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# Equestrian Center poised to become trail-riding hub

By Robert Stevens

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MT. PLEASANT—The Cleone Peterson Eccles Equestrian Center, which includes the ConToy Arena, will be at the center of a project designed to improve and develop back-country horse trails from Maple Canyon to the Skyline Drive, project participants announced last week.

Eventually, the Mt. Pleasant Trail System and Amenities Project could boost local tourism by drawing trail riders from throughout Utah and surrounding states.

One of the first steps will be for the equestrian center to upgrade its facilities by adding 40 horse stalls, 25

RV hookups, and men's and women's restrooms and showers, to accommodate riders embarking on or returning from the network of trails.

The upgrade is being made possible by grants, direct funding and in-kind word donations from Utah State Parks, the Mormon Pioneer National Heritage Area (MPNHA), Mt. Pleasant City, a Utah Outdoor Recreation Grant and the Central Utah Back County Horsemen.

Another major phase of the project is repairing 20 miles of trails and rebuilding a bridge in Canal Canyon, as well as clearing overgrowth in Maple Canon, and repairing trails in the White Hills, Black Hills and along

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The Cleone Peterson Eccles Equestrian Center, as shown here in an aerial photograph, is upgrading its facilities to hold more horses and add restrooms and showers.

## Brenda Bartholomew proud to be named Gunnison Hospital CEO

By Anita Lyons

Staff writer

Brenda Bartholomew, who was recently named the new Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Gunnison Valley Hospital, has major plans for the future of the hospital.

"I'm excited that the Gunnison Valley Hospital Governing Board has trust and confidence in me," she said.

Bartholomew will be the first woman to ever hold the position.

"I'm pretty proud of that and think it's a great honor to represent women," she said.

Bartholomew is not new to administration. She has served as the hospital's Chief Nursing Officer (CNO) since 1997. Originally, when the hospital was much smaller, she took shifts on the floor, as well as doing administrative work. But today,

(See "Bartholomew" on A7)



Brenda Bartholomew is the newly appointed Chief Executive Officer of the Gunnison Valley Hospital, is seen here holding her grandson Stetson Olson.

## Twist of fate introduces Walking Stick winners

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AXTELL—Karl and Debra Humphrey, the winners of this year's Axtell Walking Stick award, met as children, but in a way no one would expect.

Debra, a fourth generation resident of the town, is the daughter of the late George and Arva Lee Bertelson and a graduate of Gunnison Valley High School.

Karl is the son of the late Merriam and Leone Humphrey. The Humphreys were from Salina, where Karl grew up and graduated from



Debra and Karl Humphrey of Axtell are this year's recipients of the Axtell Walking Stick. The award was presented at a Pioneer Day gathering at the Axtell Ward.

(See "Stick" on A7)

## ALLEN AND EVELYN FRANDSEN, BOTH 101

"It makes Centerfield quite famous, I think" says Evelyn as couple is honored for being longest living couple in Utah

By Anita Lyons

Staff writer

Following the celebration of their 79th anniversary on March 30, Allen and Evelyn Frandsen of Centerfield received a letter from the Utah governor's office.

"According to the Governor's Century Club of Utah, you are the longest living married couple in the state of Utah," the letter said.

Allen and Evelyn are both 101 years old.

"It is something. It makes Centerfield quite famous, I think," Evelyn said.

Evelyn was raised on a 10-acre farm near Redwood Road in Bennion, Utah. At 16, she began working "in a tea room at nights" and also worked at a dress shop. She earned 25

cents an hour and saved enough to pay for her college.

"Dad was in debt," she recalled. "Everyone was."

At the University of Utah, Evelyn double majored in business and education. When the South Sanpete School District approached her and convinced her to take a teaching job, she assumed she would be in Manti. She had never heard of Gunnison, but that's where she was assigned to teach business and English for the 1941-42 school year.

She said she will never forget the evening of December 7, 1941 when she heard about the attack on Pearl Harbor and the declaration of war.

Evelyn's three brothers served in and survived the war, but her brother-in-law was

killed. Allen, who she would later marry, joined the U.S. Air Force.

"Kids today don't understand depression or war," she said.

Allen's father owned land to the west of Centerfield before the group of Jewish immigrants from back East established the town of Clarion. Born in 1919, Allen remembers the two Jewish families who stayed behind after Clarion was abandoned in 1915.

Since Allen's brothers found work in other places, it fell on him to take over the farm.

On leave for Christmas in 1941, he attended a Young Men's and Young Women's meeting in Gunnison and met Evelyn. The couple dated for a couple months and were married in March in the Salt Lake Temple

of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saint.

For a couple of years, Evelyn followed her husband to his military assignments in Oregon, Washington and California. She worked in state government offices in Olympia, Wash., while he was stationed in Fort Lewis. They saw each other on weekends.

When Allen discovered he got sick on extended flights, he switched to the Army, and played the trumpet in the Army band. In 1944, he was released to go home and farm.

The couple returned to a little abandoned house in Clarion, fixed it up, and moved in.

"There was a living room, a kitchen and a bedroom. That's

(See "Frandsens" on A8)



Evelyn and Allen Frandsen, who have been married 79 years, at their home in Centerfield.

### Quote of the week:

"He's such a good husband. We really and truly enjoy each other."

—Evelyn Frandsen, complimenting her husband Allen.

The couple has been married 79 years.



### Sanpete Weather

Forecast	High/Low	Prec.	Chance
Wednesday	81/47, T-storms	.40"	40%
Thursday	86/50, T-storms	.40"	40%
Friday	83/54, T-storms	.40"	40%
Saturday	82/54, some clouds		

### Last Week

Date	High/Low Prec.	July 22	91/61
July 19	89/63 .04"	July 23	92/61
July 20	92/61	July 24	95/62
July 21	93/58 .13"	July 25	91/59

# Manti City mayor, council candidates field questions

By Elizabeth Smith

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**MANTI**—Residents heard from mayor and city council candidates last week in a Meet-the-Candidates event at Manti City Hall.

Both races will require a primary election, with three mayoral candidates and five city council candidates running for two open seats.

Each candidate was given five minutes to say their piece and to answer to prepared questions regarding the candidates' goals and their thoughts on federal funding.

All the candidates attended the event. Here is a summary of each candidate's speech, with the five council members listed first:

## Mary Wintch

Council Incumbent Mary Wintch explained her experience working with the Department of Defense, the U.S. navy and the U.S. Forest Service, among others. She said she wants to address the demand for housing and land growth as more people end up in Manti. She said she wants to make sure there are adequate water and infrastructure to accommodate growth.

While ensuring there are enough resources, Wintch maintained that current Manti citizens would not be the ones funding those new resources. To prepare for emergencies, Wintch proposed a cell phone registry for citizens to receive text messages with pressing information in a timely manner. While others stood firm against federal funding, Wintch said that it is sometimes necessary, such as the funding the city, and many residents, received during the COVID-19 pandemic.

"If you're really against that

[federal funding], I hope you returned your check," Wintch said.

Wintch said that service is critical, and she wants to advance hers in the city. "I ask for your vote so I can continue the work that I have begun."

## Jeff Killian

Jeff Killian told prospective voters about his service experience in the city, including serving on an old city committee and as chairman of the planning commission. He talked of his efforts to fund city projects such as Christmas lights, the American Legion Hall and improvements to the senior center.

"I have been in local government my whole life," he said.

Killian said his goals for the city focus around more "information participation." In order to achieve this, Killian proposed a releasing a quarterly newsletter and enhancing the city website. He said he wants citizens to be able to find explanations of city budgets and other documents that will make information on city issues more accessible to everyday citizens.

## Gary Erickson

Gary Erickson is running on the adage, "Preserving our heritage, securing our future." He voted on the city.

"Manti draws people here," he said.

While protecting the "soul" of the community, Erickson wants to manage growth. Currently, he said, Manti has a lack of industry and jobs to encourage growth, a trait Ephraim has. He said his goal is to champion more industry in the city.

"More business begets more business," he said.

Erickson said that grants from the federal government could be useful to build as the



SUZANNE DEAN / MESSENGER PHOTO

Manti City candidates respond to citizen questions at "Meet the Candidates Night" held last week in the Manti City Hall.

desired growth begins to filter into the city.

## Stephanie Whitney

Stephanie Whitney has lived in Manti for seven years and operates a business out of her home. She expressed concern about "government overreach" in the past couple years.

"I've seen things I never thought would happen. It's disturbing," she said.

Whitney said one of her main goals is to "preserve the rights" of the people in Manti. To do this, she said she wants to create a public forum to encourage community engagement with local government and issues.

Though federal funding can be useful, Whitney said she would be wary of "strings" that may be attached to grants and other funds from the federal government.

## Cory Schmidt

Cory Schmidt used his job leading a team of software engineers as an example of his commitment to productivity.

"I'm used to getting things done," he said.

Schmidt said that sometimes

people perceive an "adversarial relationship" between the city and local businesses, something he said he plans to fix because perception is often "just as important as reality." To Schmidt, code violations should be a last resort, and the city should work with businesses to help with the things they need.

Federal funding is something Schmidt is also wary of becoming reliant on, but said could be used for certain resources.

Schmidt also has goals for a beautification committee and website enhancements.

## Mayoral Candidates:

### Chuck Bigelow

Chuck Bigelow has spent 31 years in Manti and is a former warden of the Central Utah Correctional Facility in Gunnison. Bigelow said his time at the prison gave him experience managing budgets and large staffs.

Bigelow advocated an "open book policy."

"I want people to be able to contact me," he said.

He also said that he thinks all mayoral projects should be ballot approved. Bigelow also

wants to create two-year and four-year plans for development and promote and maintain a city workforce. In emergencies, he said it was important to find ways to be able to contact residents; he said he wants to update the city's emergency preparedness strategies.

As mayor, Bigelow said he would promote fair and equal ordinance application.

### Darren Dyring

Darren Dyring, a sixth generation Manti native, said he felt lucky that he was raised in the community. After leaving for a while, he made the choice to return.

He served on multiple committees and served two terms on the city council.

"We've worked tirelessly to make this a better place," he said.

As resources become "stretched" with the advent of growth, Dyring said he has plans. He said that he would make sure the city and the irrigation maintain a partnership where each has their own rights. While making sure water and other resources are available, he also wants to provide mechanisms that will

manage and sustain growth in the city.

## Shannon Miller

Shannon Miller came to Manti for a travelling job and said it quickly became home.

"I recognize a city with heart when I see one," she said.

Miller has a degree in accounting and a master's in city planning, and has volunteered for the city for 20 years. She doted on others in the community that have contributed to its development and maintenance.

"Without teamwork, I would be nowhere," she said.

Miller said she is focused on economic growth while reducing the "tax burden" that rests on citizens. She also said that she wants to balance the beautification of the city with growth.

To make citizens comfortable with their leadership, Miller wants to strengthen the relationships that exist throughout Manti.

"All businesses need to feel a connection to the city," she said.

Miller also said she intends to create plans for the industrial growth and land development, among other things.

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# Miss Sanpete Pageant set for Aug. 7

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Miss Sanpete County, Lydia Madsen and Miss Sanpete County's Outstanding Teen, Noelle Condie, have completed their year of service. They will pass on the title and responsibilities of their jobs to two young ladies at the upcoming Miss Sanpete County/Miss Sanpete Teen Competition on Aug. 7.

Utah's Outstanding Teen, Charlee Sorenson, of Aurora, will be the host for the evening. Lydia Madsen, of Fairview, has served Sanpete County with dedication, focusing on her Social Impact Initiative Lend-A-Hand. Madsen's goal was to unite our communities through service. She traveled throughout the county to participate in community events and parades, collected gently used shoes for Soles4Souls, a non-profit that collects unwanted shoes for distribution to others in need, and competed at the Miss Utah competition.

One of the primary responsibilities of the queens is the implementation and execution of their own Social Impact Initiative. In this endeavor, she selects a social issue that she can be an advocate for. She develops a plan and puts it into action throughout the year. In addition, she is a role model for young women, and she encourages girls and young women to develop their leadership skills and get involved in their communities.

Through her year of service, Madsen has worked consistently to promote her Social Impact Initiative.

"Service shares love, kind-

ness and understanding," Madsen said. "My service club, Sanpete's Hands, volunteered at the Sanpete Pantry, the Resource Clothing Bank and made cookies to deliver around Sanpete."

Madsen also made and donated blankets to local hospitals, partnered with Hope for the Homeless—where she made knit hats, hygiene kits, hosted a charity 5K run, and helped fill Easter Eggs for Fairview's Easter hunt. She also implemented #ServiceSaturday, where she shared a service quote, idea, or highlight every Saturday via social media to help keep service on people's minds.

The culminating event to Madsen's year of service was being able to represent Sanpete County at the Miss Utah competition in June.

