



## Thanks to our awesome Comcast Cares Day volunteers!

City officials and staff would like to extend a big thank you to the many volunteers who participated in this year's Comcast Cares Day event on April 25! About 1,100 volunteers came together and spent the morning helping with a community-wide cleanup. We appreciate the opportunity to partner with Comcast, who will in turn make a cash donation to nonprofits based on the number of volunteers who took part in this annual day of service.

Thanks to many helping hands, the following projects are now complete:

- 105 trees planted in six different parks
- 310 yards of mulch spread
- 14 tons of playground sand spread
- 70 yards of playground soft fall chips spread
- graffiti removed
- several dumpsters filled with trash hauled away
- Fence slats installed, windows cleaned, weeds pulled and flowers planted at Copper Hills High



### MAYOR'S MESSAGE



## Overcoming Adversity to Reach Our Full Potential

I realize there has been a lot of media coverage about our City as of recent. There are a lot of things happening right now and a lot of questions being raised.

In the midst of all of this, I want to make one thing perfectly clear: I take my responsibility as your Mayor very seriously. Whenever I make a decision or take action of any kind, it is always based on my consideration for the City and its residents, not upon my own interests.

It is difficult to have your actions questioned in the media and be unable to address those questions head on. Because of the legal issues involved, that is my current predicament. Rest assured that the facts will come out eventually and the truth will prevail.

In the meantime, I will continue to work toward the best interests of West Jordan and its residents. Since being given the privilege of becoming your Mayor, I have seen some amazing things happen in our city. Here is a recap of some of the highlights:

- We established a six-month moratorium on multi-family housing while we work on a cap and grade system. This will allow us to control the ratio and quality of multi-family high-density housing that is built in our city.
- We appropriated surplus funds for the Calsense central irrigation system. This automated parks watering system will reduce water usage and labor costs.
- We approved bonds for \$6 million to upgrade our existing parks and change our streetlights to LED. This was done with no tax increase. The new streetlights will save the city thousands of dollars every year.
- We negotiated the acquisition of the old library. This building is currently being used by the Arts Council until a new facility can be built. This was all done without cost to West Jordan taxpayers.
- We brought greatly needed funds to our Fleet Department to upgrade the antiquated Fleet, Police, Fire and Public Works vehicles. Again, this was done without raising taxes.
- We made a jurisdictional transfer of 9000 South and 7800 South to UDOT. This relieves West Jordan taxpayers of the high maintenance costs for these major thoroughfares.
- We stopped the prison from coming to West Jordan. It was an amazing thing to watch our entire community come together to protect the future of our city!

This is only a fraction of the great things we have accomplished. There is so much more that is possible. You have my word: I will not rest until I see our city reach its full potential.



### New Fire Station 54/Bagley Park Police Substation Open

West Jordan Mayor Kim V. Rolfe cut the "hose" at the April 30 Ribbon Cutting ceremony for Fire Station 54/Bagley Park Police Substation. The mayor used the Jaws of Life to cut through handcuffs and fire hose to celebrate the opening of this new facility, which was built on the site of an old fire station that was demolished last spring.

"The new station is a great addition to the community and replaces one we had outgrown and worn out," said Fire Chief Marc McElreath. "It is designed to serve the needs of this fast-growing area for many years to come. It's seismically safe and large enough to house our firefighters and equipment so that we're prepared to respond to the community."

The Police Department's motor squad will also be based out of the combined fire station/police substation.



The original facility was built in 1980 when West Jordan had only about 27,000 residents. Today, West Jordan has about 110,000 people and more than 3,000 businesses, including many large industrial businesses in the area that the new station will serve.

The station includes a 50-foot tower for rope rescue training as well as tunnels to practice confined space rescue. It has the ability to house seven firefighters and includes a 50-seat community/training room that is available for public use. The station is located at 9351 S. Hawley Park Road (5595 West) and cost about \$3.5 million.



### Wild West Jordan Playground Celebrates 10 Years

Ten years ago a dedicated group of volunteers had the vision to build a one-of-a-kind playground. Playground co-chairs Jennifer Scott and Cynthia Bee and their team of 13 committee chairs spent a year raising over \$400,000, soliciting tools and supplies, recruiting volunteers and preparing for this massive undertaking. School children designed the structure and even raised nearly \$4,000 in pennies to fund the project.

Over the course of 10 very wet, muddy days, 6,000 volunteers built the Mountain America Wild West Jordan Playground in Veterans Memorial Park. With a unique two-story superstructure, it was the largest playground in the state. (You can see many news clips and pictures on the West Jordan City Hall Facebook page in celebration of the 10-year anniversary.)

