The importance of connection has never been more significant than in today's world. It's one reason why Layton's city leaders are working with UTOPIA Fiber to complete construction of a fiber network throughout the community. In this month's Layton City News section of Layton Today, you can read what the mayor and city council have to say about UTOPIA's fiber network. We hope you're enjoying Layton Today. If you have a story idea or want to share your feedback, contact managing editor Tom Haraldsen at tharaldsen@davisclipper.com.
Crossing guards are an essential part of city services

Layton City has 24 regular school crossing guards, plus another four substitute crossing guards, and their efforts represent a true life-saving job for students in the city.

According to Penny Falkner, Crossing Guard Supervisor/Volunteer Coordinator for the Layton City Police Department, these crossing guards are highly essential to student safety – especially since there are distracted drivers on the roads and drivers who are in such a hurry to get from point A to point B that they do not focus on their surroundings as they are driving.

“Drivers should look out for and obey crossing guards, not only because it is the law,” Falkner stressed, “but because they are stationed at high traffic volume crossings to help students cross safely. Without this added help it may take students several minutes to cross the street and a student/students may get injured or killed if a vehicle does not stop for them. The crossing guards are not placed at these locations to hinder the driving public, but rather to help ensure the safety of the walking students and general public.”

Falkner stated that vehicles not yielding to pedestrians and making left/right hand turns into the crossing area when the crosswalks still contain pedestrians and/or crossing guards; people failing to obey posted speed limits in crosswalk/school zone areas; and people parking, stopping, dropping off or picking up in red zones and other restricted areas are common problems at school crosswalks in Layton City.

According to the Utah Drivers Handbook and Utah Code, drivers need to yield/stop at crosswalks guarded by crossing guards and remained stopped until the crosswalk is clear of all pedestrians and crossing guards. These same regulations state that drivers should yield to pedestrians in unguarded crosswalks and may proceed once the travel lane/crosswalk is clear in front of them to proceed.

Falkner reported that fortunately no crossing guards have been killed on the job in Layton – and there’s only been a single injury/vehicle related accident while on the job.

Layton City Crossing Guard facts:

– Three crossing guards who have been employed for over 20 years – including one for about 26 years; one for 25 years; and another for 19 years.

– Two Layton crossing guards were recognized by the media for their actions while on the job. One was recognized by Channel 5 and was awarded the KSL High 5 Award and the other was recognized by the Ogden Standard Examiner. Both of these crossing guards were recognized for their interactions and friendliness with the public and the students who use their crossing area, as well as supplying bottled water during the warmer weather to help keep the students hydrated.

All crossing guards in Layton City are CPR/FA certified on a yearly basis per state guideline and requirements.

– Layton is also currently accepting applications for crossing guards and substitute crossing guards. For require-ments and/or to apply for a crossing guard, go to: www.LaytonCity.org/LC/HumanResources/Jobs
Q&A: Roundabouts in Layton City

Much has been written about how to drive properly through a roundabout intersection. (Go to: www.laytoncity.org/LaytonCity/News/862/True) If you still don’t know how to properly drive through one, here’s a Q&A on other important information about roundabouts in Layton City:

Q: How many roundabouts are in Layton City? And, where are they located?
A: Five are found on public thoroughfares: Rosewood Lane/Chapel Street; Church Street/Antelope Drive; Oak Forest Street/Antelope Drive; 700 West/1425 North (east of the Layton Midtown Crossing bridge); and Hobbs Creek/Sky View. Two more roundabouts are located in new developments: Harmony Place: 2425 West and 100 South; and Villas at Harmony Place: 2300 West and 475 South.

Q: Where was the first roundabout in Layton City and when?

Q: Why are roundabouts so popular? Why are they built instead of a traffic signal? Do they actually save the City money and/or do they offer faster access through an uncongested area of town?
A: Roundabouts are often considered at intersections with unusual geometry or at intersections that are close together. For example, Layton City evaluated Church Street and Antelope Drive for a signal. Due to the angle of the intersection and hill at the south leg, providing a safe left turn movement for southbound traffic required a protected left, increasing vehicular delay on Antelope Drive. A roundabout provided a good balance between accommodating the existing geometry and reducing delay on Antelope Drive. This distance between intersections is also considered. When signals are close together, even signals that are programmed to work together through coordination can struggle with fluctuation in traffic and cause unnecessary delay. At the Church Street and Antelope Drive roundabout, the roundabout allows traffic to flow continuously to the Fairfield Road and Antelope Signal. The detection is then able to adjust for existing traffic conditions. This combined with the geometry concerns led to the installation of a roundabout.

As urban areas develop, more intersections warrant a signal, leading to intersections that are close together. “When operating within their capacity, roundabouts typically have lower overall delay than signalized and all-way stop-controlled intersections.” (FHWA Roundabouts: Technical Summary) This is most notable during off-peak times.

Q: Are additional roundabouts likely to be built in Layton in coming years?
A: The 2015 Transportation Master Plan anticipates two future roundabouts. The first is at Layton Parkway and 2700 West. A roundabout will be able to better handle the traffic fluctuations caused by the nearby West Davis Corridor access. The Master Plan also indicates a potential roundabout at Oak Hills Drive and Gentle Street. UDOT manages this intersection and will evaluate multiple options to find the best solution.

Q: Will most roundabouts eventually have to be replaced by a traffic signal?
A: Layton City predicts future traffic patterns to ensure the roundabout will continue to serve the traffic demand. The current Master Plan predicts out to 2040.

Q: Accident-wise, how safe are roundabouts?
A: A typical intersection has 32 potential conflict points while a single-lane roundabout has eight potential conflict points. This leads to a reduction in the overall crashes.
A Proposed boundary study presented for new junior high

by Becky GINOS
Layton Today

—A boundary study is underway for the new junior high under construction near Weaver Lane slated to open in fall 2019. Dr. Darrell White, who is part of the group conducting the study, presented a proposed map to the Davis District Board of Education last week for consideration.

“When Junior High #17 opens it will accommodate 1,000 students,” said White. “Our goal is to reduce enrollment in overcrowded schools and balance enrollment. Legacy and Centennial are overcrowded by about 600 students. We’ve driven the neighborhoods and looked at all the data.”

White assured the board that the boundaries would not impact high school feeder patterns.

“We considered this when we did the boundaries for Farmington High,” he said. “The new school will be about a 50/50 split to Layton High and Davis High.”

Community councils will look at the boundary proposal during meetings on Sept. 12. Public open houses are scheduled for Oct. 3 at Centennial Junior High and Oct. 4 at Legacy Junior High, both at 6:30 p.m.

Residents are invited to give their input by emailing JrHighBoundaryStudy@dsmail.net. Every email will be read and considered by the boundary study committee, said White. However, due to volume each email may not receive a response. To view an interactive map and the proposed boundaries visit https://www.davis.k12.ut.us/district/boundary-study.

Layton: An economic powerhouse in Davis County

by Rep. Steve HANDY
R-District 16-Layton

This expression, “this isn’t your father’s (or grandfather’s) Oldsmobile,” certainly holds sway when looking at the Layton City of 2018 in contrast with when the city was incorporated 98 years ago.

To put things in perspective, a little history lesson is in order. By 1873, Kaysville, incorporated in 1850, was a sprawling area of some 23 miles including what is today Layton City.

