needed 200 signatures on petitions. By July 2 of that year, they collected about 55,000, including nearly 3,800 delivered in a caravan that left Spokane before dawn to join a rally with their candidate on the steps of the domed Legislative Building after he turned in the petitions at the Secretary of State office.

The caravan included supporters with a range of political pedigrees. Some had voted for George H.W. Bush four years earlier, others supported un-successful Democratic hopefuls during the spring primaries or never voted in an election.

Perot urged a crowd estimated at 5,000 to buckle down, hang together and put their shoulders to the wheel to tame the deficit and rebuild America.

"Think about the Pioneer's Creed," Perot told the crowd in his oft-imitated nasal twang. "The cowards never start. The weak die on the way. Only the strong survive."



This May 5, 1992 file photo shows Texas billionaire Ross Perot laughing after saying "Watch my lips," in response to reporters asking when he plans to formally enter the presidential race.

"He treated everyone with respect. He paid us all the same, the women the same as the men."

**CONNIE SMITH, WHO WAS DIRECTOR OF ROSS PEROT'S 1992 WASHINGTON CAMPAIGN** 

In Idaho, Perot supporters had experienced a similar surge of support in the spring, with organizers saying phones rang off the hook when they began gathering signatures to put him on that state's ballot. He easily qualified as a candidate there, also.

Perot was near the height of his popularity at that point, leading both Bush and Bill Clinton in some polls and appearing regularly on "Larry King Live." At the end of that month, however, Perot abruptly pulled out of the race, saying he didn't want the vote to be so split that the election would be thrown into the House of Representatives.

Supporters in the Northwest were disappointed, with the Idaho campaign saying it might field a slate of independent candidates to run if announced candidates didn't support their issues.

Those supporters were buoyed when Perot re-entered the race about six weeks later. But he struggled to regain his momentum even though he and his vice presidential candidate James Stockdale appeared in the nationally televised debates. In October, Perot said his real reason for dropping out of the race was information that Republican operatives were scheming to smear his daughter and disrupt her wedding, and his polls took another hit.

Smith stuck with the campaign. "I can't say I believed we'd get there, but I hoped we would. Towards the end I thought 'He's not going to win.' "

Perot didn't win any states, so he didn't collect any Electoral College votes and the election wasn't thrown into the House of Representatives. But he did collect more than 19 million votes

nationwide.

In Washington, he garnered near 542,000 votes, or nearly 24 percent of those cast. He finished third in most counties, including Spokane County, where he tallied 38,251 votes. In Idaho, he drew more than 130,000 votes, or about 27 percent, and did even better in Kootenai County, where he picked up 31

percent of the vote.
Perot didn't fade away after the election. Smith helped him form United We Stand America, which would push for some of the same issues, like deficit reduction and cleaner politics, and headed the Washington chapter. But the Idaho campaign organization struggled to make the transition, as some original members clashed with the national headquarters in Dallas over rules and the rights to the name United We Stand Idaho.

During the 1994 congressional campaign, Perot endorsed Republican challenger George Nethercutt over Democratic House Speaker Tom Foley. The Nethercutt campaign reached out to Smith, to see if Perot would come to Spokane; he said yes.

Perot was a big believer that "to change Congress, you need to change representatives," Smith recalled. He also liked that Nethercutt was then supporting term limits, which Foley opposed.

In an interview Tuesday, Nethercutt recalled meeting Perot at Spokane International Airport, where his private plane had landed. There were protesters waiting for Perot, too.

Later, they went to dinner at the Spokane Club, where Perot wanted to control things," Nethercutt said.

It was less than a week before the election. They talked about the campaign, but Perot was very private about his personal life and wouldn't engage in small talk about his family. Perot did say he couldn't stand H.W. Bush or the rest of the Bush family. If he knew Nethercutt had been the former campaign chairman for the Bush presidential campaign,

he didn't mention it." Foley had issued a challenge contributed to this report.

to debate Perot as well as Nethercutt, who had already gone head-to-head with the incumbent eight times. Perot wanted to debate, but Nethercutt said no: "I'm the candidate."

Foley tried to goad Perot into staying for a debate, but he demurred: "I'd be glad to, but I've got to head east," he told reporters. "I've got another one of these tomorrow in New York.'

Nethercutt said his takeaway from the visit was to be bold and take control. Although many Perot supporters were already supporting him, he believes Perot's visit may have solidified that. A few days later, Nethercutt defeated Foley in a close election, the first challenger to beat a sit-

ting speaker since the Civil War. "I think he helped me," Nethercutt said.

In 1996, Perot ran again for president, this time as head of the Reform Party. Smith said Perot had hoped someone else would run, but he agreed to be the nominee when no one else emerged. But this was a different campaign in many respects, and the Texas billionaire couldn't catch fire a second time.

"Because of what I had learned (since 1992), I figured he didn't stand a great chance," said Smith, who once again headed up the Washington campaign.

He didn't. On his second try for the White House, Perot got just 8 million votes nationwide. His percentage slipped to 9 percent in Washington and just less than 13 percent in Idaho.

Perot stepped away from national politics after the 1996 election, and so did Smith. The insisted on ordering the food and wine for both of them. "He really and "I just retired from it all." She returned to being a travel agent and later was hired by the National Association of Women's Business Owners for the organizational skills she honed working for campaigns.

But she heard some echoes of the 1992 campaign when Donald Trump started up his presidential campaign, denouncing NAF-TA and promising, like Perot, to keep jobs in America.

Staff writer Megan Rowe

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