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ITD improving pedestrian facilities

SANDPOINT — Work is under way to improve pedestrian facilities along U.S. highways 95 and 2, the Idaho Transportation Department has announced.

Americans With Disabilities Act-compliant pedestrian ramps are being constructed at numerous locations through the downtown core and on U.S. 2 at the intersections of Euclid, Boyer and Division avenues.

The work is scheduled to be complete by mid-September and pedestrian detours of less than a block will be in place in each work zone area. The contractor is working Monday through Friday, from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. each day.

Work along U.S. 95 will also be done on Superior Street/First Avenue to Cedar Street and Fifth Ave., on Pine Street to

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A pedestrian makes her way across Fifth Avenue on Thursday as work is under way by the Idaho Transportation Department to improve pedestrian facilities along U.S. highways 2 and 95.

—Photo by ERIC PLUMMER

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KUDOS

Community organizations

NIC Sandpoint Head Start staff would like to voice appreciation to the community organizations that provided educational experiences for our 56 preschool students. The students gained valuable information about "emergency" situations. Representatives from the fire department, police department and ambulance service were exemplary in relating to our students and designed their programs to be appropriate. Thank you.

Pacific Steel & Recycling

Kudos to Pacific Steel & Recycling for donating scrap metal to our new bike rack at the PAS Thrift Shop.

BRIEFLY

Area blood drive set for Tuesday

SANDPOINT — Did you know that every two seconds, someone in the United States needs blood?

Community residents are invited to come together to donate blood at an upcoming blood drive on Tuesday. The drive will be held from noon to 6 p.m. at Christ Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, 1900 W. Pine.

Free summer T-shirts will be given to all donors.

Information: 1 (800) 423-0151 or www.inbc-saves.org

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Festival poster unveiled



—Photo by DAVID KEYES

Local photographer Carver Kearney unveils the original artwork for the 2010 Festival at Sandpoint fine art poster at a Thursday ceremony at the Dover Bay Marina. The event attracted several hundred people, who gather to be among the first to get a glimpse of the artwork. Known for his imaginative photographic imagery, Kearney was chosen by a committee made up of the Festival's past poster artists. The work features a stunning sunset of Lake Pend Oreille, with a host of musical instruments in the foreground and musical notes and birds often seen soaring above the Festival skies.

Nurses' quick thinking saves quartet

By TOM HASSLINGER
Hagadone News Network

COEUR D'ALENE — Like clockwork is the tradition, except this year they saved lives.

A three-day weekend on the Clark Fork River turned into a rescue operation last Saturday evening for area nurses Carol Eachon and Dawn Krakenberg, who had to break up their holiday briefly to save four people from drowning.

"We've been doing it for eight years, around five or six of us have always been going, but it's pretty open for whoever wants to go," said Eachon, a nurse for 24 years at Kootenai Medical Center, on her annual summer rafting trip to the Clark Fork River near St. Regis, Mont.

One of those steady six is Krakenberg, an old colleague of Eachon's, now nursing at North Idaho Advanced Care Hospital

in Post Falls.

"Tell the boss I did good," Krakenberg said. "Tell her I did really good."

Both of them did, actually.

Around 7:30 p.m. Saturday the two, along with 10 friends, were getting off the river after a full day of rafting. They were loading up the rafts and waiting for the car rides when they noticed a drift boat loaded with four people crash into a bridge piling. The boat tipped and pinned against the piling, and the four occupants, each without a lifejacket, clung to the upside down boat.

"The young lady was screaming, she couldn't find her mom," Eachon said.

All nurses have life-saving experiences, but Eachon and Krakenberg can row, too. Or as Eachon put it: "Dawn's really good with an oar, and so am I."

The two grabbed the raft and ran it up river far enough to set out on the best course

to the wreck. The woman who was underwater had emerged, but the foursome, described as a 20-something younger couple and a middle-aged older couple, were barely hanging on.

"We paddled our asses off getting to the boat and we hit it dead center," Eachon said. "Someone was helping us, that's for sure."

The older woman who had been submerged and had taken on so much water had blue skin and her lips were trembling.

The two managed to put life jackets on the four, and had them hold the rope around the raft before they paddled away. With so much weight on the raft now, and the water moving swiftly, steering became impossible. The raft couldn't turn toward shore, so the remaining 10 friends formed a human bridge by holding hands to the middle of the river to catch it.

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Accounts clash in battery case

By KEITH KINNAIRD
News editor

SANDPOINT — Two judges are bowing out of a misdemeanor or battery case against an East Hope man accused of slugging the mayor on Monday, court records show.

Judges Barbara Buchanan and Debra Heise disqualified themselves from presiding in the case against Daniel Burton Shanahan, a former East Hope councilman, court records indicate.

The magistrates did not have to cite a reason for their voluntary disqualifications, although the defendant's wife is Mary Gigray-Shanahan, a deputy public defender for Bonner County.

Dan Shanahan, 35, is accused of striking Mayor Jacob Both, 78, in the chest with a clenched

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Field fix lacks funds

By RALPH BARTHOLDT
Staff writer

SANDPOINT — As council members play hardball with the city budget, city patrons should expect no grandstanding when it comes to Memorial Field.

Council members know the field and its lights need upgrades, but another tight budget year may bench plans for refurbishing the field that is used for many events including the Festival, and high school sports.

Kim Woodruff, Sandpoint Parks and Rec director, said safety issues at the field are being addressed, but a fix may not be in the offing any time soon.

"We don't have the funding in place," Woodruff said. "We may have the authority, but no revenue."

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