Layton looks to the future

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Layton—With growth comes change and Layton’s draft General Plan is focused on ways to accommodate that growth while creating a vibrant, enjoyable community to live in.

“It’s 15 years old and needs an update,” said Layton City Planner Tim Watkins. “We want to understand what the needs are and make a blueprint of guiding growth in our community through the lens of land use and housing. We want to make sure to reference other elements of the plan such as the transportation and parks and recreation master plans.”

During a visioning process started in 2016, the idea came for town centers that could provide services in neighborhoods. “It would give more diversity of services and places to shop that are accessible and close to home,” he said. “People could drive less, walk and bike to support local businesses, take fewer, shorter trips to travel that would support the air quality element.”

Other key points in the plan include different types of housing for every stage of life and income, said Watkins. “You often see a housing development of one type. We want to explore a diversity of housing types together in the same development and provide options that would be a good fit for the community in the future.”

For example, a young couple with one or two kids might be able to get into a town home or single family home. “They’d be master planned together in an attractive, appealing format,” Watkins said. “They’d have open spaces and amenities you don’t see in standard subdivisions.”

Another component, he said, is repurposing Layton’s urban core. “In the past it’s been mostly commercial but we’d establish an exciting mix of uses. It would create vibrancy and support more people in the area with expansion of transit and development around the FrontRunner station,” said Watkins. “It would be a dense housing, higher rise urban community with walkable streets that connect to surrounding neighborhoods with trails and easy access to a downtown environment.”

There is already the Midtown Trolley that goes through historic downtown then to the mall and through the hospitality district. “We would expect more transit ridership and an increase to greater frequency,” he said. “People wouldn’t need their cars as much.”

An important principle is emphasizing respect for existing neighborhoods. “We’d try to beautify and invest in those but keep them the same,” Watkins said. “We’d try to provide housing for every stage of life and income.”

The plan also looks at the needs of the city’s workforce. “What do companies need?” he said. “We have a range of jobs so residents don’t have to commute to Salt Lake,” he said. “It will save them time and put less emissions into the air.”

The city has been taking comments on its Layton Forward website about the plan. “We’ve had over 1,800 responses,” said Watkins. “We’re now sending out the word for residents to review the plan and comment with potential adoption this spring.”

Although the online comment period ended in February, Watkins encourages residents to attend upcoming public review hearings during planning commission meetings in March and April to provide feedback before a final draft is completed.

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For more information about the draft plan, visit laytonforward.org.
Brittany Butler sharing her talents with kids

by Tom HARALDSEN
Layton Today

Brittany Butler never aspired to win a beauty pageant, though she’s taken scores of photos for those who have. She sees her reign as Mrs. Layton providing her the opportunity to do what she really wants most – to teach underprivileged children the art of photography.

“If she is fortunate enough to win the title at the Mrs. Utah America pageant on March 16, that opportunity could expand statewide and possibly beyond. “It can really be difficult to take a program like this out into the community,” said Butler, who along with her family have lived in Layton for about a year. “I’ve offered this program to a lot of organizations and groups for free, but it’s amazing how many phone calls aren’t returned. Somehow, the minute you win a pageant and get that sash, it carries enough clout or prestige to get calls returned. So I’m hoping having the title will help me to speak to people and allow me to start volunteering.”

The state pageant, which begins at 6:30 p.m. at Ogden High School, will feature 12 contestants vying for the crown. Butler said that like most pageants, there is competition in categories like evening gown and swimsuit; but as a professional photographer for more than nine years, she’s not intimidated with coordinating makeup, hair and apparel.

“Having been on both sides, I know how to instruct my models and guide them to their images and what makes them unique,” she said. “I can tell you that no one realizes how much work is involved for contestants in pageants. It is even more difficult than I had originally anticipated.”

She grew up watching her father work as a photographer as a part-time job. Eventually, his business grew, and when she was 22, she started working with him as a model. Before long, she transitioned into working as a second photographer.

“I told him I didn’t want to do it unless I could become really good at it,” she said. “I developed a passion for it – every aspect of it. I’d earned a degree in Early Childhood Education at Sacramento State, but I didn’t want to teach full time in the classroom. Now, I can work with children in their schools, but also in community centers or other places. Hundreds of studies have shown that teaching art for these students has huge benefits, helping them with creativity and self-esteem. That’s because the very first day you start photographing, you can create something that’s uniquely yours. It gives kids a voice, and motivates them to want to continue learning.”

Butler and her husband, Dan, have two daughters, Audrey who is 8 and Emmi who is 3.

“They are all so supportive of everything I do, and excited about the pageant and the chance I have to reach out to other people,” she said. She has partnered with two other photographers to create a YouTube channel called “Panoptic Chopsticks.” It has nearly 12,000 subscribers and is growing rapidly.

“We have an international program already going, with my colleagues having traveled to India to help kids in Kolkata,” she said. “My goal over the next year is to take the large international program and make it more accessible to photographers around the world. We want to give the tools and support to photographers to start their own programs in the communities and countries that they live in.”

You can learn more about Brittany and her business at vintagecreekphotography.com.
SWAT team aids law enforcement in county

Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) is an important law enforcement organization that was created to protect the community in challenging situations. In addition to law enforcement personnel, the SWAT team includes paramedics and negotiators who have all received specialized training. The SWAT team has 23 members and five SWAT negotiators. SWAT members are trained to implement tactics to resolve problems, and negotiators focus specifically on communicating with suspects. Negotiator responsibilities include convincing suspects to surrender, making announcements through the PA system to suspects in SWAT vehicles, and intelligence gathering on scene, looking at social media, contacting relatives, etc.

Out of the 23 SWAT members, five are paramedics employed by the Layton City Fire Department. The presence of these members ensures that any injuries that occur during a SWAT operation can be addressed immediately.

The team is comprised of members from Layton, Clinton, Clearfield, and Syracuse Police Departments. They also support Bountiful City and Ogden City’s SWAT teams and their missions, when additional manpower is needed.

On average, the team is called out once a month. Their average response time is about 30 minutes. The team is prepared and equipped to deal with any problem they may encounter. They train together twice a month for two 10-hour days. They train in various missions they may be called to perform including active shooter scenarios, hostage rescue, barricade subject tactics, open area searches, and terrorist takeovers. Each training day has a fitness component. The SWAT members must keep their fitness level high to ensure they do not struggle with the physical training sessions and the demands of the team’s operations.

