

Cache County to start digital TV broadcasts

By Charles Geraci
staff writer

Sometime in the next few weeks, Cache County will begin providing residents with a digital television signal for four channels.

Those with older TVs that do not have digital tuners will still be able to access the analog signals, except for KUEN, which will be discontinued. The change will result in an even higher quality broadcast for those who have high definition televisions.

Channels 2 (KUTV - CBS), 4 (KTVX - ABC), 5 (KSL - NBC) and 9 (KUEN) will be offered in digital format by the county, which will pay approximately \$2,000 for the project.

"The high definition signals will be available over the air for free, and it's even a better quality than they would get from their cable," said Earl Rouse, owner of The Valley Channel.

County Executive Lynn Lemon said the county has received a number of requests from residents to make digital TV available.

"We'll be able to satisfy both those that want it in analog and those that want it in digital for these channels," Lemon said.

Rouse noted that networks are required by the U.S. Congress to provide a digital signal and turn off those that are analog by February 2009. He said the county is prudent to move ahead early.

"Nationally, Congress is anticipating a very difficult transition," Rouse said.

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Quick read



Go to The Herald Journal Web site, www.hjnews.com, to cast your vote on today's survey question. See Tuesday's newspaper for results and a new question.

Important note: This is not a scientific survey. Results simply reflect the opinions of some of the people visiting the newspaper's Web page.

Today's question
Is Cache Valley better off with more people, fewer people or the current amount of people?

- 1) More
- 2) Fewer
- 3) Current

Tuesday's survey results
Have you ever changed your hair color?

Answers	Number	Percent
1) Yes	234	66.3
2) No	119	33.7

Total Responses: 353

Quick read



Highlights from 150 years at the Cache County Sheriff's Office

On April 19, 1946, Deputy Sheriff Wesley Malmberg and Tom Rowley investigated a motorcycle accident in Logan Canyon near the mouth of Logan Cave. The young motorcycle driver and his female companion skidded out of control while rounding a sharp curve and slid into a pile of rocks. Robert Boudreau was taken to the hospital and treated for some head cuts and shock while Dorothy Madden was released to her home with only minor cuts on her hand and arm. Later that night and early the next morning, Logan City police caught four young men, 15 and 16 years of age, who had perpetrated six robberies of four different stores and stolen goods worth \$2,500. The young burglars' cache included a portable typewriter, a car battery, candy, gum, tents, sleeping bags, six rifles, and two shotguns.

— Provided by the Cache County Sheriff's Office

Smithfield OKs Park Place project

By Emilie H. Wheeler
staff writer

SMITHFIELD — After more than 18 months of ricocheting between various city entities and 1st District Court, a west-of-Main subdivision got a green light Wednesday to start construction.

The City Council gave a 3-0 final approval for Park Place subdivision's 47-lot first phase, even though a local dairy farmer's appeal of the property's rezone is still in the court system.

Developer Kevin Allen of Compass Point Homes said he plans to start working on the land the week of July 9.

"We're very pleased that it was finally approved," he said. "We've been patient throughout the whole thing, knowing that the city was dealing with different issues with the lawsuit and with the amount of interest that was expressed in the project."

The project was originally brought to the city in December 2005, with Neighborhood Nonprofit Housing

Corporation teaming with Compass Point Homes for the 88-lot development.

In early 2006, the subdivision hit a roadblock when the land's residential rezone was challenged in court by nearby neighbor Jeffrey Gittins, who questioned the legality of how the votes were conducted.

A 1st District Court judge did not find in favor of Gittins, but the lawsuit remains to be heard in the Utah Court of Appeals.

Since then, the mutual self-help housing organization pulled out of

the subdivision, but Compass Point Homes still plans on developing the area.

A smaller-than-usual city council — made up of councilmembers Brent Butters, Deon Hunsaker and Dennis Watkins — made the decision Wednesday after that same body delayed the decision earlier this month, questioning a need for secondary irrigation. City officials said after obtaining a legal opinion that if all requirements in the city code

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Environmentally friendly weed wacker?

Ptobias Takis weeds his family's garden Wednesday morning in Nibley.

Eli Lucero/Herald Journal

N. Utah group of educators awarded \$1M teaching grant

By Emilie H. Wheeler
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The U.S. Department of Education again awarded a Northern Utah partnership of educators a \$1 million grant to improve the teaching of American history in schools.

