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By Stacy Nielsen

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## Scrooge and Second Chances

By Alisha Soeken

In the timeless tale of “A Christmas Carol,” Ebenezer Scrooge, a callous miser, is given a second chance to live a better life. The Desert Star Playhouse in Murray City was also given a second chance at life when it was purchased and renovated instead of being torn down.

Before that purchase the theater saw much of life and many second chances. The Desert Star Playhouse has enjoyed a long life. In it’s infancy it was called the Gem. It saw silent movies accompanied only by a piano, and remembers a world when radios, refrigerators and a woman’s right to vote were only a recent luxury.

In the 1930s the Gem had it’s first second chance, as it was rebuilt and expanded into the Iris Theater. With its Art Deco style facelift, it was a building like no other in Murray. It showed blockbusters like “Gone With The Wind” and rare Swedish films for immigrants brought to Murray by the smelters. During the Great Depression, owner Tony Duvall would let children see movies for free or in exchange for scrap metal.

After the Great Depression, the Desert Star continued to see change in its name and ownership. But in 2000 when Murray City recommended demolishing it, Mike and Alyce Todd gave it it’s most crucial second chance, by purchasing and saving it from demolition.

The value of a second chance is immeasurable, if seized as Scrooge did to become a better person. Today the Desert Star is a dinner theater known for its parody plays and family

-friendly comedy. The proof of its positive roll is observed in the lives of those who work at the theater, both past and present. “The Desert Star has made a positive impact on my life in so many ways.

It was my first job and where I had always hoped to perform. After auditioning many times, I was cast in “The Hungry Games,” fulfilling my dream, almost 10 years after I started working there. I also gained experience in light and sound unmatched to any theater, made lifelong friends and to this day love seeing the fun shows they put on,” actor Katie Terry said.

The Desert Star’s current show is, “Ebenezer Scrooge: His Nightmare Before Christmas.” It’s about Ebenezer’s life after he decides to reform. “I love the idea of a sequel to ‘A Christmas Carol,’ exploring the other side of being generous. The idea that just because you turn into Mr. Nice Guy on one Christmas morning doesn’t necessarily make up for years of being a compete jerk,” cast member Dan Larrinaga, who plays Bob Cratchit, said.

The effort that goes into producing a show at the Desert Star is enormous. Cast member Tyrus Williams said, “We start working on all aspects of the show five weeks before we open, and have 15-20 rehearsals,” Larrinaga added.

Because we rehearse while the current show is still in production and the new show opens only four days after the old show closes, as you can imagine that’s not much time, so the work is fast and furious. It’s a challenge but like it or not, it makes you a better performer.”

As proven by Williams, cast members are not only great performers. “I wear a lot of hats at the Desert Star. I design scenery and props for the shows, I occasionally run lights, do sound, and manage the stage. I’m also in charge of the general store and all the holiday decorations and lobby displays,” Williams said. Unlike what Williams and Larrinaga will do in their show, Charles Dickens never told of the life that Ebenezer Scrooge lived after receiving his second chance. The Desert Star was given that chance more than once, and for more than 85 years has seized it, as Scrooge did, to give of itself remarkably to others.

Visit that historic building, watch a show, laugh, and in the words of Larrinaga, “By the end of that show, I hope people will simply have been entertained, feeling better than when they came in, and perhaps finding themselves more in the mood for the holidays. Catching a bit of the



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# Unified Police Department Three Years Later

By Stacy Nielsen

As with any change, the decision to join UPD three years ago was not without question and concern from some of Taylorsville's residents.

"It was a big decision to change from the Taylorsville City Police Department to becoming a fully joined member of the Unified Police Department of Greater Salt Lake," John Taylor, Taylorsville's city administrator, said.

Crime trend numbers within Taylorsville City are showing significant reduction since the transition occurred in 2012. The number of overall general offenses have been reduced, as well as the response times have improved for priority one calls; policing strategies have also improved since officers are now able to utilize both current technology and modern training to gather intelligence and increase efficiency when pursuing career criminals.

Staffing numbers show adjustments to maximize resources and community response, and the availability to pool specialized services works as a benefit in many areas reducing costs to the city. UPD has also increased school and community efforts to teach Taylorsville's youngest residents to resist peer pressure, prevent bullying and to provide

strategies to avoid violence among school-aged children. The enhancement to security plans and overall equipment capabilities has helped to prepare for any eventuality that could occur in the city.

A general offense is the standard for initial crime reports that are documented and investigated by the responding police officer(s). The first year when the switch was made, there was a total of 14,611 general offenses and that number was reduced to 13,380 by the second fiscal year ending June 30, 2014. The downward trend continued into the third fiscal year ending June 30, with a total number of 12,593 general offenses reported.

Overall, this represents a 14 percent reduction in general offenses, when comparing the first year to the recently completed third year. The statistics go in greater detail, showing a 20 percent reduction in general offenses when comparing the same quarters from 2012 and this year. During the first quarter of the 2012 fiscal year, there were a total number of 3,990 general offenses, when in the same quarter this year, there were a total of 3,184 general offenses.

In addition to the overall reduction of



general offenses, officers have also been able to improve their response times to an average of two minutes for priority one calls. A priority one call is defined as an aggravated or 'in progress' offense.

In conjunction with the reduced number of general offenses and improved response times, officers have been able to focus more resources on pursuing career criminals, thus

further reducing crime in Taylorsville City. Officers are now able to respond with quality equipment, receive up-to-date training and all in efforts to keep everyone safer. The enhanced technology and training help officers gather intelligence, and then provide a streamlined response. UPD also works with adjacent agencies, both local and federal, helping to solve crimes that cross over borders

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Meanwhile there have been adjustments to Taylorsville Precinct staffing. Taylorsville City Mayor Larry Johnson, with support from the city council, implemented reductions in police administration as well as an increase in police officers. These decisions have resulted in four additional officers on city streets.

Currently, the Taylorsville Precinct includes: one chief, one lieutenant, six sergeants, and 40 police officers. Because Unified Police Department is a larger, fully staffed department that serves a number of municipalities, the services can be pooled together to share without overwhelming economic burden.

Examples of pooled services include S.W.A.T., (Special Weapons and Tactics), C.A.R. Unit, (Collision Analysis Reconstruction), K-9, Robbery, Homicide, Persons Crimes, Records, Human Resources, Fleet, Legal and Fiscal. The



ability to pool these services also affords greater specialization and proficiency, in addition to sharing the costs of the services.

The Taylorsville Precinct has also increased school and community programs that teach effective tools to set attainable goals. The primary focus is to teach school-aged children how to make responsible decisions, resist peer pressure, prevent bullying and violence and create protection against problem behaviors.

“One-on-one time with a familiar officer in our schools, on a regular basis, creates a bond of trust and initiates interaction where children are comfortable expressing concerns, asking questions and solving problems,” Detective Scott Lloyd said.

Participation in bike and scooter safety, assemblies and safety drills adds to the personalized services the elementary schools receive.

While the city has seen an overall decrease in the general number of offenses, there is also the question of morale amongst the officers.

In an annual survey given to UPD Officers earlier this year, they were asked, “How satisfied are you working for the Taylorsville Precinct of UPD,” a total of 84.38 percent responded “Extremely Satisfied,” and 12.50 percent responded “Satisfied.”

“There is no getting around the fact that those who protect our streets pay a price emotionally and physically. Over a



typical career, officers will deal with hundreds of deaths, to include accidents, homicides and suicides. Child abuse cases, domestic assaults, thefts, frauds, forgeries, vandalisms... The list goes on and on.” Chief Tracy Wyant said about the increased morale amongst the officers.

“Daily work in law enforcement can have many demands and challenges. High morale builds efficiency, creates discipline, and adds enjoyment to work and pride in accomplishment,” Wyant said.

“Even though we have realized significant gains the last three years, it is imperative that we continue improving and adapting to the ever changing criminal element. Through the hard work of the men and women in law enforcement, Taylorsville City leadership and community involvement, we will continue moving in a positive direction. Insuring Taylorsville City is safe for its residents and visitors alike is our paramount goal,” Mayor Johnson said. ✦



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## Crossroads of Taylorsville Construction Updates

By Jessica Thompson

We have all seen the buildings off of Redwood Road torn down and new ones magically appearing, but what retail and restaurant additions will be made to Taylorsville City's new shopping center? Within the next three months, Zaxby's, Pizza Studio, Five Guys, Cubby's, GNC, Beans n' Brews and Mattress Firm are expected to open to the public at Legacy Plaza 5400. There will also be several new additions coming to the Crossroads of Taylorsville.

