

Goforth hopes third time is a charm

MOLINE, Ill. — Its two earlier proposals to build a resort-quality golf course and upscale housing complex near the Quad City Airport having snagged on financial shoals, the Chicago-based Goforth Group Ltd. has proposed a new plan to the city council.

It calls for the school district to underwrite part of \$6.5 million in bonds. The school committee has indicated its willingness to dis-

cuss rebating some of the added property taxes it would receive from the Goforth project.

The school district would receive 2-1/2 times as much in tax revenues from the proposed development as the city.

Goforth hopes to build a \$150 million complex on 450 acres of unincorporated land southeast of the airport.

Its proposal last summer to split with the city property taxes

generated by the project was rejected, as was a proposal to drop property-tax sharing and seek \$6.5 million from the city for infrastructure work.

The latest plan would make the city responsible for the bonds until the project generated enough property tax revenues for the school district to rebate some money to the city.

Developers upset with rising costs of Layton golf project

LAYTON, Utah — Jim Hart, one of multiple developers interested in a proposed golf course in west Layton, thinks off-site improvements amounting to \$250,000 is "a lot of money to stuff into a little project."

The proposed development would include a nine-hole course, putting course, driving range and batting cages.

Developers are seeking a

waiver of impact fees such as curb, gutter and sidewalk requirements, along with no installation of a storm pipe costing \$50,000 because their development won't generate any water runoff.

City officials say the pipe will be needed when the area develops. They don't want developers to improve the streets now, only to have the city at a later date tear them up and install the pipe.

Black Diamond opens new nine

LECANTO, Fla. — The front nine holes of Black Diamond Ranch's new golf course — designed by Tom Fazio of Jupiter and appropriately called the "Ranch" — has opened for play.

The second nine holes should be completed in the next two to three years, said Black Diamond General Manager Terry LaGree.

Owner Stan Olsen said that, unlike the original course which circled the quarry and contained hundreds of ornamental trees, the new nine features natural vegetation such as rosemary, black pine, slash pine and live oak.

Tee markers will be conspicuously absent. Players will decide their own drive setup.

A clubhouse three times larger than the existing facility eventually will be built.

Airport board mulls golf course issue

POCATELLO, Idaho — While Pocatello Regional Airport commissioners see largely clear skies in weighing construction of a multi-million golf course here, a couple of cloudy issues remain on the horizon.

Commissioners want to examine design layouts, to see if an 18-hole course would fit into the airport's long-range plans. They also want to be included in negotiations with developers, especially in setting aside land.

The city council last summer authorized spending up to \$10,000 to obtain design drawings and also explore methods to raise the estimated \$2 million for construction.

Carlisle CC asks for Middlesex rezoning

CARLISLE, Pa. — A proposal for construction of an 18-hole golf course and up to 900 homes behind Carlisle Country Club has Middlesex Township supervisors considering zoning ordinance amendment.

KMWW Partnership wants to build on a 505-acre former horse farm it owns.

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