As her year of service comes to a close and she prepares to relinquish her title and pass on the responsibility of Miss Sanpete County, Madsen is optimistic about the future. She plans to use her Miss Sanpete County scholarship to continue her education at Southern Utah University where she is pursuing a business degree.

Lydia is the daughter of Jeremy and Jessica Madsen.

Noelle Condie of Gunnison is Miss Sanpete County's Outstanding Teen. In this role, she has spent time and effort working on her Social Impact Initiative, providing service to community organizations, and will represent the county at the State Outstanding Teen competition in February.

This Mind of Mine, which focuses on mental wellness, has been Condie's focus with her Social Impact Initiative.



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**Miss Sanpete Lydia Madsen (L) and Sanpete's Outstanding Teen Noelle Condie will pass on their crowns at the upcoming pageant on Aug. 7.**

She has hosted workshops for various teen and youth groups, bringing awareness to mental health issues, teaching others how to support those who have mental health conditions, and how to build positive mental health.

Condie also organized a county-wide community activity, Dance Through the Decades. All proceeds from the event were donated to The National Alliance on Mental Illness Utah.

Her most memorable experience as Miss Sanpete County's Outstanding Teen has been connecting with little girls who ask about her

crown.

"We get to show young girls that being a young woman is more than wearing a fancy dress and competing. We can serve, we can connect, we can speak and we can act on issues that are important to us," said Condie.

Noelle is the daughter of Robyn Condie and David Condie.

The Miss Sanpete County and Outstanding Teen Scholarship Competition will be Saturday, Aug. 7, at 7 p.m. at the Snow College Eccles Performing Arts Center. Tickets will be available at the door, which opens at 6 p.m.

support for the project. "For most of our students, living in Mt. Pleasant will be the only time in the lives they will live in a rural environment," wrote Paul Applegarth, assistant head of school for finance and facilities at Wasatch Academy.

"Equestrian activities have been important to our students, some of whom are just beginning to be exposed to horses, some of whom are expert riders."

President Lynn Barton from the Central Utah Back Country Horseman said his group is a staunch supporter of the project—enough that

room taxes have increased 84 percent over the past 10 years.

It is anticipated that the above improvements will attract visitors from around Utah and neighboring states. Lodging and restaurant businesses in the North Sanpete area will benefit as the equestrian center will be the hub of horse-related activities."

"Horses are big business," added Monte Bona, director of the MPNHA. "This is definitely an economic development tool."

"It opens up a whole avenue for people who have horses with not many places to ride them."

"The tourism industry is growing in Sanpete County," he said. "Restaurant and transient

Various groups and institutions have expressed

SANPETE COUNTY

# HAPPENINGS

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 28, - SATURDAY, JULY 30**

**Comedy Play**—Fairview's own North Bend Entertainers will be presenting Oscar Wilde's comedy "The Importance of Being Earnest" at the Peterson Dance Hall in Fairview this week. The play is directed by Alex Barlow of Mt. Pleasant; the cast includes students and alumni from North Sanpete High School. Curtain call is 7 p.m. sharp and all tickets are \$5 at the door. Call 469-1177 or visit [Facebook.com/NorthBendEntertainers](http://Facebook.com/NorthBendEntertainers) for more information.

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 28**

**Summer Reading**—The Manti Public Library's Summer Reading Storytime and Activity Series called "Tails and Tales," will discuss "Wild Horses" at 2 p.m. in the library.

**THURSDAY, JULY 29**

**Summer Crafts**—The Sanpete 4-H is holding a craft class on wall art from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Participants will create exhibits to enter at the county fair. Call USU Extension for info a 283-3472.

**Sanpete Beat**—Come join the performance marching band, Battalion Corp, as they perform their 5th annual "Sanpete Beat" at 7 p.m. on the Snow College football field. Free for the whole family. For more info, visit [www.battalioncorps.org/events](http://www.battalioncorps.org/events).

**FRIDAY, JULY 30**

**Movies in the Park**—Security National Mortgage Company is sponsoring Friday's MTCC movie "Raya and the Last Dragon" at the Manti City Park. Games at 7:30 p.m. and the movie is at dusk. Free popcorn and drinks.

**Star Show**—The Snow College Planetarium will be playing the SnowDome movie "Voyage to Distant Worlds" at 7 p.m. and "Exolans" at 8 p.m. at the Snow College science building. Seating is limited, so you must reserve your free tickets at [www.snow.edu/planetarium](http://www.snow.edu/planetarium).

**FRIDAY, JULY 30 – SATURDAY, JULY 31**

**Car Show**—The "Blast from the Past" car show will be held over these two days at the Salina City Park. For info, visit [blastfromthepastcarshow.com](http://blastfromthepastcarshow.com).

**SATURDAY, JULY 31**

**Summer Reading**—The Manti Public Library's Summer Reading Storytime and Activity Series called "Tails and Tales," will hold an award presentation at 11 a.m. in the library.

**MONDAY, AUG. 2 – FRIDAY, AUG. 6**

**Soccer Camp**—The Sanpete Soccer/Manti Recreation Soccer Camp is being held at the Manti City Sports Park. Get details to register at [challengersports.com](http://challengersports.com).

**TUESDAY, AUG. 3**

**Golf Fundraiser**—The Manti High golf team is sponsoring a four-person scramble tourney at the Palisade Golf Course. Shotgun start at 2 p.m. Proceeds go to support Manti golf. The entry fee is \$200 a team. Bring some extra cash for raffle drawing and other fun things. Register at 835-4653.

**TUESDAY, AUG. 3 – WEDNESDAY, AUG. 4**

**Social Media Boot Camp**—The Snow College Small Business Development Center is holding a two day in-person training session on using social media. The classes run from 4 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. each night at the Business Building, Room 137, on the Ephraim Campus. Sign up at [snow.edu/SBDC](http://snow.edu/SBDC).

**WEDNESDAY, AUG. 4**

**Craft Day**—The Sanpete 4-H is holding the Cloverbud Craft Camp for kids K-2nd grade from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Spaces are limited. 4-H membership required. Call USU Extension for info a 283-3472.

**Star Show**—The Snow College Planetarium will be playing the SnowDome movie "Phantom of the Universe" at 7 p.m. and "Into the Polar Night" at 8 p.m. at the Snow College science building. Seating is limited, so you must reserve your free tickets at [www.snow.edu/planetarium](http://www.snow.edu/planetarium).

**THURSDAY, AUG. 5**

**Water Fight**—Come to the Manti City Park at 4:30 p.m. to engage in a "water fight with a cop" and vote for the officer you want dunked. For ages 3-16. Donations go to the Friends of the Sanpete Children's Justice Center. Water balloons and cups provided. Please no water guns.

**Senior Social**—All single senior adults (ages 36-plus) are invited to the first Regional Friendship Social at the Gunnison City Park Pavilion at 6 p.m. This Friendship Social will be hosted by the Gunnison Utah Stake. An evening of socializing including a scrumptious dinner will be provided and served by members of the Gunnison Stake High Council and Stake Relief Society Presidency. Entertainment will be provided by talented singer entertainer Phillip Winters and his accompanist Adrian Ruger.

**FRIDAY, AUG. 6 – SATURDAY, AUG. 7**

**Spring City Bluegrass and Folk Festival**—The iconic festival featuring great music, food, crafts and a quilt exhibit will be filled with action over these two days. See the Facebook Page Spring City Bluegrass for the full lineup.

**Quilt Show**—In conjunction with the blue grass festival in Spring City, a quilt show will be held in the ballroom of the new town hall from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on both days. Free admission. Anyone wishing to have a quilt exhibited can contact Tracie Bradley of Manti at 340-0535 or Twila Gutierrez at 462-4468. This is people's choice and awards will be given to the top three winners.

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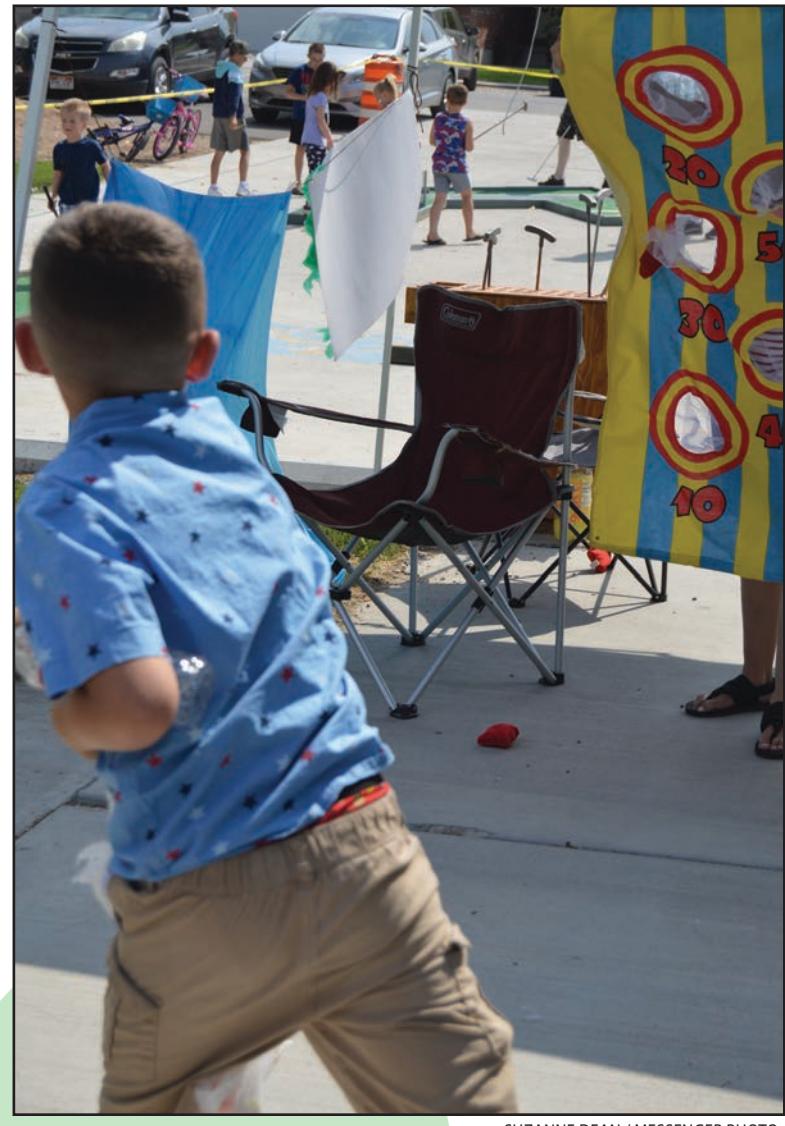
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**Bob Olsen**, a lifelong Spring City resident, sings "You are My Sunshine," which earned him first-place in the Pioneer Day talent show.



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As a finale to the Spring City color run 1-mile and 5K races, volunteers and participants create a cloud of color.



SUSANNE DEAN / MESSENGER PHOTO

## FAYETTE

Kruse Velasquez, 7, tosses balls at a fabric sheet containing pockets with different point values at the Fayette Pioneer Day gathering.



ELIZABETH SMITH / MESSENGER PHOTO

Participants in the Spring City Pioneer Day celebration dig in the sand to find dollar coins.



ROBERT STEVENS / MESSENGER PHOTO

## MayFIELD

Youngster waves to his parents as a kiddy train circles around the town park at the Mayfield Pioneer Day celebration.



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Members of the Mayfield Town Youth Council blow bubbles as they ride on a float in the Mayfield Pioneer Day parade. From left are Jack Watkins, Kiya Hilton, Katelyn Watkins and Josie Willden.

Older kids, such as this boy, celebrated Pioneer Day in Mayfield on the laser tag court.

# Pioneer Day



MARCY CURTIS / MESSENGER PHOTO

Jensen Curtis cools off with the help of the Fairview Fire Department during the Pioneer Day parade.



MARCY CURTIS / MESSENGER PHOTO

Miss Fairview, Emily Kerkseik, waves to crowds during Pioneer Days in Fairview.



MARCY CURTIS / MESSENGER PHOTO

Hootchy Brewer of Indianola is giving his best for an 8-second bull ride.

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Fairview horse parade grand marshal Wade Anderson and his wife, Jan.



MARCY CURTIS / MESSENGER PHOTO

Fairview fans are obviously excited to have the traditional demolition derby back after the town's whole Pioneer Days celebration was cancelled last year because of COVID-19.



MARCY CURTIS / MESSENGER PHOTO

Justin Warnick gives Thomas Swapp a nudge in the '90s car heat at the Fairview Demolition Derby.



MARCY CURTIS / MESSENGER PHOTO

Fairview Mayor Cliff Wheeler waves from the seat of a horse-drawn wagon carrying city council members as the wagon circles the rodeo arena. Kelly Evans is at the reins.