Called PATHS, for Professional Academy for Teaching History in Schools, the program has previously included both the Logan and Cache school districts, the American West Heritage Center, InTech Collegiate High School, Spectrum Consulting and Utah State University.

Although the Logan City School District is listed as the primary recipient of the \$999,947 grant, the partnership group has been expanded this year to include additional school districts in the Northern Utah region, American West Heritage Center Director Steve DeLong said.

The Heritage Center acts as a partner providing facilities for the summer workshops. It's something DeLong is happy to take part in.

"(The grant) provides a resource to area teachers to further their knowledge of American history and, essentially, the possible application of that knowledge in the classroom," he said.

Another change this year includes an emphasis adjustment to focus more on elementary teachers.

In total, 122 grants were awarded to

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Study indicates Utah leaves large 'ecological footprint'

By Kim Burgess
staff writer

A Utah organization has reported the state is consuming more natural resources than nature can regenerate.

Utah Vital Signs, a project of the Utah Population and Environment Coalition, measured Utah's contribution to the world's "ecological footprint," which tracks how much land is needed to sustain a population's use of food, housing, energy, goods and services.

Utah is the first state in the nation to

examine its ecological footprint. The results were cause for concern, according to project director Sandra McLartyre.

"We are drawing down on nature's capital; we are no longer living off nature's interest," she said.

The nine-month study found that in 2003, Utahns were using 9.9 global hectares per person, while Utah's lands were providing 8.9 global hectares per person. A global hectare is a measure of the land's bioproductivity standardized across the world's

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Idaho Days celebrates area's rich pioneer roots

By David Baker
staff writer

It's Idaho Days, and evidence of the yearly celebration is on Little Mountain.

The "1860" on Little Mountain was lit up and the cannon sounded Wednesday and Thursday night, letting everyone know the festivities were starting.

In its 97th year, the celebration, which runs through Saturday, is drenched in history

and tradition. And that's the way Franklin residents like it.

"(Franklin) has such strong pioneer roots," Tracy Carpenter, co-chair for Idaho Days, said. "I've never been in a community that's so connected to its history."

The very purpose of the event is to celebrate the history of Franklin — one residents are extremely proud of, Carpenter said.

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My two cents worth/Cache Valley views on topics of the day

Question: What do you think about Logan's announcement that officials will start ticketing and booting cars parked in the city's park strips next year?

By Tyler Riggs
staff writer

Logan officials announced this week that starting next May, the city will start enforcing a law which requires park strips — the area between sidewalks and city roads — to be kept clear of vehicles.

The move is being made, Mayor Randy Watts says, as part of the city's efforts to "reclaim inner Logan." It's a law that has been on the books for years, but through efforts of ticketing and booting, will be strictly enforced for the first time.

The Herald Journal asked people in downtown Logan what their opinions were of the announcement that the city would be stepping up efforts to keep park strips clear of cars.



Pat Pehrson
Logan

"Fine! I think it should have been done a long time ago."



Floyd Veibell
Comish

"Well that's going to put a crunch on a whole lot of people. It's going to be inconvenient for the public."



KayeLane Draper
Logan

"There's not enough parking in Logan."



Marianne Christian
Logan

"I am a biker. It's not right for sidewalks to be blocked (by cars). Absolutely that should be enforced."



Piper Christian
Logan

"When kids are riding on the sidewalk it makes a hazard for them because they have to go around the cars ..."

Obituaries

Sarahane Mather

Sarahane Mather, 33, passed away peacefully at home in Lehi, Utah, on June 26, 2007, after a short illness.

She was born May 16, 1974, in Provo, Utah, the fifth child of the late Garth H. Mather and Sharee Mather.

Sarahane had many challenges because of her mental and physical handicaps, but all who had the privilege to know and serve her grew to love her grand spirit. Sarahane attended the Dan Peterson School in American Fork, Utah. She graduated from there at the age of 23, in 1996. She loved going to school, and loved the bus ride to and from it.

Sarahane lived with her mother and step-father, and her many brothers and sisters until three years ago. Each of her parents, siblings and step-siblings had the opportunity to be by her side and learn of her greatness as they served and cared for her.

She has lived at the West Jordan Care Center for the past three years. Her caretakers and co-residents there will long remember her. Sarahane's family wishes to extend deep thanks for the love and kindness given to her during that time.

