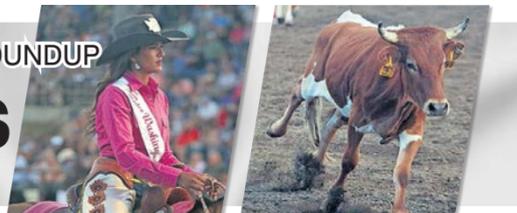




Roundup rodeo begins

Cowboys set marks on first day of rodeo



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MLSD doing 'due diligence' on proposed new school site

By CHARLES H. FEATHERSTONE Staff Writer

MOSES LAKE — After a week in which the Moses Lake School District came under

heavy criticism from the Port of Moses Lake and members of the Moses Lake City Council with regard to the district's proposed location of a new elementary school, the district continues to do its "due diligence"

about the site. "We are excited to have a site location in the east part of Moses Lake where we have continued to see rapid growth and development," said MLSD Superintendent Josh

Meek. "The school will provide enrollment relief for the schools in the area and allow for future growth."

The district is in talks to buy about 78 acres on the southwest corner of Wheeler Road and Road

L Northeast, just outside Moses Lake city limits, but inside the Moses Lake Urban Growth Area (UGA).

According to data from Grant County Development Services most of the parcel is

zoned residential, with school construction allowed under county zoning rules.

"(It) will likely at some point, including the surrounding area, be an

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BBCC president announces retirement

Terry Leas will leave job in June 2020

By CHERYL SCHWEIZER Staff Writer

MOSES LAKE — Big Bend Community College president Terry Leas has announced he will retire from the job after the 2019-20 academic year. College trustees accepted Leas' resignation at a special meeting Thursday morning.

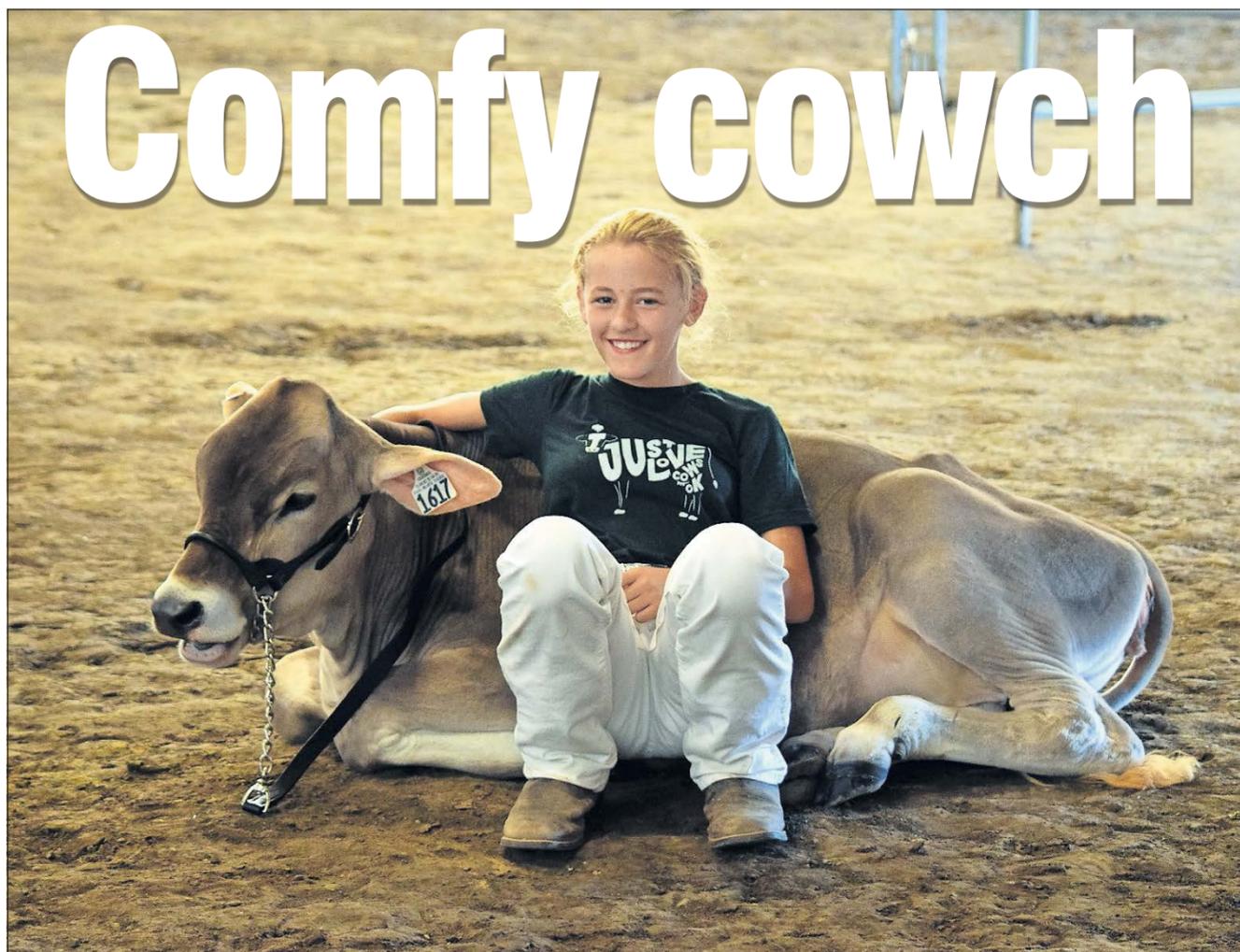


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Trustees will meet sometime in September to decide how they want to conduct the search for Leas' replacement.

"June 30, 2020, will mark the conclusion

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Marcey Hundtoft, 12, of Ephrata, relaxes with her Brown Swiss heifer as the two wait to compete at the Grant County Fair on Thursday morning.

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Grant County Democrats quizzing fairgoers

Charles H. Featherstone/courtesy photo

Sylvia Hammond stands in front of the Grant County Democrats' building at the Grant County Fair. The Grant County Democrats are encouraging fair attendees to take the "Citizen Test Challenge" and find out how much they know about the United States.



Questions from U.S. Citizenship exam

By CHARLES H. FEATHERSTONE Staff Writer

MOSES LAKE — "What one thing is Benjamin Franklin known for?"

Founding Father Benjamin Franklin is known for a lot — printer, inventor, diplomat, the guy who tied a key to a kite string to prove lightning was electricity and the face on the \$100 bill. But the right answer

to this question, at least on the U.S. citizenship test given by the Grant County Democrats at this week, is "First Postmaster General of the United States."

The Grant County Democrats, whose booth is located near the Red Gate entrance right across from the Grant County Republicans, are asking fairgoers who stop by to answer a few questions from the official U.S. Citizenship exam.

It's all for fun, and all to help people under-

stand a little of what it takes to become a U.S. citizen if you're not born here.

"We want people to have fun at the fair," said Sylvia Hammond, who in 2018 ran for the 13th District state legislative seat currently occupied by Alex Ybarra, R-Quincy. "And we're interested in unifying some of the discord going on in the country right now."

"So we thought we would like people who

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