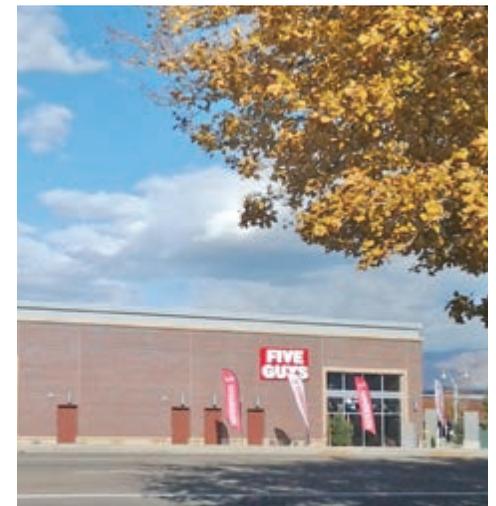
A great new Asian restaurant called Zao Asian Cuisine, which was started by the same man who founded Rumbi Island Grill, is projected to begin construction at the beginning of the year. Starting in January, an 8,000-square-foot Farrell's Old Fashioned Ice Cream Parlor and restaurant will begin construction in the Crossroads of Taylorsville. Also, the relocation of Café Rio will be finished by the end of 2015.

"We are excited for the rebirth of the former retail center of the west side of Salt Lake County and the new life, vibrancy and excitement that is in the community to see new shopping and dining opportunities," Wayne Harper, director of economic development for Taylorsville City, said.

Taylorsville community members can also expect construction to begin on the 14 screen Regal Cinema, remodeling of the Schmidt's Pastry Cottage and multiple new tenants in the building that houses Kwal's Paints.

"This new space will reenergize and revitalize Taylorsville. The new Regal Theater will be the nicest theater in the valley, bringing families from the entire valley to Taylorsville City," Bill Stone, owner of Crossroads of Taylorsville said.

In the first quarter of 2016, announcements will be made for the future fashion tenants



Within the next three months The Legacy Plaza at 5400 will have Zaxby's, Five Guys and Cubby's open to the public.

who will fill the spaces left by Bed Bath & Beyond, Famous Footwear and the former site of the Furniture Warehouse building. There are currently six more restaurants that are new to the market working on getting a space in this area.

"The new Crossroads of Taylorsville means the close of a chapter when retail bypassed the city and the return of vibrancy to an important critical retail location in the Taylorsville community," Harper said.

Watching old buildings be torn down and new ones replace them has been exciting for many within Taylorsville City.

"Taylorsville is a very family oriented city. Anything that can keep families coming together is a good thing. The Crossroads of Taylorsville has turned into more of a family gathering place for fun and food. The more things families have to do the more they are going to want to be there. Our goal is to give them the entertainment and food they need to keep them coming back," NormaLynn Cutler with Cutler Enterprises said.



Remodeling of the Schmidt's Pastry Cottage and King Buffet restaurant is a part of the revitalization projects for the Crossroads of Taylorsville.

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## Taylorsville's Got Talent Again, Winners Announced

By Jessica Thompson

It's now a known fact, Taylorsville City is full of incredible talent. The 2015 Taylorsville's Got Talent show was a great success with incredibly talented performers.

One performance was given by 9-year-old Kaissa Woodruff who played from memory, 'Believe' from the Polar Express on the piano. A junior category participant, Garrett Howe, played the song 'Sweet Home Alabama' on his guitar while he swooned all the girls in the audience with his great folk-like singing voice.

Audience members were wowed with adult participant, Daniel Schaffner's mentalist performance where he guessed items from the audience with silver dollars taped over his eyes with half a roll of duct tape. These were just some of the amazing performances given by local Taylorsville citizens.

"I love hearing and seeing all of the different talents people have. It is exciting to see young people who are just developing their talents, to those who have been working for years to hone their talents," Taylorsville's Got Talent's emcee Wendy Smedshammer said.

With every talent show there must be a winner. Taylorsville's Got Talent offered a winner in three different categories. 11-year-old Caleb Newton, who played 'Sonata' by Beethoven beautifully on the piano, won the children's category winning



Child category winner, Caleb Newton, and Junior Winner, Megan Frost, eagerly wait to hear their names called as the winners of cash prizes. Photo Credit: Tiffany Janzen.



Keeping to tradition Taylorsville's City Council Members and Mayor Larry Johnson performed a lip sync to 'I Wanna Hold Your Hand' by the Beatles at the 2015 Taylorsville's Got Talent Show. Photo Credit: Tiffany Janzen.

\$25. Newton has been playing piano since he was 4-years-old, and is now excited to buy some toys with his winnings.

"It felt pretty good to be the child winner. I feel pretty special, I guess," Newton said.

The junior category winner of \$50 was Megan Frost who performed the well-known song 'Hero' by Bonnie Tyler, with help from a very handsome Ute football player's cardboard cut-out.

"I was excited to be up on stage, but was a little bit nervous because I had some tough competition. They all did really great," Frost said.

Taylorsville's Got Talent's \$100 adult winner was Rachel Bates who powerfully sang the classic song 'Big Time.' Bates' confident singing performance as well as her ability to engage the audience was amazing.

"It was really exciting to win for the adult category. It makes me feel encouraged to perform more. I'm really happy," she said.

Taylorsville's Got Talent show offers a wonderful opportunity for community members to show their amazing talents.

"We live in a state that encourages people to further develop their talents and abilities. Taylorsville's Got Talent show gives them a positive venue where they can have the opportunity to showcase what they have been working on," Smedshammer said. ✦

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By Rachel Hall

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Mayor Larry Johnson

The Christmas Season is here – my favorite time of year. It offers an opportunity to gather family and friends to enjoy traditions that have passed from generation to generation. It is a time to reflect on the true meaning of Christmas, and be most appreciative and grateful.

I encourage everyone to slow down long enough to enjoy the moments of opportunity to

be present with our family, friends, coworkers, and community. This season, let us all reach out a little further to those around us. Let us look for those who might need that helping hand.

I would like to wish each of you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. It is a great privilege to serve this community alongside dedicated city employees to ensure that Taylorsville is prosperous and beautiful and a great place to live.

Mayor Johnson



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Snow team members have been instructed not to clear roads with cars parked on them. Residents may call their local code enforcement or police department to assist with the removal of the cars to enable the plows access to the area. When clearing your driveways and sidewalks, the snow should not be deposited in the road. Garbage cans should be set at the curb in the morning and removed promptly.

Snow removal team members are working 12-16 hour shifts and appreciate courteous and friendly drivers. Please use caution when you see a snow removal vehicle and remember the snow removal vehicle is harder to stop than a regular vehicle. For more information, please contact us at 385-468-6101.

Please visit our website to obtain more information about snow removal:

[www.pwops.slco.org/html/snow](http://www.pwops.slco.org/html/snow)

MAYOR'S CHOICE

RESTAURANT

**Five Guys Burgers and Fries**

[www.fiveguys.com](http://www.fiveguys.com)

**Favorite Beverage:** *Chocolate Milk Shake*

**Favorite Food Item:** *Bacon Lettuce Tomato Sandwich*

**385-237-4111**

1716 W. 5400 S. • Taylorsville, Utah 84118

**Hours:** Open Daily : 11:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.



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**801-967-8213 • 5640 South Redwood Road • Taylorsville, UT 84123**

## Election Results

Taylorsville's Municipal General Election was held on November 3, 2015, with official election results canvassed and certified on November 17, 2015.

**The final election results are, as follows:** Ernest Glen Burgess was re-elected to serve as City Council Member in Council District 1; Kristie Steadman Overson was re-elected to serve as City Council Member in Council District 2; and Brad Christopherson was re-elected to serve as City Council Member in Council District 3. All are for four-year terms.

Congratulations to those elected! We thank all of the candidates for their involvement in the political process and their hard work. We sincerely appreciate all those who run for elected office in Taylorsville and are so willing to serve our community!



## TAYLORSVILLE/BENNION IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

### During this Holiday Season, do not let F.O.G. be an unwelcome guest.

Problems can develop in your plumbing drains and in the sewer collection system due to the improper disposal of fats, oils and grease (FOG). In order to reduce potential problems the following information is provided by Taylorsville-Bennion Improvement District on how to properly handle FOG.

