

Z-Arts

The first annual “Canyon’s Got Talent” show was held in Rockville on March 5. It was a great event, with five children and ten adults participating. This is expected to be an annual event, and I’d like to encourage the Council to support it again next year.

Dixie Transportation Executive Committee

The State of Utah and UDOT will fund an exit in St. George between St. George Boulevard and Bluff Street; the federal funding has been pulled. This will provide an additional connection between the east and west sides of St. George.

Washco Business & Innovation Coordination meeting

I attended this monthly luncheon for the first time. The group is focused on economic development in Washington County and supports businesses, especially start up businesses. This group is a great resource for entrepreneurial people who want help with marketing, hiring, obtaining government contracts, and competitive intelligence. I’m not sure how to get the word out to our local businesses, so let me know if you have ideas.

Switchpoint / Washington County meeting

The County Commissioners called all of the mayors in the county to attend a meeting to talk about funding for Switchpoint. Right now, St. George funds the gap between their income and their expenses. The Commissioners would like municipalities in Washington County to contribute toward the homeless problem. They would like an annual contribution of \$5,000 from Springdale/Rockville/Virgin.

FYI, the State of Utah withholds a small portion of sales tax generated in all communities and puts the money into a Homelessness Mitigation Fund. Therefore, we are contributing to the homelessness effort now. I’m trying to find out the amount, but less than 1 percent of people helped by Switchpoint come from this area.