After years of contention between Kaysville’s city and country cousins, an insurrection occurred and what was to become Layton Town seceded from the Kaysville union. But it took numerous lawsuits with one even going to the U.S. Supreme Court before that happened. The final split occurred in 1902.

And by the way, that little bit of history sheds light on why Layton today doesn’t have a recognizable downtown like Kaysville or Ogden because it wasn’t laid out in the traditional Mormon fashion of the times. Layton was never supposed to become a city.

Layton prospered nevertheless and two years after incorporation, The Weekly Reflex newspaper ran the following story on Dec. 21, 1922: “Layton, the rich town of North Davis county. Its business enterprises and its people. The Town of Layton has made substantial progress during the past year despite the unfavorable conditions under which its population has labored. The price of most of its farm products has been low, but the community in and about Layton, where diversified farming is carried on a large scale, has kept the community prosperous.”

Now fast forward a hundred years and what is Layton?

“There’s no question that Layton is Davis County’s economic powerhouse,” said Layton Mayor Bob Stevenson. “From varied and extensive retail to a growing industrial base, Layton is very prosperous right now and growing.”

According to a report from Layton’s Community and Economic Development Department, the city’s contribution of $1.55 billion of taxable sales in 2017 dwarfs every other city in Davis County. Here are examples from some of Davis County’s 14 other cities: Clearfield, $267 million; Kaysville, $239 million; Centererville, $456 million and Bountiful, $662 million. Even Farmington with its energetic and even glitzy Farmington Station and Lagoon Amusement Park only registered $476 million in taxable sales in 2017.

Certainly a lot of Layton’s economic wallop must be attributed to the impact of Hill AFB registering $4.5 billion annually, which includes not only the 20,000 or so active military and civilians employed on the base but also the extensive array of defense contractors who surround it. Plus, it doesn’t hurt that Layton’s Hill Field Road runs in and out of the South Gate.

Former Layton Mayor and now State Senator Jerry Stevenson is fond of saying, “If Hill were to go away, it would take us 30 years to recover! Let’s never let that happen.”

Layton’s 650 acre East Gate Business Park is poised to accept over 1 million square feet of new industrial development and is prime for defense contractors who support the base’s mission in aerospace and composites. In the late 1980s and early 1990s, the Layton City Council was very far sighted and put in the roads and other infrastructure to support the Layton Hills Mall. Today, Layton boasts some 150 restaurants and over 1,000 hotel rooms throwing off an annual transient room tax that topped $226,000 in 2016/17.

Another solid barometer of an area’s economic robustness is automobile sales. In 2016, Layton auto dealers recorded just over 3,000 sales but that jumped by 600 the next year. And certainly Davis County’s foresight along with private interests and the assistance of Layton City to build the Davis Conference Center has only added to the city’s prominence. With 70,000 square feet of space, the conference center has become a hub of activity. It wasn’t too long ago that it was impossible to hold even a dinner for 100 people anywhere in Davis County. Times have...
Adams announces bid for Senate President

by Becky GINOS
Layton Today

LAYTON—Although the next legislative session is still a few months away, lawmakers are preparing for a change in leadership in both the House and Senate. A familiar face from Davis County has announced he will run for Senate President, a position left vacant by Sen. Wayne Niederhauser, R, Sandy, who has decided not to run again.

Sen. Stuart Adams, R, Layton, who has been serving as Majority Whip, sent out a letter last week to his colleagues asking for their support.

“I’ve served in the Senate since 2009,” he said. “Since Sen. Niederhauser is not running again, several of my colleagues have been serving with me encouraged me to run.

Adams said Utah has a great economy and is recognized as the best managed state. “I believe I can make a difference,” said Adams. “I want to help maintain families and keep the economy strong. Everybody who comes here enjoys it. I want to maintain that quality of life.”

Legislators have a lot of issues they deal with, he said. “I believe that we can meet as a group and find consensus on goals. I want to reach out to each senator and find out what the priorities are for their constituents and focus on those.”

Water, infrastructure, education and tax reform are always topics that come before the legislature. “We need to look at policies,” said Adams. “We’re not going to accomplish everything in a short time but my overall goal is to move forward on education, air quality and strong economic growth. Transportation in Davis County needs attention too.”

The next step in the process is to determine who the elected senators are after the November election, Adams said. “Following that week we’ll meet as a majority caucus and have an election then. The leadership is elected by those senators.”

It’s three months away, but Adams said he announced his bid now to give a period of time for those running to be vetted. If selected, the appointment is for two years. Adams said other senate members have announced their intention to run for the other seats being vacated. As of now, Adams is the only contender for Senate President.

“I live in Layton but our focus is statewide,” said Adams. “The issues we deal with are not just for Davis County but the whole state. I want Utah to continue to be number one in the nation, a great spot to live, work and do business.”

Control the puncturevine weed

One of the peskiest weeds in the Layton area is the puncturevine weed. Unlike most weeds, this nuisance does not grow upward, but fans out along the ground like a spider web.

If not eliminated, this noxious weed will stretch across and cover a sidewalk and/or clog a gutter. According to the Utah State University Extension Service in Farmington, this notorious weed can be a real nuisance.

This weed also has a nickname - goatheads - for its thorny seeds, which can puncture bicycle tires and on occasion, even some vehicle tires. These thorns can also end up on the bottom of shoes and will then be a nuisance indoors, as the thorns are carried into homes. Dogs, too, are plagued by the thorns in their footpads, as they walk along puncturevine weed infested sidewalks.

This weed is at its peak in mid to late summer and thrives in hot, dry weather - especially at the edge of unhealthy lawns.

Puncturevines dry up in early fall and then they drop their seeds. These are thorny pods, carrying four to five seeds each. Every plant can produce hundreds of seeds. In the summer growing season, this weed can go from germination to flower in just three weeks.

Residents need to dig up the weeds, spray them with weed killer, or at the least cut them off the sidewalks.

If not controlled, the puncturevine thorns will exist well into winter and will then produce new weeds next year. Puncturevine seeds can remain dormant for up to five years. Besides regular weed control each growing season, the seeds need to be collected.

Some people use an old piece of carpet, slid along the ground, to help pick up the thorny seeds. Others just use a broom, or a wet/dry vacuum.

Layton City’s ordinances call for control of noxious weeds and puncturevine.

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A history of Layton’s ‘sweetest’ street

Sugar Street, on Layton City’s west side, truly is the “sweetest” road in Layton. For almost half of the 20th Century, the street was home to one of the largest factories in northern Utah – a sugar plant that employed up to 500 men.

The factory and warehouse were originally built to house up to 110,000 bags of sugar, produced from sugar beets, when it opened in 1915. Farmers from all over North Davis County shipped sugar beets to the plant for processing.

Kent Day, Layton historian, told the Deseret News back in 2001 that two generations of Layton residents grew accustomed to the sights, sounds and smells of Layton’s sugar factory. The black smoke of the factory, the 4 p.m. whistle at the end of the workday and wagonloads of beets on Gentile Street were things Layton residents used to count on.

“But hardly anyone longs for a whiff of beet pulp from boots sitting next to the kitchen stove,” Day wrote in his history of Layton’s sugar beet industry.

By 1913, Layton had sugar beets on 700 acres. However, they had to be shipped to a factory in Lehi for processing and an extra shipping charge made farmers increasingly unhappy. That’s why the Layton Sugar Co. started in 1915.