Disposing of used cooking oil and grease down a sink can be costly both to the homeowner as well as the District. Grease disposed of in sinks and drains can lead to sewer line clogs and sewage backups into homes and businesses, sewage overflowing into streets, and adverse impacts to public health and the environment.

The easiest way to solve the FOG buildup problem is to keep the material out of the sewer system. Here are a few tips:

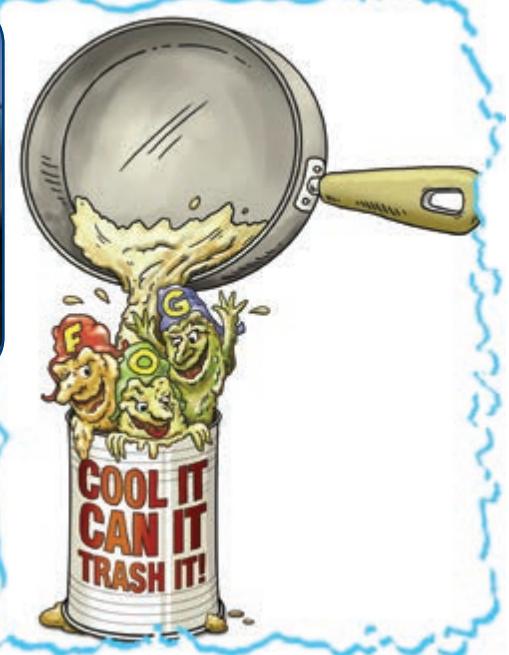
- Collect grease and food scraps from plates, pots, pans, utensils, grills and cooking surfaces into a can or the trash.

- Pour cooled FOG into a can or other container with a tight lid (coffee can, glass jar or plastic container) and dispose of it in the garbage.

- Don't pour grease down garbage disposals. Put baskets/strainers in sink drains to catch food scraps and other solids, and empty the drain baskets/strainers into the trash.

Tell your family, friends and neighbors about problems associated with grease in the sewer system and how to keep it out. The solution starts in your home with your actions.

If you have any questions regarding this article please contact Dan McDougal, Communications Manager, at Taylorsville-Bennion Improvement District: 801-968-9081 / [danmcdougal@tbid.org](mailto:danmcdougal@tbid.org) or visit our website at [www.tbid.org](http://www.tbid.org)



The Taylorsville Arts Council Presents:

# HANDEL'S MESSIAH

## COMMUNITY SING-ALONG

Saturday, December 12th at 7:00 p.m.  
at Taylorsville City Hall

If you have any questions, please contact Susan Holman at 801-966-8376  
Free Event, Open to the Public, Bring your own music book (there will be some available)

# GET SOCIAL

## Follow Us

**COUNCIL CORNER**

**Thank You for Serving Our Community**

As the Holiday season approaches, we turn our hearts to home, family and friends, and our actions to serving others. We are reminded of goodness and generosity all around us. A great example of the spirit of service and giving is the Taylorsville Food Pantry. The Pantry provides food for those in need and is located next to the Taylorsville Senior Center.

The Pantry is operated by a dedicated group of people who provide many hours of service unloading trucks, stocking and organizing shelves and dispersing food to those in need. Along with these volunteers are many church and scout groups, families and individuals who have generously donated food, money and man hours to make the Pantry successful. From September 1st to November 16th the pantry served 1076 families, which equals 3881 individuals. One of the Pantry's most successful programs is their Wednesday Grocery Give-Away. Each Wednesday the Pantry receives 2,000 to 3,000 pounds of fresh groceries which are immediately given away to anyone in need.

Thank you to Gary & Candy Caballero, Morris Pratt, Clive Christensen, Ken Flitton, Enid Hudson, Sue Lane, Tammy Parkinson, Keith Rigby, Virginia Watts, Nancy Wolf, Margarida Elena Park, Tiffany Diaz, Alexis Diaz, Cassie Diaz, Royce Larsen, Tim May, Jeanne Kramer, Charlie Summer and Lynn Spiker. The spirit of volunteerism is vibrant at the Taylorsville Food Pantry. For more information regarding hours of operation, donations and volunteering, please call 801-815-0003 or email [taylorsvillefoodpantry@gmail.com](mailto:taylorsvillefoodpantry@gmail.com)



**Chair**  
Kristie Overson – District #2



**Vice-Chair**  
Ernest Burgess – District #1



**Council Member**  
Dan Armstrong – District #5



**Council Member**  
Dama Barbour – District #4



**Council Member**  
Brad Christopherson – District #3

**YOUTH COUNCIL CORNER**

**Annual Thanksgiving Box**

By Jessica Forsyth

Every year the Taylorsville City Youth Council gets together and finds a family in need and donates a Thanksgiving Box to them. This box consists of a full traditional Thanksgiving Dinner and even sometimes a ham and a turkey, depending on the family size.

This year the box went to a Brazilian family who just arrived here seven weeks ago with themselves and a suitcase. This family will also be receiving another tradition from the Youth Council, Sub for Santa. This is when the Youth Council members, sometimes using their own money purchase presents for the children of the family, some of these items are necessities, and others are toys or other things that they enjoy and then personally wraps and delivers it to the family.

With these opportunities it not only helps the Youth Council members get involved in the community, but it is also a humbling experience that many of them won't soon forget. "The Thanksgiving Boxes provide a great opportunity for the Youth Council Members to give back to the community. We also recognize the blessings in our lives as we serve those who have less." Said Lydia Flores, 1st year Youth Council Member. ✦



## Taylorsville LARP (Leisure Activities, Recreation and Parks) COMMITTEE AWARDS FOR 2015

**Home Beautification Award Winner**

(Traditional Landscape)

**Nathan and Shawna Murray**

5768 South Blake Drive  
Taylorsville, Utah



*Nathan and Shawna Murray.*

**Home Beautification Award Winner**

(Xeroscape Landscape)

**Nicholas and Sabine Gold**

5213 South 1300 West  
Taylorsville, Utah



*Nicholas and Sabine Gold.*

**Home Beautification Award Winner**

**Daniel and Eileen Suggs**

4313 South Bitter Root Drive  
Taylorsville, Utah

**Halloween Décor Award Winner**

**John and Chantel Mark**

968 Fireweed  
Taylorsville, Utah

**Halloween Décor Award Winner**

**Melanie Sleeth and Jens Knoell**

1646 West Jolly Circle  
Taylorsville, Utah



## Plymouth Fire Station 117 Groundbreaking

Unified Fire Authority of Greater Salt Lake held a groundbreaking ceremony for the Taylorsville Plymouth Fire Station 117 on Wednesday, November 18, 2015. The new fire station will be a flagship location with five bays and up to sixteen firefighters. Construction is expected to be complete the first quarter of 2017. The groundbreaking ceremony included a few words from Chief Michael Jensen, Mayor Larry Johnson, and Council Vice-Chair Burgess. All expressed their excitement for this new location and their deep appreciation for the firefighters who work right here in Taylorsville. Mayor Johnson shared these thoughts from an unknown author to pay tribute to the firefighters.



I wish you could see the sadness of a business man as his livelihood goes up in flames.  
I wish you could know what it is like to search a burning bedroom for trapped children.  
I wish you could comprehend a wife's horror at 3 a.m. as I check her husband of 40 years for a pulse and find none. I start CPR anyway, hoping to bring him back, knowing intuitively it is too late.  
I wish you knew the unique smell of burning insulation.  
I wish you could read my mind as I respond to a building fire "Is this a false alarm or a working fire? How is the building constructed? What hazards await me? Is anyone trapped?"  
I wish you could be in the emergency room as a doctor pronounces dead the beautiful five-year old girl that I have been trying to save during the past 25 minutes.  
I wish you could feel the hurt as people verbally, and sometimes physically, abuse us or belittle what I do.  
I wish you could know the brotherhood and self-satisfaction of helping save a life or of preserving someone's property or be there for someone in a time of crisis.  
Unless you have lived with this kind of life, you will never truly understand or appreciate who I am, we are, or what our job really means to us... I wish you could.

