



Daniel Richards lost his round to "Wyatt." (See additional photos, P. 2)



Kicking off the Lucky Duck Grand Opening celebration recently hosted by Accessible Bathrooms & More and Best Bath, Gordon Stone of Ready-to-Sell won a walk-in bathtub. He is pictured in the tub with Accessible Bathrooms & More owners, Dennis and Janet Butterfield, standing behind.

## Oct. is grand opening month at Accessible Bathrooms & More

Learn About Safe Bathing and Aging in Place at Accessible Bathrooms & More's New Showroom located at 480 E. Franklin Road in Meridian. Ask about the Lucky Duck October Special and get a \$200 rebate off a walk-in bathtub and \$100 off a shower purchase.

Best Bath Systems is a Boise, Idaho, based manufacturer of high-end bath and shower systems, designed for seniors and people of all abilities. Best Bath products are unique in that they offer a wide variety of attractive walk-in designs with optional accent colors that can be customized to match your decorating needs. Accessible Bathrooms & More is now the showroom dealer for Best Bath in the Meridian area. (See Lucky Duck event on Page Five)

## Foothills planners urging Eagle to lead

EAGLE — At the September 23rd City Council meeting, discussion was held including "that there will be a committee comprised of two Council members and representatives from M3, the North Ada County Foothills Association or NACFA, from the Bureau of Land Management and the Land Trust of the Treasure Valley," said Council member Al Shoushtarjian. The group will review the future planning of the proposed regional park on land owned by M3 and the BLM. At the September 16th precouncil, Tim Brewer of the Land Trust of the Treasure Valley made a presentation on open spaces in the valley and said he "would be interested" in being part of "some sort of steering group planning the foothills development." Brewer said Ada County has earmarked half a million dollars for open space in 2009.



Tim Brewer of the Land Trust of the Treasure Valley with Gerry Robbins of M3.

## McFadden Market Co-op developers help restore historic downtown Meridian building

MERIDIAN — McFadden Market Co-op's initial vision, to highlight the work of Treasure Valley farmers and producers while sharing high-quality fresh food with others and restoring historic downtown Meridian, is fast becoming a reality.

Architect Ward Schwider and builder John McCarthy bought the three-story, 16,000-square-foot building on the northwest corner of E. Second Street and Broadway Avenue from Cleora McFadden, the 91-year-old widow of Leonard McFadden. They are restoring and enhancing the distinctive brick building that for many years housed both the McFadden Market and the Meridian Exchange Bank.

Working with the City of

Meridian, the owners are making plans to revitalize the 2nd and Broadway area, including wider sidewalks, a theater, restaurants and ample parking.

They are also planning to offer commercial leases and condos at the site.

Several farmers, producers and interested community members has been meeting regularly since August to bring the co-op into existence. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 30th at 7:00 p.m. at The Library Coffeehouse, 141 E. Carlton Avenue across from the post office.

At the September 16th meeting, Schwider reported he is working with local banks to obtain construction financing. He also said he is working to acquire

a dumpster and a liability form "so volunteers can start helping with building.

Schwider also reported the donation of a customer service

counter for the co-op and is working on fixing it up. He also said it's been determined that the entire hardwood floor cannot be salvaged. "We may try to keep

a section," he said.

For more information, plan to attend the next meeting on the 30th or visit [mcfaddenmarket-coop.com](http://mcfaddenmarket-coop.com).



Many longtime residents remember McFadden's Market if not the older bank.