Sarahane is survived by her mother, Sharee M. Johnson; step-father, Neil K. Johnson; siblings, Darrell (Heidi), Jason (Kim), Ryan (Heather), Genevieve Smith (Clay), David (Colleen), Cheryl Southern (David), Shaun (Maren), Rachel Child (Daniel), Andrea and Evelyn; step-siblings, Kelly Johnson (Christy), Kris Anne Johnson Gottfredson (Ryan), Marty Johnson (Emily) and Greg Johnson; 14 nephews and 11 nieces; and her grandfather, Conrad H. Mather.

She was preceded in death by her father, Garth H. Mather, in 1986; grandmother, Erma Mather; and grandparents, Evelyn and Lenard Johnson.

Funeral services for Sarahane will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, June 30, 2007, in the Lehi 34th Ward chapel, 1515 E. 900 North, Lehi, Utah. Family and friends may attend a viewing at the church from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Saturday prior to services. Interment will be at 3:30 p.m. at the Smithfield (Cache Valley) Cemetery. Funeral director is Warenski Funeral Home of American Fork, Utah.

Sherman Lawrence Oyler

Sherman Lawrence Oyler, 90, passed away peacefully Tuesday, June 26, 2007, in the Logan Rehabilitation and Nursing Center.

Sherm was born Sept. 20, 1916, in East Garland, Utah, to Joseph and Fanny Mabel Capener Oyler. He attended Bear River High School in Garland, graduating in 1935. He then attended Utah State University.

Sherman married Lenna Shaffer on Sept. 1, 1938, in the Salt Lake LDS Temple. They were blessed with six children, Jack (Dee) Oyler of Filer, Idaho, Dick (Reta) Oyler of Boise, Idaho, Nan (J.D.) Hawkes of St. Anthony, Idaho, Ted (Diana) Oyler of Tremonton, Utah, Jane (Ray) Nielsen of Logan, Utah, and Joe (Barbara) Oyler of Providence, Utah. He is a grandpa to 30 grandchildren and 72 great-grandchildren.

After the passing of Sherm's wife, Lenna, in 1970, he married Norma Sorensen Gies in 1971. Norma's children are Dennis (Marilyn) Gies of Rupert, Idaho, and Brenda (Dennis)

Thomas of Malad, Idaho

Sherm was an active member of the LDS Church and held several positions in his ward. He made a livelihood by mining with his father, farming and carpentry. He built many churches, buildings on USU's campus and a cabin for his family to enjoy. Pheasant hunting was one of Sherm's favorite ways to spend time with his sons and grandsons.

In retirement, Sherm spent many hours working in his shop where he made clocks, key holders, wind chimes and windmills. He loved to make things then give them away to his friends and family. He also enjoyed golfing and tended an immaculate garden.

Sherm is survived by his wife, Norma; five of his six children; and his sisters, Lucille Shaffer, Rhoda Welling, Verna Hyde, and Lois Archibald. He is preceded in death by his wife, Lenna; his youngest son, Joe Oyler; his parents; and his brother, Howard Oyler.

A viewing will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, June 29, 2007, at Rogers & Taylor Funeral Home, 111 N. 100 East, Tremonton. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, June 30, at the Fielding State Center, 4375 W. 15600 North, Fielding. A viewing will precede the funeral services from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Saturday.

Interment will be in the East Garland Cemetery. On-line condolences may be expressed at www.rogersandtaylor.com.

Alice E. Anderson Dicks

Alice Anderson Dicks, 73, died June 26, 2007, in Logan, Utah, following a lingering illness.

She was born Feb. 21, 1934, in Logan, Utah, to Cyrus and Violet Anderson.

She married Winston Pitcher on June 6, 1951. From this union they had two children, Johnny and Jan. They were later divorced. She then married Paul Dicks on Oct. 5, 1979. They were later divorced.

Alice was a talented seamstress and used this skill to bless her family and others. She enjoyed water-skiing in her younger days and playing golf later in life.

