Layton Fire Department receives new equipment

The Layton City Fire Department has recently taken delivery of new fire and emergency medical services vehicles. The first delivery is a Rosenbauer fire engine. The fire department provides all hazards emergency services to the citizens of Layton City and this fire engine was designed and built with this in mind. The new engine includes fully enclosed compartments for equipment storage, short wheel base for maneuverability, wildland/urban interface pump and roll capabilities for the east side of the city, and paramedic equipment storage. The engine has a 1,500 gallon per minute pump and carries 750 gallons of water. This engine will be staffed by cross trained Firefighter/Paramedics. The engine took over one year to build and is expected to remain in service for 10 to 15 years.

The second addition is not only new to Layton City but new to Utah fire department based emergency medical services. This vehicle is referred to as a “Type II” ambulance and is designed for cost effective, long distance transports of sick and injured patients. The Type II ambulance is also fully stocked and licensed for all types of emergency medical response and transport. Its primary role will be transporting patients from our two local hospitals to hospitals in Salt Lake, Weber, Cache, and Utah counties. Layton City is the first fire department based medical provider in Utah to purchase and operate this type of ambulance. The fire department is very excited to operate these new vehicles as they continue to be at the forefront of providing quality emergency medical services to the great citizens of Layton City.

GREAT PEOPLE, GREAT HAPPENINGS!

There are so many wonderful stories to tell about the residents of Layton, as well as the history of the community. We’re telling more of them again this month in Layton Today, our 8th issue! You’ll also find some humor and some food for thought in our columnists’ contributions this month. 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! Happy February from all of us to all of you!
Freitag selected for Layton Mayor post

by Tom HARALDSEN  Layton Today

LAYTON — What a difference a year can make.

Last January, Layton City Councilman Scott Freitag found himself fighting for the most important things in his life – his family, his job and his reputation. That fight began after he was pulled over in Centerville and eventually charged with driving under the influence, when he was driving with an open container and had a blood-alcohol level of .214 (three times over the then-state limit). He lost his job as director of Salt Lake City’s 911 system, and feared he’d lose much more.

But this January has turned out much differently. On Jan. 15, Freitag was selected by fellow city councilmembers in a special council meeting to serve as Layton’s mayor, filling the seat vacated by Bob Stevenson, who was elected to the Davis County Commission last November. He will serve in that position for the remainder of this year and the post will come up in this fall’s municipal election (which he could enter as well).

“It’s a miracle that I’m here today,” an emotional Freitag said after he was sworn in by city recorder Kim Read. “It’s a miracle that I have the people in my life that support me. If it wasn’t for my wife, I couldn’t do it. I couldn’t be here.”

Five candidates applied for the post. In addition to Freitag, fellow councilmembers Joyce Brown and Joy Petro applied, as did former city councilman Renny Knowlton and resident Jackie Malan. Each candidate was interviewed in a nearly two-hour public meeting and asked eight questions. Then the five members of the council voted for their choices. After the first round of voting, Freitag received three votes and was thus selected.

“Running for this office was a manifestation of the support, the trust and the responsibility that I’ve really tried to earn back in the past year,” he said. “I know the council may have to face questions and handle complaints from some angry individuals about the decision they made to support me. The courage it took to write my name down on those ballots was amazing. I knew just by applying that it was going to bring some scrutiny. I met with the council after my arrest, laid out everything that happened and what we face going forward, and said that if even one of them wanted me to step down because of the distraction, I would. And unanimously, they said they didn’t want me to step down. I had the same reaction from the council when I decided to apply for this post.”

His selection to the mayoral post means council has a vacancy for his council seat. Officials will post an announcement to seek candidates for that appointment, and a process of interviewing and selection will begin in the next few weeks.

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— Scott Freitag

Public utility easements on private property

by Jadyn APPLONIE and Layton City Engineering

With the high amount of construction taking place in Layton City, the City has received many questions regarding the existence and use of public utility easements located on private property. Public utility easements are specifically designated areas of land for the installation and maintenance of public utility facilities. These easements are reserved for public utilities, which are governments and businesses that provide important services or goods that citizens use daily. These public utility facilities include the infrastructure necessary to provide services like natural gas, electricity, water, telephone, fiber optic, and sanitary/storm sewer systems. Public utility entities rely on these easements to install, maintain, repair, and operate the infrastructure so they can continue providing adequate utility services to the community. Establishing public utility easements preserves areas for these entities to install the necessary infrastructure. These easements also regulate where the infrastructure can be installed to ensure that it is placed in its designated location.

In Layton City, all developments must establish public utility easements along the property lines of building lots. Depending on the age of the development, public utility easements can vary in size and location. However, they are typically established in the following way: 10 feet on each side of rear lot lines, seven feet on front lot lines, and 10 feet total on side lot lines with no less than three feet on one side and seven feet on the other. However, it is not uncommon for easements to be larger and further into the property, based on the size and configuration of the underground facilities.

Public utility easements are non-exclusive, which simply means that any or all public utility entities can use them. And often multiple utilities are located in the same easement. Even though these are easements, property owners do have rights concerning public utility easements. For example, public utility entities are required to restore landscaping. However, these entities are not required to remove or repair improvements that interfere with the use of the easement. These items can include, but are not limited to, fences, sheds, basketball courts, and trees. Public utility easements are recorded on property plats with the Davis County Recorder. Residents may speak with contractors to find out which utility they are installing. Each public utility can provide information about their own specific projects. Phone numbers for these public utilities are located on their respective utility bills. Additionally, the Layton City Engineering Division, at 801-336-3700, is happy to help direct questions to the appropriate utility company.
Layton residents taking the stage in ‘Mermaid’

In March, Layton resident Celena Shafer will take the stage with the Utah Opera as The Queen of the Night in Mozart’s The Magic Flute. Although Shafer’s Soprano career has taken her all over the world to perform with renowned symphonies and composers, there is another performance happening in Salt Lake City this month that has her attention. For this performance in Salt Lake City this month there is another performance happening in Salt Lake City this month that has her attention. For this performance in Salt Lake City this month there is another performance happening in Salt Lake City this month that has her attention. For this performance in Salt Lake City this month there is another performance happening in Salt Lake City this month that has her attention. Shafer is the volunteer vocal coach for JAKS Youth Theatre Company, a non-profit based in Davis County, and they will be presenting 12 performances of Disney’s The Little Mermaid at the Rose Wagner Performing Art Center in Salt Lake City from Feb. 15-23.

For over 10 years JAKS founder and director Jill Wilhelm has been directing JAKS youth, ages 5-18, in full length musicals. JAKS typically does two shows a year and a smaller benefit performance in the fall. In this production most roles are triple cast, giving the 61 youth performers (most from Layton and surrounding areas) more opportunities to shine, even if that presents extra challenges for the director. But for Wilhelm it is all about the kids, and she goes out of her way to make sure they get opportunities to sing, dance, and really feel the magic of the theater.

Shafer knows the program is special. She said JAKS Youth Theatre is unique in that all the parts are played by children. The rehearsal process takes six months, making JAKS different from a community theater, where the rehearsals happen in a shorter time. It makes JAKS a training ground for young musicians, dancers and actors. Kids usually enter JAKS being strong in one or two areas: either music, dance or acting. Although many will come with no experience at all and are soon singing and dancing with the ensemble until they are ready to audition for larger parts.

