Layton facilities offer wonderful health and wellness options

Residents in and around Layton are now blessed with two great hospitals as well as clinics and medical practitioners to take care of their health and medical needs. The new Intermountain Layton Hospital held a public open house on Sept. 22, and will begin taking patients later this month. Its clinic is already serving patients. Davis Hospital and Medical Center hosted an emergency preparedness and wellness fair that same day, with booths and educational demonstrations for the residents it has served for decades. These two facilities, coupled with the doctors, nurses and health care professionals around the city, make Layton City a Medical Mecca for thousands of residents in Davis County and beyond. 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.
UTOPIA speeds up Layton build out

by Heather STEWART
Layton Today

Layton City and UTOPIA Fiber have entered into an agreement to speed up deployment of fiber Internet infrastructure in the city. Currently, about half of the city has access to UTOPIA's high-speed fiber network. Under the agreement, the entire city will have access to the network by June 2020.

UTOPIA Fiber provides access to fiber Internet infrastructure that is “10 times faster than anyone else,” said Roger Timmerman, executive director of UTOPIA. The network promises residential services up to 10 Gbps and business services up to 100 Gbps. UTOPIA is an open-access network — instead of providing Internet service itself, it makes the system available to nearly a dozen local and regional providers.

UTOPIA has been steadily expanding its network in Layton City, but Alex Jensen, city manager, estimated that full build out would have taken four or five years to complete. The new agreement will enable UTOPIA to deploy to new areas in Layton every month, with all areas having access within 24 months.

Through the agreement, UTOPIA’s financing arm, the Utah Infrastructure Agency (UIA), has taken out a bond to finance the rapid deployment, with Layton City serving as a financial “backstop” to the bond, said Timmerman.

Typically, UTOPIA finances new build outs through revenue received from homes and businesses that have already signed up for UTOPIA access. It’s a slow and steady pace, but Layton City was seeing increasingly strong demand for access to UTOPIA, said Jensen, who also serves as chairman of UIA.

The city has seen a “growing chorus” of people who want access to UTOPIA, said Jensen, adding, “When people know you work for the city, that’s one of the first things they ask you — when will they get UTOPIA.” In general, he said, demand for high-speed and super-speed Internet is growing. “The time has come where this is essential infrastructure,” he said.

“Take rates” — the percentage of homes and businesses that elect to use UTOPIA — are higher than average in Layton, said Timmerman. Take rates are approaching 40 percent in the areas of Layton that already have access to UTOPIA. In order to reach a “break even” point where Layton will have no financial obligation under the bond, the take rate for the new areas will need to be at least 22 percent, said Timmerman. He said UTOPIA projects that the take rate will be closer to 40 percent, similar to the portions of Layton that already have UTOPIA access.

As long as take rates continue at the same pace, “Layton will pay nothing,” said Timmerman. “There is very little risk to the city. We know that demand is there.”

“We do recognize the risk and feel that it is a small risk,” said Jensen. “We’re also very aware of what’s happening in the footprints that already have been built in Layton. All indications are that this is going to be extremely successful.”

The build-out project in Layton won’t come at the expense of other communities, said Timmerman. In fact, he said, Layton’s bond will free up revenue that can be used in other areas. And if the Layton project proves successful, other cities may consider a similar financing model to speed up their own build outs. “This is absolutely a model that could be used for other cities,” said Timmerman.

To view service maps and build-out timelines for Layton, visit UTOPIA.com.

Layton historical tidbits:
First visitors to Layton and more

In the fall of 1825, some trappers with the legendary Jim Bridger, shown at right, visited what was to become Layton City, almost a century later. They may have been the first non-Native Americans to traverse the Layton area.

Bridger and his trappers were chased by a war party of Blackfoot Indians. Four trappers were killed and seven were wounded, while up to 100 Indians may have perished in the battle.


– Not all Indians in the Layton area were violent. In the mid-1850s, some friendly Native Americans still lived in the Kays Creek Hollow area and raised watermelons and other crops.

– Layton City is an outgrowth of Kaysville City. Layton de-annexed from Kaysville to become an unincorporated area, from 1902-1907. Layton incorporated as a town in 1920. However, the town of Kaysville was originally known as Kays Settlement, after its first LDS Bishop, William Kay. When the Kay family moved out of the area, there was a movement to try and rename the community “Freedom.” The Deseret News of Nov. 21, 1892 even referred to the town by its Freedom title.

– Brigham Young disliked the name and suggested Kaysville, which became its permanent moniker. (– From “Utah Place Names,” by John W Van Cott).

– “The members of second ward of Kaysville last Sunday decided to change the name to Layton Ward so as to conform with the precinct and post office and hereafter it will be known by that name.” (– Davis County Clipper, Aug. 31, 1892.)

– There was a surprise party at Henry Thorley’s home and someone drove off the teams and hid the wagons and as a result, one couple had to walk five miles to reach their residence. (Clipper, Sept. 26, 1895.)

– During the height of the national prohibition from alcohol, officers found and destroyed a chain of three stills in the mountains east of Layton. According to the Clipper of April 2, 1926, some 1,500 gallons of mash were found. No water supply was found at the site and it was believed that snow was melted to prepare the mash.
Dressed to Kill

Peri Kinder
Author and public speaker

Every autumn, as I reconstructed our home after three months of child infestation, my daughters settled into their school classes and thoughts turned to Halloween. More specifically, thoughts turned to Halloween costumes. I’d load my girls into the minivan and we’d attack the pattern books at Joann fabric, looking for the perfect costumes. These pattern books weighed approximately 450 lbs. and had to be moved carefully or they would fall off the narrow perch and crush your hip bones.

Costumes ranged from Disney princesses to Death, and each outfit had to last for decades because they were worn all the time and handed down for generations. (For example, one daughter, dressed as Snow White, shredded the hem of her gown under the plastic tires of her Big Wheel. Her dress looked like Snow White had been attacked by a pack of very short raccoons. She still wore it every day.)

After finding the right pattern, we’d roam the aisles, looking for fabric that didn’t cost the equivalent of an actual Disney movie.

During my costume-making tenure, I created all of the Disney princesses, a cheerleader, super girl, a lion, a pumpkin and several witches. (Sidenote: A witch costume in 1990 consisted of a long black dress, a long black cape, long black hair, a black hat and a broomstick. Now a witch costume is a black miniskirt, fishnet stockings and a push-up bra. I have no idea how to fly a broom in that outfit.)

Speaking of slutty clothes, my daughters were often pushing the envelope when it came to modesty. According to my daughter, her belly dancer’s shirt was too long, so (when I wasn’t around) she rolled it up several times to display her 10-year-old abs, and the gypsy Esmeralda’s blouse kept “accidentally” falling off her shoulders.

During another Halloween, a daughter wanted to be Darth Maul. I made her costume, painted her face, but refused to put horns on her head. She grew her own devil horns a few years later.

By Oct. 20, all my intentions to create the perfect Halloween costume for each daughter devolved into madness as I frantically sewed to have everything done for the school’s Halloween parade (which is now the Fall Festival). My Singer sewing machine would be thrumming 24-hours a day as I slowly lost my mind. I’d throw boxes of cold cereal at them at dinnertime while I shrieked, “I’m making these costumes because I love you. Now shut the hell up!”

Once Halloween was over, costumes went into a big box and were worn by my daughters and their friends all year. At any given moment, a girl wearing Beauty’s voluminous yellow ball gown would be chasing Super Girl through the living room, with a toddler-sized Jack-o’-lantern nipping at their heels.

My daughters have carried on the costume tradition. My grandchildren have been garden gnomes, Austin Powers, a unicorn, and even an 18-month-old Betty Boop. It makes my black Halloween heart smile.

Now, my Singer gathers dust and I haven’t looked through pattern books for years, but every October my fingers twitch and I fight the urge to take my girls to browse fabric aisles. I wonder what my husband is doing this weekend. He’d make a beautiful Disney princess.
Karra Porter, an attorney who lives in Layton, received the Lawyer of the Year award from the Utah State Bar during the bar’s summer convention in July. The award recognizes Porter’s decades-long contributions to Utah’s legal community, including her high-profile litigation practice, her extensive pro bono work and her deep involvement in the community.

John Lund, past president of the Utah State Bar, presented Porter with the award, and he noted the “depth to which she’s committed” to her clients and causes. “Karra is yet another member of our bar who sets an example not only as a great lawyer and a great advocate, but as a great member of the community,” he said.