Her favorite place to play was Sherwood Hills, although she did not shy away from the challenge of a course like Logan River. Alice was a very caring and giving person. She faced a multitude of mental and physical health challenges throughout her life, but fought to overcome them to the end. She was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

She is survived by her two children, Johnny of Logan and Jan (Steve) Sara of South Jordan; five grandchildren, Sadie, Emily, Daniel, Brandon and Jason; two brothers, Farrell Anderson and Arlyn Anderson; and one sister, Ivaloo Sorensen. Alice was preceded in death by her parents; her step-mother, Hazel Anderson; and her brother, Russell Anderson.

The family expresses their heartfelt thanks to the wonderful staff at Sunshine Terrace and Intermountain Hospice. A special thanks to Dr. Nordell Brown for many years of compassionate care.

Funeral services will be held at noon Saturday, June 30, 2007, at the Allen-Hall Mortuary, 34 E. Center Street in Logan, Utah. Friends may call from 11 to 11:45 a.m. prior to the service. Interment will be at the Logan Cemetery following the service. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.allenmortuaries.net.

Clive Scott Chisolm

Clive A. "Scott" Chisolm died June 16, 2007, of complications due to a stroke. The Memorial Mass will be held at 9 a.m. Saturday, June 30, at St. Thomas Aquinas in Hyde Park, Utah. Father Clarence Sandoval will officiate.

Roots

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On April 14, 1860, pioneers settled Franklin, making it the oldest permanent settlement in Idaho. But it wouldn't be until June 1910 that the first Idaho Day celebration took place.

According to the city's Web site, James H. Brady, governor of Idaho, and Joseph F. Smith, president of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, were featured speakers at the first celebration.

Over the next 97 years, Idaho Days has changed slightly — in 1958, the date was moved from the middle of June to the last Saturday of the month — but much of the celebration has stayed the same.

Many of the events from the original Idaho Days became tradition and are observed every year. According to its Web site, these include a flag raising, cannon sounding and games.

Carpenter said it's also a tradition to recognize the Indian tribes that lived in and around Franklin, because residents are proud of the cooperation with the Indians in the settlement's early years.

A look at the 2007 Idaho Days agenda proves these traditions are still alive and well. There will be a softball tournament, 3-on-3 basketball tournament, Miss Idaho Days Pageant, dances, dinner and a concert. The events and food are priced at or under \$5, so it's affordable for families, Carpenter said.

Another tradition that's carried on is the importance of the celebration to the residents of Franklin. Carpenter said people who have moved away from Franklin still come back for the celebration to be with family and take part in the festivities.

Along with a connection to Idaho Days, Carpenter said most natives can point to an ancestor in the original 13 wagons that settled Franklin almost 150 years ago.

For a schedule of Idaho Days events, go to www.franklinidaho.org.

Idaho Lottery

Thursday Pick 3: 8-6-2
Wednesday Powerball: 9-11-13-24-43 (18)
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King of Spades

On the Net: www.idaholottery.com
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far sold more than 300 million copies around the world since the first book was published in 1997.

That has made Rowling a multimillionaire — with a net worth of around \$45 million pounds (\$1.09 billion), according to The Sunday Times annual rich list, in contrast to the 320 million pound (\$639 million) net worth of Queen Elizabeth II — and underpinning Bloomsbury's profit for several years.

Newton indicated Thursday that the company planned to

string those earnings out for as long as possible.

It will launch the boxed-editions of the complete series of all seven Harry Potter books on Oct. 1 and the paperback edition of "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows" in 2008.

The publisher also plans to continue to launch editions to coincide with the film releases, the fifth of which — "Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix," — is also scheduled for July.

However, the company has also acknowledged it needs to look beyond Potter. Its shares dropped almost 40 percent in the final months of last year after the absence of a new title on the wizard severely cramped its profit.

After last year's unexpected drop in sales, Newton said Bloomsbury would not be giving profit guidance for this year. He added that the publishing market continues to be "difficult" and "unpredictable," but the Harry Potter export pre-orders and a number of British best-sellers such as Khaled Hosseini's "A Thousand Splendid Suns" had helped.

Beyond Potter, Newton said that the company is making progress on a development strategy to leverage its international business, expand its U.S. operations and publish more best-sellers.

The Harry Potter books are published in the United States by Scholastic Corp.

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entices in 40 states, amounting to \$116 million. The funds come from a discretionary grant program under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act.