For the past six months Shafer has been pouring her time and talent into the youth performers. She has helped them with technique, tricky harmonies, challenging counterpoint (where characters sing different lyrics and melodies at the same time) and giving them the confidence to belt out the strong solos – something that Shafer is known for. “My volunteer position with JAKS is to help the kids learn and polish their music” says Shafer. “The amazing thing for me to see, isn’t a perfect performance, but rather, the growth the children make as musicians, and in their confidence. Ultimately, the goal of JAKS is to build children’s skills and confidence, while producing quality shows.”

Shafer was first introduced to JAKS four years ago when her son’s friend invited him to attend a rehearsal for “Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat.” As Shafer describes it: “Benjamin attended a rehearsal, and was instantly hooked. That’s how the energy is at JAKS – addicting. Ben did that production, then Oliver, Grease, and Little Shop of Horrors. Our twins, Jeremy and Marcus, joined for Music Man last winter. And for Little Mermaid, we’ve added our youngest, McKay.” With all four sons participating in this production, for the Shafers it is a family affair. Husband and father Brad Shafer, who is the Band Director at North Layton Junior High, jumps in to help backstage moving sets and props.

Wilhelm feels blessed to have expect from your average children’s theater. “Celena is a world-class singer,” she said. “Our performers benefit from having exposure to her talent and technical ability. It is truly amazing the talent that is right here in Layton.” We have parents building sets, running mics, doing choreography, designing costumes, all helping to create something the performers can really be proud of and audiences will love.”

As a seasoned professional in the arts, Shafer knows that JAKS not only puts on a great show but offers a one of a kind experience for the youth involved. “JAKS presents in the Jeanné Wagner Theatre in downtown SLC, making their productions more polished than your regular children’s theater,” she said. “They hire a lighting designer, and parents contribute hours and hours of work to the sets, backstage crew and mics. In all, JAKS becomes a safe community for children and families to grow in the arts, engage in positive peer interaction, and in personal confidence.”

Make plans to see JAKS production of Disney’s The Little Mermaid. Tickets are available from arttix.org. The theatre is located at 138 W. 300 South in Salt Lake City. There are 26 Layton youth in the cast. JAKS is offering a special “Field Trip Experience” for home school families, charter schools, or public school groups. In addition to the performance of Disney’s The Little Mermaid it will include a brief introduction to Musical Theater etiquette and Q&A with cast and crew. Thursday, Feb. 21, at 9:30 a.m.
Layton’s Interfaith Program

by Jadyn APPLONIE
Layton Today

In 2015, Scott Carter and former Mayor Bob Stevenson started the Interfaith Program. The goal of the Interfaith Program was to unify many different religious groups in Layton City by working together to positively serve the community. They began by reaching out to different bishops, priests, pastors, etc. and over time, the organization gained momentum and more members.

Current members of the Interfaith Program are Faith Baptist Church, Christian Life Center, Bethany Korean Baptist Church, Mountain View Baptist Church, Thai Buddhist Temple, St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Light of The Valley Lutheran Church, Church of The Nazarene, and The Great Presbyterian Church.

The program promotes and exemplifies unity, tolerance and acceptance of each group. As the Interfaith Program grew, they were able to increase the success of already established church programs. For example, Christian Life Center’s “Love My City” program spends their Saturdays locating areas within Layton City who are in need and provides free clothing of various sizes for children and adults. They work hard to create a fun day for those attending by providing live music and great food for everyone to enjoy.

Another successful program is the Faith Baptist Food Pantry. Faith Baptist is currently constructing a new food pantry and are awaiting final inspections from the City and a food bank oversight group. Individuals who are in need can visit the pantry and receive groceries. The Interfaith Program is working toward creating a communal food pantry that will have the resources to provide food to anyone in need in the community.

Independent service organizations also participate in the Interfaith Program including Just Serve, a wonderful group that promotes service. On their website, www.justserve.org, individuals can enter their location and view different community service projects in their area. People wishing to volunteer can sign up online. You can also post about your own service projects you need help with.

Next month, The Interfaith Program, throughout Davis County, will be performing “The Lamb of God” at The Salt Lake Tabernacle on March 15, at 7:30 p.m. This Easter themed musical program is an oratorio written by Rob Gardner. “The Lamb of God” musically tells a story of the last few days of the life of Christ. The Interfaith Program is requesting extra participation from their members. They are looking for singers to be in the choir, individuals to play in the orchestra, and event planners.

Additionally, they would like to extend a warm invitation to the audience members to attend this show. Audience members should arrive early as they are anticipating a full house. Readers interested in The Interfaith Program are welcome to email their questions to Scott Carter at scarter@laytoncity.org.

First National Bank of Layton joins Glacier Bancorp

FNB Bancorp, the Layton-based holding company for First National Bank of Layton, has entered into an agreement to join the Glacier Bancorp family of banks. Pending Board and regulatory approval, First National Bank of Layton will officially be under the Glacier Bancorp umbrella in the second quarter of 2019.

This new relationship will combine four branches from two of Glacier’s existing divisions with the six branches of First National Bank of Layton to form a new Utah-based Division of Glacier Bank. The four Glacier branches include two branches in Morgan and Mountain Green (presently operating as First Bank, Division of Glacier Bank) and two branches in Park City and Brigham City (presently operating as Mountain West Bank, Division of Glacier Bank). The newly created division will operate under First National Bank of Layton leadership.

“Our 100-year history of providing financial solutions to our customers has helped First National Bank of Layton become an established, reliable brand throughout the communities we serve,” John Jones, First National Bank of Layton’s President and CEO, said in a release. “We’re proud that Glacier Bancorp recognizes our legacy and leadership and that they want us to join them while continuing to focus on local customers and communities. The growth here in Utah is unprecedented and exciting. By combining forces with Glacier, we will be able to expand our reach further in Utah plus we will have access to the resources and services of a much larger organization, allowing us to serve our customers and communities well into the future.”

All branch offices will remain open and continue to meet customers’ banking needs. For more information, visit Glacier’s website at www.glacierbancorp.com.
Trump's tantrum on 'the wall' didn't work after all

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The government shutdown may have ended but not the finger pointing. I was never a fan of Nancy Pelosi, but in the past few weeks Donald Trump made Pelosi look like the articulate adult in the room. (She should send The Donald a Christmas gift.)

Whether you support or oppose the Wall – remember, the one that Mexico would pay for, not the U.S. taxpayer – the issue surrounding the impasse is quite simple. Any man or woman who has ever raised a child should understand.

If your child blurted out, “I’m not going back to school unless you take me to Disneyland this summer!” I doubt any of you would say, “I understand your point, now let’s compromise.”

No, you wouldn’t let a 7-year-old dictate rules and hold the household hostage.

Yet this is exactly what our President was doing. If he didn’t get his way on building his beautiful wall and coercing $5 billion from the taxpayers, he’d close down the government and make us a nation of unwilling (and so far, uncooperative) hostages.

Faced with his temper tantrum – the “my way or the highway” approach – it is understandable why the Democrats refused to acquiesce. If they “gave in” on this issue, would he again shut down the government the next time he didn’t get his way?

