LAYTON BOASTS ITS OWN ‘VETERANS PARK’

Veterans Day (observed) is Monday, Nov. 12, and Layton residents are reminded that Layton has its own “Veterans Park” that is worth a timely visit to mark the occasion.

Located between the north entrance to FrontRunner’s parking lot and the Union Pacific Railroad tracks, Layton’s Veterans Park sits between 155 West and 175 West Gentile Street, on the south side of the street. This half-acre Layton Park, still the City’s smallest park, was originally called “Railroad Park,” from 1921-1991, because it was just east of the Union Pacific Railroad line.

The park is bordered by large trees, four of which were planted on Arbor Day, April 15, 1921, in honor of four Layton men who died in the Army during World War I – David Day, David Lane Jones, Hubert H. Layton and William Clyde Layton. (One of those veteran trees was removed in 2008 during FrontRunner line construction and was replaced with a new tree.)

Plaques sit at the foot of each of the four trees, with the soldiers’ names inscribed on them.

It was rededicated on Nov. 12, 1991 in a ceremony attended by approximately 150 people.

Lyndia Graham, city council member at the time, was instrumental in renaming and rededicating the park. Layton Elementary students provided the music for both past dedications.

The 1991 ceremony’s main speaker, historian and Layton resident Harris Adams, described the park then as “almost a sacred spot of ground.” He said that when

VETERANS PARK on the city’s westside was originally called Railroad Park, and now serves as a permanent tribute to veterans of all services. A great place to visit this Veterans Day.

DON’T FORGET TO VOTE!

Polls will be open on Tuesday for those who have yet to return their mail-in ballots for this year’s elections. See the story in this issue of Layton Today for information on either dropping off your mail-in ballots by Monday, or where and when you can cast your vote in person on Tuesday. Exercise your right to vote for leaders and issues of your choice!

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. Let us know how we’re doing!
Parade celebrates veterans on Nov. 10

LAYTON—Honoring the men and women of the military, past and present, the Northern Utah Veterans Parade will once again be marching through Layton Nov. 10.

Recognized as one of Utah’s largest veteran parades it begins at 11:11 a.m. at Gentile and 900 East (Talbot Dr.) and ends at Wasatch Dr. and Constitution Circle, followed by a ceremony celebrating the service of all military men and women at the replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall in Layton Commons Park, 437 N. Wasatch Dr.

The parade is open to the public, community, organizations, youth groups, car and bike clubs and veterans. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to participate, not just veterans. Please carry American flags to honor the country and those who serve or served to protect those freedoms.

For parade applications or more information contact Dennis Howland at dennishowland@msn.com or 801-389-1893 or Wagon Master Robert Porter at uscgret1992@outlook.com.

— Becky Ginos

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it was created, Layton City was not yet incorporated.

Adams also said that many soldiers and LDS Church missionaries from Layton left from the original train depot, located on the south end of where Veterans Park is now located.

Veterans Park is maintained by the Layton City Parks and Recreation Department but is owned by the Oregon Short Line/Union Pacific Railroad Corp.

Today Veterans Park includes three picnic tables, grass and other trees. It also features a large monument and plaques. Parking can usually be found at the north end of the FrontRunner parking area, or at Layton Elementary School.

— Veterans Day first originated as “Armistice Day,” on Nov. 11, 1919, the first anniversary of the end of World War I.

The U.S. Congress approved a resolution in 1926 calling for its annual observance. But, it wasn’t until 1938 that it became a national holiday. It was in 1954 – 64 years ago – that President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed legislation to change the name to Veterans Day, so that it would honor all those persons who served in American wars.

SOURCES: Veterans Park’s plaques, Deseret News Archives, www.census.gov
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“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.

Candidate profiles omitted inadvertently

Due to a production error, the candidate profiles for Davis County Commission Seat A were left out of our October edition of Layton Today. We are publishing them in this issue, and apologize to both candidates Tamara Long and Bob Stevenson for our error.

New ‘trolley’ service unveiled in Layton

by Tom HARALDSEN
Layton Today

The Midtown Trolley service has taken on a new look in Layton, as the Utah Transit Authority has unveiled new trolley style buses for Route 628. The first of four buses that will eventually run along the route took officials and dignitaries on its initial ride from the FrontRunner station on Main Street to the Clearfield station last month.

Two of the specially designed buses, which resemble trolley cars, are now in use for the route. The Midtown Trolley provides free transportation between the two cities with stops in between. Two additional buses are on order and will join the fleet later on. Each bus cost $530,000. One of the future bus routes will serve Lagoon.

“We’re very excited about this route, and the new trolley buses,” said Steve Meyer, UTA’s interim director. “Our studies show a 92 percent growth rate in usage since we began this route two years ago, with an average of 442 daily boardings.”

“This is a direct benefit of Proposition 1 that county voters approved,” Layton Mayor Bob Stevenson said. “It is a great example of the partnership we have in our communities, a service offering free transportation to restaurants, shopping areas, hotels and medical centers.”

Davis County Commissioner Bret Millburn added that, “These trolleys make so many parts of our county accessible. Now you can take public transit from the airport all the way to Layton and Clearfield thanks to light rail, buses and these trolleys.”

A fourth bus will eventually serve a yet-to-be determined route in downtown Ogden.
One of the most essential, but sometimes unheralded of departments in Layton City government is the Information Technology (IT) Department. There are eight employees in the IT Department, including IT Manager, Network Administrator, Software Developer, Application Support Specialist and Geographic Information System Administrator.

The IT Department is responsible for all technology used in the city. This is a wide-ranging function within the City and covers a vast amount of areas. Everything from basic computer function and operation to protecting the city infrastructure from malicious attacks. However, its primary function, and top priority, is to ensure all public safety systems are running. These systems include all police and fire vehicles, dispatch radio, phone and computer systems and fire station alerting. Public safety is a 24-hour function and IT is responsible to make sure all systems are available and functioning correctly at all times.

The world today is becoming more and more dependent upon technology for daily functions, both in business and personal matters. City government is not immune to that influence. Due to these dependencies and utilization of technology, the information technology department is essential to maintain constant and reliable operations citywide. The Layton IT Department has grown from two employees to the current staff of eight. Applications and systems are becoming more reliable and employees are entering the workforce more accustomed to technology.

There are also a number of things that the IT department does that directly affects the citizens of Layton. Anyone using Layton City parks and connecting to LaytonLightSpeed, the free high speed Wi-Fi provided by Layton City and powered by UTOPIA, has used services provided and maintained by the IT Department.

IT has also developed easier means for payments of utilities and various sports registrations to make it simpler for residents to take care of those items. The website is developed and maintained by IT, with the main focus being ease of use and navigation.

Many of the top uses of the website are by residents looking for information, the ability to register for recreational sports, or the ability to pay their utility bill.

The development of the Layton City Application available for use on Android and IOS is a very exciting development for the department. The goal is to allow interaction with the City at the user’s convenience. The app will allow bill payment and notification of information selectable within the application. Access to the community calendar from within the application creates a stream of information on events in Layton City, as well as a place to advertise events.

Currently Layton’s online services take in an estimated $500,000 every month with utility bill payments and recreation registrations.

Cyber attacks against government entities is a constant issue. The IT Department understands this and has taken a great deal of precautions to safeguard the City’s technological resources. The network is constantly being monitored and tested internally to ensure that it is protected. Those involved in these processes are staying up to date with training, news feeds, technological publications and other resources that deal with these types of threats.