At 10 years old, this much loved and well used structure needs a mini facelift. The City Council has allocated funding to make some needed repairs to the playground to make sure the Wild West Jordan Playground continues to delight children for years to come.



### Kids' "Mayor's Mile" May 30

Hey kids! Can you outrun the mayor? Kids 14 and under are invited to race Mayor Kim V. Rolfe in the "Mayor's Mile" event on May 30 as part of the "Get Into the River Festival." Sign up for this free race from 9-10 a.m. at the Gardner Village trailhead, 1100 W. 7800 South. The run starts at 10 a.m. (Adults can race too but are ineligible for prize ribbons.) This second annual "Get Into the River Festival" includes many different events and activities that take place along the Jordan River Trail from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Details at [GetIntoTheRiver.org](http://GetIntoTheRiver.org).



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## West Jordan Receives Tree City USA Award for 19th Year



From left to right: Brian Cottam, State Forester/Director; Dave Naylor, West Jordan Urban Forester; Brian Clegg, West Jordan Parks Director; and Scott Zeidler, Community Forester for the Wasatch Front Area.

The City of West Jordan was honored as a Tree City USA community for 2014 for the 19th consecutive year. In order to be eligible for the award, the city is required to have a tree board or department, a tree care ordinance, a community forestry program with an annual budget of at least \$2 per capita, and an Arbor Day observance and proclamation.

In 2014, 203 trees were planted in city parks and streetscapes. And an additional 593 trees were added to city properties. About 500 volunteers put in over 1,900 hours of service working on tree-related projects. 2015 is off to a strong start with 105 trees planted on Arbor Day and 54 more trees scheduled as part of an upcoming project.

**Are You Up For THE CHALLENGE?**

Presented by: West Jordan City and Jordan Education Foundation

WEST JORDAN Jordan

Date: Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup>  
Race Start Time: 8:00 a.m.

Location: Veterans Memorial Park (race begins at the park)  
Register Online: <http://edge.webconnex.com/TheChallenge>  
Activities and exhibits to follow race

Choose Your Challenge

- 5K Race
- 5K Obstacle Course
- 10 K Race
- 1-Mile Linda Butters Fun Run

**Rodeo Princess Contest**

Register June 6 beginning at 10am until full at the Salt Lake County Summer Reading Kickoff, 8030 S. 1825 West, in Veterans Memorial Park.

**GIRLS** Ages 6-12 years old

Limited entries  
\$15 nonrefundable registration fee

DETAILS AT [WesternStampede.com](http://WesternStampede.com)

## Ever thought about running for City Council?

### 2015 MUNICIPAL ELECTION CANDIDACY DECLARATION



The City of West Jordan will be electing DISTRICTS 1, 2, 3, AND 4 Council Seats during this year's municipal election. To declare candidacy to run for a Council District position, the filing period this year is as follows: Monday, June 1 through Monday, June 8 at 5 p.m., in the City Clerk/Recorder's Office, City Hall, 8000 South Redwood Road, 3rd floor. For more information regarding the upcoming Municipal Election, please contact Melanie Briggs, City Clerk, 801-569-5117. All positions have four-year terms. If you are interested in running, listed below are the requirements:

- (1) Be a United States citizen.
- (2) Be at least 18 years old.
- (3) Be a resident of the municipality or a resident of the recent annexed area for at least 12 consecutive months immediately preceding the date of the election.
- (4) Be a registered voter of the municipality.

[Utah Code 10-3-301; 20A-9-203]

## Construction Update

If it seems like there are more construction projects happening around the city this year than ever before, you're right. The City Council allocated additional funding this year in an effort to improve the city's transportation network and other infrastructure. Construction projects are never convenient, and we ask for patience as we work to rebuild failing roads, improve the city's storm drain system, upgrade water pumps and reservoirs, and make other much needed repairs. You can find up-to-date information on the city website [WJordan.com](http://WJordan.com) or follow us on Facebook at West Jordan City Hall.

Here's a quick overview of some of the projects under way:

### 5600 West Project – 6200 South to 7000 South

This section of road is being rebuilt and widened, with new curb, gutter and sidewalk being installed. Storm drain work is also nearing completion. When complete, the road will include two travel lanes in each direction, a median/left turn lane, and bike lane within the shoulder. The project is ahead of schedule and should be complete before the contractual deadline of July 2.