A Kansas native, Porter moved to Utah in 1987 when she began her legal career at Salt Lake-based Christensen & Jensen. She has been with the firm her entire career and served as the firm’s managing attorney for more than two decades. Two years ago, she stepped away from management and is now a senior litigator.

Porter has served as lead counsel in more than 160 appeals. She’s also litigated dozens of trials in federal and state courts. Now, at this stage in her career, Porter said she enjoys the freedom she’s earned to take any case that captures her interest. “It’s a remarkable place to be,” she said.

For example, Porter represented Alex Wubbels, a nurse who was arrested on the job at the University of Utah Hospital for refusing to provide a patient’s blood sample to a police officer without a warrant. The arrest was caught on camera and immediately gained national — and even international — attention. “I’d never been through anything like it before,” Porter said, referring to the viral publicity the case generated. The case also brought Porter unexpected attention, as well. “I was getting a lot of emails from people asking me to help them,” she said. One of those emails was from the family of Rosie Tapia, whose 1995 murder remains unsolved.

Porter’s work with the family of Rosie Tapia led to her co-founding the Utah Cold Case Coalition in 2017. The coalition operates an anonymous tip line, offers rewards for information, and compiles records and information on cold cases. She also spearheaded legislation that created a statewide cold case database.

Porter has lived in Layton for the past 10 years, and she’s grown to love the northern Utah area. “It feels like every town in Davis County is part of one big community,” she said.

Porter is an active part of that community. She opens her home to participants in the Gina Bachauer International Piano Competition and the Bountiful-Davis Arts Council Annual Festival. She is also an organizer of a community garden in Layton. Porter was awarded the Mickey Duncan Award from the Utah Chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union in 2015.
Layton’s American Legion Post turning 99 Oct. 27

The American Legion, Post 87 in Layton, will celebrate its 99th birthday on Oct. 27. The following is an abbreviated version of an article post members wrote for the Layton History Museum, provided to Layton Today by Bill Sanders. You can read the entire story at the museum. Here’s how the post got started.

LAYTON AMERICAN LEGION, POST 87

“For God and Country we associate ourselves together for the following purposes:

• To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America
• To maintain law and order
• To foster and perpetuate one hundred per cent Americanism
• To preserve the memories and incidents associated with the Great War
• To inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and nation
• To combat the autocracy of both the classes and masses
• To make right the master of might
• To promote peace and good will on earth

For the reasons stated in the Constitution of the American Legion, the Layton American Legion Post 87 was organized in the fall of 1919. The preamble quoted above is the basic creed of the national organization that was founded after World War I and became known as the American Legion. For at least 70 years, the American Legion was the strongest and most successful veteran’s organization in the United States.

In the fall of 1919, Edward A. Littlefield, representing the American Legion, Utah Department, visited Layton and stopped at the Ware Brothers’ Auto Garage, the only service station and auto repair shop in town. He was anxious to meet J. Leo Ware, one of the Ware brothers, to talk about organizing an American Legion Post in Layton City. Leo Ware had just returned from the battlefields of France on May 8, 1919. Leo served in the U.S. Army overseas as a “doughboy” in the infantry. After their initial meeting, Mr. Littlefield and Leo seriously discussed the possibility of organizing a local American Legion post. Ten veterans were needed to establish a post, and Leo Ware assured Mr. Littlefield that there were more than the minimum number of veterans living in the area. Leo was certain that all of the Layton ex-servicemen would join the organization.

The Layton American Legion charter is dated Oct. 27, 1919. The charter with the names of the original members as listed above was later framed and for many years it was kept in a cabinet under lock and key in the post headquarters building. The first official meeting of the Layton American Legion, Post 87 was held in the offices of the Utah Power & Light Company. The power company’s offices were located on Main Street just north of Gentile Street next to the Adams & Sons Market.

The name for an American Legion post, by custom, was named after a local serviceman who was killed in World War I. Layton was the surname of two local men – William C. Layton and Hubert H. Layton – who died in the service of their country during the Great War and it is also the name of the city; therefore, the founders of the Post 87 decided on the name “Layton” because it represented both the two fallen soldiers as well as the name of the city. Layton is the name that has been registered on the state and national records of the American Legion, and a permanent charter was issued to Post 87 on Nov. 29, 1921.

THE AMERICAN LEGION HALL in Layton as it looked in the 1940s. Post 87 will celebrate its 99th birthday on October 27. The post was named after two local residents whose last name was Layton, just like the Post’s home city.
Halloween in Layton City today is all about candy, going door-to-door in costume, with occasional “trunk-or-treating” and plenty of scary household or yard decorations. But it wasn’t always so.

Early 20th century Halloween in Layton and most of the nation focused on Halloween parties and pranks instead of candy. The first ever newspaper mention of Layton for a Halloween event was in the Davis County Clipper on Nov. 6, 1903. This report stated:

“The Ladies’ Independent League made their first appearance this season in the form of a Halloween party, at the pleasant home of Mrs. Martha Weaver, Saturday night. Ghosts, witches, spooks, fortune tellers and everything gruesome and hideous requisite to make this party a genuine success, was in evidence.”

Some 11 years later, in 1914, another Layton Halloween party was mentioned in the newspaper. The Nov. 6, 1916 Clipper stated then: “Miss Martha Ellison gave a Halloween party Saturday night, that was attended by upwards of fifty guests, a number of them being from Salt Lake and Ogden. The house was appropriately decorated for the occasion and a regular Halloween menu was served. A cavern was provided where a witch told fortunes.” That same issue of the Clipper also mentioned boys in Layton had staged various Halloween pranks on Oct. 31 that year – letting the air out of automobile tires, taking harnesses apart and scattering things about yards. This “caused a great deal of trouble,” the story stated.

Jumping forward to Halloween of 1935 and several parties were mentioned as held in Layton. The Clipper of Nov. 8, 1935 stated that Miss Cara Flint of Ogden held a Halloween party in Layton at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Flint. There was music and a luncheon.

That same issue of the newspaper reported that Phyllis and Bernice Pettit also hosted a Halloween party in Layton, but this was a slumber party. The upper table was gay with Halloween decorations. Long streams of orange and black reached from the chandelier to each guest’s place. Place cards of black cats indicated where each guest should sit, and the favors were little hats of orange and black.

By 1939, Halloween night in Layton City still represented less about pranks and mischief. “Halloween pranks, vandalism annoy County citizens” was a Nov. 3, 1939 headline in the Davis County Clipper newspaper. Soaping and waxing windows was a common prank, along with the theft of automobile parts and the dumping of sugar beets. In Layton, one porch of a home was badly scorched when youth tossed a signal torch upon it. The homeowner fortunately put out the fire before it set the structure ablaze.

One of the big stores in Layton posted watchmen on the night of Oct. 31 in front of its large windows to prevent vandals from waxing them. However, “Halloweeners” on horseback used lassos to incapacitate the guards while other juveniles waxed the store windows.

In Syracuse, sugar beets in a rail car bound for the Layton processing plant were dumped on the spur line by a group of boys – despite weighing tons. Sheriff’s officers apprehended the juveniles.

In Centerville, some homes were plastered with fruit and vegetables thrown by pranksters. “Halloween is a time for pure fun,” the newspaper reported. “But when citizens everywhere have to be on guard to protect their homes and places of business ... then it is time for parents and all citizens to unite and educate the youth of today upon the rights of everyone and that these costly depredations must stop.”

Davis Arts Council announces new free storytelling program

Davis Arts Council (DAC) is excited to announce a new free program, Active Pages: Explorers in Literature. This year’s story will be “The Legend of Sleepy Hollow.”

Upon arrival, patrons will be assigned a time and groups of 10 will leave every 10-15 minutes. As they begin their journey through the “hollow” of Layton Commons Park, they will stop at each station to hear the story of Ichabod Crane and his ill-fated attempt to win the heart of Katrina Van Tassel, all the while dealing with the ghosts of Sleepy Hollow.

This program is open to kids of all ages, although younger kids may want to come earlier while it is still light outside. Kids 12 and under will leave with a free book provided by Gibbs Smith and Shadow Mountain Publishing.