Lt. Alex Davis of the Layton Police Department is the leader of the SWAT team. From a young age, he knew that he wanted to be a SWAT officer. While working as a Layton City police officer, he applied to become a member of SWAT. He has now been involved with the team for 11 years. When asked what he hopes the community learns about SWAT he said, “SWAT tactics are designed to minimize danger and negative results for suspects. We generate compliance by utilizing the least amount of force possible.” The community is very fortunate to have such a dedicated, well-trained team protecting the public.

MEMBERS OF THE LAYTON POLICE DEPARTMENT are among those on the county SWAT team.

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Lancelles take 3rd at state drill

by Catherine Garrett
Layton Today

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— Michelle Reed


“We have a team that dances with heart who love each other and simply love to dance,” Reed said. “That love unites our team and I think others can also see that.”

Reed said the goals she and Merrill have for their girls go beyond the competitive arena so the team is heavily involved in service throughout the community including teaching dance every summer at Gigi’s Playhouse, a Down Syndrome achievement center, assisting a special needs soccer league as referees and sharing their dance expertise at a special needs mutual summer camp. “We want them to leave our program better people than when they came,” Reed said. “Serving teaches them so much while creating a bond between themselves and those they serve. Aside from that, through the hard work they put in on the drill team, they learn dedication, time management and that life doesn’t always come easy and you don’t always get what you want.”

This season, they have also had the services of Kylee Weaver, a team manager with special needs. Reed said she has been a constant support and cheerleader for the girls over the past several months. “Kylee even read a sweet letter to the team that she had written and talked to them the night before region,” Reed said. “It’s been so neat to have her with us.”

Tryouts for the 2019-20 Lancelles squad will be held March 22. Information packets are available in the main offices of Layton High and the local junior highs.

Layton Lancelles celebrate their third place finish at the state 6A drill team competition.

THE LANCELLES earned several individual and team awards, and won the 6A Sportsmanship award as well.

Girls know how important it is to be extra nice when you’re having success.”

Two of the state’s 11 Academic All-State recipients were from Layton’s squad – Roberts and Samantha Embley. They, along with captains Grace Anderson, Kenzley Hawley and Noelle McAllister, and Jocelyn Pitchford and Eva Ziebarth, were named Academic All-Region while McAllister was additionally recognized as a Sterling Scholar in Dance.

Reed and her best friend, Jessica Merrill – who were both Lancelles themselves – have been coaching at Layton for the past 10 years. “We never took region or even went to state when we were here, but we loved our coach and had such a positive experience and we want to help create those memories for our girls.” Reed said. “We’re trying to instill trust and confidence in these girls and we just want to continue to climb.”

Also on Layton’s three-time defending Region 1 champion squad who won the 6A sweepstakes at each competition this year are captains Abby Magelby, Ariel Pasco and Hailee Wilson; and junior captain Markelle Larson along with Melanie Astle, Maddie Atwater, Tylee Bean, Elle Crossley, Alexa Hall, Halle Harris, Madison Huff, Addy Hurst, Lauren Janes, Elli Johns, Baylie Johnson, Raegan Kemp, Natalie Kruitbosch, Reagan Larson, McKenna Manfull, McKenna Martin, Lindsee Mcfarland, Kylie Oberholzer, Cambrie Pitcher, Evelyn Powers, Molly Pyrah, Jenna Rutter, Mikayla Stansfield and Alia Talbot.

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Our national debt should not be ignored

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B ill, a former co-worker, was a middle-aged man who frequently spread the gospel of the Republican Party. His main focus was the deficit. Only Republicans, he said, could cut spending and bring down the steadily spiraling national debt. To Bill, it was simple: the United States could not afford to spend more than it made.

I was with Bill last week. He told me he is still a Republican voter, but not a joyful one. “Republicans don’t care about the national debt,” he said. “The country could go bankrupt and all my political party cares about is making it hard for immigrants.”

Like many Utahns, Bill could never vote for a Democrat, but has a right to be concerned. The national debt is now nearing $22 trillion; to pay it off, every family in the U.S. would have to send a check to the Treasury Department for about $450,000. And it will certainly rise. In his recent State of the Union speech, President Trump didn’t say one word about the deficit. He praised his tax cut, but didn’t mention that it led to a 17 percent increase in the debt for fiscal year 2018.

Neither political party seems too concerned. Despite political rhetoric about the “spend and spend” Democrats, the Republicans in Congress want tax cuts along with more money for the military, both of which will push up the national debt. On the other hand, Democrats want more funding for non-military programs, but calling them “investments” in health care, transportation, and education does not help the deficit.

In the last calendar year, we added another $900 billion to the deficit. Within three years, that will rise to $1 trillion. Within a few years, over half of all federal income will go to senior citizens and interest on the debt.

Within five years alone, the interest payments will equal all the money we currently spend on the nation’s military.

Like Bill, I am a registered Republican. Unlike Bill, I never really worried too much about the deficit. I figured almost all families went into debt, usually to purchase a home, and even if the home didn’t increase in value the “debt” would appear less as the family income increased. Our country would be the same way. So what if the debt increased if the economy also zoomed ahead?

I suspect most Americans had similar feelings. Sure, we might shake our heads when we heard spending statistics, but the national debt seemingly didn’t impact our everyday lives. Maybe we were naive enough to think that at some point Congress and our presidents could keep it under control—and if they didn’t, we still had money and a few credit cards in our wallet.

On my frequent vacations to New York City, I always pass the National Debt Clock that keeps a minute-by-minute rundown of what the country owes. I don’t see a large number of people looking at the digital clock; either they are unaware of its meaning or just resigned to its drip-by-drip increase. After all, it is easier to worry about the price of gasoline or a 15 cent jump in the cost of a Starbucks cappuccino.

But Bill still worries and he’s aggravated that most Americans do not. He’s correct, of course. We cannot keep kicking the can down the road like we have with our broken immigration policy. At some point, we have to pay our bills—and that means everyone will have to “give a little” and compromise.

Any bets on that happening soon?

Humor writing for dummies

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I’m sometimes asked how I consistently come up with funny column ideas. I laugh breezily, toss my hair and say, “It’s so easy. I sit down and say, “It’s so easy. I sit down and laugh.”

Read the headlines. Comic strips are everywhere. Watch people on the bus. Watch people in the mall. Watch people walking. If you listen, you’ll get tons of humor immediately.

To work on the next column, send it to editor. Vow to work on the next column immediately. Repeat for 15 years. There are lots of ways to get funny inspiration.

Get out of bed. Humans are insane, and by observing them you’ll get tons of humor writing ideas. Watch people at the mall. Watch people at church. Watch people in stressful situations. Eavesdrop. Read the headlines. Comic gold!