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Bishop Josh Egan of the Axtell Ward congratulates Debra and Karl Humphrey, winners of the Axtell Walking Stick, awarded for longstanding service to the community.

The North Sanpete Summer Band, directed by Tim Kidder, marches in the Fairview Pioneer Day Parade.



# Three honored for their service at Fairview Pioneer Day Celebration

**By Marcy Curtis**

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FAIRVIEW—During Fairview's Pioneer Days celebration, the rodeo and derby committees took some time away from the actual event to honor three special people who had a large impact on these events and the community.

Friday night's rodeo began by honoring all those who had served in the armed forces with special mention of Harold "Blackie" Blackburn.

Blackie was born on February 11, 1926 and passed away on November 25, 2020 in his home at the age of 94.

In 1943 at the age of 17 Blackie joined the United States Marine Corps and fought as a sniper and scout in the Pacific Theatre through the end of World War II. Upon his return in 1946, he married Edythe Bergera and they moved to Fairview in 1960.

Blackie worked for the Division of Wildlife Resources as a conservation officer. He also raised and trained racehorses,

farmed and helped many in the area care for sick and injured horses. He nursed many of them back to health.

If one knew Blackie, they knew of his love for family, of the great outdoors, of animals and of freedom. Towards the end of his life, if you had time to sit with him he began to share those stories of his life. They are stories to never be forgotten.

Before the roping event of the rodeo started, Cliff Keller was remembered.

Cliff was born in 1949 to Bill and Margaret Keller. He lost a courageous battle to cancer this last February.

Cliff spent his childhood roping with his dad and many friends. He and his wife Jackie moved to Fairview and raised two children there. He was a part of the Fairview celebration for over 40 years.

Cliff was in charge of the first rodeo in Fairview in 1979. After the Pioneer Day celebration grew and grew, he designed and built the new arena where the celebrations are held today.

He and his wife continued to be in charge of the rodeo for the next 39 plus years.

Cliff was always thinking and he wanted to have something for the kids to do. He designated a night during the celebration for a kid's rodeo. This included farm scrambles, greased pigs, steer riding, mutton bustin', barrel racing, money calf's and stick horse races to name a few. Every year he would send his family and anyone willing to help in search of farm animals for the farm scramble. He would gather up sheep for the mutton bustin' and use his steers and calves for the rodeo as well.

He loved the City and Fairview celebration and was always working to make it a better place inside the arena and out.

In 2019 this arena was named after Keller and his loving wife for all their dedication and support over the years.

The community dearly misses Cliff as does the rodeo world, but the mark he has left will live on forever.

Saturday night at the always

popular Demolition Derby, another Fairview great was honored.

Jim Cheney was taken way too soon on Monday, November 23, 2020. He was born and raised in Fairview.

Jim was married to Diane and they raised their family in Fairview. Jim was blessed with six kids, 17 grandkids and three great grandkids.

In 1977 Jim started with Fairview City as a handyman.

He then moved into the water department, from there, to the power department. He then decided to attend the Utah Police Academy and was certified in November 1984. Later on he became Fairview's Police Chief.

He really was the kind of police officer that everyone loved.

He retired from Fairview City on March 30, 2007. He served the community of Fairview in one form or another for over 30 years. In addition

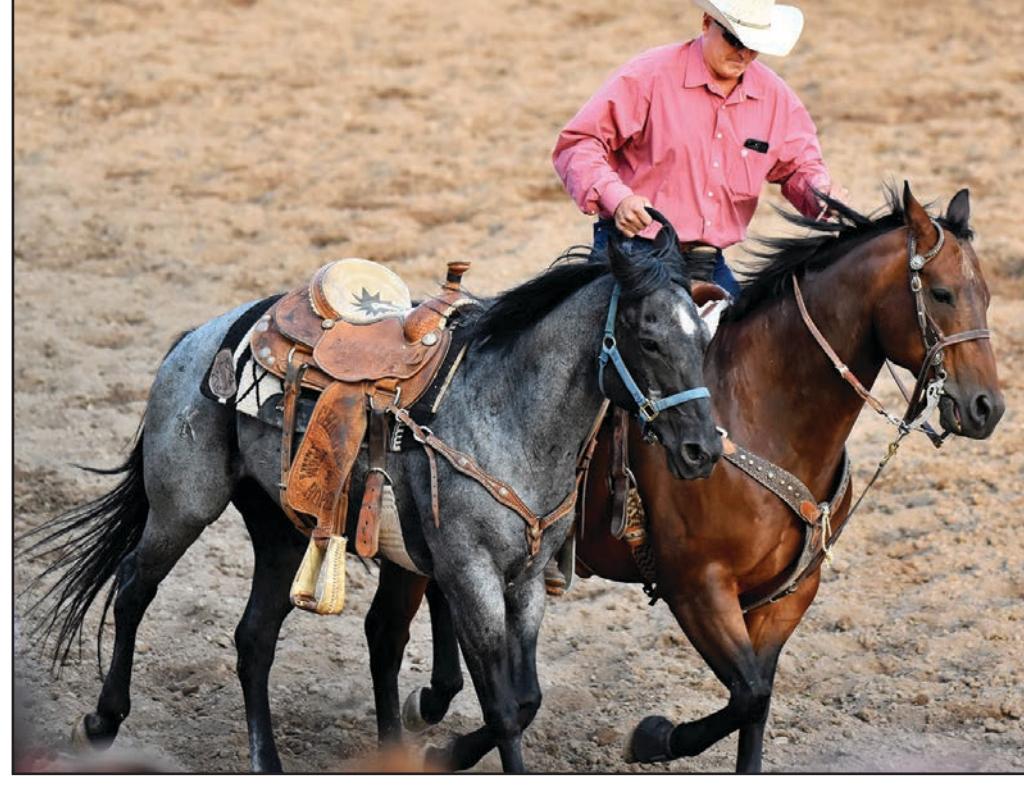
to his work; he was on the fire department, search and rescue and was a volunteer EMT.

Councilman Brad Welch was happy with the whole celebration of Pioneer Days. Honoring these three great men was just the icing on the cake. He mentioned that even though the kid's rodeo was rained out by some very much needed moisture, the rest of the events had record attendance.



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**The late Jim Cheney's family was escorted to the arena by Fairview Police prior to the Demolition Derby, where he was honored for his service in Fairview.**



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**Bill Keller led his father's beloved calf roping horse named Kinoke while his deceased father, Cliff Keller, was honored at the Fairview Pioneer Days Rodeo.**

## Bartholomew

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she admitted, "My nursing is a little less polished. You would not want me to insert an IV in you at this point."

Bartholomew grew up in Mona, Utah. She met her husband Jeff Bartholomew before his mission and wrote to him while she studied at Snow College.

After Jeff's mission and the couple's wedding in 1989, they traveled together to study at Weber State University.

Brenda began her nursing career in Ogden, then worked at the Mayfield Manor in Mayfield, then transferred to a job in the Gunnison Valley Hospital operating room (OR).

After 24 years as CNO, Brenda felt the need to move "onward and upward." She earned her master's degree in healthcare organization and leadership management.

As CNO, she was at her desk full time, hiring and mentoring nurses, writing policies, developing programs, doing employee evaluations, conducting meetings and watching over the budgets. She was responsible for the nursing, surgery, laboratory, respiratory, environmental services, and the dietary departments.

Bartholomew plans to keep Gunnison Valley Hospital on

its current track, which is giving quality care in a friendly, competent way, she said.

"People are the most valuable asset in taking care of a person's healthcare needs," Bartholomew said. She mentioned that the hospital staff is great at taking care of each other, which leads to patients getting the best possible care. She said she sees her job as piloting a positive culture to help the hospital thrive.

"I want our culture to drive the way we do things here every day. Our values are commitment, compassion, and community."

As CEO, Bartholomew intends to continue to "add services so people don't have to travel." She is working to bring awareness and additional services to the veterans in this valley and surrounding areas, so they don't have to drive to Salt Lake for treatment.

"I want people to choose to stay local and keep Gunnison Valley Hospital growing and strong," she said.

The hospital is planning to open a pain management clinic this coming spring, Bartholomew said. To prepare, Nurse Practitioner Kayla Olson, Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist Kyle Comin and Pharmacist Matt Harris are in

pain management certification training programs.

Bartholomew is also looking into using telehealth to make additional specialty services local. Instead of driving 2 hours for a 15 minute checkup, patients will be able to visit a local practitioner and visit with the specialist virtually.

When Bartholomew takes over administrative duties for Mark Dalley, who is retiring, she will hire a CNO to replace herself, and will become responsible for working with the doctors to meet the needs of the community.

"We have wonderful doctors who work with us and provide great care, she said."

Bartholomew reported that Utah and the nation are facing a nursing shortage. Because of burnout surrounding COVID-19, many nurses have retired early or quit.

With the new surge in cases, Bartholomew said she heard that the Intensive Care Units are close to capacity on available beds because of lack of staffing. The nursing staff at GVH, however, has remained stable.

Bartholomew said she is excited to be taking over a "great organization that has great doctors, managers and staff."



## Lamb Day softball team winners

**Team No. 7 won the Fountain Green Lamb Day co-ed softball tournament from a field of 12 teams. Six games were played each night on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday night during the week of Lamb Day. Many spectators gathered each night for an entertaining tournament. The winning team members are (front row) Gracie Christansen, Kyree Allred, Audrey Oldroyd, Holly Oldroyd, Jessica Knudsen and Krystal Lloyd; (back row) Mason Bailey, Cayler Cook, Ron Oldroyd, Devin Folkner, Coby Knudsen and Tayson Reid.**

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## Frandsens

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all there was," Allen said.

They used coal stoves to heat the house. They had to bring in ice to for their ice box to keep food cool.

The bathroom was outside, with a pot under the bed for cold winter nights. There was electricity in the town of Centerfield, but not at their Clarion house.

"Kids don't know anything about that, but to us, it was just part of life," Evelyn said.

Allen raised livestock and grew oats, barley, alfalfa, field corn, peas and sugar beets.

Because there was a shortage of farm workers during the war, Evelyn said, German prisoners of war who were being held a military prison in Salina were brought to weed the beet fields.

"They had to do it properly, or they wouldn't get dinner that night," she remembered. Once, she took a batch of cookies out to share with them and had a nice conversation with them, especially with one who spoke

English well.

"The war was a frightful thing for all of us," commented Evelyn, "I didn't mind talking to them at all."

In 1949, the Frandsens built their own home in Centerfield and moved in with their babies, Joan, Ronald and 3-week-old twins, Rita and Russell. While being interviewed, they laughed, remembering how Allen teased Evelyn's mother who came to help with the baby.

The couple had four more children: twins Mark and Myles (who lived only a few days), Tracy and Kelly.

Allen expanded his farm by purchasing land in Mayfield that included grazing rights on the mountains. For a time, he raised bulls and ran a bull test station where bulls were raised under standard conditions to evaluate which animals offered the best genetics.

While serving as mayor and on the Centerfield City Council, Allen helped create a culinary water system, including building



**The Frandsens with their children. Back (L-R): Tracy and Pat (Patricia), Rita, Russell and Christie, Joan and Douglas, Shauna (Ronald's wife), Kelly and Kathy. Front (L-R): Allen and Evelyn, Ronald.**

a water storage tank. Evelyn also served a four-year term on the Centerfield City Council.

Allen also served as the Sanpete County Farm Bureau president, on the Gunnison Irrigation Board and on various state committees.

When Kelly started kindergarten, Evelyn took a job teaching at Richfield High School and also taught business and shorthand at the new formed Sevier Technical College.

"It was wonderful to teach in a place where you didn't know everyone. I had no prejudice to the children coming into my class," she said.

When they were 65, Allen and Evelyn were called to serve a mission in the Philippines

for the Church. The Frandsens served nine months in the mission office and nine months traveling around training Filipino church leaders.

Following their mission, they traveled the world.

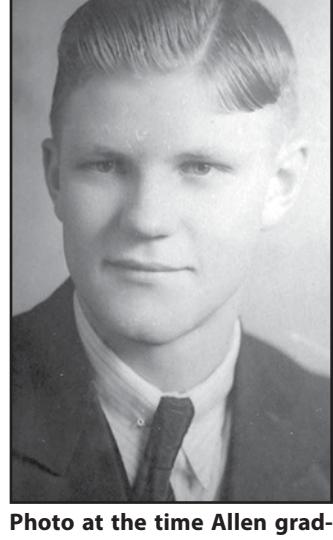
"But my happiest time to get home was after our mission. When we flew over the U.S., I started to cry," Evelyn said.

The Frandsens served at the Manti Temple for 22 years, Allen as a sealer and Evelyn in the temple office.

"As you reminisce on your many years together, we hope you feel a sense of accomplishment for the family and love surrounding you," the letter from Gov. Spencer Cox and Lt. Gov. Deidre Hender-

son said.