This program is sponsored by Layton City RAMP. The Legend of Sleepy Hollow Date: Oct. 13, 2018 Time: 6 – 8 p.m. Place: Layton Commons Park http://www.davisarts.org/activepages/
What does the legislature do when it’s not in session?

by Rep. Steve HANDY
R-Layton

Hopefully Utahns appreciate the fact that their legislature is part time because I think that’s a real advantage for taxpayers. Let me explain.

Over my eight years of service I have had occasion to rub shoulders with legislators from other states. Let’s take California for example. Of course, Utah is not California with some 38 million people and boasting the world’s fifth largest economy, but here’s the point: the California Assembly is technically always in session. Members have paid staff and they tend to pass a lot of laws.

I have friends and family who live in California and it drives them crazy--more laws and more regulations. California legislators want to serve their constituents and the natural tendency is to prove you are doing something, which means passing bills and making laws.

Overall, we don’t need more laws and more regulation; if anything, we need less of both. I think that if the Utah Legislature was in session for more than 45 days with an occasional special session that’s what would happen. So for now, a part time legislature works pretty well. The media likes to make a big deal out of the fact that more and more bills are filed but really most of them aren’t new law, but adjustments to existing state code. And by the way, at the end of each legislative session about the same number of bills are passed each year, in the range of 500 or so.

The period from May to November is called The Interim and legislative committees meet once a month to hear reports and sift through audits. It’s a valuable time because we don’t pass laws and only consider bills in a general way for the next legislative session. Things move a lot slower and it’s also a lot more congenial.

As the co-chair of the Interim Public Utilities Energy and Technology Committee, my co-chair, Sen. Dan Hemmert, R-Orem, and I have put before the committee many interesting topics this summer.

For example, we began in May with a deep discussion entitled The Future of Coal in Utah. In June we tackled the subjects of Molten Salt Reactors, Changing Fuel Markets and Energy Infrastructure Development and Intermittent Resources. The focus in July was on Rural Job Creation and a report from the Intermountain Power Agency. August’s agenda included an in-depth study about customer choice when it comes to the sources of electricity. Rocky Mountain Power is working closely with Salt Lake City and Park City to assist them in achieving their goal of greater access to solar and wind-generated electricity over the next several years. It’s exciting stuff!

We didn’t meet in September but October is shaping up to be very productive as well.

So while the legislature isn’t in session year-round, legislators are planning and preparing to serve the state and its various constituencies.

As Utah grows and the complexities of governance increase, no one can be sure that Utah’s legislature will remain part time, but the likelihood is that it will be at least for the next 15 to 20 years. The length of the session could increase but that remains to be determined.

My service will have long concluded when these issues ripen for discussion but at least for now, I’m proud to say that one of the best things Utah has going for it is a part-time legislature. We balance our budget and tuck some funds away for a rainy day, and that’s a good thing.
Volunteer named ‘Hometown Hero’

by Becky GINOS
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LAYTON — For 87-year-old Evelyn Tanner sitting around is not an option. The spry, retired schoolteacher is always up to something. That’s why she was recently named the Layton City Hometown Hero.

“It was a shock to me,” said Tanner. “They came over to the office one day and said they were going to put a sign in my yard. But I told them ‘I won’t ride in the parade.’”

The Layton City Attorney’s Office nominated Tanner for her years of volunteer service assisting victim of crime.

“When I retired I didn’t want to volunteer in the schools because that’s what I’d already been doing,” she said. “But I didn’t want to sit around. I saw a piece in the Ogden paper asking for volunteers in Layton. I went over in October 2008. I had been a secretary before and it was something I liked to do.”

That was 10 years ago and she’s still going strong. “She’s been coming almost every Wednesday since then,” said Layton City Victim Services Program Coordinator Karen Arroyo. “I want to be her when I grow up – she’s awesome. Evelyn sends out 20 to 30 letters to victims letting them know about court hearings and information about their case. Every Tuesday is court so we have to make sure the notifications go out within 48 hours. This would not be possible without her.”

Arroyo said the population they serve is sometimes hard to track. “Many are victims of domestic violence. As a result they leave their home and are moving around a bit. Evelyn made some modifications to our database to help us so we’re not sending letters out to the wrong address, etc. She’s sharp as a tack.”

Tanner has enjoyed the work and the people. “It’s a nice place to be,” she said. “It’s a small office and I’ve gotten quite an education there. I’ve learned more about law than I ever needed to know.”

In addition to time at the Attorney’s Office, Tanner shares her musical talent with a local assisted living center.

“When my husband was ailing he was pretty much helpless,” she said. “He was an old cowboy and I’d play country music for him. After he died, I was at Bowman’s one day and saw Apple Tree Assisted Living so I asked if they’d like me to play there.”

So every third Thursday Tanner is playing a variety of music for the residents. “I play music for holidays and the old standards,” she said. “I see what appeals to them. They like music they can remember it makes them feel good. It makes me feel good too because they come up and thank me. I play better than I ever have now. I’m in my late 80s and suddenly I’m the most popular kid on the block.”

Although she retired from teaching, she still takes the opportunity to share her wisdom with others. “My great-grandson was going into the first grade and he told his mom he wanted to go to summer school,” said Tanner. “So he came out once a week and I worked that little fellow on reading. He was so eager. I worked a lot to get materials for him.”

His sister came along too but because she could already read, Tanner put her on the computer and had her compose stories. “At the end of the summer I felt rewarded,” she said. “I thought, ‘I’ve done some good here.’ It was exhilarating. When you get older you can look at younger kids and have a different experience. I can stand back and have a chance to analyze what is going on. It was a rewarding summer.”

Layton City Attorney Gary Crane said having Tanner in their office has been rewarding for them as well. “We look forward to Wednesdays when Evelyn is here. She just lifts us,” he said. “She’s the most dedicated worker. Wind, hail or snow she’s always there. What she does is very important to victims. The hours she puts in – we don’t know what we’d do without her.”

“It gives me a reason to get up on Wednesdays,” said Tanner. “You need a reason to keep you going or you might as well give up.”
Layton resident named Utah Poet of the Year

Layton resident Geraldine C. Felt has been named the 2018 Utah Poet of the Year by the Utah State Poetry Society. In connection with this honor, she will present a poetry concert on Saturday, Oct. 13 at 2:30 p.m. in the multi-purpose room of the Fairfield Village of Layton, at 1205 N. Fairfield Road in Layton.

Ms. Felt, who will turn 95 in November, moved to Layton with her late husband, Dr. Roger B. Felt, in 1960. They are the parents of eight children. She began writing poetry to help fill an empty space after the death of one of their sons. Her poetry covers a broad range of topics from grief to humor, from biography to beauty. The public is invited to attend her concert.

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Layton girl's tennis heading to State Championships

by Harrison Epstein

Layton Today

With a whirlwind season nearing its conclusion, both of the high schools in Layton City saw themselves near the top of the region standings. Even though Davis High School claimed the top spot, the Layton High School Lancers came in second in the regular season with the Northridge High School Knights in third place.

Northridge came in third, but it was a two-school race for first as the season crept toward the end. Davis finished with 28 points, the Lancers ended with 24 points and Northridge ended the year with 14 points. The rest of the division followed behind the trio.

Layton head coach Robert Spencer said, “It was anybody's to lose down to the last moment.”

Spencer is finishing his 30th season as the boy's coach when their season begins. Layton went 5-1 in the regular season before finishing second in the regional tournament.

The Lancers' varsity success came off of the play of senior co-captains Anna Kemp and Lauren Bitnet, who played the first and second positions in singles matches. As the captains of the team, Kemp and Bitnet had to stay firm and guide their teammates in any situation.

Spencer said, “They provide some good leadership on and off the court.”

With decades of experience under his belt, Spencer knows better than most how important it is for a team to prepare for the departure of their leaders. As his seniors finish their careers, he will look to players like junior Alyssa Peterson and freshman Tess Christopulous to lead Layton into next year and, for Christopulous, the next three years.

With September in the past, both Layton and Northridge are looking to Oct. 5. That's the day that those two, and the rest of the 6A Division girls tennis teams, will descend onto Salt Lake City's Liberty Park for the single elimination state championship. State Championships are the culmination to a season's worth of work, but Spencer makes sure that his team knows that the game's the same.

Spencer said, “It's still good old-fashioned hard work.”

Boys cross country nears the finish line

by Harrison Epstein

Layton Today

Layton City's high school runners are nearing the end of their season.