Exaggerate. Hyperbole is a humor writer’s greatest tool in the known (and unknown) universe. You didn’t just fall down the stairs; you slipped on a sock and bounced down the stairs, hitting each step with your elbow, head and hip twice before falling to the next step. It took 15 minutes to reach the bottom of the stairs. Read humor. David Sedaris, Mark Twa, Nora Ephron and Tina Fey are some of my favorites. The idea is not to plagiarize their writing (illegal) but to study the flow of humor (totally legal). What words make you laugh? (Shenanigans, bloviate, canoodel.) What phrases make you burn with jealousy that you didn’t think of them first? (Most of them.)

Find the serious. Somber people almost write comedy for you. When you run into someone who’s all “Harrumph, harrumph. I’m an important grown up” you’ve struck a comedic motherlode. Look back on all the stuffy authority figures in your life; could be your parents, could be your algebra teacher or your precocious cousin who graduated from high school at 8 years old. People who take themselves seriously are super easy to satirize and/or lampoon. (Thank you, Prez. Trump.)

Do things that make you laugh. It’s hard to write comedy when you’re crying into your big pillow every afternoon. Go to funny movies, hang out with funny people, try stand-up, tell knock-knock jokes at work until your co-workers poison your tea. Laugh out loud. Snort, Giggle. Guffaw.

Write. If you don’t put your arse in a chair and write, your humor-writing career will never take off. Write something every day. Compose a funny book or movie review. Write a description of your grandfather’s Edsel. Describe how to make dinner while holding a toddler.

Then one day, when someone asks you how you come up with such funny ideas, you can toss your hair and say, “It just drips out of me like melted butter.” Well, don’t say that. Say something funny.
City program helps with home improvement costs

by Jaclynn APPLONIE
Layton Today

Have you ever needed a critical repair to your home but couldn’t afford it? Or perhaps you simply wanted to make a modest improvement, but the cost was out of reach. On July 1, 2018, Layton City unveiled a new Emergency Home Repair and Rehab Program for its residents. The City partnered with the Davis Community Housing Authority (DCHA) to help low to moderate income residents with home repairs and modifications.

The goal of this new effort is to provide lower income homeowners grant money to immediately correct an emergency condition or make much-needed improvements to their homes. If you have a repair need in your home that is potentially dangerous to the health and safety of the occupants or residential property, then you may be eligible to apply.

The rehab portion of the program helps preserve the housing community within city limits, improve property values, eliminate blight, conserve energy, and provide many other benefits to homeowners. The program has already helped Layton residents with window replacement, a bathroom renovation, and other much-needed home improvements.

The services provided by the Emergency Repairs Program include resolving the following problems: leaking roof, water heater, furnace, addressing an electrical issue, burst pipe(s) or major water leak, remedying a blocked drain which caused a water surge, unblocking a blocked toilet, and repairing a broken water service line. Owner-occupied single-family detached residences, townhomes, condominiums and mobile homes are eligible. The repair grant will not exceed $3,000 and will be awarded on a one to nine matching ratio. For example, if the applicant contributes $100, then the City will contribute $900 through the grant.

The Rehab and Corrections services include: making accessibility modifications, fixing code violations for health and safety concerns, installation of energy efficient windows, siding, stucco, roof, replacing a water and/or sewer lateral, updating landscaping, and constructing an attached garage and driveway. Owner-occupied residences, townhomes, and condominiums are all eligible homes for these services. Multi-family units and mobile homes are not eligible. Neither grant has a payback requirement from the homeowner to the City.

If you are interested in participating in Layton City’s Emergency Home Repair and Rehab Program, or if you simply have questions, please contact Layton City CDBG Administrator, Morgan Cloward, at (801) 336-3770 or mccloward@laytoncity.org. Applications are accepted on a first-come first-serve basis until all funds have been granted. Assistance is given based on HUD regulations and funding.

THROUGH THE EMERGENCY HOME REPAIR and Rehab Program eligible residents can receive help with a leaky roof, water heater, furnace, or other home repairs.

A RENDERING OF THE NEW RC Willey store coming to Layton at 2205 N. 1400 West.

RC Willey is coming to Layton City

By Jaclynn APPLONIE
For Layton Today

RC Willey has purchased a 9.59-acre lot for a new location in Layton. When completed, the store will be 171,816 square feet and two stories tall, the largest RC Willey store in any state. RC Willey has 11 stores spanning across Utah, Idaho, Nevada, and California.

The Layton location is an attractive area due to the city’s growth, large customer population, and its centrality between Davis and Weber County. Additionally, the store will be easy for customers to access off I-15. RC Willey has already broken ground and anticipates the store will be complete in February 2020. The store will be located at 2205 N. 1400 West, Layton, UT. 84041; they plan to rename the road “RC Willey Way.”

Bill Wright, Layton City Community and Economic Development Director, is excited about the opportunity the new store will bring. He expects RC Willey will provide nearly the same amount of tax revenue as the Layton Hills Mall, which is the City’s largest retail tax generator. Also, RC Willey will provide a place to purchase electronics, furniture, and appliances; there is a void for these goods and services in the community, and this valued retail will greatly benefit the citizens of Layton City. The store will also create job opportunities and bring a synergy to the Mid-Town retail area.

“This development is a huge benefit to the City, the Mid-Town area, and the surrounding properties,” Wright said.

What You Send Out Is What You Get Back

By Jordan Bigler
Owner - Pure Hearing

I was reading a great book this morning, and I came across something that I just had to share: “For that which ye do send out shall return unto you again.” Isn’t that such a true statement? It got me thinking about human conflict and how angry words are almost always returned with more angry words. Of course, the opposite of that is true as well. We can all think back to a time in our lives when we were kind and loving to someone, and how those feelings of kindness and love were returned to us tenfold. The reward is not always returned to us by those we help, but it does come. If you haven’t experienced that in a while I dare you to give it a try and see what happens. I promise that you will feel the truth and wisdom of this age-old philosophy. It is really the Golden Rule: “do unto others as you would have others do to you.” Can you imagine a world where everyone (including our crazy politicians) woke up each morning and thoughtfully considered what they were sending out? Would we be able to better problem solve if we were being kind and gentle in the way we interacted with each other? For all of you that doubt what I am saying, why don’t you turn to your spouse, tell them how dumb they are, then try and solve a problem you are having with them. See how effective that is (I speak from experience on this one, it doesn’t work well). So to boil my thought down to one thing: If we want good, send good! Hey, that reminds me of our hearing. If you want good hearing, you have to get good hearing aids. That’s where we come in. We only carry the best of the best, and we save you thousands!