As residents ponder their personal experiences at home and work, they will realize the pace of change has accelerated. Residents expect access to information 24 hours a day delivered in their preferred format. Layton City provides this access using social media, we can be found on Facebook (@laytoncity), Instagram (@LaytonCity), and twitter @LaytonFYI, or our website (www.Laytoncity.org).

The IT Department encourages community involvement and use of the Community Calendar to discover and notify others of events in the Layton area. A lot of effort has been made into trying to make information readily available to citizens while also providing an easy method to access it.

A primary mission of the IT Department: “One of the biggest tasks we have for both internal and external customers is to provide access to a massive amount of information from different sources and present it in an at-a-glance format.”
After a summer full of rehearsals that stretched into the fall, the cast of "Newsies" will finally perform in the Northridge High School Auditorium Nov. 30 – Dec. 8. Leading the newsboys will be Karson Kunz as Jack Kelly, Stockton Whitney as Davey Jacobs, and Robbie Allen as Crutchie. Jack’s love interest, the revolutionary investigative reporter Katherine Plumber, is played by Emma McFarland.

Rehearsals for the Tony Award-winning musical that tells the real-life story of the 1899 newsboy strike in New York City began the day after school let out and will continue until the curtain rises on opening night. During the summer, students participate in weekly dance clinics, script read-throughs, music workshops, costume making, and set building.

"Most people don’t realize how much work it takes to put a show together," said Megan Mariano, Northridge Musical Theatre President. "The entire cast goes above and beyond to put on outstanding shows for the community. It takes a whole village from our students and directors to our parent volunteers and business sponsors. There is so much that goes on behind the scenes. We hope that the outcome is a fantastic show with a positive message that people will come and see."

The drama department at Northridge High School in Layton has a strong tradition of mounting high quality productions that dazzle audiences and provide challenging opportunities for performers. Last year’s productions of "Tarzan" and "Anything Goes" brought record-breaking crowds to the school’s auditorium. The Northridge shows were also honored with multiple nominations from the "Utah High School Musical Theatre Awards" including best musical, best actor, best actress, and best ensemble. The school walked away with the award for best choreography for the challenging, tap dancing filled "Anything Goes." "Newsies" is based on the 1992 Disney movie about Jack Kelly and his band of newspaper delivery boys who challenge the unfair business practices of Joseph Pulitzer and other titans of the publishing industry. It features classic songs from Alan Menken and Jack Feldman and a book by Harvey Fierstein. "I have always been a huge fan of the movie ‘Newsies,’" says director Jana Coates. "When it first became a stage musical I was very excited and I had to go see it on Broadway. I was shocked to discover I liked it even more than the movie! When I saw that the show was going to be released for high schools to perform – I had to jump (like a newsie) at the chance! I applied for the performance rights over 10 times and each time they said no I tried even harder. I worked every angle I could think of. Eventually, just like the newsies in the story, persistence paid off and we are very excited to put this amazing piece on our stage at Northridge. I can’t wait to see my students rise to this challenge as they always do. I know the community is going to love this show as much as we all do. It’s fun, it’s got great music and it’s very relevant today. It’s a great family show that everyone should come to.”

Cast members from Northridge High School’s "Newsies" seize the day during a summer rehearsal.
Hill AFB doing limited air sampling

Hill Air Force Base has began contacting homes and businesses near areas of groundwater contamination coming from the base, to notify them that potentially harmful chemical vapors from the groundwater could be entering their homes or workplaces. Those in the affected areas will receive a certified letter from the Air Force explaining the issue and providing instructions on how to have the air inside the home or business tested.

Tests began in October and go through March 2019. If vapors are found above established action levels, the Air Force will take steps to prevent those vapors from entering the home or building. The drinking water has not been affected by the contamination. The Air Force has been testing the air inside homes around Hill since 2003. As always, the testing is free, as are any future mitigation efforts. If you do not receive a certified letter, your home or business is not within an area of concern. Information about the program, including maps showing the areas eligible for sampling, is available at www.hill.af.mil/IAP.

Parks and Recreation events and registration dates

**Boys Jr. Jazz Basketball**
- **Registration:** November 1 - 30
- **Cost:** $45
- **Grades:** 4th - 10th Grade
- **Play Begins:** January 2019

**Boys Jr. Jazz Basketball – High School Team League**
- **Registration:** November 1 - 30
- **Cost:** $350/team
- **Grades:** 9th - 10th & 11th - 12th Grade
- **Play Begins:** January 2019

**Legacy Jr. High**
- **When:** Saturdays

**Layton City Family Recreation November Activity – Turkey Bowl**
- **Date:** Saturday, November 17
- **Cost:** $3.50/per person (includes shoe rental)
- **Time:** 12 p.m., 1:30 p.m., & 3 p.m.
- **Location:** Davis Lanes Bowling Alley

Lane reservations now being accepted. Come out and bowl for a chance to win a holiday turkey or ham.

**Holiday office closures**

Layton City offices will be closed on Monday, Nov. 12, in observance of Veterans Day, and on Thursday and Friday, Nov. 22 and 23, for the Thanksgiving holiday.

**Election polling places**

Voters can cast their ballots at the polls on Tuesday, Nov. 6 at two Layton locations:
- Ellison Park Elementary, 800 N. Cold Creek Way
- Layton High School, 440 N. Wasatch Drive

Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Those with mail-in ballots can also drop those off at Layton City Hall, 437 N. Wasatch Drive, through Monday, Nov. 5 (no drop-off ballots accepted after 5 p.m. on Nov. 5). Be sure to return them in the provided return envelope.

**Parks and Recreation Department 2018 Volunteer of the Year**

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. These volunteers are all greatly appreciated. The volunteer positions range from youth coaches and citizen committee members to specialized service projects and special events. Many of the programs run through the Parks and Recreation Department would not be possible without these groups and individuals who are willing to contribute their time, energy, and specialized skill-sets. Each November the Parks and Recreation Department gives distinctive recognition to an individual or organization for their outstanding volunteer service. This year, the Layton City Parks and Recreation Department would like to honor long-time department volunteer coach Charles VanAusdal as the 2018 Volunteer of the Year.

Mr. VanAusdal has volunteered within the Parks and Recreation Department for over 22 years as a volunteer coach for a variety of youth sports programs. Mr. VanAusdal started his coaching career as a recreation T-ball coach for his 5-year-old son. From then on he continued coaching both his son and daughter through the different sports seasons; coaching boys and girls basketball, baseball, softball, and tackle football. Though his children are no longer involved in recreation programming, Mr. VanAusdal has continued to volunteer coach for the Department; coaching three separate groups of football teams as they progressed through the seven age divisions in tackle football.

Coach VanAusdal lives in east Layton with his wife Shelly and their two children and works full time running his own businesses. Layton City Parks and Recreation would like to extend a special thank you to Coach VanAusdal and is proud to honor him as the 2018 Volunteer of the Year.
**Sun Hills Trail (Phase 1) now open**

Thanks to funds from the Proposition 1 that was passed in November 2015, the first phase of the Sun Hills Trail is now open in Layton. Here are a few facts and details about this project:

**What is Prop 1?**

Proposition 1, or Prop 1, Utah was a November 2015 ballot measure that proposed to provide cities, counties and the Utah Transit Authority (UTA) additional funding for local transportation improvements. The funding is provided through an additional quarter-cent sales tax (except on food). 1 cent of additional sales tax for every $4 in purchases. Prop 1 helps fill the financial gap in transportation needs in our communities.