Aug. 24 was the first of four straight events involving both Layton and Northridge High boys teams. That event was the Royal Run at Roy High, which was solely a three-mile varsity run. At the Royal Run, the Knights boys had the third best team score and the Lancers placed fifth. The two best runs for the boys were both from Northridge, Bridger Altice topped the leaderboard with fellow senior Max Wehrli coming in second place. The best run for the Layton boys came from sophomore Nicholas Murray who finished 19th.

At the Weber State Cross Country Invitational at Ogden's El Monte Golf Course, Northridge came in sixth place and Layton finished tied for 13th place with Weber High School. Wehrli and Altice again led the Knights on the course, with Wehrli beating the field and Altice taking fourth place.

Layton senior Bronson Shaw had the 39th best finish, and sophomore Nicholas Murray was three spots behind him. The next event for both schools was on Sept. 7, when they joined a cavalcade of other Beehive state runners at the Murray Invitational. For this meet, the schools were split in different categories.

Northridge was in the three-mile seeded, finishing as school 11 out of 23. Beyond Altice and Wehrli, who finished in fourth and 12th, the next highest runner from NHS was the 29th place finisher, junior Hyrum Johnson. Layton ended the day as the fourth best team in the three-mile open. Layton's highest ranking pair was also their usual suspects, Shaw and Murray.

Next for both schools was the hometown event, the Davis County Cross Country Invitational. At the Davis Invitational, Northridge finished second and Layton ended up in fifth place.

Girls cross country season coming to a close

by Harrison Epstein

Layton Today

After a rapid-pace season at the beginning of the school year, the Layton City high schools are wrapping up their cross country seasons later this month. The girls teams for the Layton High School Lancers and Northridge High School Knights opened the season on Aug. 24 at the Royal Run, hosted by Roy High School.

Layton had the best team score of all the schools in the three-mile varsity run with Northridge coming in sixth out of seven schools. Two of the girls from Layton finished in the top three and four ended up in the top seven. Senior Sydney Stout and sophomore Emma Thornley landed in second and third, respectively.

The best run from a Northridge girl came from junior Regan Abbott who finished in 18th place.

Next was the El Monte Golf Course in Ogden for the Weber State Cross Country Invitational. It was another strong showing for the Layton girls team, led by Thornley, that finished in second place as a team in the three-mile race by scoring 131 points. Abbott was the highest finishing runner for the Knights girls landing in 44th place.

Next on the docket was the Murray Invitational. For the first time, the Northridge and Layton girl's runners didn't have a chance to face off. The Knights ran in the three-miles seeded and finished 17 out of 19 schools. To keep with tradition, Abbott was the Northridge leader.

Layton was the top finishing team and had three runners in the top five. Thornley and Stout were back on the leaderboard in second and fifth place, respectively, but senior Kate Richardson had the best time among her teammates and all 250 runners.

The Davis County Cross Country Invitational was held on Sept. 12 at the Layton Commons Park. With only seven schools in attendance, the Lancers and Knights sandwiched the standings. Layton took the win and Northridge finished last, just one point behind Syracuse High School.

Richardson's fourth place finish was the best of any LHS runner and NHS's Abbot finished 16th, the highest for her school. State is set for Oct. 17.
Scores of residents came out to learn about fire safety while honoring one of their own at the annual Layton City Fire Department’s open house. The event is named after Layton Firefighter Kendall O. Bryant, who died in the line of duty from smoke inhalation, after being trapped on the upper floor of a home by a flashover, while searching for a reported victim in the house fire on March 31, 2000.

Kendall dedicated much of his time to educating children about fire safety and had a passion for doing so. He is the lone Layton Firefighter to have lost his life in a fire and had worked as an on-call firefighter for Layton City for eight years. Kendall also helped organized the department’s softball team.

After the tragedy, the Layton Fire Department received additional financial support for equipment and training. This support was utilized to purchase new self-contained breathing apparatus with updated safety features and to hire a full-time Battalion Chief to oversee the department’s training programs.

Kendall, age 36 at the time, was survived by his wife and three children.

Oct. 7 through Oct. 13 is National Fire Prevention Week.
A. It is unlawful for any resident to own, keep, harbor, or maintain a dog over the age of four months of age, without registering and obtaining a license for such dogs from the Animal Control Department, or authorized vendor. All dogs brought into the City shall require registering and licensing within 30 days after they enter the City, or within 30 days after having reached the age of four months.

Licensing a dog ensures it is properly vaccinated. Also, if the animal is ever lost, it is critical in finding the owner quickly.

Q. Can I leave my dog in my vehicle while I go into a store?
A. No, this is not wise and is also against Layton City’s code. Temperatures inside a vehicle can soar well above 100 degrees during the warm months of the year – even if a window is cracked open. In winter, a parked vehicle can become very cold. Leaving a pet inside a car during the spring and fall seasons starts a bad habit in motion for summer and winter. Please leave your pet at home. Violators could face charges of animal cruelty.

Q. Can my dog accompany me into a store?
A. Some non-food stores may allow dogs to enter. However, only registered service animals are allowed into a grocery store or restaurant. Note that “emotional support dogs” are NOT legally allowed to enter a grocery store or restaurant.

Q. When is a dog, or other animal considered a “nuisance”?
A. An animal shall be deemed to be a nuisance if the animal: causes damage to the property of anyone other than its owner; causes unreasonable odors; causes unsanitary conditions; barks, whines, howls, or makes other disturbing noises for an extended period of time; chases vehicles; is an animal which has been impounded for being at large on three separate occasions within a 12 month period, or its owner or possessor has been convicted for the dog being at large on three separate occasions within a 12 month period.

Q. If I see a dog or dogs roaming loose, who do I contact?
A. If it is between 7:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. weekdays, contact Davis County Animal Services at 801-444-2200. That’s when animal control officers are on regular duty. If the dog, or dogs, are acting aggressively – or it is outside of the above hours – then call the Layton Police at 801-497-8300. They will contact an animal control officer on call for such emergencies.

Q. What if my pet turns up missing?
A. Call Animal Services at 801-444-2200 and report it. Information will be taken that will enable Animal Services to contact the owner, should the animal come to the shelter, or another person should find it.

Q. What if someone hits a dog or cat with their vehicle?
A. According to Layton City’s code, it is the duty of the operator of any motor vehicle, or self-propelled vehicle to immediately notify the police, upon-injuring, striking, maiming, or running down any domestic animal. In addition, it is the duty of the operator of the motor vehicle to remain with the animal, or to obtain a responsible person to remain with the animal until professional assistance is notified.

Q. What is the penalty for any violations of Layton City’s pet ordinances?
A. Any person violating any provision of Layton’s ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a class B misdemeanor and shall be punished within the confines of that class as prescribed by State law. If any violation be continued, each day’s violation is deemed a separate offense.

TWO DOGS (or two cats, or one of each) is the standard maximum number of canines that any Layton household can have.
**NEW LAYTON CITY BUSINESSES AUGUST**

- **Advanced Real Estate & Property Management**  
  1133 N Main St Ste 122 & 124  
  801-738-8315  
  Advanced Real Estate & Property Management helps you rent, buy, or sell. They partner with local government and community businesses participating in employee housing benefits. Callie Johnson is one of the first African American owners of a real estate company in Davis County. Johnson is an accredited Senior Real Estate Specialist.

- **Baker Massage Therapy**  
  801-540-0206  
  The crew at Blue Rock Enterprises specializes in demolition and excavation services. Owner Drew Palmer and staff specialize in honest, hardworking excavation.

- **Engine Worx**  
  825 E Hwy 193 Ste C  
  801-690-4004  
  Owner Brad Pitts and personnel at Engine Worx are trained and certified on nearly all makes and models of small engine equipment. Ranging from generators, lawn mowers, snow blowers, pressure washers and more.

- **Versa Dog Training**  
  801-647-4403  
  Versa Dog Training owner Kristin Sittner started training dogs almost 15 years ago. Her border collies are renowned in both the agility and sheepdog worlds. Kristin’s strength lies on the agility field, but she also competes in herding. She has trained multiple dogs and has experience working at a veterinary clinic, a training center focusing on hunting, scent detection and police dogs.

