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## What Lies Ahead for Taylorsville's Economic Development?

By Tom Haraldsen

Stepping into the role of economic development director for Taylorsville a year ago, Wayne Harper knew the challenges he faced. Though the city is relatively new by incorporation date, Taylorsville has been a bedroom community for decades. The mixed bag of having great highway access coupled with being the most densely-populated city in the state, but an aging infrastructure of shopping locations, has slowed economic growth.

"We have 60,000 people living in a 10-square-mile area," Harper said. "About a third of our community is multi-family housing, which presents its own challenges. And 40 to 50 years ago, we had

some real nice retail development that came into town. But those structures aged, and so many are now vacant and under-utilized. Many of them are along Redwood Road, and in some retail centers, there's a 60 percent vacancy rate."

Harper and his team have been focusing on working with those property owners, encouraging them to reinvest in their properties to make them attractive to new businesses. It's part of a three-prong strategy which Taylorsville City has undertaken to spur prosperity

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in the community.

“First is retail revitalization,” Harper said. “We’ve made some good progress there. There’s a new owner for the 68-acre Family Center that has renamed it the Crossroads of Taylorsville. Plans are to demolish most of the buildings on the north end and in the back, and re-tenant that with restaurants, a movie theater and destination retail.”

He added that the new owners are working with a couple of national theater owners right now, saying “there are multiplexes that want to come here.”

On the south end, redevelopment has already begun, with cleanup started, and some new construction. Harper said the Crossroads is a five to eight-year project, but changes will start to be seen very soon. And, on the north side of 5400 South, the Furniture Warehouse building is also under contract (no details released yet).

“The second phase is employment,” Harper said.

“We have basically four undeveloped areas of the city that are in the 20-100-acre

range,” he said. “There are 20 acres near American Express where the city has granted approval for construction of three 100,000-square-foot office buildings. As they gain occupancy, jobs will be created.”

Each of the buildings will be two-story with a parking structure and will be designed as class A office space. Construction on the first building will begin this spring, with occupants yet to be announced.

Another area where new business is growing rapidly is in the Sorenson Research Park, 4383 South Riverboat Road. Harper said there were four vacant buildings in the park a few months ago, but now there is only one.

“It seems to be a very popular core area for engineering and communications,” he said.

The third area of focus involves quality of life, as city personnel work to improve existing parks, create more trail systems and make sure housing is available for all lifestyles and ages.

“With that said, we have 100 acres of UDOT property (off 6200 South, east of Bangerter Highway) that will be developed into a senior living center with all the amenities. Erickson Living should be coming

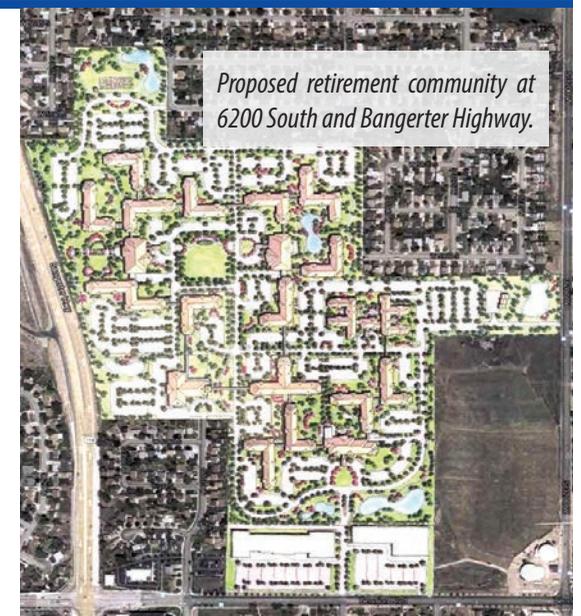
before the planning commission in March for approval of the first phases. Eventually, the property will have as many as 1,500 residential units for independent living—a barber shop, bookstore, music and game rooms, pools, a theater, a TV studio, and transportation to stores, doctors, the [LDS] temple, etc. It will offer everything for an active lifestyle.”

What Taylorsville residents can expect to see in the short term is development in the core area along Redwood Road and 5400 South. Also high on the docket is the 4100 South area of Redwood, and the old Kmart shopping center site off Bangerter.

UDOT completed a study showing that 18 intersections on Bangerter need to be changed to interchanges like the flyover at 7800 South and Bangerter. The next two on that UDOT list to be funded, Harper said, are at 5400 South and Bangerter, and 7000 South and Bangerter.

Harper sees an upswing for Taylorsville’s economic development future.

“We have formed some great partnerships.



Proposed retirement community at 6200 South and Bangerter Highway.

We have the highest traffic count in the state, and while that can present some challenges, it also provides great opportunity for retailers. And the city provides great support—we help out a property owner or developer and can customize plans to meet their needs. This is a great place to do business, and, of course, a great place to live,” he said. ✦

## Carts At The Ready

Believe it or not, this is the fifth year for Taylorsville’s Urban Cart Dart, and the event grows bigger and bigger each winter. This year’s race is set for Saturday, March 7 at 10 a.m.

The Cart Dart is exactly what it sounds like—a race between teams pushing shopping carts between various locations in the city. Teams tie themselves to their cart and run or walk to different locations, where they compete in a number of challenges. Participants are also encouraged to wear costumes and decorate their carts with a theme. Prizes are awarded in a number of categories, and teams can win any of five trophies: fastest time, most points, best cart/costume, most enthusiastic and dead last.

“Last year, we had challenges like six-sided puzzle blocks all in black and white,

non-dominant hand basketball, rubber chicken launching for accuracy and even a mechanical bull,” said Rhett McIff, Taylorsville City neighborhood services coordinator and Cart Dart organizer. “We also add in a couple of stops where we place a bonus question or brain teaser, so teams can earn extra points.”

Pranks also figure prominently into the competition, and its outcome. In fact, last year the city council entry was given a “one-time-only, ‘Biggest Cheater’ award,” McIff said.

Last year 12 teams competed.

Participants aren’t informed of the starting line for the race until the day before, to keep the playing field level, she said. Teams must be on their own feet at all times—no skateboards, roller blades or bikes are allowed. Also, it’s a “dry” race, so no visiting bars or drinking events are allowed.

By Tom Haraldsen

“The proceeds from this event will go toward the health and wellness of people of all ages in our community,” McIff said. “We have sponsored the YMCA Healthy Kids Day for the last three years, and we’d love to keep doing it.”

Teams must complete the race within two hours, and McIff said participants aren’t expected to be in top shape, just to be good sports.

“We believe in our community, and we believe in having fun,” she said. “We also believe strongly in using the awesome public spaces we have in our city.”

Registration is now underway on the city’s website, [www.taylorsvilleut.gov](http://www.taylorsvilleut.gov). The registration fee is \$40 for a team of five participants. ✦



Participants in last year's Cart Dart.

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This motley crew makes up the cast of Desert Star's newest production, "Pirates of the Scaribbean..." playing through March 21. Photo courtesy of Desert Star Playhouse

for the whole family opened Jan. 8 and runs through March 21 at the playhouse in Murray.

Written by Ben E. Millet and directed by Scott Holman, "Pirates of the Scaribbean" is a delightful send-up, full of romance, nutty characters and a huge dose of misadventure.

The seas of the Caribbean are infested with a scourge of pirates and the pompous Captain Stubbing has sworn to stamp them out. He faces not only the famously eccentric Captain Jack Sprat, but also the devious and cursed Captain Barmitzvah, the Yiddish terror of the high seas.