—author unknown



### City of Taylorsville

#### Meeting Schedule • Location: Taylorsville City Hall

Planning Commission	Dec. 15, 2015	7:00 p.m.
Newly Elected Officials "Swearing-In Ceremony"	Jan. 4th, 2016	12-noon
City Council Meeting	Jan. 6th, 2016	6:30 p.m.
Planning Commission	Jan. 12th, 2016	7:00 p.m.
City Council Meeting	Jan. 20th, 2016	6:30 p.m.
Mayor's Town Hall Meeting	Jan. 27th, 2016	6:00 p.m.



*Public Meetings are subject to change. Official agendas for public meetings are posted the Friday prior to meetings. Please check the City's website at [www.taylorsvilleut.gov](http://www.taylorsvilleut.gov) to view upcoming agendas.*

***In honor of the City of Taylorsville Celebrating 20 years, the Taylorsville Bennion Heritage Center will feature these monthly events for 2016:***

**JANUARY** - We will be celebrating the diversity of our city in photos and stories. Did you know that Taylorsville had a prominent Welsh settlement? Want to learn more? Come for a visit during January and see all the other cultures that are represented in our almost 20-year-old city!

**FEBRUARY** - We have albums full of folks who have celebrated special weddings and anniversaries. We want to showcase them during the month of Love, so take a look and see if your loved ones are there, or even better, bring us a photo of your wedding!

**MARCH** - Photos of Old homes of Taylorsville will be on display. 4800 South is the Historic District of Taylorsville City. Let's proudly find out which homes they are!

**APRIL** - Spotlight all of the prior Easter cantatas with choristers and pianists who have made music in our City since approx. 1949.

**MAY** - Mothers day paintings and handy crafts will be displayed. Come and visit to see the many Aprons, handwork, recipes, and photos will be available for viewing.

**JUNE** - Photos of many Taylorsville Fathers who have made a difference in our community will be featured. Contact us if you want your Dad on our list!

**JULY** - Former 4th of July celebrations, parades, and photos. Who remembers the Nor-J-Estas held on the old Plymouth School property on 48th and Redwood?

**AUGUST** - We will make available old school photos and feature past teachers. Our albums are full of Taylorsville kids, so come and find yourself on our walls.

**SEPTEMBER** - We will Spotlight service organizations such as 4-H, Lions Club, Boy Scouts of America, Girl Scouts of America, FFA through artifacts and photos.

**OCTOBER** - Reminisce about our "scary farm" with photos and antique costumes and masks.

**NOVEMBER** - Linens, linens, linens will be on display of former Thanksgiving dinners. Old kitchen utensils and relics for all to see, everything on display, except the food.

**DECEMBER** - Display's of past photos of Saturday with Santa. Come and see if your child is in one of our memory albums. Thanks Santa for showing up each year at the TAYLORSVILLE BENNION HERITAGE CENTER!!!!



**NEW BUSINESSES**

***Welcome to Taylorsville!***

**AARNA LLC**  
3225 West 4700 South  
Convenience Store/gasoline

**Alamo Insurance Agency**  
3587 West 4700 South  
Insurance Agency

**Launch Sales and Marketing LLC**  
4548 So Atherton Dr #250  
Sales and Marketing

**Legacy Medial Group**  
1020 W Atherton Dr #220  
Physician House Calls

**St. Mark's Taylorsville Emergency Center**  
2675 Taylorsville Blvd  
Emergency Healthcare

**Interested In Serving on the Planning Commission?**

**A**re you interested in having a voice in decision making, serving the community, do you have relevant experience or interest in planning, land use, or local government?

The Taylorsville Planning Commission consists of seven regular members and one alternate member who are residents of the city. They are a citizen board appointed by the City Council. They represent all five districts in our city with three additional at-large positions. They are charged with the responsibility to make recommendations to the City Council on such matters as zone changes, conditional use permits, and subdivisions. The Commission also makes recommendations to the Mayor and City Council about planning and community development decisions.

The City of Taylorsville is now accepting applications for the Planning Commission. The deadline is December 27, 2015 for the alternate vacancy. For more information regarding the application process, please contact Mark McGrath, our Community Development Director at [mmcgrath@taylorsvilleut.gov](mailto:mmcgrath@taylorsvilleut.gov) or (801) 963-5400 ext. 3008.



**TAYLORSVILLE CITY CEMETERY PLOTS AVAILABLE**

*Special Pricing*

for Taylorsville Residents

**Please Contact:**  
*Lee Bennion*  
**801.834.4325**



## UPD Team Citation & Officer of the Month Awards

At the November 18th, 2015 City Council Meeting, Chief Wyant presented a Unified Police Department Quarterly Report in addition to three Taylorsville Precinct Awards. The award recipients included: Officer Kresdon Benett as Officer of the Month for September 2015, Officer Grayson Vanleeuwen as Officer of the Month for October 2015, and a Team Citation Award for the arrest of a wanted fugitive to Sgt. Montgomery, Sgt. Miller, Sgt. Kochanowski and Sgt. Morton.



Team Citation Award to Sgt. Montgomery, Sgt. Miller, Sgt. Kochanowski and Sgt. Morton.



Officer Kresdon Benett as Officer of the Month for September 2015

Officer Grayson Vanleeuwen as Officer of the Month for October 2015

## Honoring Our War Heroes: Faces Of The Fallen



The City of Taylorsville is honoring our Taylorsville Heroes who died while serving in the Armed Forces in any era by featuring the faces of these soldiers on banners. Each banner will have a picture and the name of the soldier, his/her branch of service, and the date he/she died as a result of war. The banners will be displayed at Taylorsville City Center and along 2700 West for Veterans Day beginning in 2016.

In order to do this, the City of Taylorsville is requesting the families of these fallen service members to submit photos and information about their loved one's life and service. The photos will be scanned and returned to you. A picture featuring the honored soldier in uniform is preferred, but not necessary. You will be required to sign a "Release Form" to give us permission to use the photos and information about your loved one.

We will never forget those who fought and died to protect our freedoms. Please contact [pkimbrough@taylorsvilleut.gov](mailto:pkimbrough@taylorsvilleut.gov), or 801-955-2009.

## Mayor's Town Hall Meeting

Wednesday - January 27, 2016

6:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.

Taylorsville City Hall  
Council Chambers



Mayor Larry Johnson





## 2015 Customer Satisfaction Survey

It is that time once again! Our annual Customer Satisfaction Survey will be available on our website beginning November 23. All customers are invited and welcome to complete this survey to help us understand expectations and perceptions of our services to you.

### Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) Fueling Station Featured

The long awaited CNG fueling station opened and the District began fueling on site on September 2nd.

On November 3, Board Chair Dama Barbour and Vice Chair Jim Brass were present as Salt Lake County Mayor Ben McAdams addressed the media at the official opening of the County's Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) fueling station. There is room for up to 50 District trucks to use the stations at the County facility. Using CNG instead of diesel fuel, will save money and reduce carbon emission pollution. The District anticipates saving over \$200,000 in fuel costs in 2016 by using CNG versus diesel.



Left to right: SL County Mayor Ben McAdams; Greg Nuzman, County Fleet Division Director; Jim Brass, WFWRD Board Vice Chair; Dama Barbour, WFWRD Board Chair; Pam Roberts, WFWRD Executive Director

### Curbside Christmas Tree Collection Service

Christmas trees will be collected on the regularly scheduled collection days during the month of January. Trees

must be free of all decorations and may be left next to your collection cans. If we do not get your tree one week, we will collect it on the next regularly scheduled collection day. Please call our office for more details, 385-468-6325, or go on-line to our website at [wasatchfrontwaste.org](http://wasatchfrontwaste.org)

### Did you know???

Americans throw away 25% more trash during the Thanksgiving to New Year's holiday season than any other time of year. This extra garbage amounts to 25 million tons of trash. —Bob Liliensfeld/The Use less Stuff Report

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# Saturday with Santa

**Saturday, December 12th**  
**From 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.**  
**Taylorsville Bennion Heritage Center**  
**1488 West 4800 South**  
**Taylorsville, Utah**



## Taylorsville Harmons Re-Grand Opening Event

The Harmons in Taylorsville has received some beautiful updates throughout the store, and they celebrated with Re-Grand Opening Event. Mayor Johnson and Economic Development Director Wayne Harper stopped by to celebrate with Store Manager Terry Waters and employees.



