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## Neighbors, city come together to rebuild Azure Meadows Park

By Tom Haraldsen

It is, by definition, the best example of cooperation between a city and its residents. On July 27 and 29, neighbors joined with city leaders and other friends to rebuild a playground at Azure Meadows Park, 6070 South 3885 West in Taylorville. A park that had fallen through the cracks, and worn out playground equipment that had become dilapidated, is now enjoying a rebirth. It was decided over to Taylorville City last year, and Azure Meadows Park can now be enjoyed thanks to volunteerism and an asserted effort by city officials to create something the neighborhood wanted and needed.

Over that two-day period,

new playground equipment was installed and a wood chip base spread over the area. Previously, cement footings were poured, and eventually a large pavilion and walking trail will be constructed in the park. As resident Danny James said, it made him proud of both his neighbors and his city.

"I felt the efforts of the city to get this playground and park rebuilt and refurbished were wonderful," he said. "They really stepped up and had so much involvement to get this done. The park had been vandalized many times over the years—the wood was chipped and splintered; slides had been removed. Now, the playground itself has brand

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Volunteers helped assemble new playground equipment for Azure Meadows Park on July 27. Taylorville City purchased the new equipment to go along with its efforts at refurbishing the park.

## Council approves FY 2014 budget, tax increase in Taylorville

By Tom Haraldsen

It was really a formality after they'd previously voted to adopt the fiscal 2014 budget, but the Taylorville City Council approved the new spending plan following a Truth in Taxation hearing on Aug. 7. Though about half a dozen residents expressed their concern about the budget's 29.6 percent property tax increase, the budget had been discussed for several weeks in meetings and public hearings.

Officials have been explaining the reasons for the property tax increase—a shortage in revenues versus expenses. Even with a projected revenue increase of just over \$109,000 for the new fiscal year that began on July 1, the \$23.4 million operating budget was facing a shortage compared to expenditures.

Last year, Taylorville City used just under \$1.7 million from

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## Candidates set for November elections in Taylorville

The slate has been finalized for Taylorville City's municipal elections on Nov. 5, with primaries held Aug. 13 narrowing the field.

In the race for mayor, incumbent Jerry Rechtenbach and current city councilmember Larry Johnson will face each other. Johnson garnered 1,551 votes in the primary (42.4 percent) and Rechtenbach received 1,399 votes (38.3 percent). Eliminated in the primary were challengers Le-Grande Hansen (424 votes—11.6 percent) and Ric Morley (281 votes—7.7 percent).

The other primary was for a council seat from District 5—the seat Johnson currently holds on the council. Topping the vote were

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## Empty baseball field in Kearns to repurposed into a county park



Salt Lake County will pour in more than \$1 million to transform the former Bruce Field into a park and multi-recreation field for Kearns.

By Kimberly Martinez

Kearns residents living in the proximity of David Gourley Elementary will be pleased to hear that the vacant Bruce Field is scheduled for an overhaul by Salt Lake County. The property, located at 4835 South 4300 West, is scheduled this fall for demolition to become a coun-

ty multi-recreation field and playground. Salt Lake County officials are finalizing negotiations with the nonprofit Kearns National Pony League that has agreed to donate the property to Salt Lake County.

Many longtime Kearns residents have fond memories from the 1980s when Bruce Field

was at its best. It brought the community together to watch little league baseball games. The snack bar was packed with hungry spectators ordering snow cones or hot dogs. The announcer's voice echoed for blocks, letting the community know it's summertime.

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## 2013-14 Budget Revenue Summary

- Total Revenue of \$23,393,792.
- Utility Franchise revenue up 4.9%.
- Sales Tax up 1.6% Total of \$7,600,000  
» Still down from peak in 2008 of \$8,440,000
- B&C Revenue up 2.4% Total of \$1,715,000.  
» Historic high was \$2,066,000 in 2004.
- Property Tax increase of 29.6%.  
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## Kearns Youth Council members show appreciation to Unified Police officers

By Kimberly Martinez

The Kearns Youth Community Council has been very busy this summer with service projects to show appreciation to the Unified Police Department. The council put on their working gloves July 6 to beautify the Kearns Precinct by cleaning up the

grounds and pulling weeds. On July 17, the council had the opportunity to serve dozens of the Unified Police Officers stationed at this precinct by preparing and serving the officers sandwiches, salad and dessert.

“We felt that sometimes our police officers don’t get the recognition that they

deserve,” said Council President Shad DeHerrera. “This lunch was a way to thank them for their many hours of service to our community, and allowed us to talk to them and hear their stories about being in the police force.”

Through those stories, DeHerrera said, he and the council members walked away with even greater appreciation for what the officers do. He said it was also nice to hear how much these officers look out for the youth of Kearns. An officer told them that when he works with youth in this area, he always treats him or her as if they were one of his own. Vice Chair Jessica Gallegos enjoyed hearing these stories and getting to know the officers on a personal level. She also enjoyed the one-on-one time she got to personally thank them for their service.

“I got to know more about them  
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From left, Kearns Youth Council members Jessica Gallegos, vice chair; Shadd De Herrera, chair; Logan Jepperson, Babbette Scheelje and Samantha Butterfield served up lunch to hungry Unified Police Officers.

## Kearns Hometown Days Parade canceled for second year

By Kimberly Martinez

It was a last minute and a very difficult decision for Paula Larsen, Kearns Community Council chair, to make to cancel the Kearns Hometown Days Parade scheduled for Aug. 10. Last year’s parade was canceled due to the 5400 South widening project. With orange cones and construction crews still working on 5400 South, it may have looked like construction was the culprit once again.

Although construction cones were still out Aug. 10, Kilgore Construction was set to have construction completed to make way for the floats and beauty queens. Larsen said it was ultimately due to funding issues that the show could not go on. The funding for the parade, Larsen said, was slow in coming, and therefore the parade couldn’t be properly planned and executed.

“The council apologizes in having to cancel the parade, but it was the best decision for the community,” Larsen said.

Salt Lake County provides townships such as Kearns with its yearly budget allotment. With changes in the Kearns Community Council body, the 2012 finances had to be squared away before the budget money was issued. The financial paperwork was completed and submitted, but the timing impacted this popular community event.

To put on the annual Kearns Hometown Parade requires approximately \$1,000. It covers licenses, permits, awards, rental of portable sanitation services and, of course, candy. The council did remain hopeful the check would come in on time and speedily began preparations for the parade. Councilman Zach Wellan even made some recruiting efforts by attending the Taylorville

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## One-day military exhibition to celebrate Camp Kearns

By Kimberly Martinez

The Kearns Historical Society welcomes the public on Saturday, Sept. 28 to enjoy a museum-for-a-day, celebrating how Kearns got its name. Historical Camp Kearns artifacts, documents and pictures will be on display from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Kearns North Stake park building, once known as the old outdoor swimming pool, located at 4242 West Sams Blvd.

The Smithsonian Institute, in conjunction with the Smithsonian magazine and several Utah museum organizations, are sponsors of this event. This will be the third exhibit which was made possible through the hard work and dedication of Kearns Historian Pam Todd. In 1998, Todd



Kearns Historian Pam Todd has collected WWII military base artifacts from Camp Kearns for the public to enjoy in a museum-for-a-day.

established the Kearns Historical Society and has been very passionate about collecting and archiving the history of Camp Kearns, a military base during World War II and up until 1946. Her work has compiled

stories about the military base, and has gathered artifacts such as full military uniforms and medical equipment, used at Camp Kearns, with more than 1,000 pictures of this era. Her passion to keep

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# UPD officers honored for service in Taylorsville

By Kaitlin Spas

Lt. Randy Thomas and Lt. Mike Schoenfeld were commended for their contributions to Taylorsville City's law enforcement efforts during the Taylorsville City Council meeting on Aug. 7. Deputy Chief Tracy Wyant of the Unified Police Department, Taylorsville Precinct presented the two officers with the Division Commanders Award and highlighted some of their accomplishments.

Thomas was recognized for his constant innovation and development of more efficient practices within the precinct. Through his "Bike Program," Thomas has encouraged officers to maintain physical fitness while building stronger community relations. His training and equipping of patrol officers with "Throw Bags" has enhanced their ability to save swift water rescue victims from drowning.

As Investigations Lieutenant, Schoenfeld's responsibilities include investigating property, narcotics, vice, vehicle and larceny offenses. In addition, he has developed and managed a "Schools Program," where detectives provide mentoring and direction to local youth. Schoenfeld also created a "bold yet sound" operations plan for the 2013 Taylorsville Dayzz, which resulted in excellent public safety and improved parking management for the 30,000 attendees.

Taylor and Schoenfeld recently worked together to transform the workspace at the Taylorsville Precinct to be a more inviting, professional and functional work environment. During the presentation of the awards, Wyant recalled how the officers demonstrated their commitment to the project, moving furniture and hanging cabinets to make the precinct a more fitting base from which to serve the community.



Lt. Randy Thomas, left, and Lt. Mike Schoenfeld, right, received Division Commanders Awards from UPD Deputy Chief Tracy Wyant, center, during city council on Aug. 7.

## Baptist church in Kearns hosts large televised leadership summit



New Pilgrim Baptist Church inspired business and community leaders in its first televised leadership summit.

By Kimberly Martinez

New Pilgrim Baptist Church, 5133 South Heath Avenue, may be tucked away in a residential community of Kearns, but people from all walks of life poured through these doors recently for a special leadership summit. Willow Creek Community Church, based in Illinois, broadcasts its popular annual leadership summit internationally. For the past four years, churches in the Salt Lake Valley have hosted this event. This year, New Pilgrim's Pastor Corey Hodges was eager to bring this inspirational conference close to home on Aug. 8 and 9.

"The summits are always filled with high caliber speakers, and we are serious about leadership development here at New Pilgrim, and hosting this summit gives our church leaders, as well as the local community, a chance to hear from the country's best," said Achieng Reggy, director of marketing and public relations at New Pilgrim.