And the whole affair was made even more unsavory by the glib and heartless comments of Trump and his advisors regarding the furloughed workers, from “get a part-time job” (Trump) to “go out and get a loan” (Trump’s Secretary of Commerce) to “I don’t know anyone who lives paycheck to paycheck.”

Trump’s idea of “compromise” allowing the “Dreamers to stay in the country for only a few years more” is cruel and ludicrous. As Utah’s newest House member, Ben McAdams, said, “All this does is kick the can down the road.”

Under the President’s plan, he gets his wall without any permanent solution to our immigration mess. That’s not a solution; it’s a shell game.

The public is understandably angry, but polling shows most Americans saw through the partisan bickering. When it comes to whom they hold most accountable for the shutdown, Trump was blamed more by the Democrats than by nearly a two-to-one margin. That shouldn’t be surprising. In his televised meeting with Democratic leaders, the President boasted that he would feel honored to close down the government.

By a similar 2-to-1 margin Americans reject the idea of government closure being tied to Trump’s wall, and a solid majority reject the fear-mongering claims that immigration – legal or illegal – is directly linked to criminal activity. In fact, after Trump’s presidential address highlighting the need for a wall, 49 percent said it was “mostly misleading” compared to 32 percent who thought Trump was accurate.

With the Democrats in charge of the House and with Trump’s popularity diving to some 35 percent, a betting man would not put his chips on the President.

To look presidential, he would open up the government, agree with the Democrats to spend an increased amount of money on effective border security, accept the fact that the “Dreamers” are more fully American than they are tied to their place of birth, and start acting like a reasonable adult, not a tantrum-throwing kid who didn’t get his sucker from the bank teller.

Cold Snap

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In the lovely, winter song, a family travels over the river and through the woods to visit grandma. It sounds idyllic, with everyone bundled in fur robes as a happy, prancing horse carries them through snow drifts. I call bull-shenanigans. Winter travel is never that picturesque.

My winter driving dread usually starts around 5 a.m. when the snowplow drops its blade outside my bedroom window. First, I want to murder the snowplow driver. Second, I want to burrow in the blankets and not get out of bed until Easter weekend.

I don’t know if there’s one inch of snow or three feet, but I know stupid drivers will hit the streets soon, causing mishaps and mayhem.

Once I’m ready for work, I jump in my car where the faux leather seats have frozen over like a glacial lake and the steering wheel is now made of solid iceberg. I shiver uncontrollably as I crank the heater up and run through my wide vocabulary of cold-weather swear words. Jack Frost isn’t nipping at my nose; he’s chomping my entire face.

Utah drivers are always encouraged to drive smart and read up on winter safety tips. Of course, none of one does that, so freeways turn into demolition derbies on ice.

Some advice includes:
• Never mix radial tires with other tires (because those radial tires are anti-social as hell).
• Keep the gas tank at least half full. (Hahahaha!)
• Steering where you want to go. (This seems like a trick suggestion.)
• Have blankets in your car. (I always carry at least seven blankets. Even in the summer.)
• Don’t try to walk if you’re stranded. (I don’t try to walk when I’m not stranded.)
• Tie a bright cloth to the antenna so help can find you. (Antenna? What are you driving? A 1975 Impala?)
• Steer into a skid. (That’s usually what gets me in trouble in the first place.)
• Have snacks available. (I did an inventory in my car and found 17 half-full bottles of water, 35 pounds of Graham cracker crumbs, 14 brown apple slices, a half-eaten taco and 143 chicken nuggets. And a long-last Snickers bar, which I ate immediately.)
• Don’t be stupid. (I guess this tip was for the driver next to me, wearing his ball cap backward, trying to wipe the snow off his windshield by slapping his shirt across the glass.)
• But it’s not just car travel that gets messed up in the winter. Flying becomes a nightmare straight from Hotel Antarctica.

If you travel by plane, there’s a good chance your flights will be cancelled due to bad weather. But first, you have to pass the TSA agent, who’s as smug as Vladimir Putin in a crocodile-wrestling competition. He insists I take off all my layers of clothing, including but not limited to, two cardigans, a vest, a parka, a couple of blankets, four scarves and a coat.

Once past security, if a blizzard stops air traffic, you’ll be staying in the airport because no airline gives a small bag-o-peanuts about your comfort. You’ll end up sleeping across four chairs with armrests, trying hard not to kick the person snoring next to you. Even if it’s your husband.

After boarding, I look at the snow through the tiny oval windows, watching workers de-ice the plane. That always inspires confidence. (As a side note: are there still air marshals on flights? I wish they’d identify themselves so I could have them arrest the parents of the child who kept throwing pretzels in my hair.)

We’ve come a long way from horse-drawn sleighs, but it would still be very thoughtful of grandma if she lived somewhere warm.
**Longtime Layton sweethearts**

by Jaclyn APPLEONIE

**Elwin and Ileen Roberts**

Elwin and Ileen met at a church dance in 1962. They dated, fell in love, and were married on June 28, 1963, in the Salt Lake Temple. They will be celebrating their 56th anniversary this June. They honeymooned in San Francisco where they watched Willie Mays hit a home run in the bottom of the 16th inning to beat the Milwaukee Braves 1-0. Ileen and Elwin were both secure in their careers when they got married, and they have always supported each other as equal partners. Elwin always says, “I love Ileen dearly.”

Ileen was born and raised in Layton and has deep roots here. Elwin is from Star Valley, Wyo. He was happy to settle in Layton and establish a place he could call home. The couple has lived in their current home for 55 years. Ileen’s parents, Bill and Mattie Firth, gave them an acre of land, and Bill built their home. Ileen’s brother Ralph and his wife Kathryn (also featured) built a home on the same parcel of land. The two couples raised their families together. Ileen’s sister, Donna, later built a home in the same area. Elwin and Ileen love having their family nearby. Elwin worked as a real estate appraiser for over 25 years. Through his work, he visited with many people in their homes. He knew every street in Layton. Before marrying, Ileen worked as a school teacher, and she greatly values education. She advocated for children’s education, particularly for their son, Stephen, who was born with Prader-Willi Syndrome. Ileen taught him how to read and write. She also helped him graduate from high school. He passed away on Oct. 7, 2001. He is loved and missed dearly. They also have two daughters who have built homes right next door to them. Ileen and Elwin absolutely adore their grandchildren.

**Ralph and Kathryn Firth**

Ralph and Kathryn Firth are both long-time Layton residents. Their mothers were best friends at Davis High School in the 1920s but Ralph and Kathryn did not meet until 1958 at the 5A High School Basketball Championship. Kathryn was a senior at Davis High, and Ralph had just returned from an Eastern States mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Ralph and Kathryn both attended The University of Utah. As Kathryn’s family was moving to Coeur d’Alene Idaho for her father’s work, she did not want to leave Ralph. The two decided to marry. Ralph and Kathryn were on their way to a movie with their best friends when Ralph slipped the ring on her finger. The couple was married on Aug. 20, 1959. They will be celebrating their 60-year anniversary this August.

Ralph’s father, Bill Firth, built their family home in Layton, where they have lived for 58 wonderful years. Ralph’s sister Ileen and her husband Elwin live in the same area. Kathryn and Ralph have four daughters who currently live in their Layton neighborhood. They also have a son in St. Louis and another daughter in Scottsdale, Ariz. They have 22 grandchildren and 21 great grandchildren. Ralph and Kathryn love to travel to new places together, attend plays with friends and family, eat out, participate in church activities, and enjoy the company of family. Their advice for having a happy marriage is to “Treat each other the way you like to be treated. In the years to come, your children will give back the same respect with which you raised them.”