## TAYLORSVILLE SENIOR CENTER

(801) 293-8340 • 4743 Plymouth View Drive  
Taylorsville, Utah 84123

**Thursday, December 10th-** White Elephant Party followed by hot chocolate and donuts sponsored by Canyon Care Hospice.

**Friday, December 11th-** Blood Pressure and Glucose Checks by Avalon West Health and Rehab from 10-12.

**Monday, December 14th-** Android/Tablet Help and Presentation by Ed Taylor at 11:00.

**Tuesday, December 15th-** Special Holiday Meal. Entertainment by the "Bev Bro Duo" at 11:30 followed by lunch at 12:00.

**Wednesday, December 16th-** Bingo sponsored by Aspen Senior Care at 1:00.

**Monday, December 21st-** Senior Center Closing at 5:00 pm

**Tuesday, December 22nd-** "Staying Healthy during the Holidays" presentation at 11:15.

**Wednesday, December 23rd-** Senior Center Closing at 5:00 pm

**Wednesday, December 23rd-** Friday Walmart trip changed to today at 10:30.

**Thursday, December 24th-** Lunch served at 11:30. Senior Center Closing at 12:30.

**Friday, December 25th-** Senior Center Closed

**Thursday, December 31st-** "Noon Year's Eve" Party at 11:30 followed by a New Years Apple Cider Toast sponsored by Aspen Senior Care.

**WE ARE OPEN LATE!** To better serve our community of adults 60+, we have extended our hours on Mondays and Wednesdays until 8:00 pm. We offer a variety of evening programming including classes and presentation on health and wellbeing, English as a Second Language (ESL) class, Computer classes, Cardio Dance, Resistance Training, Bunco, and table games. Our fitness room is also open until 8:00 pm. The gym is equipped with 14 different exercise machines; treadmills, recumbent bikes, elliptical machines, weight machines, and a NuStep.

The center provides free services for adults 60+. The center is a great place for active adults to gather, enjoy a nutritious meal, and socialize while participating in classes. It also allows them to attend workshops and clinics that are designed to help them lead safer, healthier, and more active lives. On occasion we do have programs tailored for individuals under 60 years of age (please call the center for those activities).

Classes and event information is available in our newsletter that can be picked up at the center or check us out on line at [www.slco.org/aging](http://www.slco.org/aging).

## December Volunteer of the Month Ella Manczuk

Our volunteer of the month is Ella Manczuk. Ella was born in Germany. In 1962 she followed her heart and came to the United States to be with a young man who would eventually become her husband.

Ella has lived in Taylorsville for 27 years where she has enjoyed many hobbies such as visiting France, Canada, and Austria. Ella has traveled to 26 states on her own and she hopes to visit the rest of the 50 states. Ella has three kids and four grandkids.

Ella has been attending the Senior Center since it opened. She has enjoyed helping wrap silverware, planting gardens with the YMCA kids and being in the "hookers" club. Ella also enjoys helping check bingo cards to make sure they are correct.

Thanks Ella for all that you do at the center.



## The LARP Committee's 2015 Christmas Home Decorating Contest

A holiday tradition in Taylorsville, bringing your attention to the best displays of illuminating holiday cheer found within our neighborhoods. Nominate your own home or a neighbor's in the City of Taylorsville by sending the homeowner name and address with a picture to [LARP@taylorsvilleut.gov](mailto:LARP@taylorsvilleut.gov).

All entries must be received by December 31, 2015. The first and second place winners will have their home featured in the Taylorsville Journal.

## Five Guys Burger and Fries: Welcome to Taylorsville

Five Guys menu offerings include toppings galore on your choice of Burgers, Dogs, or Sandwiches. In addition to Fries, and assortment of Drinks. They also offer Shakes in a variety of flavors, something that is exclusive to the Taylorsville location. Five Guys opened their doors on Saturday, November 7th as one of the newest tenants at Legacy Plaza at 54th that sits on the northwest corner of 5400 South and Redwood Road. Five Guys offers the ability to skip the line and place your order on-line. Taylorsville Mayor Larry Johnson, City Council members, and other City Officials stopped in for lunch, and a picture with Five Guys Store Manager Kellie Hutchinson.



Left to right: Mayor Johnson, Mark McGrath, John Taylor, Council-Chair Overson, Council-member Barbour, Council Vice-Chair Burgess and Wayne Harper.



### TAYLORSVILLE BASKETBALL HOME OF THE WARRIORS

2015-2016 Schedule

Preseason					
Date		Opponent	Soph.	J.V.	Varsity
Nov. 24	Tuesday	at Lehi	3:30	5:15	7:00
Dec. 1	Tuesday	at Olympus	(Endowment)		7:00
Dec. 4	Friday	Murray	3:30	5:15	7:00
Dec. 11	Friday	Tooele	3:30	5:15	7:00
Dec. 15	Tuesday	at Park City	3:30	5:15	7:00
Dec. 18	Friday	Hillcrest	3:30	5:15	7:00
Dec. 28	Monday	Granger (at Riverton Holiday Classic)	10:15am	7:00	5:15
Dec. 29	Tuesday	Kearns (at Riverton Holiday Classic)	7:00	3:30	5:15
Dec. 30	Wednesday	Riverton Holiday Classic	tbd	tbd	tbd
Dec. 31	Thursday	Riverton Holiday Classic	tbd	tbd	tbd
Jan. 4	Monday	Woods Cross	3:30	5:15	7:00
Region III					
Date		Opponent	Soph.	J.V.	Varsity
Jan. 12	Tuesday	Brighton	3:30	5:15	7:00
Jan. 15	Friday	at Jordan	3:30	5:15	7:00
Jan. 20	Wednesday	Copper Hills	3:30	5:15	7:00
Jan. 22	Friday	West Jordan	3:30	5:15	7:00
Jan. 26	Tuesday	at Cottonwood	3:30	5:15	7:00
Jan. 29	Friday	Bingham	3:30	5:15	7:00
Feb. 5	Friday	at Brighton	3:30	5:15	7:00
Feb. 9	Tuesday	Jordan	3:30	5:15	7:00
Feb. 12	Friday	at Copper Hills	3:30	5:15	7:00
Feb. 16	Tuesday	at West Jordan	3:30	5:15	7:00
Feb. 19	Friday	Cottonwood	3:30	5:15	7:00
Feb. 23	Tuesday	at Bingham	3:30	5:15	7:00

