the snowman to pieces.

Olsen, who lives on Springfield Circle, said he spent at least two hours Tuesday repairing the damage.

Despite the annual vandalism, Olsen still enjoys setting up the display. He said he does not report the vandalism to police because it's not "particularly

■ Police get several calls about display vandalism each week

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Terry Olsen talks about the elaborate light display he assembles for Christmas each year. Despite being vandalized each year, Olsen said he still enjoys setting up the display.

CRSA picked for events center

■ The architectural firm was chosen by the district board to design the facility.

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Members of the Idaho Falls Auditorium District board of directors Tuesday selected the architectural firm CRSA to design the events center auditorium.

"The move is significant in that we can begin doing a lot of the things we could not do before taking this step," board member Bob Everhart said. "We can begin holding public comment meetings to obtain feedback on the design and begin putting the criteria in place to select a building contractor."

The center would be situated on a 27-acre site off of Interstate 15, within the Snake River Landing development.

Board member Jeff Sayer, recently named to lead the Idaho Department of Commerce, did not attend the meeting held at the Idaho Falls Public Library.

Although CRSA received a unanimous vote of support, the panel opted to hold off on signing formal contracts after board member Chris Meeks said he had not reviewed the CRSA proposal.

Board members said they will review the contract and work to finalize negotiations in 30 days.

CRSA maintains three offices, located in Utah and Idaho. The firm previously worked with events center-backers to design initial architectural sketches unveiled in July 2010.

Idaho Falls voters approved the auditorium district and a new hotel "bed tax" May 17.

No timetable for breaking ground on the project has been set.

The board's plans call for a 150,000-square-foot auditorium that could house concerts, trade shows and minor league sporting events. The center would be designed to seat roughly 6,200 people for a concert and 4,600 for a hockey or basketball game.

Educator named teacher of the year

■ The Blackfoot teacher said she felt honored to receive the award from the VFW.

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BLACKFOOT — Blackfoot

Kartchner

Shiosaki, a Japanese-American who fought for the U.S. during World War II, said he saw in Kartchner a teacher who can be strict without being mean and

teacher because of her dedication and everything else," he said.

That is why he recommended her for the Veterans of Foreign Wars' Idaho secondary teacher of the year award — an honor she officially will receive next month.