

GUEST LETTERS

Time is of the essence To the Editor, The Jefferson Star:

It has come to our attention that the Jefferson County Commissioners and the Planning & Zoning Committee are enacting ordinances and fees that are not for the benefit of county residents but are for the benefit of their own government entities, to enlarge and expand their authority over us.

We refer to the newly enacted Nuisance Ordinance and the proposed Impact Fee Ordinance. Every county resident should read these ordinances and then call their county commissioners to protest these additional regulations and fees.

Our commissioners were elected by us, the citizens, to act in our best interest and on behalf of the good of the people. When they pass ordinances quickly and with very little resident input, we should question their motives.

The comment period for the Impact Fee Ordinance is from June 8 to 18, followed by a 15-day review period and they plan to pass the ordinance July 13. Time is of the essence.

Please examine the documents at www.co.jefferson.id.us on pages 236 to 238 and at www.co.jefferson.id.us/use_images/planning_zoning/2009-01CIP.pdf on page 37; and Contact your County Commissioners: Ron Baxter at 663-4684, Tad Hegsted at 523-1969 and Debbie Karrin at 745-8544.

**Danny and Marcene Ferguson
Rigby**

Saying no to more fees To the Editor, The Jefferson Star:

We attended the County Commissioners meeting June 8 where the issue of impact fees was discussed. All persons attending this meeting expressed their disapproval of these fees, which will affect all residences such as shops, garages and all other buildings built in Jefferson County in the future.

This fee could be as much as \$5 a square foot or higher as years go on. This is in addition to building permit and other fees. This fee is not absorbed in a loan; it is money up front.

All comments must be given to the commissioners by June 18 to be included in the covenant period.

This fee would be in addition to the Nuisance Ordinance, which we consider to be harassment that our county has subjected us to. All other counties have cut back due to the stress of the economy and have laid off personnel to compensate. Our county is advertising to hire another person to collect all these fees.

Please call your commissioners: Debbie Karrin at 745-8544, Tad Hegsted at 523-1969 and Ron Baxter at 663-4684; or Deputy County Administrator Michelle Harrington at 745-0868.

**Mike and Amy Genetti
Rigby**

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assumptions made in the CIP are correct, Jefferson County could grow by as much as 39 percent by 2018. Departments that are already stretched, like road and bridge, won't have the capacity to expand as the population grows if they rely on tax revenue alone, he said.

"Everyone should have the opportunity to sit on this side of the table," Commissioner Ron Baxter said. "We have heard some worthwhile questions and we are grateful for your support and input."

Commissioners did not discuss the ordinance in an open meeting last week. However, they did vote to leave public comment open until June 18 and to revisit the issue at the July 13 meeting.

The text of the CIP and the proposed ordinance are available online at <http://www.co.jefferson>

"Jefferson County has the potential to grow. But if you cut off the engine of construction, growth can't happen."

— J.T. Anderson

www.co.jefferson.id.us/planning_zoning.php or at the planning and zoning office. Written comment will be received at the planning and zoning office until tomorrow afternoon.

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Woman gets 6 years for fight at boat dock

By JASMINE LINABARY
The Jefferson Star Staff

Twenty-five people showed up in the 7th District Court and stood in support of a 40-year-old woman sentenced Monday for her role in a January fight at the Menan boat docks.

Betsy Lewis-Thorpe is one of six people who have faced charges from an incident where four males were set-up and attacked at the docks. One man managed to escape, but the three others ended up in the hospital with multiple lacerations, according to court documents.

"I'm very sorry for what I did. I wish I could take it back. I know talking to the person would have been better," Lewis-Thorpe said with tears in front of Judge Gregory Anderson at her sentencing.

Investigations were unable to determine the motivation behind the attack or whether drugs or alcohol were involved, arresting officer John Clements said.

Idaho Falls residents Jayme Ann Peterslie, Brittany Beach and Peterslie's mother Rosemarie arranged to meet with Rexburg resident Devin Kadrlík at the Maverik in Rigby on Jan. 24. Both Jayme Peterslie and Beach met Kadrlík and three other men

there and told them they wanted to go swimming, according to court documents.

As the men got out of the car at the Menan boat docks, Lewis-Thorpe, mother of Beach, and Lewis-Thorpe's then-boyfriend Randy Ray Larson and his son Timothy Ray Moon attacked them using a baseball bat and brass knuckles, according to court documents.

As the target of the attack, Kadrlík was beaten the worst and had multiple lacerations and an arm contusion, according to court documents.

The Peterslies and Beach originally faced felony charges for criminal conspiracy to commit aggravated battery for the incident. All three alleged attackers were initially charged with various counts of aggravated battery and/or assault.

Lewis-Thorpe is the only one of the six who pleaded guilty to a felony charge. Charges for the other five people involved were reduced to misdemeanor charges contingent on guilty pleas.

Lewis-Thorpe was charged with one count of aggravated battery with the use of a deadly weapon for hitting Kadrlík with a baseball bat and two counts of aggravated assault for attacks on

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School District 251 recognizes award winners

By JANETTE MELGAARD
Special to The Jefferson Star

Several recognitions were handed out at the Jefferson Joint School District No. 251 Board of Trustees meeting June 10. Here's a look at them.

- Rigby High School's FFA team took first place on a state level once again, this time in Forestry.

- Midway Elementary School student Brayden Corgatelli was recognized for being the first annual District Spelling Bee champion.

- Three district teachers were recognized for winning awards for their performances as great teachers. Rigby Junior High School teacher Jeremy Green was awarded the Golden Apple teacher award from Channel 3 for his excellence in teaching and using music to help students to learn and retain information.