### 9000 South Project – 4800 West to 5500 West

9000 South from 4800 West to 5300 West closed on April 29 so that crews could remove the existing road surface. Fencing was installed to protect pedestrians and school children. The

contractor is currently removing almost 3' of supporting roadway soil materials to prepare for placement of the roadway fabric and new structural fill material. The project is expected to take 90 days, with plans to reopen by the end of July.

### Grizzly and Bingham Junction Reservoirs

Two new water reservoirs have been constructed: Bingham Junction Reservoir is complete and operational, and the final work on the Grizzly Reservoir will be complete in the next two months, with the reservoir operational for the July summer peak.

### Well #3 – 5700 West and 9000 South.

A new pump station is almost complete, with the well already tested and approved for operations.

### 1300 West – Bingham Creek Box Culvert Project

Final cleanup and paving work along 1300 West is almost complete. All new curb and sidewalk has been placed.

### 4000 West – Bingham Creek Box Culvert Project

The road is closed for the next 30 days along 4000 West as crews remove the old culvert. This closure is necessary to complete the removal and replacement of the storm drain culvert.

### 2015 Surface Sealing Project

This year city crews will seal approximately 835,000 square feet of roads, which represents about 1.5 percent of the city's 53,856,000 square feet of road surface. Surface sealing takes place in June and July.

## Storm Water Open House May 21

Come learn about the City's storm drain infrastructure and the efforts being taken to stay compliant with the EPA and manage flood run off. Staff will be on hand **Thursday, May 21 from 6-8 p.m.** at Constitution Park, 3200 West 7000 South, to explain the system, answer questions and share future planned improvements.

Email [info@wjordan.com](mailto:info@wjordan.com) for more information.



# GOOD NEIGHBOR NEWS: WEST JORDAN NEWSLETTER

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<p><b>MAY 21</b></p> <p><b>STORM DRAIN OPEN HOUSE</b></p> <p>Constitution Park 3200 West 7000 South 6-8 p.m.</p>	<p><b>MAY 23</b></p> <p><b>"SPRING INTO BOOKS" AUTHOR SIGNING EVENT</b></p> <p>Viridian Event Center 8030 S. 1825 West 3-7 p.m.</p>	<p><b>MAY 25</b></p> <p><b>MEMORIAL DAY CITY OFFICES CLOSED</b></p> <p><b>MEMORIAL DAY TRIBUTE 6-7 P.M.</b></p>
<p><b>MAY 27</b></p> <p><b>CITY COUNCIL MEETING</b></p> <p>City Hall 8000 S. Redwood Rd. 6 p.m.</p>	 <p>presented by </p> <p><b>2015 festival</b></p>	
<p><b>MAY 30</b></p> <p><b>GET INTO THE RIVER FESTIVAL</b></p> <p>Events and activities along the Jordan River. 10 a.m - 2 p.m.</p>	<p><b>MAY 30</b></p> <p><b>WESTERN STAMPEDE ROYALTY CONTEST</b></p> <p>Viridian Event Center 8030 S. 1825 West 8 a.m.</p>	<p><b>MAY 30</b></p> <p><b>NATIONAL ANTHEM SINGING CONTEST</b></p> <p>West Jordan Arena 8035 S. 2200 West 10 a.m.</p>
<p><b>JUNE 2</b></p> <p><b>PLANNING COMMISSION</b></p> <p>City Hall 8000 S. Redwood Rd. 6 p.m.</p>	<p><b>JUNE 6</b></p> <p><b>HEALTHY WEST JORDAN'S LINDA BUTTARS MEMORIAL FUN RUN</b></p> <p>Veterans Memorial Park</p>	<p><b>JUNE 6</b></p> <p><b>SUMMER READING KICK OFF</b></p> <p>Veterans Memorial Park 10 a.m.-2 p.m.</p>



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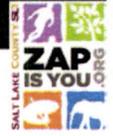
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## Healthy West Jordan

By Crystal Couch

The Healthy West Jordan Committee works to promote a healthy lifestyle within the City of West Jordan. They recently wrapped up a contest that promoted just that. It was a weight-loss program designed around a balanced, nutritional diet and exercise. They

divided the contestants up into two groups: male and female. The contest was not based on pounds lost, but on total weight loss percentage. Retired 68-year-old John Trump was

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West Jordan weight loss contest second place finisher, Brady Dransfield. Photo courtesy of Brady Dransfield

### WEST JORDAN SENIOR CENTER NEWS

**West Jordan Senior Center**  
8025 South 2200 West  
West Jordan, Utah 84088

Lunch is served Monday through Friday from 11:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for a suggested donation of \$3.00 for anyone 60 and over. Lunches for a guest of a senior are available for a suggested donation of \$7.00. Lunches are given out on a first come, first served basis. We also offer an alternative lunch daily available without a reservation.