**Layton Residents Ralph and Kathryn Firth** have been married almost 60 years. They met at a high school basketball championship in 1958.

**Arts Council calling for submissions**

The Davis Arts Council is seeking musical artists to perform as part of its 40th annual Free Sunday Night Concert Series. Acts must be appropriate for all ages and should be generally uplifting in nature. Typically, rock’n’roll, EDM, hip-hop, and other highly produced genres/acts aren’t appropriate for this series. The artist’s set should be 50-60 minutes in length (multiple artists may submit a group application, but the total performance time should not exceed 60 minutes including changeover time). No technical production will be available except the use of two microphones and the house sound system. Artists must supply their own instruments and accessories (exception: artists may use the DAC’s baby grand piano – no day-of tuning will be provided).

Those interested in performing should submit a physical or digital press kit that includes a music sample (links to YouTube, Soundcloud, Spotify, etc. are acceptable), a headshot or photo, and an introductory letter for the performer or group. All kits should be emailed to tessa@davisarts.org (subject line: “Sunday Concert Consideration”). Entries for consideration must be received by Feb. 15.

Rates of compensation for selected artists will be determined on a case-by-case basis. Preference will be given to artists who are local to Davis County, but all are welcome to apply (no travel reimbursement will be provided). Contact Tessa Vaschel, Executive Director, with questions at tessa@davisarts.org or by calling the DAC office at 801-546-8575.

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Layton City Attorney honored by the ULCT

Gary R. Crane, Layton City’s Attorney, was recently honored by the Utah League of Cities and Towns for his exemplary service. At the Layton City Council meeting on January 3, Cameron Diehl, Executive Director of the Utah League of Cities and Towns (ULCT), said the group wanted to thank Crane for not just his service to Layton City, but to all of the other 247 cities and towns in Utah.

Crane spends 45 days each year at the Utah State Legislature giving legal counsel to the ULCT and its member cities. Diehl said this was “a recognition of great work,” noting that Crane is an expert on policy and legal issues, like land use, taxation, the criminal code and much more.

“He puts Layton first,” Diehl said. He also stated that Crane is a “creative thinker” who always thinks about the unintended consequences of any matter. He is also a gentleman and “a trusted voice,” even among opponents.

“The League works because of Gary,” Diehl said. “There’s no greater example of our membership than Gary Crane.”

Crane responded to the presentation by jokingly stating that going to the Legislature in his capacity is “a lot like coaching football.” He also said he could not spend the 45 days in session without the support from Layton’s leaders and staff.

“We’re all very grateful for you and all the things you’ve done,” Bob Stevenson, Layton’s outgoing Mayor, said.

Crane has served as Layton’s City Attorney since 1993. He received both his Juris Doctorate and Master of Public Administration from Brigham Young University. Prior to his current position, he worked as Assistant City Attorney, RDA Project Manager, and as a Planner for West Valley City. In addition, he served as Counsel to Bluffdale City and Morgan City. He has also served as special counsel on Planning and Zoning issues for a number of local governmental entities throughout the state.

He is actively involved in drafting and lobbying for new legislation in the area of Land Use at the Utah State Legislature and has focused his professional experience in the areas of Land Use, Redevelopment, Economic Development, Annexation, and Eminent Domain.

Layton City accepting letters of interest for the Parks and Recreation Commission

Layton City is currently accepting applications to fill vacant positions on the Layton City Parks and Recreation Commission. This Commission functions as the planning and advisory body to the City Council in matters pertaining to Parks and Recreation within the City.

The Parks and Recreation Commission consists of eight at large members. This Commission is specifically tasked with advising the City Council and the Parks and Recreation Department with long range planning for Layton City parks, recreation, trails, open space, and cultural facilities within the City.

This Commission also reviews current recreation programs and City events to provide critical public feedback to the City. In addition to monthly meetings, the Parks and Recreation Commission assists in several Department programs and special events throughout the year. The Commission helps create and update the Parks and Recreation Master Plan, and advises on the athletic programs.

Appointed Parks and Recreation Commission Members may serve up to three (3), three-year terms.

Interested individuals should submit an application and letter of interest no later than Friday, Feb. 15, 2019 at 5 p.m. Applications are available on the Layton City website at www.laytoncity.org. Submit applications and letters of interest to Layton City Parks and Recreation at the address listed below.

Layton City Parks and Recreation Department
Attn: David Price, Director
465 N Wasatch Drive
Layton, Utah 84041
Email: dprice@laytoncity.org
Phone: 801-336-3900
Layton City Fire Department achieves ISO 2 Rating

After a recent evaluation by the Insurance Services Office (ISO), the Layton City Fire Department received a Public Protection Classification rating of 2 for fire services. This rating criteria is based on several areas within the fire department, such as apparatus readiness, staffing levels, fire station locations, training program, community risk reduction, and preplanning.

Additional areas evaluated included the dispatching services and water supplies, specifically hydrants. Layton City previously had an ISO rating of 3 for the last three years, and a rating of 5 prior to that.

The ISO rating systems is based on a 1 through 10 scale, with 1 being the top ranking. ISO rates over 48,000 fire departments throughout the United States, with only 1,545 receiving a classification of 2 or better. This places Layton City within the top 3 percent in the country. There are only six cities with an ISO rating of 1 or 2 in the State of Utah.

“We are pleased to present these results to our citizens and encourage homeowners to contact their respective insurance companies and inquire about a possible rate reduction,” said Fire Chief Kevin Ward.

Not all insurance companies use the ISO rating system. Chief Ward further stated, “Businesses that do not have fire sprinkler suppression systems may also see a benefit as well, and are encouraged to check with their agents for potential savings.”

“We at Layton City strive to provide the best possible fire and medical services to our community. We pride ourselves on being well trained and equipped, and I believe this recent ISO rating demonstrates our continued commitment to improvement,” said Ward.

TOP LAYTON ATTRACTIONS

What are the top attractions in Layton?

Layton City contains a variety of attractions, some natural and some man-made. Some attractions charge a fee and others are free.

And, according to the Internet, here’s a sampling of some of the best in Layton, as ranked by various sources:

The Top 10 Things to do in Layton, according to TripAdvisor.com:
1. SeaQuest Interactive Aquarium, Layton Hills Mall.
2. Adams Canyon Trail, top of Oak Hills Drive, above Highway 89.
3. Great Salt Lake Shorelands Preserve, located west on Gentile Street, then left on 3200 West, which turns into a dirt road; the visitor center is located at the end of the dirt road.
4. Layton Hills Mall, 1201 North Hill Field Road.
5. The Hive Winery, 1220 West Jack D Drive, No. 2
7. Andy Adams Reservoir, 1700 East 1000 North.

Top 10 Tourist Attractions in Layton, according to YellowPages.com:
1. Great Room Escape, 525 Ring Road.
2. Dartside, Layton Hills Mall.
3. Classic Fun Center, 867 North Angel Street.
4. SeaQuest Interactive Aquarium, Layton Hills Mall.
5. The Hive Winery, 1220 West Jack D Drive, No. 2.
7. Davis Arts Council, 445 N. Wasatch Drive.
8. Davis Conference Center, 1651 North 700 West.
10. Chuck E. Cheese’s, 450 North Main Street.