According to the Davis County Clipper of Dec. 4, 1914, sugar beets from the Layton area – before the factory opened – had to be shipped out by railroad. That year, 341 rail cars were used to ship the beets out of Layton. Each car could hold up to 80,000 pounds. It was estimated that Layton farmers would receive a combined $70,000 ($1.75 million in today’s dollar values) for their beet crops.

Layton residents, with the help of Davis County officials, started a committee in December of 1914, to study how to get a sugar factory in town. Layton quickly lured a possible factory. The Knight Sugar Company originally wanted to move all the equipment from its operation in Raymond, Alberta, Canada, to Layton. That plant had not received the expected support from farmers there. However, relocating the old equipment proved impractical and in the end Layton received an all-new sugar factory, valued at $455,000 ($11.2 million in 2018 dollar values). The Layton Sugar Plant had three initial controversies. The first was a brief strike by construction workers and the second was a strike by painters at the site. The other conflict was with the Ogden Sugar Plant, which wanted to keep farmers’ crops from Syracuse and West Point. Layton finally secured the sugar beets from those two towns and a beet dump at Syracuse, near 4500 West and 1700 South, was established.

The Layton Sugar Plant was completed by early October of that year. The factory had access to a new spur line of the Oregon Shortline railroad.

The Layton Sugar Plant was shown in this vintage photograph, opened in 1915 and at one time employed up to 500 men.

The sugar beet industry was so brisk in 1918 that a hotel was actually built about 400 feet west of Sugar Street at 465 North to house some sugar factory workers, who didn’t live in the area. It was open until the 1940s. An eventual offshoot of Layton’s sugar beet industry was also that Gentile Street got paved in 1923 – much sooner than other rural roads in Davis County – because farm wagons laden with beets cut deep ruts in

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the road, the main access to Sugar Street and the factory. Although production of sugar beets in World War II reached 80,000 tons, the demand for government housing began to make a dent in the available agricultural land. After the war, housing continued to increase and that, coupled with more farmers taking jobs at Hill Air Force Base and more imported sugar cane, led to the factory’s demise.

The sugar factory closed in 1959 and was demolished in 1972, though the factory’s warehouse remained until 2001, when it was finally leveled. The demolition of the 86-year-old Sugar Street warehouse in August 2001, northeast of the Smith’s Food plant, meant the tallest reminder of a bygone agricultural era vanished from the increasingly urban landscape in west Layton.

James Layton, former mayor of Layton, grew up in west Layton, near the warehouse. “There’s a lot of stories about that place,” he told the Deseret News in 2001, referring to tales like children being sewn inside 100-pound sacks and left for several hours as pranks.

The former mayor said he felt little sadness with the demise of the warehouse because the old sugar factory, located in the same area but demolished in 1972, was much more significant. An industrial park is now located on the former sugar factory/warehouse property.

Another important part of Sugar Street’s sugary history is with Smith’s Food and Drug, which constructed its regional offices, plus dough/dairy plants and a distribution warehouse on Sugar Street, opened in 1985. The plants still produce ice cream and various sweet pastries, to continue a sweet legacy on Sugar Street.

Smith’s Foods also built taller warehouses, which eclipsed the Sugar Factory warehouse being the tallest building in town at the time.

And, so the “sweet” legacy of the road continues. Also, because of all the regular semi truck traffic to the Smith’s Food Plant, Sugar Street is still frequented by heavy truck traffic at all hours of the day, like it was during the Sugar Factory’s heyday.

OTHER SOURCES: Davis County Clipper Archives and the Ogden Standard-Examiner Archives.
County files suit against ‘big pharma’

by Becky Ginos

FARMINGTON—Opioids are destroying lives across the country and Davis County is not immune. It’s become so serious that the county announced Tuesday at commission meeting it had filed a lawsuit against some of the nation’s leading pharmaceutical companies.

The suit claims the companies have been negligent in the distribution of prescription opioid painkillers and the “resulting surge in overdose and fatality rates that continue to ravage local communities.”

“Opioids are a damaging, serious issue in Davis County,” said Davis County Attorney Troy Rawlings. “It’s impacted families, businesses and homes. It’s a big issue here.”

Rawlings explained the county wanted to file its own suit rather than join in the other suits being filed throughout the state and country.

“We want the case to be heard here,” he said. “We want a Davis County jury to hear and assess our stories and render a verdict.”

The county has been meeting with law firms for the past several months to determine the best fit for the litigation. They selected Durham Jones & Pinegar P.C. and Phipps Deacon Purnell PLLC., two firms experienced in mass tort actions and successfully litigating complex consumer protection.

“We were super impressed with these firms, they are clearly competent and demonstrated a genuine commitment to Davis County,” said Chief Deputy County Attorney Neal Geddes. “They shared the same vision we did to keep the case local and share our story.”

The commission unanimously approved the agreement with the two law firms and the suit was filed immediately in 2nd Judicial District Court. The complaint seeks relief including statutory and actual damages for costs incurred as a result of the opioid crisis. Those damages include increased costs of county-funded opioid treatment and prevention programs, emergency and first responder services and law enforcement, according to material provided.

“There’s a reason we didn’t jump on the bandwagon,” said Commissioner Bret Millburn. “We’ve done our homework and take this very seriously. No words can describe the insidiousness and egregiousness of this issue. There’s not a citizen that has not been impacted by opioids. The real tragedy is it just doesn’t stop. We’ll be dealing with this for years to come.”

“The tentacles of opioids go deep,” said Commission Chair Randy Elliott. “It changes lives and people’s demeanor. I had a sister who got addicted to opioids. It was hard to see the sister I loved change so much. I’m proud of Davis County. We’re going to take you guys (pharma) on. You’re going to pay for your lies.”

“Big pharma better watch out—here we come,” said Rawlings. “We’re ready, we’re serious. We plan on winning and holding them accountable.”

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Thursday, 6 p.m. (6th Grade)
Thursday, 7 p.m. (7th Grade)

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Ages: K – 9th Grade

 Begins: October
Location: Layton High

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Opioid abuse an epidemic in Utah

by Becky GINOS
Layton Today

LAYTON— Americans are slowly self-medicating themselves to death. In 2016, 66,000 died from a drug overdose— that’s 115 people per day.

These grim statistics are only getting worse which is why one man has made it his mission to stop the opioid epidemic through education and community outreach. Recently, Dale Covington, a motivational speaker who is a recovering drug addict himself, hosted a presentation at the Ed Kenley Amphitheater in Layton featuring state and local leaders and experts in the field who talked about the opioid crisis that is infiltrating the state.

“When it doesn’t matter if there are 1,500 or 15 people here,” said Utah Attorney General Sean Reyes. “Every single life is critical. We must eliminate the stigma and shame from this discussion. We need to come together on this issue and treat addiction and mental illness like the medical issues that they are.”

Reyes said if someone has cancer everyone rushes in to service. “But addictions come with judgment like they probably caused it themselves,” he said.

“Many of you have to battle addiction every day,” said Reyes. “You’re heroes to me. You represent the work of dedicated professionals. Let’s take that pain and have a ‘call to arms to lift others out.’”

The purpose of the event was to unify the community in the fight to bring light “to a dark and secret subject that is destroying our families and lives,” material provided said.