Barmitzvah kidnaps ingénue Eliza Swine

misfit pirates. This hilarious show, packed with surprises, will really swash your buckle!

The evening also includes one of Desert Star's signature musical olios following the show. "Awesome 80's Olio, Part 1" features hit songs from the past mixed with more of Desert Star's signature comedy.

Food is available from an à la carte menu and is served right at your table. The menu includes gourmet pizza, fresh wraps, appetizers, and scrumptious desserts.

Desert Star is located at 4861 South State St. in Murray. Ticket information is available at [www.DesertStarPlayhouse.com](http://www.DesertStarPlayhouse.com).



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## Local Artists Share Their Work At Annual Art Show

By Tom Haraldsen

The annual art show sponsored by the Taylorsville Arts Council is scheduled for Friday, Feb. 27 and Saturday, Feb. 28. Art intake and displays will all be at the Taylorsville Senior Center, located at 4743 Plymouth View Drive.

There are three main categories for artwork—fine art, needlework and mixed category. Within each of those categories are a number of sub-categories.

Fine art includes watercolors, oils, acrylics, pastels, colored pencils, graphite pencil, charcoal and unique medium.

In needlework, sub-categories include crochet, knitting, quilting (hand or machine), embroidery, needlepoint, stamped cross-stitch, counted cross-stitch and weaving.

Mixed category includes photography, digital computer art, jewelry/bead work, pottery, ceramics, wood carving, clay/stone sculpting and metal sculpting.

Three entries per person per category are allowed, and anyone can enter—you need not be a Taylorsville resident.

The public is invited to view the entries on Feb. 27 from noon to 7 p.m., and on Feb.



Attendees enjoy the entries at last year's art show.

28 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Awards will be presented on Feb. 28 at 3:30 p.m. Art intake will be on Tuesday, Feb. 24 from 4 to 6 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 25 from noon to 7 p.m., and Thursday, Feb. 26 from 3 to 5 p.m. at the senior center. †

## Journals Again Sponsor County Spelling Bee

By Linda Petersen

After a two-year break, the City Journals (formerly The Valley Journals) is, along with Overstock.com, sponsoring the Salt Lake County Spelling Bee.

“I feel that some of the basic core education principles—reading, writing and arithmetic—are being lost because of the life we now live,” City Journals publisher Bryan Scott said. “We want to take this spelling bee and really build it up to help bring back the emphasis on those core principles.”

“Our intention is to take this for not one year, but for many years to come,” he added. “We’re excited.”

Preliminary rounds of the Scripps Spelling Bee were held at 58 individual schools in Salt Lake County over the last two months.

Since there are fewer schools participating this year, both first-place and second-place winners will advance to the regional bee to be held Saturday, March 21 at 9:30 a.m. at the Viridian Event Center in West Jordan at 8030 South 1825 West.

The winner of the regional competition will receive an all-expenses-paid trip for him/her and an accompanying adult to Washington, D.C. to participate in the Scripps National Spelling Bee, May 24-29, along



with a \$1,000 scholarship.

He/she will be recognized in an article in all Journals following the competition.

A nationally-renowned program, the Scripps Spelling Bee is the nation’s largest and longest-running educational program, administered on a not-for-profit basis by The E.W. Scripps Company and sponsors in the U.S., American Samoa, Canada, China, Europe, Ghana, Guam, Jamaica, New Zealand, Puerto Rico, South Korea and the U.S. Virgin Islands. †

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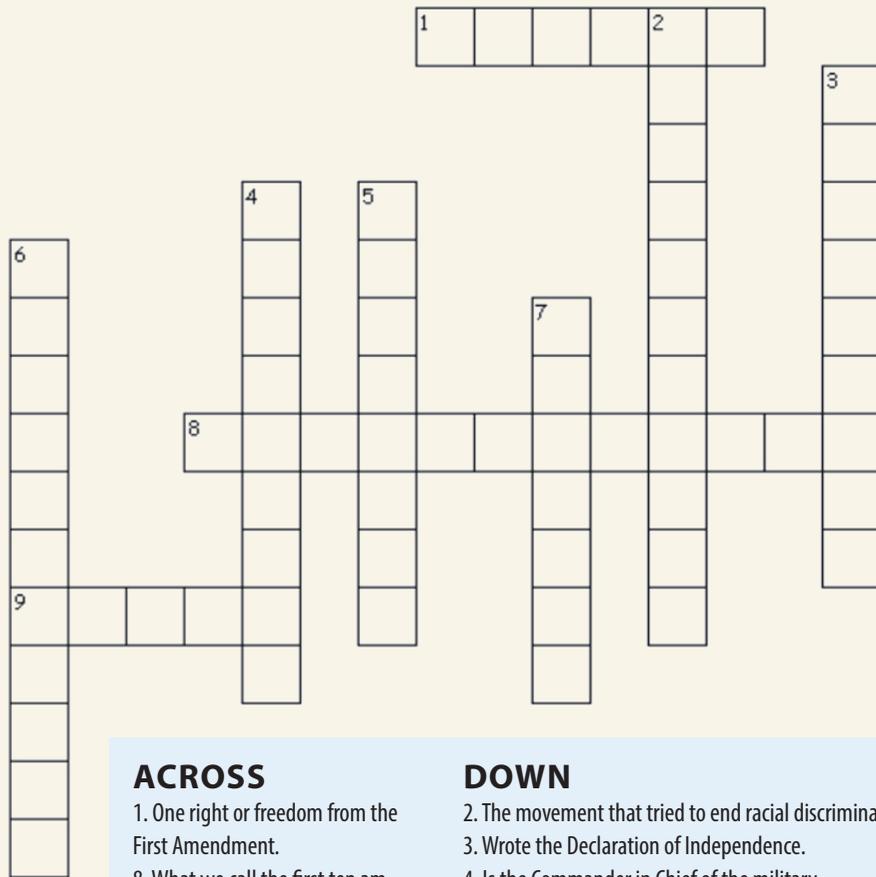
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## CROSSWORD PUZZLE



### ACROSS

1. One right or freedom from the First Amendment.
8. What we call the first ten amendments to the Constitution.
9. Current Vice President of the United States.

### DOWN

2. The movement that tried to end racial discrimination.
3. Wrote the Declaration of Independence.
4. Is the Commander in Chief of the military.
5. The U.S. war between the North and South.
6. Current Chief Justice of the United States.
7. The Governor of the State of Utah.

## MAYOR'S MESSAGE



February is a great month – February 14th is Valentine’s Day and February 16th is Presidents’ Day

Valentine’s Day is an opportunity to honor and thank those closest to us by giving more love, hugs, thanks, and appreciation.

This Presidents’ Day, I would encourage all of us to read and study to know more about the presidents of the United States and American history.

In November, Jonathan Johnson, Overstock.com chairman and co-chair of the Utah Civics Education Initiative, met with The

our community safe. I was very impressed with all they are learning about local government. I am very thankful for the educators, parents, grandparents, and community members who make the efforts and take the time to educate the youth.

I would like to invite and encourage all residents to attend government meetings.



Mayor Johnson at Calvin Smith Elementary.

Conference of Mayors of Salt Lake County to introduce an effort to help educate our young people on basic American history and civic knowledge.

Surveys have shown only 1 in 3 American adults can name the three branches of government. When given the naturalization test required of immigrants, only 4% of high school students passed. Newsweek administered the same test to 1,000 American adults and 38% did not pass it. Another survey showed public officials scored 5% worse than the average adult.