Best Fun Things to Do in Layton, according to Yelp.com:
1. Great Escape Room, 525 Ring Road.
2. SeaQuest Interactive Aquarium, Layton Hills Mall.
3. Adams Canyon Trail, top of Oak Hills Drive, above Highway 89.
4. Go Big or Go Home Entertainment Gaming Lounge, Layton Hills Mall.
5. Dartside, Layton Hills Mall.
6. Classic Fun Center, 867 North Angel Street.
7. Layton Hills Mall, 1201 North Hill Field Road.
9. Ellison Park, 700 North 2200 West.
10. Saltaire Farm Equestrian Center, 160 Flint Street.

NOTE: These rankings were modified to delete closed businesses and also to not include attractions in adjacent cities.
NEW LAYTON CITY BUSINESSES – DECEMBER

Green Construction
162 N Sugar St
801-292-9900
Owner: Micah Green
Business Type: Civil Contractor
Website: https://greenconstruction.biz/
Business Description: Green Construction offers a complete site package with a turn-key solution to site work, subdivision development, and heavy civil projects.

Holladay LLC
377 N Marshall Way, Ste 2
406-926-2104
Owner: Sean Holladay
Business Type: E-Sports
Website: https://shopspacestation.com/
Business Description: Retailers of e-sport merchandise, including video gaming apparel, swag and furniture. E-sports are multiplayer video gaming companies – featuring professional gamers – who play competitively for spectators.

HuHot Mongolian Grill
842 N Main Street
406-926-2104
Owner: Michael Ellinghouse
Business Type: Full-service Asian restaurant
Website: https://www.huhot.com/location/layton-ut/
Business Description: HuHot is a bold, exciting oasis in a desert of boring restaurant concepts. Their branding efforts mirror Genghis Khan’s attitude toward the world… ripe for conquest. Like Genghis Khan viewed rival nations, they also look at their competition with confident disdain. These themes are carried throughout their marketing and are included in in-store materials. Adults and kids alike find themselves caught up in the excitement with each visit to HuHot.

Kickin’ Seafood Layton
1120 N Main Street
385-335-9910
Owner: Mui Ly
Business Type: Full-service seafood restaurant
Website: http://kickinseafood.com/
Business Description: Fresh shrimp, crab, crawfish, hush puppies, seafood gumbo, chicken wings, dirty fried rice, fish and oyster Po boys and more, cooked Cajun/Creole-style. Serves lunch and dinner.

Mr. Delicious
2056 N Hill Field Road, Ste 1
801-686-3972
Owner: Alma Aguilera
Business Type: Full-service Mexican restaurant
Website: https://mrdelicious-mexicanfood.negocio.site/
Business Description: Mr. Delicious has tacos, burritos, tamales made from cheese, chicken, pork, and a salsa bar with several options. The restaurant also offers catering for parties and events.

Wax Appeal
1868 N Hill Field Road, Ste 102
801-557-6745
Owner: Anna Rogers
Business Type: Skin Care
Website: http://waxappealutah.skincaretherapy.net/
Business Description: Wax Appeal specializes in the most common method of hair removal in spas today. Warm wax, hard or soft, is applied to the area and then removed, bringing the hair with it. Wax Appeal helps clients reduce hair growth when performed at regular intervals. Wax Appeal therapists are professional members of Associated Skin Care Professionals.

Wild West Rentals
1604 W Hill Field Road, Ste 104
801-556-0710
Owner: Josh Beckstrom
Business Type: Equipment Rental
Website: http://www.wildwestrents.com/
Business Description: Wax Appeal helps clients reduce hair growth when performed at regular intervals. Wax Appeal therapists are professional members of Associated Skin Care Professionals.

C.E.R.T. Program
Layton City

Every year communities fall victim to some type of catastrophic event or disaster. A disaster may take the form of an earthquake, a flood, high winds, blizzard, or even “man-made” disasters. During catastrophic events, immediate public needs will overwhelm a city’s police, fire, and emergency medical response capabilities. It is essential that individuals and neighborhoods have the tools and knowledge to care for themselves until outside help is available. C.E.R.T. training provides citizens with these vital skills.

C.E.R.T. stands for Community Emergency Response Teams and consists of a 24-hour course. The 24-hour course is taught one night a week for nine weeks. Trained personnel, including firefighters, teach the course. The course agenda is as follows:

- WEEK 1 Disaster Preparedness
- WEEK 2 Fire Safety and Controls
- WEEK 3 Disaster Medical Operations (Part I)
- WEEK 4 Disaster Medical Operations (Part II)
- WEEK 5 Light Search and Rescue Operations
- WEEK 6 CERT Organization
- WEEK 7 Disaster Psychology
- WEEK 8 Terrorism and CERT
- WEEK 9 Course Review, Final Exam, and Disaster Simulation

Participants of the course will gain knowledge about disaster readiness, fire safety, medical training, and search and rescue. Upon completion of the course, participants will be able to

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The 2018 water season was less than normal, and the summer was hot and dry. We have had some snow this year, but the watershed snowpack is basically at average (100-105 percent). Starting with low reservoirs, we need a good year to have them fill. It’s still unknown if we’ll completely fill them this year. With that said, this year we continue to encourage efficient use of the water and conserve where possible. Please adjust your watering based on the weather. Please strive to only water your yard based on its “need.” We require meters on all new secondary water services and have begun to retrofit existing services with meters. We are sending water use reports to those with meters in an effort to better educate the end user and better manage our limited water resources. Please contact us (meters@davisweber.org) and provide an email address so the report can be sent to you monthly.

Check our website, www.davisweber.org, for further updates or restrictions. Ensure your system is secure and ready for service by April 1 prior to us pressurizing the system.

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To identify the types of hazards most likely to affect their homes and community, describe their role in immediate response, and take the necessary steps to prepare themselves for a disaster. They will also have the ability to minimize fire hazards in their homes and extinguish burning liquids. Participants will learn first aid first aid techniques for opening airways, controlling bleeding, and treating for shock. They will learn how to conduct triage under simulated disaster conditions, perform head-to-toe assessments of victims, select and set up a treatment area, employ basic treatments for various wounds, and apply splints to suspected fractures and sprains. Private citizens, businesses, and schools who desire the skills and knowledge required to prepare and respond to a disaster should sign up for the course. The course is $25 per person to cover the costs of medical supplies and personal protective equipment. Participants are able to take the course as many times as they desire.

Readers interested in more information about C.E.R.T. are welcome to contact Natalie Tholen at 801-336-3940 or at nitholen@laytoncity.org. Registration information is available at www.laytoncity.org. Courses are taught at various times throughout the year, and each course is limited to 35 participants.

Door-to-door solicitation laws in Layton City

Despite this high tech age of the Internet, social media, etc., some salespeople still go door-to-door. Here are some of the restrictions, rights and laws for conducting door-to-door solicitations in Layton City, according to the Layton City Municipal Code:

– Time of Day Restrictions: It shall be unlawful for any person, whether licensed or not, to solicit at a residence before 9 a.m. or after 9 p.m. in Layton City, unless the solicitor has expressed prior permission from the resident to do so.