Reyes shared the story of “Hacksaw Ridge” where one man kept going back to the battle to save other men. “I hope you can see yourselves as that angel of Hacksaw Ridge because you’re saving people,” he said. “It doesn’t matter if you save 75, 70 or just one. Those of you who are heroic in this battle and in a good spot now can stay with others. If you save one, have the heart to go back and save another.”

“It takes all of us,” he said. “It’s not a Republican or Democrat thing. It’s all Utahns, brothers and sisters walking around saving each other.”

“As a society we need to understand and realize there is a drug epidemic out there.”

— Bob Stevenson

Reyes went on the say that Utah has maintained the seventh highest drug overdose rate in the U.S. We’re losing people in droves quietly.

More than 80 percent of heroin users started with prescription opioids. “What’s fueling it?” said Besser. “Utah has a voracious appetite for prescription pills. No one would buy drugs that come in a baggie— those are naughty— don’t hang your dirty laundry out there. But drugs in a bottle with a doctor’s label seem to be fair game.”

Besser talked about being caught up in addiction, he said. “It knows no economic or socio boundaries. I see soccer moms, clergy and police officers. Utah has the most populous herion users started with prescription opioids. “What’s fueling it?” said Besser. “Utah has a voracious appetite for prescription pills. No one would buy drugs that come in a baggie— those are naughty— don’t hang your dirty laundry out there. But drugs in a bottle with a doctor’s label seem to be fair game.”

Besser went on to say that Utah attorney general Sean Reyes was one of several speakers at an opioid prevention presentation held recently in Layton.

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Besser said there has been a proliferation of synthetic drugs like Fentanyl also. “Overdose is the leading cause of death in people under 50.”

People ask what the worst enemy I’m dealing with is right now, he said. “It’s shame. Individuals are quietly dying in their homes, at their desk at work, in a park because they didn’t dare ask for help,” said Besser. “My number one goal is getting them whole again. We have to have a paradigm shift away from the stigma. Nobody wants to talk about it because there is a price to pay. We need to change the culture and the way we think about addiction. Let’s get help to our friends and neighbors.”

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In a recent week this summer, the Layton City Fire Department responded to seven field fires. Layton Fire does a great job of swiftly responding to and putting out the fires, but considering what happened last year in South Weber and Uintah, weather and wind can rapidly spread fire into neighborhoods.

During incidents like these, every second counts. Information from the Fire Department on whether to stay or evacuate could save the lives of you, your family, and your pets.

One way you can prepare in advance is to sign up for Layton City’s Emergency Notification System – and since many homes only have cell phones, this is a crucial step for each household to take.

This system can rapidly notify Layton City residents of emergencies occurring within their neighborhood or the city as a whole. It provides fast notifications via cell and landline phones, text, and email and is capable of sending hundreds of messages a minute. The City’s Emergency Notification System is known as Rave Alert, and works in conjunction with the city’s Smart911 program. Rave Alert sends outgoing alerts, while Smart911 allows you to share critical information with dispatchers and responders when you call 911. Both are free services to the public.

When you register for Rave Alert, you can choose what types of notifications you’d like to receive, and how you’d like to receive them. Some alerts, like dangerous weather and emergency notifications, are sent to everyone in the city when the likelihood of injury or significant property damage is high. Other types of alerts, like lost children, significant road closures, fire restrictions or lengthy water outages are typically sent to the neighborhoods affected. Your information stays private and is only used for emergency notification. Both Rave Alert and Smart911 share the same sign-up portal, and you can choose to sign up for either service or both.

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If you have any questions or need any assistance in signing up for Rave Alert, please email: emergency_notification@laytoncity.org or call 801-336-3507.
DEAR CITY RESIDENTS,

The Mayor and City Council recently approved an agreement between Layton City and UTOPIA Fiber to complete the construction of its fiber network throughout the city. When completed, every residence and business in Layton will have the option to connect to the fastest internet service in the United States.

UTOPIA Fiber is different from other internet companies. It is not a private entity. It is an intergovernmental entity, owned and controlled by Layton City and the ten other member cities it serves. UTOPIA was formed in 2004 for the specific purpose of bringing a state-of-the-art fiber optic telecommunications network to its member communities for the benefit of residents and businesses.

Nine years ago, UTOPIA Fiber started building its fiber network in Layton. Currently, approximately 40 percent of the geographic area of the city has access to UTOPIA’s fiber service, and construction continues at a steady pace. Despite the progress made, we have continued to hear from many residents who ask, “Why can’t we get it sooner?” In response to these concerns, and strong market demand, this agreement with UTOPIA Fiber was entered into. Under the agreement, UTOPIA Fiber will become available in new areas of the city on a monthly basis, with all areas of the city having access within 24 months.

Importantly, UTOPIA Fiber is an open access network. In simple terms, that means the network is not proprietary (private) and is available to be used by any qualified private service provider. While UTOPIA Fiber builds and owns the infrastructure, you as a resident or business owner get to choose the private Internet Service Provider (ISP) who will provide your specific bundle of services. If you choose to subscribe to the fiber network and are unhappy with the service provided by your ISP, you can easily switch to another without losing access to all the benefits of the fiber network. Having competition among the service providers helps keep costs down and promotes good customer service. Currently, there are 10 residential and 32 business service providers utilizing the network.

As the elected leaders of Layton City, we believe that access to high-speed, high capacity internet service is no longer a luxury and is an essential utility. It is a key to maintaining our quality of life and enhancing opportunities for job growth and economic prosperity. Importantly, connection to the UTOPIA Fiber network is voluntary, and there are no mandatory fees or assessments. Though the fiber infrastructure will be brought to the front of every residence and business within the city, the choice to subscribe to services over that infrastructure is at the discretion of the homeowner or business owner.

We are excited that all Layton City residences and businesses will shortly have access to the fastest and most competitive, open-access network in the United States. We invite you to support this amazing, city-owned and fiber optic infrastructure as it becomes available in your neighborhood. We are confident it will be an integral part of our efforts to enhance the quality of life and increase the economic opportunity and prosperity of the residents and businesses of Layton City.

SINCERELY

Mayor Robert Stevenson
Council Member Joyce Brown
Council Member Scott Freitag
Council Member Tom Day
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Service Availability
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- Summer 2019
- Fall 2019
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With fireworks season over, what are the standard “quiet hours” in Layton City, when residents need to refrain from noisy activities/behavior? The quiet hours are between 10:30 p.m. to 7 a.m., according to Layton City ordinances.

What activities are unlawful during the quiet hours? According to Layton City’s ordinance, it is unlawful for any person to disturb the peace and the good order of the city, or any lawful assembly by clamor or noise during that 8.5-hour span. This would include any loud machinery (lawn mower, trimmer, edger, etc.). It is also unlawful for any person to use or operate, or permit the use or operation of any radio receiver, disc player, television, musical instrument, or other machine, instrument, or device for the production or reproduction of sound in a way that is plainly audible at the immediate property boundary or the exterior wall or structure which constitutes the boundary of a premises.

How does a person know if they are being too loud? If someone is playing loud music, they can walk outside, to the edge of their property, or space and listen to see if the sound is going beyond their borders. “Quiet hours” are primarily about courtesy, common sense and being aware of how noises a person may produce can affect their neighbors and area.

How should offenses against the quiet hours ordinance be reported? Call the non-emergency line of the Layton Police Department, 801-497-8300.