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HERITAGE MUSEUM OF LAYTON REMAINS OPEN

The Heritage Museum of Layton, 403 North Wasatch Drive, remains open its usual hours, despite the Layton Amphitheater/Plaza renovation/construction going on north of the museum. Museum goers should best access the museum from the south side; it is open Tuesday through Friday, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., and on Saturday, from 1 to 5 p.m. The museum is closed Sunday, Monday, and holidays. Admission is free. The museum was opened to the public in August 1980. Over time, the museum’s heritage collection has grown to include 2,470 artifact objects; 3,770 historical photographs; and 2,900 archival documents and 299 books.

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PROFILE

Scott Adams: 40-plus years as a Layton fireman

Captain Scott Adams, Layton City Assistant Fire Chief, comes from a long legacy of Layton City firefighters. Both his father and grandfather were Layton City firemen. Plus, Scott himself has spent more than 40 years with the Layton City Fire Department.

And, he’s not quite ready to retire yet.

As Assistant Chief, Adams is responsible for daily fire department operations and directly supervises the department’s four battalion chiefs. Although most of Adams’ work is done behind the scenes, he also responds on structure fires and major EMS incidents to assist the Incident Commander as part of the command staff.

He joined the department in 1978 as a volunteer firefighter. In 1981 he became one of the original six full-time firefighters hired by the department to provide 24-hour per day staffing.

Adams became a Captain in 1982, then was promoted

LAYTON CITY ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEF SCOTT ADAMS, pictured here with his wife Leslie, has served the community for more than 40 years.

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

LAYTON PARKS AND RECREATION SCHEDULES

March: Family Night at the Library
March 8, 6:30-8:30 p.m., free, at Central Branch Library, 155 N. Wasatch Drive, Layton. Join Family Recreation and the library for the “Ticket to Ride” event. Participate in games, book readings and other fun activities.

Salt Lake Bees vouchers
Families looking to take in a baseball game this summer have a deal that shouldn't be passed up. Vouchers are only $10 and can be redeemed for any seating level up to a $20 value. Good at any regular SL Bees game except for special event games July 4 and 24. Vouchers will be available for purchase throughout the summer starting April 1.

Layton FEST 2019 now accepting applications
The 2019 season of Layton FEST is scheduled to kickoff on July 12 and run every Friday evening through August. Layton City Parks and Recreation is currently working on scheduling all aspects of Layton FEST, including vendors, farmers, entertainers and food trucks. Application to participate are now being accepted. Additional information on how to participate, dates, special engagements and more can be found online at www.laytonfest.com

Swimming Lessons
Please call Surf 'n Swim at 801-336-3939 with any questions or visit www.laytoncity.org. Registration will open at 8 a.m. in the office or online on the dates below:

- **Monday/Wednesday/Friday classes Cost $26-$31**
  - Session 21 runs April 9-19 Registration opens March 11
  - Session 22 runs April 22-May 3 Registration opens March 25
  - Session 23 runs April 9-25 Registration opens March 11

- **Tuesday/Thursday classes Cost $26-$31**
  - Session 9 runs April 13-May 4 Registration opens March 11
  - Reduced fee – no class on April 20

- **Saturday classes Cost $26-$31**
  - Session 9 runs April 13-May 4 Registration opens March 11

Boys Recreation Baseball
Registration: March 1-31, Cost $25-$45
Ages: 4 years old through 12th grade
Play begins: May – various locations
When: weekday evenings

Girls Recreation Softball
Registration: March 1-31, Cost $35
Ages: 4 years old through 9th grade
Play begins: May – various locations
When: weekday evenings

Youth Track and Field
Registration: March 1-31, Cost $35
Ages: 7-15 (age as of 12/31/19)
Season starts: April
Location: Layton High track, 440 N. Wasatch Drive
When: Tuesday and Thursday evenings

Youth Fishing Club
Registration: March 1-31, Cost $35
Ages: 9-15
Season starts: April
Location: Andy Adams Fishery, 1713 East 1000 North, Layton
When: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday evenings
(Class is offered one night a week for six weeks)

Adult Spring Volleyball
Registration: March 1-31
Play begins: April
Locations: Central Davis Jr. High and Legacy Jr. High
When: Coed, Women's and Men's all on Wednesdays

Adult Spring Softball
Registration: March 1-31
Play begins: April
Location: Ellison Park
When: Coed on Tuesday, Women's on Thursday, Men's Rec on Thursday and Friday

Boys Comp Basketball
Registration: March 1-17, Cost $375/team
Play begins: April
Locations: Central Davis Jr. High and Legacy Jr. High
When: Saturday evenings
Leagues: 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th grades

Boys Comp Basketball
Registration: March 1-17, Cost $375/team
Play begins: April
Locations: Central Davis Jr. High and Legacy Jr. High
When: Monday evenings
Leagues: 4th, 5th and 6th grades, junior high (7th-9th grade)
**NEW LAYTON CITY BUSINESSES – JANUARY**

**Empire Solar Group**  
3250 N 750 E, Suite B  
385-415-9655  
Owner: Amanda Roseburg  
Business Type: Solar Installation  
Website: https://www.empiresolargroup.com/  
Business Description: Empire Solar Group provides one of the fastest project turnaround times in the industry. Their technical pros partner with licensed NABCEP and electrical professionals. Customers enjoy peace of mind thanks to Empire Solar’s 10-year full workmanship warranty on installation and electrical services, in addition to manufacturer’s warranties on materials.

**Sapphire Health & Wellness**  
880 W Heritage Park Blvd, Suite 130  
801-335-4114  
Owner: Jillian Lozanoff  
Business Type: Behavioral Health Medication Management  
Website: https://www.sapphirehealthandwellness.com/  
Business Description: Sapphire Health & Wellness is a family practice clinic that specializes in behavioral health medication management. They provide high quality behavioral health care individualized to each unique person.

**North Eastern Services**  
553 S 900 E  
801-776-0403  
Director: Diana Smith  
Business Type: Residential Intellectual and Developmental Disability Facility  
Website: http://nesutah.com/  
Business Description: North Eastern Services, in conjunction with the Division of Services for People with Disabilities (DSPD), promotes opportunities and provides support for people with disabilities to lead self-determined lives by overseeing home and community-based services for more than 5,000 people who have disabilities.