Willow Creek Community Church chose this year's theme: "Lead Where You Are." Reggy said this year's conference was hugely successful due to the reputation Willow Creek has established in bringing seasoned and inspiring speakers. The summit brings in world-class, forward-thinking leaders in business, church, edu-

cation and social justice arenas. Reggy said this year's lineup didn't disappoint, with hearing from former United States Secretary of State Colin Powell to Mark Burnett, executive director of Shark Tank, a popular television show featuring business pitches from aspiring entrepreneurs.

"It was two days of being challenged, inspired and injected with vision," Reggy said.

## Green Waste collection service set to begin next March

Residents in both Taylorsville and Kearns will be able to have their green waste collected starting in March 2014. The Wasatch Front Waste and Recycling District will begin collection of yard and lawn trimmings, fruit and vegetable scraps, and leaves in a specially-designed green waste cart that will be collected on normal garbage and recycling days.

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★ School News ★

# New principals at Westbrook, South Kearns Elementary Schools



Karen Chatterton officially took the reigns as Westbrook Elementary School's new principal on July 1 this year; Julie Lorentzon likewise at South Kearns Elementary.

By Sara Weikel

Two new principals are bringing their unique experiences to local schools this year—Julie Lorentzon at South Kearns Elementary, and Karen Chatterton at Westbrook Elementary.

Lorentzon spent the last nine years of her 21-year education career as Pioneer Elementary's principal. She has also taught a wide range of students and subjects, from special education to ski lessons.

Lorentzon has been a resident of the Taylorsville and Kearns areas for the past 20 years. She enjoys scuba diving, traveling and taking care of animals, including her own menagerie of cats, dogs, chickens—and an African grey parrot that sometimes accompanies her to school.

"I hope I bring [to the school] a sense of humor and a sense of focus," she said.

That's not to say that South Kearns doesn't have focus; in fact, they have a great staff and PTA, and teachers who already do a lot of teaming, Lorentzon said. Her goal is to continue and strengthen the good that is already there.

"I'm really excited to work with them," she said.

No big changes are in the works for South Kearns this year, just lots of studying data to see what areas students need help in to be their most successful, she said.

Chatterton's previous work in the education field has included (most recently) two years as principal to Cottonwood Elementary, and eight years prior as an assistant principal and sixth grade teacher. She also spent 20 years as a classical ballet instructor before that, with a 10 year hiatus—in which she raised a family and helped with her parents' business—in between her two careers.

Chatterton secured a Beverly Sorenson arts grant for Westbrook this year, so students will be able to enjoy time with a visual arts specialist. This same program was very successful at Cottonwood last year, giving students an expressive outlet and adding to a well-rounded education, she said.

Other than that, there will be no huge changes at Westbrook either with the change of administration, she said.

"The school seems to be running very well," she said. "I want to honor what's been done here."

Westbrook's students are bright, with promising futures ahead of them, and the community is very involved in the school, Chatterton said.

"I absolutely love it," she said. "Everyone here is so warm and genuine."

## "Azure" from front page

new, safe, clean equipment, and the kids love it."

Neighborhood Services Coordinator Rhett McIff said the playground has some great new equipment, including a gyro spinner, swoop ladder, monkey bars, a club house and a pod spinner.

"It also has two huge slides, taller and longer than anything we've had before," she said. The slides, which are eight feet tall, are side-by-side and curved, allowing for "some great races between friends," she said.

McIff estimates that over 400 volunteer hours were donated to finish the playground, and that it took 13 people to assemble the slides. And those who attended and helped, which included a lot of children, had another special treat. Slyde the Playground Hound, mascot for the manufacturer of the equipment, came to share safety tips and pose for photos with the kids. Once the soft and safe wood chips were spread around the equipment on July 29, the playground was officially opened for business.

"It's been busy ever since," James said. "It's great to hear the sounds of happy children in our little park once again."

The city has another park targeted for repairs as well—Labrum Park off the Jordan Canal Road and 6200 South. That project will be addressed in the near future.

# Local schools to hold back-to-school celebrations

By Sara Weikel

Classes will be back in session soon, and local schools are ready to welcome their students and communities.

The school year officially begins Wednesday, Aug. 21. Parents at the following schools should also keep in mind some additional dates and times for back to school nights, open house days and other welcome socials.

- **Bennion Elementary** will give parents a chance to meet teachers and see students' classrooms the day school starts (Aug 21) at 8:10 a.m.
- **Westbrook Elementary** will hold a "Hot Dog Howdy" Thursday, Aug. 22 at 5:30 p.m.
- **Calvin Smith Elementary's** back to school night will be Aug. 22 at 6 p.m.
- **Beehive Elementary's** parent open house will held twice on Friday, Aug 23, 8-8:30 a.m. and 1:15-1:45 p.m.
- **Western Hills Elementary** will have an opening social Wednesday, Aug. 28 at 5 p.m.
- **South Kearns Elementary** will hold a carnival on Thursday, Aug. 29 at 5 p.m.
- **Kearns Jr. High** will have a "Hot Dog Hello" party on Sept. 6 at 6 p.m.

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 Where: Valley Regional Park  
 When: Starts Saturday Sept. 14th  
 Games played twice a week on Tuesday/Thursday Evenings and Saturday Mornings.  
 Fees: New reduced fee! \$36.00  
 Includes 8 games, full uniform, & participation award  
 REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Friday Aug. 30th



### FALL TEE-BALL/COACH PITCH

Who: Tee Ball—3-5 year olds  
 Coach pitch—6-8 year olds  
 When: Tee Ball—Monday & Wednesday evenings  
 Starting September 16th  
 Coach pitch—Tuesday & Thursday evenings  
 Starting September 17th  
 Fees: New reduced Fee! \$31.00  
 Includes 8 games, jersey, hat, and participation award  
 REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Saturday September 7th



### FALL BOYS BASKETBALL

Who: Boys, grades 3rd-8th  
 Where: Taylorsville Recreation Center  
 When: Starts Saturday September 21st  
 Saturday games  
 Fees: New Reduced Fee! \$41.00  
 Includes 8 games, jersey, and participation award  
 REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Saturday September 7th



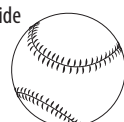
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 REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Friday September 6th



### FALL GIRLS FAST PITCH SOFTBALL

Who: Girls—Age Divisions; 8/under, 10/under, 8/under, 12/under, 14/under  
 Where: Vista Ball Park (Taylorsville), Riverside Park (Salt Lake City), and Veterans Memorial Park (West Jordan)  
 When: Games will start September 14th  
 Fees: \$36.00  
 Includes 8 games, shirt, and participation award  
 REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Saturday September 3rd



### FALL FLAG FOOTBALL

Who: Boys and Girls, grades 1st-9th (7th-9th graders will play in a Travel League)  
 Where: Taylorsville Recreation Center  
 When: Starts Saturday September 14th  
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 REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Saturday September 3rd



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# SLCC program recognized for improving lives



Photo courtesy of SLCC

Salt Lake Community College's Know Greater Heroes program was named as one of Select Health's "Select 25" community service organizations. Pictured are program members demonstrating songs and dances they use at local elementary schools to encourage students to make healthy life choices.

By Sara Weikel

Salt Lake Community College's athletic department is working hard to make a difference in local elementary schools.

Made up of members of the college's sports teams and cheer squad, the Know Greater Heroes program puts on energetic assemblies at schools across the valley to help encourage students to make healthy choices. The program was recently named a 2013 "Select 25" community service organization by Select Health.

"We were honored as a positive role model," Athletic Director Norma Carr said.

Know Greater Heroes was started at Utah Valley University, but is now run entirely by SLCC. The program has recently visited several elementary schools in the Taylorsville and Kearns areas—including Westbrook, Fox Hills, Plymouth and Calvin Smith—with its message of eating well, exercising and staying away from drugs and alcohol.

"They give a message through song, dance and dialogue," Carr said. "It's a very fun way to teach good principles to the kids."

The elementary students also went away with jump ropes, water bottles and t-shirts.

Westbrook has hosted Know Greater Heroes twice already, and it is one of the students' favorite assemblies, Principal Millicent Larsen-Fogarty said.

"They see them as role models," she said. "They're athletes and cheerleaders. The kids think they're really cool."

The program has done some great things for the 40 SLCC students involved as well, Carr said. One student had been considering suicide before becoming involved in Know Greater Heroes, but through the experience was profoundly impacted positively.

"This person today is a fabulous, outgoing leader and a person totally changed," Carr said.

Know Greater Heroes has been a part of SLCC for the past seven years, and has reached well over 200 schools in that time. The \$2,500 prize that came with the Select 25 award will be used to sustain the program in the future, Carr said. The school was also presented with a large personalized banner they can use to promote the

program at events on and off the campus.

Each winner of the "Select 25" award is a nonprofit organization, individual or charity with widely varying functions but a similar purpose—to give something meaningful back to their communities.

"It was a real honor to be among the 25 recipients," Carr said.



Photo courtesy of Granite District

Students at Bacchus Elementary planted trees on the school's south side to mark Arbor Day, which fell on April 26 this year. "Every student got to shovel a little dirt, as well as some PTA members, teachers, and even our principal," said first grade teacher Rebecca Soelberg. "So far, the students have taken really good care of these new trees, and they refer to them as 'their trees.'" The three red maples were donated by Dry Creek Charity.

## "Youth council" from page 2

and what they like to do outside of their police work, and also about their families. Knowing about them personally gave me a greater appreciation for what they do," she said.

The luncheon was such a success that the youth council would like to make this an annual tradition. The council will hold fundraisers to sponsor the lunch, as well as many other service projects they do throughout the year.