Civic learning is a basic obligation of all Americans, and where better to start than with our youth? This could be as simple as being more knowledgeable about America and understanding the importance of voting or could even inspire them to be regularly engaged in government.

Just a few weeks ago, I was invited to speak to the 2nd graders at Calvin Smith Elementary. We talked about the role and responsibilities of the mayor. We also discussed the very important job of police and fire to keep



Taylorsville City Council meetings are held on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday evening of each month and Mayor’s Town Hall meetings are held quarterly - the specific dates and times are included on the upcoming meeting schedule published in the Taylorsville Journal each month.

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## CROSSWORD PUZZLE ANSWERS

**Across:** 1. Speech, 8. Bill of Rights, 9. Biden

**Down:** 2. Civil Rights, 3. Jefferson, 4. President, 5. Civil War, 6. John Roberts, 7. Herbert

## COUNCIL CORNER

### Call For Committee Volunteers

Are you looking for an opportunity to get involved, participate, and get an inside look into how the city operates? Do you want to share your time and talents to build our community? We have some city committees that are seeking members at this time.

Below is a little information about each of these committees: Taylorsville Budget Committee, LARP Committee, and Public Safety Committee.

Residents interested in serving on one of the city's committees are invited to submit a volunteer application located on the City of Taylorsville website at <http://www.taylorsvilleut.gov/about.volunteercommittees.html> or call the City Offices for additional information at 801-963-5400.



(Left to right) Brad Christopherson, Dama Barbour, Ernest Burgess, Kristie Overson and Dan Armstrong

#### BUDGET COMMITTEE

**Mission Statement:** The Taylorsville Budget Review Committee reviews financial statements of the City of Taylorsville and reviews the proposed City of Taylorsville budgets each year as prepared by administration to and presented to the City Council. We seek to verify that sound financial procedures are followed in the financial statements and the budgets. The Budget Committee meets monthly on the 4th Thursday at 5:30 pm at the Taylorsville City Hall, 2nd floor conference room.

##### Duties and Responsibilities:

- Study and become familiar with the state mandated format for the annual municipal budgets.
- Gather appropriate information from the mayor, department heads, the council, and other staff, to evaluate and estimate revenues and expenditures.

- Assist in drafting a budget and a budget message which reflects the needs of the city, the directives of the council, and all necessary elements required by law, which is understandable to the public.
- Review actual revenues and expenditures as compared to budgeted amounts, evaluating variances and reasons for variances.

#### LEISURE, ACTIVITIES, RECREATION, AND PARKS COMMITTEE

**Mission Statement:** Find activities within Taylorsville your family can enjoy. Taylorsville City is committed to providing additional opportunities for recreation, promoting the full use of the City recreational facilities and providing the opportunity for the community to live a healthy lifestyle.

**Focus:** Taylorsville Clubs, Recreation Resources Parks, City Forestry, Beautification, and Leisure Activities

##### Duties and Responsibilities:

- Assist the council and the mayor in improving the quantity and quality of the leisure and recreation experience for residents and visitors to the city.
- Assist the council and mayor in providing an optimum range, mix, and location of leisure and recreation opportunities for all people.
- Promote preserving or developing appropriate recreation resources to serve their highest and best use.
- Assist in relating recreation plans to other types of planning and the general plan.
- Promote public understanding of and support for more effective recreation planning at all levels of government.
- Conduct research and evaluate the effectiveness of existing facilities.
- Encourage public and private cooperation to provide diversified leisure and recreation opportunities in the city.
- Review and report the status of existing and proposed park and recreation facilities encouraging innovation in planning, design, funding, and maintenance support.

#### TAYLORSVILLE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

**Mission Statement:** Provide information to citizens to assist them in promoting safety and preventing crime as well as promote awareness and provide information regarding emergency preparedness.

##### Duties and Responsibilities:

Advise, evaluate, and recommend to the council and the

### City of Taylorsville Meeting Schedule

Location: Taylorsville City Hall

Meeting Schedule	Date	Time
Planning Commission	February 10th	7:00 p.m.
City Council Meeting	February 18th	6:30 p.m.
City Council Meeting	March 4th	6:30 p.m.
Planning Commission	March 10th	7:00 p.m.
City Council Meeting	March 18th	6:30 p.m.
City Council Meeting	April 1st	6:30 p.m.
Planning Commission	April 14th	7:00 p.m.
City Council Meeting	April 15th	6:30 p.m.
Town Hall Meeting	April 29th	6:00 p.m.

mayor all phases of safety in the city regarding the following areas of concern, as well as other areas of concern hereafter identified by the mayor, the council, or the committee:

1. Federal, state, county, and city roads, signals, and signs
2. Sidewalks
3. Law enforcement
4. Fire and paramedics
5. Citizen involvement in neighborhood watch, mobile watch, and similar programs
6. Crime Prevention
7. Court systems
8. Graffiti and gangs
9. Emergency management and preparation, including incorporation of Salt Lake County's CERT plan;
10. Coordination of other public safety agencies in the city, including (without limitation) Salt Lake Community College, UDOT, and the police academy
11. Public and private schools and churches
12. Storage, usage and disposal of hazardous materials
13. Safe business practices in the City
14. Traffic
15. Snow removal on sidewalks and Street lighting

Some of their activities in recent years have been to sponsor the annual Night Out Against Crime, host informative seminars, visit schools providing them with information as well as supporting our local Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT).

The Committee meets on the first Thursday of each month at 6:00 at Taylorsville City Hall. †

## YOUTH COUNCIL CORNER



### Meet Jaden Muir!

Jaden is a Taylorsville youth ambassador. As a youth ambassador, Jaden is asked to complete a service project of his choice. Jaden has a strong desire to serve others and is a natural leader. He has decided to launch a food drive for Taylorsville's food pantry. This came about because of a challenge that was given to all of the youth councils within the state of Utah. Once a year, the youth councils throughout the State attend a Leadership Institute conference at Utah State University.

This year, the challenge was made to have a non-perishable food drive (see advertisement on following page). The youth council members must create the event, advertise,

coordinate with their local food bank, weigh their donations and submit their totals. If they win, a cash prize will be given to the winner's youth council! Jaden would love to have your support! He has arranged drop off locations at Taylorsville City Hall (first floor lobby) 2600 West Taylorsville Blvd. (5300 South) and also at the Taylorsville Senior Center located at 4743 Plymouth View Drive (1650 West). Donations can be made during regular business hours. All donations must be received by Friday, February 13, 2015 to be counted in the competition. Help Jaden "Weigh In" on the challenge, fill our local food pantry and bring home the prize!!! †



## Stuffed Animal Donations



Kathy Smith presented Unified Police Department Executive Lieutenant Mike Schoenfeld with stuffed animal donations from the State of Utah Division of Oil, Gas, & Mining employees.

Why do the police, fire fighters and paramedics need stuffed animals? They give them to children who are accident victims, sick and/or injured, crime victims, witnesses to a crime, experiencing a traumatic event, or coping with a loss.