Carol LaDamus

Each year the Layton City Parks and Recreation Department coordinates with many different groups and individuals who serve as volunteers in a variety of capacities within the Department. From youth coaches, citizen committee members, specialized service projects, special events, and many more; these volunteers are greatly appreciated. Many of the programs that run through the Parks and Recreation Department would not be possible without these individuals who are willing to contribute their time, energy, and special skill-sets. Each November the Parks and Recreation Department gives special recognition to an individual or organization for their outstanding volunteer service. This year, the Layton City Parks and Recreation Department honored long-time department volunteer Carol LaDamus as the 2017 Volunteer of the Year.

Mrs. LaDamus has volunteered with the Parks and Recreation Department for the past 13 years serving as the City’s ‘Soccer Field Coordinator’ and acting as the department liaison to the local recreation and competitive soccer organizations in the area. Mrs. LaDamus serves on the board for both the American Youth Soccer Organization (AYSO) Region 239, and the Utah Youth Soccer Association (UYSA) as the Layton City Field Coordinator. In short that means that all soccer games played on Layton City fields are scheduled by or through Mrs. LaDamus. On average, each season Mrs. LaDamus schedules 350 games for the 80 competitive teams in the local area playing at Ellison Park. In addition to the initial games schedule, Mrs. LaDamus works with teams and coaches throughout the season on over 200 re-scheduled games. Mrs. LaDamus also serves as Training Coordinator for the Strikers Soccer Club, as Assigning Coordinator on the Utah State Referee Committee, and as a UYSA Region 1 Board Member.

In addition to her volunteer services to the Parks and Recreation Department and local soccer community, Mrs. LaDamus maintains a full-time job, a full-time family, and serves in several other volunteer capacities including the Big Brothers Big Sisters program, the Youthlink organization, and the Utah Food Bank. Carol has lived in Layton City for 20 years. She and her husband have seven children and 12 grandchildren. When not busy with work and volunteering, Carol loves spending time with her family and taking canyon rides on her motorcycle. A truly unique individual with a heart of gold and a passion for what she does. Layton City would like to thank Carol for the hard work she has given to the soccer community and the Parks and Recreation Department.

Mrs. LaDamus was also recognized by the Utah Recreation and Parks Association (URPA) for Outstanding Citizen Advocate/Volunteer at the annual URPA Conference in March 2018.
Opinion

Utah women should not accept second-class status

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If two new national surveys are correct, Utahns might consider establishing a statue to Harvey Weinstein. What makes the survey results more interesting is that women are more often willing to accept second-class status.

One survey concluded that Utah is the second worst state for sexism, based partially on answers to statements like, “Women should take care of running their home and leave the running of the country up to men” and “Would you vote for a female for President?”

I have to pinch myself; we do live in the 21st century, don’t we? Those Utahns who said that women should bake muffins and change diapers while testosterone-addled males make the decisions belong in the same generation of humans who discovered fire and chased away giant lizards. As for the women not having the moxie for heading the government, I agree with a bumper sticker that read, “Please, give us any responsible adult in 2020.”

Then there’s the recent income survey which found that Utah women ranked last among the 50 states in earnings compared to men. I can understand why so many Utah women earn less than their husbands or partners. During their 20s and early 30s, many women leave the workplace to raise children — and when they return, they lack seniority. But that doesn’t account for the most alarming finding: Utah is one of the few states in the nation where the median wage for women actually declined in the last three years.

Blame much of this on a patriarchal society. Point to lower-paying careers attracting more women than men.

However, that doesn’t explain wages that actually decreased!

But here is the rub…When it came to answering questions about the role of women in society, Utah men were slightly more progressive in their views than the women. In other words, too many women are anxious to pass the baton to the men without even trying to run around the track.

So we have Utah ranked last when it comes to a gap in educational attainment. And last among the states in the female share of science and technology jobs. And fourth-worst for the share of women holding executive positions. And the bottom 10 for voter registration and participation.

In the Sandra Dallas novel, “Tallgrass,” the author wrote of a Colorado girl whose math teacher “wouldn’t call on me because he said it was a waste of time to teach math to girls.” Sure, that was fictional but that philosophy still permeates much of Utah culture, too often because women embrace it themselves.

I’m reminded of a friend’s college-educated daughter who was offered an entry-level professional job paying $72,000. She turned it down since she said she didn’t want to travel outside of Utah and she didn’t really expect to be working long anyway since she had a boyfriend. And I recall a co-worker whose daughter received an all-expense-paid scholarship, but confided, “She’ll only go to school for one year, then her missionary will return. I mean, she doesn’t really want to work.”

I have no trouble with her daughter’s decision. But if that’s the case, she should have let the scholarship go to another worthy applicant who wanted to put it to use.

There’s nothing wrong with a woman examining her options and deciding that she wants to be a homemaker. But there is something peculiar about those women shrugging at their female classmates who believe they can and should compete in the economic marketplace.

And never again do I want to hear a survey exclaiming, “Hey, Utah, you weren’t the worse. Arkansas is worse than you — and you almost beat out Alabama.”

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There was a time, before we got all jaded and grumpy, that our main purpose was to have fun. As kids, we jumped out of bed every morning, eager to find the best ways to a) get candy, b) meet friends, c) watch cartoons and d) avoid chores at all costs.

We had it all figured out. Why did grown-ups make everything so difficult? Politics, manipulation and sociopathic behaviors were things we didn’t understand. (I still don’t understand.)

After life punches us in the face for several decades, we get out of bed a little slower and rarely find time for cartoons or candy. Friends become precious. Chores increase exponentially.

But maybe those 10-year-old versions of ourselves were right all along. Maybe we need to remember some basic rules about life that were totally obvious to us before we finished elementary school.

These things are truths at any age.

• Going to the bank is boring — unless there are those chain-attached pens you can play with
• If you’re good at the store, you might get a Butterfinger
• Going to the zoo sounds like a good idea, but it’s actually exhausting
• Visiting grandma gets you spoiled
• Sometimes you need to stay in bed all day reading a good book
• Making friends is easy
• Going to bed early is a punishment
• It’s OK to cry when your feelings are hurt
• Saturday morning cartoons are awesome
• Spending an afternoon in the park is the best use of your time
• A $20 bill makes you rich
• When your friend is mean, it’s OK to tell them that wasn’t nice
• It’s fun to be excited for birthdays and Christmas
• Eating cold cereal for dinner is the best
• Throwing a water balloon at your sister is thrilling
• You never have to watch your carbs
• Shoes aren’t always necessary
• Cloud watching is not a waste of time

So how did we go from being fun-loving kidlets to cranky adults? When did we decide it was better to be busy than to have fun?

As with most terrible things, I blame the teenage years. Being 13 years old can be devastating. If you watch the movie Eighth Grade, be prepared for some serious junior high PTSD as a beautiful young girl destroys her own self-esteem with anxiety, junior high romance and pool parties. Seriously triggering.

Once we drag ourselves out of the primordial swamp of high school, we’ve become a little less trusting and optimistic. Then we double-down on our cynicism as we enter the workforce.

When you were in elementary school, dreaming about the time you’d be a grown up with your own car and the ability to eat ice cream after midnight, you never considered the possibility that working sucks. Sure, we saw our parents come home from work, down a bottle of gin and collapse on the couch like a bag of old pudding, but that was because they’d had SO MUCH FUN at work!

Something needs to change.