In counties with transit service, 40 percent of the proceeds go to cities and 60 percent to counties. In counties without UTA public transit, 40 percent of the sales tax goes to cities and 60 percent to counties.

**Where is the new Sun Hills Trail?**

It is best accessed from Grey Hawk Park, located at 3500 Red Tail Way. Sun Hills Trail Phase I travels from the park west and south, ending on the east side of 1700 East, slightly north of Red Tail Way.

**What kind of trail is it?**

It is a multi-purpose 10’ wide asphalt trail. It measures approximately 0.85 miles long.

**Who built the trail?**

Geneva Rock was the hired contractor. A fabulous job well done.

**RESIDENTS CAN NOW ENJOY**

the first phase of the Sun Hills Trail, which was recently completed in Layton thanks to funds from Proposition 1 passed by voters in 2015.

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**‘Comfort’ pets not allowed in grocery stores, restaurants**

The only animals permitted to be inside a grocery store or restaurant in Utah are trained service animals, according to the Utah Department of Agriculture and Food.

This means that pets who are for the “Provision of emotional support, well-being, comfort, or companionship” does not meet the ADA definition of a trained service animal. So, these animals are not legally allowed to be inside grocery stores or any food establishment. (Purchasing special tags or pet vests online does not of itself qualify an animal to be a “service animal.”)

Service animals are “trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of an individual with a disability.”

Having a fraudulent service animal in a grocery store may tend to erode the rights and authenticity of legitimate people with disabilities who do have legitimate support animals.

Service animals must be under the control of their handlers and not in the grocery cart, where other customers are going to place their food items.

Under the handler’s control means that the service animal “shall have a harness, leash, or other tether” unless the handler is unable to use one of these devices due to their disability.

Store personnel “may ask an individual with a disability to remove a service animal from the premises if the animal is out of control and the animal’s handler does not take effective action to control it; or the animal is not housebroken.”

In addition, a public accommodation shall not ask about the nature or extent of a person’s disability, but may make two inquiries to determine whether an animal qualifies as a service animal. A public accommodation may ask if the animal is required because of a disability and what work or task the animal has been trained to perform.

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‘CERT’ trained community members: An asset in disasters

One can never forget that, just as in politics, all disasters are local. No city can be completely staffed and equipped to handle a major disaster that occurs within their jurisdiction. Layton City has excellent law enforcement and fire/emergency medical services, but a major event would likely overwhelm the City’s resources.

Fortunately, there is an opportunity for citizens to be involved in a community’s disaster response. In 1985, the Los Angeles Fire Department created the first program known as, ‘Community Emergency Response Team’ (better known as CERT) to help citizens be better prepared for large-scale emergencies. Fire Department officials had studied responses around the world to disasters and found that people were very willing to help, however many had become injured or killed in the process. By putting together a program touching a few basic response areas, they found that people could safely and efficiently provide assistance in their neighborhoods.

The first official CERT response was in the Los Angeles area in 1987 to the Whittier Narrows Earthquake. The program proved its worth when trained citizen teams stepped up to help their neighbors and proved to be a tremendous asset.

In 1993, this Community Emergency Response Team concept was embraced by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) as a cornerstone program of “Citizen Corps.” Layton City has one of the most robust CERT programs in the State of Utah. To date, 2,633 citizens have gone through the nine-unit, CERT training program.

Currently led by Layton City Fire Department Public Education Specialist, Natalie Tholen, the CERT program has been offered in various formats to organizations, City employees, local community groups, and even a “teen” program through the local high schools. “In 2006 I decided to take the CERT course so that I could better learn how to take care of my family in the event of a disaster,” said Ms. Tholen. “I had wanted to take it for years but had one reason or another that it wasn’t convenient for me. One day I came to the conclusion that a disaster wasn’t going to wait until it was convenient for me. So I signed up and completed the course.”

She said she was very fascinated by CERT and continued to take the course over and over with her then eight-year-old son attending and he received his certificate of completion two years after her. Ms. Tholen further stated, “I got more involved with the program and five of my family members are now all CERT trained, with my husband now volunteering as an instructor and my children helping at all the mock disasters as victims. They also set up and help to do the moulage (disaster simulation makeup).”

— Natalie Tholen

“CERT trains the community and families to prepare for natural disasters and to be able to take care of themselves, family and neighbors until help arrives. It is a valuable course for every citizen in the community to take” said Ms. Tholen.

The CERT course covers Disaster Preparedness, Fire Safety and Utility Controls, Disaster Medical Operations, Light Search and Rescue, CERT Organization, Disaster Psychology, Terrorism and CERT, the Final Exam and Disaster Simulation. Follow up training and periodic refresher training is an important part of a successful program. Although the Fire Department is responsible for the program administration, an essential component is the valuable volunteer instructors that come from the community.

The Fire Department encourages citizens to visit the city website at www.laytoncity.org and click the link to “Emergency Management” under the “Government” tab.

The public may also call the Layton City Fire Department Administration at 801-336-3940 for additional information.
Students honor fallen soldiers

by Becky GINOS
Layton Today

LAYTON—The fifth graders at Layton Elementary experienced history first hand last month as they walked to the new Vietnam Memorial Wall replica in Layton Commons Park to search for names of fallen soldiers they have been researching.

“I’ve had them focus on understanding that people died to make this a better place,” said fifth-grade teacher Liz Sullenger. “We have families who serve in the military. The wall is so cool in Washington, D.C. It makes my heart happy to see the kids experience it here. We’re lucky to have it in our back yard.”

Children were assigned to find a soldier who had died in the war and learn something about them. “It makes them invested in this,” she said.

“The most fun was finding the name,” said student Jake Larsen. “I looked up Garland, Utah because that’s where my grandma lived and it happened to be someone she knew. I’ve learned soldiers are very important and were very brave and courageous to fight for us.”

The children gathered in front of the wall to sing a song thanking the military.

David Griffith, a grandfather to one of the students came along with the classes. He is a Vietnam veteran. “It’s hard to see the wall,” he said. “I was there and I picked a lot of them (soldiers who died) up. When we came back we were spit on, cursed at and beat up so we stayed away from other people.”

Garden benefits others while producing friendships

by Becky GINOS
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LAYTON—It took a lot of sweat and hard work, but the community reaped the benefits of a garden tended by a small group of volunteers over the summer.

“Some friends started a Facebook group where we could get together and meet new people in town,” said Elfriede Allred who spearheaded the project. “We’d talk about things going on. Then we decided rather than arguing about politics we should do something positive for the community. I love gardening and I suggested a community garden. Someone knew (council member) Joy Petro and she offered a half acre on the side of her property.”

About 60 people signed up at first but that dwindled to about 15, she said. “It’s hard work. I was there almost every day throughout the summer weeding. I couldn’t have done it without help though.”

Allred said she started asking for donations through Facebook and by visiting local businesses. “I beat on doors and begged,” she laughed. “I’m a good beggar.”

Her efforts paid off and they were able to plant the garden and build a patio from donations. “The patio is made from bricks and pavers – it’s really cool,” said Allred. “We also got an old outhouse that we moved and it’s our tool shed now.”

Allred took the produce to Layton Fest several times throughout the summer. “We pretty much gave it away,” she said. “Then we started dropping it off to senior housing developments. They were so happy and overjoyed. We also took a lot to the women’s shelter. That was way cool, I really liked doing that.”

Community members weren’t the only ones who benefited from the project. “I lost 25 pounds,” Allred said. “It was hard as heck but fun, fun, fun. We learned a lot from each other and made new friends. We bonded with a group of people we would have never met.”