*Kathy Smith presented UPD Exec. Lieutenant Mike Schoenfeld with stuffed animal donations from the State of Utah Division of Oil, Gas, & Mining employees.*

## Part-Time Crossing Guard Positions Available

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To apply in person, please visit your closest UPD precinct or applications are available on-line: <http://updsl.org/employment/crossing-guard>



## City of Taylorsville Recognition Awards



The City of Taylorsville presented two individuals with awards in the January 7, 2015 City Council meeting. The first award was presented to former city attorney John Brems (above), acknowledging his 17 years of work, service, and dedication to the City of Taylorsville. The second award recognized Ken Cook (below) for his 18 plus years of service to the City of Taylorsville as a council member and volunteer on numerous committees and boards. These two individuals have made Taylorsville a great place to live, work, and play.



## Taylorsville City Youth Council FOOD DRIVE "CHALLENGE" JANUARY 1ST - FEBRUARY 15TH



Drop Off Locations:

Taylorsville City Hall (1st Floor)  
2600 West Taylorsville Blvd. (5300 South)

Taylorsville Senior Center  
4743 Plymouth View Drive (1650 West)

Taylorsville City Youth Council is in competition with other Youth Council groups from all over Utah to see who can collect the most pounds of non-perishable food items in the next month. Donations received will go directly to the Food Bank here in Taylorsville. For additional information/questions - please contact Jaden Muir - City Youth Ambassador at (801) 706-2460 or Kris Heineman - Youth Council Advisor at (801) 243-7855. Thank you!



## TAYLORSVILLE/BENNION IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

### Can You Detect A Musty Or Earthy Smell In Your Water?

Have you ever wondered why at times, water can have an unpleasant odor, taste or appearance? This is the second of three articles that will address odor, taste and appearance that you may experience at your tap. These aesthetic characteristics usually do not pose a public health threat but may be noticed.

An earthy or musty smell, particularly in warmer water, may be the result of an algal bloom in the surface water supply. Algae thrive at different times of the year in reservoirs. Although treatment plants are able to remove the algae, some of their metabolites may be left behind. The most common

metabolite in our water supply is geosmin. Even though geosmin is harmless, the human senses of taste and smell are extremely sensitive to it and some individuals can detect it in water at concentrations as low as 5 parts per trillion. Other common odors you may occasionally notice in your tap water are fishy, grassy or marshy odors. These are also typically caused by a variety of compounds produced by different types of algae.

Water received by Taylorsville-Bennion Improvement District is sampled on a regular basis by the supplier, Jordan Valley Water Conservation District, who measures the concentration of taste- and odor-causing compounds.

Water treatment plants typically utilize chemicals or adsorbents such as powdered activated carbon, potassium permanganate, or ozone to control taste and odor problems so that the water meets taste and odor standards outlined by state and federal regulations.

Be assured that in spite of occasional variations in



taste or odor, your water meets the highest standards for drinking water. If you have any questions regarding this article or any other water topic, please contact Dan McDougal, water quality coordinator, at 801-968-9081. Taylorsville-Bennion Improvement District.

## ATTENTION GARDEN LOVERS

We are excited to announce our Spring Seed Planting at the Taylorsville Community Greenhouse on Saturday, March 7th, 2015, at 10:00 a.m. The cost is \$25.00 – you leave seeds in the greenhouse until you plant outside.

On March 14th, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. there is a class on Straw Bale Gardens

and Companion Planting Class for \$10.00.

On March 21st, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. there is a class on Pruning, Fruit Trees, Grape Vines and Roses for \$10.00.

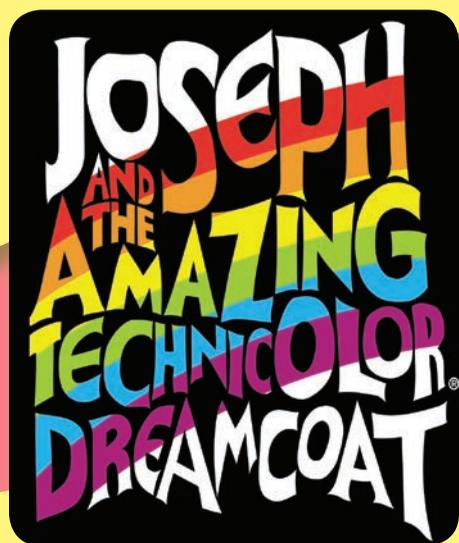
To sign up for one of these classes or get additional information, please contact Toni Lenning at (801) 265-1328 or (801) 414-4192.



## SAVE THE DATE

### Taylorsville Arts Council Auditions

Taylorsville Arts Council is holding auditions for Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat at Taylorsville City Hall on **Friday, May 1st, 2015 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and Saturday, May 2nd, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.** Call backs will be on Saturday, May 2nd at 2:00 p.m.



Please come prepared with 12-16 bars of an up-beat Broadway Song, and accompanist will be provided. Please bring a headshot and resume. Call-backs will be in the afternoon on Saturday – May 2nd. Performances will be July 9th, 10th, 11th, 13th, 14th, at the Salt Lake Community College Taylorsville Campus Amphitheatre.

## WELCOME TO TAYLORSVILLE!

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## TAYLORSVILLE FOOD PANTRY

The Taylorsville Food Pantry is here to help families who are going through hard times financially. Your generous food and cash donations have been of great help to them. You may not realize this, but a lot of work goes into running the pantry. We are grateful for our loving, dedicated volunteers who put in many hours each week.

Good news! We are now on a regular Grocery Rescue route, which means we will be receiving extra produce, meat, baked goods, dairy and deli items. This is helpful and allows us to better serve those in need.

Each donation is appreciated and makes such a difference in our community. We are frequently asked what items are needed at the Taylorsville Food Pantry – the items we are most in need of at this time are: dry rice, peanut butter, canned stew, macaroni & cheese, and cream of chicken or cream of mushroom soup.



We are located at 4775 South Plymouth View Drive (behind the Taylorsville Senior Center).

Hours of operation: Mondays 1 – 3 PM, Wednesdays 4 – 6 PM, and Saturdays 10 AM – Noon.

For more information, please call 801-815-0003.



## Taylorsville City Winter Transportation Options

By Rick Maestas

Taylorsville City Green Committee

As the Salt Lake Valley begins to get cold, we should be mindful of the poor air quality that affects our health due to our seasonal inversions. As a long time Taylorsville resident, I understand that our city's most convenient form of transportation is our personal vehicles. This is because getting around in Taylorsville means navigating many miles of arterial streets. I would like to suggest some ways of limiting our personal vehicle miles traveled, in order to reduce Taylorsville's air quality footprint.

### USE TRANSIT

One way to limit our personal vehicle miles traveled is to use our transportation system, which only really includes busses since all rail services exist outside of our city boundaries. Taylorsville residents will live near one of the following bus routes which follow our arterial streets: Route 41—4100 South; Route 47—4700 south; Route 54—5400 South; Route 62—6200 South; Route 217—Redwood Road; Route 227—2700 West; Route 232—3200 West; Route 240—4000 West / Dixie Valley. These routes frequently connect to rail

services and will become more convenient to us if they are utilized by more people. Another suggestion will be to drive to the nearest Park and Ride station in order to utilize light rail or the Fronrunner.

### TRIP CHAINING

The process of trip chaining is simply to consider ahead of time what trips that you need to make during your day, and then link those trips in the shortest route possible, and in the fewest trips possible. For example, if



you need to go to work, go to the post office, pick up your child[ren] from school, and get groceries on a given day, then there may be a way to accomplish these tasks in only one or two trips, and to strategize the shortest route between the trips.