If you find yourself scowling at happiness, it’s time to check back with your inner fourth-grader and do something fun. Skip work and go hiking. Have an ice-cream sundae, without promising to jog later (because 10-year-olds don’t jog). Start a conversation with a stranger. Spend $20 on something entirely useless. Have Lucky Charms for dinner.

We need to remember, it’s fun to a) get candy, b) meet friends, c) watch cartoons and d) avoid chores at all costs. Life’s too short to grow old.

Cyclops

By Ryan Gray

Experienced journalist, businessman living in Davis County

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Housing crisis hitting low-income families the hardest

(This is the second of a two-part series on Utah’s housing crisis)

by Lana Medina
Layton Today

Housing costs are rising throughout Davis County, and both renters and buyers are struggling to manage. But it’s low-income families that are getting hit the worst.

In a recent study by the University of Utah Gardner Institute, Utah’s housing unaffordability crisis was found to be reaching alarming levels as a rising population comes up against a shortage of new apartments and homes for sale. While high income and middle class families are paying more for housing, low-income families are turning to subsidized programs, only to find a years-long waiting list.

In Layton, the city is reevaluating traditional housing layout and development to maximize the land available and put in place more affordable housing to match the need.

Tim Watkins, Layton city planner, says they’re looking more toward mixed use housing, where apartments would be attached to small businesses and/or restaurants. One of the areas up for consideration is by the Layton Hills Mall.

“Traditionally it’s just been a retail area and hospitality, but there’s potential... as retail is refinancing itself in the brick and mortar versus online, there’s increasing opportunity to introduce housing,” Watkins explained.

By 2050 alone, Layton is expected to add an additional 30,000 residents. The city is focusing their efforts on Layton Forward, where city leaders are developing a plan of action for several parts of the city to increase housing and improve the layout of the city to support the population increase.

Watkins also said the city is coordinating with UTA to increase public transportation, and some of the housing plans would be in relation to that increase.

City leaders are also considering developing more neighborhoods with townhomes or other types of housing that make use of less land space.

“The idea generally is that there could be a flexibility in lot size if there’s a neighborhood park created in the open space,” Watkins explained.

Layton City is not the only public agency searching for solutions to the housing crisis. The state legislature developed a housing commission to discuss permanent solutions to low income housing problems and the rising housing shortage.

Jonathan Hardy, division director for housing and community development for the state of Utah, says the problem is vast.

One of the solutions on the table is transit-oriented development.

“If we can produce more housing within half a mile of a transit stop, we can reduce affordability,” Hardy explained. “Some households might not have to have a second vehicle. They might pay more in housing if they don’t have to pay as much for transportation.”

In Layton, there’s a public open house planned in September to discuss a draft plan and receive input from the community. For more information about location and dates, visit LaytonForward.org.

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Airport expansion is big news for Layton

by Lana Medina
Layton Today

Just two years from now, Utahns will see a brand new Salt Lake International Airport opening, and for the city of Layton, this means big news. A construction project that has been decades in the making is underway at the airport, as crews are working to build a new parking garage, central terminal and a new north and south concourse.

“One of the biggest milestones was in May,” said Nancy Volmer, Airport Public Relations Director. “That’s when one of the final steel beams went up.”

Why build a new airport?
When the Salt Lake International Airport was first built in the 1960s, it was designed for 10 million passengers per year. But now, nearly 60 years later, the airport serves more than 24 million passengers annually, and that number is only increasing. Volmer says with the current design, only one plane can take off at a time, and the airport wasn’t built for a hub operation.

What does this mean for Layton?
“We are looking long term at a growing economic base in our community, so certainly our proximity to the airport will help us in our long range planning goal,” explained Tim Watkins, Layton City Planner.

New businesses are starting to look outside of downtown Salt Lake City and Salt Lake County, and turning their eyes toward Davis County, and a close proximity to a brand new airport could be a factor in those new employment opportunities. Watkins said many residents commute on average 47 minutes to work each day, and shortening that commute is a key factor.

“As land in Salt Lake City becomes increasingly scarce and property growth increases in Davis County, the demand for employment locations in Davis County will grow,” Watkins said. “Certainly having a convenient proximity to the airport is an advantage that we would have in attracting businesses and employers to our city in the future.”

Who is paying for the new airport?
For the $3.6 billion dollar reconstruction project, the airport is relying on several major areas of funding:
- 23% - 2017 Revenue Bonds issued by the Airport
- 11.5% - Passenger Facility Charges
- 4.5% - Federal Grants
- 4.9% - Rental Car Facility Charges
- 14.8% - Airport Savings
- 41.3% - Future Bonds to pay for the remaining cost

Future Changes:
- One of the biggest changes that will push the Salt Lake International Airport into the spotlight is security. The new airport will have state of the art equipment for security screening to help cut down on wait times and limit the hassle as passengers try to make their flights.
- The entire design of the airport is focused on making it easier for passengers, Volmer explained. “You can check your bag, print your boarding pass, go through security, and you won’t have to go up and down levels. It (will be) convenient for passengers,” Volmer said.

Some other major improvements include:
- A larger parking garage - able to fit up to 3,600 vehicles, with separate areas for drop off and pick up.
- Separate arrival and departure levels
- On site car rental pick-up and drop-off counters
- -Tech friendly with more locations to plug-in electronics
- More shopping and dining

What is Phase 2?
Phase 1 is expected to be completed by Fall 2020, and then construction will begin on Phase 2.

For more information about the Airport project, visit https://www.slcairport.com/thenewslc/

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Davis County Retired & Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) engages the 55+ crowd in meaningful volunteer activities.
McCabe peddles to victory in Layton TOU stage

by Tom HARALDSEN
LAYTON TODAY

LAYTON—They came out in great numbers to watch Stage 3 of this year’s Larry H. Miller Tour of Utah cycling race on Aug. 9. From the starting point at the Fielding Garr Ranch on Antelope Island to the five-circuit finish in Layton Commons Park, the riders and thousands of fans gathered for a hugely successful and entertaining event. In between start and finish, the race circled through several Davis County communities and across a portion of Hill Air Force Base.

American Travis McCabe of UnitedHealthcare Pro Cycling Team turned on the afterburners in a thrilling bunch sprint on Thursday to win Stage 3. McCabe scored his second victory in three days, having won Tuesday’s Stage 1 race in Cedar City, and his fourth career stage win in Utah, with a time of 4 hours, and four minutes. Jasper Philipsen (BEL) of Hagens Berman Axeon finished a close second. Colombian Edward Avila of Jelly Belly presented by Maxxis claimed his second third-place finish this week.

“It’s pretty awesome. It’s just a roar, you can’t hear the announcers,” McCabe said about the huge crowds at the finish line in Layton City, a second-time host venue. “It’s pretty chaotic in the end and you’re in the zone and focused on the moment that is happening. But you’re also trying to think where you’re going to start the sprint, which direction the wind is coming and then when you’re doing all that, you’re trying to talk to your teammates throughout too. You have that long stretch where you can’t hear anything. It’s pretty phenomenal. It’s fun.”

