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to take care of us as family. When we got the call that day, they did what they could to get us there."

While Brandy has plenty of siblings, Justin had just one, younger brother Jason. Justin was born in January 1991, while Jason was born in December of that year.

"They were very close in size, age and everything," Brandy said. "It was just the two of them. Jason doesn't talk about it much, even still."

A smile comes to Brandy's face when talking about some of Justin's habits.

"He collected the most random things," Brandy said. "Just anything. Pockets full of rocks, bark chips that looked interesting, anything. At one point he had a suitcase full of snakes. I was so mad when I opened that suitcase."

One of Justin's main interests isn't something normally associated with teenage boys.

"He loved gardening," Brandy said. "He would separate out the seeds. At one



Submitted (From left) James Stohmeyer, Carol Louie, Ron Stohmeyer, Brandy Thomas and Debra and Jack Norton visited Justin Wood's grave at Claggett Creek Cemetery on July 18.

point he had the seeds in a tackle box. He dropped it and the seeds scattered. He was so frustrated, he just threw the whole pile into the garden. To this day, we'll get random plants. There will be a green bean next to a carrot and a corn stalk, with a random tomato right there as well. That's his legacy."

Brandy, who noted someone keeps putting new flowers by Justin's gravesite at Claggett Creek Cemetery, was pleased by how many people came last Saturday.

"Everybody felt better after Saturday," she said. "His good

friends came. They think of him often. That surprised me. We tried to leave it on a positive note with pictures of family. Yes this was horrible, but there's light at the end of the tunnel."

Every time Brandy sees a story about youth drowning without a lifejacket on, it hurts.

"I get so frustrated when I see how many kids we lose without lifejackets," she said. "If either (Justin or his cousin) had a lifejacket on, we wouldn't be here. That's the hardest thing for me, to see kids dying like that."

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total valuation for all buildings is \$18 million. The listed addresses are all on the 5400 block of McLeod, except for one listed as 5500 McLeod.

On July 14, a permit was applied for by Mountain West Community Construction and owner Bonaventure Senior Living for a four-story senior living facility at 5525 McLeod. The listed valuation was \$19,497,628 and was 160,015 square feet.

"There are multiple buildings," Moore said of the Mountain West apartments. "Most of the buildings will have 12 units in them and will be three stories. There will be a total of 180 units, plus a commons area."

While the original hope was to have buildings ready by the end of the year, Moore gave an updated timeline.

"I can't speak to the timing for Bonaventure, but as to our own vertical construction I suspect it will be mid-fall," Moore said. "Our target is for the first units to be delivered in June 2016 on the apartments."

When councilors approved plans in February, a condition was added calling for sidewalks to be built on the east side of Chemawa from the Chemawa/Lockhaven Avenue intersection to the southeast corner of the retirement community, from the existing sidewalk next to Countryside

Church to the McLeod/Chemawa intersection, through Area C to the southeast corner of the area and on the opposite side of the McLeod/Chemawa intersection abutting retail development in Area C-2, continuing on McLeod past the multi-family development to the southeast corner of the development adjacent to the railroad tracks.

Because of the infrastructure work being done for the project, city councilors approved a request in April to establish a reimbursement district.



Getting dramatic

About 100 local students took part in the annual McNary Area Drama Camp last week.

Participants spent the week playing improvisational and miming games leading up to a final performance Friday, July 17.

Top left: Kylie McNeely does her best impression of a wind-up horse.

Top right: Trevor Ratliff attempts to sell his donkey (Titus Thomas).

Left: Kalya Toavs (kneeling), Riley Auvinen and Kelsey Jarnagin take part in an improv scene.

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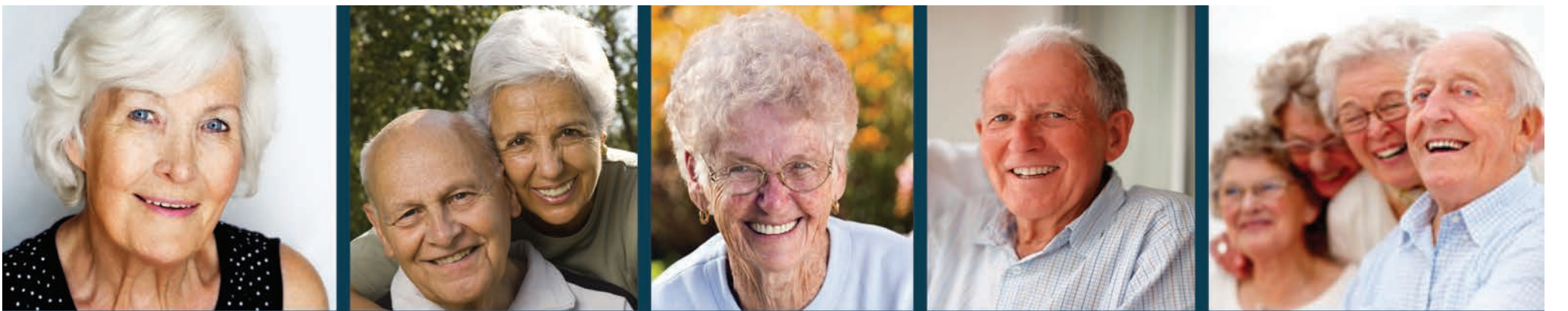
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