**Paradigm Equipment Finance**  
124 S Fairfield Drive, Suite A  
801-682-8648  
Owner: Tyler Deters  
Business Type: Credit Intermediation  
Website: https://www.paradigmequipmentfinance.com/  
Business Description: Paradigm Equipment Finance specializes in commercial lending services for businesses with bad credit. Paradigm offers bankruptcy lease amounts of $20K to $500K.

**Sultry Skin**  
908 W Gordon Ave, Suite 7  
801-425-6929  
Owner: Alesha Gallegos  
Business Type: Beauty Salon  
Website: https://www.sultryskinspa.com/  
Business Description: Sultry Skin specializes in advanced skin care treatments to prevent, treat and reverse skin issues and concerns. With 10 years of experience and a genuine passion for the industry, their goal is to educate you while you receive beautiful skin with a relaxing experience.

**Jordan Spicer**  
(Farm Bureau Financial Services)  
1544 N Woodland Park Drive, Suite 320  
801-680-5561  
Owner: Jordan Spicer  
Business Type: Insurance Agency  
Website: https://www.fbfs.com/  
Business Description: The Farm Bureau Life Insurance Company offers a variety of term, whole and universal life insurance products, as well as fixed and variable annuity products.

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**Winter is winding down. It has been a tough season with plenty of ice and freezing and thawing. At this time of year when we typically see an increase in the number of potholes, Layton crews will continue to focus on pothole identification and repair.**

As always, the City invites the public’s help in making the City aware of potholes since they can develop very quickly. However, who should you notify about any particularly hazardous potholes spotted that could damage vehicles or cause accidents?

Do not ever call 911 for pothole problems, but notify police dispatch at 801-497-8300, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. (You should also call this number for any other potentially hazardous potholes spotted that could damage vehicles or cause accidents?)

**If the pothole is smaller and more of a nuisance than a hazard, contact Layton City Public Works Department at 801-336-3720 during business hours.**

If the problem is along a state road, such as Main Street, Highway 89, I-15 and U-193, contact the Utah Department of Transportation at 801-620-1600, weekdays, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
SEEKING ‘CURB APPEAL’

Take care of your curb and gutter

Most residents and business owners probably take their curb and gutter for granted. But, these are often overlooked and neglected items. With spring coming, now is a good time to pay attention to these features – especially because this harsh winter means lots of sand and gravel will likely be accumulating in your gutter now.

Everything that goes in the gutter ends up in the creeks, streams, park detention basins and eventually the Great Salt Lake. Sweeping up the debris and dirt is also a money saver – the less dirt washed into the storm water system, the less those pipes need to be cleaned out, the less men and equipment are needed, thus a savings to the citizens.

Here’s a question and answer session on these issues:

Q: Whose responsibility is it to take care of the curb and gutter in front of your property?
A: According to Layton City’s code, all owners or agents of owners with property abutting and fronting upon any plaza, street, or alley within the corporate limits of the City are required to keep the public curb, gutter, and sidewalks immediately abutting their property in good order and repair.

Q: Who actually owns the curb and gutter?
A: Just like the sidewalk, the underlying ground is owned by the City. However, the law imposes a duty on the abutting property owner for the maintenance. The law reads: “Each such owner shall be liable to the City for all losses to the City or recoveries from the City for damages to person or property of others caused by his failure or, 2, that of his agents to repair and keep in good order and reasonably safe condition all such curb and gutter.”

Q: Why should I clean out the curb and gutter in front of my property; shouldn’t the City’s street sweeper do that?
A: The City only has two street sweepers and has over 280 miles of City roads. Additionally, to help keep the City clean, we also sweep all of the State roads in the City. Because of that, street sweepers usually only come along a particular street about once a year. A shovel and broom can be used to quickly clean out a gutter.

Q: What if a neighbor’s curb and gutter is stacked full of debris and unsightly?
A: Layton City actually has a special complaint form available online at: http://www.laytoncity.org/public/Depts/PubWorks/ComplaintForm.aspx?1

Q: What weed should never be put in a gutter?
A: Smokers often throw their butts into gutters, but that’s illegal littering and they may end up in the storm drain system. Snow should never be shoveled, dumped, or sprayed in the gutter, since that’s part of the street and against the city code. Dirt, gravel and other such substances are also prohibited in the gutter. (Concrete should never be washed down the gutter as well.)

Q: What other substances should never be dumped in the gutter, or down the storm drain?
A: Never dump anything down the storm drain. It is meant only for rainwater. Clean up after your pet. Don’t put gas or motor oil in the gutter. Don’t put household cleaners, or paint in the gutter. Don’t wash pesticides or solvents down the gutter. Don’t wash radiators or engines down the gutter. In other words, what you would never throw into a stream, creek, brook or lake. After all, that is where this water ends up!

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to Assistant Fire Chief in 1985, Adams has served as the Assistant Fire Chief under every full-time Fire Chief that Layton City Fire Department has had [Chief John H. Adams, Chief Allan H. Peek and Chief Kevin Ward].

Adams said his 40-plus year career with the Layton Fire Department isn’t unique, as a few others have remained that long too. However, he said he’s stayed that long because, “I enjoy the work.”

“I grew up with it. I used to go to fires with my Dad,” he said, noting that his father started a Layton Fire Department career in 1956.

Scott said a myriad of individual fires calls, “some very tragic and some very rewarding,” are the highlights of his long career. He said there are a lot of hard factors in being a fireman, with spending considerable time on-call, being away from family and dealing with deceased children as perhaps the most challenging aspects.

“It helps to have a good outcome,” he said during fires, and that the good and the bad outcomes do kind of balance out in the long run.

Adams said he’s experienced huge advancements in fire-fighting equipment and clothing over the decades. For example, the early oxygen tanks didn’t have alarms for when their air was running low. And, early protective clothing still meant your ears and neck might get burned in a fire, though not now.

He fell off a roof once during a fire, but he wasn’t hurt and that’s lucky the worst accident he ever had on the job.

When he started, back in the late 70s, Layton’s Fire Department only responded to about 300 calls a year. Now that number is more than 6,000 calls.

Adams has been an influencing factor in much of the department’s growth. He has long been an avid supporter of fire service-based emergency medical services (EMS). During his tenure the department developed the original first responder EMS program in the early 1980s, began ambulance operations in 1994, and obtained the paramedic program in 2001.

Over the years Adams has participated in developing many of the specifications for the apparatus we operate today. He was closely involved in the construction process of Stations #51 and #52 in Layton.

Adams believes that the public underestimating the actual long hours and the strong commitment that firemen have are probably the biggest misnomers to his job.

