

THIS WEEK

in Wasatch County

Lanes Restricted in Daniels Canyon this Summer

U.S. 40 in Daniels Canyon - June 17 - September 21. U.S. Highway 40 will be restricted to one lane from mileposts 27 and 33 (entrance to Clegg Canyon to Lodgepole campground) for paving operations. Restrictions will be in effect 24 hours a day. Construction crews will be working at various locations within the project area.

Signs will be posted; pilot cars and flaggers will be used to guide motorists through the construction area. Motorists should expect moderate travel delays on the weekdays and heavier delays during the weekends.

UDOT encourages motorists to use caution and travel at the posted speed limits while driving through work zones. Schedules are subject to change due to inclement weather, equipment problems or emergency situations.

Wasatch EMS Report



SUBMITTED BY DOUG MURDOCK, MD
Medical Director - Wasatch County EMS

EMT Joe Anderson is going to Retire! After 19 years of dedicated service to Wasatch County



Joe Anderson

Joe has elected to take a hiatus from medical services. Joe has served this County well - providing thousands of hours of patient care, call time and meeting attendance. His participation in hundreds of local events where ambulances have been needed are countless. He has served in positions of patient liaison, as a teacher for many classes, and has been taking care of stocking and ordering medications for several years. He built the cabinets we now use for equipment and build the cabinets and shelves for the disaster trailer. He has been a great friend to all the EMTs. He has been a patient advocate to hundreds (if not thousands) of patients, treating everyone with great respect. Joe's wife, Dorcus, has been a key part of his EMS services as well. She has watched Joe leave home during family parties, during church, in the middle of dinner and in the middle of the night - yet always has been a support to him. We wish Joe and Dorcus a

wonderful life in Idaho. I can say from my heart that I will truly miss them. Thanks Joe - from all of your friends in Wasatch County.

- This past week's runs:
- 29 year old - multiple injuries - car crash
 - 77 year old - heart problems - transfer to LDS Hospital
 - 42 year old - multiple injuries - car crash
 - 16 year old - chest pain
 - 64 year old - feeling of impending doom
 - 75 year old - unresponsive
 - 26 year old - overdose
 - 93 year old - back injury after fall
 - 63 year old - lung problems - transfer to the U of U
 - 40 year old - car crash - no injuries and no transport
 - 25 year old - back injury - car crash - refused transport
 - 10 year old - pelvis injury from car crash
 - 19 year old - car crash - no injuries
 - 57 year old - car crash - no injuries
 - 48 year old - chest pain
 - 53 year old - ground level fall
 - 53 year old - fractured leg
 - 8 month old - passed out
 - 43 year old - heart problems
 - 46 year old - dump truck rollover
 - 85 year old - hip injury after fall
 - 12 year old - abdominal pain
 - 14 year old - multiple injuries - long boarding crash
 - 17 year old - passed out

Community Foundation Donation



From left to right, Colleen Bonner, Jay Price, Kimberly Beck, Steve Farrell Shauna Van Wagoner, Paul Kennard, Jonelle Fitzgerald

Shauna Van Wagoner, Chairperson of the Health Committee of the Wasatch Community Foundation, presents a check for \$11,000 to Kimberly Beck of Utah Valley State College. These funds were donated by Wasatch County and Midway City, to help establish a nursing program at the Wasatch Campus of UVSC.

The Health Committee of the Wasatch Community Foundation is dedicated to improving health care in Wasatch County through education and awareness programs.

Funding

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proposed to the public with the same money that we asked for when prices have risen so dramatically," said Shoemaker.

"There are three options that are available to us:

- "1. Cancel the project.
- "2. Value Engineer the project
- "3. Reduce the Scope of the project.

"The option to cancel the project is not one that we would even consider for a number of reasons," said Superintendent Shoemaker. "We need the new building. We have invested millions of dollars in the project already. And, more importantly, we feel that by combining value engineering and by reducing the scope of the project, we will be able to complete the project."

