

# UTAH VALLEY DIGEST

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## AMERICAN FORK

### AMERICAN FORK HIGH SCHOOL

**Test preparation** — ACT prep classes will begin Tuesday. The cost of the classes is \$10 per subject for English, math and science. For more information, contact the Counseling Center at (801) 756-8555. To register for the classes, pay at the student finance window.

**College fair planned** — The annual College Fair for seniors only is scheduled for Wednesday. Students will be excused from second period and will have the opportunity to meet with up to three different colleges.

### AMERICAN FORK JUNIOR HIGH

**Minimal day** — Monday will be a minimal day. Students will be dismissed at 12:55 p.m. Teachers will stay for professional development meetings.

### BARRATT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

**Birthdays** — Student birthdays celebration will be Wednesday.

**Walk** — Gold Medal School (Golden Mile Walk) will be Wednesday.

## EAGLE MOUNTAIN

**Library Book Fair** — Barnes & Noble in Orem is sponsoring a book fair to benefit the Eagle Mountain City Library. This event takes place today from 1 to 5 p.m. at the Orem book store. If you would like to help out, but cannot get to the store, visit [www.bn.com/bookfairs](http://www.bn.com/bookfairs) to support us online today through Thursday by entering Bookfair ID 10269686 at checkout.

## LEHI

**Barnes & Noble Bookfair** — A percentage of net sales will be contributed to the Lehi City Public Library at the Barnes & Noble Bookfair. Purchase online through Thursday or purchase today from 1 to 5 p.m. at Barnes & Noble, 330 E. University Parkway, Orem. Use Bookfair ID Number 10286730 to credit the library.

**Framing workshop** — Join the Lehi Arts Council for a free framing workshop on Wednesday from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Lehi Arts Building, 685 N. Center St. Travis Tanner, artist and owner of Tanner Frames in Salt Lake City, will present an informational framing workshop. Topics will include reasons to frame, tips on selecting styles of frames, and ideas to save money on framing.

### LEHI HIGH SCHOOL

**Financial Aid Night** — Lehi High School is hosting its Financial Aid Night on Wednesday from 6 to 8 p.m. at the school for senior students and their parents to attend. This is being presented by The Utah Council and UHEAA, and information will be given about

financial aid, scholarships and completing the FAFSA.

## LINDON

**Sod party invite** — Lindon will host a "sod party" at Fryer Park today at 8 a.m. Fryer Park, formerly called Orchard Park, was renamed after a Lindon resident contributed a large sum of money toward the development of the park. Construction has already started on foundations and underground sewer and water lines at the park. A Lindon Eagle Scout has also planned his Eagle project around the planting of 50 trees in the park on the same day as the sod party. The park is located at 600 N. Main St.

### OAK CANYON JUNIOR HIGH

**Hooked on Books Contest** — Oak Canyon Jr. High's media center is sponsoring a "Hooked on Books" contest. Every time you read a book, come to the media center to fill out an entry form. Every Friday, five winners will be drawn to receive a free book. Good luck and happy reading.

## OREM

### Orem Reads

#### ► Ursula Le Guin

On Tuesday, patrons of the Orem City Library and the Orem Reads Program are invited to step into the fantastic world of Ursula Le Guin with Zina Petersen, of Brigham Young University's English department. Beginning at 7 p.m. in the library's Storytelling Wing, Peterson will enthrall listeners as she explores Le Guin's Earthsea series. From a school of magic, to marauding dragons, to mythological monsters, this presentation is sure to thrill fantasy fans of all ages.

Petersen graduated with her Ph.D. from the Catholic University of America in 1997. She is a professor of Early British Literature and Language at BYU, where her research studies include mysticism, women's spiritual and religious issues, and the literary history of Christianity. She is also the faculty adviser for the Quill and the Sword, the medieval club at BYU.

The Classic Literature Lecture Series is part of the Orem Reads Program. For more information on these and other events, visit the library's website at [www.oremlibrary.org](http://www.oremlibrary.org). Funding for Orem Reads comes in part from the Utah Humanities Council Book Festival. The Utah Humanities Council promotes understanding of human traditions, values and issues through informed public discussion. Additional support for the Orem Reads program in local schools was provided by Walmart, Macey's Market and Harmons Grocery.