"He really deserved this award," said Superintendent Dr. Ron Tolman.

- Susan McKinley who teaches at Rigby Jr. High and Holly Crawley who teaches at Midway Elementary were both awarded the Post Register

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CRIME LOG

Jefferson County

The Jefferson County Sheriff's Office handles dozens of emergency calls each week, deploying police, fire and medical services. Names and specific addresses have been omitted. The following are a selection of incidents reported to and responded to by the sheriff's office for the week of June 8 through June 14.

Total calls: 207 for both Rigby Police Department and Jefferson County Sheriff's office

June 8

9:01 a.m. Property vandalism reported on First West in Ririe.
8:03 p.m. Domestic disturbance reported in Rigby.
10:04 p.m. Doorbell ditching reported on East 22 North in Rigby. Extra patrol requested.

June 9

1:52 a.m. Doorbell ditching reported on North 3841 East in Rigby.
11:05 a.m. Fraud reported by Colorado man for counterfeit coupons purchased on eBay from a Rigby man.
5:59 p.m. Harassment by another female and potential break-in reported on First West in Ririe. Extra patrol requested.

7:18 p.m. Dog attack of a child and adult reported on East 200 North in Rigby.

9:37 p.m. Property vandalism of camp trailer, car and shop reported on North 3400 East in Rigby.

9:56 p.m. DUI arrest made on North 3600 East in Rigby.

June 10

6:34 a.m. Property vandalism where a house and vehicles were egged overnight reported on First West in Ririe.

7:45 a.m. Property vandalism of solar yard lights reported in Ririe.

9:42 a.m. Residential burglary for the amount of about \$750 in coins over the last few months reported on East 600 North in Rigby.

10:36 a.m. Traffic accident with property damage and no injuries reported on North Yellowstone Highway in Rigby.

8:50 p.m. Trailer house fire with possible resident inside reported on Main Street in Ririe.

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10:30 a.m. Theft of diamond ring reported on East 100 North in Rigby.

12:54 p.m. Assault of 13- or 14-

year-old by several other juveniles reported on North 3700 East in Rigby.

2:15 p.m. Suspicious circumstances where juveniles in a vehicle were possibly shooting out of the vehicle toward houses reported on East 200 North in Rigby.

8:05 p.m. Firing of shots or fireworks by juveniles reported on East 200 North in Rigby.

June 12

2:24 p.m. Disturbance threats reported on North 800 East in Montevideo.

8:20 p.m. Trespass reported in Hamer.

June 13

12:49 a.m. Disturbance reported on East 150 North in Rigby.

1:07 a.m. Suspicious circumstances reported on East 100 North in Rigby

6 p.m. Disturbance with male taunting customers reported on East 627 North in Roberts.

8:24 p.m. Warrant arrest made on East 642 North in Roberts.

10:04 p.m. Possible drunk driver reported on East County Line Road. Officers were unable to locate.

June 14

12:35 a.m. Domestic disturbance reported on East 300 North in Rigby.

3:35 p.m. Disturbance with unknown man hitting a woman reported on North 3600 East in Rigby.

11:30 p.m. Property vandalism reported on West Hewitt Street in Ririe.

Rigby City Police Department

Rigby is the only city in the county with its own police department which responds to dispatched calls. The following are a selection of incidents responded to by the Rigby Police Department for the week of June 8 to 14.

June 8

3:50 p.m. Check fraud reported on North State Street in Rigby. Suspect given a verbal warning.

June 9

12:34 p.m. Beaver in subjects' garage under his tool box reported on East First Street in Rigby.

1:12 p.m. Harassment disturbance reported on West First Street

in Rigby.

9:05 p.m. Disturbing the peace by fireworks reported on East Main Street in Rigby.

9:56 p.m. DUI arrest made on North 3600 East in Rigby.

June 10

2:11 a.m. Traffic accident with property damage where suspects hit a fire hydrant and became stuck in a yard reported on Idaho Avenue and Clark Avenue in Rigby. DUI arrest made.

10:38 a.m. Theft reported of No. 8 pool ball on East Main Street in Rigby. Ball located in the back pocket of a suspect arrested for DUI.

11:12 a.m. Harassment disturbance by phone reported on North Railroad Avenue in Rigby.

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3 p.m. Shoplifter reported on North State Street in Rigby.

8:05 p.m. Firing of shots or fireworks by juveniles reported on East 200 North in Rigby.

8:07 p.m. Disturbing the peace by loud music and lots of cars reported on West Second Street in Rigby.

10:37 p.m. Harassment disturbance reported in Rigby where a 20-year-old male was harassed by three males threatening to pull him out of the vehicle for allegedly bothering their sisters. Verbal warning issued.

10:37 p.m. Suspicious vehicle reported to have been continuously driving by since 5 p.m. on West Main Street in Rigby.

June 12

6:20 a.m. Vehicle vandalism reported where the back window was shattered on Tall Avenue in Rigby.

6:31 p.m. Dog attack on 7-year-old female reported on Caribou Street in Rigby.

8:31 p.m. Property vandalism reported on Centennial Way in Rigby.

June 13

12:45 a.m. Disturbing the peace reported on Farnsworth Way in Rigby.

1:43 p.m. Juvenile battery where a 17-year-old was assaulted reported on West Second Street in Rigby. Arrest made.

10:32 p.m. Possible drunk driving reported on South State Street in Rigby. Drug arrest made.

11:56 p.m. Disturbing the peace reported on West Second North in Rigby.