Join us on **Wednesday, May 20 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. for our Health and Resource Fair.** Participate in health screenings, including mood and memory screenings. Vendors include: Salt Lake County Aging and Adult Services' Medicare specialist, Sanderson Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, Utah Division of Consumer Protection and more. Our **Keynote Speaker, Jane Ostler**, is from the Huntsman Cancer Institute. Come in for a wealth of resources and information. Door prizes will be awarded at lunch.

Join us on **Tuesday, June 9 at 11:00 a.m. for a new series entitled Around the World.** Bruce Craft from Humana will present interesting facts and trivia about Australia.

**Create Art Through Patience and Trust: Join us for a fun painting experience on Wednesday, June 17 at 9:30 a.m.** We will pair painters up in groups of two with one person as the instructor and the other as the blindfolded painter. Learn to trust the instructions from others. Then the roles reverse. Please sign up in advance.

**Our annual Father's Day Buffet is coming up on Thursday, June 18 at 11:00 a.m.** Bob Shorten will provide the entertainment. All fathers joining us for lunch will receive a special gift from the Advisory Committee. Please let us know if you can join us.

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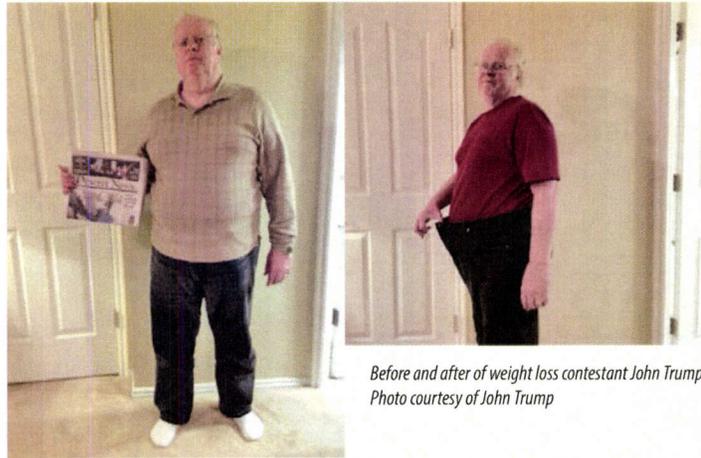
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one of the many contestants. He is a local resident of West Jordan and decided to enter the contest after seeing a flyer. He was having difficulty with everyday things, and his clothes were not fitting the way they should, so, with the love of a good competition,

needed to reach his goal, and he lost an overall 18.55% body fat, taking second place in the competition. "I did a lot of walking, push-ups and sit-ups," he said. "If I was sitting down watching TV, I would get up and walk on the treadmill. So every moment I was down I made sure I would get up and do something." Brady encourages others to not wait until your



Before and after of weight loss contestant John Trump. Photo courtesy of John Trump

he entered. He encountered a few health concerns along the way that prevented him from working out every week during the 14-week competition, but he still prevailed. He began his journey at 272 pounds, 49% body fat and ended at 240 pounds, 35% body fat. "The thing that was most helpful was actually doing the weigh-ins," he said. "That was literally what kept me going, knowing every Tuesday I had to go in."

Another contestant, 42-year-old Brady Dransfield, joined the contest after a recent visit to his doctor. Brady had a kidney transplant in 1994 and, after his doctor voiced his concern about the direction of his health, he came to the conclusion that it was time to make some changes to his lifestyle. Brady is the father of three children, ages 9-15, and a husband of a supporting wife for the last 20 years. He credits the program for giving him the motivation he

health is declining to become active and eat healthier. "Health is more important than junk food and letting your weight go."

Individuals were not the only ones that benefited from this program. Josh and Sarah Holladay, also of West Jordan, said their whole family got involved. Josh spoke fondly of his wife, stating that she would get up every day and had a morning routine that involved their kids, including their 18-month-old. "The Biggest Loser program kind of brought us all together," Josh said. "We got into a healthier diet, and from there it was a snowball effect."