Sitting in comfy chairs with a view of U.S. 89 out the window,



**Photo at the time Allen graduated from Gunnison Valley High School in 1937.**

Evelyn said, "He's such a good husband. We really and truly enjoy each other."



**Evelyn at time she graduated from the University of Utah in 1941.**



**Allen and Evelyn Frandsen pose on their wedding day, March 30, 1942.**

## Centerfield still mulling secondary-water ordinance

**By Elizabeth Smith**

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CENTERFIELD—The Centerfield City Council heard residents' concerns about a draft ordinance that would change irrigation water requirements for new development in the city.

A mixture of opinions arose from those that both supported and opposed the ordinance at the council's last meeting.

Currently, for the council to approve new development, the owner must turn over one share of irrigation water per half-acre of land. For land between a half-acre and one acre, two shares must be given, and so on.

Under the new ordinance, developers would be given another option. Instead of being required to give two shares for land between a half-acre and an acre, persons would be able to give only one share and install a meter to monitor usage.

There were concerns about what the rule may do to the land market. The thought is that people will create lots as close to one acre without going over as possible, then use up the one share and abuse

culinary water.

Others were worried about the fairness of the ordinance.

"If you're going to meter me, why wouldn't you meter someone else," Duane Follett said.

Though this rule would only apply to new development, the members of the council all agreed that meters are essential. The city has pending grant applications that, if approved, would fund the costs of providing every household in the city a meter to track their irrigation water usage, Mayor Tom Sorenson said.

Weston Barney, a developer waiting for permission to begin the first phase of building a subdivision in the city, has been a part of this discussion for last several months. The new rule would allow him to divide the land into five, bigger lots. If the current ordinance remains, he will have to divide into six, smaller lots.

Barney said at the meeting that fairness shouldn't be a problem. The meters will act as the "policing force," he said, to make sure that overuse isn't a problem. He said that the rule could save water and make for nicer lots.

The council shared

their thoughts on the ordinance. After hearing the public's concerns, most members of the council expressed opposition to adopting the new ordinance. Councilman David Beck, however, remained supportive of the new

ordinance.

"I think we are in a drought quandary," he said.

Beck said he thought the discussion would be much different if the state was not experiencing the current drought. The new ordinance

would provide people with choices, he said, a quality he finds attractive.

Sorenson advised that the council weigh the possible benefits to the city that the ordinance may present. He said that if the city will not

benefit from changing the ordinance, he is not sure the council should go through with it.

The council will officially vote on the ordinance at their next meeting on Wednesday, Aug. 4.

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# Lifestyle

## A HALF-BUBBLE OFF PLUMB

By Randal B. Thatcher



### *Is someone there? I don't really believe in ghosts ... do I?*

Let me begin by stating—unequivocally and for the record—that I have never actually seen a ghost. I'm not even sure I believe in them; at least, not those intrusively bothersome kind from the horror movies, that tend to lurk nefariously in closets and behind shower curtains. But I could definitely feel something—an ethereal, yet palpable, something—in our collective midst during a recent week-long trek through the Grand Gulch Primitive Area of Bears Ears.

My wife and I, and a brother-in-law, all knew, going in, that we would be encountering—almost at every turn—the homes, tools, and art, of an ancient people: the Anasazi (or Ancestral Puebloans, as scientists now call them). But I was not prepared for the ubiquitous physical evidence of their bygone presence in this timeworn red-rock region: petroglyphs, pictographs, cliff-dwellings, and innumerable artifacts.

On our very first morning in the Gulch, not more than two hours into our hike, we come across an incredibly preserved stone kiva, and I get the unnerving sense that the natives who built it, are somewhere nearby, watching us. Learning that such structures were believed by these ancients to be portals to the underworld only adds to this mystical mood. The feeling that we are in a sacred space is inescapable, as we tiptoe around the site, amid potsherds, corncobs and corn-grinding sticks atop worn boulders.

Scrambling up a steep escarpment onto a high ledge to inspect a surprisingly well-preserved cliff-dwelling, I marvel at the fossilized prints of those long-dead fingers, which, centuries earlier, had painstakingly pressed red mud firmly into the gaps between stones that would become the walls of their kitchen.

I squat next to this structure (on my haunches, as I believe those ancient ancestors likely had done), and try to imagine what it might've been like to actually live here—packed intimately together with my extended family; bright green stalks of corn carpeting the canyon floor; the sound of dried corn kernels being perpetually ground between stick and stone; and the constant patter of bare feet upon the high rock ledge that becomes both our balcony and lookout. My wife is probably sewing turkey feathers into a blanket with a crude needle made of bone. And I ponder what would've induced us to build our dwelling so far above the canyon floor. Was it to protect ourselves? Our crops? Our supply of water?

Water is certainly worth protecting. Every small spring, or tiny pool of surface water seems miraculous in this arid place. Thus, when we hike up the reassuringly named, "Dripping Water Canyon," to discover a pool of spring-water so deep we can immerse our entire bodies, it feels positively spa-like—an improbable oasis in the middle of an expansive barrenness. We take our time filtering this priceless liquid into our hydration systems, all of us reluctant to leave such a cool and restorative place.

Again, I can imagine those ancient Anasazi people spending an entire day here, bathing and frolicking in these same pools, before filling their ceramic pots with this precious water for careful transport back to their high-rise apartment.

Not infrequently, we feel an eerie sensation—as if ghostly eyes are peering down at us from the sheer walls above. Sometimes, these perceptions are merely our own imaginations; but, more often, the eyes are real—pictographs, drawn by our predecessors, upon an expansive cliff-wall: imposing figures with large round eyeballs and pigtail hair, along with many muddy handprints pressed against the same rock wall (not unlike the permanent handprints of modern-day children, pressed for posterity into the wet cement of their family's newly poured patio).

Hiking alone on our last day in the Gulch, preoccupied with thoughts of these ancients, and of the signs they left of their existence, I suddenly hear my name being whispered upon the wind—not an imagined utterance, nor a voice in my head, but an audible articulation. I halt to listen more intently. There! It comes again—my own name! I am astounded beyond belief, yet positively electrified to be experiencing such a supernatural phenomenon in this imponderable place.

Walking on, I wonder how I will ever explain this to my comrades, or whether I'll just keep the whole mystery to myself.

Smiling inscrutably, and feeling every bit the desert-dwelling mystic, I round a bend in the trail to encounter my brother-in-law in the very act of hollering my name.

"What a singular coincidence," I muse, "that I should be hailed by both this mortal hiking buddy, and also by the spirit of an ancient Puebloan, at the very same time!"

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## Lessons of compassion and patience

97-year old Macy Burgin continues her mission for history

By Elizabeth Smith

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MANTI—She was working in a Jewish home for the aged when she finally asked, "Why?"

"Why doesn't the Heavenly father take these people home? Why are they still here?" she asked as she served the elderly men and women, many of whom had been in Nazi concentration camps. A rabbi said to her, "Perhaps they are here for you. Do you have something to learn from caring for these people, like compassion or patience?"

Macy Burgin has carried the wisdom from that day ever since.

"Maybe that's why we're here, to learn," she said in an interview.

Now similar in age to the people she served long ago, 97-year-old Burgin is still learning.

Her passion for learning and affinity for history led her to genealogy. She spends much of her free time researching her ancestors and finding facts about her family tree.

But before she was learning about history, she was a part of it. Burgin served four years as nurse during World War II.

After graduating high school, Burgin, then Macy Read, joined the U.S. Cadet Nurse Corps. The program was established in 1943 to address the nursing shortage that resulted from sending nurses overseas with military troops. Women in the program were given expedited training at colleges and universities with scholarships. Burgin earned her training from Mount Mercy University in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. The Catholic school provided an intense experience.

Many women, most fresh

out of high school like Burgin, joined the corps, eager to serve their country in a time of need. And for Burgin, the passion for nursing came long before the war.

"I had wanted to be a nurse



This 97-year-old woman, Macy Burgin, spends much of her time researching her ancestors.

remain the only uniformed corps members from World War II who are not recognized as veterans, according to the American Organization for Nurse Leadership. In 2019, the U.S. Cadet Nurse Corps



Macy Burgin in her uniform when she was a World War II nurse.

When an earthquake struck California, she and her second husband, Keft Hofstra, decided it was time to move somewhere safer. That is when they first drove through the county and fell in love with Manti. They moved to the city in 1971.

While in Sanpete, she worked at Mayfield Manor, now called the Centerfield Community Living Center, until retirement.

After retiring, she moved around to a few different places including St. George, Logan and Kanab. A converted member of the LDS Church since 1959, Burgin worked in the St. George Temple for over 10 years.

While living in Kanab, Burgin received news no woman wants to hear: she was diagnosed with breast cancer. To combat the disease, she underwent two surgeries and other treatments.

"She's amazingly tough," her daughter Ruth said.

Burgin was a part of a 20 year study on the effectiveness of the drug Tamoxifen in treating breast cancer. She is now cancer free.

In 2006, Burgin moved back to Manti, where she now lives with Ruth. The move back was one Burgin was happy to make.

"It has always felt like home," Ruth said.

Burgin boasted Manti's community spirit.

"The people just seem to care about each other."

Continuing on the lesson she learned so long ago, Burgin uses her love of genealogy to keep learning from the people before her. And she hopes others can learn from her 97 years of living.

"I think I'm here for a reason."

## North Bend Entertainers presenting 'The Importance of Being Earnest' this week

FAIRVIEW—Fairview's own North Bend Entertainers will be presenting Oscar Wilde's comedy "The Importance of Being Earnest" at the Peterson Dance Hall in Fairview this week.

Performance dates are July 28, 29, 30.

Oscar Wilde's madcap farce about mistaken identities, secret engagements and lovers' entanglements still delights playgoers more than a century after its 1895 publication and premiere performance.

The rapid-fire wit and eccentric characters of The Importance of Being Earnest have made it a mainstay of community theater for decades.

The play is the story of two bachelors, John 'Jack' Worthing and Algernon 'Alg' Moncrieff, who each create alter egos named Ernest to escape their tiresome lives. In their attempts to win the hearts of two women (Cecily Cardew and Gwendolen Fairfax) who, conveniently, claim to only love men called Ernest, the pair struggle to keep up with their own stories and become tangled in a tale of deception, disguise and misadventure.

When all four arrive at Jack's

country home on the same weekend, pandemonium breaks loose. Only a senile nursemaid and an old, discarded hand-bag can save the day! The elaborate plot ridicules Victorian sensibilities with some of the best loved characters and caricatures ever to be found, even on the modern stage!

Directed by Alex Barlow of Mt. Pleasant, the cast includes students and alumni from North Sanpete High School.

Curtain call is 7 p.m. sharp and all tickets are \$5 at the door. Call 469-1177 or visit Facebook.com/NorthBendEntertainers for more information.

North Bend Entertainers is a non-profit community theatre organization. NBE began as a result of a need to save the Fairview Dance Hall. The three-fold purpose of North Bend Entertainers is (1) to raise funds to maintain the historic Peterson Dance Hall in Fairview as a theatrical showcase and a gathering place to benefit the entire community; (2) to provide a setting for local entertainers to showcase their talents; (3) to provide quality entertainment at affordable prices for the community.



In rehearsal, the cast members prepare for "The Importance of Being Earnest" at the Peterson Dance Hall in Fairview. Harrison Cook (L) is John Worthing and Emily Wheeler (R) is Gwendolen Fairfax in the play.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR...

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### *Believe relocation is better option than exterminating Manti deer*

It's soon time again for the city to trap, terrify and exterminate the deer in Manti City.

Although the majority of those pesky citizens who appreciate life in its beauty and care for the animals still strongly disagree in the killings.

Nobody asked the city to kill the deer. They sought resolution to stop the hungry and thirsty deer from foraging on their property.

At the least I believe a relocation effort would be more civil than death for these beautiful creatures, the Icon of the

West, the mule deer.

And I do hope we all vote in local government for who supports and stands for a better way and solution to preserve the life around us!

Dan Sorenson,  
Manti

### *Mt. Pleasant is in desperate need of a city manager*

The past decade that I have lived in Mt. Pleasant, I have watched the mismanagement of the city by the mayor and city council. It proves that this system does not work for the safety and wellbeing of Mt. Pleasant. I have read the bios of the volunteers who want to run for mayor and city council and once again we have no one with any college education in any discipline of management.

Most have two sentences of their qualifications, ie: "I went to high school" and how many kids they have. Those are NOT qualifications to run a million-dollar city. Maybe

that will be a nice resume at McDonalds, but not to run a city? NO. We need a manager; not a popularity contest.