She hopes to do the garden again next year. “My friends think I’m insane – but that’s my happy place. It was so wonderful to do it for charity. All I want to do is give it away.”
The scoop on Layton City’s water rate increase

Layton City has historically strived to keep water rates as reasonable as possible while maintaining a high quality system that users and residents can count on.

Over the past 16 years rates have increased three times, prior to the current increase. In 2003, the base rate for 7,000 gallons of water went from $8/month to $9.55/month. Four years later in 2007, this same base rate was increased to $10.55/month. In 2012, it was increased to $12.85/month. Now in late 2018, it has increased to $17.35/month. Keep in mind that this is the base rate and those who use more than the base allotment are charged for their excess usage.

On average, 50 percent of the City users use less than the base rate allocation. Prior to the current increase, Layton had the lowest rates of 18 northern Utah cities that were surveyed. After this increase, Layton’s rates are still the fourth lowest out of 18.

Over the past couple of years, City engineers have worked with an outside engineering consulting firm to update the City Water Master Plan. An extensive study of the system and future system needs was performed and a plan was developed.

The plan considered the water system infrastructure, which consists of miles of water lines, pumps, wells, pressure regulators, tanks, monitoring systems and purification systems. In addition, personnel and equipment necessary to operate, maintain and repair the system.

In order to accommodate the needs outlined in the plan, a water rate study was performed. The rate study helped the City determine the rate levels needed to generate sufficient revenue to cover the plan-identified expenditures.

Additionally, the water rate study was required to incorporate legislation passed by the Utah State Legislature. This new legislation requires that all providers of water implement tiered rate structures that...
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LIGHS BEFORE CHRISTMAS

This holiday season marks the 26th year of Layton City's traditional holiday light display in Layton Commons Park. The display, which began in 1992, started as “Santa’s Safari” with a couple of lighted deer and has progressed over the years to the expanded holiday light display seen today, now known as Layton City’s ‘Lights Before Christmas.’ The ‘Lights Before Christmas’ holiday light display features over 1,000,000 lights including 200 lighted animals and scenes. It takes over 4,000 man hours to manage the holiday lights between off-season preparations and actual park set up and take down. Set-up for the holiday lights begins in September, with the animals and scenes being placed in the park two weeks before opening night.

In 2017, the holiday light display showed the most growth and changes from previous years. Completion of an expanded perimeter sidewalk and expansion of power access inside Constitution Circle allowed the City to move lights, figures, and displays to more areas of the park than ever before. The expansion also included the addition of a 40’ mega tree made up of 4,500 LED lights. This year will also offer some special improvements to the light display, including the conversion of older lights to brighter LED lighting and the addition of a grove of 3D lighted trees around the mega tree.

Each year Layton City hosts the annual Holiday Lighting Ceremony and 2018 is no exception. The Holiday Lighting Ceremony will be held on Monday, Nov. 19, at 6 p.m. in the auditorium at Layton High School. The event will feature performances by local elementary school choirs and conclude with a countdown to turn on the ‘Lights Before Christmas’ display in Layton Commons Park. Lights will be turned on at approximately 7 p.m. In addition, that evening The Heritage Museum of Layton will host an open house with free drinks and refreshments for museum visitors.

The Layton City ‘Lights Before Christmas’ display is open each evening beginning the Monday before Thanksgiving through Dec. 31, from 5 – 11 p.m.

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encourage conservation.
The City’s outside consultant calculated new base rates and tiered usage rates for those who have access to secondary water and those who do not. The new rates intentionally increase more rapidly for those with access to secondary water so that they will choose to use their secondary water rather than culinary water for outdoor purposes. The rate study model ran multiple scenarios for base rate and tiered structures and took into consideration all classes of users.

City engineers also considered whether or not expenditures identified by the master plan were absolutely necessary to maintain a robust system. Improvements that the City Engineers felt the City could forgo were eliminated from the plan, in order to minimize the rate increase. The rates arrived at are the most reasonable rates for users of the system while still providing for the needs of the system.

Under the new tiered structure, users will need to adjust their water consumption in order to avoid significant increases. The tiered structure was analyzed against historical billing data as the baseline for future consumption. This process helped in determining the tier levels that benefit the most users and penalize those that use excessive amounts of water.

It is also important to note that those who have access to a secondary system pay for access to that system.

Base rate for all City services (and in particular sanitary sewer services provided by North Davis Sewer District) have had significant increases over the past 15 years. In order to help alleviate the effects of this rate increase on residential users, the City is also converting its billing system to a monthly bill. As the utility division helps customers on a daily basis this was the most common preference voiced.

And, since billing will occur monthly, some residents’ consumption will not be nearly as much in total gallons as it was for the former two-month billing system. Hence, the most costly tiers for water usage may not be reached in a single month of use.
**NEW LAYTON CITY BUSINESSES AUGUST**

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Just some of the improvements include: paved parking lot, updated table linens, new signage, upgraded centerpieces, professional landscaping, uniforms and professional staff attire and interior design updates.

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**COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

Layton City created a Community Calendar on the City’s website in 2016 for community events taking place. This is where residents can add Citywide events, as long as they are open to the general public.

This calendar is a great resource for things going on in Layton City. It helps to better unite residents and to also make the Layton City website a focal point for timely information. Community Calendar events should be submitted at least seven days prior to an event date – and include a valid email address. Each submission is reviewed by the City, a process requiring a few business days. A photograph, icon, flyer and web link can also be submitted along with the basic event information. Submitters should also include the cost of the event, or if it is free.

The Community Calendar is prominently featured on the main Layton City web page at www.laytoncity.org. Various school events in Layton City, like sports and plays, are also welcome. So are car shows, fun runs, etc.
HOW TO WINTERIZE YOUR WATER SYSTEM

Here are the steps to winterize a secondary water system:
1. Shut off your main valve.
2. Open each station valve to drain the water out of each line.
3. Ensure your electronic control is turned off.
4. Make sure to remove all hoses attached to the outdoor hose bibs.

Here are the steps to winterize a culinary water system:
1. Locate and shut off your stop and waste valve.
   (Make sure this is completely turned to the off position to prevent leaking.)
2. Winterize the backflow preventer by opening each test port and draining the water.
3. The shut off valves need to be left open a quarter turn.
4. Open each station valve to drain the water out of each line.
5. Confirm your electronic station control is turned off.
6. Make sure to remove all hoses attached to the outdoor hose bibs.

HOLIDAY GARBAGE SCHEDULES

Garbage collection services will be delayed by one day following the Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year’s holidays.

- Thanksgiving: Those regularly scheduled for Thursday or Friday pick-up that week will be delayed one day.
- Christmas: Those regularly scheduled for Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday or Friday pick-up that week will be delayed by one day.
- New Year’s: Those regularly scheduled for Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday or Friday pick-up that week will be delayed by one day.
- During these weeks if your normal garbage pick-up is Thursday, it will be picked up on Friday.

As the schedule for 2019 becomes available, Layton City will post it on its social media sites and on the monthly utility bill.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Layton Interfaith Christmas Concert 2018

The annual Layton Interfaith Christmas Concert will be Sunday evening, Nov. 18, at 7 p.m., in the Layton High School Auditorium. Immediately following the concert there will be a candlelight procession from the high school to the seminary – across the street to the north, for the lighting of the nativity. The concert is free to the public and is a great way to begin the holiday season.

Dr. Jane Fjeldsted will again be the conductor of the choir and orchestra. Mary Ann Pulham is the program director for the Layton Interfaith presentation of “The Manger of Bethlehem.” The concert brings together talent from various faiths in the community for an inspiring presentation of Christmas music and narration.