– No Solicitor’s Notice: Any occupant of a residence may give notice of a desire to refuse solicitors by displaying a “No Solicitation” sign. The display of such sign shall be deemed to constitute notice to any solicitor that the inhabitant of the residence does not desire to receive solicitors. The solicitor shall not continue repeated soliciting after a notice is given.

– Buyer’s Right to Cancel: In any home solicitation sale, unless the buyer requests the solicitor to provide goods or services without delay in an emergency, the seller or solicitor shall present to the buyer and obtain buyer’s signature to a written statement which informs the buyer of the right to cancel on or before the third business day after signing an agreement to purchase. Such notice of “buyer’s right to cancel” shall be in the form required by Section 70C-5-103, Utah Code.

– Other Duties of Solicitors: It is a violation of this Chapter for any solicitor through ruse, deception, or fraudulent concealment of a purpose to solicit, to take action calculated to secure an audience with an occupant at a residence. Any solicitor who is at any time asked by an occupant of a residence, or dwelling to leave shall immediately and peacefully depart. The solicitor shall not intentionally or recklessly make any physical contact with, or touch another person without the person’s consent. The solicitor shall not follow a person into a residence without their explicit consent. The solicitor shall not engage in door-to-door solicitation within a person and/or competent individual has communicated clearly and unequivocally their lack of interest in the subject, goods or services of the solicitor. The solicitor shall not use obscene language or gestures.

– Identification: All persons desiring to engage in door-to-door solicitation within the City, prior to doing so (excepting those who may be exempt from so doing, according to the City’s Municipal Code), shall submit a completed application to the licensing officer and obtain a certificate. With the certificate, the City shall issue each registered solicitor an identification badge that shall be worn prominently on his or her person while soliciting in the City.

– Also note that Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and politicians campaigning can still legally go door-to-door in Layton City and are not regulated as such by the Municipal Code.
CIT trains officers how to deal with mental health cases

by Becky GINOS
Layton Today

LAYTON—In 2017, law enforcement officers responded to 875 cases involving someone suffering from a mental health crisis. The numbers aren't in yet for 2018, but Lt. Travis Lyman of the Layton Police Department expects those numbers to climb.

Because officers are faced with these situations frequently, the Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) statewide program was developed to help law enforcement and mental health professionals work together to be better prepared at handling them. Lyman is the regional coordinator for Davis County and his counterpart is Dr. Todd Soutor of Davis Behavioral Health.

“CIT Utah originated about 2006 with the Salt Lake Police Department forming a program after receiving funding from the Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health,” said Lyman. “For most of that time I’ve been involved. The purpose is to be an avenue to collaborate between law enforcement and the mental health system to make sure it works as efficiently as it can.”

Lyman said officers are called in on a crisis but sometimes shouldn’t be. “They don’t need to see a cop, they need a mental health professional,” he said. “Anytime an issue arises around the county, maybe they can’t get a patient to the ER or a callout takes too long for crisis intervention, agencies are encouraged to work with us on the issue.”

A key component is training, Lyman said. “In September and April we invite people to come to a week-long training on ways to deal with mental health crises. We also go out to hospitals and interact with people who are having a mental health crisis to help officers build empathy.”

Training includes scenarios an officer might encounter and de-escalation techniques. “At the end they demonstrate the skills they’ve learned and take a test to become certified through the state as a CIT officer,” said Lyman.

“We emphasize that we don’t expect officers to know exactly what to do but hope they’ll know who to call. We give them resources, organizations and names and numbers of places that are experts in the field who can serve people in crisis way better than we can.”

Lyman said one officer was awarded CIT Officer of the Year for using the techniques learned in the program. “He responded to an accident involving a member of the military who was having a mental health crisis with PTSD,” he said. “The officer established a rapport and implemented techniques to help the guy navigate the episode he was having. He gave him space so he wouldn’t get aggravated and got down on his level, talking in a quieter tone. He used a grounding technique to bring him back to here and now in the parking lot and reset where the man was even at.”

The situation ended up being resolved peacefully, said Lyman. “In another case a Clearfield officer had the training on PTSD and put the person in touch with Continue Mission that deals with that. They felt the officer had saved the vet’s life. I’m happy to see them using the resources we’ve given them.”

In one training exercise, participants put on headphones that simulate hearing multiple voices. “It’s supposed to help them see what it could be like to try and perform tasks while experiencing delusions,” said Lyman. “They can see how hard it is for them and have empathy.”

The program is more than just the training though. “It’s to establish a relationship between law enforcement and the mental health profession to serve those with mental health issues,” he said. “They do a good job in Davis County. We hold monthly meetings to discuss challenging cases and give advice on individual cases. I’m very proud that we can have an impact on those agencies who respond on many cases.”
Conference center sees profit for the first time

The trend in growth started around 2014, said Yescas. "The commission was amazed at how that happened and we didn't drop our quality of service. We host about 700 events per year, which is impressive, with a 90 percent satisfaction. Our performance is what gets guests to come back."

A change in "bread and butter" groups such as schools and government entities has also contributed to the boost in profits. "We changed our way of thinking," said Steven Ito, director of sales. "Instead of $5,000 groups being our anchor and taking space so that when bigger groups come in there’s no room, we’re building our anchor with money groups then filling in the spaces with the other groups. There will be time limits so they have to sign out at a certain time, etc."

It’s different than at other centers, he said. "If someone is booked far enough out they’ll kick them out, but we don’t want to do that. It shows less of a relationship to the clients. The rule is you can’t book that far out and it is working so we’ll keep it going."

Restrictions such as no outside food and the kind of groups allowed also hindered growth, said Yescas. "The health and fire departments have come together to approve groups so that now we can have them. Our sales team saw a need to do more and so did the county. They made some economic structural changes for more funds to promote it. It wasn’t very well known before. This year the office of tourism allocated funds so we could go regional."

They’re mostly strategizing on what groups to go after, said Ito. "Some groups are growing with us. At first they weren’t that big and we’ve given them advice. Now they know our staff’s core value of personalization."

At any given time during the holidays, the center could have five different dinners at the same time. "We get really, really busy," said Yescas. "It’s a tough business. Sometimes we serve 6,000 meals and other times no meals. So what do we do with our staff? We do everything before food.’ But everybody’s had a long period of time working for Western States so now managers have all the tools they need. All these details add up to success. People here are loyal to the company. The culture is the best – I love it here.”

Layton Today—For 14 years the Davis Conference Center has been hosting a variety of events but hasn’t actually turned a profit until now. So General Manager Enrique Yescas and his staff presented a check for $2,964.59 to the county recently, representing $2,964.59 to the county for the year to date profit for 2018.

“The conference center was built to bring in tax revenues through restaurants and hotels,” said Yescas. “It’s subsidized by the county but for the last 13 years it’s averaged a loss. It was not really making money. But last year we brought in $4 million. That was a milestone because for it’s the first time we made money.”

Yescas said the key to the center’s success was going after all business, not just school groups and county activities. “We shifted to groups of 70 plus for our base business,” he said. “We brought in a food blogger group and other new groups that have an economic impact on the hotels and restaurants.”

The Davis Conference Center in Layton hosts a variety of events during the year. Dec. 20 so then they take off for two weeks without a paycheck. That can be hard. We have to be smart and take care of them to keep them here. Having our staff happy is a big priority for us.”