The Kearns Youth Community Council is currently looking for five additional members to join them in making a difference in the Kearns community. They are seeking individuals who are service oriented, creative, good problem solvers, and who are not afraid of getting involved with government and community problems. For more information, individuals can inquire via e-mail to youth-councilkearns@gmail.com or go to www.kearns-utah.org to the Kearns Youth Council link to download an application.

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If you are planning changes to the landscape in your park strip, please call us at 801-968-1011. We will come out, at no charge, and see if we need to make any repairs. This will allow us to take care of any problems before they become expensive to fix.

When making changes to your park strip please consider planting low water use plants or laying concrete. If laying concrete, be sure not to cover any portion of the meter ring and lid.

### EQUAL PAYMENT PLAN

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**“Elections” from front page**

Ken Acker (352 votes—38.9 percent) and Daniel Jon Armstrong (325 votes—35.9 percent). They will face each other on Nov. 5. Eliminated was Jonathan Fidler, who received 227 votes—25.1 percent.

Voter turnout was low—just 14.7 percent of the city’s 24,915 registered voters, according to the Salt Lake County Clerk’s office.

Two other city council races are also set for November. In District 3, incumbent Brad Christopherson is being challenged by Dave Ballou. And in District 4, council chairperson Dama Barbour seeks reelection against a write-in challenge from Wendi Wengel.

Watch for candidate profiles in our October issue of the Taylorsville-Kearns Journal.

★ **Chamber West Corner** ★

**CHAMBERWEST**

Regional Chamber of Commerce

By Alan Anderson, President/CEO

We often think of January as the month of beginnings. However, there are many more new beginnings starting right now. With recent primary elections, a new school year and a new thriving economy, today is a great time to think about beginnings and new interests. Even a new coat of paint can spark visions of fresh ideas and opportunities. If you are thinking about a business or just opened a business, let me discuss opportunities

A Chamber of Commerce is about op-

portunities. Opportunities occur by networking with others. They occur on golf courses, dinners and “doing lunch.” Opportunities occur by developing business relationships.

Just as I write this, a member found a lead for a friend of his who was looking for work. He attended a meeting and talked with the host (also a chamber member.) The host was looking for someone to work overnight and my friend knew someone looking for a job overnight. THAT is developing a business relationship.

We know business professionals are very busy people, so we have put together several events each month where business people can build their business while enjoying lunch. After all, you are going to eat lunch anyway; why not make the most of it at a Chamber event?

Our next Lunch and Learn will be held Aug. 29 at the Embassy Suites Hotel and will feature another spectacular presenter discussing the Affordable Care Act. Any business can attend whether you are a ChamberWest member or not. Mark your calendar now for the August Lunch and Learn. Women in Business (WIB) will meet to honor Veterans at the Arbor Manor Reception Center on 4700 South behind Hires on Sept. 10. WIB is one of the strongest chamber organizations and provides incredible networking opportunities as well as relevant topics for business women.

On Sept. 25, let ChamberWest pick up your lunch tab as you get to know the Chamber and all of the benefits we offer businesses throughout the communities we represent. If you have ever wondered if ChamberWest can really help you save money and build a stronger business, you will want to attend this free luncheon. Just RSVP to reserve your spot at the beautiful Carmelle Reception Center located at 4075 South Highland Drive. Come learn how our exclusive Benefits-365™ can vastly improve your bottom line.

If these items interest you as a business owner, visit <http://www.chamberwest.org/join>. ChamberWest offers its exclusive Benefits-365™ saving businesses money every day on many things like UPS shipping, radio and print advertising discounts, discounts on office supplies and furniture and more.

**“Museum” from page 2**

Camp Kearns alive not only shows her love of history but her love of the Kearns community as well.

“A community without its history or a museum is a community without a past, and with no sight of a future,” she said.

There were times when Todd was concerned if her exhibit accurately portrayed this important era of Kearns. Opening the exhibit helped her know she was on the right path. Many people who were stationed at Camp Kearns have toured this museum, letting her know she has done her job well.

“They have all left with tears in their eyes telling me it was just as they remember it,” Todd said.

One day, Todd and the members of the Kearns Historical Society hope to secure a permanent museum for these artifacts. Todd believes it would be an asset to the community and enhance the local educational system.

**“Parade” from page 2**

Dayzz Parade in June to solicit entries. In the end, Larsen said many of these groups were already committed to attend Midvale City’s parade, and it was difficult not having a clear answer if indeed the parade was moving forward.

With the two-year hiatus, the Kearns Community Council looks forward to 2014 as a big year for the Kearns Hometown Days Parade.



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# Library Events

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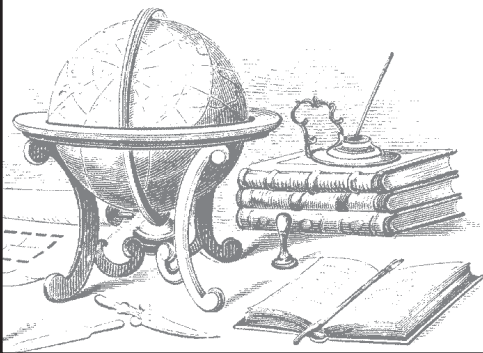
**Sept 2**  
**Holiday.** Library is closed.

**Month of September** **All ages**  
**Nature Scavenger Hunt.** Get some fresh air with our nature scavenger hunt. Drop by the library during September and pick up a form at the information desk. Return the completed scavenger hunt form by the end of the month and get a prize. No registration required.

**Sept. 4, 7 p.m.** **Girls ages 8 to 12 with an adult**  
**Great Reads for Girls Special Event.** Kick off another great year of "Great Reads" with Jessica Day George at the Viridian Event Center (8030 South 1825 West, West Jordan). Jessica is the author of "Tuesdays at the Castle" and many other favorite titles. Jessica will sign your personal copies of her books. No books will be sold at this event. No younger siblings please.

**Sept. 6, 4 p.m.** **Families**  
**Friday Movie Matinee.** Join us for a free movie. Bring pillows and get comfortable. Some chair seating for teens and adults. Movie: "Despicable Me" (running time: 95 minutes; rated PG).

**Sept. 9 through 14** **All ages**  
**Take Home Craft: Leaf Creatures.** Enjoy the fall colors. Stop by the library and pick up a craft to make at home.



**Sept. 13, 4 p.m.** **Ages 7 and up**  
**Magic Tree House Book Club.** Join Jack and Annie in "Stage Fright on a Summer Night" as they meet William Shakespeare. Talk about the book, learn cool facts, and do other fun activities. No registration required.

**Starting Sept. 17** **Babies and toddlers**  
**Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, 10:30 a.m.**  
**Baby, Toddler and Me.** A seven-week session featuring a story, songs, fingerplays and a short playtime for your baby or toddler. Parents/caregivers must accompany children. No registration required.

**Starting Sept. 17** **Ages 3 to kindergarten**  
**Tuesdays, 1:30 p.m., Thursdays, 11:30 a.m.**  
**Preschool Storytime.** A seven-week session featuring stories, songs and fingerplays for preschoolers ready to participate with or without their parents. No registration required.

**Sept. 17, 7 p.m.** **Adults**  
**Turning Over the Garden: Fall Time Yard and Garden Care.** Perplexed about what to do with your garden in the fall? Find out how to prepare your landscape for the winter with JoDeane Condrat of the Utah State University Salt Lake County Extension. This class is free. Please register at <http://extension.usu.edu/salt-lake/htm/register> or call 385-468-4820.

**Sept. 19, all day** **All ages**  
**Speak Pirate, Matey?** Can you talk like a pirate? Let us hear it at the Information Desk and find some treasure.

**Sept. 19, 5 p.m.** **Families**  
**Talk like a Pirate with Eric Jensen.** Watch Eric Jensen of the Off Broadway Theater transform himself from an actor into a pirate. He will tell funny stories and show the process an actor takes to become a character. No registration required.

**Sept. 23 through 28** **Adults**  
**Name That Banned Book Contest.** Celebrate Banned Book Week. Pick up a contest form at the Information Desk and guess the books that have been banned or challenged. You might win a Barnes and Noble gift card. No registration required.

## Kearns Library

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**Aug. 21, 7 p.m.** **Adults**  
**Cake Decorating with Fondant.** Learn to use rolled fondant to create beautiful cakes.

**Aug. 28, 10:30 a.m.** **Preschool ages**  
**Space Adventure Puppet Show.** Our intrepid astronaut boy gets marooned on the mysterious Planet X. He encounters furry aliens, a space worm, and even a rock monster.

**Aug. 29, Sept. 26, 3 p.m.** **Teens**  
**Gamer's Club.** Monthly tournament of "Yu-Gi-Oh" or "Magic: the Gathering" from 3 to 5 p.m. Each month we have a different theme for the tournament. Players who participate in the theme of the month receive a free prize. Prizes are also given to winners of the tournament.

**Sept 2**  
**Holiday.** Library is closed.

**Sept. 3, 3 p.m.** **Teens**  
**Slap Bracelets for Teens.** Make your own slap bracelet. All supplies included.

**Sept. 4, 4 p.m.** **Families**  
**Amazing Adam Magic Show.** Fun music, audience participation, and a mix of illusions, juggling, clowning and ventriloquism are part of this high-energy, audience-engaging show.

**Sept. 4, 7 p.m.** **Girls ages 8 to 12 with an adult**  
**Great Reads for Girls Special Event.** Kick off another great year of "Great Reads" with Jessica Day George at the Viridian Event Center (8030 South 1825 West, West Jordan). Jessica is the author of "Tuesdays at the Castle" and many other favorite titles. Jessica will sign your personal copies of her books. No books will be sold at this event. No younger siblings please.

**Starting Sept. 9,** **Ages 2 and under**  
**Mondays, 10:30 a.m.**  
**Book Baby.** Books, songs, fingerplays and fun for babies from birth to age 2.