The concert includes two guest artists: Rob Gardner is an American composer of primarily oratorios. He began his musical career in high school as a member of and the arranger for the a cappella group Two Five Nine. His most famous and widely performed oratorio is Lamb of God, which was recorded by the London Symphony Orchestra. Other works of his include: He is Jesus Christ, Joseph Smith the Prophet, and Saints and Pioneers. He also composed Blackbeard and “The Price of Freedom” with Mckane Davis.

Sharon Hopkins will also be sharing her talents. Sharon was inspired by her parents to be a musician and singer. She plays the guitar and piano, like her father; and the violin, like her mother. She has been singing all of her life but did not begin taking vocal lessons until she was in college. She loved it. Sharon has been composing and arranging songs throughout her life for herself and others. Her love is to write and arrange religious music and to share those talents in a way that will direct souls to Christ. Performing songs, old and new, is a dream come true. In the past, churches participating included, Faith Baptist Church, Christian Life Center, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church and Mountain Road Church.

SHARON HOPKINS AND ROB GARDNER will be guest artists at the concert. Gardner is an American composer and Hopkins is a musician and singer.
Layton girls’ soccer takes second at state

by Catherine Garrett
Layton Today

“Take It One Game At A Time” and “Play Like It Is The Most Important Game Of The Year” were the themes the Layton High girls soccer team ascribed to this season and ultimately led them to the 6A state championship game, where the Lancers lost 1-0 to Lone Peak Oct. 19.

“Those mottos helped us keep perspective about each opponent and when we did make it to state, we didn’t have to change our mindset,” head coach Tara Ferrin said. “It was a wonderful run throughout the year. The state championship game was amazing. For the team to be playing in the last game of the season was such a blessing.”

In the first round of the state tournament, Layton defeated Granger 7-0 after being up 4-0 at halftime and adding three more goals in the second half. Senior midfielder Susan Sweeten Meg scored a hat trick while junior forward Calli Richardson scored her first goal of the year and team captain Sydnee Elmore, sophomore Kaitlyn Richins and freshman Erin Bailey also found the net. Keepers Meg Edwards and Anastasia Godfrey shared the shutout for the Lancers.

Against Westlake, Layton found themselves down 1-0 with just four minutes left in the game before senior Susan Sweeten scored to force overtime. Senior forward Journee McDowell scored her third goal of the season with a free kick to win the game for the Lancers 2-1.

“To come out hard in the overtime to get the win was very exciting,” Ferrin said.

In the semifinals against Davis, the game was deadlocked for nearly 70 minutes before Elmore scored the game’s lone goal in a 1-0 win to reach the title matchup.

THE LAYTON HIGH GIRLS SOCCER TEAM poses with the silver trophy for its great second-place finish in this year’s state 6A soccer tournament. The Lancers lost a heartbreaking 1-0 contest to Lone Peak on Oct. 19. Ph

The Northridge Knights gave Region 2 champion Kearns all in wanted on Oct. 26 in the first-round of the state 6A football playoffs. Ultimately, it was a 29-yard field goal as time expired from Kearns’ Jason Rodriguez to give the Cougars a 40-37 victory.

NORTHRIDGE QUARTERBACK Colby Browning throws this pass against Kearns on Oct. 26 in the Knight’s 40-37 loss.

Last second FB ends Northridge season

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Northridge trailed 26-21 at halftime, and Kearns increased that lead to 37-29 entering the fourth quarter. But the Knights rallied, with Colby Browning throwing a 30-yard TD pass to Jacob Rhodes with 5:20 remaining. He then threw for the two-point conversion to tie the game at 37-all. Kearns drove to the Knight 12 yard line to set up Rodriguez’ game-winner.

The Knights finished the season with a record of 5-5.
Thornley leads locals in state 6A cross country

by Tom HARALDSEN
Layton Today

Layton High sophomore Emma Thornley was the top local finisher at this year's state 6A cross country championships, held Oct. 17 at Sugarhouse Park in Salt Lake City. She finished seventh and medaled in the girls’ final, crossing the finish line in a time of 18:41.0. The winner of the race was Eli Lundgreen of Davis in a time of 18:06.0.

Freshman Lauren Thornley of Layton was second among the Lancers. She placed 42nd in a time of 19:56.9.

Other Layton High runners in the finals finished as follows: Kate Richardson, senior, 45th at 19:59.4; Shalee Hansen, senior, 58th at 20:32.4; Sydney Stout, sophomore, 61st at 20:38.2; Avery Low, junior, 62nd at 20:39.5; and Makenna Dummer, sophomore, 81st at 21:27.8.

Northridge had just one runner who qualified for state. Junior Regan Abbott placed 56th in a time of 20:28.1. Layton finished ninth in the team competition.

Both Northridge and Layton had full teams in the boys’ finals, with Northridge placing 10th and Layton 11th. Top finisher among the two schools was Northridge senior Bridger Allice, who placed 18th in a time of 16:07.6. Teammates Max Wehrli, also a senior, was 20th at 16:11.9. Other Northridge runners were junior Hyrum Johnson, 29th at 16:18.8; senior Connor Lehr, 89th at 17:56.4; sophomore Ammon Frost, 98th at 18:17.8; senior Andrew Mower, 100th at 18:20.0; and senior Anthony Jacobo, 110th at 18:57.3.

Layton’s top finisher was sophomore Nicholas Murray, who took 33rd at 16:19.8. Senior Bronson Shaw was 36th at 16:28.5. Other Lancers and their finishes were junior Jackson Black, 55th at 16:54.7; senior Noah Schade, 60th at 17:00.4; senior Seth Hirschi, 88th at 17:54.6; junior Anderson Smith, 93rd at 18:08.7; and senior Daniel Sumision, 96th at 18:13.7.

In the 2A classification, sophomore Hayley Matthews from Layton Christian Academy placed 13th in a time of 21:45.2, and teammate Maria Callada, also a sophomore, placed 35th at 24:37.5. They were the only two runners from LCA at the meet.

Layton High Runners (from left) Sydney Stout, Lauren Thornley and Emma Thornley helped the Lady Lancers at state cross country, with Emma Thornley medaling in seventh place.

Layton High Runners from left: Sydney Stout, Lauren Thornley and Emma Thornley help at state cross country, with Emma Thornley medaling in seventh place.

Hole-in-One for Layton golfer

Susan Carper of Layton scored her first hole-in-one at Cranfield Golf course on Oct. 6. She aced #3, a 91-yard achievement! Congrats Susan—those of us who’ve never had a hole-in-one are jealous!

Layton Colts teams earn semifinal berths

Each fall Layton City Parks and Recreation participates as a member association of the Wasatch Front Football League (WFFL) to host a residency based youth tackle football program. The WFFL is comprised of 25 associations along the Wasatch Front stretching from Farmington in the South, Smithfield in the East, to North, to South Summit in the East. Youth tackle football is an age and weight based league consisting of seven separate age divisions. Layton City, the Layton Colts, is the biggest membership association with 16 total teams participating in the 2018 season. Teams play in seven regular season games and then if they qualify, advance to a 16-team playoff tournament.