A city needs a college educated manager in project management, emergency management, accounting, budgeting, etc. Not a high school diploma. This might be the reason why Mt. Pleasant has road problems, water problems, housing problems and economic problems. We vote in people with no qualifications. We the voters are to blame for our mess. The lack of project management can be seen in everything that does not get done. Drive into

the trailer court on 200 South to make my point.

I have heard that the mayor wants to borrow millions of dollars and place that tax on the citizens to pay. We do not know what the money is for and what projects it will be used for; and then we are to have confidence that the money will be managed properly? We need a city manager; and his employment will save us money in the long run. Help stop the wasted dollars from the last few years of mismanaged projects.

Dave Brown,  
Mt. Pleasant

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# SANPETE COUNTY PRIMARY CANDIDATE PROFILES

Voters in Mt. Pleasant, Fairview, Spring City and Moroni will have the opportunity to select their favorite candidates in the municipal primary election on Aug. 10. Following are brief profiles of candidates in contested races.

## —FAIRVIEW COUNCIL— (2 Seats for 4-Year Term)

### Casey Anderson

Casey Anderson, an incumbent, was born and raised in Fairview.

Anderson graduated from North Sanpete High School and then he graduated from Southern Utah University with a bachelor's degree in business management.

He has served on the Fairview City Park and Recreation Committee for six years and the city council for seven years.

Anderson says, "I would like to see Fairview City have better planning goals, with plans for 5, 10, 20 years..., what the city could possibly look like with the roads, utilities, parks, cemeteries, etc."

His favorite thing about growing up and now raising his kids in Fairview is the small town atmosphere, safe community and clear skies at night.



**Casey Anderson**

### Talon C. Peterson

Talon Peterson has been a resident of Fairview for two years. He received an associate degree in business from Snow College and a bachelor of accountancy USU. Has served on the Ephraim Institute Council as an accountant

Peterson says, "I want to focus on maintaining our quality of life while supporting Fairview's future growth. Wise use of our resources and respecting our residents is especially important to me. Any growth or decision needs to carefully consider the impact it has on our water and (on) current residents."

He adds, "I would like to increase enforcement in traffic violations," he says. "Too many vehicles go too fast through our town."



**Talon Peterson**

### Shirlene D. Rasmussen

Shirlene Rasmussen has lived in Fairview for 34 years. She raised three wonderful boys while working at Skyline Mine for 30 years. She was appointed to fill a vacancy on the city council where she oversees buildings and grounds.

Rasmussen says, "I have volunteered for community events throughout my life in Fairview and I have the desire to continue serving citizens of this city."



**Shirlene Rasmussen**

### Aaron Watts

Aaron Watts' parents moved to Fairview when he was 3 years old, and he has now been a resident for almost 28 years.

Watts attended North Sanpete High School and served an LDS mission to Brazil.

Upon returning to Fairview, Watts worked in door-to-door sales for Vivint. Watts says, "During those four years, I achieved my 'street degree' in interpersonal communications. I found my beautiful wife in 2015 and we now enjoy raising our two boys in the town I grew up in."

"I know in areas like ours, it requires everyone to step up and do their part as we continue to grow in the future years. Our family was raised and taught that service to others should always be on top of our virtue list. I love this town and feel that I can play a strong role in helping Fairview continue on a path to betterment."



**Aaron Watts**

### Kirk Watts

Kirk Watts has lived in Fairview for the past 28 years and raised his family there.

He served a mission in St. Louis, Mo. for the LDS Church.

Watts attended Utah Technical College (now UVU) in the machining program. After college, he worked as a machinist for Lawrence Livermore National Laboratories at the Nevada test site.

Later, Watts and his brother created and re-designed potato seed cutting equipment for Better Built Manufacturing and for their own company, Lone Pine Machine.

For the past 15 years, Watts Concrete Construction has been manufacturing foundations for cabins and multi-million-dollar homes in Sanpete, Utah and Wasatch counties.

Watts says, "Having a broad construction background, I am aware of the...importance of controlled, planned growth. As our town grows, a strong dependable water and power infrastructure is a must."



**Kirk Watts**

### Sean Rawlinson

Sean Rawlinson and his wife, Shauna, have lived in Fairview for almost 20 years. Rawlinson works has been the IT director for the North Sanpete School District for 21 years. He has a bachelor's degree from USU in business information systems.

He has served on the Planning and Zoning Commission for 10 years, the Parks and Rec Committee for three years and the city council for one year. He and his wife also oversaw the Fairview Pioneer Days parade for four years.

Rawlinson says Fairview is on the crest of growth but needs to get organized to handle it. The city will need "a good working understanding of where we are, where we want to be and a plan for how to get there....," he says.

"The city has excellent expertise in its employees and we will need to lean heavily on their knowledge, experience and expertise to inform this planning. Strong people in public service positions such as city council and the mayor will be key."



**Sean Rawlinson**

## —SPRING CITY COUNCIL— (One 2-Year Seat)

### George W. Kenzy

George Kenzy and his wife and have lived in Spring City for 40 years. He has a master's degree in mining engineering.

Earlier this year, he was chosen to fill a vacancy on the city council. He was a member of the Spring City Board of Adjustment from 2001 to 2019, and a member of the Planning and Zoning Commission from 2019 to 2021.

He helped develop master plans for culinary water and wastewater. He also worked on updating the city master plan and developing an annexation policy. He is currently working on a transportation plan project, which will be the basis for improvements and long-term road development, he says

Kenzy says, "There is literally nothing that I would change about Spring City; instead, I would focus on maintaining what we have and providing future residents with good roads, sewer, water and power."



**George Kenzy**

### Kristine Hansen

Kristine Hansen moved to Spring City in 2017 to retire as she was winding up her 35-year career as an English professor at BYU.

Hansen says, "I believe I could make a strong contribution to the city council because I spent over 18 years of my career in administrative positions, including several years as associate dean of general and honors education.

"I know how to lead and how to study an issue, get input from all sides, and work out solutions to problems. I have administered budgets, and worked with support staff to accomplish goals."

She says she could use her background in English and write to write grant proposals for the city.

Hansen says, "I would be dedicated to working for the health and safety of Spring City's residents; to maintaining city infrastructure, services, and utilities at a high level; and to preserving the beauty, culture and traditions of the town."



**Kristine Hansen**

### Timothy Clark

Timothy Clark has lived in Spring City for seven years.

The Clark family moved to Spring City because they were attracted to small town living.

Clark says, "I want our community to be a safe, friendly environment where we can raise our families. I am a small business owner who has experience in managing subcontractors and ensuring that work gets done right. I have traveled the world and worked in many different countries and with many different people. I can honestly say that I love Spring City. I love the people and our community. I am friendly and feel like I can work with anyone."

He believes that "if we can stand united, we will stand together, strong and unstoppable."



**Timothy Clark**

### Kimberly Lloyd-Stewart

Kimberly Lloyd-Stewart has lived in Spring City for over 20 years. She has a master's degree in instructional technology.

Stewart served on the city council from 2015-2017. Some of her accomplishments were to build the city website and publish the town newsletter. She was also on the team that wrote the Spring City Master Plan. She also assisted in writing the grant to the Utah Community Impact Board that paid for the spring redevelopment.

Prior to being appointed to the city council, she served on the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Stewart says, "Spring City needs to address the growth happening in our community, both inside the city limits and outside. We need to find funds to pay for the infrastructure needed to support that growth. Our tax base is primarily the residences inside the city limits; we need to encourage businesses that can help with that tax base."

She also says, "In my opinion the current planning and zoning committee does not equitably render decisions and that needs to be corrected," she says.



**Kimberly Lloyd-Stewart**

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# SANPETE COUNTY PRIMARY CANDIDATE PROFILES

## —MT PLEASANT MAYOR— (Reduce field to two candidates)

### Michael Olsen

Mayor Michael Olsen says his passion to serve others and his community were the driving factors in his decision to seek re-election.

Olsen has been the maintenance coordinator at Sanpete Valley Hospital for over 20 years. He is also a contractor, real estate investor and farmer.

Michael was born and raised in Mt. Pleasant and has lived here his whole life. He and his wife, Margo, have five children and eight grandchildren.

One of Michael's priorities is open communication between the city and its citizens. During the past two years he has worked on water issues, irrigation and culinary; re-implemented impact fees to assist with new water development; built roads with new-age technology to ensure longer life and lower cost of maintenance; and addressed city rights-of-ways along to property along roads remains clean.

He says it is important to for people to know what struggles the city is going through so they have the willingness to help the city council make decisions to move forward.

### Dan Simons

Dan Simons was raised in Mt Pleasant and served in the U.S. Army from 1975-81. After that, he worked for the U.S. Postal Service, retiring as a postmaster in March 2021.

Simons says, "The city of Mt. Pleasant needs a mayor who will work full-time for the citizens of the community. I have served two terms on the city council, which has given me experience in municipal budgets, personnel and city operations. I will ensure our tax dollars are used wisely and the impact of taxes does not become a burden on the citizens."

"I will keep the public informed through many avenues about the projects the city is working on, and will listen to all residents to ensure that any concerns or recommendations are addressed in a timely manner."

He says the condition of city streets had been talked about for many years. "I will get a plan put into place to start addressing this issue," he says.

### Russell (Bull) Keisel

In 1973 Russell married Kathi Pehrson and together raised two children, Shane and Shanan. He has lived in Mt. Pleasant since 1969. He is retired from the military, where he served in Vietnam and Desert Storm and held many leadership positions.

Keisel also spent 30 years coaching at North Sanpete High and working for Utah Power and Light as a journeyman mechanic. He was a general contractor for a time in Sanpete, Utah and Salt Lake counties.

Keisel says, "I have been serving as councilman for a little over two years...I believe having done all these jobs in my life will help me do what needs to be done as mayor over the next few years as we build the infrastructure needed to serve Mt. Pleasant."

He said his experiences would also help him "to direct and help our great administrative office, Power and Public Works Department employees."

### Jeff McDonald

Jeff McDonald has lived in Mt. Pleasant for 24 years. He and his wife, Geniel, have been married for 40 years, and have three children and 11 grandchildren.

McDonald has been self-employed for over 33 years. He previously served a four-year term on the city council and has been a delegate to the state and county Republican conventions for many years. He has attended training classes offered by the Utah League of Cities & Towns as well as classes on the U.S. Constitution.

McDonald says he will "do his best to serve with true conservative values and principles...to help preserve our country way of life here in Mt. Pleasant."

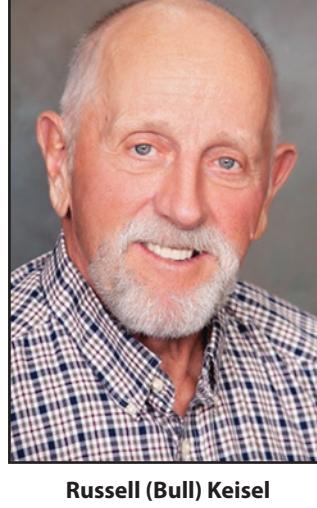
He believes in lower taxes, less government regulation, less spending and a free market. He says he will work hard, and serve with respect, and integrity.



Mike Olsen



Dan Simons



Russell (Bull) Keisel



Jeff McDonald

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## —MT PLEASANT COUNCIL— (2 Seats for 4-Year Term)

### Dianne Blackham

Dianne Blackham has lived in Mt. Pleasant Utah for 37 years. A Snow College graduate, she has served as a volunteer focusing on the arts, recreation and beautification.

Blackham says she would like checks and balances between the branches of (city) government. She wants job interviews before hiring people and job evaluations to keep a city job. Increases in wages should be based on city income and the value of each job.

Blackham says she knows what it feels like to be harmed in the house of friends, and she would like revisions to city policy and procedures, especially related to accusations of sexual harassment.

She says, "I am not afraid of work or service. I am willing to help fix this city."



Dianne Blackham



Donalyn Shock

### Donalyn L. Shock

Donalyn Shock and her husband, Corey, chose Mt. Pleasant as the place to raise their family in 1999. They have raised five children and have five grandchildren. She has worked as a paraprofessional for North Sanpete School District for the last 12 years.

She says her father's emphasis on preserving our American freedom and protecting our rights has been a guiding light in her value system.

Beginning at a young age, she worked in her family's businesses and learned how to manage all aspects of a business.

"I am grateful for the life that Mt. Pleasant have provided for me and my family," Shock says. "...I feel like now is the time in my life that I can give back to the community.

"I believe that understanding both sides of issues, and weighing out the consequences of our decisions for this city will be crucial over the next term. I'm willing to do the work and to make the best choices with transparency and honesty."

### Lynn Beesley

Lynn Beesley believes that his years of experience in construction and as a current public works employee qualify him as a candidate for city council.

Beesley was involved in the initial sewer system, connecting and installing various water and sewer lines throughout the city.