**Sept. 9, 23, 3 p.m.** **Teens**  
**Kearns Library Anime Club.** Join the Kearns Library Anime Club to learn, watch, discuss and enjoy anime and manga. The Anime Club meets every other week with a different activity to celebrate anime and Japanese culture.

**Sept. 9, 6 p.m.** **Families**  
**Family Movie Night.** Bring the whole family to watch "Oz the Great and Powerful." Bring your pillows, blankets and snacks. This film is rated PG.

**Sept. 10, 7 p.m.** **Families**  
**Noche de Familias/Family Night.** Traiga a toda la familia a ver "Oz el Grande y Poderoso" en Espanol, gratis! Se verá por la biblioteca de Kearns. Traigan sus almohadas, mantas y aperitivos. Esta película está clasificada PG.

**Sept. 11, 4 p.m.** **Ages 6 to 12**  
**Wild Wednesdays: Me & My Dragon.** Dragons make great pets. Learn how to feed and care for a dragon of your very own. Based on "Me & My Dragon" by David Biedrzycki.

**Sept. 11, 7 p.m.** **Adults**  
**Pet Health Education: Foods.** Join Dr. David L. Benson, DVM, and learn to understand pet foods, pet food labels and myths regarding pet nutrition.

**Starting Sept. 12,** **Preschool ages**  
**Thursdays, 10:30 a.m.**  
**Preschool Storytime.** Join us for stories, songs, and more. Fun for preschoolers with a participating adult.

**Sept. 14, 2 p.m.** **School-age children and teens with special needs**  
**Sensory School-Age Fun.** A free and unique activity group for school-age children and teens with special needs. This program is aimed at those with autism, although all youth with special needs and their siblings are welcome. Parental attendance required.

**Sept. 18, 4 p.m.** **Boys ages 7 to 12**  
**Book Dudes: Ye Yucky Middle Ages.** Stinky castles, rats in your soup, sweaty suits of armor, and don't ever let the barber pull your teeth. Horrible, miserable Book Dudes fun at its best.

**Sept. 19, 7 p.m.** **Adults**  
**Baby Signs.** Learn to use sign language with your young children to improve communication and say goodbye to toddler tantrums. Instructor Emily Vasica is a certified Signing-Time Instructor.

**Sept. 20, 6:15 p.m.** **Ages 12 to 18**  
**Hunger Games Laser Tag Party.** Eliminate your competition in an afterhours laser tag party. A permission slip signed by an adult is required. Please register.

**Sept. 24, 7 p.m.** **Girls ages 7 to 12 and an adult**  
**Great Reads for Girls: Getting to Know You.** Share one of your new favorite summer reads, or an old cherished title of your choice. You will get to know favorite books, make fabulous friends, and see why "Great Reads for Girls" is so very great.

### "Budget" from front page

its contingency funds to balance the budget. But that fund, essentially the city's savings account, no longer has enough money to cover the budget shortfall. So the new property tax increase, which will amount to about \$61 a year for the average homeowner, will cover the difference. The city's portion of the total tax bill residents have received from Salt Lake County is about 16.5 percent.

As was the case in previous hearings, the council voted 4-1 to approve the budget, with only councilman Larry Johnson dissenting. Originally, the proposed budget called for a 47 percent property tax increase. Through a series of work sessions held during council meetings, several budget requests were trimmed or eliminated by the council. The city also lost the equivalent of six full-time staff positions—two court

clerks, the mayor's assistant, the human resource director, and reductions from full-time to part-time status for code enforcement, public works and council coordinator.

This is the third time in the city's history that property taxes have been raised. The first time was in 2006, and last year a 15 percent tax hike was approved.

During the Aug. 7 meeting, Economic Development Director Donald Adams did have some good news to report as well. In addition to the previously announced FREEBIRDS World Burrito Co. opening a new location in Taylorsville, both Dunkin' Donuts and Chick-fil-A will be opening new locations soon in the city. He said several other projects are also in the works to revitalize the city's business community.

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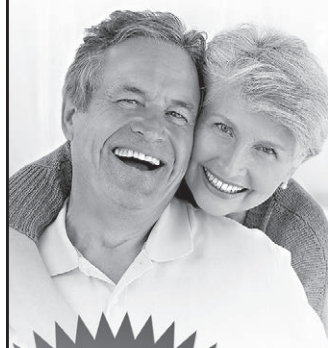
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## MAYOR'S MESSAGE



By Mayor Jerry Rechtenbach

As I reflect back over the summer, I am reminded of the great volunteers in our city.

We have several hundred residents who serve on our city committees.

We have people like Gordon Wolf and John Gidney, who have been on numerous committees since we became a city. People like Keith Sorensen, Ken Cook, Bruce Wasden and Lynn Handy who are former elected officials, but continue to volunteer and give their expertise on citizen committees. Jim Dunningan and his Taylorsville Dayzz committee give thousands of volunteer hours every year to make our city's birthday celebration great. Our Arts Council, Green Committee, Public Safety, Healthy Taylorsville, LARP, Historic Preservation, Ordinance Review, Budget, and Economic

Development committees are filled with dedicated and caring residents who want to see the city improve.

We had over 800 volunteers work on projects to clean up the city at our Comcast Cares Day of Service a few months ago. These volunteers gave a half day to better our parks, plant trees, pull weeds, and add character to places around Taylorsville. We have dozens of Eagle Scouts who have done projects to benefit the city.

Recently neighbors banded together to rebuild playgrounds at two different parks - Azure Meadows and Bennion Park. Resident Danny James, actively took part in improving his Azure Meadows neighborhood. As a city, we love to see residents see a need in their neighborhood and participate in getting the city and the entire neighborhood involved to fix it.

Last week I met with three residents of the Morningside Cove neighborhood, Bob, Linda, and Melanie, that had some concerns, but more importantly they had solutions, over some of the issues affecting the Millrace Park. The other day Bob Brunisholz spent several hours trimming along the Millrace Park fence line. We love to hear of residents like Dean Paynter and his neighbors who go out and weed along 2700 West. We've "caught" other residents doing the same. Doug Anderson is a retired man who came to City Hall one day and asked if he could help clean up areas in the city. He first took down trash trees and hauled them away. You may see him from time to time, pulling weeds along public right-of-ways.

We recently set up our community councils and we appreciate Jason Wyatt, Jerry Milne, Dean Paynter, Dave Ballou, Kathy Jeffs, Doug Arnesen who have volunteered to chair their individual community councils.

Our CERT teams and HAM radio operators provide a vital service that we may need someday in a city emergency.

As I reflect on all this time dedicated to bettering our city, I am in awe with the valuable contributions of all our volunteers. Whether these volunteers are in official capacity with the city, or if they are quietly serving their neighbor, they make a difference.

I urge each of our Taylorsville residents to find one hour per month where you can serve in some capacity.

## HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE THEN & NOW

One of the most famous Taylorsville gathering places long ago was the S & M Skating Rink, located at 3950 South Redwood Road. This parcel of land is now out of Taylorsville City's boundaries, however, long ago it was the place to hang out, to be seen, and to see who could impress others with their skating prowess. Many local Taylorsville/Bennion residents frequented the skating rink for fun and good times, some who ended up marrying each other later on in life.

The rink was built in 1947 and was in operation for 40 years. The "S" stood for Stan, and the "M" stood for Myrl. Their last name was Todd. Stan was an entrepreneur who also had other business ventures. Later their son, Dean, and his wife, Jessie, were the owners/operators.

Originally the land belonged to Abraham and Ann Tofts Todd, who homesteaded approximately 75 acres of land bordering Redwood Road. There have been several owners since the 80's, two of them being a reception center and a boutique. Today, the building is the Landmark Apostolic Church.



## COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT

# DID YOU KNOW?

### Join Your Community Council!

Last month the leadership for community councils was established. There are 10 community councils - two per city council district - and each one is made up of several adjacent neighborhoods. These groups will meet monthly. The purpose of the community councils is to inform residents about issues affecting them and their neighborhoods and to provide them a voice with regards to city issues. A variety of topics may be discussed at these meetings including emergency response plans, neighborhood watch, school or civic issues.

If you would like more information about your neighborhood community council, please see: <http://bit.ly/15H5PaF>. We'd love to have you involved!

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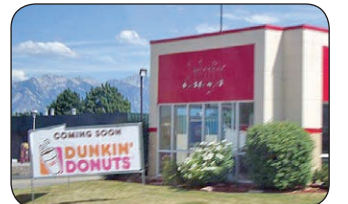
If you are a licensed HAM operator or would like to become one, we invite you to join the Taylorsville HAMnet in our communication efforts and share your knowledge and skills. Anyone is welcome to join this group of local licensed amateur radio operators in Taylorsville and surrounding areas. The group provides weekly equipment trials, group announcements and can serve the community's communication needs. The net operates on the 146.940 MHz (tone 88.5) repeater and is held each Monday at 8:30 p.m. They have an "in person" meeting in lieu of the net on the last Monday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Taylorsville Food Pantry (4775 S. Plymouth View Drive - behind the senior center). For more info you can email [tville.hamnet@gmail.com](mailto:tville.hamnet@gmail.com).

### Annual Museum Day - Free for the Whole Family!

Saturday, September 28th, the Taylorsville Bennion Heritage Center will be participating in the Smithsonian's annual Museum Day. They will be open from 2-6pm and there is no charge. Bring your family to see this historic home and fun farm animals. The address is 1488 West 4800 South.

### Dunkin' Donuts Coming to Taylorsville

Dunkin Donuts has announced they are moving into the old Arby's location at 5400 South 3600 West.



### Have you ever wanted to play in the street?!

Open Streets initiatives temporarily close streets to cars, allowing residents to walk, bike, skate, dance, and utilize the roadways in countless creative and active ways. From Seattle to Miami, and Los Angeles to Ottawa, open streets initiatives have become a way for cities to build community, promote active transportation and reconnect neighborhoods divided by traffic.