#### ► Brandon Mull

On Thursday at 7 p.m., the Orem Library will host one of Utah's most esteemed fantasy authors, Brandon Mull, in the latest Meet the Author presentation of the library's Orem Reads program. In what is sure to be a highlight of the four-weeklong program, Mull will discuss his experiences as a fantasy writer, and the fantasy books that inspired him.

As a youth, Mull decided that if he could "learn to write a good scene, [he] could eventually write a decent novel." He began writing short fiction in high school and college, and after graduating from Brigham Young University, Mull wrote his first full length novel. Although it was rejected by many agents and publishers, an editor from Shadow Mountain Publishing saw promise in Mull and asked to see some of his other work. The book he wrote and sold to them was "Fablehaven."

Within six months of being published, his novel was such a success that Mull was able to quit his day job and become a full-time writer. Fablehaven and Mull's subsequent novels continue to garner acclaim, including regular appearances on the New York Times, USA Today and Wall Street Journal bestseller lists. Fans are now eagerly awaiting the release of his new series, "A World Without Heroes," due for release



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First grader Noemi Hernandez jumps rope during the Jump-A-Thon on Friday at Greenwood Elementary in American Fork.

## Students jump for annual fundraiser

Barbara Christiansen

DAILY HERALD

Things were really jumping at Greenwood Elementary School on Friday. During the course of the day, more than 600 students participated in the American Fork school's annual Jump-a-Thon. Whirr, slap and crack filled the air as jump ropes twirled and met the asphalt on the playground. Even preschoolers participated.

Those children and some from the younger grades tried a different approach, laying their ropes on the ground and jumping over them, from side to side.

It was all part of the annual fundraiser for the PTA. The funds will go to get speaker Brad Barton to talk about the magic of making good choices. "He's a magician," said a PTA representative. "Each year the PTA gives the teachers \$50 for supplies. We use it for teacher appreciation, to help with field trips and for Mad Scientist."

Parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins and friends of the students signed up for pledges to donate money to the PTA, based on the number of jumps their students made during a timed period. Younger children went for a two-minute period, while older ones went for five minutes.

"The person who jumps the most for each whole grade will win a prize," said PTA representative Jennifer Day, chair-

woman of the Jump-a-Thon. "Whoever brings in the most money for the whole school will also win a prize. It will be something to help keep them healthy."

Many of the prizes were donated from local businesses, and Day thanked them.

"We are so grateful for those who helped us out," she said.

Physical fitness was one of the goals, but the students were still learning while they were out on the playground.

"The first-grade students did counting for the ones who were jumping," Day said. "They were practicing their math."

Principal Cathy Matheson thanked the PTA, American Fork Hospital and Intermountain Healthcare.

"Intermountain Healthcare is a partner with us in helping the school promote health and wellness," she said. "Through the activity the students benefit from the generosity of American Fork Hospital. They get to keep the jump ropes they use."

Things started out with a kickoff assembly with hospital volunteers coming to the school, talking about fitness and passing out the jump ropes. The students could take them home and had about a week to practice with them before the Jump-a-Thon.

The event was a good idea, Matheson said, to combine fun and fitness.

"For the past three years the PTA has promoted the Jump-a-Thon as a fundraiser for the school and a way to promote health and wellness for our students in the form of jumping rope," she said. "The kids are excited to each have

a jump rope. They were donated by IHC and the volunteers at American Fork Hospital."

In addition to fitness and math, the students exercised a different type of skill — that of expressing thanks.

"As a thank you to American Fork Hospital for the generous donation of the jump ropes, the PTA has the kids sign big 'Thank You' banners," Matheson said. "They learn how to express gratitude for what they have been given."

Not all students could participate in the traditional way. Some are sporting casts on arms, legs or broken collarbones — all limiting their activity level. One is in a wheelchair.

"We have come up with different activities so they can be a part of this event," Day said.

The student reaction was positive.

Six-year-old Macrae Dyer said, "It was fun. It was pretty good. The fun part was jumping, and I get to take the jump rope home."

Ava Skinner, also 6, agreed.

"It was fun," she said. "My most favorite thing was going backward. I will keep jumping. I am glad to be able to take it home."

Madison Morris, from the sixth grade, said, "It's fun, and it gives us something to do to exercise. It's nice to be out here and have something fun to do with our friends. It's exciting."