Employed by Skyline Mine for over 32 years, Beesley had the opportunity to lead and oversee his own crew and worked closely with upper management to make sure projects were completed and timely. He attended various leadership trainings and gained a lot of knowledge about creating a pleasant work environment that is suitable for everyone.

"My mother was born and raised here, as were my grandparents," he says. "I raised my own family here, and it's where my nine grandchildren are being raised. I see the potential that lies within my home town and I would love the opportunity to serve, to improve and to preserve our city."

### Paul Madsen

Paul Chesley Madsen was born and raised in Mt. Pleasant. He married Renee Terry. They have six children and 19 grandchildren.

Madsen served in the Utah National Guard 1457th Engineer Battalion for 24 years. He also worked in the construction industry on roads, highways, sewer and water projects as a foreman and superintendent.

Madsen served on the city council prior to his military deployment. While on the council, he planned and developed the Mt Pleasant City/North Sanpete ball complex with other volunteers. It was later dedicated as the Paul Madsen Park.

In 2018, Madsen was temporarily hired to oversee the Public Works Department. After the position was filled, he continued working part time doing special projects, saving taxpayers thousands of dollars.

Madsen has a deep passion for his beloved hometown. He wants to see good infrastructure and maintenance, especially in the areas of roads, irrigation and culinary water.



Lynn Beesley



Paul Madsen

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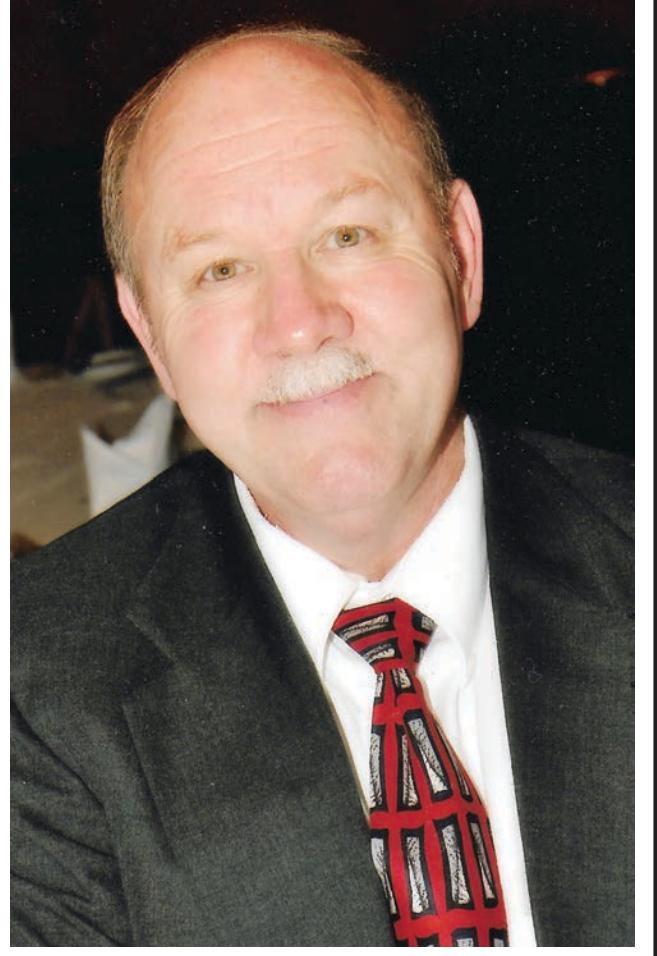
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# SANPETE COUNTY PRIMARY CANDIDATE PROFILES

## —MT PLEASANT COUNCIL—

(2 Seats for 4-Year Term)

### Robert A. Marx

Robert Marx was born and raised in Mt Pleasant City, the youngest of five children. He graduated from Wyoming Technical Institute and served in the Army National Guard for 25 years, retiring in 1998 as a master sergeant.

He joined Lockheed Martin as a field service engineer managing military projects until his retirement in 2015.

Marx has traveled the world, but Mt Pleasant has always been his home. He and his wife, Kathryn, have four children, 17 grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Marx says, "I was raised to respect civic involvement. My service at home and abroad has only deepened my love of this country. Political divisiveness damages communities. Communities must come together with a diversity of opinions rather than despite them."

Marx is passionate about combining growth with preservation of the lifestyle in Mt. Pleasant. He says, "While we have often faced drought conditions, the recent pandemic has opened remote working options that allow many more to seek a home in our city than ever before. Our growth is no longer restricted to the ability of the city to provide employment."



Robert Marx

### Mark Hightower

Mark Hightower has called Mt. Pleasant home since 2013. He purchased a historic home a short walk from city hall in 2017. He and his wife Wendy have five children.

In 2014, he started the city youth track and field program, where he has coached many North Sanpete kids as they prepared to compete at the high school level. He has also volunteered as a track coach at the high school the last six years.

Hightower joined the Mt. Pleasant City Fire Department five years ago and remains an active member.

He believes in maintaining the historic character of our small town, while managing the inevitable growth that is coming, and helping to guide that growth in an organized manner.

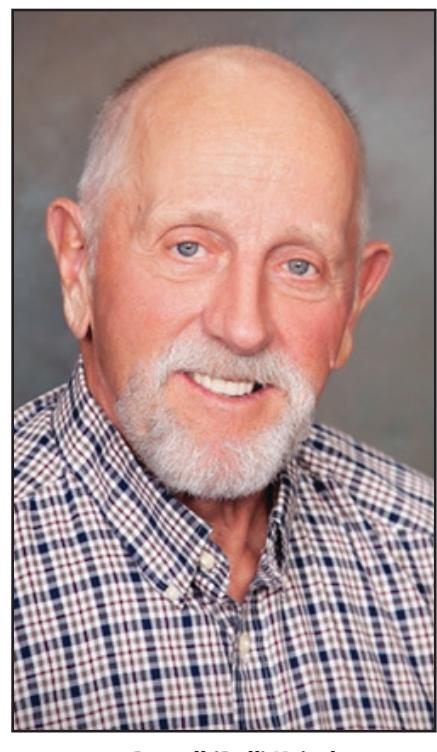
"The growth will still happen whether or not it is managed," he says. "If not managed, it will grow in an unorganized and haphazard way which will hurt the community. Growth unorganized is chaos."



Mark Hightower

*Moroni City primary candidate profiles will run in the next issue of the Messenger.*

**VOTE  
RUSSELL (BULL)  
KEISEL  
FOR  
MT. PLEASANT  
MAYOR**



Russell (Bull) Keisel

In 1973 I married Kathi Pehrson and together we had two children Shane and Shanan. I have lived in Mt. Pleasant since 1969. I am a retired military serving in Vietnam and Desert Storm, where I had many leadership positions.

I also spent 30 years coaching at North Sanpete High. I worked for Utah Power and Light for thirty years as a journeyman mechanic. I was a general contractor for a period of time working here in Sanpete and Utah and Salt Lake Counties. I have been serving as councilman for a little over two years for Mt. Pleasant City. I believe having done all these jobs in my life will help me do what needs to be done as Mayor over the next few years as we build the infrastructure needed to serve Mt. Pleasant and its citizens thru the growth that is coming. And to direct and help our great Administrative Office, Power, and Public Works Department Employees.

The City is working on a new culinary water system as well as irrigation system in the next four years! When I was in the National Guard I was a heavy equipment operator building roads which will need to be updated when the secondary water system is completed. When I was employed by N.L. Industries, I operated and maintained the water purification system. I have worked with laying water, sewer and irrigation pipe lines.

This experience will help me as Mayor over seeing these projects. And that they are completed successfully!

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Surrounded by the work of local artists during the annual Fairview Museum of History and Art's annual Art Walk, Fairview Mayor Cliff Wheeler presented Gov. Spencer Cox with a glowing orange onyx Calcite, the new state rock of Utah. The gift from the Museum Board is in appreciation for Governor Spencer Cox's and First Lady Abby's continuing support for all forms of the arts.

## Manti Yankees finish second in Utah tournament

MANTI—A local Pony League baseball team, The Manti Yankees, finished second out of 32 teams at a Utah state tournament last week.

The UBBA State Tournament was held in Lehi and Spanish Fork from July 12-16. The tournament kicked off with pool play on Monday and Tuesday in Lehi, with the Yankees going a perfect 3-0 in their pool.

Then on Tuesday evening, the single elimination tournament began with the Yankees as the No. 1 seed. In the opening game, The Yankees defeated the Lehi Astros, 12-6. Moving ahead to Wednesday, the team then faced a tough team from Saratoga Springs, the Rays. The Rays jumped out to an early lead, but the Yankees battled back and defeated the Rays by a score of 12-6, once again.

The tournament then switched venues to Spanish Fork on Friday, where "Super State" kicked off. The Yankees played the Spanish Fork Rockies in the first game, which was very competitive, with the lead going back and forth. In the fi-



A local Pony League baseball team, The Manti Yankees, finished second out of 32 teams at a state tourney last week. Pictured (from L to R back row) are Coach Robert Larsen, Jacob Bodell, Parker Jensen (pick up player from Salina), Jordan Gonzales, Colt Madsen, Russell Squire, Brayden Thomas, Chase Keisel and Coach Bryan Keisel. (L to R front row): Koy Johnson, Lane Cox, Durke Larsen, Grant Cox, Myles Buchanan and Kevin Christensen.

nal inning of play, the Yankees found themselves trailing by one run, 6-5. In the final inning the Yankees were able to load the bases and push across two runs for a walk off victory, 7-6.

This win pushed the Yankees into the championship game, where they faced the

Spanish Fork Phillies. Al-

though the game was 3-2 in favor of the Phillies into the fifth inning, the Phillies pushed five more runs across the plate in the sixth and seventh innings to defeat the Yankees by the final score of 8-2. This resulted in a second place finish for the

team.

On the season, including the state tournament, the team had a dominant record of 20-1, with their sole loss coming in the state championship. The team was coached by Bryan Keisel and Robert Larsen.

## 'We're approving water that doesn't exist,' says Sanpete commissioner

By Suzanne Dean

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MANTI—The Sanpete County Commission detoured into a discussion about water allocation, a hot topic affecting the whole state, during its meeting Tuesday, July 20.

The discussion arose as the commission took up eight routine proposals, which collectively included 23 new home lots in the unincorporated county, most in areas not served by a culinary water system. All of the lots were one acre or larger.

"We're getting into a situation right now where we're approving water that doesn't exist," Commissioner Scott Bartholomew said.

Currently the county requires anyone building a home outside a municipality to have rights to .45-acre-feet of water for a home and 1 acre-foot total.

The minimum state requirement is a half acre foot for home and lot, but counties and other jurisdictions have the latitude to require more than that.

"I feel like Sanpete County is overstepping its bounds requiring an acre foot of water," Commissioner Ed Sunderland said. "...Why are we more than the state?"

Sunderland said the state owns all the water in Utah and merely grants people the right to use it. He said the state should be monitoring whether property owners have rights to enough water to meet their needs.

"The reason I say what I do is that the state is the one that controls that [water rights]," Sunderland said. "They're the ones that monitor it; they're the ones that hold all the authority on water rights. How come the county is different from the state?"

"But there are two or three problems with this," Commissioner Scott Bartholomew said, "because the state isn't monitoring it. You get these homes out there, and all of a sudden they don't have enough water for their gardens, and their animals...and their large fam-

ilies. And if you monitored it, you'd find out in a lot of cases, they're using a lot more water than they're allocated."

Bartholomew said especially in a drought year, owners who drill their own water wells can start to draw down the water table in a large area. "One well does not affect you. Two wells do not affect you. But all of a sudden, you've got 50 wells in [an] area. That starts to affect you. It starts to affect your springs...And there's a point where you need to say, 'Enough.'

Gary Mitchell, the county zoning administrator, said his office is charged with verifying whether water rights exist for a parcel proposed for development.

"You can call up the Utah Division of Water Rights map that we use to verify, and it's mostly red [denoting no virtually water available], rather than spots of red with some green."

Rep. Steve Lund, a former commissioner who represents Sanpete County in the Utah House of Representatives happened to be at the commission meeting. He recalled a meeting commissioners had with former Gov. Gary Herbert.

Herbert told them that years ago, when he was a county commissioner in Utah County, the county started to grow rapidly. The commission had to decide if it was going to preserve agriculture or give in to development.

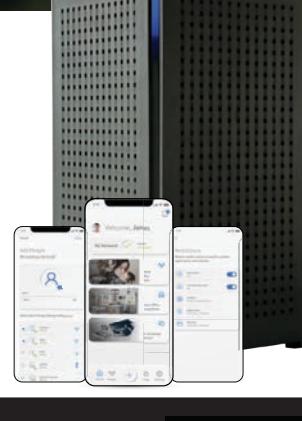
"And he told us, ...Sanpete County's going to start to grow very fast....And one of the ways you can monitor that, one of the ways you can help with that, is with your water," Lund said.