- **Cookie Cutters Haircuts for Kids**  
  Cookie Cutters Haircuts for Kids provides families with a caring environment where they put both the child and the parent at ease. From the slide, touchscreen play unit, TVs, video games, and fantasy chairs on the cutting floor, the staff gives your child with an enjoyable haircutting experience. Cookie Cutters is owned by Arlene Ponce. MyPieceofUtah.COM  
  801-741-4471  
  Cookie Cutters Haircuts for Kids specializes in both personal homes and commercial spaces in Northern Utah.

- **Smart Staffing**  
  801-540-0348  
  Smart Staffing is an extension of your HR department. Owner Kelly Blair and staff partner with you to provide customized strategic solutions tailored to your company's HR and staffing needs so you can focus on running your business. The Utah School of Music is the premier private music learning company. Smart Staffing helps you find your perfect home. Learn about Davis County neighborhoods, suburbs, and the best places to live with the most recent real estate market information.

- **Baker Massage Therapy**  
  579 W Heritage Park Blvd Ste 223  
  801-282-3322  
  Baker Massage Therapy is owned and operated by Jasmine Baker. She specializes in deep tissue, chronic issues, trigger point therapy and Swedish massage for relaxation and circulation improvement.

- **Bedrock Quartz Surfaces**  
  2710 N 350 W Ste 103  
  801-282-3322  
  Bedrock Quartz Surfaces was founded by David Jorgensen to provide granite, quartz, marble, and other stone materials for both residential and business.

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**HALLOWEEN BASH**

Bring the family for a spooktacular night of games, music, fun and refreshments at our Halloween Bash. This FREE event is on Friday, Oct. 26 from 5:30-8 p.m. at Central Davis Jr. High gym, 663 N. Church Street in Layton.

**Pumpkin Dunk**

Join Surf ‘n Swim for the annual Pumpkin Dunk on Saturday, Oct. 27 from 7 to 10 p.m. Admission is only $1 and includes trick-or-treating along the pool deck. Everyone goes home with a pumpkin! Tube rental also available for $2.

**SURF ‘N SWIM WINTER HOURS**

In conjunction with the Davis School District, here are the operating hours for Surf ‘n Swim during the school year:

- **Lap Swim:**
  - Monday-Friday 5 to 10 a.m.
  - Monday-Friday 9 to 10 p.m.
  - Tuesday and Thursday 6 to 10 p.m.
  - Saturday 7 to 11:45 a.m.

- **Open Wave:**
  - Noon to 6:45 p.m.

- **Deep Water Aerobics:**
  - Mon., Wed., Fri. 6 to 8:45 p.m.
  - Saturday Noon to 6:45 p.m.

- **Senior Water Aerobics:**
  - Mon., Wed., Fri. 6 to 7 a.m.
  - Monday-Friday 9 to 10 a.m.
  - Tuesday and Thursday 8 to 9 p.m.
  - Saturday 8 to 9 a.m.

**Swim Lessons**

- Weeknights and Saturday mornings year-round. The pool will be closed Monday-Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. during the winter.
July 2018 marked the third year of Layton City’s Recreation, Arts, Museums, and Parks (RAMP) Grant program and the third year of exciting RAMP funded projects and programs for Layton City residents and visitors. The RAMP Tax was passed by Layton City voters in the fall of 2015, approving the City to collect sales tax in the amount of 1 cent for every $10 spent on commercial goods and prepared foods sold in Layton City. The tax money collected is placed into the RAMP fund to be used for Recreation, Arts, Museums, and Parks related projects and programs.

In the 2018-2019 fiscal year, the RAMP Advisory Commission and Layton City Council allocated just under $1.5 million of collected RAMP Tax dollars to worthy projects. A full listing of the funded projects can be found on the RAMP website at www.laytoncity.org/RAMP.

The RAMP Advisory Commission is currently accepting 2019 RAMP Grant applications now through Jan. 2, 2019. In addition, the RAMP Advisory Commission will be hosting upcoming RAMP Applicant Workshops. Workshops are designed for organizations who are interested in applying for a Layton City RAMP Grant, but have questions about the RAMP application process and eligibility requirements. All workshops will be held at the Layton City Parks and Recreation Department, 465 North Wasatch Drive, Layton. There is one more workshop scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 11 at 3 p.m.

What not to flush or put in the sewer system

Flush your toilet or drain your sink and where does the waste and water go? For Layton residents, it goes to the North Davis Sewer District facility, located west of Syracuse. Some things should never be flushed or sent down the drain because they cause problems. Please do not use your toilet as a trash can! And it is the so-called “flushable” wipes that are causing the biggest problem with solid waste disposal for the sewer system. These wipes should best be discarded in the trash instead.

Things that should NEVER be flushed or sent down the drain, according to the North Davis Sewer District, include the following:
- Paints and Solvents and Antifreeze
- Gasoline or Combustible Fuels
- Toxic Chemicals
- Medicines and Pharmaceuticals
- Fats, Oils, and Greases
- Needles and Razor Blades
- Pesticides, Herbicides, and Fertilizers
- Poisons including Rat/Mice Bait
- Pet animal food wrappers.

For how to properly dispose of drugs, visit: http://www.useonlyasadirected.org/drop-off-locator/

JoEllen Grandy

JoEllen Grandy is a parks planner for Layton City who has spent nearly four years in that position. The list of her responsibilities is long and she said her “duties are a lot like the process of fishing – from ‘putting the worm on the hook’ to ‘frying up the fish in the pan’ served ready to eat.”

Her vast duties include preparing short and long-range master plans, with goals and objectives for City parks, open space and trail development; gathering trail easements and park land acquisitions; writing grants and coordinating project funding; developing design concept plans and renderings; presenting ideas and concepts to the City Council; assembling construction documents; bidding out projects; and project managing construction projects into completion. JoEllen also serves on the Davis County Active Transportation Committee and Layton City’s Community Development Review Board as the Parks and Recreation representative.

Her most memorable project to date is the Vietnam Memorial Wall Replica, completed in July. She joined Layton City just as this project was beginning to take off. She was able to see and be a part of the decision-making process on its location, the design of the space, funding efforts and eventual construction management right down to the last hour as it was completed.

“I felt it an honor to work with the various contractors, my fellow co-workers and associates, City Council and the Parks and Recreation Commission, the VVA, as well as the innumerable amount of volunteers who all came together to make it happen,” she stated. “It truly has been an honor to be involved in a project that brought a community, a county and a state together in memory of our veterans. There is a very special feeling felt over there at the wall.”

The hardest part of JoEllen’s job is having to go home at the end of the day. “You know you have a problem when your co-workers tell you it’s time to go home,” she noted. She stressed it is a great joy to see the development of designed projects on paper become an actual reality that brings together a community and enhances the quality of people’s lives around them; to see a design come to life where people use, make memories and enjoy a space or a trail the City has completed.

JoEllen is from Cokeville, Wyo., a small town of about 600 people. Her high school graduating class was just 14 people. “I can say that every person from that town has impacted my life in a way that has shaped and formed the core of who I am,” she stated. “I am definitely still a work in progress, but I will and am forever grateful for my hometown roots and the choice my parents made to live there. There is a great legacy there. I love my hometown.”

She earned a Bachelor’s of Landscape Architecture and Environmental Planning from Utah State University and a Master’s of Landscape Architecture from the University of Oregon. “I am like a kid at a candy store when it comes to hobbies,” she said. “I want to do everything. I really enjoy traveling and learning about different cultures, their history and geographic/architectural wonders and beauties around the world. I have recently set my next goal to learn Italian.”

JoEllen is also involved in family history; loves the arts and absolutely loves Broadway, the symphony, musicals/plays, the ballet and folk dancing/music. JoEllen also likes to write and do research on personal topics of interest. “And of course,” she said, “I am a country girl at heart and just love to be where there are wide open spaces and mountains nearby. I love hiking, any recreational outdoor activity really - winter or summer - I am game.”
It’s time to get out and vote

In a few days, registered voters in Davis County will receive ballots to cast in this year’s general election. Voting begins the date the ballots arrive. Vote by mail ballots must be postmarked no later than Monday, Nov. 5, the day before Election Day on Nov. 6.

We asked each candidate to give us a 125 word or less response and a photograph. This guide lists the candidates for all races in Davis County along with responses we received. It also lists those who will be on the ballot but did not respond.

Watch for election results on Nov. 6 on our Davis Clipper website (www.davisclipper.com). Get out and vote!