Regarding his best advice to residents, Adams wants all households to have adequate fire detectors, with fresh batteries.

“They have made a difference in getting people out of fires,” he said.

When he does finally retire, he plans on spending as much time as he can in the Uintas – fishing, hunting, four wheeling and snowmobiling.
Celtic Celebration Set for March 9

Come and get your Irish on when Peery’s Egyptian Theater in Ogden presents Celtic Celebration on Saturday, March 9, at 7:30 p.m. The concert is the annual St. Patrick’s Celebration featuring Celtic Beat Irish Dancers from Layton, Leaping Lu-Lu, a neo-traditional Irish Folk Band from Logan; and the Wasatch and District Pipe and Drum. Tickets can be purchased through Smithtix, or the box office at 801-689-8700 or by visiting the box office M-F from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Cost is $15 for adults and $10 for seniors, kids and military.

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National Poison Prevention Week – tips on how to be safe

National Poison Prevention Week will be March 18-24, 2019. More than 2 million poisonings are reported each year to the Nation’s poison centers. According to the American Association of Poison Control Centers, approximately 90 percent of poisonings happen at home, and 51 percent of poisonings involve children under the age of 6. The majority of fatal poisonings occur among adults, especially older adults.

National Poison Prevention Week was established by the U.S. Congress in 1961 to focus national attention on the dangers of poisonings and how to prevent them. Here are some ways to poison proof your home:

**Medicines:**
Keep medicines in their original containers, properly labeled, and store them appropriately.

**Carbon monoxide:**
Have a working carbon monoxide detector in your home. The best places for a CO detector are near bedrooms and close to furnaces.

**Household products:**
Keep products in their original containers. Do not use food containers (such as cups or bottles) to store household cleaners and other chemicals or products. Keep all laundry products locked up, high, and out of the reach of children.

**Chemicals:**
Keep antifreeze and all chemicals and household products in their original containers.

**Back to school/art supplies:**
Some art products are mixtures of chemicals. They can be dangerous if not used correctly. Make sure children use art products safely by reading and following directions. Do not eat or drink while using art products. Wash skin after contact with art products. Clean equipment. Wipe tables, desks, and counters.

Keep art products in their original containers.

**Food:**
Wash hands and counters before preparing all food. Store food at the proper temperatures. Refrigerated foods should not be left out at temperatures above 40 degrees F (5 degrees C). Use clean utensils for cooking and serving.

**Animals/insects:**
Know what poisonous snakes live in your area and wear proper attire (boots, etc.) when hiking outdoors. Check the label on any insect repellent. Be aware that most contain DEET, which can be poisonous in large quantities.

**Plants, mushrooms and berries:**
Be sure that everyone in your family can identify poisonous mushrooms and plants. Remember when it comes to poison ivy, “leaves of three, let it be.”

To learn more about ways to keep people of all ages safe and help prevent poisonings, visit the Poison Help website at: www.PoisonHelp.hrsa.gov (or to view materials in Spanish, visit: www.PoisonHelpEspanol.hrsa.gov). In case of a poison emergency, contact your local poison center at 1-800-222-1222.

**Northridge celebrates 25th anniversary of first graduating class**

by Jocelyn APPLONIE

Layton Today

Northridge High School has shaped the Layton community in several ways. The high school has contributed to a lot of development in the Hill Field area. Before Northridge High School, the area surrounding Hill Field Road was quite empty. Today, Hill Field Road is a bustling area with many thriving businesses. Even more importantly, Northridge High School grooms the youth of Layton to enter the community as hard working, functioning members of society.

Before the construction of Northridge High, Layton High was the only high school in the City. When the school was built, students from the Layton and South Weber area filled the classrooms. Students from South Weber had traditionally attended Clearfield High School. There was quite a rivalry between Clearfield and Layton, but the students came together and created a culture of acceptance and unity. Carl Whiting, student body officer from Northridge’s first graduating class commented that as the first graduating group, they had the opportunity to form school traditions. They combined traditions and activities from Layton and Clearfield to create their own unique school community. Today, Layton City benefits from having two high schools that send great graduates out into the community.

Today’s Northridge students include kids from not only Layton and South Weber, but also Clearfield, Hill Air Force Base, Clinton, and Sunset. Since students come from six different communities, the school has a diverse student body. These students have different lifestyles, interests, and backgrounds. Nevertheless, the students are accepting and welcoming of each other. Northridge’s teachers and administrators strive to provide their students with the best academic environment possible. They stay up to date with innovative...
Extreme protective order rankles gun advocates

by Becky GINOS
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SALT LAKE CITY—Half of Utah’s murders over the last 20 years have been domestic violence related and 34 percent of perpetrators commit suicide after killing a family member, according to the Utah Domestic Violence Coalition.

Those staggering statistics and the Parkland shooting last year prompted Rep. Steve Handy, R-Layton to run HB209 Extreme Risk Protective Order again this session.

However, the bill has raised the hackles of gun advocates who are calling it a “red flag” gun law or a “gun grab” that violates their Second Amendment rights.

“There are protective orders already for domestic violence situations,” said Handy. “A judge grants it and firearms can be removed but there’s a gap in the law. This covers broad based threats to others or themselves. It’s a means of reducing suicide rates.”

Handy said 85 percent of gun deaths are suicides. “This can’t be acceptable in any way shape or form. Only a close family member can get the order after they’ve done everything under the sun to help. It’s just a tool in the tool box to close the gap.”

It can only be under a judge’s order and due process must be followed, he said. “We don’t want to cause a shoot out. If law enforcement senses there is a volatile situation they will back out.”

After 14 days the person has an opportunity to appear before the judge who evaluates whether the firearm can be returned, said Handy. “Hopefully they’ve received mental health counseling and are in a good place.”

A similar bill ran last session but stalled. “I started the bill after the Parkland shooting,” Handy said. “I heard about it from the Commissioner of Public Safety who told me I should take a look at it. I got a hearing the last day bills could be heard. It didn’t fail, it just wasn’t quite ready.”

Handy worked on the bill all summer and fall. “It’s morphed a lot,” he said. “I got input from the courts, the governor’s office and about everyone in the world to find a good balance.”

There are 14 other states that have passed this type of bill, said Handy. “We’re going to find a solution. Gun advocates say there are better ways to do it but they don’t offer any solutions. I’ve never had a more difficult bill to find a balance.”