"Now, yes, the state owns all the water, but the commissioners have jurisdiction to approve or not approve, and to set the boundaries on what it [the water requirement] is. They just cannot set the boundaries lower than the state. They can do anything above that."

Based on meeting agendas, since the beginning of 2021, the commission has taken up 22 requests adding up to 46 lots. A large majority of requests have been approved.

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munity? I have been on the Manti Youth City Council, National Honors Society, Manti Stake Youth Council, and I have aided the American Legion in various events.

#### Where do you see yourself in 10 years?

I plan to continue my love for education as I attend college and work towards my nursing degree.

#### What do you do for fun? In my free time I love

dancing, being outdoors, spending time with family, and staying involved in my school and community.



SIERRA ROBERTS  
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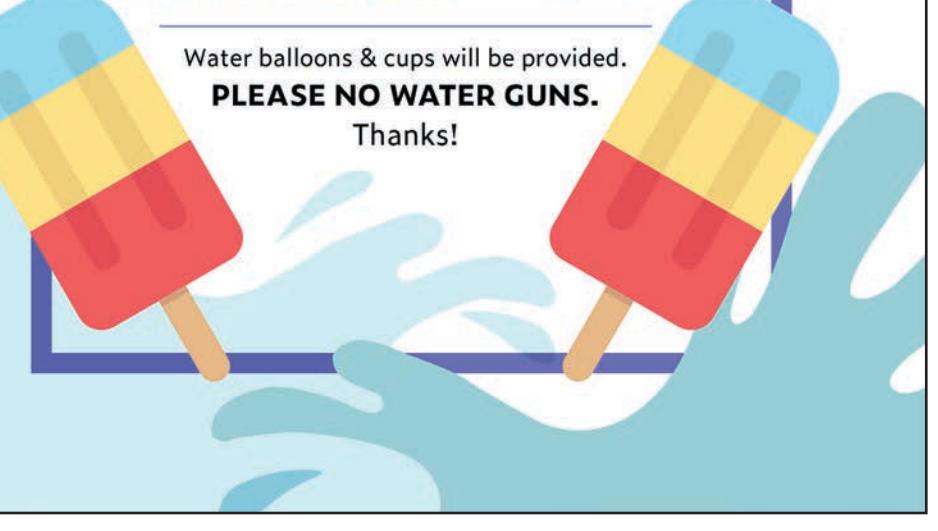
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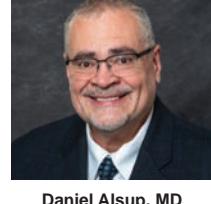
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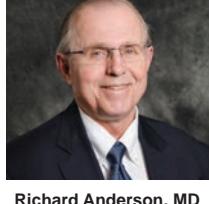
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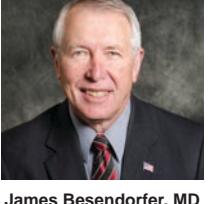
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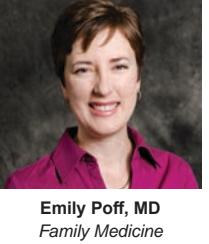
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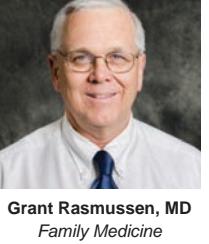
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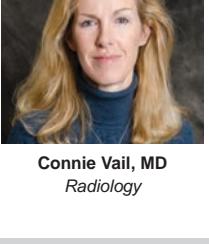
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*North Sanpete student leaders attend conference*

The North Sanpete High School student government participated in the Dixie University Leadership Conference. They participated in competitions, listened to several keynote speakers, made friends from across the state and planned their activities for the upcoming school year. Pictured from (back row left to right) are Payton Hendry, Kasey Curtis, Carson Hadley, Brant Lund, Dante Lowe, Casey Mitchell. Front Row Claircee Simpson, Ella Eliason, Jordan Hilton, Mallory Hinckley, Journey Toomey and Ally Ivory.

## Sanpete jail to bring on mental health therapist

By Suzanne Dean

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Publisher

MANTI—The Sanpete County Commission has approved an expansion of a state grant to enable the county jail to bring on a full-time mental health therapist.

At a meeting Tuesday, July 20, the commission approved an expansion of what is known as the Residential Substance Abuse Treatment (RSAT) grant from about \$130,428 to \$239,400.

Currently, the grant provides a residential treatment program to selected inmates inside the Sanpete County Jail and helps fund a county probation officer who works with people arrested on drug-related charges both before and after sentencing.

The agency awarding the grant is the Utah Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice. "They chose us [to add a therapist to the jail staff] as a pilot program because we're so successful," Sheriff Jared Buchanan told the commission.

"I think it's going to be a really, really good thing to get a mental [health] therapist in our jail. Eighty percent of the inmates coming into the RSAT program... have dual problems, mental health along with addiction."

The commission approved a pay rate for the therapist of \$29.41 an hour, which Buchanan said would translate to a salary of about \$57,000 per year. The county would pay medical and other benefits on top of the salary.

The county is required to provide a 25 percent match for the RSAT grant. Presently, the county is matching the grant with some of its beer tax proceeds and by paying the salaries of Jared Hill, director of the RSAT program, and two other em-

ployees who do work for the program.

With the approximately \$109,000 addition, which includes pay and benefits for the mental health therapist, the match requirement for the total grant will increase by approximately \$27,000. The commission agreed to use more of the beer tax to help cover that amount.

The grant, originally awarded in 2016, is an out-growth of the Justice Reinvestment Initiative (JRI), a measure approved by the Utah Legislature in 2015.

The initiative was designed to reorient the criminal justice system to provide substance abuse and mental health treatment instead of locking people up.

The long-term goals of the program include reducing recidivism, and reducing the need for more prison and jail beds.

In other action related to the jail, the commission approved expenditure of approximately \$80,000, mostly for new appliances, including a commercial washer, commercial dishwasher, gas convection oven, heated proofing cabinet and hot water dispenser. Buchanan said the items will replace equipment that is 13 years old.

The commission also approved a change to a long-standing cooperative law enforcement agreement between the county and the U.S. Forest Service.

The regular amount of the grant has been \$5,000. The Forest Service is providing a one-time addition of \$13,600, bringing the total amount for the coming fiscal year to \$18,600. The county will be required to spend half of that amount on equipment and the other half on patrolling.

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### UTAH DIVISION OF WATER RIGHTS

#### NOTICE TO WATER USERS

The applications below were filed with the Division of Water Rights in Sanpete County. These are informal proceedings per Rule 655-6-2. Protests concerning an application must be legibly written or typed, contain the name and mailing address of the protesting party, STATE THE APPLICATION NUMBER PROTESTED, CITE REASONS FOR THE PROTEST, and REQUEST A HEARING, if desired. Also, A \$15 FEE MUST BE INCLUDED FOR EACH APPLICATION PROTESTED. Protests must be filed with the Division of Water Rights on or before Aug. 17, 2021 either electronically using the Division's on-line Protest of Application form, by hand delivery to a Division office, or by mail at PO Box 146300, Salt Lake City, UT 84114-6300. Please visit [waterrights.utah.gov](http://waterrights.utah.gov) or call (801)538-7240 for additional information.

##### CHANGE APPLICATION(S)

65-4286 (a47493): Freehold LLC propose(s) using 9 ac-ft. from groundwater (1.5 miles NW of Mt Pleasant) for DOMESTIC; IRRIGATION; STOCKWATERING.

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65-4283 (a47521): Horseshoe Irrigation Company, L3VE7 Ventures LLC propose(s) using 0.0086 cfs OR 1.44 ac-ft. from groundwater (1 mile SE of Spring City) for DOMESTIC; IRRIGATION.

65-4281 (a47532): Lowell and Sonya Brown, Horseshoe Irrigation Company Inc. propose(s) using 0.0086 cfs OR 1.44 ac-ft. from groundwater (0.5 mile NW of Spring City) for DOMESTIC; IRRIGATION.

65-4290 (a47546): Brett & Stacy Casperson propose(s) using 0.0064 cfs OR 1 ac-ft. from groundwater (3 miles NE of Mt. Pleasant) for DOMESTIC; IRRIGATION; STOCKWATERING.

65-4295 (a47568): Rick Allred and Jody Allred propose(s) using 0.0062 cfs OR 1 ac-ft. from groundwater (1 mile west of Mt. Pleasant) for DOMESTIC; IRRIGATION; STOCKWATERING.

Teresa Wilhelmsen, P.E.  
State Engineer

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### SPRING CITY

#### PUBLIC NOTICE OF CITY COUNCIL VACANCY AND INTENT TO FILL A SPRING CITY COUNCIL MEMBER VACANCY

Notice pursuant to Utah Code 20A-1-510(b), this notice is posted until August 5, 2021, at City Hall, Spring City Post Office, the Utah Public Access website, Sanpete Messenger, inviting all interested and qualified parties to apply for these vacancies.

To qualify for this vacancy, you must file a declaration of candidacy which can be obtained from the City Recorder, during normal office hours 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday – Thursday, at City Hall. Candidates must meet the qualifications of Section 10-3-301 of Utah Code:

- U.S. Citizen
- Registered voter of Spring City
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Please submit a one-page cover letter expressing your desire to serve and copy a current resume to: City Recorder, Attn: Council Application, P.O. Box 189, 45 South 100 East, Spring City, Utah, 84662. A declaration of candidacy and any related materials you wish to submit must be physically received by the City Recorder not later than 12p.m., August 5, 2021. Also, be advised that whoever is selected will be appointed through December 31, 2023.

If they wish to serve after that point, they will be required to file for the general election in the fall of 2023 for a 4-year term starting 2024. Spring City Council will meet in a Special Council meeting at 6:30 p.m., followed by a Regular Council meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday August 5th, 2021. The Special Council meeting will be held to hear Brief presentations from the applicants followed by a Regular Council meeting in which voting will take place. Both Meetings will be held in the Spring City Council Chambers, 45 South 100 East, Spring City, Utah.

Kim Crowley, Spring City Recorder

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Gunnison City Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, July 28, 2021 at the Gunnison City Hall, 38 West Center at 7:00 p.m. to receive public comment on:

1. A proposed Mini Subdivision (4 lots) requests at approximately 197 North 200 West ~ Adam & Abraham Nielsen  
In compliance with ADA, citizens in need of assistance may contact City Offices at 435-528-7969 at least 48 hours prior to meeting.

Dated this 14th of July 2021

/s/Steven Jenson, City Recorder

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NOTICE is hereby given that Gunnison City Council will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, August 18, 2021 at the Gunnison City Hall, 38 West Center, Gunnison, UT at 7:00 p.m. to receive public comment:

Adopting Bond Resolution 2021-10 for CIB funding with the purpose for Road and Sidewalk Maintenance and New Construction. The funds will be repaid with B/C Road Funds

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Dated this 22nd day of July 2021  
/s/Steven Jenson, City Recorder

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NOTICE is hereby given that Gunnison City Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, August 11, 2021 at the Gunnison City Hall, 38 West Center, Gunnison, UT at 7:00 p.m. to receive public comment:

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Dated this 22nd day of July 2021  
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### SANPETE COUNTY



#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE

Notice is hereby given that Sanpete County will hold a public open house to discuss the creation of a Sanpete County Transportation Master Plan.

The open house will be held on Thursday, August 12, 2021, between 6-7 PM, at the Sanpete County Courthouse Commission Chambers, 160 North Main Street, Basement, Manti, Utah.

Written Public Comments regarding transportation ideas or concerns in Sanpete County will be accepted in person at the open house or electronically at [cynthia.y@jonesanddemille.com](mailto:cynthia.y@jonesanddemille.com) until 5 PM on Tuesday, August 31, 2021.

In compliance with the American with Disabilities Act, individuals needing special accommodations (including auxiliary communicative aids and services) during this meeting should notify Cynthia Yardley, (435) 835-4540, at least three (3) working days prior to this meeting.

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Treasure hunt sponsors and winner of the 180 Fitness \$1800 cash prize are (L-R): Katie Gleave, Brandee Shelley, Lloyd Gleave, Mikeyla Lee from Skyline Motorsports, TJ Brotherson and John Lee.

## Fitness Center 'treasure' hunt' gets people out to be active and have fun

**By Marcy Curtis**

[marcy@sanpetemessenger.com](mailto:marcy@sanpetemessenger.com)

Staff writer

MT. PLEASANT—The goal of a treasure hunt hosted by 180 Fitness in Mt. Pleasant was for people to get out, be active and have fun.

Last year during the COVID pandemic, the gym devised its first treasure hunt and the activity was such a success they decided to do it again. This year the prize increased from \$1000 to \$1800 cash because other local businesses wanted to get involved.