### SINGLE VS. HIGH-OCCUPANCY VEHICLES

As I was driving on the freeway the other day, I hit a particularly heavy flow of traffic which slowed my commute down to a crawl. I felt like being nosy and I began to inspect the hundreds of other vehicles that passed by me. I soon realized that the majority of these vehicles only contained the driver of the vehicle, making them single-occupancy vehicles. If somehow these drivers could carpool together, then the single-occupancy vehicles would become high-occupancy vehicles, which would reduce traffic and make more vehicles eligible to use the HOV lane. For those that would like to carpool or vanpool, UTA has made this process simple with their Ridematching Database ([www.utacommuter.com](http://www.utacommuter.com)). The more Taylorsville residents that sign up on this resource, the more likely that carpooling partners can be located in our city.

## TAYLORSVILLE CITY GREEN COMMITTEE

I know that the easiest way to get around Taylorsville City is to simply jump in a personal vehicle and go. But when I can physically see the pollution hanging in the air during our winter months, then I feel inclined to change my driving habits. By using transit more often, chaining my trips, and carpooling, I am reducing the vehicle miles that I travel and reducing the amount of pollution that I am putting into the air. Taylorsville has more than 58,000 residents, and more than 70 percent of our residents are eligible to drive. If we can all improve our driving habits, then Taylorsville City can become a leader in air quality improvement. Please see the following links for air quality facts and other ways to improve air quality in the Salt Lake Valley.

[http://slcohealth.org/programs/airPollutionControl/Air\\_and\\_Your\\_Health.html](http://slcohealth.org/programs/airPollutionControl/Air_and_Your_Health.html)

[www.cleartheairutah.org/](http://www.cleartheairutah.org/)

[www.ucair.org/](http://www.ucair.org/)

[www.airnow.gov/index.cfm?action=airnow.local\\_city&cityid=186](http://www.airnow.gov/index.cfm?action=airnow.local_city&cityid=186)

[www.ci.slc.ut.us/winter-inversions-what-are-they-and-what-we-can-all-do-help](http://www.ci.slc.ut.us/winter-inversions-what-are-they-and-what-we-can-all-do-help)

<http://envisionutah.org/issues/air-quality>

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- Wed 11 Feb 2015 @ 7pm
- Fri 6 Mar 2015 @ 7pm
- Tue 24 Feb 2015 @ 7pm
- Thu 19 Mar 2015 @ 7pm

\* All events take place at WIT (120 W Vine St #200 in Murray behind IMC)



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## Taylorsville LARP Committee Awards For 2014



Richard and Inger Russell

### Home Beautification Award Winner (August 2014)

Richard and Inger Russell  
4940 South Bitter Root Drive  
Taylorsville, Utah

### Halloween Outside Home Décor Winners (October 2014)

Beetlejuice Home  
Scott Childs  
4816 South 3040 West  
Taylorsville, Utah

Tombstone Home  
Claude and Nada Murray  
1307 West 4800 South  
Taylorsville, Utah

### Holiday Outdoor Décor Contest Winners (December 2014)

Marvin & Joan Lee  
5624 Ferron Drive  
Taylorsville, Utah  
  
Melanie Sleeth  
1646 Jolly Circle  
Taylorsville UT 84123



Scott Childs



Marvin & Joan Lee



Melanie Sleeth

## Taylorsville SLCC Symphony Orchestra Concert

Classic Works Concerto Night (Performers are SLCC Faculty)  
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Taylorsville High School



## Jared Day Proclamation

On January 7, 2014, Mayor Johnson, along with the City Council, former Taylorsville mayor and Exchange Club president Russ Wall, Senator Karen Mayne, and Exchange Club members paid tribute by presenting Sam and Karolyn Day (parents of Jared William Day) with two proclamations at the City Council Meeting. One proclamation was read and presented on behalf of the City of Taylorsville and an additional proclamation was read and presented from Senator Karen Mayne and her fellow legislators in the Utah State Senate. There was also a plaque presented on behalf of the Exchange Club which will be placed at the Freedom Shrine in Bridgeside Park.

Jared William Day passed away on August 6, 2011 in Wardak province, Afghanistan, of wounds suffered when his CH-47 Chinook helicopter crashed. Former Taylorsville mayor Wall had the opportunity to be in attendance at the airport when the body of Jared was returned to Taylorsville and also attend the funeral. Russ Wall shared the following quote by Charles M. Province:

“It is the Soldier, not the minister  
Who has given us freedom of religion.



It is the Soldier, not the reporter  
Who has given us freedom of the press.  
It is the Soldier, not the poet  
Who has given us freedom of speech.  
It is the Soldier, not the campus organizer  
Who has given us freedom to protest.  
It is the Soldier, not the lawyer  
Who has given us the right to a fair trial.  
It is the Soldier, not the politician  
Who has given us the right to vote.  
It is the Soldier who salutes the flag,  
Who serves beneath the flag,  
And whose coffin is draped by the flag,  
Who allows the protester to burn the flag.”

—Charles M. Province



## YMCA Upcoming Events

*Something Fun for Everyone!*

**Kids Night Out, So Parents Can Too**  
February 14th 6:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.  
*Musical themed evening – just for kids*  
Dinner, Movie, Games, and Activities will keep your kids engaged while parents have a night to themselves. **Ages 5-12.**

**Open House**  
Kids University Carnival  
February 24th 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.  
Activities, Crafts, Games, Information & Resources, Healthy Living Tips

**English as a Second Language & Citizenship Classes**  
Mondays & Thursdays

**Adult Yoga**  
Wednesdays: 5:30 – 6:30 PM  
Childcare 3 & Up - \$5.00

**Adult Zumba**  
Tuesdays  
6:15 – 7:00 PM  
Childcare 3 & Up \$5.00

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[www.ymcautah.org](http://www.ymcautah.org)



## CITIZEN SPOTLIGHT - Alexis Diaz

Alexis Diaz is a Taylorsville resident who has grown up in a home where community service was always a priority. At age 11 Alexis became involved with Job's Daughters International, an organization for girls between 10-20 years of age. This is an organization that both her grandmother and mother were members in their youth. Job's Daughters teaches young women leadership skills, community involvement, fundraising skills, and respect for parents/guardians. They have 9- groups or bethels located across the state of Utah, are located throughout the United States, Brazil, Philippines, Canada, and Australia. Alexis has held various leadership positions within her bethel including the title of "honored queen" which is the highest leadership position.

Not too long ago, Alexis witnessed a child in a car accident who was given a stuffed animal – this inspired her to organize a community wide stuffed animal drive. She organized drop off locations at the Taylorsville Senior Center, Taylorsville City Hall, and her residence. In addition, she arranged to have the stuffed animal drive promoted in the Taylorsville Journal and recruited all her family members



Alexis is very grateful to each community member who donated stuffed animals. These donated stuffed animals will be used to assist children and offer a sense of comfort when they



and neighbors to assist her in collecting as many stuffed animals as possible. In just less than two months the community members donated over 400 stuffed animals. Alexis and family members gathered the donations and made arrangements to donate them to UFA Station 118 in Taylorsville.

are involved in an accident, sick or injured, experiencing a traumatic event, or coping with a loss.

Alexis is a junior in the AMES program (Academy for Math Engineering & Science), at Cottonwood High School. She is a regular volunteer at the Taylorsville Food Pantry and works part-time as a nursing assistant. She is also due to complete her CNA Certification in March of this year. Alexis is a very motivated young woman who enjoys reading and spending time with friends.



If you would like to nominate someone for Taylorsville Citizen Spotlight, please contact Tiffany Janzen at [tjanzen@taylorsvilleut.gov](mailto:tjanzen@taylorsvilleut.gov) or call 801-963-5400 ext. 3010.