Issues we all know need to be fixed, but CONGRESS CANNOT SOLVE because of partisanship and special interest loyalty:

- Healthcare
- National Debt
- Immigration
- Social Security
- Wildfires
- Public Lands Management
- Air Quality
- Campaign Finance

We bear the burden of these problems together.
LET’S STOP TRYING TO SOLVE THEM ONE PARTY AT A TIME.

UNITED UTAH

PAID FOR BY ERIC ELIAISON FOR CONGRESS
U.S. Senate

Mitt Romney
Republican

Mitt Romney is uniquely positioned to serve the people of Utah. His experience, relationships, and national credibility will allow him to accomplish more for Utahns.

He led the 2002 Winter Olympic games in Salt Lake City, launched a successful business career, served as Governor of Massachusetts, and was the 2012 Republican Presidential nominee.

Mitt is a deficit hawk; he will work to reduce the national debt and balance the budget every year.

He believes that powers not reserved to the federal government must be returned to the states.

Mitt believes in and promotes family values. He has been married to his wife Ann for 49 years. They have five sons and 24 grandchildren.

Mitt will serve with honor, integrity, and in a manner that will make all Utahns proud.

Jenny Wilson
Democrat

Jenny is a fifth-generation Utahn serving her second, six-year term on the Salt Lake County Council. She has forged bipartisan consensus on issues facing all Utah families, not a select few - while keeping the County budget balanced.

In Congress, Jenny will prioritize health care, compassionate immigration reform, and infrastructure improvements. Jenny believes every Utahn deserves an excellent public education, a livable wage, and to live without fear that a pre-existing condition or hospital visit will bankrupt them.

Jenny's Senate office door will be open to Utahns, not lobbyists. Jenny promises to hold an in-person town hall in each county during her first year in office. Jenny is the daughter of former Salt Lake City Mayor Ted Wilson. She and her husband are raising two teenage boys.

Tim Aalders
Constitution

Remember “If you like your health care plan, you’ll be able to keep your health care plan”? Obama and the Democrats lied to us about that. How about the constant promises by Republicans to overturn Obamacare once they had control of the House, Senate, and the White House? The Republicans lied to us too.

Utah needs an authentic alternative. Tim Aalders is the only conservative Republican running in Utah for the US Senate this November, but he just so happens to be running under the banner of the Constitution Party.


U.S. House – District 1

Leo Castillo
Democrat

I am a 41-year-old single father who was born and raised in Layton. I have my Master’s degree in Social Work from the University of Utah and have worked at Hill Air Force Base’s Family Practice Clinic, Utah’s Division of Child and Family Services and now I am a therapist for the Utah State Hospital where I serve the mentally ill who have been deemed incompetent to proceed with their trials. I’ve been volunteering in our community for the past 15 years. I totally support the democratic platform of inclusivity, equality, justice, universal healthcare, DACA, asylum seekers, and humanity in all regulations and enforcement. My campaign slogan sums up my belief, “Utah is for Everybody.”

Eric Eliason
United Utah

As a father of four, I approach this campaign firmly invested in the future of our state and nation. Through my 20-year business career in Cache and Davis counties, I have learned to create innovative solutions, balance budgets, and listen to people with varied perspectives to understand and serve them. I am running for Congress to apply those skills to solve gridlock between Democrats and Republicans and effectively represent Utahns.

Vital issues cannot be addressed when one party forces legislation into law that is unduly influenced by special interest groups and ignores the interests of families and communities. Both Republicans and Democrats are guilty of this behavior and I am committed to helping shift the focus of Congress from fundraising to implementing real solutions.

Rob Bishop • Republican

Adam Davis • Green

No response was sent to Layton Today by these candidates:

Craig Bowden • Libertarian

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LAYTON TODAY
**U.S. House – District 2**

**Chris Stewart**  
**Republican**

As a member of the House Intelligence Committee, and former B-1 pilot, I’m often asked about the threats we face from China, Russian aggression, Islamic fanaticism, cyberattacks, as well as threats from within our own country. My response — all these adversities are real and we want to destroy the freedom that is the foundation of our country. But I still believe in our future.

We have made tremendous progress. Our economy is booming. We are in the process of rebuilding our military. We passed legislation that will create a National Suicide Prevention Hotline. I believe our nation can come together and overcome any challenge that we face.

It is an honor to serve as your congressman. Now, once again, I am asking for your vote.

**Shireen Ghorbani**  
**Democrat**

In 2016, I lost my mom to pancreatic cancer. I witnessed how healthcare contributes to the freedom and dignity of families. We need affordable doctor trips and prescription drugs. Our families need strong educations. Let’s repair our aging infrastructure and build the innovative economy of the future.

I’m a working mom at the University of Utah, where I help employees do their jobs better and more efficiently. I stand for all unrepresented Utahns. I’ve knocked on thousands of your doors and learned that you feel silenced by our political system. Together we can prioritize good policies for Utah families.

Healthcare, Jobs, Wage growth. Tax reform that bring dollars back into the pockets of everyday Utahns. There is far more that unites us than divides us.

No response was sent to Layton Today by this candidate:  
Jeffrey Whipple • Libertarian

**Utah State Senate – District 21**

**Jake Penrod**  
**Democrat**

Jake Penrod is running for Utah State Senator in District 21; he is the youngest and first openly gay candidate to run for this seat in the history of Davis County. As an active volunteer in his community, you can find him dressed up as McGruff the Crime Dog, or teaching self defense classes for local teachers, church groups, and the LGBTQIA+ community. He also serves as the Vice Chair of the Davis County Democratic Party. Jake is a Wrestling Coach at Syracuse Jr. High, and at Clearfield High School; he is the only openly gay wrestling coach in the state of Utah. He lives in Layton with his husband and their two dogs. You can learn more about him at www.jake4utsenate.com

No response was sent to Layton Today by this candidate:

Jerry Stevenson • Republican

**Utah State Senate – District 22**

**Ann Millner**  
**Republican**

I moved to Utah 37 years ago for a job opportunity, and I fell in love with this state. I ran for office in 2014 because I felt an obligation to give back to a community that has become my family, and was honored to be elected. My goal is, and has always been, strengthening families through family-sustaining job growth, exceptional education for our children, and less intrusive government. With that goal in mind, I have worked to improve school performance transparency, expand access to educational opportunities for veterans, and deliver over $20 million more for Utah schools without raising taxes through Utah’s Trust Lands Management system. I am asking for your vote, so that I can continue my work in the Utah Senate.

**Kevin Bryan**  
**Libertarian**

I support the medical cannabis initiative. Government should not interfere in medical decisions. I will defend everyone’s right to make decisions regarding their bodies and medical care.

Utah has a long list of overbearing liquor laws. Aside from infringing upon personal liberty, they harm tourism and create headaches for business owners. I will work to repeal these laws and create common sense policies.

Licensing is government making you pay to exercise your rights. I seek to encourage business growth by removing this financial barrier to potential new businesses.

Annually, Utahns are asked to raise taxes. We do not need more taxes, we need to better control spending. If elected I will oppose any tax increases and look for any areas where spending can be cut.

No response was sent to Layton Today by this candidate:

Jason Yu • Democrat
Hi, my name is Tab Lyn Uno. I’ve been campaigning for the past five months and visited all 11,000 homes in our House District #13. I hope you have received my eight-page campaign pamphlet. As a licensed social worker with a Masters in Public Administration from the University of Utah and former Salt Lake School Board member, a former employee of the Salt Lake County Aging Services, I will bring over 30 years of dedicated public service to the job. I am aware of a crisis in our overloaded emergency rooms. I will seek local neighborhood school and state and local office should not be for more than two terms, as it is too common for personal enrichment to accumulate otherwise. I have found that many of our current representatives here are accepting large checks from harmful organizations such as predatory payday lenders, oil & gas companies polluting our valley, a nuclear waste company that wants to import it here from other states and countries. Please look up candidates at https://www.followthemoney.org

No response was sent to Layton Today by this candidate:
Paul Ray • Republican

No response was sent to Layton Today by these candidates:
Karianne Lisonbee • Republican
Kayan Day • Democrat

My commitment is to the citizens in District 15. As a lifelong resident of Davis County, I have chosen to both raise my family and start a business here. I believe that each of us have a responsibility to ensure that this area remains a wonderful place for our children to grow up. Originally, I ran for the legislature with a commitment to work diligently to preserve the tremendous quality of life we enjoy in Utah.
As I continue to represent you, you have my commitment that I will fight for what is important to you. My goals will focus on providing excellent education opportunities, promoting policies friendly for job growth and economic expansion and opposing governmental overreach in our lives.