Healthy West Jordan still offers daily tips, words of encouragement, and meal plans on their blog. This contest is yearly, and, though the most recent run did come to a conclusion, there is no reason to delay starting up a journey of your own. To visit their blog, check out: <http://weighbiggestloserswj.blogspot.com>. +

## Fox Hollow Elementary Celebrates French Culture

By Bridget James

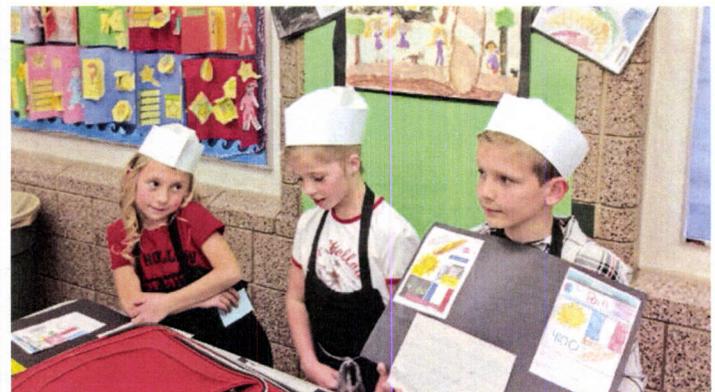
On May 7, Fox Hollow Elementary celebrated French culture with their French Cultural Night. The theme was "Tour de France," and throughout the night students read fun Tour de France facts and offered raffle drawings. "With the support of parent volunteers, Smith's and the school council, who donated \$500, [they] greatly aided in making the night a success," Jessica Louk, third grade French immersion teacher at Fox Hollow Elementary, said.

Fox Hollow Elementary, in West Jordan, is a dual French immersion school. Across the Salt Lake Valley, there are a number of dual immersion schools, which are great opportunities for young students to learn a second language and embrace other cultures. (For more information on dual immersion programs in Utah, visit [www.schools.utah.gov/curr/dualimmersion](http://www.schools.utah.gov/curr/dualimmersion)) "Any language immersion program is beneficial for students, since learning a language at a young age fosters proficiency, in comparison to learning a language at a later point in life," Louk said. "Immersion aids students in realizing that English is not the only language

spoken in the world, and fosters appreciation of other cultures."

During the evening, French students from each immersion class presented information on one aspect of French culture. The first and fourth-grade students focused on major French artists and re-created certain pieces to put on display. In addition, the first graders shared information on major French food, and Smith's grocery store donated food at a discounted rate so the students could make a French food sampler plate for all participants. The second graders focused on a few traditional French songs that they sang to the audience, and performed several traditional dances to accompany their music.

The third graders focused on major French individuals and innovators. "They researched their background and created self-portraits, timelines on their iPad and a game-based quiz for their audience to play following their presentation," Louk said. In addition, several groups of students researched the history of the French baguette, French cheese and French chocolate. +



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## Grizzly Baseball Team Finds Success In Region 3

By Greg James

The Copper Hills Grizzlies boys baseball team has had a rocky start to the season, but since they began playing against the other Region 3 teams they have found some success.

The Grizzlies preseason was marred by nine straight losses. Six of those losses came by three runs or less.

"We started our season very slow. This

team is completely different from last year's. We have figured things out and started to play together and believe in each other. Since the beginning of the year we have changed every position player," head coach John Morgan said.

They appeared determined to make an impression on the Brighton Bengals in their first region series. They scored six runs in

their first inning against Brighton and won 12-6, 4-1 and 17-7 in their three-game series.

The Grizzlies swept Alta 16-2, 14-4 and 8-3. They then lost two of three to West Jordan and two of three to Jordan. At press time they are tied with Jordan for second place with an 8-4 record.

"We have jumped on Cody's [Barkdull] back. Our team has picked up enthusiasm from him. He has the tools to become a big time player. He is a leader on our team," Morgan said.

Barkdull has committed to the College of Southern Idaho to play baseball after he graduates. He is hitting .371 this season and has three homeruns.

"Our preseason was terrible. I do whatever the coaches need me to do. I know my bat [hitting] is very important to our team. Defensively, I can play anywhere they need me to," Barkdull said.

Junior Trevor Hoffman and senior Jordan Johnson (JJ) are the leaders of a Grizzlies pitching staff that has struck out 121 hitters collectively. Hoffman has a 3.31 earned run average and Johnson 2.29.