Salt Lake City has done an Open Streets event and Taylorsville will be the second city in the State of Utah to do one. We plan to have activities, booths, vendors, and fun for all ages.

### Open Streets in Taylorsville

Saturday, September 28

11 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Come play on 2700 West from City Hall (5400 South) to Taylorsville Library (4900 South).

### Green Waste Pick up Coming Soon!

Wasatch Front Waste is starting a green waste collection program in spring 2014. It is by subscription only with an annual fee of \$115 and a one-time start-up fee of \$60. Call 385-468-6337 or email [green@wasatchfrontwaste.org](mailto:green@wasatchfrontwaste.org).

### Get all the latest city news on social media

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### Honor Your Veterans with a Paver at Taylorsville's Veterans Memorial

We are getting ready to send in our last order prior to Veterans Day for the pavers at the Veterans Memorial outside City Hall. If you have not stopped by to see this memorial, we would invite you to do so. To the west of the memorial are pavers that can be purchased for a loved one, or as a veteran supporter. Please email Jean at [jashby@taylorsvilleut.gov](mailto:jashby@taylorsvilleut.gov), for more information.

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CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

- 3 **CPR TRAINING**  
6 p.m. - Taylorsville City Hall
- 4 **CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
6:30 p.m. - Taylorsville City Hall
- 6 **TAYLORSVILLE'S GOT TALENT**  
(see flyer)  
7 p.m. - Taylorsville High School
- 10 **PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING**  
6 p.m. - Taylorsville City Hall
- 18 **CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
6:30 p.m. - Taylorsville City Hall
- 19 **GENERAL CERT MEETING**  
7 p.m. - Taylorsville City Hall
- 28 **OPEN STREETS EVENT**  
(see flyer)  
11 a.m.-4 p.m.  
2700 West between 4900-5400 South
- 28 **ANNUAL MUSEUM DAY**  
2-6 p.m. - 1488 W. 4800 S.

CITY COUNCIL CORNER

NIGHT OUT AGAINST CRIME

On August 6 Taylorsville celebrated the National Night Out Against Crime with an event at City Hall. Most of us council members were able to attend and we had a great time speaking with residents and learning more about how to keep our neighborhoods safer.

Unified Police Department did a K-9 demonstration. We learned how these amazing dogs can find missing children, locate narcotics, and take down uncooperative criminals. Councilmember Overson said she was intrigued by the demonstration and grateful we have those resources.



Detectives Lloyd and Valencia taught us how to deter criminals and how to set up neighborhood watch programs. They urged us to get to know our neighbors and to report suspicious activity.

Councilmember Barbour was impressed with our city emergency preparedness trailer and equipment, and appreciated seeing how the city is mapped out.



Unified Fire Authority had some vehicles on display and brought their burn pan. Councilmember Burgess and other residents were able to put out a real fire with a fire extinguisher. Councilmember Christopherson loved showing his kids the fire trucks and equipment.



We ate hot dogs and chips, provided for by Harmons and the Bennion Lions Club. It was a great evening! To see TV coverage of this event, visit <http://bit.ly/19gftzS>.

Special thanks to Peggy Sadler, the Public Safety Committee, UPD and UFA for all their hard work to make this event a success!

ELECTIONS

PRIMARY ELECTION RESULTS

The following candidates will be on the ballot for the November election and in this order:

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*Note: The order of candidate names is in accordance with the Master Ballot Position List, as issued by the Lieutenant Governor.*



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★ Sports ★

# Taylorsville's Nash to wrestle on world stage

By Anthony Cusumano

In the 1985 film Rocky IV, the title character travels to Russia to challenge a menacing opponent, hoping to bring glory both to himself and his homeland.

Taylorsville High senior Roy Nash won't be using boxing gloves to settle any scores, but he realizes the opportunity presented before him. He was scheduled to participate in the 2013 FILA Cadet World Championships in Serbia Aug. 20-25. Nash, who has won state and multiple national championships, will attempt to add another title to his growing list of achievements.

"Every single match will be against a national champion from another country," said Nash, who has never competed outside the U.S. "It will take a lot of hours in the wrestling room and more focus training. I have to make every second count and absorb as much as I can. I have to get to the most prepared state I can. I have to fight my hardest even to be competitive."

Three Maple Mountain wrestlers are joining Nash at the world championships. Together, the group secured four of the 10 Greco-Roman qualifying spots during team trials in Akron, Ohio. The foursome participated in a mandatory training camp in Michigan earlier this month before flying out to Serbia. Nash, 17, will compete at 220.5 pounds (110 kilograms).

While the U.S. is known for freestyle wrestling, other countries have had more success in Greco, where the legs may not be used in any way to obtain a fall. Though he is well versed in both disciplines, having twice captured double na-

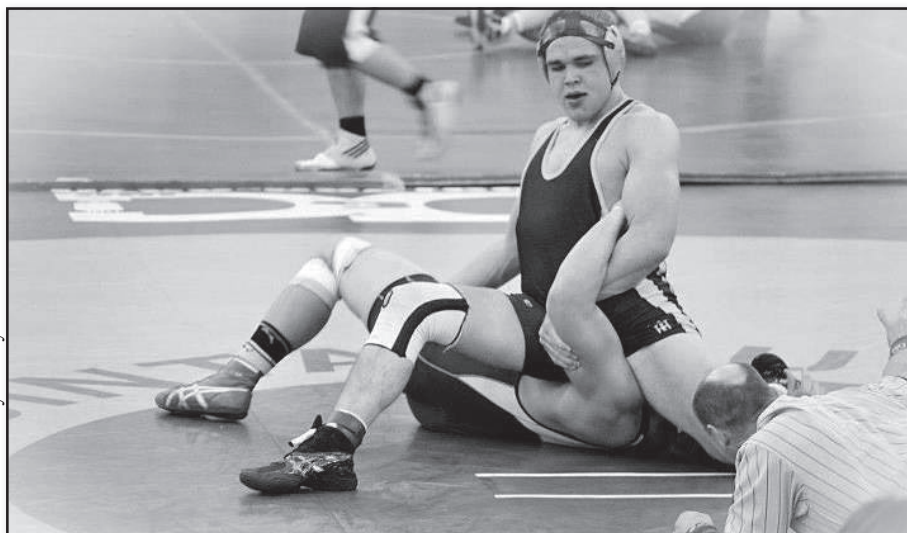


Photo courtesy of Roy Nash

Taylorsville High's Roy Nash will compete in the junior world wrestling championships in Serbia this month. Nash is a multiple-time freestyle and Greco-Roman youth national champion who won a Utah state championship last year.

tional championships, Nash remains a bit apprehensive.

"I have a pretty good idea of what it's going to be like, but there's still a lot unknown," Nash said. "I have the benefit of a coach (Brandon Ruiz) who knows what to expect there. The U.S. has had some Olympic gold medalists in freestyle, but other countries are more known for Greco."

A former grappling world champion, Ruiz qualified to compete again this year. It is the first time a coach and athlete combo has made the world team in the same year.

"Roy has been a great student and friend," Ruiz said. "I am extremely proud of his accomplishments. He has worked hard not only physically, but has learned strategy and how to deal with the men-

tal and emotional pressures of being a performer."

Ruiz believes Nash's ability to stick to the game plan affords him a better chance of success.

"Roy is very good at keeping composed and following a game plan," Ruiz said. "He is improving every day and we are really focusing on getting him stronger physically and more technical on the mat. He is getting to a very high level of performance because of his mental toughness and having specific understanding of how to deal with pressure."

Prior to the world championships, Nash competed in two other prestigious competitions – the Junior National Duals in Oklahoma City and the Junior National Championships in Fargo, N.D. He was one of two athletes to finish 16-0 at Junior National Duals, going 8-0 each in Greco and freestyle and making the respective all-tournament teams.

Nash followed that up by placing first in both Greco and freestyle at the Junior National Championships, proving he was more than ready for world-class competition.

"I'm excited (for worlds), but having it that far away, I'm enjoying the moment of just qualifying for it," Nash said in June. "It's been my goal the last three years. It's going to hit me a bit later."

## Adaptation is key to Kearns' football season

By Anthony Cusumano

Before the season even started, Kearns High's football team was faced with its first challenge. The Cougars switched both regions and classifications in the new realignment, joining 4A's Region 6, which is considered by many to be one of the toughest in the entire state.

With region games against the likes of Highland, Bountiful and East looming, Kearns was hopeful that a tough preseason schedule would prepare it for when region games begin Sept. 13. The Cougars are scheduled to play Taylorsville, Granger and Cottonwood the first three weeks of the season. Fremont, out of 5A's Region 1, is also on the schedule when Kearns takes a break from region play on Sept. 27.

"Our expectation is to compete one day at a time and one play at a time," first-year Kearns head coach Matt Rickards said. "We are not looking forward to any game other than the next game. We focus on winning the day. I expect our defense will be solid with the athletes we have."

Though the Cougars return just two offensive starters, seniors Colton Grossaint and Amon Finau can more than hold their own. Grossaint, a tight end, caught 46 passes for 909 yards and four touchdowns last season, while Finau had 121 yards receiving and two scores. Grossaint won a state championship in wrestling last year, while Finau has committed to the University of Utah.

Sherwin Lavaka also expects to see lots of passes thrown his way, while Lanu Toilolo and Molofaha Uhi anchor both

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## Warriors, Cougars prepared for fall sports season

By Anthony Cusumano

The fall sports season is upon Taylorville and Kearns High teams, as they look to challenge for region and state championships. Much has changed since last year, as Kearns has moved down in classification to 4A and will contend in Region 6, giving the Cougars a whole new set of opponents. Taylorville, meanwhile, remained in 5A and Region 2.

Of the fall sports teams, Taylorville's girls soccer and volleyball squads had the most success last season. The volleyball team overcame a rough preseason to capture the region championship, while the soccer team finished second in region and lost in double overtime in its playoff opener.