Thank you for your interest in your local candidates! I represent a small but growing group of citizens who are concerned that their voice is not being heard. The son of two school teachers, I value the importance of education and it will be my top priority as a representative. I also have positions regarding environmental stewardship, healthcare, gun control, etc. that are available on my website.
I graduated from Southern Utah University in Marketing and Communications and earned a dual degree MBA + MSIT from Bentley University. I work at the University of Utah managing a team that provides financial and data analytics for facilities. Please reach out at emotions@ gmail.com or visit my website: richmiller.us

You have a voice in state government.

RE-ELECT

Steve Handy

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES • DISTRICT 16

We have the greatest form of representative government the world has ever known. I don’t represent the government. I represent you TO the government. Nothing gives me greater satisfaction than to help you!
Let me keep working on your behalf. I look forward to your continued support.

Watch for ballots October 16th and return promptly.

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Stevehandyutah.com 801-699-2737

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Ray Ward

Republican

Ray Ward works as a Family Physician in Bountiful at Cope Family Medicine/Ogden Clinic and has enjoyed serving in the Utah House of Representatives for the past four years. He has worked hard to pass legislation to combat the opioid crisis, support our education system, improve our air quality, reduce the number of abortions in Utah, and make common sense changes to burdensome regulations such as excessive driver’s license medical forms.

Ray grew up in Bountiful, graduated from Woods Cross High School and Brigham Young University, and received an MD and a PhD from the University of Washington in Seattle. He and his wife, Beverly, and their three children love living in Bountiful and enjoy being active members of the community.

Dawn Nunn

Democrat

Like many Utahns, I feel that government no longer represents its constituents. Instead, it represents donors and special interests groups. Unfortunately, the issue of money in politics has not been addressed with major legislation in over a decade.

This is our government. I want to represent the people of District 17. My main priorities as representative, will be to represent OUR interests. As a candidate, I do not accept money from corporations or corporate PACs. I will also be available to my constituents by phone, email, and through instant message. I will work to represent Layton, Fruit Heights, and Kaysville.

I’m passionate about a healthy future for our children, a political system that represents its people, and a living wage for all Utahns.

No response was sent to Layton Today by this candidate:  
Stewart Barlow • Republican

Utah State House – District 20

Melissa Ballard

Republican

My name is Melissa Ballard. Davis County is my home. I grew up here. My husband and I raised six children here. I love this community. As I consider my qualifications, a few things come to mind:  
1. I started and was the Founding Chair of two advisory boards serving thousands of youth: Salt Lake CAPH Headstart, and the University of Utah Department of Music. 
2. I served on the Davis Chamber Legislative Affairs Committee working with Davis and Weber County business leaders and legislators. 
3. Recently, I served on the Davis Chamber Legislative Affairs Committee working with Davis and Weber County business leaders and legislators. 

A few issues I consider critical to our state:  
• Properly funding education
• Finding solutions to clean our air
• Preparing for a growing population that is set to double by 2050

I'm ready to represent the values that are important to our state!

No response was sent to Layton Today by this candidate:  
Stewart Barlow • Republican

Utah State House – District 18

Adam Alba

Democrat

Adam is the son of a Mexican immigrant and a descendant of Mormon pioneers. He is a graduate of Davis High School and he and his wife are delighted to be raising their four beautiful sons in Centerville.

Adam is qualified to bring fresh, moderate leadership to House District 18. He has served in leadership positions his entire life. And as a trial attorney, he fights for the rights of the little guy. He has effective advocacy skills and is a devoted team player. Adam knows how to solve problems and work with people of different backgrounds and opinions. Adam intends to focus his efforts on improving public education, ensuring that all Utah’s have access to good healthcare, and protecting Utah’s pristine and beautiful landscapes.

No response was sent to Layton Today by this candidate:  
Timothy Hawkes • Republican

Courtney James

Democrat

I was born and raised in Bountiful, received my bachelor’s degree in sociology and criminology from the University of Utah and later got my master’s in Boston at Suffolk University. After graduate school, my husband and I returned to Bountiful to raise our family.

My priority is to bring more funding for public schools. Utah prides itself on valuing education and families, yet we are always ranked at the bottom for funding per child. Utah also ranks far behind many other states in teacher pay and teacher job rollover. This is why nearly half of Utah teachers leave the profession within the first five years. We must invest in those teaching our children so that we can retain and attract the best talent.

No response was sent to Layton Today by this candidate:  
Ryan Jones • Independent

Utah State House – District 19

Ray Ward

Republican

Ray Ward works as a Family Physician in Bountiful at Cope Family Medicine/Ogden Clinic and has enjoyed serving in the Utah House of Representatives for the past four years. He has worked hard to pass legislation to combat the opioid crisis, support our education system, improve our air quality, reduce the number of abortions in Utah, and make common sense changes to burdensome regulations such as excessive driver’s license medical forms.

Ray grew up in Bountiful, graduated from Woods Cross High School and Brigham Young University, and received an MD and a PhD from the University of Washington in Seattle. He and his wife, Beverly, and their three children love living in Bountiful and enjoy being active members of the community.

Dawn Nunn

Democrat

Like many Utahns, I feel that government no longer represents its constituents. Instead, it represents donors and special interests groups. Unfortunately, the issue of money in politics has not been addressed with major legislation in over a decade.

This is our government. I want to represent the people of District 17. My main priorities as representative, will be to represent OUR interests. As a candidate, I do not accept money from corporations or corporate PACs. I will also be available to my constituents by phone, email, and through instant message. I will work to represent Layton, Fruit Heights, and Kaysville.

I’m passionate about a healthy future for our children, a political system that represents its people, and a living wage for all Utahns.

No response was sent to Layton Today by this candidate:  
Stewart Barlow • Republican

Utah State House – District 20

Melissa Ballard

Republican

My name is Melissa Ballard. Davis County is my home. I grew up here. My husband and I raised six children here. I love this community. As I consider my qualifications, a few things come to mind:  
1. I started and was the Founding Chair of two advisory boards serving thousands of youth: Salt Lake CAPH Headstart, and the University of Utah Department of Music. 
2. I served on the Davis Chamber Legislative Affairs Committee working with Davis and Weber County business leaders and legislators. 
3. Recently, I served on the Davis Chamber Legislative Affairs Committee working with Davis and Weber County business leaders and legislators. 

A few issues I consider critical to our state:  
• Properly funding education
• Finding solutions to clean our air
• Preparing for a growing population that is set to double by 2050

I’m ready to represent the values that are important to our state!

No response was sent to Layton Today by this candidate:  
Stewart Barlow • Republican

Utah State House – District 18

Adam Alba

Democrat

Adam is the son of a Mexican immigrant and a descendant of Mormon pioneers. He is a graduate of Davis High School and he and his wife are delighted to be raising their four beautiful sons in Centerville.

Adam is qualified to bring fresh, moderate leadership to House District 18. He has served in leadership positions his entire life. And as a trial attorney, he fights for the rights of the little guy. He has effective advocacy skills and is a devoted team player. Adam knows how to solve problems and work with people of different backgrounds and opinions. Adam intends to focus his efforts on improving public education, ensuring that all Utah’s have access to good healthcare, and protecting Utah’s pristine and beautiful landscapes.

No response was sent to Layton Today by this candidate:  
Timothy Hawkes • Republican

Courtney James

Democrat

I was born and raised in Bountiful, received my bachelor’s degree in sociology and criminology from the University of Utah and later got my master’s in Boston at Suffolk University. After graduate school, my husband and I returned to Bountiful to raise our family.

My priority is to bring more funding for public schools. Utah prides itself on valuing education and families, yet we are always ranked at the bottom for funding per child. Utah also ranks far behind many other states in teacher pay and teacher job rollover. This is why nearly half of Utah teachers leave the profession within the first five years. We must invest in those teaching our children so that we can retain and attract the best talent.

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Ryan Jones • Independent

Utah State House – District 19

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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
As 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.