State Tournament- March 1-March 5 @ University of Utah

\*Home games are in bold

Head Coach: Garrett Wilson

Assistant Coaches: Jeremy Smith, T.J. Ford, Justin Strong

Principal: Dr. Garrett Muse

Vice Principals: Waisea Lesuma, Emme Liddell, Ryan Shaw

Athletic Director: Margo Jones

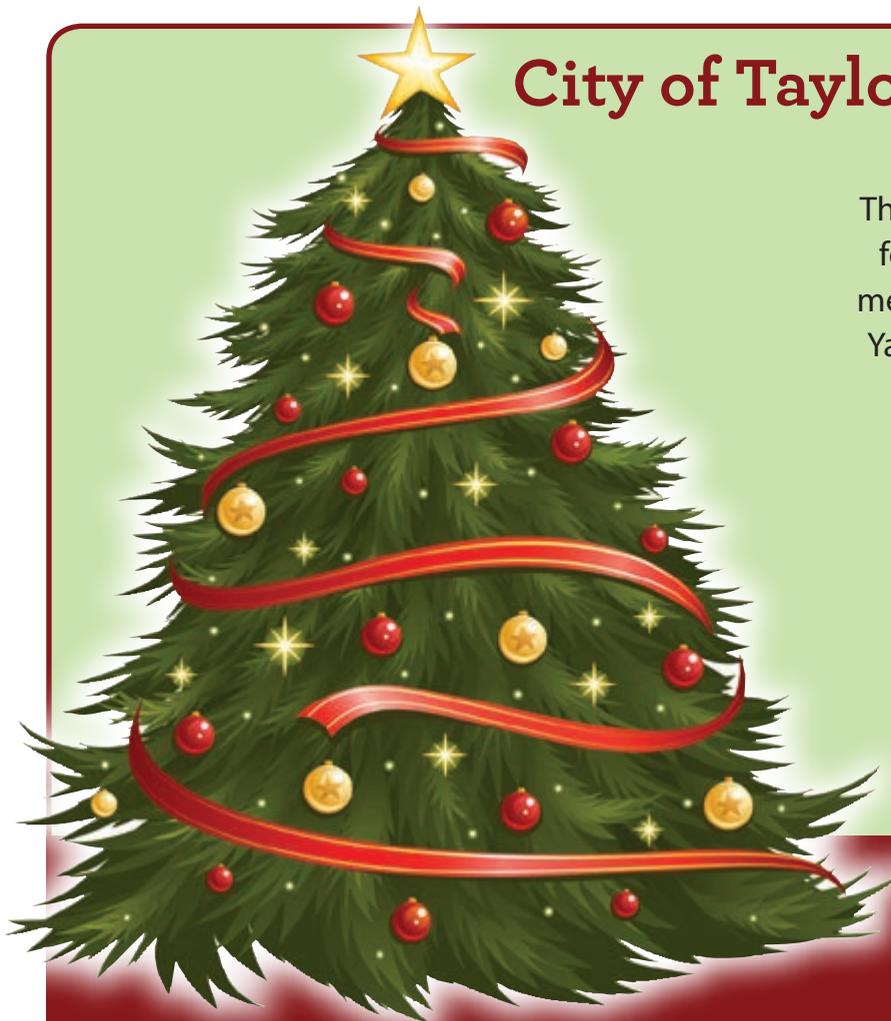
Taylorsville High School

5225 So. Redwood Rd.

Taylorsville, UT 84123

Phone: 385-646-5455

Fax: 385-646-5457



## City of Taylorsville Holiday Food Drive

The Taylorsville Food Pantry is in need of some items to help fill the shelves for the Christmas holiday season. The items needed to complete holiday meals for those in need include: Potatoes (instant or fresh), Pumpkin Filling, Yams, Gravy Mix, Turkey, and Ham. They are also taking donations of coats (all sizes) and blankets for the homeless and also those who simply are unable to purchase them for their families to stay warm.

### The Taylorsville Food Bank is located at:

4775 S. Plymouth View Drive (behind the Senior Center)

### Hours of operation are:

Monday from 1-3 p.m.

Wednesday from 4-6 p.m. and

Saturday from 10 a.m. until 12-noon

Donations may be dropped off during the hours above.

The Taylorsville Food Pantry offers emergency food to help families going through hard times temporarily to get through the month. We are neighbors helping one another.



Vista Elementary 2nd Grade.

## Veterans Day

The Veterans Day Celebration began on Wednesday, November 11, at 11:00 a.m. with our sixth Veterans Day Parade. The route traveled south from 4900 South to 5400 South on 2700 West, ending at Taylorsville City Hall. More than 30 entries participated in the parade, with Dennis Chomech, US Army, and Roy Feragen, US Navy, as Grand Marshals. Along the parade route were 5th-grade classes from all nine elementary schools in Taylorsville. The theme of the parade was “Honoring Combat Veterans.”

The Veterans Day Program began at 12:15 p.m., with Congressman Chris Stewart as the Key-Note Speaker. Taylorsville Jr. ROTC performed the flag ceremony. Pastor Noah Bater gave the Invocation. Soloist Matthew Boeckmann sang the National Anthem. The second grade class at Vista Elementary performed a Patriotic Medley. Mayor Larry Johnson presented the Grand Marshals with a shadow box containing a flag. Recognition of veterans of all branches of the military stood to be honored. The 1st place winners of the Essay and Poster Contest (Bridget Raymundo, Maliyah Toone, Jack Tanni, Chloe Raymundo) received medals. Visitors were invited to visit the Utah Honor Flight, Kearns Historical Society, National Wheel Chair Games, and view WWII memorabilia inside City Hall on display from the WWII Era Preservation Society.

Thank you to the Veterans Day Committee, Taylorsville Exchange Club, Redwood Memorial Estates for setting up of the “Flags of Honor”, Brian Carlson-ABC4, Don Hudson-ABC4, Kearns Historical Society, Markosian Auto, Taylorsville High School Jr. ROTC, Taylorsville Youth Council and Ambassadors, Unified Fire Authority, Unified Police Department, United Veterans Council, Utah Honor Flight, Utah National Guard, Arcadia Elementary, Calvin Smith Elementary, Bennion Elementary, Fox Hills Elementary, Plymouth Elementary, Fremont Elementary, Westbrook Elementary, Vista Elementary, WWII Era Preservation Society. And most importantly, we would like to thank all the Veterans for their patriotism, bravery, love, and willingness to serve. †



Poster Contest Winner Jack Tanni.



Essay Contest Winner Bridget Raymundo.



Essay Contest Winner Maliyah Toone.



Poster Contest Winner Chloe Raymundo.



## Fox Hills Elementary Brings Thrills to Legacy House

By Jessica Thompson

We all know children love Halloween, but did you know it's become a favorite holiday for seniors at Legacy House in Taylorsville? On Oct. 27, students at Fox Hills Elementary brought joy and laughter to men and women at Legacy House through the thrills of a good Halloween melodramatic play titled "The Forest of Mystery and Magic."

Fox Hills Elementary School has a longstanding partnership with the Legacy House facility. The staff members from both the elementary school and Legacy House have seen many social benefits from student interaction with the residents.

"The students love to bring joy to the people who live at Legacy House Apartments, especially since a lot of them can't get out to see such things on their own. The performance trips to Legacy House are always full of positive energy and fun," Heidi Hatch, third grade teacher, said.

The students' melodramatic play is an original script written by third grade teacher Heidi Hatch. It told the story of the three main characters, a damsel in distress named Bianca the Witch, the hero Ramses the Vampire and the evil villain Jack the Fire Sprite. The story revolves around a freezing wand that Ramses gave Bianca for her birthday. In true villain fashion, Jack the Fire Sprite steals the wand and causes trouble as he freezes the poor citizens of the Forest of Mystery and Magic. Ramses follows the pumpkin lanterns to find Jack and unfreeze Bianca.

Children performed this play in true melodramatic form with cheering, hissing and sighing. Forty-five students played all the parts, ran the stage and performed the acts of the show.

"The first time I went to Legacy I was scared, because I've never been around a lot of old people. But, I have more fun each time we go because I see people I saw before and

recognize. They are so nice and they are so excited to see what we are learning. They always say to me 'Yeah! It's you again,'" Courtney, a student who has been involved in the last four performance trips to Legacy House, said.

The seniors at Legacy House really got into the spirit of the play. Since a melodramatic play encourages interaction between audience members and the cast, there was a lot of participation from the residents throughout the show. Hatch remembers one lady in particular who sat front and center and provided a lot of energy for the performances because she was so engaged and entertained.

"At the meet and greet after the show, most of the students flocked to her as they had made the connection during their performance and felt that she was having a great time," Hatch said.

The event was full of moments where the children and youth had a moment of connection. When Igor, played by a 5th grader, entered the back of the audience, he growled at the seniors sitting near the aisles. When he growled, one of the women sitting in the audience squealed. After the show she came up to the boy and gave him a big hug. She let him know that he was her favorite character and that she watched him closely the rest of the show just in case he tried to scare her again.

"The trips to Legacy House allow our children to interact and perform for our friends and neighbors. We feel much pleasure in watching the excitement that travels between the students and the residents each time we get to perform on these trips," Hatch said. "This community outreach allows our students to have life-enriching interactions with the seniors as well as provide a little bit of 'kid interaction' to the residents."

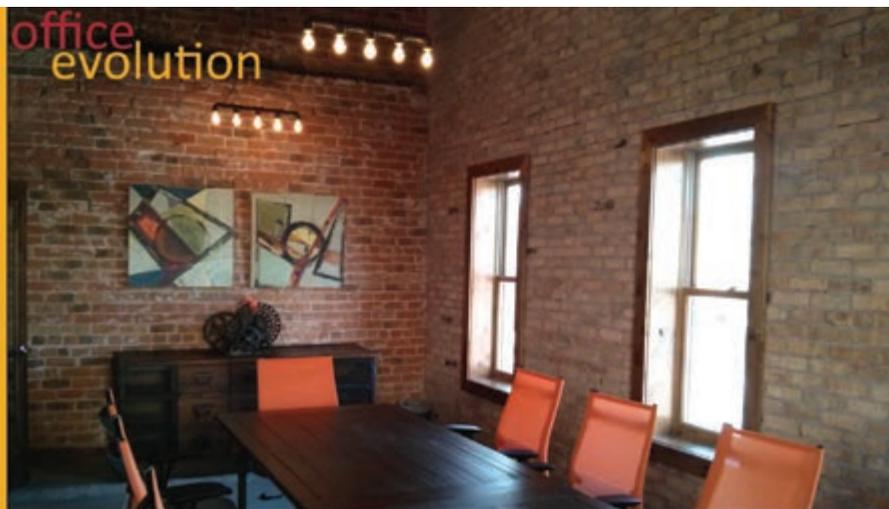


Fox Hills Elementary student Maddie Murphy talks with Roberta Glymour after their performance. These students brought great happiness to the Legacy House. Photo Credit: deseretnews.com

After every performance, the students participate in a meet-and-greet where the students are encouraged to introduce themselves to three seniors in the audience. This is a great opportunity for youth to have interaction with older adults. The seniors are usually full of stories and are willing to answer questions for the youth.