Yescas also credits the center’s management company Western States Lodging for creating a good environment for employees. “I started as an executive chef,” he said. “Some managers would just say ‘serve food.’ But everybody’s had a long period of time working for Western States so now managers have all the tools they need. All these details add up to success. People here are loyal to the company. The culture is the best – I love it here.”

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Central Davis wins national award

by Becky Ginos

Layton Today

LAYTON—What started out as a fledgling band program with about 45 students seven years ago has grown to an award-winning group of more than 260. Central Davis Junior High was selected as one of only two junior high bands in the western United States as the National Band Association Division Winner of the Programs of Excellence Blue Ribbon Award.

“It’s unique because it’s not given for just one year’s performance,” said CDJH Director of Bands Christine Wolf. “It’s three years of recordings of ensemble, percussion, concert band and jazz. They’re looking for submissions of all bands at your school.”

Wolf said they also had to submit scores and ratings from participation in solo/ensemble competitions and any national/regional performances.

CDJH was the only junior high invited to play at the Utah Music Educators Conference last year.

“They look at the level we’re playing at – it’s very comprehensive,” she said. “We felt very fortunate to be chosen as a public school. CDJH has the second lowest socio economic status in the district and we have a high number of students who participate despite that.”

Wolf has been at CDJH for seven years. “I was asked to create and rebuild the program,” she said. “That growth would have been impossible without administrative support. They’ve helped me to be creative to find funds to buy music, instruments and realize what’s possible.”

The principal has been amazingly supportive, said Wolf. “She’s given me wings to fly. She trusts me and knows how music builds kids in all areas.”

Support from the parents is also critical, she said. “It would be impossible without the whole package. The community and culture here is fabulous. It’s an honor to be part of the process that shows excellence.”

Wolf hopes her students will create a legacy for the students behind them. “They’re setting an example of tradition and standards for the next students,” she said. “We’ve built on that legacy every year.”

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SPORTS

Layton High alum excels in football at Pacific University

Declan Brown, a 2017 graduate of Layton High School, is one of only four sophomore defensive players named to the combined first and second All-Northwest Conference football team. Brown is a defensive back with the Pacific University Boxers in Forest Grove, Oregon.

As a starting corner back for the Boxers, Brown had 35 tackles including 30 solo efforts, plus 6.5 tackles for loss and one interception. He led his team with 17 pass deflections and 16 pass breakups. Those marks landed him first in the conference for pass breakups and tied for 13th overall in the NCAA Division II rankings.

Brown is the son of Ronald and Nancy Brown and grew up in Layton. He played football for Layton High School and was a team captain his senior year. He is majoring in exercise science at Pacific.

Pacific University offers nationally recognized undergraduate, graduate and professional programs.

Register now for spring

Layton Ridge Youth Lacrosse

Registration is underway for Layton Ridge Youth Lacrosse’ spring season. Games will be played from March 30-May 23, mostly on Saturdays. This is for youth aged Kindergarten-8th grade living in the Layton and Northridge High School boundaries, and beginners are welcome.

Equipment rental is available by emailing laytonutahlax@gmail.com. Practices start the first week of March. This is an expanded program now encompassing both high schools, and league officials are excited about the continuing growth of the program in Layton City.

Periodic canyon winds struck Davis County in pioneer times

Strong east canyon winds have been known to buffet the Wasatch Front, particularly Davis County, ever since the Mormon pioneers arrived in the late 1840s.

"East winds have come from time to time (in Davis County) ever since the people can remember, doing much damage to trees and roofs," states the history book, "East of Antelope Island," published by the Daughters of the Utah Pioneers. The first recorded incident of strong east winds comes from a diary of Daniel A. Miller, one of the earliest settlers in Farmington. He recorded that the very first day his family arrived in the area – the fall of 1848 – there was a heavy east wind.

Early settlers created inventive ways to try to secure their roofs from these winds, but nothing seemed foolproof. One early Kaysville resident, John R. Barnes, made the east walls of his home four bricks thick to ward off canyon wind damage. (Layton was a part of Kaysville in the 19th Century.) Prominent settler George D. Watt of Kaysville made a special wind storm shelter for his family, but he still had his home’s roof blown off.

A strong east wind in the summer of 1854 actually performed a miracle. The canyon winds saved the day by blowing hordes of invading grasshoppers away from Davis County crops – including Layton – and into the Great Salt Lake, where they perished. Hurricane-force east winds struck at least twice in the early 1860s, and the roof on the East Bountiful LDS Church had to be replaced twice. After one such east wind, the Tuttle brothers from Bountiful jokingly inquired on Antelope Island if any missing hats had been found.

The east winds were a very feared and dreaded occurrence, especially in Farmington. It was canyon winds and water shortages that plagued many early Davis settlers the most.

During a Nov. 9, 1864, visit to Farmington with Wilford Woodruff, LDS Church President Brigham Young rebuked the winds in the name of the Lord.

Woodruff’s diary reports that east winds did decrease substantially for some years afterward, perhaps as long as the late 1890s. When Matthew Cowley reviewed Woodruff’s diary in 1909 before its publication, he noted: “In late years these winds have occurred in some of their old-time severity.”

Strong east winds struck Davis County twice during 1896 and two more times in 1898. A fierce canyon wind in 1906 took the roof off the 2-year-old West Bountiful LDS Chapel.
Prediabetes risk is high; take action

It is estimated that 29.1 million Americans have diabetes and another 86 million have prediabetes—that’s nearly one in three. With those kinds of numbers, it’s important to learn about these chronic conditions and take action now. Are you at risk? Take a quiz at DoIHavePrediabetes.org to find out.

To address this growing issue locally, the Davis County Health Department offers the National Diabetes Prevention Program (PreventT2) to Davis County residents. PreventT2 is a research-based program designed to promote healthy lifestyle changes that have been proven to prevent or delay the development of type 2 diabetes over the course of 26 one-hour sessions. Topics include healthy eating, physical activity, how to face daily challenges of behavior change and more.

To learn more, contact the Davis County Health Department at 801-525-5670 or visit http://go.usa.gov/cJZPV. Classes for 2019 begin in February, April, July and October. Register at livingwell.utah.gov.