"Trevor is a lefty that has had some interest from colleges. He is sneaky fast and

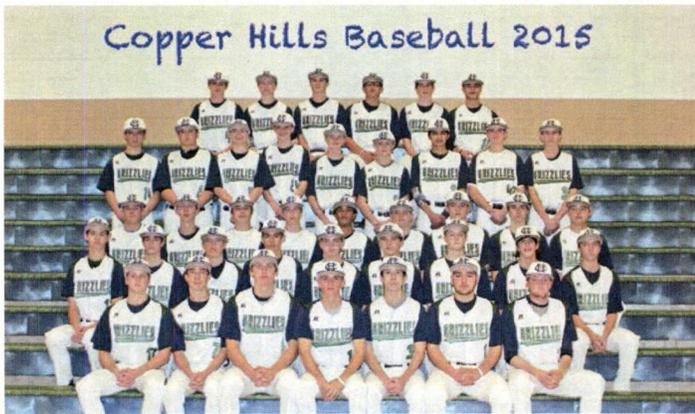


The Grizzlies Cody Barkdull leads the team with four doubles and one triple. Photo courtesy of Copper Hills Baseball Boosters

always wants to pitch all the time. J.J. has done a great job. He has a changeup that goes with his fastball. He is able to get the ground balls from the other teams. Our defense needs to play well behind him," Morgan said.

The Grizzlies close out the season against Bingham May 4, 5 and 6 (after press deadline).

The state baseball tournament is scheduled to begin May 12.



The 2015 Copper Hills boys baseball team. Photo courtesy of Copper Hills Baseball Boosters

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The annual report of the Foothold Foundation is available for inspection by written request by any citizen who so requests within 180 days after the publication of this notice, by writing to the principal administrator, Richard Beckstrand at:

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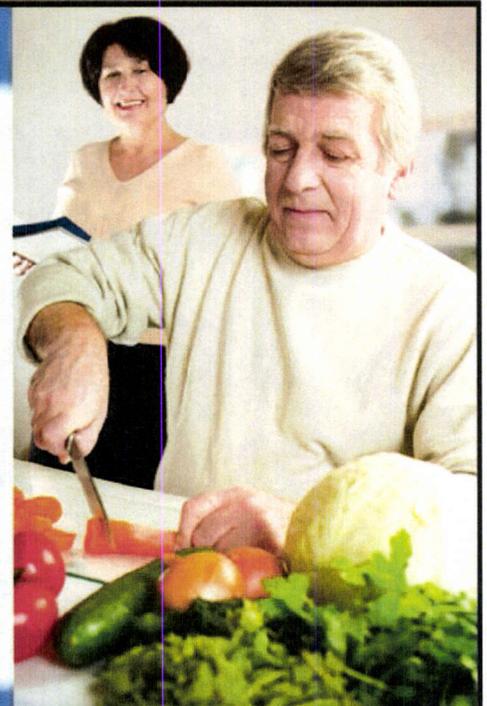
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## Grizzlies Play Hard, Humble And Hungry

By Greg James

The Copper Hills High School girls softball team needs to have an ambulance on standby at their games. The team has had its share of close competitions, and their fans may go into cardiac arrest.

"We have had some good wins and some tough losses. We are learning from each of our games. We keep working to find the best combinations (of players) on the field," head coach Jentry Johnson said.

The Grizzlies have started their season by splitting their first 10 games, with five wins and five losses, including a 1-3 trip to Phoenix, Ariz.

The Grizzlies have had 11 games decided by three runs or less, including a come-from-behind 10-9 victory over Riverton March 10. In that game they had fallen behind 9-0. Ashley Anderson singled and Alyssa Garcia scored the winning run in the bottom of the seventh.

"We are relentless; we have had several come-from-behind wins. When we get down we never give in. That is who our team is. We do not give up before the last pitch or out," Johnson said.

Senior captain Sky Cook is hitting .443 as the team's leadoff hitter. Johnson said she has become a big part of the team's success. She has signed to continue playing softball after graduation at College of Southern Idaho.

"Sky is a quick learner and fierce competitor. Last season she took the challenge to switch to be a left-handed hitter. She was good last year and this season she is even better. She has a full complement of swings: bunt, slap and a full left-handed swing. That



Copper Hills senior Sky Cook has reached base in every game this season. Photo courtesy of dbphotography.com

makes her a tough out. She is also very quick on the bases," Johnson said.

Paige Watts leads the team with five homeruns. Ashlee Anderson has four, Kylie Jones three and Maci Brogdon and Jaici Bishop both have two.

"Maci had a spine fracture and could not even play last season. This year she has come up in some clutch situations and been hot. As a sophomore she has risen to the occasion," Johnson said.

The Grizzlies finished in second place in Region 3 last season. Johnson said her team could contend again this year. "Bingham is a powerhouse. Alta has great pitching and we are right there," she said. +

## Track Athletes Post Top Finishes

By Greg James

Track athletes are always looking to break records: personal, school or state are usually the targets. West Jordan and Copper Hills track stars have accomplished a lot this season.