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## Recycling Do's and Don'ts

### PUT THESE ITEMS IN THE BLUE CAN

- Mixed paper: Paper products such as newspapers, magazines junk mail and envelopes, folders, card stock, colored paper, telephone and paperback books.
- Plastics: Products such as plastic bottles and containers with numbers (usually on the bottom), unsoiled styrofoam and plastic grocery bags.
- Cardboard: Items such as cereal boxes, beverage cartons, shoe and tissue boxes, paper bags, paper towels and egg cartons.
- Aluminum and tin cans
- Metals: Products such as aluminum cans, aluminum foil, empty aerosol cans, cookware, pots and pans, scrap copper and brass, metal hangers and non-electronic small appliances

### DO NOT PUT THESE ITEMS IN THE BLUE CAN

- Glass
  - Glass Collection Drop-off Sites:**
  - Herriman Fire Station  
5928 W. 13100 South
  - Holladay City Hall  
4580 S. 2300 East
  - Salt Lake Community College  
4386 S. Redwood Rd.
  - Scott Avenue Park  
3475 South 800 East
  - Taylorsville Park  
1658 W. 4800 South
  - Upper District Park  
3800 S. Wasatch Blvd.
- Yard Waste: grass clippings, sod, wood scraps can be used for mulch

- Food and liquid waste
- Fabrics: Blankets, towels, pillows, clothing, shoes
- Other Waste: Light bulbs (any kind), ceramics and china, bubble wrap, packing peanuts, plastic tarps, plastic wrap, diapers, printer and toner cartridges, and soiled or dirty paper and tissues.



## Landfill Vouchers

Wasatch Front Waste and Recycling District has extended their landfill voucher program throughout the year. Vouchers are part of the annual services and they are good for one load of green waste or bulk material from residential properties within the district. They will be available at the city offices year round.



## Did you know that Taylorsville has an amateur radio group?

It is called the Taylorsville HAMnet.

The Taylorsville HAMnet group works with Taylorsville City in providing communications resources in the event of an emergency and also supports local and city events. It also works to bring together licensed operators in Taylorsville City and surrounding areas to provide training, hobby projects and/or activities.

If you have been to the Taylorsville Dayzz 5k run or parade in the past few years, you have seen members of our group providing communications for the event managers.

We have a weekly "check in" net on Monday evenings at 8:30 p.m. with a brief training session and time for questions and answers. We also hold a monthly "in person" meeting with more extensive training and discussion on amateur radio and related topics.



### What is Amateur Radio or Ham Radio?

Amateur radio is a popular hobby and service in which licensed amateur radio operators (hams) operate communications equipment. Although amateur radio operators get involved for many reasons, they all have in common a basic knowledge of radio technology and operating principles, and pass an examination for the FCC license to operate on radio frequencies known as the "amateur bands." These bands are radio frequencies reserved by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) for use by ham radio operators.

Amateur radio operators come from all walks of life -- doctors, students, kids, politicians, truck drivers, and even your average

neighbor next door. They are of all ages and genders, income levels and nationalities.

There is a great variety of ways that amateur radio operators are able to communicate. Using voice communication is just one. Morse code is still widely used. Packet, Radio Teletype (often called Ritty), and PSK are three more ways to communicate. Even faster transmissions are being developed using methods that can send almost any form of digital data. Hams also use television to send pictures over the air.

If you are currently (or want to become) a licensed ham radio operator and be involved in our group, go to our website at [taylorsville-hamnet.org](http://taylorsville-hamnet.org) to obtain more information. ✦

## Cottonwood High Wrestlers Hoping For Success At State

By Catherine Garrett

The Cottonwood High wrestling team has been led this season by Taylorsville residents – and team captains – Jacob Knapp and Thomas Ollis.

Knapp, a senior, has won three titles at meets this year in the 126-pound weight division with two other top-five finishes, while Ollis, who is a junior, has two wins by pin while placing in the top three at three other meets in the 132-pound weight class.

Knapp won the Granite District Tournament Nov. 26 to begin the year, with Ollis placing third. At the Layton Tournament Dec. 5-6, Knapp came in fifth. Knapp claimed the title at the Glen Kawa Tournament Dec. 13, with Ollis coming in third.

Knapp won by decision at West Dec. 16 and then placed third at the Viewmont Tournament that weekend.

Ollis pinned his opponents to win at Taylorsville Jan. 8 and then at Granger Jan. 15.

At the Uintah Tournament of Champions Jan. 9-10, Ollis reached the semifinals while Knapp got through to the quarterfinals.

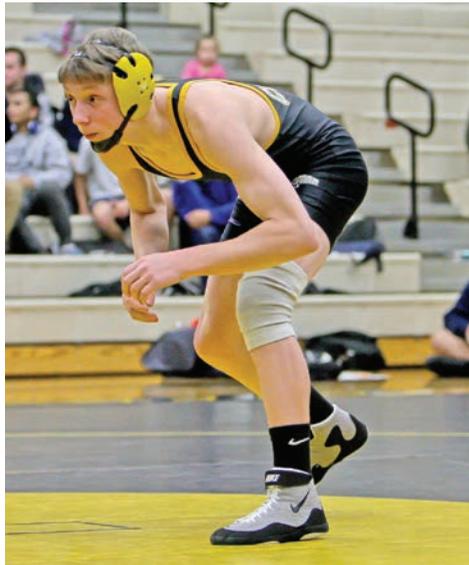
“Jacob comes in every day ready to work hard, pushes himself to the limit and never gives up,” new head coach Trent Weibel said. “He’s a great leader.”

“Thomas is the silent leader who is there every day working hard, never complaining and always wanting to learn more,” Weibel said.

Knapp, son of Michael and Lisa Knapp of Taylorsville, defeated an upperclassman to win the 113-pound division title as a sophomore, going on to place fourth at state.

“I was ranked really low and not favored at all,” he said. “Being an underdog is nice because everybody overlooks you.”

The next year, Knapp took third at state in the 120-pound class and has compiled a 66-10 record the past two seasons.



Cottonwood High junior Thomas Ollis has placed in the top three at five meets this season, including two first-place finishes.

Cottonwood High assistant coach Tom Ollis has been Jacob’s coach since junior high school and considers the senior “one of my own.”

“It’s been great to watch Jacob’s growth and development in the sport,” Ollis said. “He has the physical strength and aggressiveness to be successful. He’s just working on that last little bit of mental focus.”

Knapp said he’s been reading the book, “Winning State: Wrestling” to learn more about the mental toughness he needs to have in order to win the 5A title in his weight class this season.

“I’m really trying to focus in on specific areas I need to improve,” he said. “You can only get better at what you want to do.”

Thomas Ollis, son of Tom and Leslie Ollis of Taylorsville, followed his dad and older brother Draper’s footsteps in wrestling six years ago. As a freshman, he and his brother were on the Cottonwood team that placed among the top 10 teams in state.

Ollis acknowledges the difficulties of the sport but enjoys the “head-to-head competition” in wrestling, while always learning techniques to help him beat his opponents.

“Wrestling has taught me to work hard and be disciplined and that I can do hard things,” he said. “You get out of wrestling whatever you put into it. This is the same as life.”

Ollis’ dad has enjoyed coaching his sons the past several years and would love to see Thomas reach his goal of making and placing at the state tournament Feb. 13-14 at the Maverick Center.