"I like the Jump-a-Thon because it's really exciting," sixth-grader Tucker Smith said. "I look forward to it every year. I like to have fun at it. I don't have a jump rope, so when I get one, it's fun."



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in March 2011. Mull is one of nine fantasy authors to visit Orem Reads between now and Oct. 21.

## PLEASANT GROVE

**Chamber invitation** — The city is looking for energetic and fun businesses to join our quaint and historic Main Street. Do you have an exciting, vibrant business that will make our downtown district even better? See what our revitalized Main Street shopping district can do for you. Visit our website for more information on retail locations and future developments at [www.PleasantGroveDownTown.com](http://www.PleasantGroveDownTown.com) or direct any questions to the Marketing on Main Street Chairwoman Veronica Chapman at (801) 427-8245.

**Chamber monthly meeting** — The October Pleasant Grove Chamber of Commerce meeting at noon on Oct. 8, will feature Jeanette Bennett from Bennett Communications and editor of Utah Valley Magazine. She will be speaking on "Top Leadership Traits from Utah Valley Businesses." Get tips from the pros and mingle with local busi-

ness owners and representatives, plus, bring a new friend and enter to win our drawing for a free weekend giveaway.

## PROVO

**Car seat check** — Parents can get their children's car seats checked for free to determine whether they have been installed properly. On National Seat Check Saturday, parents can have certified technicians provide hands-on child safety seat inspections and advice as part of Child Passenger Safety Week. The event will be from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. today at the Boulders Apartments, 750 S. 650 West. For more information, go to [www.nhtsa.gov/Safety/CPS](http://www.nhtsa.gov/Safety/CPS) or [www.facebook.com/childpassengersafety](http://www.facebook.com/childpassengersafety).

**Miles for Melanie** — A 5K walk will be held for Melanie Kau, a Provo mother of four who was recently diagnosed with cancer. Kau has been unresponsive to treatments thus far. Her oldest daughter is a sophomore at BYU, her youngest attends elementary school.

The race today will start and finish at the Red Brick Church at 4056 N. Timpview Drive in Provo. Check-in for

participants is 7 a.m. For more information contact Alyson Freedman at (801) 802-8074 or [alyson.freedman@gmail.com](mailto:alyson.freedman@gmail.com).

## SALEM

**Salem Pet Fair** — Call out the dogs, cats and parakeets, because the 9th annual Salem Pet Fair is today at Salem Pond. From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., you and your pets are invited to the park, where there will be animal rescue groups, rabies and licensing clinics, games, demos and more. Admission is free. Salem Pond/Knoll Park is located at 200 W. 300 South. For more information, visit [SalemPetFair.com](http://SalemPetFair.com).

## UTAH COUNTY

**\$25,000 viral video scholarship contest** — Utah accident attorneys at The Christensen Law Firm are asking local students to create a 30-second YouTube video on the dangers of distracted driving. For contest rules and instructions, visit [www.utahpersonalinjurylawfirm.com/viral-video-scholarship-contest-midwest-region.html](http://www.utahpersonalinjurylawfirm.com/viral-video-scholarship-contest-midwest-region.html).

In 2008, approximately one in six fatal vehicle collisions were a result of distracted drivers, and researchers anticipate a 19 percent rise in deaths caused by these types of accidents. Studies have also concluded that a growing number of distracted drivers are under the age of 30. The program offers \$25,000 in

scholarships (\$1,500 in regional scholarships, a \$3,000 second place and a \$10,000 first place scholarship for the national winners).

## STATE WIDE

### View Utah's original constitution

Utah's original 1895 constitution has been preserved, digitized and made accessible for all to view on the Internet by preservationists and digital technology staff at the J. Willard Marriott Library at the University of Utah. The document, which permanently resides with the Utah State Archives and Records Service, underwent an in-depth archival assessment that determined the document was in stable condition, aside from its binding, which needed some restorative treatment. With the physical preservation complete, the library's digital technologies staff proceeded in digitizing the constitution, now accessible through the Marriott Library's website along with the state's historical statutes digitized several years prior.

To view the Constitution of the State of Utah, visit the Marriott Library's digital collections page at <http://tinyurl.com/Utah-State-Constitution>. Additional historical collections are also available from the Mountain West Digital Library at [www.mwdl.org](http://www.mwdl.org).

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