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through Farmington, looped around Bountiful, then headed back to Hill AFB enroute to the finish line in Layton Commons Park.
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Laura Belnap
Laura Belnap taught school for 14 years in Utah. She currently serves on the Utah State School Board for District 5 and previously on The Utah State Board of Regents and Utah State Charter School Board.
She received her Master's of Administration from Western Governors University and her Bachelor's in Education from Utah State University. Her awards include the Huntsman award for Innovation in Education, Utah Champions of School Choice Award and Innovation in Education Award.
Laura has pioneered online education since 2002, where she currently works as the director of Utah Online Schools which serves more than 3,000 students. Of all her accomplishments, Laura is most proud of marrying her high school sweetheart and raising six children and nine grandchildren.
Call Laura @801-699-7588

Patrick Riley
A lifelong resident of Davis County and a product of Utah schools, I am committed to providing a safe, nurturing environment where all students can learn the skills necessary to become productive members of society and appreciate cultural richness. I was an English teacher and yearbook advisor in Davis School District for 33 years, and currently work with the Utah Education Association on behalf of Utah students and teachers. Utah’s educational system has been undergoing tremendous change and will face more as technology continues to improve, allowing for true personalization, using both traditional methods and online options to demonstrate mastery of concepts and skills. The State Board needs leaders who have a vision toward this future and who understand the value of our education system.

Davis County Clerk /Auditor
No response was sent to Layton Today by this candidate:
Curtis Koch • Republican (unopposed)

Davis County Commission – Seat A
Tamara Long
Independent American
Mayor Tamara Long 2014-2018
- Central Weber Sewer Improvement District
- Wasatch Integrated Waste Management Administrative Control
- WRRC committee, UDOT and UTA
- Mosquito Abatement District Davis
- Commercial and Economic Development Liaison
- Davis County Council of Government member
- RAB Committee
- Sketch Plan Committee
- Employee Policy and Review

I don’t go along to get along, I’m a strong supporter of HAFB, while I was Mayor I supported the Protective Easements for the base. I’m against the Inland Port Authority (IPA), State Code 11-58-203(d). IPA states “improve air quality.” How? Where? Road damage caused from semis – who is paying for that? Why does gas tax go up, but not diesel? Is the property tax exemption in Constitutional Amendment B created mainly for IPA?

Bob Stevenson
Republican
Davis County, along with all of the Wasatch Front, is entering a period of tremendous growth and development. We will continue to face issues that come along with this growth. Family sustaining jobs, affordable housing, clean air, transportation, connectivity, homeless and development are but a few of what we will need to prepare for.

My experience as Mayor of Layton along with my business background will give me the experience needed to lead in the position of Davis County Commission. I would appreciate your support in allowing me to represent you in the county commission.

Davis County Attorney
No response was sent to Layton Today by this candidate:
Troy Rawlings • Republican (unopposed)

Davis County Commission – Seat B
Lorene Kamalu
Republican (unopposed)
Lorene Miner Kamalu won the primary election and does not have an opponent for County Commissioner, Seat B in the general election. Voters will see her name as the only candidate on the ballot for that position, and she is grateful for your trust, vote, and support.
Commissioner-Elect Kamalu is talking with as many Davis County citizens, city leaders, county staff, and business owners as possible to listen and to learn. She believes strongly in citizen involvement, that many important concerns and valuable ideas come from the people. Please reach out any time: kamaluforcommissioner@gmail.com; 801-447-9464; and LoreneKamalu.com.
Lorene holds a master of public administration degree and a B.S. in business, human resources. She is an entrepreneur and a former city planning commissioner.

Kelly Sparks
Republican (unopposed)
Kelly Sparks, life-long resident of Davis County, is married with five children and five grandchildren. His campaign for sheriff focused on integrity, accountability, public trust and building safe communities.
Professional experience includes 23 years as a Davis County Deputy Sheriff/Paramedic, including four years as Chief Deputy, two years Director of the Weber State University Police Academy, and 10 years Deputy Director of Utah Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) – upholding the public trust by overseeing investigations of officer misconduct and overseeing basic training of all peace officers in Utah.
He holds an associate degree in mobile emergency care and rescue (paramedic), bachelor’s in sociology and a master’s in criminal justice – Weber State University.
He is also a graduate of the FBI National Academy – Quantico, Virginia.

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Scores & Schedules
for local teams

SEPTEMBER 2018

The LAYTON high LANCERS football team is off to a 1-1 start through games of Aug. 24 as they prepared to take on Davis on Friday in a Region 1 battle.

Like last year, and every year before, the seasons began on Friday night. The Layton High Lancers began their season on Aug. 17 at Box Elder, who took the 28–14 victory.

Despite taking the loss, Layton was able to bookend the bout with the first and last scores of the game. They opened the scoring with a touchdown pass from Landan Brandt to Jonathan Hunt and closed out the game with a touchdown run by senior Tanner Clem. In the next game, on Aug. 24, the Lancers began their home season against the Brighton High Bengals. The Lancers were able to claim their first victory of the season over their southern counterparts with a score of 31–17. The team's 1–1 record, before their Aug. 31 battle with Davis, left them in a four-way tie for second place in the 6A Region 1 standings.

Tied with the Lancers are their city rivals, the Northridge Knights who are led by coach Braden Mitchell. Unlike their rivals, the Knights were afforded the opportunity to open the season at home.

Unfortunately for Mitchell's squad, the Knights were routed 34–7 by Viewmont. The Knights were reeling in the match offensively, turning the ball over seven times by the time the game had ended.

Mitchell said, “This season's going how we thought. I thought week one we could’ve played better but we were right in it until the end. Then we went to work on ourselves.”

In the second week, Northridge seized their first win of the young season. The Knights went head-to-head against the Farmington Phoenix, who were playing in their first-ever home game. The Knights were unfazed by the historical precedent, getting the 36–0

Layton, Northridge girls’ soccer teams start fresh in 2018

by Harrison EPSTEIN
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New year, new world for the Layton Lancers and the Northridge Knights. With a pair of head-to-head games circled on the schedule ahead, the two teams have followed different paths in the 2018 fall season’s first third.

With six games played, the Lancers are second among Region 1 teams with a 5–1 overall record. The Knights, having played six matches as of Aug. 27, are fifth in the conference, sporting a 2–4 overall record. The Knights, having played six matches as of Aug. 27, are fifth in the conference, sporting a 2–4 overall record. Layton’s first game of the season was against Bountiful, who they defeated with a 3–0 shutout. Atley Thompson, who scored one goal in the win, is currently tied with Brynlee Roberts for the team lead with four goals.

This puts Thompson well on pace to achieve one of her goals, breaking her season scoring mark which was five. Her team goal is a state championship for the Lancers.

In the Lancers’ most recent game against Herriman, the team won 3–0, their second shutout win so far in the young season. Northridge opened the season on the losing end, falling 1–0 to Viewmont before claiming their first win in the next game against Morgan. In their most recent game, on Aug. 23, the Knights fell in overtime 2–1 to Weber.

Ella McQueen scored the lone goal for Northridge in the match. With the only hiccup of the season in the third game against Viewmont on Aug. 17, the Lancers have been rolling. They claimed their first four wins scoring 14 goals while only allowing three. Although, seven of the goals came in the team’s home trouncing of Wasatch.

On Aug. 21, the Lancers faced Davis on the
Knights and Lancers serve new volleyball season

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A new year means new opportunity and new hope. No two teams follow the same path, and that remains true with Northridge and Layton High Schools’ volleyball season.