All the Layton Colt athletes deserve commendation for their dedication throughout the season which began the first week of August and from then on consisted of four weekday practices in addition to Saturday games. This season, the Layton Colts qualified 12 of the 14 playoff eligible teams to advance to post season tournament play, each with a goal of reaching the championship game, the Mini Bowl. Two Layton Colts teams advanced to the semi-final round of the playoffs; the Layton Silver Pee Wee division team (11-year-old age group) coached by Charles VanAustral, and the Layton Mite Mite team (9-year-old age group) coached by Nick Hughes. Coach Hughes’ Mite Mite team advanced to the Mini Bowl to play in the championship on Saturday, October 27 at Layton High School.

Layton City would like to extend a special congratulations to the Layton Mite Mites on their accomplishment this season in qualifying for and playing in the Mini Bowl this year.

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Edwards, a team captain, recorded her eighth shutout of the season.

“To be able to play Davis in the semi-final game was a credit to Region 1 which had three out of the four teams in the semis,” Ferrin said. “We knew it would be a battle and that the score would be close. We knew we had to limit their chances to score by staying in front defensively, which the girls did a great job taking care of.”

“We had some difficult games leading up to the final game,” Ferrin said. “Making it to the state championship was an over 4-month journey for these girls, starting with conditioning in the summer, followed by a commitment to practice every day and then playing every game as if it was the state championship game.”

Layton was led offensively by senior midfielder Atley Thompson, a team captain, who scored 13 goals this season while junior forward Brynlee Roberts added nine, Elmore seven and Sweeten and freshman midfielder Brooklyn Nelson six. McDowell, Richins, Bailey, Checketts, Kinlee Millman, Karsyn Miller, Brooklyn Pritchett and Richardson also scored for the 13-5-2 squad who outscored their opponents 54 to 11 this season.

“We told the girls every game that win or lose, if they played the hardest they could then we were successful,” Ferrin said. “Even though we didn’t win the state championship game, the girls were successful because whether they played on the field or were cheering from the bench every single one of our team members, including coaches and managers, left everything on the field.”

Ferrin credited her 10 seniors – Checketts, Edwards, Elomore, McDowell, Millman, Miller, Sweeten, Thompson, Tauave Leota and Aubrey Williams – for their “huge part of the success of this team.”

Also on the team this season were Sydney Barlow, Emma Christensen, Taylor Chugg, Aysia Duer, Sydney Embley, Kaylee Felb, Abby Fotheringham, Paitlyn Hawley, Olivia Hepworth, Livia Hirsch, Malia Jensen, Mary Littlefield, Halen Martini, Madysyn Morley, Lyndi Myers, Elizabeth Schade, Camille Siddoway, Kaitlyn Stoker, Grace Topik and Greta Wadman.

“We as coaches hadn’t have asked for a better group of girls to coach than the team we had,” Ferrin said. “Every single one of our girls has worked hard this entire season. Every girl was a key player on the success of the season. Those who didn’t get into the game were key players in practice with helping to prepare those who played and for providing the extra 12th man on the bench.”

Ferrin was assisted by Tricia Ferrin, Samantha Gordon, Jaycelin Bernardo and Corinne Case on the coaching staff, while sophomore McKayla Williams served as the team’s manager.

“The season was awesome and amazing. The girls have worked so hard to accomplish everything they have this year,” Ferrin said. “We would like to thank everyone that has supported the team throughout the season at our games, from the student body officers and Layton High students to the family and friends of the team.”

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Layton City Park and Recreation
Residents gather for fire department open house

It’s become an annual event that pays tribute to late Layton Firefighter Kendall O. Bryant, as well as to the many firefighters who protect Layton City. The open house on September 26 provided the public with demonstrations of how first responders deal with a number of emergencies. These images are courtesy of the Layton Fire Department.
Diabetes Relief opens new facility in Layton City

Did you know that around 100 million Americans currently suffer from the effects of diabetes or pre-diabetes? Diabetes is a metabolic disease that affects the way insulin is produced and used to control blood sugar levels. Those who number with the 100 million unfortunately lose, over time, their ability to produce enough insulin to maintain normal, healthy levels. If untreated, this can eventually lead to heart disease, kidney disease, nerve and small blood vessel damage, and stroke.

Diabetes Relief, recently launched in Layton City, is a physician-directed metabolic restoration service that treats the root cause of diabetes: metabolic failure. At Diabetes Relief, patients work with a specialized team to create an individualized care plan based on their diabetic symptoms, medical history, and metabolism to determine the ideal treatment plan. It is located at 2086 North 1700 West, Suite D.

The goal of this type of therapy program is to improve insulin sensitivity, and decrease insulin resistance. This allows the body to improve carbohydrate metabolism so more energy is available to heal damaged cells and tissues. Therefore, patients may experience long-term relief from the complications of diabetes – even after living years with diabetes.

Brandi Messerly, Facility Administrator for Diabetes Relief, has been working for over a year to bring to Utah an effective treatment for those who must deal with diabetes. Messerly says that when she was first diagnosed with diabetes, she was determined to do everything the doctor and the diettian told her to do. However, within a few years she developed neuropathy in her feet, and she experienced extremely low energy in spite of following her doctor’s recommendations.

Messerly’s uncle had been receiving infusion treatments in Houston, Texas for his diabetes and experienced significant improvements. With the support from members of her family, Messerly began flying to Houston weekly for the same infusion treatments. Within a few months she started to experience the benefits of the infusion treatments and felt better. However, this effort was time-consuming and expensive. Messerly spoke with the owners of Diabetes Relief to convince them to bring these same treatments to Utah. They told her that she needed to find a doctor willing to work as the medical director, among a list of other requirements to successfully open a medical facility here. Messerly reached out to her friend’s husband, Dr. Brian Loveridge of Eden, Utah. He was receptive and even eager to participate in this revolutionary treatment for diabetics. Both Messerly and Loveridge worked with Diabetes Relief’s corporate office and were able to open a clinic in Layton a year later.

After all the effort that went into bringing Diabetes Relief to Utah, the owners asked Messerly to run the clinic. Messerly says this is the most rewarding job she has ever had. She loves working with fellow diabetic patients and seeing their lives improve.

The Diabetes Relief process includes an initial consultation to review medical history, diabetic symptoms, and metabolism. Diabetes Relief staff then create a personalized care plan with diagnostic testing to identify any hormone imbalance that may contribute to metabolic failure. Patients are given an infusion of small amounts of insulin to retrain the liver to respond efficiently to meals. A customized weight management program is implemented as well. Potential benefits from the treatment include: improved energy levels, reduced need for medications, reduced nerve pain, faster wound healing,-controlled weight, controlled blood sugar, reduced blood pressure, improved mood, improved sleeping habits and improved hair and fingernail growth.

For more information about Diabetes Relief, visit DiabetesRelief.com or call: 385-515-4100.

First National Bank receives Extraordinary Banking Award

First National Bank of Layton, a Utah icon, was just named one of the top extraordinary banks in the United States by The Institute for Extraordinary Banking” for the second year in a row. First National was recognized with the Institute’s Above-and-Beyond Customer Service Banky” Award for consistently creating “WOW!” experiences for their clients as a result of their exemplary focus on customers and amazing results.

“On numerous occasions, I have had customers mention to me or to other employees how much they love First National and that they would never bank anywhere else,” Bank CEO and President John Jones said. “That comes as a result of being consistent with our vision – everyone comes in as a customer and leaves as a friend. The value for our customers isn’t just the terms on their deposit or loan account, it’s the relationship they have with their banker. It’s not about the transaction, it’s about the relationship. We believe that if we are passionate about their success, we will both succeed.”