Grizzly junior Skyler Andam has the longest jump in the state in the boys long jump. April 25 at the Davis Invitational at Davis High School, he jumped 23 feet and ¼ inches, one foot and two inches longer than his nearest competitor. His jump is a school record. He also took first at the Grizzly Invitational March 28.

The Copper Hills team placed first overall at its Grizzly Invitational. West Jordan was

the BYU Invitational May 2.

"I am not performing as well as I should. I just need to compete more often to continue to get better," Maxfield said.

At the Grizzly Invitational, Maxfield took third in the 200, fourth in the 110 hurdles and third in the 300 hurdles.

Grizzly senior Terrance Taumua ran the 100 hurdles in 14.85 seconds at the BYU Invitational May 2, the fifth fastest time in the state this season. Maxfield holds the eighth fastest time of 15.18 that he established at the Taylorsville Invitational April 18.

Grizzly senior Bailey Brooks jumped over six feet five inches in the boys high jump



West Jordan junior, Cloris Palacios, calms herself before her eighth place finish in the 100 meter hurdles at the Copper Hills Invitational March 28. Photo courtesy of Greg James

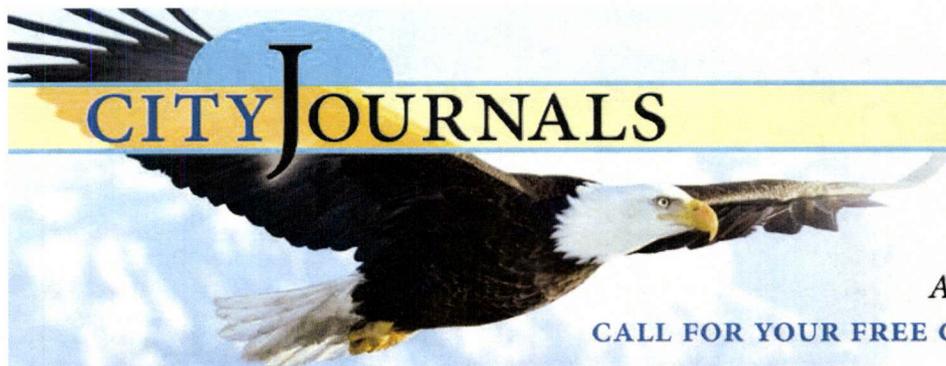
not far behind, placing sixth overall. Twenty schools participated in the invitational. Syracuse finished second, Juab third and Spanish Fork fourth.

Seniors Ian Maxfield and Brian Worsham have established top hurdle times for the Jaguars. Maxfield has the third fastest time in the state so far in the 300-meter hurdles. He ran over the hurdles in 38.62 seconds at

the Grizzly Invitational. He also has the ninth longest jump this season in the long jump, with 21 feet 4 inches.

On the girls' teams, Copper Hill's Makayla Duncan has done well in the shot put and discus. She placed seventh at the Davis Invitational with a discus throw of

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## Mountain Top Wrestlers Continue Their Winning Ways

By Greg James

**M**ountain Top Wrestling Club, based out of Copper Hills High School, continues to provide winning opportunities to its members. An individual state champion trophy, along with several awards, fills the club members' trophy cabinets.

"The guys have wrestled well," said coach Bill Kilpack via a press release. "We have consistently had guys in the finals, but things have clicked recently. It is really exciting to watch. I am very proud of them."

*"In previous weeks we lost too many matches in the last few seconds. After practicing this we won those last minutes. It was good to see them polishing and refining their skills."*

The wrestling club teaches and competes in three wrestling styles: freestyle, Greco-Roman and folk. It is open to male and female wrestlers ages four and older.

On April 24-25 at the Utah State Championships held at the Legacy Event Center in Farmington, Utah, Garrick Kilpack, from Sandy, won a state championship in the schoolboy's 120



Back Row (left to right): Coach Richard Fay, Craig Aguilar, Cody Mecham, Josef Mecham, Nathan Clifford, Tyler Fay, Mitchell Reese, Treyson Gibbons, Coach Bill Kilpack. Middle Row (left to right): Garrick Kilpack, Dylan Upshaw, Jackson Buehner, Conner Fullmer, Weston Fowers, Jaeden Fowers. Front Row (left to right): Ryan Mecham, Easton Ellis, Cody Francisco, Alex Carpenter, Kolten Bradshaw, Bryton Bradshaw, Marcus Reyes. Photo courtesy of Mountain Top Wrestlers

lbs. Greco-Roman division. The club also had six second-place finishers.