As of Aug. 27, the Knights have yet to have the court in an official match. Meanwhile, the Lancers have six games under their belts and a 3–3 record on the season. The entirety of the season hosting UW-La Crosse on Saturday, Sept. 1 at Carlson Stadium. The Eagles, who were 5–2 in the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC) and 8–2 overall last season, have been picked to finish fourth in the WIAC preseason poll released August 13. Luther's complete schedule can be found at https://www.luther.edu/sports/men/football/
The sports information department will once again be providing live streaming (free of charge) of all home games throughout the 2018 season. The complete video streaming schedule can be found on the Luther athletics web site at http://portal.streamhinet.com/luther/.

Football fans can also stay connected with results of every game by joining the Norse Sports Twitter account at twitter.com/boone
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A shutout road win for their first win of the season.

Mitchell said, “We kind of expected going into the year that the defense would be solid.”

To start their season, it’s been junior Colby Browning under center at Northridge. Mitchell considers Browning a good leader, saying his experience as a quarterback and the basketball team’s point guard makes him a quality starter. The Knights will play their first region game on Aug. 31 against Syracuse. Both Layton and Northridge are looking for success this season, but in different ways. The Knights are striving to improve on last season’s 6–4 record, the first season with Mitchell at the helm.

The Lancers on the other hand, have already improved on last season’s 0–10 record with the Brighton beatdown in the books. Over the month of September, the Lancers and Knights will each play in four games.

The first three games of the month for the Lancers will be at Fremont, against Syracuse at home and a road matchup with Clearfield. The three-game slate for the Knights kicks off with a road game against Weber before a home game against Clearfield and a road matchup against Fremont.

The two teams will finish the month on Sept. 28 when they go head-to-head. The rivalry game will kick off at 7 p.m. with home field advantage going to the Lancers.

Syracuse had to become a road game at the last minute because of field conditions. In the end, it was a disappointing day for the Knights, leaving Syracuse with a 3–0 loss in the rear view.

This was the second straight 3–0 loss for the Northridge girls. With the academic year picking up pace, neither team will get much rest on their schedules either. Northridge has eight games over September while Layton will play in seven games. The two will face off for the first time in the 2018 season on Sept. 6 at Layton.

Syracuse.

Northridge graduate playing for Luther College

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Porn addiction: An assault of the mind and body

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Let's call pornography what it is – a form of sexual assault. Like any addiction, porn can lead to physical and mental problems, can destroy relationships, and can financially impact the addict as well as their families for years to come. There are no "single" victims of a porn addiction – those who love or even associate with the addict are victimized as well.

There's no shortage of those who've been affected by this societal cancer, even here in Zion. The addicts and their victims are more than willing to share their stories, but only once they begin to see the tide turned toward recovery. In each instance, the names of two families I spoke with have been changed to protect their identities.

For one young woman, Sheryl, now in her mid-30s, she discovered her husband's addiction when "our patterns of romance changed," she said. "When we got married, he was so tender and gentle and thoughtful as a partner. But I could see that his level of aggressiveness changed. He even told me, 'What used to be satisfying no longer is to me.'"

The husband, who we'll call Chad, admitted as much.

"When Sheryl asked me what was going on – why I seemed to be rougher and meaner (in their romancing)," I broke down and told her that I'd been watching porn at a friend's house. I found my gratification in what I was watching people do on screen, and so I brought those thoughts and ideas home. And she wasn't agreeing to do these awful and unnatural things. It was terribly thoughtless and selfish of me. Had she not confronted me, I think the problem would have grown worse."

Chad and Sheryl began getting counseling, and Chad ended his friendship with his "buddy" who had introduced him to illicit videos. They are still in counseling after nearly two years. Like any addiction, Chad knows he'll be fighting it for a lot longer. Both admit that their future as a couple is still up in the air.

So is the marriage of Scott and Catherine (Kate). They found each other more than two decades ago when both of their first marriages crumbled. Highly successful in their professions, and well respected in the community, Scott and Kate seemed to have everything going for them. Until, like Chad, Scott was introduced to pornography by a friend. Then, everything changed.

Kate doesn't discuss specifics of what Chad watched or did, but she does discuss the challenge of being married to "a porn and sex addict."

"I can honestly tell you this is one of the hardest addictions as a spouse to recover from," she said. "When you are an addict with chemical addictions, you are known to be a hero when you admit it and fight it. But as a sex and porn addict it goes a little deeper. This is because of the disturbing way an addict medicates himself. I can tell you that I have suffered with betrayal trauma as a result of the addiction."

She said, "The (D) day, meaning the discovery day, was probably one of the worst days of my life, as with everyone when they find out their spouse has been basically living two lives. I wasn't quite sure what to do next or even how to handle my own life. As a result of a marriage of investment, I decided to try and turn things around and bury myself into education on the effects of the brain of a sex and porn addict. I decided this would be good for my own healing."

"I had no idea this would be like attending a funeral and experience grieving emotions about every week to two weeks. I have felt lost, lonesome, betrayed, angry, hurt, abandoned, lied to, cheated on and the list goes on forever. Just when you think you might have a grip on life and have it all figured out, a new emotion hits you without warning.

Kate began going to her gym daily, trying to blow off some of her anger. She also joined a group therapy with other women experiencing the same trauma. She described feeling like "I have been on the battlefield and am suffering from PTSD." At times when she has wanted to "throw in the towel," she begins journaling her thoughts on paper, getting her emotions out in writing.

In Scott and Kate's case, there is also the challenge of facing family, friends and church members who "you get to face and explain why you want to cry every 30 minutes." Both Scott and Kate have cried endlessly over the situation. Scott avoids using the Internet or even cell phones – much of that ban self-imposed. He has apologized profusely to Kate and other loved ones. Likewise, Kate has had to avoid certain things herself.

"I have to be careful of where I go and what I am around, as it will set off triggers. When that happens it sends me into a spiral of angry emotions. I soon have to remove myself from the area quickly."

As for their future, she said, "I can't say whether or not I will stay in my marriage, but I can say I am giving it my best shot as I know there are too many families being torn apart and I am not a quitter without a fight. I also have to remember that if I had cancer, I am positive my husband would be by my side at all times."
Layton has been doing things differently. Layton’s prospects continue to flourish and the city council has carefully balanced property taxes with sales tax growth. Layton City is the only city in Davis or nearby Weber County to have actually lowered property taxes over the past two years.

“We just think that’s the right thing to do,” said Mayor Stevenson. “We fully understand that because of our attractive retail, lodging and entertainment options that numerous non-residents come to the city to spend their dollars and we believe it’s the prudent thing to do to give our citizens some relief with their property taxes.”

Even with a growing population, Layton is projected to have a population of nearly 80,000 by 2020, and the recent improvements in transportation and reductions in gridlock have helped tremendously. The south interchange, or Layton Parkway, and the rebuilt Layton Hills Mall interchange on I-15 have dramatically increased mobility. Add the thru-turns and the recently-completed Midtown Crossing and Layton’s movement of people and goods and services will enable the city to thrive even more.

Lon Crowell, Layton’s Deputy Director of Community and Economic Development summed it up this way, “Layton’s economic development mission is to attract all levels of jobs in technology, manufacturing, aerospace, and distribution. And we work hard to strengthen relationships with existing businesses and development communities as well. Layton remains constant in its efforts to maximize opportunities such as workforce and entry-level affordable housing, education, technological changes, and evolving retail. It’s all done with an eye to bring prosperity to our city while preserving its values and hopefully accommodating smart growth for the foreseeable future.”

This isn’t “your father’s Oldsmobile anymore” for sure. Layton City is a happening place and it’s only going to get better.