Ogden City and Weber school districts each received grants as well. Educators in Cache Valley have traditionally been

able to take advantage of the grant through, in part, a series of workshops held over the summer at the Wellsville historical center. The money is also used in ongoing programs throughout the school year to help support teachers in implementing American history curriculum into their classrooms.

The \$1 million grant can be spread out over a three-year time period, as previous PATHS grants have been used. Between 40 and 50

teachers have historically participated in each of the two weeklong workshops. Summer 2007's PATHS workshops completed earlier this month, DeLong said.

Last year, Cache County School District Associate Superintendent Blake Pickett said PATHS was so popular organizers had to turn down some teachers who wanted to participate.

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Digital

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Those without digital tuners will not have television access when stations around the country discontinue analog signals.

"The general public that

doesn't understand any of this stuff will wake up in the morning, turn on their TV and there will be nothing there," Rouse said. "They scream bloody murder. I want my MTV." People feel like television is their God-given right. For the county to jump ahead is wise so that they can do a little bit at a time so that you don't just have an overnight blackout."

Lemon said the county is not subsidizing entertainment TV.

"We're not providing the channels where you get movies all the time," Lemon said. "We're providing the general local stations. A lot of people depend on television now for their local information."

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Footprint

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productive lands. The 9.9 global hectares equal approximately 20 football fields without the end zones.

As a result of this "ecological overshoot," or difference between what the Earth provides and what humans consume, Utah has an ecological deficit of about 2.4 million global hectares per year. Utahns are demanding 11% more than the state's land can provide on a renewable basis.

In 1990, the state still had a surplus of resources, McIntyre said. But in the intervening years, many people moved to Utah and the current population began consuming more per capita. These changes caused the "ecological overshoot."

A particular concern is high energy use.

"Energy is the fastest growing component," McIntyre explained. "It has increased nine-fold over the last 40 years. Utahns tend to be high consumers of transportation. We drive a lot and fly a lot."

Another issue is the conversion of land from agricultural use to commercial and real estate property. This change reduces the state's ability to

support its people. Land use is an important topic in Cache Valley, where the population is expected to double in 25 years, according to Utah State University environment and society professor Richard Toth.

Toth was not formally involved in the Utah Vital Signs project, but completed a similar study two years ago titled Cache Valley 2030. His research focused on Cache Valley and looked at many of the same criteria as Utah Vital Signs, but also included more complex assessments like quality of life.

According to Toth, the study's purpose was "to look at long-term growth issues." In summarizing his findings, Toth said, "There is more than enough area in this valley to grow reasonably and in a manner that benefits public health, welfare and safety. There are ways to grow. We have to decide what is important and whether we can develop and build around those critical things."

However, Toth feels that Cache Valley can't keep conducting "business as usual" if it wants to grow sensibly.

"We're allowing good agricultural land to be paved over forever," he said. "Who

is going to demolish houses to create agricultural land?"

To combat the problem, Toth recommends higher density housing. If more people live in Cache Valley's developed areas, less land will be needed for homes. Currently, the average Cache County yard is a half acre. Toth would like to see homes on quarter-acre lots.

Water use and air quality should also be closely monitored, he said. Studies like the Utah Vital Signs project can help with this monitoring. Toth believes.

"It's a guide," he said of the report. "It gives a sense of how consumptive we are on a per capita basis as a society compared to other societies. It can show where you are being wasteful and very consumptive and greedy. There is nothing east in stone about who we are as a society. It's being evaluated all the time and I think the ecological footprint is a good way to approach the consumption of resources."

Copies of Toth's study are available at www.cachevalley2030.info; the Utah Vital Signs report can be found at www.utahpop.org.

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After three decades of false promises that a cure for cancer is "just around the corner" many patients are turning to alternative, holistic therapies that view cancer as a state of disease within the body, a breakdown of the body's chemistry, integrity, resistance and organization. The goal of these therapies, instead of measuring success only in terms of tumor reduction, is to restore the body to strength, organization and balance. The holistic approach concentrates on host resistance and biological repair, the same mechanisms that heal cuts, infections and broken bones. If you have cancer, it is essential that you have a healthy spinal column whether you are under medical, alternative care or both. Studies have shown that chiropractic has a "boosting" effect on the immune system. With less spinal stress, your body is better able maintain its internal environment. The ASTLE CHIROPRACTIC CLINIC has been serving Cache Valley for 52 years. New patients are always welcome and on the site massage therapy available.

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