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Crews make gains on Sunset Fire

By CAROLINE LOBSINGER
Staff Writer

SANDPOINT — Firefighters made gains on the Sunset Fire Tuesday, bringing containment to 4%, the first such gain in the week-old fire.

While warmer weather is expected by the weekend, Northern Rockies Team 5 officials said firefighters kept the fire to 3,208 acres and brought containment to 4%. There are 546 firefighters assigned to the fire and more are on the way to help

with the week-old fire in southern Bonner County, Northern Rockies Team 5 officials said.

Since being reported about 3 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 13, the fire has quickly grown. Within several hours it grew from a half-acre to more than 50 and

then almost 700 acres. By the next day, the fire had more than doubled and by Friday, had grown by more than 1,000 acres, reaching just over 2,700 acres over the course of the day.

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VIGGO TO PRESENT 'FALLING'



Photo courtesy KRFY Station

A scene from Viggo Mortensen's "Falling" a 2020 film which was his directorial debut and focuses on family drama and how families navigate their differences.

Have a nice trip to the Panida and see Viggo Mortensen

By JACK FREEMAN
Staff Writer

SANDPOINT — Heralded actor and community member Viggo Mortensen returns to take the stage Friday at the Panida Theater to host a showing of his film, "Falling."

The show, titled "An Evening with Viggo Mortensen," is the fourth of its kind since 2012 and serves as a fundraiser not only for the theater, but also the Panhandle Community Radio station, KRFY. Not only will Mortensen play the film that he wrote, directed, starred in and composed the soundtrack for, but he'll host a question-and-answer session before and after the movie.

"The atmosphere is one of community celebration," KRFY station manager Suzy Prez said. "It's casual and he's very articulate on stage, explaining what the movie is about and prior to the beginning of the movie, a picture of what the movie is about and why he did it."



Mortensen

Mortensen will be showing "Falling" a 2020 film which was his directorial debut and focuses on fam-

ily drama and how families navigate their differences. The movie revolves around Mortensen's character John, a married gay father who is taking care of his conservative father, Willis, who is battling with dementia.

A mostly fictional story, Mortensen said in a 2021 interview with United Press International that he did draw on his own life experience when writing the movie, especially seeing his own parents cope through dementia.

"Because it's his artistic endeavor, he's speaking from his own experience in creating it," Prez said. "It's kind of like you're invited to be a part of [it]."

In a press release from KRFY, Prez noted that the film will help the community build connections and understanding of uncomfortable subjects that everyone faces.

Mortensen is well-known worldwide, not only for his roles as Aragon in the "Lord of the Rings" trilogy, but for roles that earned him Oscar nominations in "Green Book" and "Captain Fantastic." In addition to his international fame, he's been a member of the Sandpoint community for over 25 years and has done several stints as a guest DJ on KRFY.

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County opens window for city office candidates to declare

By JACK FREEMAN
Staff Writer

BONNER COUNTY — The filing window for city office candidates to declare for the November election opened Monday across Bonner County.

To hold a city office seat in Idaho, candidates must be at least 18 years old, a United States citizen and have resided in the city they are running in for at least 30 days prior to submitting their declaration. In addition to the declaration, candidates must pay a \$40 filing fee or acquire a petition of five signatures of qualified city electors within the city.

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Woman charged with DUI and fleeing crime scene

By CHLOE COCHRAN
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SANDPOINT — A Sandpoint woman is facing multiple charges for allegedly driving under the influence and fleeing the scene after striking a pedestrian in mid-July.

Tara Schubach, 45, is being charged with felony leaving the scene of an accident resulting in injury, felony aggravated driving under the influence and misdemeanor charges of driving under the influence (second offense), providing false information

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BRIEFLY

Planning, zoning commission applications due Friday

Bonner County is now accepting applications for individuals interested in planning and land use to serve on the county's Planning Commission and Zoning Commission.

All applicants must have resided in Bonner County for the last two years and must continue their residency in the county throughout the duration of the applicable commission term.

According to the county website, there are three seats up for election on the Planning Commission and two for the Zoning Commission.

All individuals selected to fill the county seats will be appointed to the position from Oct. 1, 2025, through Sept. 30, 2028.

Applications must be completed and submitted no later than Aug. 22 at noon and can be turned in via email at planning@bonnercountyd.id.gov or in-person.

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