The fun started on July 19. The fun started on July 19.

Every morning throughout the week around 8 a.m., gym owners, Lloyd and Katie Gleave and John Anderson, would release clues to help hunters narrow down the location of the treasure.

On Friday July 23 around 1 p.m. the treasure was located.

Earlier that morning the clues became slightly more specific and lead all the treasure hunters to the south west corner of town.

Winner of the cash was Brandee Shelley of Mt. Pleasant. Shelley had been out on and off

throughout the week with her brother TJ Brotherson trying to pick apart the clues given.

"It was a fun week searching for the treasure," Shelley said. "Every day, Jade [her husband] and I would watch and try and guess. My brother and his family was texting with us and one of my friends trying to figure them out. When it came down to it, I didn't think there was any way to find it. It was a total surprise to find it."

Lloyd said that the gym is excited each year to do their part in helping bring some excitement and fun to the community. They all love being active and they feel like the treasure hunt is a fun way to get people of all ages involved.

"Each year we have received feedback from people who have participated and had a ton of fun while getting out and putting on the miles while searching," he said.

"We hope to continue to grow the treasure hunt as it has the past two years and to continue to provide our community with another option for them to help reach their health and wellness goals."

## Sanpete choirs merge, are seeking participants

Two well-known local choirs have joined forces to combine into a single choir.

North Sanpete's Easter Offering Choir (EOC), founded 36 years ago by Dr. Roy Ellefsen, and the Sanpete Valley Singers Choir (SVS), founded by Steven J. Clark in the year 2000, have merged under the name of the Sanpete Valley Choral Arts Society (SV-CAS).

Ellefsen's Easter Offering concert has been a mainstay of North Sanpete culture since the '80s. Clark's choir performs Christmas concerts at venues ranging from local communities to the Gunnison State Prison to Temple Square.

Angela Thompson, the choir's new secretary/treasurer, said that both groups will benefit from unified administration, resources and fundraising. The choir will only use original (Octavo) music for rehearsals and performances, she said.

In 2019, the SVS received the first increment of a grant from the Mormon Pioneer National Heritage Area that was never used due to the COVID-19 shutdown, Clark said. Those proceeds will now help launch the SVCAS. The choir is actively seeking additional patrons who can fund operations year to year.

"This is a wonderful development," Dr. Ellefsen said, "I enthusiastically support this change and encourage all our choir members to do so as well." His sentiment was echoed by Clark, who said, "Now people don't have to feel like they have to choose between one choir or the other."

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Qualified applicants must complete a Mount Pleasant City employment application online at [www.mtpleasantcity.com](http://www.mtpleasantcity.com). You may also obtain an application at Mt. Pleasant City Administrative Offices, 106 West Main Street. between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Applicants needing further information regarding the position or needing assistance due to disability should contact Jeanne Tejada at 435-462-2456 ext. 102 or by email to [jeanne.tejada@mtpleasantcity.com](mailto:jeanne.tejada@mtpleasantcity.com)

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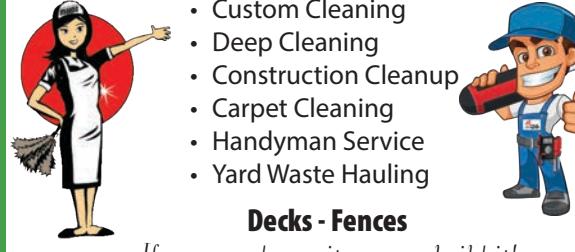
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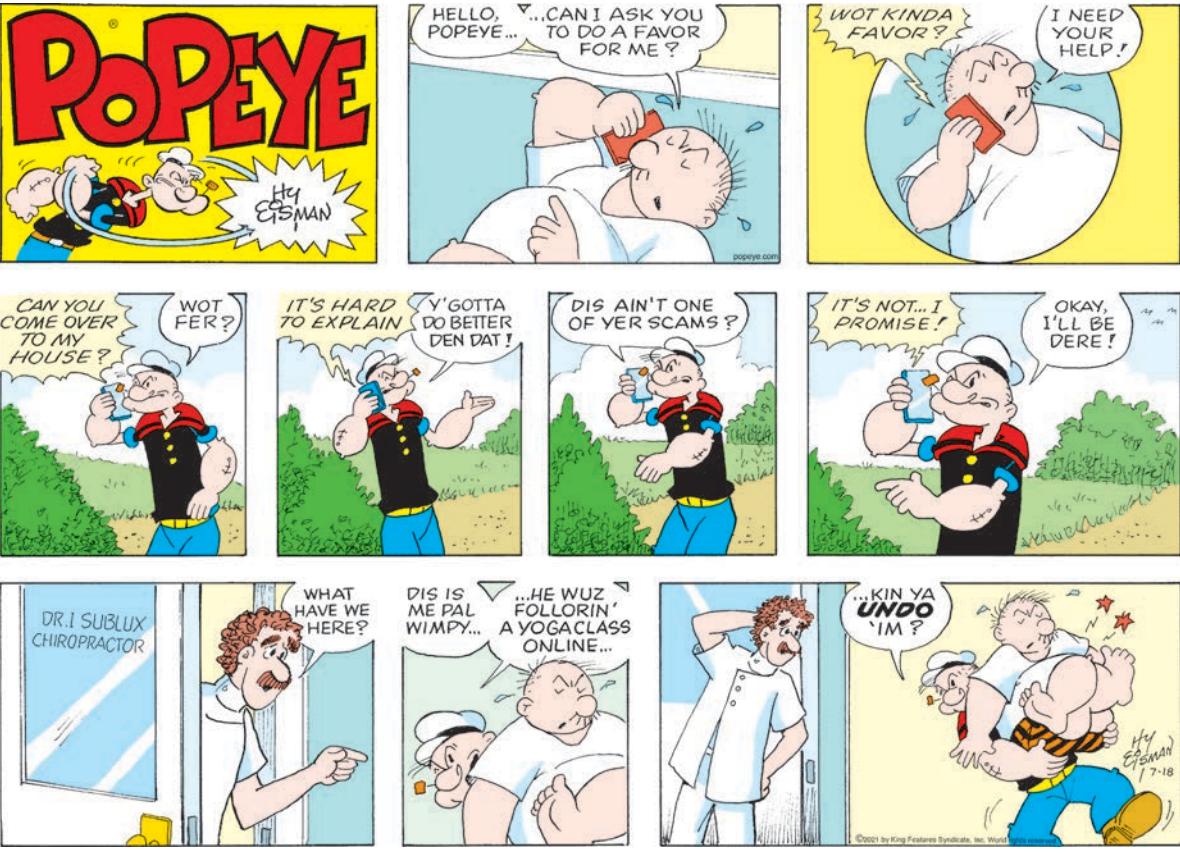
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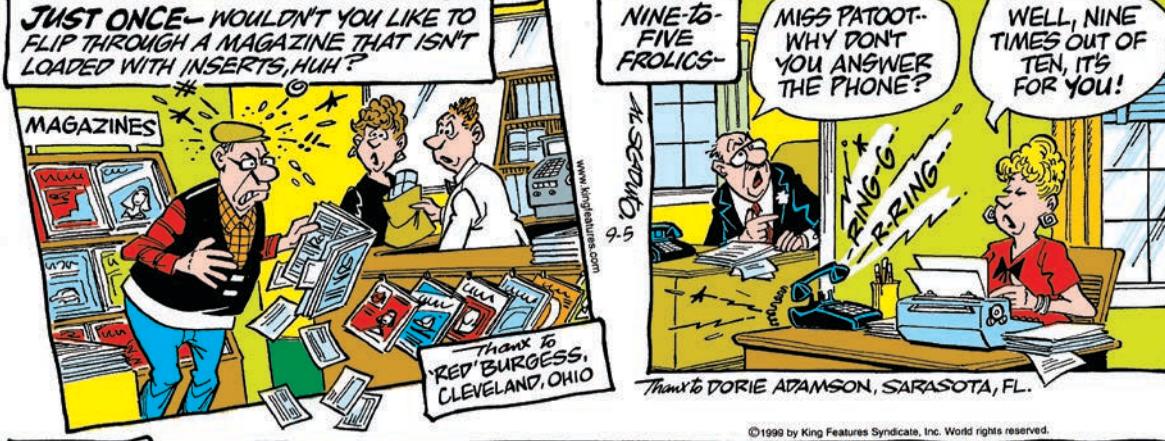
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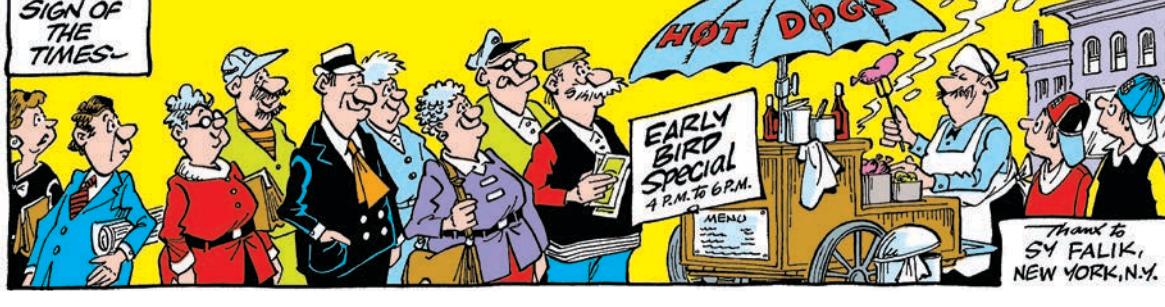
# Family Fun



## THEY'LL DO IT EVERY TIME



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## The Spats



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## Salome's Stars

**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) A misunderstanding tests the temperament of the sometimes-headstrong Aries. Instead of blowing your top, take time for a pleasant diversion while things cool down.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) A workplace problem could make the divine Bovine see red. But talk it out before you consider walking out. Some surprising facts emerge that change your earlier focus.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) You face a choice between ignoring your uneasy feelings about your relationship with that special person and demanding explanations. A close friend offers wise counsel.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) A change you'd been hoping for carries an unexpected complication. Stay the course, and things will work themselves out. Be sure to make time for family and friends.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) Aspects favor spending time with loved ones. On the job, new ideas are generally welcomed. But some demands for changes could cause problems. Be ready to defend your choices.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) Good news: That workplace problem is close to being resolved with results that should please everyone. Take time off to indulge your love of fun and games.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) Most of the time you are the most unflappable person around. But be ready to be thrown off-balance in the nicest way when Cupid takes aim in your direction.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) It's not often when someone tries to "sting" the sharp-witted Scorpion. But it can happen. Continue to be skeptical about anything that seems too good to be true.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) Your strong sense of self-esteem helps you serve as a role model for someone who needs personal reassurances. Your efforts pay off in an unexpected way.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) Someone close considers revealing a painful secret. Withhold judgment. Instead, open your generous heart, and offer dollops of your love and understanding.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) Your talents as a peacemaker are called upon once more as an old problem re-emerges with new complications. Move cautiously in order to avoid falling into hidden traps.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) Your artistic side is enhanced with the reception given to your new project. Use this success as encouragement toward fulfilling your larger goals.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** Your natural sense of leadership is combined with a deep sense of responsibility. People trust you to give them both guidance and understanding.

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## Out on a Limb



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## King Crossword

### ACROSS

- 1 Mattress option
- 5 NASCAR advertiser
- 8 Wild guess
- 12 Supervisor
- 14 "Yes —?"
- 15 Accidentally
- 16 Late July babies
- 17 Since Jan. 1
- 18 12-year-olds, e.g.
- 20 Bjorn Borg, for one
- 23 Salon request
- 24 Actress Elisabeth
- 25 Act of contrition
- 28 Knight's address
- 49 Make a sweater
- 50 "Rah!"
- 51 Not busy

### DOWN

- 10 Soon, poetically
- 11 Employer
- 13 Fill fully
- 19 Fay of "King Kong"
- 20 Snake's warning
- 21 Spinning sound
- 22 Modern money
- 23 Joe of "GoodFellas"
- 25 Talking heads'
- 26 Spiced tea
- 27 British noble
- 29 Ersatz
- 31 Pro Bowl stats
- 33 Zedong follower
- 34 Sushi condiment
- 36 Ocean motion
- 37 Fir coat
- 38 " — a roll!"
- 39 California city
- 40 Agile
- 43 Motorist's org.
- 44 Silent assent
- 45 Army rank (Abbr.)
- 46 Scrape (out)

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## Answers:

### Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

	9		1			4
6			8	1		
8		7	5	6		
3		2				9
1			4			7
	4		3	8	5	
6	3	5		2		
7		2			9	
5			1			8

Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

### DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦

♦ Moderate    ♦♦ Challenging

♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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Answers

**Weekly SUDOKU** —  
Answers

**Mega Maze** —  
Answers