At the Corner Canyon tournament April 17-18, 12 club wrestlers earned 31 awards in the three wrestling styles.

Conner Fullmer, from West Jordan, earned championships in Greco-Roman, freestyle and folk style. He wrestles in the schoolboy's division (ages 13-14) at 105 lbs. In each of his other three tournaments, he pinned every one of his opponents. However, in the Corner Canyon match, he won by major fall

(10 point lead) 10-0. This was his first time to win all three of his competing brackets.

Also winning gold medals at the Corner Canyon tournament in freestyle were brothers Bryton and Kolten Bradshaw, from South Jordan. Bryton wrestles in the flyweight division (six and under) 40 lbs; Kolten at bantam (ages 7-8) 45 lbs.

Jaeden Fowers, from West Jordan, finished with a gold medal in his first ever Greco-Roman tournament. He wrestles in the schoolboy's division 77 lbs. Garrick Kilpack rounded out the Corner Canyon tournament winners, capturing the schoolboy's 120 lbs. division.

"The guys have wrestled well. In previous weeks we lost too many matches in the last few seconds. After practicing this we won those last minutes. It was good to see them polishing and refining their skills," coach Richard Fry said.

Several club wrestlers are ranked according to utahwrestling.org. Fuller is ranked eighth in the schoolboy's division and 16th overall in kids division rankings (ages 4-14); Garrick Kilpack is ranked fifth in the schoolboy's division and 11th overall. Bryton Bradshaw is seventh in the flyweight division and Kolten Bradshaw is 15th in the schoolboy's division. Fowers is 15th in the schoolboy's division.

Mountain Top Wrestling Club is a nonprofit club dedicated to providing a venue for wrestlers to learn and compete. Practices are held three days a week at Copper Hills High School. For more information, go to [www.mountainopwrestling.com](http://www.mountainopwrestling.com). +

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119 feet 8 inches.

"I feel really great. I have had an extremely great season so far. I hope it keeps getting better. I need to keep getting better because I want to win state," Duncan said.

Sophomore Kortney Tucker jumped eight feet nine inches in the girls pole vault

for the Grizzlies.

West Jordan senior Liz Maughn established a school record pole vault jump of eight feet two inches. Junior Cloris Palacios is within one second of the school's girls 100 hurdle record.

The state track meet is scheduled for May 15-16 at Clarence F. Robinson Track and Field Stadium at Brigham Young University. +



Grizzly hurdlers Brandt Reiser and Nate Pendleton helped Copper Hills finish in first place at the Copper Hills Invitational track meet March 28. Photo courtesy of Greg James

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WHERE TO GET DISCOUNTED GIFT CARDS

By Joani Taylor



Last month's story about playing the gift card game may have seemed a bit silly and extreme, but learning to use gift cards as a means of payment can save you some serious cash, especially on large ticket items or at stores and restaurants you frequent often. As promised, here are some favorite ways to put a simple gift card to work for you.

**Know your bank or credit card policies.** Many banks and credit unions offer bonus offers and rewards on purchases. Often, this means making a gift card purchase can earn you additional bonuses and even gift cards.

WHERE TO BUY DISCOUNTED GIFT CARDS:

Knowing where to look can be all it takes to save as much as 25% on your gift card purchase.

**Costco and Sam's Club** both have discounted gift cards that can save you as much as 20% off. Look for them in the store, or you can purchase them online. Also, currently Sam's Club is offering new members a free \$5.00 Sam's Club gift card and free rotisserie chicken for joining.

**Ebay.com** - Discounted gift cards can be found in the "daily deal" section. These are limited, come and go without warning and sell out fast. They will often save you as much as 25% off. Locate them at <http://deals.ebay.com/shop/gift-cards-deals>.

**CardCash.com** - This is a gift card exchange that sells a huge variety of gift cards. You'll find everything from grocery gift cards to restaurants and department stores. Discounts depend on the gift card and can save you as much as 15%. Looking to unload a gift card you can't use? CardCash will purchase your gift cards from you, too.

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**Kohl's** has a program called Yes2Rewards where shoppers earn points with each purchase. The points will then automatically convert to Kohl's gift cards. This great program is in addition to weeks when they have Kohl's cash, and you don't need a Kohl's card to join the program. It's free to join, and currently new members will receive a

\$5.00 Kohl's reward just for signing up.

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