### Volleyball

Following a 3-12 preseason, the Warriors rebounded to finish 9-1 in region, earning a No. 1 seed for playoffs. However, Northridge and Brighton swept Taylorville out of the postseason.

Tasia Taylor, Dani Ahlstrom, Maddie Gibson and Tara Gregory were among the top players for Taylorville last season, and most are expected to return. The Warriors finished 12-15 overall last year.

Kearns earned a playoff berth by placing fourth in region (3-7) and went 1-2 at state. The Cougars defeated Alta in consolation and lost to Davis and Brighton. Rosetta Kasala, Margaret Falk and Tavanne Afatasi were among the key contributors last season, as Kearns finished 5-22 overall.

### Girls soccer

Led by first team all-state Abi Black, Taylorville placed second in region (8-2-0), but lost to Northridge 3-2 in double overtime in its playoff opener. The Warriors finished 10-7-0 overall.

Black established the fifth-best single season in state history with 38 goals last year and finished her Warrior career with 92 goals (seventh all-time). Natasha Howard, who tallied 17 goals, has also graduated along with Taylor Turpin (five goals). Megan Moser added four goals.

Kearns tied Cyprus in its fifth game of the season, but proceeded to lose its last 10 games to finish winless in region (0-10-0) and 0-14-1 overall. Kelli Ingleby led the team with five goals, but opponents outscored the Cougars 85-8 for the season.

### Girls tennis

While Taylorville had representatives at each level of state competition last year, only one player is expected to return this season. Kendra Peterson, who played No. 2 doubles with Nadine Edmunds, is a senior this year. The remainder of Taylorville's state players has graduated.

The Warriors will look to replace No. 1 singles Jilea Fobair, No. 2 Sidnee Huff, No. 3 Mikki Hayward and the No. 1 doubles team of Hannah Dailami and Kimberly Gabbitas.

Kearns' lone state representative, No. 2 singles Tori Byington, has also graduated.

### Cross-country

Taylorville's boys and girls cross country teams each placed 16th at the

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Kearns' Alicia Woodward, left, battles for position with a West Jordan player during their game last season.

## Warrior football ready to change expectations

By Anthony Cusumano

This season seems to have a different feel for Taylorville High football.

Despite having won just four games over the last four seasons – and nine in the last nine seasons – expectations are unusually high for the Warriors. An influx of talent and a handful of key returnees could lead up to Taylorville's first postseason berth in a decade.

The offense, in particular, expects to be more explosive. Alex Lehauli is projected to start at quarterback despite attempting only three passes last year. Lehauli, who made his mark on defense with 46 tackles and one sack, was voted a team captain and has been a leader in the weight room. The Warriors are expected to run the spread offense to take advantage of their quarterback's strengths.

Tristinn Martinez, who started at quarterback last year, and Emilio Salvador can stretch defenses at the receiver position. Salvador did a little bit of ev-

erything last year, rushing for 181 yards and catching 28 passes for 355 yards. He also set a new state record with three kick-off returns of 99 yards for scores. Leroy Ripley is expected to anchor the offensive line at center.

The offense also features a new wrinkle with the addition of Jordan transfer Mori Savini. After helping lead the Beetdiggers to the 5A state championship last season, Savini, who will play fullback, brings the winning mentality that Taylorville has lacked for some time.

Savini's impact should be felt immediately. Last year at Jordan, he had 49 tackles and 7.5 sacks. By comparison, the Warriors had 5.5 sacks as a team. Savini (5-10, 265) is also a warrior in the weight room, with a 678-pound squat and 49 bench repetitions of 190 pounds.

Ripley will play nose guard on defense, making up a powerful duo with Savini.

Taylorville lost its first four games

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## County Mayor's Report

By Salt Lake County Mayor Ben McAdams



My previous column talked about an exciting education initiative that invests in our children and offers savings to taxpayers. I'm very pleased to announce that the proposal is now a reality.

By a unanimous vote, the bipartisan Salt Lake County Council approved my request to make a \$350,000 grant to help expand access to high-quality preschool for at-risk children in the Granite School District. This means that an additional 600 3- and 4-year-olds will be able to attend voluntary preschool this September.

Preliminary results from Granite District's initial pilot project are impressive: the academic achievement gap between economically disadvantaged children and their non-economically disadvantaged peers shrank dramatically. When children begin elementary school with this preparation, the data shows that they perform on grade level with their peers, and save schools money by not requiring costly special education. Research also shows that at-risk children who attend preschool are more likely to graduate from high school; less likely to use drugs; more likely to enroll in a four-year college; and twice as likely to be employed in a high-skilled job as adults. That last statistic is important to the private sector in

Utah, which is looking for future well-educated employees in order to grow their businesses and expand economic growth in our state.

For Salt Lake County, it's also a case of where doing the right thing is also the fiscally responsible thing.

We analyzed our current budget costs for addressing substance abuse, county jail bookings, student delinquency, pediatric health, homelessness and other expenditures. High-quality preschool attendance delivers nearly \$1.38 million annually in cost avoidance for Salt Lake County. The county's overall return on investment—in terms of both the budget and economic development—is nearly 14 to 1.

I strongly support the Utah tradition of having school curriculum decisions made at the local level, by local school administrators, teachers and parents. That model serves us well. But the county has long been a strategic partner with some preschool and after-school programs. This partnership allows the county to piggyback on millions of dollars in private sector donations, with no financial downside. As the educational savings and cost-avoidance add up, I hope Utah legislators will take note and consider adopting this model to expand educational opportunities for our children throughout Utah. It's the best investment we can make in our future.

## Valley Journals staff earns honors in SPJ contest

Several writers from The Valley Journals were honored with awards from the Utah Headliners Chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists, during the chapter's annual banquet held at the University of Utah.

First, second and third place awards were earned by the following Valley Journal writers:

**Sherrie Ricks**, South Valley

Journal, first place, government reporting, "Herriman has finger on trigger"

**Peri Kinder**, Valley Journals, first place, humor/lifestyle column, "Life and Laughter"

**Jennifer Martin**, Valley Journals, first place, Headline Writing

**Peri Kinder**, Taylorsville/Kearns Journal, first place, general news, "Kearns High student ornaments"

**Tom Haraldsen**, Sandy Journal, first place, Arts and Entertainment, "Robert Adamson of Hollywood Heights"

**Sherry Sorensen**, West Jordan Journal, second place, criminal justice reporting, "Slain officer tribute"

**Catherine Garrett**, Draper Journal, second place, sports non-dead-

line, "Juan Diego mourns passing of student"

**Linda Petersen**, Sandy Journal, third place, business consumer reporting, "Scheels"

**Linda Petersen**, South Valley Journal, third place, general feature, "The Face of the Fire"

**Sherry Smith**, South Valley Journal, third place, education reporting, "Jordan Ridge pen pals"

**Jennifer Schwendiman**, Murray Journal, third place, medical/science reporting, "Toddler awaits transplant"

**Tom Haraldsen**, Taylorsville/Kearns Journal, third place, military reporting, "Veteran's Memorial"

**Anthony Cusumano**, Cottonwood/Holladay Journal, third place, "Utah's NHL connection"

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The Utah Board of Regents has approved the Utah System of Higher Education's first Homeland Security and Emergency Management associate of applied science (A.A.S.) degree at Salt Lake Community College. The degree was developed in partnership with the Department of Homeland Security, Transportation Security Administration, the Unified Police Department of Greater Salt Lake, various medical institutions and other regional agencies and employers.

"We are delighted with the Board of Regents' decision to offer the Homeland Security, Emergency Management associate of science degree. This degree will prepare graduates for positions in the collaborative world of managing the nation's security and emergency readiness," said Dr. Christopher Picard, SLCC Provost, in a news release. "The college is pleased to be able to help train pro-

fessionals who will make our society safer."

The new degree will prepare students for entry-level careers in the field of homeland security and emergency management. SLCC has already offered some courses that offer credit toward the degree. Students will be able to complete the program in four semesters. Resident tuition and fees are projected to be approximately \$6,100 to complete the program.

Salt Lake Community and Utah Valley University have a full articulation agreement, so that students can transfer their classes and A.A.S. degree to UVU to pursue a Bachelor of Science in Emergency Services Administration.

U.S. Department of Labor statistics indicate that the need for emergency management professionals, protective service workers and police and sheriff's patrol officers is likely to increase by more than 33 percent between now and 2018. Economic Modeling Specialists, Inc. data suggest that by 2021, homeland security and emergency management positions will increase by more than 60 percent in Utah.

### "Green waste" from page 3

an annual fee of \$115, and a one-time \$60 start up fee to be paid by Oct. 31.

Green waste includes all unbagged lawn and yard trimmings (grass clippings, branches, leaves, garden waste), fruit and vegetable scraps, eggshells, coffee grounds and tea bags. No food, oils, fats, grease, paper or plastic bags are allowed. Curbside green waste collection will begin in mid-March and end in mid-December (a firm start and end date will be announced).

Carts will be delivered to homes beginning this December. The \$60 start up fee allows Wasatch Front Waste to purchase and deliver the carts.

The district serves 81,000 customers in Taylorsville and Kearns, in addition to Herriman, Cottonwood Heights, Holladay, a portion of Murray and other unincorporated parts of Salt Lake County.

### "Kearns football" from page 10

sides of the line for the Cougars.

Sophomore Bailey Floyd takes over at quarterback for his older brother Jordan, who graduated. Though he has no varsity experience, Floyd has a good arm and quickness to play the position. Daniel Tapusoa, who rushed for 288 yards and three scores last year, will join him in the backfield. Tapusoa will attempt to replace the graduated James Felila, who rushed for 1,935 yards and 22 touchdowns.