“Coaching your own sons can be difficult, but there are so many positives in being close to him and watching their successes,” he said. †



Senior Jacob Knapp gets ready to flip an opponent earlier this season. Photo courtesy of Tom Ollis

## TAYLORSVILLE SENIOR CENTER

### February Events:

The Taylorsville Senior Center is located at 4743 South Plymouth View Drive (1650 West). Phone 801-293-8340 for more information. Lunch is served Monday through Friday at noon. Cost for patrons over 60 is \$2.50; \$5.25 for patrons under 60. Sign up 24 hours in advance. Transportation is available for those who need it. Sign up by calling the center.

**Wednesday, Feb. 11 – 11:00 to 11:45** - Hearth Health presentation by St. Marks Hospital

**Friday, Feb. 13 – 2:00 p.m.** - Movie- “Pillow Talk” Sponsored by Aspen Senior Care.

**Monday, Feb. 16** - Senior Center Closed  
**Thursday, Feb. 19 – 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.** - Evening at the Center. Chinese New Year theme, sponsored by the Advisory Committee. \$6.00 per person.

**Friday, Feb. 20 – 2:00 p.m.** - Movie- “What about Bob” Sponsored by Aspen Senior Care.

**Monday, Feb. 23 – 10:30 a.m. to 12-noon** Celebrate Black History Month with a Movie- “The Vernon Johns Story”

**Thursday, Feb. 26 – 11:30 a.m.** - February Buffet- Entertainment & Special lunch at 12-noon. Please pre sign up so we know how many lunches to order.

**Friday, Feb. 27 – 2:00 p.m.** - Movie- “Calamity Jane” Sponsored by Aspen Senior Care.



## Big Finish

I know the movie about my life ends soon enough. So I’m going to put a lot of good stuff in the last few scenes. And I don’t want my family to have to worry about the closing credits. So I planned and paid for the funeral myself; because I don’t want any loose ends, just great feelings.

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## Youth Baseball Registration Begins Feb. 7

By Tom Haraldsen

It's that time of year again, where you dust off your glove and bring out the bat. Registration for Cal Ripken and Babe Ruth youth baseball is about to begin.

Registration dates are Feb. 7, 21 and 28, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at Taylorsville High School. All forms of payment will be accepted, including major credit cards. All first-time players must bring a copy of their birth certificate to registration as well. Registration can also be accomplished online at <http://taylorsville.baberuthonline.com>, where you can click Register Players Online. That is for returning players only. Be sure to read the league registration agreement before you accept.

Please note: if signing up online, you will need to go to <http://taylorsville.baberuthonline.com> and download, print and sign the State Concussion Waiver. It is located under the Documents tab. Bring signed document with you to try outs.

### FEES:

T-Ball \$45 4-5-yr.-olds  
A \$60 6-7-yr.-olds  
AA \$85 8-9-yr.-olds  
AAA \$100 10-12-yr.-olds  
Majors \$100 9-12-yr.-olds by tryout only

Babe Ruth \$115 13-19-yr.-olds  
Tryout for ages 8-12 will be at the Taylorsville Rec Center, 4948 South 2700 West in March, with dates and times to be announced. Babe Ruth (ages 13-plus) dates are yet to be determined. Shortly after tryouts, teams for AA-Babe Ruth will begin practice, and the first games are set for April 8. T-ball and Single-A ball will begin play on April 20.

Items for purchase include Taylorsville sweatshirts, hats and T-shirts, along with some items from last year. There will be a Spring Bash on Friday, April 24, with raffle tickets available for purchase at the time of registration.

The league also needs donations and volunteers. Open board positions include majors player agent, Babe Ruth player agent, events coordinator and snack bar assistants, and spring/fall coordinator. Organizers hope to raise money to repair a couple of dugouts and are looking for local companies willing to help with that project.

Taylorsville Youth Baseball has a website at <http://taylorsville.baberuthonline.com>, as well as an information line at 801-461-3361. Supporters can also email officials at [taylorsvillebaseball@gmail.com](mailto:taylorsvillebaseball@gmail.com). †

## Warrior Sports Update

Compiled by Tom Haraldsen

With the winter prep sports season winding down, Taylorsville High teams are preparing for final competitions as the state tournaments loom.

In boys basketball, the Warriors are 6-11 on the year, but 4-1 in region play. Taylorsville enjoyed a four-game winning streak before losing a tough 69-67 game to Hunter on Jan. 27. Halfway through league play, the Warriors are poised for a run at the 5A state tourney.

Jameson Tonge leads the team in scoring with an 17.7 points-per-game-average. He has hit 51 three-point baskets so far this season. Aaron Canepari has a 9.8 ppg average, while teammate Remi Prince averages 9.6 ppg. Connor Ivans leads the team in rebounds (4.2 per game) and assists (52 total). Taylorsville was scheduled to visit Hillcrest on Jan. 30 (after press deadline).

The Lady Warriors are 9-9 on the year, but a series of win-one-then-lose-one games has left Taylorsville with a 3-4 region record, with just three games remaining.

Kaitlin Toluono leads the team in scoring with a 14.3 ppg average, including 13 three-point baskets. Marilyn Maka averages 7.6 ppg, and Whitney Olson is scoring at a 6.3 ppg clip.



She has also hit 10 treys.

The Lady Warriors were set to host Hillcrest on Jan. 30, travel to Cottonwood on Feb. 2 and host Granger on Feb. 6 (all after press deadline). State playoffs remain a possibility with a couple more wins.

Two other sports will hold state finals. Wrestlers who qualify for state will compete Feb. 11 and 12 at Utah Valley University in Orem. The state swimming and diving championships are set for Feb. 12-13 at BYU. †



## LEARNING THE VALUE OF TRASH TO TREASURE

By Joani Taylor

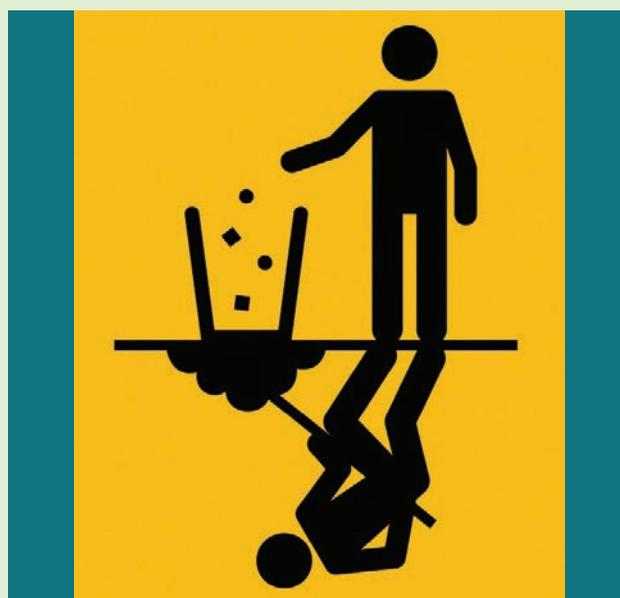


Pet rocks, handmade leather headbands, patchwork bell bottoms and lava lights: do those memories stir fondness in you? Musical playlists made by setting a cassette recorder as close to the radio as possible in hopes of catching your favorite songs, that included Donny Osmond, Bobby Sherman and David Cassidy. Riding your super cool banana seat bike everywhere, congregating at Murray Pool and roller skating to Tony Orlando's Knock 3 Times.