Fox Hills Elementary's performance was not just a great opportunity for youth to practice sharing their talents, but was a chance for children to reach out and bring happiness to others. In return, the children gain a deep love and respect for their new older adult friends.

"It is always a joy to watch the students use and develop their talents. They never cease to amaze us and make us laugh as they take a show from audition to performance. They bring so much character to their parts and learn so much in their performance process that we are grateful that we get to share their gifts with others at the Legacy House," Hatch said. ✦

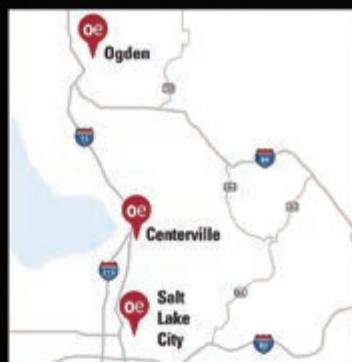


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## Taylorsville High Seniors Qualify for Cross Country State Meet

By Jessica Thompson

Taylorsville High's Vicky Nguyen and Ryan Colby ran a three-mile race up steep hills and around lakes at the Cross Country 5A State meet at beautiful Sugar House Park on Oct. 21. Both Nguyen and Colby have qualified for the state meet twice before, but this time it was different. This year they are seniors with their last chance at running in the state meet.

Colby felt running with some of the best people in the state was a great honor. Qualifying for the meet for Nguyen was a dream come true.

"I knew that if I wanted to qualify, I would need to work harder than I had been at practices and needed to push myself. When I found out I qualified, I nearly cried. I am so grateful that I was able to run at state meets all three years of my cross country seasons," Nguyen said.

Running is not everyone's favorite activity, but the teammates at Taylorsville High's Cross Country team have learned amazing life lessons from their time running long distance races.

"I have learned discipline and continuous hard work from running cross country. When I first started running, I was a sophomore and I was not really willing to practice every day. Eventually, I realized if I wanted to improve I needed to get determined and give it everything

I had, every day," Colby said.

Both Nguyen and Colby have a love and respect for their teammates. Their Coach, Guy Mackay, commented on the fact that the highlight of the cross country season was watching the students enjoy being around each other and how they treat each other with respect. Colby feels the community of cross country is based on the support they give each other even if they aren't on the same team.

"My teammates are the hardest working and most loving people I have ever met. I have teammates that always encourage me no matter how good or bad of a race I have. I wouldn't have been able to have such a great season without their support," Nguyen said.

Mackay was very pleased with how his team ran their cross country season.

"All of the runners improved tremendously through the season. Most of the kids cut anywhere from one minute all the way to five minutes off their times from the beginning of the season. They are all truly great individuals," he said.

Mackay was particularly impressed with Ryan Colby as he placed third in the region meet. "A race is as hard as you make it. Running at the State meet was very challenging, but also very rewarding. There is nothing like that feeling of accomplishment when you cross



Taylorsville High school's cross country team had a great season where teammates cheered each other on and became great friends. Photo Credit: Guy Mackay

that finish line," Colby said.

Along with running at the state meet, Nguyen was also voted to the Academic All-state team along with teammate Casey Rasmussen. The recipients for this award from the 5A classification had an average GPA of 4.0 and needed to be a part of the cross country team.

"It was exciting to receive an award with a group of people who are smart and talented. It's an extreme honor and blessing

to be able to represent Taylorsville with this award," Nguyen said. "You may feel scared and nervous before the race begins, but once the gun goes off, you will slowly start to adapt. Sometimes you encounter up hills and down-hills or feel like giving up, but no matter what challenges you face along the course, you need to have a determined mind, be positive, and stay strong. It has taught me to never ever give up until I have crossed the finish line." ✦

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## Warriors Football Team Captures Post-Season Awards

By Greg James

The lockers are closed, gym bags cleaned out and uniforms turned in for the Taylorsville High School football team. The games may be over, but the Warriors loaded their trophy case with post-season awards and have begun preparations for next year.

"I was a little disappointed in our season. I thought we had the talent, but some injuries on the offensive line hampered our production.



Warriors running back Kingston Limutau scored four touchdowns this season. Photo courtesy of Howard Manning

Imagine what kind of stats we could have had. We played well in most every game. We also had what I believe was the toughest schedules in the state," Warriors head coach Rod Wells said.

The change to Region 3 was difficult for the Warriors. Playing in what Wells called the most difficult region in the state proved to be overwhelming. Its final 3-7 record was good enough for fifth place in the region behind Bingham, Jordan, Brighton and West Jordan. They picked up wins over Copper Hills (44-3) and Cottonwood (38-7).

Region 3 head coaches passed out post-season awards on Nov. 11. Several Warriors were voted best in its region.

Freshman Dane Leituala's spectacular offensive output was not overlooked by his peers. He was awarded the region's most outstanding quarterback. His 1649 yard passing, 10 passing touchdowns, 1828 rushing yards and 18 rushing touchdowns were amongst the countries best.

"Dane definitely has a future in this game. He just barely turned 15. He does not even have peach fuzz. I expect him to grow and be a huge prospect," Wells said.

Ewan Tuinei was given the outstanding offensive lineman. On the opposite side of the ball Lyric Bartley and B.J. Tuimalatu were



Freshman quarterback Dane Leituala ran for 1828 yards for the Warriors this season. Photo courtesy of Howard Manning

voted outstanding defensive lineman. Bartley led Utah's 5A division in sacks this season with 13 1/2. Senior linebacker Ethan Leituala was awarded most outstanding at his position.

The Warriors junior defensive backs Tama Wilson and Eddie Ah-Mu were given most outstanding defensive back awards.

"I feel we were well represented in the Region 3 awards. These guys are superstars. I think Tama Wilson is one of the best corners in the state," Wells said.

Wilson earned the nickname "NC" this season, meaning no completions. He did not

allow one touchdown pass in his direction the entire season and it was three games into the season before anyone caught a pass against him.

Kingston Limutau and Dylan Apelu were voted members of Region 3's first team; Wade Utai and Saul Ramos second team; Josh Cox, Josh Sterzer, Darnel Apelu and T.J. Hazel were honorable mention.

"We have potential if we can keep the team in tact to be very good. We will only lose one offensive lineman. I think we now know what the level of competition is in this region," Wells said. ✦

## Preparations Have Been Made to Help Keep Wintry Roads Safe

By Rachel Hall

Winter storms have already entered the local area and that is why Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) showcased their equipment fleet in November – providing an opportunity for individuals to see the latest snow removal equipment that will be used throughout the winter season to help keep Utah's roads safe and plowed.

"It's something we do every year to just let people know that we are ready for the winter season, and to tell people what they need to do as well to make sure it is a safe season on our roads," John Gleason, UDOT public information officer, said.

It is not uncommon for motorists to be taken by surprise during the first few snow storms of the season, since many people have not been driving in snowy conditions for several months. The first storms are a good reminder of what lays on the horizon with mother nature and that Utah can expect to see significant snow fall each year, according to Gleason.

"Typically, we plan on about 20 - 25 statewide snowstorms every year. Our budget is usually around \$20 - \$23 million every year, and usually we anticipate each storm is going to be about a million dollars to handle," Gleason said.

Commuters should also use the start of

the winter season to prepare for potentially dangerous road conditions.

"You want to check your tires, your wiper blades, make sure that you have enough fluids in your vehicle – that you're carrying water and nonperishable food if you do happen to get stuck in a storm," Gleason said.

Most importantly, drivers should be aware of their speed while traveling on any Utah roads during wintry conditions.

*"The biggest thing that we would ask people to do is to check your UDOT traffic app."*

"No matter what the speed limit says, if you are traveling on the urban interstate here in the Salt Lake County area, there is 70 mph, but that's only when it's optimal conditions. When it's snowing, and even raining, you always want to drive for the weather conditions. Slow down, give yourself plenty of room between yourself and the vehicle in front of you, so that you give yourself enough room to break," Gleason said.