The defense expects to be stout, with seven returning starters. Finau is a shutdown corner, while Grossaint, Tapusoa, Sione Finau and Danny Kierstead are solid line-

### "Field" from front page

Bruce Field is a far cry from that now. The pony league fell into bankruptcy, and with that, the property went into disrepair. It now sits unused and is fenced with tall weeds. It became a breeding ground for graffiti and other criminal mischief. The revitalization of this field began when Jackie Biskupski, administration assistant to Sheriff Jim Winder, approached Unified Police Chief Jon Fassett about service project ideas for a cadet mentoring program. She wanted to find a service project that would make a difference in this community. Biskupski had to do a lot of legwork and research to get this project started with the help of Township Executive Patrick Leary, who was eager to get the funding together to build the multi-purpose field, playground, bathrooms and water fountain.

"This is a significant investment into the heart of the Kearns Community, a \$1.2 million dollar investment," Leary said, "that will both honor the past and the legacy of the Kearns Pony League, and its history in the community, as well as creating a future that the community

can be proud of and be partner with."

Erin Litvack, county community services department director, was thrilled to be a partner with this project. She said there is a high demand for soccer and lacrosse fields in this community. She believes that this park will be a busy and friendly community space with programs for youth to enjoy.

The Salt Lake Honorary Colonels also stepped up by donating the funding for the excavation of the existing structures on the property. The project has already gone to bid and a contractor has been awarded for excavation to begin in September, with a grand opening scheduled for spring 2015 to allow for sufficient time for the new sod to grow in.

The Unified Police Department is thrilled this project is moving forward, as it will bring an end to criminal activity at this property, and most importantly, it gives the youth an opportunity to play and participate in programs.

"We see it as a long-term solution to getting the kids on the right track, and also creating an environment that is really community based that will bring families together," Biskupski said.

backers. The Cougars return their entire linebacker and defensive back groups, something not many teams can boast. The graduation of Hetu Mataele (70 tackles, nine sacks) will be felt, but the Cougars have the depth to make up for it.

Kearns finished 5-6 overall and 4-1 in Region 2 last season, losing to Davis 38-0 in the first round of the playoffs. While the Cougars have made the playoffs three straight seasons, they have not advanced past the first round. In fact, Kearns has not won a playoff game since the 1993 season.

The Cougars were scheduled to open the season Aug. 23 at Taylorsville.

### "Taylorsville football" from page 11

last season before defeating Delta 15-12 in non-region action. The Warriors proceeded to lose their final five games to end the season. Martinez threw for 861 yards and three touchdowns, while Taige Taylor was the team's leading rusher with 412 yards and three scores.

The Warriors remained in 5A's Region 2 along with West, Hunter and Granger in the recent realignment. Kearns and Viewmont have since changed regions, while Hillcrest and Cottonwood have taken their place in Region 2. Taylorsville was scheduled to open the season Aug. 23 against Kearns.

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# LIFE AND LAUGHTER



BY PERI KINDER

## Holy Superwomen, Batman!

I decided to become a superhero at the age of 9. At that time, in the mid- to late-'70s, I was regaled with strong female types like Wonder Woman, the Bionic Woman and Charlie's Angels. But because I had nothing to put in a gold breastplate, and I had no mechanical appendages or crime-fighting skills, I was out of luck in the Woman Warrior category.

But then.

I went with my dad to see Star Wars, and (like many people) my life changed forever. Princess Leia burst into my reality with her no-nonsense brunette side buns, a functional (and modest) white robe, a smart mouth and a sassy attitude. I had found my calling.

Leia had no discernible superpowers, other than telling off bad guys, flirting with her brother and falling for intergalactic rapsallions, but that was okay. She gave me hope that I could one day be just like her: a woman warrior with a penchant for fighting evil.

Fast-forward a few decades. I have to admit, the whole "Female Jedi" thing hasn't worked out as expected. My battle with the Galactic Empire has been reduced to battling housework chores, mangling assorted assignments and eating Death Star portions of chocolate products.

But now.

Female superheroes are back. There's Catwoman, clad in her skin-tight black suit and leather mask, slinking through the shadows doing . . . good? Well, not really. She's a burglar.

And Black Widow (also attired in the latest skin-tight Spandex suit) isn't a very good example either. Her main superpower seems to be being able to wear a skin-tight black suit. And kicking things.

So, I've decided to create my own super-heroine persona. I checked out several super heroes to decide what qualities I like. The Incredible Hulk's super power is being angry! I can do that! And Superman can fly. I can fly, too! I just land really hard. And becoming a Super Mom (that fictional character who raises children, works full-time, makes her own bread and shampoo, looks fantastic 24/7 and is interminably happy) is completely unrealistic. And tiring.

Instead, here's my super-heroine origin story:

Born on Earth, during a time of much upheaval, Super Peri was raised by humans (I'm pretty sure they were humans), bringing the world her super powers, which include the ability to punch a hole right through a teenager's alibi, having the patience to "wait and see," juggling a variety of tasks no one else wants to tackle, and powering through her days on little sleep.

My costume consists of yoga pants and flip-flops (no catsuits for me) and my super hero accessories include hand sanitizer, Butter Rum Lifesavers, tissues and a cell phone with Pizza Hut on speed dial. Not quite as cool as a light saber or a boomerang tiara, but much more effective.

Unlike many super heroes, I'm not in this alone. Millions of Super Warrior Women roam this planet, using kindness, compassion, patience and love to make a difference in the lives of the people around them.

Balancing strength with softness, these kick-butt women are usually found behind the scenes, not on interplanetary adventures, but in places like classrooms and board rooms, utilizing their power for good. Not quite what I imagined when I left the Star Wars movie all those years ago, but so much more important. And so much more super.

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## Hunger Games parody at Desert Star

Desert Star Playhouse takes aim at the controversial book series in its new parody: "The Hungry Games: You've Been Chopped!" But don't expect the violence and dark themes of the original—this production is played for laughs. Chock full of hilarious songs, kooky characters, and the laugh-out-loud shenanigans that are Desert Star's trademark style, "The Hungry Games" is a treat for the whole family. The show will run from Aug. 29-Nov. 9.

After a worldwide famine, the future world is run by greedy fast food corporations. To save his empire from financial ruin, the evil Donald MacRonald, CEO of the MacRonalds fast food chain, decides to hold a competition with a grand prize of 1 million dollars! Little do the contestants know that the entire event is rigged. The evil clown has no intention of awarding the prize. Teen contestant Katnip Neverclean must join forces with her gothic kid sister Grimrose and ultra-boring friend Pizza Malarkey to beat the odds, stop Donald MacRonald, and win the first ever Hungry Games!

If you thought the subject matter of the best-selling novels and movie was no laughing matter, you'll be delighted to know that this Desert Star parody is all about family fun! "There's a lot to make you laugh," said Artistic Director Scott Holman. "We're making the most of our melodramatic, slapstick style. Even if you've never read the book or seen the movie, you'll be laughing until your sides ache. With each show we look for comedy that's topical that we can fold into the pro-



Photo courtesy of Desert Star Playhouse

Kerstin Davis, Erica Walters, Bryan Dayley and Matt O'Malley star in Desert Star Playhouse's "The Hungry Games: You've Been Chopped!"

duction. You can expect an abundance of jokes, lines and hilarious situations that are as current as this morning's news."

The evening also features the Songs Of Comedy Olio, a 20-minute variety show following the play with more high energy singing, dancing and knee-slapping comedy. The Olio is included in the ticket price and is all part of the Desert Star experience. At Desert Star, food can be ordered right at your table. Guests can choose from a variety of delicious food selections including gourmet pizza and hamburgers, fresh wraps and scrumptious desserts.

Tickets are on sale now. Patrons can call the theatre box office at 801-266-2600 or visit [www.DesertStarPlayhouse.com](http://www.DesertStarPlayhouse.com) for reservations. The theatre is located at 4861 South State Street in Murray.

## 'Hurricane for Hope' benefit on Aug. 24

A joint collaboration between The Speedy Foundation and Utah Olympic Legacy Foundation, the Hurricane for Hope benefit event and big air show returns for its second year. Scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 24 at the Utah Olympic Park in Park City, the event will feature a silent auction, Olympic athlete meet and greet reception, and special evening big air performance by the Flying Ace All-Stars. In anticipation of the 2014 Winter Olympic Games in Sochi, Russia, a number of winter and summer U.S. Olympians are expected to be in attendance.

The event will open its doors at 6:30 p.m. There will be live music and an opportunity to meet and greet with Olympic athletes. The silent auction will be available for bidding between 6:30 and 8:30 p.m. The special evening big air show will be performed by the Flying Ace All Stars and will start at 8 p.m. Tickets are available online at [HurricaneforHope.com](http://HurricaneforHope.com).

The Speedy Foundation and Utah Olympic Legacy Foundation recognize the importance of supporting youth sports programs and mental health awareness. Hur-

ricane for Hope was developed by these synergistic foundations to highlight the importance of youth sports development and promoting mental health awareness through programming and education. The event celebrates the "joy of sport" and the impact that being active has on the lives of youth and communities.

All proceeds from this event will go toward developing and delivering community educational programs dedicated to understanding mental illness, fighting its stigma, preventing suicide through youth sport programs and inspire youth to participate in sports and enjoy the benefits of a healthy lifestyle.

The inaugural event, held last August, drew close to 800 attendees and raised over \$60,000 in contributions. The funds raised made it possible for The Speedy Foundation and Utah Olympic Legacy Foundation to develop and deliver community education programs that inspired youth participation in sports and provided dedicated athlete support physically as well as mentally.

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# Abundant Living

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“There have been no warnings issued in Utah to date. Your public water supply is fluoridated. Fluoridated water should not be used or added to infant formula, foods or drinks intended for babies 12 months of age or younger, in order to avoid dental fluorosis,” Ken says.

Why the urgent warning?

“Dental fluorosis is not a cosmetic effect, but the first visible sign that a child has been overexposed to fluoride,” Ken says.