It's 1975. There are no video games, we have to use a neighbor's phone to call home, and during our girly girl backyard sleepovers we are known to sneak away, wandering the neighborhood at night, toilet papering our 'boyfriends' houses, and our only fear is of being caught.

While I would not say we were poor, like most families, my parents saved and scrimped pennies out of necessity. Cheap was good, free was better and expensive was out of the question. Coupons did not have bar codes, and you could save up milk bottle caps for the entire year and use them to ride the rides at Lagoon for free.

Dumpster diving was our weekend activity. I'm not really sure if it was legal or not to harvest their treasures, but they were out in the open, ready to give whatever one might be on the hunt for. Unsellable items from craft, auto and home improvement stores beckoned anyone willing to take the plunge.



The treasure chest we sought lay tucked behind the old Shag-Rug-La carpet store in West Valley. It seemed the short 10-minute drive took hours as a kid. My job was to pick up the scraps as they were tossed

over the edge, and, if I was lucky, we got to go to Baskin Robbins for ice cream afterwards. Kicking the gravel up with my toe as I waited, I was slightly embarrassed as Mom's head peeked out from inside the dumpster, eyes delighted, shouting joyously that she had found a big piece that was just the right color.

Now, Dad is a bit of an artist. In fact, some of his paintings are adorning the walls of my home today. Looking back on it, I imagine that the floor of our basement was, to him, a giant blank canvas. Dad would crawl around on the floor, painstakingly piecing together our ill-gotten scraps in blocks of color and depth. Like colors on the color wheel, blending texture and color from one to the next. Finally, after months of work he stretched out his wall-to-wall masterpiece and tacked it down, with a borrowed knee kicker, as secure and neat as any professional carpet layer would have.

This crazy, pieced together concoction taught me so many lessons about money, art, creativity and love. In my mind, it's still the most beautiful carpet I have ever seen in a home. I remember hours of play on that carpet and using the sections as a divider for various rooms for Barbie.

In my adult life, I do not carry this dumpster diving fetish with me, not even for a coupon. The thought, however, makes me crave a pralines n' cream waffle cone. †

## High Schoolers For A Day

By Linda Petersen

Local elementary students recently went to high school. More than 80 sixth graders from seven schools that feed into Taylorsville High got a look at their future in a pep rally customized just for them.

The rally showcased many of the programs and activities available at the high school. The cheerleaders, dance team, jazz band and Madrigals all performed.

The sixth graders got to see football players suited up, along with representatives from other programs, including the fire training and preschool teaching programs.

The rally grew out of a program that began three years ago, when Superintendent Dr. Martin Bates gave kindergarteners in the district T-shirts with the year of their future

graduation printed on it.

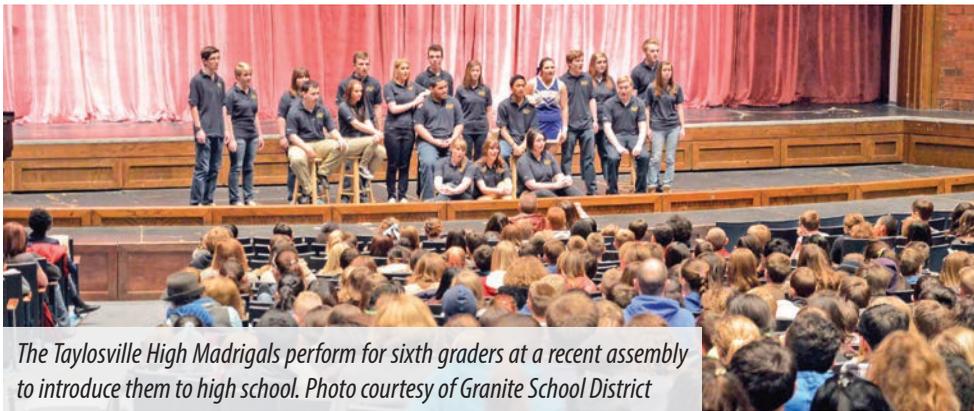
“This year we wanted to really hit home and help our students understand this is where they’d be going in four years. We wanted to have them get a feel for why school is important,” said Taylorsville Elementary Principal Michelle Love-Day, a major impetus behind the program.

At the end of the assembly, all seven principals came out in caps and gowns and wearing 2021 sashes.

The event was capped off with students shouting, “2021, 2021! We’re the Class of 2021!” Each of them was also were presented with certificates that said, “Future Graduate 2021” and his/her name. ✦



Bennion Elementary recently hosted a symposium to showcase the great things that are happening through the school’s “The Leader in Me” grant. **Source:** Granite School District



The Taylorsville High Madrigals perform for sixth graders at a recent assembly to introduce them to high school. Photo courtesy of Granite School District

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# Life & Laughter

## Multitasking Myth

By Peri Kinder

I'm terribly efficient. That doesn't mean I'm efficient. It means I'm terrible at being efficient. I always imagined myself to be a high-functioning multitasker but only recently learned that's not possible.

For instance, I'll start writing a brilliant column, only to remember I didn't make my online credit card payment. So I'll jump to that site to pay down some Christmas bills when I realize I never tossed the laundry into the dryer.

I'll head downstairs to take the slightly sour-smelling towels out of the washer and remember I was supposed to order pizza for dinner. So I grab my phone to order a half-veggie/half-heart disease pizza when it hits me that I never took my multivitamin (for two weeks straight). As I run back up the stairs to swallow a pill the size of a mango, I remember that my column is due in two hours, so I head back to my computer.

That's not multitasking. It's having an attention-deficit-disorder seizure. Instead of actually completing one task, I have a multitude of jobs half-done at all times.

People brag they can do several things at once. I can also do several things at once; I just do it really poorly.

In order to save time, I'll brush my teeth while putting on deodorant. I clench the toothbrush between my teeth, trying to open the antiperspirant with one hand. Then my electric toothbrush shakes out of my mouth, hits the floor and sprays toothpaste and spit all over the bathroom rug. Instead of saving time, I've added 10 minutes to my routine.



Or I'll decide to make a salad and try to make only one trip from the fridge to the counter. I'm carrying olives clasped under my chin, spinach squeezed between my knees, peppers balanced on my elbow and mushrooms perched on my head. My husband walks in and asks, "What are you doing?" "Making a salad," I hiss, because I have a bag of walnuts

clamped between my teeth.

He watches as I walk pigeon-toed across the kitchen and try to place everything on the counter. If I was in a sitcom, there would be a laugh track as I juggle all those items before I hit the floor and everything lands on my head.

As he leaves the room, he says, "Enjoy your salad. And you left the fridge open."

(I sense a poisoning in his future.)

Dr. Glenn Wilson, a real-life psychology professor at Gresham College, says these situations can actually lower your effective IQ by 10 points. Many studies prove the human brain isn't designed to do several things at once. My dog (who doesn't have a human brain) already knows this.

Ringo the Dog does the opposite of multitasking. He spends all his attention sniffing one pile of leaves thoroughly before moving on to the next urine-soaked shrubbery. But I can make cookies, scrub bird droppings off the back window and change my grandson's diaper all at the same time. Of course I've burned the cookies, smeared the bird poop and put the diaper on backwards. Ringo does everything right the first time.

So now that I've wasted time debunking the benefits of multitasking, I really need to get dinner started. But a catchy tune dances across my mind. I bring up iTunes and spend 30 minutes downloading songs. Then I remember I need to sub a cardio class this week, so it's over to YouTube to get new ideas for the BOSU ball . . .

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