No response was sent to Layton Today by this candidate:

Curtis Koch • Republican (unopposed)

Davis County Clerk /Auditor

Tamara Long
Independent American

Mayor Tamara Long 2014-2018

Boards:
- Central Weber Sewer Improvement District
- Wasatch Integrated Waste Management Administrative Control
- WFRC 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? When? 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.

No response was sent to Layton Today by this candidate:

Kathy Spurlock • Republican (unopposed)

Davis County Attorney

No response was sent to Layton Today by this candidate:

Troy Rawlings • Republican (unopposed)

Davis County Commission – Seat A

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.

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Davis County Commission – Seat B

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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Susan Firmage

Susan Firmage has been a professional educator for 36 years. She and her husband, Rich, have lived in Kaysville for 34 years where they raised their family.

Susan was president of the Davis Education Association for five years where she enhanced her leadership skills and worked closely with teachers, legislators, school administrators, and parents to ensure students received a quality education. She served on the Davis Education Foundation, a non-profit organization, working with the business community providing financial support and resources to classrooms/programs within Davis School District.

Susan is a collaborator where teachers, administrators and parents would be included in decision-making. She values public education where all children are welcome, and will use her vast experience to help students succeed.

Julie Tanner

I'm a parent, teacher, and community member. I’ve worked hard to create a more responsive school board:

- Increased voice of all constituents
  - Implemented policy within weeks of election allowing public comments at board meetings, a practice previously unpermitted.
  - Advocated new math program for a school Community Council.
  - Math scores have risen significantly.
- Improved Accountability
  - Initiated formal evaluations of Superintendent and Business Administrator, holding them more accountable to the Board and community.
  - Hired independent auditor to report directly to the Board. Making better-informed budget and policy decisions.
- Managed governance
  - Hired innovative superintendent focused on safety, blended learning (technology + face to face instruction), and improving accountability.

Goals:
- Expand input from parents, educators, community.
- Hiring and retaining quality teachers.

Bonnie Bourgeois

Bonnie Bourgeois is an award winning classroom educator with a master’s degree in chemistry. She has served on numerous local, state and national education committees. This leadership experience and passion for education make Bonnie uniquely qualified to serve on the school board. Bonnie will ensure that checks and balances are in place. As a parent and educator, Bonnie is committed to providing the best education for all students. Her innovative vision, leadership and understanding of education will be a great asset to setting the compass of the district on a path of continued student success. A vote for Bonnie is a vote for parent, teacher and community involvement, evidence based decision making, transparency in budget and policies and putting students first.

Marie Stevenson

Marie Stevenson is a retired teacher who taught in the Davis School District for 40 years, along with being an administrative intern and a district mentor. She and her husband, Rich Stevenson, are lifelong residents of Davis County.

Marie recognizes that our students are the most important concern of the board. Her goal is for our students to be safe, successful, and confident. She values diverse opinions of others and is willing to study all the issues that come before the board. Marie Stevenson also believes that each child has the right to walk into school every day with confidence that it will be a good day. She is committed to work hard with the board, teachers, and parents of Davis School District.

No response was sent to Layton Today by this candidate:

Gordon Eckersley (unopposed)

Cheryl Phipps (unopposed)

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Puzzle pieces come together in ‘Italian Project’

by Becky GINOS
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BOUNTIFUL—In 1850, Elder Lorenzo Snow started missionary work in Italy. Now in conjunction with the dedication of the Italian Temple slated for March 2019, a history of the church from then to now is being collected to make up the “Italian Project.”

“We were asked to find a copy of the Book of Mormon in Italian,” said Elder Lorenzo Henry Semadeni who serves as a senior missionary with his wife Virginia at the Church History Library. “They want it for the temple visitors center and there were not many printed. Elder Snow said if they don’t have it in their own language they won’t read it.”

So began the Italian Project. The Semadenis are gathering the history of the church in Italy as a country profile to be used by church leaders as the new temple is completed.

“We’re using reverse genealogy by working with those who are still alive,” he said. “We’ve been looking for missionaries, mission presidents and members to gather the history. It’s kind of like hunting for antiques.”

Through a series of small miracles, the Semadeni’s research led them to Loriano Tolaini who was one of the first members of the church in Pisa, Italy.

Tolaini and his family came to the United States some 20 years ago and he owns a small leather shop in Bountiful.

“His wife was the first to join,” said daughter-in-law Mariangela Tolaini who translated for the Tolainis. “They didn’t have a chapel or anything. She got baptized in a public pool in a nearby town. He (Loriano) joined about eight months later and her mother got baptized too.”

It proved to be a difficult transition, however. “Friends and relatives were not happy about the decision,” she said. “His coworkers made fun of him. There were a lot of misconceptions about the church. He told them, ‘talk to me about work don’t talk to me about the church.’”

There were very few members at that time so the Tolainis had to attend church at an Air Force Base and other places. “It (church) grew over the decades,” said Mariangela. “Pisa got its first chapel and when they left there was...”

LORIANO TOLAINI works on a piece of leather in his Bountiful shop. Tolaini was one of the first members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Pisa, Italy.

They went to see them but found her instead.

After a month or two with the missionaries, she decided to be baptized, said Mariangela. “They didn’t have a chapel or anything. She got baptized in a public pool in a nearby town. He (Loriano) joined about eight months later and her mother got baptized too.”

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Trust and wills: Understanding the basics

by Robyn ROWE WALTON
Attorney at Law

Elder law is complicated, and determining the best way for your assets to be distributed can be stressful and confusing. It’s all made more complicated by ever-changing laws on the state and national level. You need an elder law attorney to help you make the best decisions for your situation, but read this primer so you can understand the basics before you make an appointment.

Trust and wills explained

Should you have a trust or a will, and what’s the difference? A will is a document that is signed in compliance with certain state law formalities. It disposes of your real and personal property. Your will takes effect after your death and must go through a court validation process called probate.

A trust is a legal entity created by a grantor for the benefit of designated beneficiaries. A trust takes effect the moment it is signed and does not require probate to be active. Usually, a trust offers the best overall benefits; a trust costs less in the long run than a will because the will must go to probate; a trust is a private contract where a will is filed as a matter of public record; it allows immediate access for loved ones on death or incapacitation where a will and probate proceedings usually takes, on average, six months to two years to complete.

Minor children

Why not just put my children’s names on my house, investments or banking accounts?

First, minor children cannot typically own real or personal property, so if your kids are minors they shouldn’t even be named as beneficiaries on your life insurance or retirement accounts or it may be necessary to file for the court to intervene and appoint a guardian for your children to access such assets.

Second, if your kids are sued, file bankruptcy, have an IRS tax lien or unpaid child support obligation, their creditors can attach your assets.

Finally, there are serious income tax consequences if you’ve added your children’s names to your home or appreciated properties that can impact both your income taxes and theirs when these assets are later sold.

Power of Attorney

Can’t I just sign a “power of attorney” over to my spouse or my children so they can transfer my assets on my death or incapacity? No. A power of attorney “dies” when you die, having no effect whatsoever after your death. A power of attorney must be carefully drafted or it may not authorize your agent the power to transfer or sell real estate. Regardless, a power of attorney only authorizes your agent to use your “stuff” for your care and not necessarily to give it to others.

FamilySearchCenter opens a window to the past

by Becky GINOS
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LAYTON—Family history has become very popular with both the young and old, members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and those who are not. More and more people just seem to want to know where they came from. That’s where the Layton FamilySearch History Center comes in.

“We are the first of its kind,” said Tara Scott, associate director and service missionary at the center. “We’re totally digital, not like a library. There are no films, books, etc.” The facility opened in 2016 at 915 W. Gordon Ave. in Layton. “There are three photo scanners and you can digitize 8 mm film, VHS tapes, and slides,” said Scott. “The document scanners are oversized so you can do scrapbook pages. Between that and the youth that’s what this center is really used for.”

Youth groups come in on Tuesdays and Wednesdays she said. “We get about 280 youth each week. Indexing and descendency are the most popular classes with them. We teach them how to find their ancestors. They look back to the early 1800s and choose an ancestor then work back to now,” said Scott. “Another youth favorite, she said, is the ‘green room’ where guests pick a location around the world then stand in front of a green screen. Their picture is taken and it looks like they’re standing in front of the Eiffel Tower or other landmarks.

There are also three in one screens where visitors can sign in with a FamilySearch account and use relative finder and roots mapper. “You how to use a computer. Once they’ve found that interest they’re hooked.”

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