Ken first became aware of the issue of fluoridation in the 1990s. He understood the government’s explanation that the purpose of fluoridating the public water supply was to reduce cavities, but nagging doubts persisted. He began to research the issue, and what he found was troubling to him.

“The toxicity of fluoride is comparable to arsenic and lead. In fact, it’s in the same category, and it seems illogical to put it in water, even in a diluted state,” Ken says.

Fluoride was used in the 1940s as a necessary ingredient to enrich uranium to build the atomic bomb. The U.S. government backed research to show fluoride was safe in highly diluted amounts, and would be effective in reducing dental cavities.

“It became a political campaign to push adding fluoride in public water supplies, but it was done without adequate scientific testing. The sad and corrupt part is that the testing experiments were terminated early, and water fluoridation was white-washed. Subsequent testing was short term, and used a different compound than what was being used in over 90 percent of the fluoridated water systems. The effects of highly diluted fluoride are very subtle and slow acting. It takes time to see the signs of damage. Research shows fluoride produces dental fluorosis and increases susceptibility/vulnerability to cancer, kidney damage, neurologic/brain impairments, bone fractures, lowered thyroid function, increases infertility, hyperactivity or lethargy,” Ken says.

It remains against the law to dump fluoride on the ground, in streams or in the ocean. Fluoride is also a by-product of the fertilizer industry.

“This is mass medication without a chance of choice. This violates the standard in doctor-patient relationships. There are other ways to get fluoride, but water fluoridation removes freedom of choice. Ingesting fluoride via drinking water has little or no effect on the prevention of dental cavities. Topical application, as in toothpaste, has some beneficial effect,” Ken says.

The Environmental Protection Agency’s Union of Water Safety Scientists spent 11 years researching fluoride, and unanimously voted against using it in the water supply in 2000. Their warnings remain unheeded.

“I asked the Salt Lake County Health Department to post the warnings issued in 2006 and 2010 by the Centers for Disease Control and the American Dental Association advising against mixing formula with fluoridated water. They declined,” Ken says.

“Please pass the fluoride warning for infants to everyone. Please take note there is a study showing serum fluoride can potentially damage a child’s IQ,” Ken says.

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- Aug. 23, 11 a.m. – Entertainment: Latinos Dance**
- Aug. 27, 12:45 p.m. – White Elephant Bingo**
- Aug. 28, 11 a.m. – Entertainment: Rosie & Sheri**
- Aug. 30, 11 a.m. – Entertainment: Old Time Fiddlers**
- Sept. 6 – Bingo Mania.** Starts with a breakfast at 9 a.m. for \$2. There will be three sessions of bingo starting at 10:15 a.m. Lunch break at noon, and an afternoon session from 12:45-4 p.m. You may play one session or all sessions. There will be amazing prizes.
- Sept. 10 – 4th Annual Decathlon.** Held at the Magna Kennecott Senior Center. Sign up at the center.
- Sept. 17 – Harmonica Festival at Sunday Anderson Center**
- Sept. 18, 10 a.m. to noon – Wellness Fair at Kearns Senior Center**

**Taylorsville Senior Center**

The Taylorsville Senior Center is located at 4743 South Plymouth View Drive (1650 West). Phone 801-293-8340 for more information. Lunch is served Monday through Friday at noon. Cost for patrons over 60 is \$2.50; \$5.25 for patrons under 60. Sign up 24 hours in advance. Transportation is available for those who need it. Sign up by calling the center.

- Aug. 21, 1 p.m. – Bingo.** Sponsored by Aspen Senior Care.
- 1 p.m. – Popcan Windsock Activity**
- Aug. 23, 10:30 a.m. – Bingo.** Sponsored by Chateau Brickyard.
- Aug. 28, 5 p.m. – Night at the Movies: “Sons of Katie Elder.”** Popcorn and drinks served.
- Aug. 29, 11 a.m. – Podiatrist Visit.** \$10.
- Sept. 2 – Center Closed**
- Sept. 3 – Birthday Tuesday**
- 11:30 a.m. – Entertainment: The Decibelles**
- Sept. 5, 8:30 a.m. – Trip to Wendover.** Cost is \$16/person.
- Sept. 10, 9 a.m. – Biscuits & Gravy Breakfast.** \$1.50.
- Sept. 11, 12:30 p.m. – Ice Cream Social**
- Sept. 17 – Harmonica Festival at Sunday Anderson West Side**
- Sept. 18, 10:30 a.m. – Arthritis Initiative Discussion**
- Sept. 19, 5 p.m. – Evening at the Center.** Spaghetti and Bingo. \$6.
- Sept. 20, 10:30 a.m. – Bingo.** Sponsored by Harmony Home Health.
- Sept. 23 – Military Mega Block Display by Allen Bain**
- Sept. 24, 10 a.m. – Exercise Workshop.** Hosted by Rocky Mountain Care.
- Sept. 25, 10 a.m. – Living Well Event by Salt Lake County**

## SLCC receives large media center grant

Salt Lake Community College is receiving a \$100,000 grant from the George S. and Dolores Doré Eccles Foundation to help fund the Center for New Media. The donation from the Foundation will be used specifically to help finish The Community Gallery for the Contemporary Digital Arts.

The Community Gallery will house four unique spaces. A Community Art Gallery will showcase student, community, and professional artwork from around the Salt Lake Valley. An enormous Arts and Culture Events Hall will be open to public gatherings, and will host many large-scale community and school events. The auditorium will feature a Digital Multiuse Display Gallery, a unique way to teach and display art. The Community Gallery will also showcase the Grand Theatre for large-scale productions for the entire community.

“The Center of New Media will be the cultural and artistic gathering place for SLCC and the community,” said Rachel

Colledge, Development officer at SLCC, in a release. “It was built custom to the needs of our students, including industry standard equipment, studios, theaters, and lab spaces. It will have an immeasurable impact on student and community artistic collaboration in the future.”

The CFNM will add 140,000 square feet to the South City Campus, located at 1575 South State Street in Salt Lake City. The project is scheduled to be completed by this September.

The Center for New Media is SLCC’s home for the investigation of images, moving or static, documented or dreamed, composed or choreographed. It is the place where innovative education allows students to step ahead professionally. It is the point where the science of art, story, design, expression and communication are examined by students, promoted by faculty, supported by technology and celebrated by community.

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The Jeret Speedy Peterson award will be presented at the event in honor of the late Olympic medalist Jeret “Speedy” Peterson. Peterson took the silver medal at the 2010 Winter Olympic Games in Vancouver for his signature trick, ‘The Hurricane.’ He fully embodied sportsmanship, the love of participating in sport and the joy of being active, and in his honor, event organizers will recognize young athletes who embody similar athletic qualities as nominated by peers.

More information on how to contribute to the event can be found online at [www.HurricaneforHope.com](http://www.HurricaneforHope.com). In lieu of attending the event, direct donations can also be made online. Contributions made to Hurricane for Hope may be eligible for tax deductions.

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# Habitat for Humanity dedicates 89th home in Taylorville

By Kimberly Martinez

Gratitude and excitement are just a few of the emotions Taylorville resident John Pauni feels as he pinches himself, watching his children play in their own yard. The Pauni home, located at 5551 Talon Circle, was recently dedicated by Salt Lake Valley Habitat for Humanity as its 89th home. This is a dream come true for the Pauni family, who has moved around for years either living with family or living in various apartments throughout the valley.

Obtaining those keys to his home was a two-year dream in the making. Pauni works for Delta Airlines, and he noticed a poster asking for volunteers to build a home for Habitat for Humanity in Rose Park. Pauni had a lot of construction experience, so he didn't hesitate to sign up to volunteer for those three days. Those three days ended up turning into three months, as Habitat for Humanity project managers saw what he was capable of. Pauni was able to see the project from start to finish, and in that process he learned about how the program worked. HFH applicants must fit in the median income, have a job and a fair credit score.

"It was crazy; we couldn't believe we fit the criteria and so we applied and were called for an interview," he said. "Two weeks later, we received a letter in the mail stating we were selected. We were just so excited, my wife was screaming."

Applicants selected for the program are required to work 225 hours of sweat equity on any HFH project. If married, the spouse must also complete the same amount of hours. Part of these sweat equity hours also includes 25 hours of required education classes on budgeting and maintaining a home. The sweat equity not only builds the home and keeps labor costs down; this experience provides skills about caring for a home with the hands-on experience of learning how to paint and build miter joints.

"It can take one to two years to complete sweat equity hours, and after going through this hardship to get the home, it gives them a really strong stake hold in their home," said SLVHFH Executive Director Ed Blake.

After all sweat equity is logged, the applicants are approved to purchase the home at cost with a zero percent mortgage rate.

"The public tends to think we give homes away for free, but they pay back every dime and then pay it forward by making their mortgage payments to help build other people's homes," Blake said.

Although the dream of owning a home for Pauni and his family is already coming true, he wants to continue to show his gratitude by continued volunteer work at HFH.



Taylorville residents John and Sela Pauni and their three children are now proud homeowners with the help of Habitat for Humanity.

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state championships last season. Morgan Taylor led the girls by placing 35th overall in 20 minutes and 17.3 seconds. Taylor is expected to return for her junior year.

Taylorville's other girls state participants placed between 102nd to 116th place, as the majority of them have graduated. Seniors Amy Huynh and Vivian Nguyen are expected to return.

Steven Fitzgerald led the Warrior boys at state with his 41st-place finish (16:53.7). Nathaniel Baxter (94th place) was the only other Taylorville boy to crack the top 100. Fitzgerald has graduated while Baxter is expected to return for his senior year along with senior Flavio Martinez.

Yolidan Rodriguez was Kearns' lone girls state representative, while Darian Leavitt, TJ Kane and Orlando Chasin competed for the boys. Rodriguez, Leavitt and Kane are expected to return this season.

Note: Taylorville and Kearns did not have any participants at the boys golf state finals.

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