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Layton City RAMP

by Jadyn APPLONIE
Layton Today

This is the fourth year of the Recreation, Arts, Museums, and Parks (RAMP) grant program. The grant money is for funding RAMP projects and programs for Layton City residents. RAMP grant money comes from the RAMP tax. Layton City voters passed this tax in the fall of 2015; voters approved the City to collect sales tax for one cent for every $10 spent on commercial goods and prepared foods sold in Layton. In the 2018-2019 fiscal year, the RAMP Advisory Commission and Layton City Council allocated just under $1.5 million of collected RAMP tax dollars to worthy projects.

The RAMP tax has helped finance many projects that have benefited Layton residents of all ages. Grant money has funded the Davis Arts Council’s Free Friday Family Film Series which offered free movies each Friday evening during the summer in the ED Kenley Amphitheater. Other projects include a pavilion at Layton Surf ‘n Swim, training equipment for the Layton City youth tackle football program, additional displays and lights for the ‘Lights Before Christmas in Commons Park, and funding for the Vietnam Memorial Wall Replica. A full listing of all the funded projects can be found on the RAMP website at www.laytoncity.org/RAMP.
Layton produces six state champion wrestlers

by Catherine GARRETT
Layton Today

Layton High senior Terrell Barraclough won his fourth state wrestling title, this year at 138 lbs., to lead five other Lancers who also topped their weight classes Feb. 13-14 at Utah Valley University. Their placements gave Layton a second-place finish as a team.

"The fact that we had six state champions is incredible," head coach John Fager said. "I'd take that over a state title any day.

Barraclough is the first LHS wrestler to win titles all four years, and overcame a serious neck injury this season to be back on the podium. "He is one of the most hard-working kids there are and that was how he came back from two herniated disks to do what he did," Fager said. The senior is committed to wrestle for West Point.

Other state champions were Quade Smith, at 106 lbs., Alec Bolingbroke, at 170 lbs., Cole Faust, at 182 lbs., and Jon Hunt, at 285 lbs.

Smith "dominated" 6A, according to Fager, after "putting on some good weight" in the 106-lb. division. "Quade's just a tough-nosed kid who gets after it on the mat," Fager said.

Humphreys won his third consecutive state title and is on track to be Layton's second four-time champion next season, according to Fager. He overcame a torn meniscus – suffered in January – to get back on the mat and win state. "He worked really hard and wrestled through injuries," Fager said.

Bolingbroke broke assistant coach Adam Fager's school record of 189 takedowns in a season with 313. "Adam worked one-on-one with Alex and they set a goal and worked really hard all year to achieve it and he also won state," John Fager said.

Layton boys Finish 11th at state

Swimmer breaks school record

by Catherine GARRETT
Layton Today

Layton High sophomore Trevor Arnes broke a school record in the 100 butterfly with a time of 54:18 at the 6A state swimming championships Feb. 8-9 at Brigham Young University to help the Lancers boys squad to an 11th place finish as a team; his individual swim got him on the podium with a fifth-place showing. The Lancers girls team placed 17th.

Layton
With just five boys qualifying in individual events, head coach Jason Udy said he knew they wouldn't be at the top. "But, I was pleasantly surprised at their placement," he said. "They did great. I'm very proud of their dedication and determination."

Arnes was just off the school record in his 100 breaststroke event in the preliminaries and pushed through sickness the team was experiencing to take third in the finals. "He absolutely killed it in prelims and then pushed..."
AYSO registration begins soon

Layton AYSO soccer registration for Fall 2019/Spring 2020 play begins in April. Registration starts April 6 for boys and girls Ages 4-18.* (*Must be born between 2015-2001)

Early Bird Pricing: April 6-May 25 - $80
Regular Pricing: May 26-June 30 - $90
Last Chance Pricing: July 1–July 31 - $110
To register, or for more information, go to: www.ayso239.org

Limited scholarships will be available for those who may not be able to afford registration. Please contact region239rc@laytonayso.com for information.

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Faust, a three-time placer at state, has brought a lot of athleticism to the Lancers as an MMA fighter.

"Cole's really strong," John Fager said. "He's gonna do a lot of good things in MMA or fighting of some kind.

Hunt, a multi-sport athlete who will play football for Weber State in the fall, won state this year after two consecutive fifth-place showings. "He wasn't even going to wrestle as a sophomore until I talked him into it," John Fager said. "This year, he was incredibly strong and explosive on the mat."

Other state placers were Aidan Harris (second, 113 lbs.), Tyton Bennett (second, 120 lbs.), Canyon Brann (second, 152 lbs.) and Gage Howard (fifth, 132 lbs.).

"Overall, the team wrestled really well," John Fager said. This season, Layton also won its own tournament for the first time in school history and set a school record. The 100 Back, 100 Breast, 200 Medley Relay and 200 Free Relay all earned academic honors with Barraclough, Bolingbrooke and Howard being named Academic All-State for their excellence in the classroom and contributions on the mat.

Also on the 2018-19 squad was Reece Baclayon, Porter Banks, Kaelan Baron, Josh Christensen, Tanner Clem, Ethan Duke, Isaac Fisher, Brandon Galvez, Ulices Garcia, Daniel Gonzales, Brad Greenhalgh, Mason Haycock, Ayden Haygood, Baden Hearne, Dane Hyer, Porter Kinne, Noah Linford, Paden Memmott, Juan Navia, Duncan Olson, Jason Priest, Matias Rodriguez, Austin Stell, Seth Stoddard, Jonathon Taylor, John Fager was also assisted on the coaching staff by Rowanna Fager, Noah Fager, Adam Fager, Neal Porter, Marc Fenwick, Ken Astle, Anthony Quintana, Chris Humphreys, Michael Fisher and Brooks Robison.

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his hardest in the finals," Udy said. The boys medley relay team of Arnes, Chase Stoddard, Dylan Parsons and Riley Warner placed fourth with a personal best time of 1:45.26 and just missed the school record. The 100 Back pitted three Lancers against each other with Stoddard out-touching Parsons by less than a second for ninth and 10th place respectively and Nate Lamborn reaching a personal milestone with a sub-minute swim to take 15th. "These three are tough competitors," Udy said. They don't let each other get away with anything in this event. Chase and Dylan have been neck and neck most of the season but Chase ultimately pulled in front at finals. Nate has been trying to break the one-minute mark and finally did it at state."

Despite sickness, Parsons "did great" according to Udy and placed 13th in the 200 individual medley while the 200 free relay team of Parsons, Spencer Perry, Gavin Nordgren and Warner came in 11th and the 400 free relay squad of Lamborn, Perry, Nordgren and Wyatt Peters were 16th.

