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Rob Young with Rp Remodels tears off shingles Tuesday at the E Street Community Center in Twin Falls.

# First Federal awards 9 grants

## Foundation helps E Street Community center, other groups

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TWIN FALLS — The E Street Community center needed some TLC.

After being a YMCA for 63 years, the building was showing its age. When the United Way of South Central Idaho partnered with the center in September, the management created a master list of potential renovations.

One of the top priorities was new shingles.

Thanks to the First Federal Foundation, construction started on Tuesday to replace the missing and broken pieces.

"I've never been so happy to hear pounding on that roof, it was amazing," said Sonya Haines, the center's resource

and community development director.

The E Street Community Center was one of nine organizations that received money from the First Federal Foundation on Thursday. The foundation awarded \$45,024.47 to support a range of projects.

Lori Ward, chair of the foundation board of directors, said the organizations receiving awards fell into one of two categories. The first contains smaller organizations that don't quite fit into other more restrictive grants.

"The other category is that we are seeing, probably because of the state of things as they are, we are seeing just some basic human needs," Ward said. "We've got coats for kids happening and diapers for babies happening, just very basic human survival needs."

The foundation awards grants twice each year. The previous round of grants was handed out in August.

Here are all the grant recipients:

## Cassia County Education Foundation

For busy people who want to stay active, exercise often has to come before work.

In Cassia County, people were starting to notice that early morning runners were forced to use the sides of roadways, creating a safety hazard for everyone.

"Really we don't have sidewalks in Oakley, we don't have trails that people can get to," said Oakley High School track and field coach Heather Cranny. "It is a danger to them to walk on the road because they can't be seen very easily."

Cranny's track and field kids were also running on gravel because there is not a designated track in Oakley.

The community was able to come together to raise funds for a track but they didn't have enough for a timing system for athletic events.

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# Court upholds district map

Unanimous ruling approves new map from commission

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Associated Press

BOISE — The Idaho Supreme Court has upheld the state's new map redrawing Idaho's 35 legislative districts, finding that four separate lawsuits against the Idaho Commission for Reapportionment failed to show that the way the map split some counties was unreasonable.

The unanimous ruling written by Justice John Stegner was released Thursday afternoon.

The bipartisan Idaho Commission for Reapportionment is tasked every 10 years with redrawing voting districts based on the most recent census, attempting to create districts with about 52,000 residents each. The commission is required to map new legislative districts that do not have more than a 10% population variance, and they are supposed to avoid dividing counties into multiple districts as much as possible.

After the new legislative map was released last year, former state lawmaker Branden Durst sued, contending it was unconstitutional because it split more counties than necessary.

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# Heyburn hires new police chief

Ryan Bertalotto was sergeant with the Emmett police force

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HEYBURN — City of Heyburn officials have hired a new police chief.

City Clerk Ashlee Langley said Ryan Bertalotto of Emmett will be sworn in to office during the City Council's bi-monthly business meeting Feb. 9.

The meeting will be held at 7 p.m. at the Heyburn City Hall council chambers, 941 18th St.

Mayor Dick Galbraith said Bertalotto was a sergeant with the Emmett Police Department.

"I believe he is currently the No. 3 man in the Emmett Police Department," Galbraith said.

He was one of four applicants who were interviewed by city staff.

Bertalotto will start the job on Feb. 7.

"There is a two month onboarding process that will be supervised by our training officers on staff," Galbraith said.

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# Rotary seeks funds for restrooms

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TWIN FALLS — New and improved restrooms are coming to Frontier Park at the southeast corner of the College of Southern Idaho campus.

The Rotary Club of Twin Falls has raised more than half of the funds needed to replace the decrepit 1970s-era building that currently serves the community near the college's Frontier and Skip Walker fields and the city's pickleball courts, just off Frontier Road in Twin Falls.

Rotarian Jill Skeem presented the plans for the community restroom project to the group Wednesday at its weekly meeting at the Turf Club. On Thursday, First Federal Foundation presented the club with a check for \$5,000, bringing the total raised to \$157,750.

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COURTESY OF ROTARY CLUB OF TWIN FALLS

This Twin Falls Rotary Club's project to replace the existing restrooms at Frontier Park includes four new stalls on women's side, and two stalls and two urinals on the men's side. Each side has two sinks, electric hand dryers and baby changing stations. A water fountain and a bottle water filler station will be on the south side in the patio area.

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