Conditions may appear normal, but because temperatures are so cold and there is a

lot of precipitation, there could be some icy areas that blend in with the road, and drivers don't know until they have hit it and it's too late. That's why drivers want to take those preparations beforehand and slow down, drive for the conditions and have plenty of room to break according to Gleason.

"The biggest thing that we would ask people to do is to check your UDOT traffic app. That will give you all of the road conditions, and let you know when we are doing avalanche control as well," he said.

On occasion, UDOT closes down the canyon and creates manmade avalanches targeted at spots that could become trouble, so that an avalanche doesn't come down on people later in the day.

"We are out there 24/7. We are always prepared so that if a storm hits in the middle of the day or middle of the night, we have drivers staffed. We actually rely quite heavily on our weather center. They predict when and where the storm is going to hit, so they can tell us what hour we need to have our crews ready to go. So if we have a major storm coming through, we will send our men and women home to rest beforehand. We will get the preparations in place and we will be ready to go, and then we will hit it continuously until we are seeing

black pavement," Gleason said.

Motorists who find themselves in trouble on the roadway due to poor weather conditions are in a vulnerable position and that's why Gleason suggests people drive their cars out of the situation and get off the freeway at the next exit – even for minor fender bender accidents.

"If you've hit a patch of ice and you've slid off road, there's a good chance that somebody else is going to hit that same patch of ice and slide right into you. You're really vulnerable if you are staying in place there," he said. "We've had so many crashes that turn out fatal and they were just minor fender benders because people get out of their vehicles. It's the natural reaction if you're in a crash."

Sometimes a car cannot be driven out of the situation that it is in, and that is when motorists should call for help and stay inside their vehicles.

"If you can't drive your car out of the situation, get off as far over as you can. Do whatever you can to get off the freeway, but stay in your vehicle with your seatbelt fastened," Gleason said.

For more information about road conditions and the UDOT app, visit [www.udot.utah.gov](http://www.udot.utah.gov) ✦



# Life & Laughter

## Have Yourself an Eco-friendly Christmas

By Peri Kinder

It turns out that some scientists think we're headed for a mass extinction. Merry Christmas!

I guess our greedy attitude about the world's resources is taking its toll on the oceans, rain forests, various ecosystems and the ability for celebrities to own a different fur coat for every day of the week. In order to reverse this Christmastrophe, we need to change our wasteful habits. I've put together some new holiday rules that might just save the planet. (You can thank me later.)

- Due to the inversion, chestnuts can no longer be roasted on an open fire. Chestnuts can instead be microwaved and then sprayed with a chemical-free Roasting Chestnut air freshener.
- In accordance with PETA guidelines, reindeer will not be allowed to fly for 24 hours without a bathroom or smoke break.
- Naughty children will no longer receive lumps of coal, but will instead be given a stocking full of organic Brussels sprouts. (Much worse than coal.)
- Colorful Christmas packages can only be wrapped in old newspaper, making them neither colorful nor timely.
- Thanks to global warming, dreaming of a white Christmas is no longer allowed.
- No Christmas trees can be displayed unless they're made from reclaimed barn wood.
- With the rapid rise in STDs, mistletoe can no longer be hung at office parties. (All other unacceptable behavior



Crime: Distributing gifts with toxin laced, unrecyclable wrapping paper.

has been canceled.)

- Christmas carolers can only go door-to-door with the proper permits and background checks.
- The phrase, "Let your heart be light" only applies if your heart is powered by solar panels.
- Because of the increasing number of people with diabetes, cookies for Santa are no longer allowed.
- No family can send out Christmas newsletters. (Not to save the planet. I just don't want to read them.)
- Due to the melting of the polar ice caps, Santa's workshop is being relocated to Canada.

While these changes are great, it's not just our harmful environmental attitudes that need a holiday makeover.

Unregulated capitalism in America has created a society of materialistic little buggers (i.e. teenagers) who are never

content. Cutting back on holiday extravagance could remind your family of the importance of the season. As Thoreau once said, "Simplify, simplify." (Although you'd think he could have said it once.)

You can tell your kids you're trying to save money or you can tell your kids that Putin has "annexed" the North Pole and put a sanction on gifts made in Kris Kringle's workshop. Whatever works.

Decorate your home with nature. Pinecones, dried leaves, artfully arranged twigs and fresh pine boughs (cut from your neighbor's tree) can add a beautiful touch to a mantel or centerpiece. I went in my backyard to find some nature but only discovered little piles of Christmas spirit left for me by my dog.

For Christmas dinner, whip up a delicious batch of grass fed, locally-grown, free range sweet potatoes. Forgo the annual ham or turkey and try a fresh holiday green salad. (Don't cook reindeer burgers, unless you want PETA to jump out from behind your couch and smack it out of your hand.) You could even give your guests a paper bag full of food scraps as a Start Your Own Compost Kit.

Then, on Christmas morning, while you're sitting with your family amidst piles of gifts made from recycled soda cans, old socks and discarded toilet paper rolls, you can bask in the warmth of an eco-friendly Christmas. Or, according to scientists, it might be the warmth of poisonous gases trapped in the earth's atmosphere. Happy holidays. ✦

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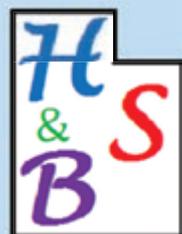
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## ARE BARGAIN HUNTERS TOO DANG CHEAP?

By Joani Taylor



While chatting the other day with a friend of mine, who owns a popular downtown Salt Lake restaurant, we got into a conversation about deals and coupons they offered through various advertising mediums. This restaurateur friend of mine has promoted many times through these marketing avenues, and I was picking his brain for insight on what works and what doesn't.

I mentioned that I had been reading on Yelp.com (a popular customer review website) a plethora of negative comments about various restaurants (including his) and how MANY of the negative reviewers start their review with "I had a coupon or deal voucher for this company and decided to give it a try." Then the reviewer would launch into a rant of negativity bashing the food or service provider.

As my friend and I further discussed this, he stated that sometimes bargain hunters are terrible customers and that "it is not uncommon for them to complain, under tip and even attempt to mis-use their certificates or coupons."

I'm finding this trend sad and disturbing! Most of these businesses are local to our economy. They employ our families, friends and neighbors. They support not only their families but the employees that count on it, too. When they discount their product, it's in the hopes of getting new and loyal customers. Then, in addition to having to pay the advertiser, they



*Be very quiet.... I'm hunting bargains....*

watch as we, the consumers, berate them publicly for future customers to see. SAY WHAT?!

I'm sad to say that many merchants I've spoken with view deal users as classless and cheap. I recently had the marketing director of a popular Utah location tell me they did not want coupon and deal users at their

place of business, leaving their, and I quote, "McDonalds bags and dirty diapers all over their lawn." OUCH! That hurt! After all, I rarely eat fast food and my kids are adults. Of course, one has nothing to do with the other. It was the stigma she attached to the bargain hunter that bothered me.

When I use a deal voucher or coupon, I take a much different approach. The first thing I do is to thank the manager or owner (if possible) for providing me with this great chance to try their services or product. Or, I will immediately let the waiter, cashier or other employee know that I have the deal voucher and then ask them to thank their boss on my behalf. I'm happy, kind and courteous and do my best to make the service employee have a better day. This small gesture of kindness will set the tone for your entire dining or shopping experience. It will make the merchant proud and glad they offered YOU this discount.

This holiday season, I hope you'll join me in saying thanks to the merchants from whom you have received special savings. Leave comments on their Facebook pages, tip extra, make a

purchase without a coupon even if there is one, or simply smile and show gratitude to our small local Utah businesses for giving us a discount on their products and services that we might not have discovered otherwise. If you do go back to the business, let them know you found them through a coupon or deal, and you are so glad you did. ✦

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If you are in the market for a new, high-quality Apple product, check out Mac Warehouse's new retail location at 9235 S Village Shop Drive in Sandy, in front of Lowes and Walmart in the Quarry Bend Shopping Center, but leave your guilty conscience at home. This is something to get excited about. ✦

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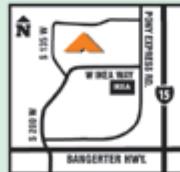
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