"Neither of these methods of cost reduction will lessen the quality of the school," said Bradshaw. "While there are some areas of the school that are being altered, none of the programs in the school are being changed. We are still building a very nice, functional high school that meets the needs of today's and tomorrow's students."

Workforce Survey Results Released

HEBER CITY - Results of a survey released this week reports that nearly 2,000 county residents who hold jobs outside of Wasatch County say they'd consider taking a job here if one became available. The survey, titled, "Commuting Workforce Survey," was commissioned by Wasatch Economic Development (WED).

In February 2007, Wasatch Economic Development contracted with The Pathfinders, of Dallas, Texas to complete a survey of Wasatch County's commuting workforce. Nearly 50 percent of the cost for the workforce study was paid for through grants from EDCUtah and Rocky Mountain Power.

The survey found that approximately 1,900 commuters would consider taking a job in Wasatch County if one became available. On the flip side, the survey also found that 30 percent of local employers hire more than 10 percent of their workers from outside the county. In addition, The Pathfinders survey asked local employers to rate local workers on a number of factors including productivity, reliability, attitudes, reading/writing/calculations competency, teamwork skills, and availability of skilled/unskilled/technical/pr

ofessional workers.

Diane Smith, of The Pathfinders, said she was impressed with the quality of the Wasatch County workforce. The Pathfinders has completed several hundred similar surveys all over the county and in each study they compare worker attributes against the highest score and median score from around the country. According to Smith, Wasatch County workers set the new national high score for excellent ratings in the following categories: worker attitudes, reading competency, writing competency, calculation competency, and teamwork skills. In addition, local employers rated 95 percent of their Wasatch County workers as good to excellent in reliability, attitudes, and teamwork skills and 89 percent of their Wasatch County workers as good to excellent in productivity, and reading competency.

Wasatch County commuters on average drive 31 miles one

way to work that takes an average of 36 minutes each way. Spending over an hour each day commuting makes it virtually impossible for most commuters to participate in their children's daytime school activities.

The average time commuting equals the equivalent of 36 workdays per year. The result is a substantial decrease in the quality of life for commuters. Most commuters report that they moved to Wasatch County for the quality of life. They are glad that their family is able to enjoy the valley but they, themselves, become weekend residents only.

The survey indicates that the median wage for commuters is \$20.30/hour. However, the actual wages reported ran the gamut from less than \$7.99/hour to over \$36/hour. Ten percent of commuters (190 workers) are currently earning a wage of \$11.75/hour or less and the same 10 percent desire a wage of \$12.99/hour or less.

Paul Kennard, director of Wasatch Economic Development, said, "It should be noted that the survey focused on heads of household and did not include our high school and college age workers."

The survey reports that the primary reason identified by commuters for working outside the county is the lack of jobs in Wasatch County. On the other hand, the number one challenge identified by local employers surveyed is the lack of availability of professional, skilled, and technical workers. These employers are filling some of these higher end positions with people from outside the valley which could be going to local commuters.

Wasatch Economic Development will use the information obtained from this survey to help companies find current commuters to fill open positions and to recruit and grow businesses that need the skills and experience identified in our commuter workforce.

For additional information on the Commuting Workforce Survey, please contact Paul Kennard at (435) 671-6690. To view the full survey results go to www.hebervalleycc.org/economicdevelopment.

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Also, if Bingelli is currently operating its business under a Conditional Use Permit issued by the County, then any material expansion of Bingelli's business financed by the Bond issuance may be a violation of County zoning and land-use ordinances.

A very important question must be answered: What would happen if Bingelli were to default on the Bonds? Salt Lake City cautioned when issuing similar bonds: "based on experience of other jurisdictions, Salt Lake City may need to defend itself in case of default." (<http://snipr.com/1nd6z>)

And why aren't these Bonds issued in a pool so that any Wasatch County business, or business trying to move into Wasatch County, could apply for a portion of the Bond issuance if they fulfill the requirements of the Act and comply with other criteria that would be established by the County? Why can't Bingelli borrow from a bank, like the large majority of our local businesses do? What are the interest rate and other terms under which Bingelli would be borrowing the \$3 million under the Bonds? These questions, and others, should be thoroughly discussed and answered before the County should even consider issuing these Bonds.