The Extraordinary Banking” Awards highlight the vital, yet often overlooked, role that local community banks play in the economy. Without a thriving local banking industry, small businesses and families become nothing more than numbers inside “too big to fail” institutions. The Extraordinary Banking” Awards recognize the best of what community banks offer to cities, towns, and the nation.
Program gives victims of crime a voice

by Becky Ginos

Layton Today

LAYTON—When someone is the victim of a crime it’s not always easy to work through the court process. That’s where Karen Arroyo, Layton City Victim Services Program Coordinator comes in.

“We provide services to victims of crime and help them notified of hearings, etc.” said Arroyo. “We want them to be involved in the process so their voice can be heard.”

The program is part of the Layton City Attorney’s Office and funded through a VOCA (Victims of Crime Act) grant and the city. It has been in place for more than 20 years. Arroyo has been there for 10.

“We help with safety planning, protective orders, stalking injunctions, shelter and counseling,” she said. “We access what we can to help connect them with other agencies.”

Cases come to her in different ways. “They can be criminal court cases that our prosecutors are working on,” said Arroyo. “Or the police might get involved before it becomes a court case and it is filtered to me. Then we reach out to the victim by mail or phone. The court process can be slow so we usually have contact long before that is initiated.”

However, they provide services to anyone. “People can walk in, call or email us,” she said. “The majority of walk-ins have been referred by the police or they’re looking for help for a friend or family member.”

Although the office assists with all types of crime such as theft and fraud, 65 to 70 percent are domestic violence cases, said Arroyo. “By the nature of what we’re dealing with those cases take more time,” she said. “We see quite a few violations of protective orders, etc. and give a lot of referrals to Safe Harbor.”

The office is busy. “We generally provide services to about 1,200 people a year,” she said. “Those numbers have grown over the 10 years I’ve been here. Services can be on the phone, in court or just a letter, depending on what the victim needs.”

She’s pleased to see a growth in victim services in the county. “For a long time it was just the county and Layton,” said Arroyo. “Then about two years ago Clearfield started one and now there are programs in Syracuse, Clinton, Bountiful and Kaysville. That’s really exciting.”

The bulk of what they do is explain the court system. “It can be pretty daunting,” she said. “Victims ask, ‘how could he plead not guilty when he clearly did it?’ We have a lot of Kleenex on hand; it can be a very emotional topic for people. The criminal justice system doesn’t leave with both sides happy.”

Sometimes victims don’t want to press charges at all so they’re angry and others want the maximum penalty for a first offense. “That’s probably not going to happen,” she said. “But just explaining the process can help alleviate that stress.”

Above all, Arroyo just wants people to seek help. “All the services are free and a protective order doesn’t cost anything,” she said. “You don’t even have to give your name. We can go over the situation and offer resources. We’re always happy to make a safety plan. We try to give people as many options as we can so they can be in charge of what’s best for them.”

Arroyo enjoys her work but it can be difficult. “It can be frustrating to law enforcement to see the same people over and over again,” she said. “But it’s absolutely critical in this work not to judge people. I look at it as planting seeds that will grow into something when they’re ready.”

She said not every case is going to turn out the way they want. “Those who go back to an abusive situation, we don’t know why but we have to accept it. Then I’ve had some come back to tell us where their life’s at now and that is really exciting.”

AFCU names new Layton service center manager

America First Credit Union has named Merissa Van Miltenburg as the new service center manager for its Layton Fairfield branch.

Van Miltenburg started her career at America First Credit Union in February 2012 as a teller at the Ogden Main branch. While at that branch, she worked as a consumer loan originator and backup lead teller. She was then promoted to lead teller at the Roy branch in April 2014. In October 2016, Van Miltenburg transferred to the Roy Kent’s branch as service center lead teller and subsequently returned to Ogden Main in August 2017 as lead teller. She has been in her current role of market assistant manager of the Ogden Main branch since November 2017. Van Miltenburg’s promotion was effective Sept. 10, 2018.

The Layton Fairfield branch is located at 88 S Fairfield Rd. Layton, UT 84041 and open from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday – Saturday. The branch is closed on Sundays.

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Layton City helps fund the Victim Services Program that assists victims of crime. The program has been in place for more than 20 years.

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Thanksgiving is a day of stress, even in the best of times, but Thanksgiving 2018 could take the cake...or pie. Dinner conversations have become landmines. Relationships are as strained as my jeans after five helpings of mashed potatoes. Families haven’t been this divided since the great Toilet Paper Orientation debate of 1954.

Here are just a few topics that could escalate your meal from a civil discussion to Grandpa throwing cranberry sauce into the ceiling fan: The national anthem – Kneeling v. standing; The Presidency – Trump v. a sane person; Women’s rights v. Rich White Men; Nazis v. Not Nazis; and the most contentious subject, Marvel v. DC.

Things are ugly, folks. People are tense. There are marches and demonstrations covering every perceivable issue. Even asking someone their view on mayonnaise could spark a worldwide protest. So, what can we possibly talk about around the Thanksgiving table so we can still get presents on Christmas?

I gathered a group of unsuspecting family members to practice possible discussion topics. It didn’t go well.

Me to Grandson: Tell me about Fortnite.

Great Uncle Jack: What’s Fortnite?

Grandson: It’s an awesome video game!

Great Uncle Jack: That’s stupid, you namby-pamby! Do you know what my video game was? World War II!

Second Cousin: The moon landing never happened. It’s a conspiracy to keep us docile.

Me: I don’t think it’s working.

Another effort.

Me: How about those sports?

Hubbie: Agents have ruined professional sports! Back in the day, athletes played the damn game. Now, it’s, “Oh, I need an extra $20 million before I can throw a pitch.”

OK then. Next.

Me: What fun things should we do for Christmas?

Brother-in-law: We should stop pandering to the commercialism of a pagan holiday that has no foundation of truth. Might as well celebrate rocks.

I tried a different tactic.

Me: A delicious roast turkey sure sounds good.

Daughter: Do you know how turkeys are raised? It’s disgusting and inhuman.

Me: Turkeys aren’t human.

Daughter: You are dead to me.

I was almost out of ideas.

Me: What do you think about sweater vests?

Everyone: We hate them!

Well, that’s a start.

I’m worried most families will end up sitting quietly, heads down, creating volcanoes with the mashed potatoes and gravy, and making NO eye contact for the entirety of the meal. At least dessert shouldn’t be contentious. (Dessert: Hold my beer.)

There was a time when conversation was an art, a civilized form of speech. Someone started talking, then others respectfully chimed in with their opinions. Sometimes, discussions got heated, but it rarely became a knife fight. Or maybe I’ve just read too many Jane Austen novels where you had to actually pay attention to realize you’d been insulted.

Now everyone is insulted. All the time.

So, on Thanksgiving, let’s practice not being insulted. Let’s try hearing other people’s views without writing them out of the will. We don’t have to agree, but can we be kind?

And the correct answer is Marvel. It’s always Marvel.
**Facts & Opinions**

Facts are pieces of information based upon things that can be measured, proved or seen by anyone.

**Opinions** describe how someone feels about a thing or event. They can vary from person to person.

Example: The golfer hit the ball 217 yards is a fact. The golfer is a fantastic player is an opinion.

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**Basketball is more exciting than baseball.**

- **Fact**
- **Opinion**

How can this be proven?

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**The Giants beat the Rockies 4 - 0.**

- **Fact**
- **Opinion**

How can this be proven?

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**The Chicago Bears uniform is navy blue and burnt orange.**

- **Fact**
- **Opinion**

How can this be proven?

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**Mike Babcock was named head coach of the Toronto Maple Leafs in 2015.**

- **Fact**
- **Opinion**

How can this be proven?

