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Bomb scare closes junior high; investigation ongoing

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A bomb scare closed the Juab Junior High on April 14 while an investigation into the threat's validity was conducted.

On Tuesday morning at approximately 7:30 a.m., a message stating "bomb the school" was found written on the door of a girls' restroom at Juab Junior High School.

"Law enforcement and school administration responded and determined that the threat was very low and with low credibility," said Dr. Rick Robins, Juab School District Superintendent.

On the side of student safety and caution, he said, the junior high school was evacuated and all junior high school students were excused for the day.

Law enforcement with bomb sniffing dogs were called in to assist officers to clear and secure the building.

"There is an active investigation to determine who might be



PREPARING FOR A DRY SUMMER • Reed Jarrett, local farmer, works at getting one of his pivot sprinkling systems ready for the summer season. Jarrett says he expects his corn crop will be done by early September because the water will not last into the fall. It's a good year to invest in a low flow shower head and a low flow toilet and get the leaks fixed around your house. Little things mean a lot if we all pitch in!

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Area for outdoor concert in Mona not zoned for that purpose

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A mass gathering permit is not issued by the Juab County Commission and their approval or disapproval of a mass gathering has little to do with whether a permit is issued or not.

Having said that, the fact that a mass gathering permit was requested in the county does not mean that the property in question could be used for a rave at any rate.

"Right now, that is not a permitted use for that zone," said Byron Woodland, commission chairman. "That area of the

county is zoned for commercial and agricultural uses."

Jeremy Franklin and Jason Young, two event promoters, were scheduled to attend the Juab County Commission meeting on Monday but they did not show.

The men have been seeking a mass gathering permit which would allow them, if approved, to hold the music event, "Electric Valley 2015," on 93-acres of privately-owned, contracted land belonging to Dana Young, a family member of Jason Young, located west of Mona near the Current Creek Power Plant and a mink farm.

"A mass gathering permit is

issued by the public health department," said Woodland. "We don't vote on it."

He said that many county residents attributed more authority to the county commission than they actually had.

Whether they approved a mass gathering permit or not would really have little to do with whether or not a rave could be held in the county.

"Traditionally, the public health department, the county fire marshal and the county sheriff have signed off on a mass gathering permit," he said.

He said that there were many legal requirements that had to be met before the county health

department could approve a mass gathering permit. Those were all requirements that were set by the state health department.

If an applicant meets all of the requirements, they cannot be denied.

The county fire marshal would also need to make certain that the requirements for fire safety were met.

The county sheriff would need to make certain the safety of the public could be assured before he could agree to approve the mass gathering permit.

"We were just being asked for a blessing," said Clint Painter, commissioner.

Changes could be made in mass gathering permit approval process.

"That is the way it is right now," said Woodland.

He said that commissioners had been discussing making a change in the way the county handles a mass gathering permit.

"I think it is a good idea to make a change," said Painter.

For example, in Utah County, organizers must obtain the mass-gathering permit mandated by the Utah County Health

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Mona City residents voice opposition to proposed music event in west Mona

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Mona residents think there

will be intense trouble in Mona City if the county commission allows a music event on land just west of the city.

Jeremy Franklin and Jason

Young met with Mona City council members, the sheriff and two deputies and more than 50 residents of the community and addressed the first agenda

item at city council meeting on Tuesday. The topic of discussion was a plan to hold the music event, "Electric Valley 2015," on 93-acres of privately-owned, contracted land belonging to Dana Young, a family member of Jason Young.

At the end of the discussion, when Mayor Greg Newton called for a hand vote of those in attendance, not one citizen voted in favor of recommending the music festival to the county commission for a mass gathering permit.

"It looks like the vote is unanimous against the proposal," said Newton.

Mona Council meeting was moved from Mona City Hall to Mona Elementary School because the city council expected a large crowd. They were not disappointed.

Franklin presented a PowerPoint featuring a map, an example of the type of music that will be played and information promoting the event.

"There will be no alcohol served," said Franklin.

The pair had first proposed selling alcohol at the event but,

after discussion with the county commission, had determined to drop that item from the venue.

The minimum age has also been lowered, he said, to age 16.

Franklin and Young invited all Mona residents to attend the music festival free of charge.

In spite of the modification in plans, the residents of Mona were not satisfied that the safety of the residents of their community could be adequately provided.

"Had you told me, when we sat across the table from each other that you were planning a rave party, I would have pushed the paper back across the table and told you, 'See you later,'" said Newton.

Newton said he had no intention of allowing Mona to become the next rave party site for the state.

Bill Mills, a former mayor, said that the city has a population of 1,500 and the rave party is expected to be between 850 to 1,500 people.

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NO CONCERT • Residents of Mona who came to council meeting last Tuesday voiced their concerns and opposition to an outside music event proposed for July 18.



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