Abby Frazier, the state record holder in the 50 free, won up against Davis' Lauryn Hall, and was seeded first after a finishing one-hundredths of a second time ahead of Hall. In the finals, Frazier had a season-best time of 25.07, just behind Hall's 24.91. "I think this was the most exciting race at state," Udy said. "Ultimately, Lauren caught her in the finals, but Abby didn't go down easy." Frazier also placed 10th in the 100 free. Maddie Frazier raced in the 100 back. "She was not feeling good at all, but she gave it her best," Udy said. "She gained two seconds and didn't pass through to the finals."

The girls 200 free relay team of Hallie Collinwood, Madison Wilcox, Abby Frazier and Maddie Frazier came in 11th. At the Region 1 meet, both teams finished fourth which was especially impressive for the girls squad, according to Udy, with 20 new girls on the team. "They improved greatly throughout the season," he said. "That was huge for them. They really buckled down and put pressure on the other teams and fought for every point."

Top 10 finishes at region were Arnes (second, 100 fly; second, 100 breast), Abby Frazier (third, 50 free; third, 100 free), Maddie Frazier (fourth, 100 back; fifth, 200 free), Parsons (fourth, 100 back), Stoddard (fifth, 100 back), Wyatt Baclayon (seventh, 500 free; 100, 200 free), Megan Olson (eighth, 50 free; 10th, 100 fly), Melissa Frazier (seventh, 500 free; 100, 200 free).

"I am so proud of these kids – not just our state kids, or the top swimmers on the team – all of them," Udy said. "They amazed me in their focus and determination; yet, we had a lot of fun this season as none of them can completely take it seriously all the time. Our remaining team is excited for the next season to show the competition what they can do and who to look out for."

Northridge

The Northridge girls 400 free relay team of Kaelie Penn, Samantha Lennon, Brynn Mix and Lindsey Cozad took 15th to lead the Knights to a 16th place finish at the 6A state championships.

At the Region 1 meet, the girls team placed fourth with top showings from the 200 medley relay team of Brian Baak, Josh Potter, Dallin Tippets and Nathan Gates and a sixth-place finish in the 200 free relay led by the same lineup. Potter also came in 10th in the 100 free.

On the girls side at region, Cozad finished second in the 100 back and third in the 100 fly with Penn coming in third in the 500 free and seventh in the 200 IM. The 400 free relay team of Cozad, Penn, Courtney Eberlan and Lennon finished fourth, the 200 medley relay squad of Penn, Cozad, Ashley Lingleb and Lennon came in fifth while the 400 free relay team of Eberlan, Arwen Ukena, Mix and Jocelyn Worthington touched in seventh.

SOARING TO A STATE TITLE

Layton Christian Academy’s Dominique Ramilson (4) goes skyward over a Parowan defender in the Eagles’ 43-36 victory in the state 2A boy’s basketball title game at Weber State University on Saturday night. He had 12 points for the Eagles. LCA finished a banner season with a 22-6 record, and averaged more than 100 points per game in region action. 

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Ethan Potter led the Lancers with 20 points, Collin Jeppson added 17 and Tanner Kofoed 16 for Layton. Kofoed also had 8 rebounds. Layton finished 11-11 on the year.

The Knights finished their season with a record of 10-13 and did not qualify for state. Alec Duffin averaged 17 points per game to lead Northridge in scoring. Mason Macrum and Nathan Deberry also averaged more than 8 points per game. Duffin had 48 steals on the year, and led the team in rebounds with 114. Macrum led the team in three-point baskets with 46.
Reminder Man’s 10th birthday

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For 10 years now the Layton City Fire Department has been putting on their Reminder Man program in Layton elementary schools to teach kids about fire safety, and how they can be their own hero, in a fun and engaging way.

The performance starts by reminding the kids that heroes come in all shapes and sizes, and often they are ordinary people just like you and me. The story then follows Alice, an 8-year-old girl, as she and her friends, along with the help of Reminder Man, learn how to be safe from things that villains like Pheobe Fire and Sammy Smoke use to start fires.

Natalie Tholen is with the fire department and has overseen this program since it started 10 years ago. When asked how it has changed since then, Tholen responded, “I wouldn’t say that it has changed so much as gotten better. We always use the high school students to perform and help write the script for the show and the kids just keep getting better and better every year.” The Layton High Lite Team and the Northridge High Real Team are two groups that help with this presentation.

“I think this program is very important because it educates the kids and helps them know that they can do stuff, not just their parents,” said Casey Larsen, from Layton High, who plays Pheobe Fire. She said that she loves using fun to teach kids these skills because they enjoy it more and the Lite team has more fun performing it.

The firefighters who came to demonstrate the gear they have to wear to help express the importance of what the kids learned, told them that the amount of big fires they have had to take care of has decreased significantly since programs like Reminder Man have started. Thethink that believe part of it definitely comes from teaching children proper fire safety skills at a young age so that they are able to grow up knowing these things and can help prevent future fires from happening.

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS participate in Layton City Fire Department’s Reminder Man program to teach elementary children about fire safety.

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teaching methods, advancements in technology, and opportunities for the students. Northridge High is especially proud of their Health Science program. The students who participate in the program leave high school well prepared to embark on a career as a health science professional. Students can take classes that allow them to earn college credit in high school to get ahead in their post-graduate academic careers.

Over the years, Northridge High School has celebrated many successes and impressive achievements. They were three-time back-to-back-to back football state champions in 2000, 2001, and 2002. Last year, their robotics students were state champions. The school is proud of their competitive ROTC program. Many students from surrounding schools come to Northridge to participate in this unique program. Northridge also values their art and performing art programs. In 2014, Northridge student, Mathew Richards, was named the Utah Actor of the Year.

In their 25 years, Northridge High School has had successful graduates in diverse fields. Morgan Saxon, a reporter for KUTV, and Spencer Linton, who covers BYU sports, both have been very successful in their media careers. The Adamson sisters of Layton are now influential social media bloggers, authors, and restaurant owners. Their blog is called “Six Sister’s Stuff.” Two Northridge High School athletes have played in the NFL; Daniel Coats played for the Bangles, and Colby Bockwoldt played for the Saints. Currently, five former Northridge High School students are teachers at their alma mater: Brayden Mitchell teaches math and coaches football, Jemay Mardem teaches choir, Kevin Kennington teaches social studies, health, and coaches wrestling, and Michelle Barney and David Stone are both English teachers.

Northridge High School looks forward to many more years of helping and teaching students in the community.