A look back at some highlights of Layton City’s retail history

Layton City has a long retail history of stores and shops. Some stores have come and gone; many others continue business. Here are some highlights (not all-inclusive) from the past:

1939: Bessie’s (Staley’s) convenience store opened at 1378 West Gentile Street. (It closed in the early 2000s.)
1963: The Fort Lane Shopping Center opened, at Gentile Street and Fort Lane, anchored by Safeway, Kings and Layton Drug. (Safeway left in the 1970s and was replaced by Food for Less and Grocery Outlet in later years—until they too closed; Layton Drug closed in the 1990s and Kings had shut down by 2009.)
1965: Stimson’s Market. (It had new owners in 2004 and closed in 2006.)
1970: J&I Nursery and Garden Center begins.
1978: Kmart, Layton’s first modern “big box” store, opened at Antelope and Main Street.
1978: Albertson’s Grocery Store opened next to Kmart. (It closed in 2009.)
1980: The Layton Hills Mall opened for business with four anchor stores: ZCMI, Mervyn’s, Castleton’s and Auerbach’s. (Auerbach’s closed in 1981 and became the Bon Marche; Castleton’s shut its doors in 1987, replaced by Herman’s World of Sporting Goods, then it became Gart Sports and The Sports Authority; the Bon Marche closed in 1993 and became JCPenney; ZCMI shut down in 2001 and Meier & Frank took its space and then Macy’s did in 2006; and Mervyn’s closed in 2008 and was replaced in 2011 by Dick’s Sporting Goods. Dillard’s replaced the former Macy’s store in 2017.
1981: Ernst Home Center begins, just north of the Layton Hills Mall. (It closed in 1996.)
1986: Reams’s Grocery Store opened on Main Street. (It closed in 2011.)
1988: Shopko makes its premiere.
1988: Smith’s Food and Drug opened at Fairfield Road and Gentile Street.
1991: Layton’s first Walmart started on West Hill Field Road. (A new building just to the south opened as a 24-hour Supercenter in 2003.)
1991: Albertson’s opened its second store in Layton on Fairfield Road. (It became Fresh Market in 2009.)
1992: Granite Furniture begins. (It closed in 2005.)
1992: PetsMart opens near Walmart. (The store moved to Main Street in 2012.)
1994: Sam’s Club opened on West Hill Field Road as the nation’s first converted Pace’s Warehouse store, after Walmart bought the chain.
1995: Future Stop electronics store begins near Main Street and Hill Field Road. (It closed in late 1998.)
1995: Ultimate Electronics starts up, near Walmart. (Ultimate closed in 2005.)
1995: Eagle Hardware opened on Antelope Drive. (It later becomes Lowe’s Home Improvement Store.)
1995: Tom Wiegars Market opened its new store at Fairfield and Gentile Streets, replacing the former Fort Lane and Gentile location. (The store would become Dan’s Market later, before that closed too.)
1997: Target begins business, premiering with a fireworks show.
1997: Toys R Us, Barnes & Noble Bookstore and Old Navy store all opened their doors near the Target store.
1998: Original Deseret Industries store in Layton begins operations. (Relocates to a new facility in 2008.)
2000: Stein Mart, north of Layton Hills Mall. (It closed in 2003.)
2001: Lowe’s Home Improvement starts up, taking over the Eagle Hardware building.
2001: Savers Thrift Store.
2002: Red Bath and Beyond premieres on Main Street. (It moved to the north end of Layton in 2011.)
2003: Big Lots opens north of the Layton Hills Mall. (About a decade later it moved to Main Street.)
More selected Layton retail history:

Layton’s coldest day ever

Temperatures overnight have been well below freezing in Layton City this winter. But, what was the coldest day ever in Layton?

On Feb. 9, 1933, Salt Lake City plunged to its all-time record of minus 30 degrees F.

With a historic cold air surge that dropped from the north, even Morgan City’s all-time cold temperature—minus 36 degrees—was set a day later on Feb. 10, 1933. Provo City also suffered through its coldest day on that Feb. 10, dipping to a record minus 32 degrees. This weather event was a “Siberian Express” that set cold temperature records all over the Western U.S., many that still stand today.

Although no exact temperature records were kept in Layton in the early 1930s, its coldest day ever was thus likely either Feb. 9 or Feb. 10 in 1933. And, anyway you examine it, Layton’s two coldest recorded days were likely Feb. 9-10, 1933, at probably about minus 30 degrees.

Fortunately, since the 1930s, low temperatures in most of Northern Utah have, like their high reading summer temperature counterparts, trended upward ever since.

What’s the lowest temperature recorded in Utah? It was 69 below zero, recorded on Feb. 1, 1895, in uninhabited Peter Sinks southwest of the top of Logan Canyon at an elevation of 8,500 feet. For an inhabited area, the lowest temperature recorded was 50 below zero on Feb. 6, 1895, at Woodruff and also a minus 50-degree reading was taken on Jan. 5, 1913, at Strawberry East Portal, a weather station in Daniels Canyon.

Layton’s ‘restaurant row’

Back in 1983, Layton City was very thin on restaurant choices. There were just a handful of eateries in town, including Sill’s Café, Anthony’s Pizza, McDonald’s, Taco Time, Arctic Circle and a few more. Back then, residents who especially wanted a good variety in “sit down” type eateries often traveled to Ogden, Bountiful or Salt Lake City. All this, when in just a few more years— in 1985 — Layton surpassed Bountiful as the largest city in Davis County.

However, by the 1990s, new restaurants surged in Layton and soon the term “restaurant row” was coined. By 1997, eight major eating establishments lined the frontage road just east of I-15 and north of the Layton Hills Mall – and there were 34 more restaurants within half-a-mile of that stretch. The mall was the obvious catalyst to the restaurant boom. Sizzler and Denny’s were two of the earliest arrivers after the mall opened in 1980. Today, Layton City boasts more than two dozen restaurants from the Layton Hills Mall northward to just north of Antelope Drive. Add more than another dozen north of Antelope and more than three dozen on the south end of the city. Plus, there’s almost two dozen more found on Layton’s Main Street and a dedicated food court inside the Layton Hills Mall.

All total, there are almost 150 places to eat in Layton city. If one restaurant has a long line, people know there’s another just around the corner. “Restaurant Row” has attracted some national chains, including Cracker Barrel, that chose to locate its first Utah outlet in Layton. It wasn’t Layton City’s original plan to have any restaurants located north of the Layton Hills Mall — a drawing card of its own. The city had hoped for a large business park in the area. There are some offices there, but the eating places dominate. Things turned out pretty well, because the offices need parking during the day, but in the evening the restaurant overflow can find ample parking. A number of motels and hotels are also found near “restaurant row,” adding another positive aspect. Complementing the restaurants in the area are the two large movie theaters in Layton, north of the mall. Finally, with direct I-15 access at Antelope Drive or Hill Field Road — and the new Midtown Crossing overpass — restaurant access is better than ever.

What are Layton’s most popular restaurants? TripAdvisor.com compiles a ranking, based on its user’s preferences and here it is:

1. Crown Burgers
2. Sills Café
3. Gabor Brothers Main Street Grill (now closed)
4. Cantina Southwest Grill
5. Holy Smoke BBQ and Grill
6. Roosters
7. Thai Rod Dee
8. Osaka Japanese Restaurant
9. Corbin’s Grille
10. Garcia’s Mexican Restaurant
11. Mac Cool’s Public House
12. Olive Garden
13. Corbin’s Grille
14. Garcia’s Mexican Restaurant
15. Red Robin American Gourmet
16. Sill’s Cafe
17. Black Bear Diner
18. Jarochos Restaurant
19. Roosters Brewing Company
20. Lagos
21. Holy Smoke BBQ & Grill
22. 99 Thai Fusion
23. Taste of Britain
24. MOD Pizza
25. Cafe Sabor

Here are the top 10 restaurants in Layton, according to Yelp.com:

1. Sill’s Cafe
2. Black Bear Diner
3. Jarochos Restaurant
4. Roosters Brewing Company
5. Lagos
6. Holy Smoke BBQ & Grill
7. 99 Thai Fusion
8. Little Taste of Britain
9. MOD Pizza
10. Cafe Sabor

Sill’s Cafe was one of the first restaurants in Layton and is still very popular. Since that time, the area has exploded with eateries.