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**Babe Ruth was 19 years old when he began playing for the Boston Red Sox.**

- **Fact**
- **Opinion**

How can this be proven?

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**Soccer is more fun to watch than golf.**

- **Fact**
- **Opinion**

How can this be proven?

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**The Dallas Stars won the Stanley Cup in 1999.**

- **Fact**
- **Opinion**

How can this be proven?

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**The Cavaliers scored 28 points in the second quarter.**

- **Fact**
- **Opinion**

How can this be proven?

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**Read each statement and decide which information is a fact and which is an opinion. If you think it is a fact, explain how it can be proven.**

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**Bleacher Banter**

Read what the fans in the bleachers are saying about the football game. Color each speech bubble that contains a fact in green. Color each bubble that is an opinion red.

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**Kid Scoop Puzzler**

Take a good look at this baseball player. Then write one **Fact** and one **Opinion** about this picture.

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**Double Word Search**

Find the words by looking up, down, backwards, forwards, sideways, and diagonally.

- **Fact**
- **Opinion**

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**Write On!**

**My Turn at Bat**

It was my turn at bat and the fans were going crazy... Finish this story.

Source: newslit.org
Opinion

Demise of pageants a loss for rural communities

The opinions stated in this article are solely those of the author and not of the Layton Today.

For members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, the news that the annual Hill Cumorah Pageant will end production in two years should come as a surprise. Their church is not one to wander from tradition lightly. But more than a surprise – in fact, a tragedy – is that local pageants such as the “Mormon Miracle Pageant” in Manti may also fold up its tent.

I am certainly not an apologist or a partisan when it comes to church decisions. I have no interest in the Hill Cumorah Pageant, although I’m sure the local businesses and service clubs in the upstate New York area will feel an economic pinch. The fact that attendance has dropped substantially (by one count, 70,000 in its heyday to 25,000 in recent years) makes its passing a bit easier to swallow. As a missionary vehicle, the Internet plays a larger role than a seasonal pageant.

The major reason for its demise, however, appears to be the Church’s focus on family programs and home-based gospel education. And while that may justify the end of the New York pageant, it flies in the face of the local pageants like the one in Manti. Just as I’m not an apologist for the Church, neither am I part of the Manti or Sanpete County Tourist Bureau. But I understand how important pageants (and other non-religious events) are to rural communities.

First, there is the economic impact. There are not thousands of people jumping up and down and clamoring to visit Manti, Utah. It is a speck on a map, one that tourist buses don’t even pass on the Interstate. The pageant actually gave folks a chance to visit, and the motels, restaurants, service stations, and grocery stores received a huge boost in sales. The pageant cannot be replaced by a rodeo or a high school musical.

Of course, churches are not chambers of commerce and their mission is not to fill the cash registers of local merchants. But when the Church emphasizes “family,” the local pageant fits right in. It is common in Manti, for example, for families – both local and visitors – to stop by the Church’s ward houses and eat (or prepare) turkey and roast beef dinners prior to the play. The pageant was a “family event” for some 75,000 Utahns every year.

As a missionary effort, it was also faith-promoting. One of my readers who no longer calls herself a church member calls the spectacle of “Mormon standing atop the temple spire, robes blowing in the breeze and the hill lighting up at the end of the production with a myriad of angels in white” .

There was certainly a large sense of spirituality that could never be felt in the words of a book or a hymnal, she said.

“Even though I no longer participate in religious services, I feel sorry for the church members in Manti and those families who annually made plans to visit simply for the pageant.”

The Manti pageant may still be saved. The pageant president told the Salt Lake Tribune that the show’s future will be up to the stake presidents overseeing the area.

And the issue goes beyond church pageants. Small towns and rural Utah struggle to find their identity. Jobs are often scarce and local businesses struggle. It is the raspberry festivals, peach days, and the quirky low-budget film festivals that keep some of these towns alive. These are communities that have more jackrabbits than condeminiums, where there is no demand for the new Tesla, where men and women often work to “stay even,” not get ahead.

A loss for these communities is a loss to us all.

Q&A: Farm animals and wildlife in Layton City

Layton City is predominately subdivisions, but it does have some agricultural areas and special allowances for certain non-household or farm animals in other areas.

Here’s a look at Layton’s ordinances relating to the ownership and care of farm animals and also of wildlife problems within the city limits:

Q: Where are farm animals legal inside Layton City?
A: Except chickens, all other farm animals are only legal in the A (agricultural), or the R-S (residential suburban) zones.
Q: What about chickens?
A: Chickens in residential subdivisions are allowed in the R-1-6, R-1-8, R-1-10, and RS zones (as long as there is a minimum overall lot area of 10,000-square feet). All other fowl associated with being kept outdoors are prohibited in R-1-6, R-1-8, and R-1-10 zones.

In R-S and A zones, additional chickens are allowed as outlined in section 19.06.080 of the Layton Code.
Q: What about roosters?
A: Roosters are not permitted in R-1-6, R-1-8, R-1-10 and R-S zones.
Q: Which exotic animals are allowed in Layton City?
A: All pens, coops, and cages shall be kept clean and free from objectionable odor and waste. Waste and debris must be kept from becoming offensive or a health hazard. Slaughter is prohibited.

Q: What if squirrels live in my yard and trees inside a subdivision?
A: Davis County ordnance may be mentioned in the city’s fowl not specifically square feet of lot area.
Q: How many farm animals are legal in those two zones?
A: Not more than one cow or horse and two sheep or goats and 25 pheasants or chickens or rabbits, or pigeons; and 10 geese or ducks, for every 20,000 square feet of lot area.

Animals and fowl not specifically mentioned in the city’s ordinance may be substituted for those listed of similar size.

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Old fire curtain delays Layton High musical

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LAYTON—The replacement of an original fire curtain on Layton High School’s stage has pushed back the musical, “Phantom of the Opera” from March to late April.

“Like all high schools, Layton High has a fire curtain that hangs high above and behind the main curtain,” said Chris Williams, Director of Communication & Operations for the Davis School District. “It drops when it senses heat and provides separation between the stage and audience so patrons and actors can get out safely.”

The fire curtain has been in place since the school was built in 1965. “They found it had 80 percent asbestos,” he said.

“So they’re replacing it but they’re waiting for the new curtain to come in. It will be installed during the Christmas break.”

Instead of the big school-wide musical in March, the theater department is pushing it to April 26 – May 4, Williams said. “The spring productions held in the little theater have typically been at that time, but they flipped it so those will be in March. Because of the non-existence of the fire curtain they can’t put anything combustible on the stage so they can’t build sets, etc.”

Williams said there was no event that caused it to happen, the curtain just needed to be replaced.

“Elementary Students” perform on the Layton High School stage. The fire curtain is being replaced over Christmas break.

Services for removal at 801-444-2200. If the animal is not a pet and larger than a raccoon, call the Layton Police (801-497-8300) and they will have the Division of Wildlife remove the animal.

Q: What about rattlesnakes?
A: Rattlesnakes are protected by Utah law and it is illegal to harass or kill a rattlesnake in Utah. These snakes are an important part of Utah’s ecosystem and they control pests.

Q: Who do I call if I see a deer, moose or other wildlife roaming in my neighborhood?
A: If the animal appears to be a threat to citizen safety, contact the Layton Police Department at 801-497-8300. They will notify the Utah Division of Wildlife.

Q: What about dead animals along the roadside?
A: If the animal is raccoon size or smaller, or a cat or dog, contact Davis County Animal Services for removal at 801-444-2200.

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