We are not against Bingelli's operation of its business in its current form, but this particular Bond issuance has the appearance of favoritism, and it does not comply with the spirit or letter of the Act. What would be the benefit to the county taxpayers? Please let your County Council know how you feel.

Dr. Kelly Jarvis,
Eric Bunker,
Lambert Deegan,
Mike Duggin,
Gary Walton
Wasatch County

Thanks

Editor: The Wasatch Safe Kids Coalition would like to thank the businesses and individuals that supported our annual Safe Kids Health & Safety Fair. The start of the summer season is known by emergency personnel as 'trauma season', since preventable accidental deaths and serious injuries to children increase dramatically. Part of the mission of Safe Kids Coalition is to educate and help prevent these accidents. The Wasatch County Safe Kids Coalition is a network of local businesses that support Safe Kids Worldwide in their global mission to prevent accidental

injuries. We express gratitude to the following businesses and individuals for their generous support with this year's health fair.

Children's Justice Center, Dr. Chad Daniels - Wasatch Hearing and Balance, Dr. Dave Larsen - Summit Pediatrics, Dr. John Ackerson - Ackerson Eyecare, Heber & Light and Power, Heber City Police Department, Heber Valley Counseling, Heber Valley Medical Center, Kiwanis Club Labrum Chevrolet, LifeFlight, RadKids, Safe Kids Utah, State Farm / Bonita Vanderkooi, SelectHealth, The Blueberry Foundation, Utah Highway Patrol, Utah Poison Control, Utah State University Extension, Wasatch Community Foundation, Wasatch County Emergency Medical Services, Wasatch County Fire Department, Wasatch County Health Department, Wasatch County Search & Rescue, Wasatch County Sheriff's Department and The Wasatch Wave.

Amber Peterson,
Wasatch County Health Dept.
Amy Tuddenham,
Heber Valley Medical Center
Jeremy Hales,
Wasatch County Sheriff's Office
Jim Moore,
Heber City Police Dept.
Jonelle Fitzgerald,
Wasatch County Health Dept.
Launa Nielson,
Wasatch County EMS

Bonds

Editor: I would like to personally thank Karen Call for all of the time and effort she has donated to bring some fun and entertainment into our community.

She is teaching free adult tap dancing lessons at the Midway Town Hall every Tuesday from 2 p.m. until 3 p.m. and has started free square dancing lessons every Friday night from 7 p.m. until 10 p.m. at the Wasatch County Parks and Recreation building at 90 North 100 West in Heber.

You do not need to bring a partner, everyone has a chance to participate.

She is already receiving requests to have her group perform at some of our upcoming Valley events.

Come on out for some fun. If you would like to learn more about her classes, you can call Karen at 657-2551 or just show up as she is very delightful to work with.

Way to go Karen - Keep up the good work! You're great!

Vern Fillmore
Wasatch County

Kiwanis Donates to Wasatch PTA



The Wasatch District PTA was given a check by the KIWANIS KONSESSIONS for volunteering during last week's High School Rodeo. (L TO R) Incoming Kiwanis Treasurer Kevin Stocking, incoming Kiwanis President Rayleen Barnes, Wasatch PTA President Debbie Jones, outgoing Kiwanis President Richard Boulter. The Kiwanis Club has more events scheduled throughout the year and welcomes anyone to become a member of The Kiwanis Club of Heber Valley who will use the proceeds for local children's causes. In May, The Kiwanis Club awarded \$1,000 scholarships to 6 graduating KEY CLUB seniors, which was one of the main goals this year. To join Kiwanis, or for more info, please call Rayleen at 654-3821. We look forward to hearing from you!