



## Home town boys start at medical schools

Two local residents have completed studies at Southern Utah University and have accepted into graduate school.

Kevin Kirk, a 2004 San Juan High School graduate and SUU graduate, has been admitted to medical school.

Kevin, a Biology major with a Chemistry minor, has begun attending University of Utah's Medical School this fall. He is married to Nikole Kirk and they have one son, McKoy. Kevin is the son of Ron and Catherine Kirk of Blanding.

In addition, Matthew Torres, a 2004 Monticello High School graduate and SUU graduate, has been admitted to dental school.

Matt, also a Biology major with a Chemistry minor, has begun attending University of Nevada Las Vegas' School of Dental Medicine this fall. He is married to Lindsey Torres and they have one child, Kennedy. Matt is the son

of Gary and Dee Torres of Monticello.

Gaining entry into a professional school is a big accomplishment, requiring a huge commitment from undergraduate students. In addition to obtaining an academic degree, students must also build an impressive resume including difficult classes and valuable experiences. They were active participants in the Utah Rural Health Scholars Program at SUU, which helped them reach this goal.

Launched six years ago, the Utah Rural Health Scholars program is the first of its kind in the Western states designed to prepare rural students for dental and medical school and graduate health-care professions. It has greatly contributed to SUU's record breaking acceptance rates. For more information about Utah Rural Health Scholars Program, please call 435-865-8520.



Kevin Kirk Courtesy photo



Matthew Torres Courtesy photo

## New Utah Humanities Council Board members offer expertise of diverse backgrounds

The Utah Humanities Council (UHC) recently added three new members to its volunteer governing board of directors. The three represent varied backgrounds, which will enable them to serve the diverse needs of Utah's people.

Kathryn Hurst, of Blanding, is a Curriculum Development and Media Specialist for the San Juan School District. Kathy is the coordinator of San Juan School District's Curriculum Center, where she oversees the production and distribution of Native American (primarily Navajo) language and

culture curriculum materials for K-12 students. Prior to her work at the Curriculum Center, she taught high school Language Arts for nineteen years. Kathy holds a BA in English from BYU and an MA in Secondary Education from Eastern New Mexico University.

Michael Benson, of Cedar City, serves as the 15th president of Southern Utah University where he also holds the rank of professor political science.

Robin Smith, of Salt Lake City, is a full-time student in elementary education at Westminster College.



## Students attend camp

Three students from San Juan High School recently attended Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA). They are Morgan Glover, Audrey Lutrell, and Wheeler Heck.

RYLA is a program for youth leaders. Recognition is given to young men and women, high school juniors, who have demonstrated leadership ideals and example, in their

schools and communities.

RYLA aims to help delegates enhance their leadership skills. The Blanding Rotary club sponsored the students and is very pleased with the quality of our representatives.

The Blanding Rotary club would also like to extend congratulations to the new Monticello Rotary Club for their participation in RYLA this year.



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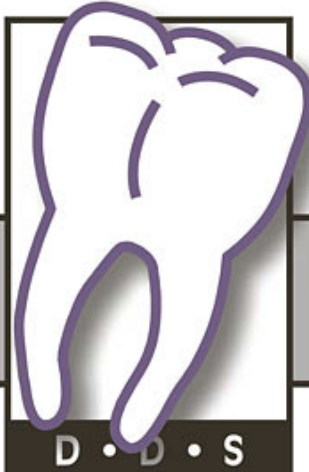
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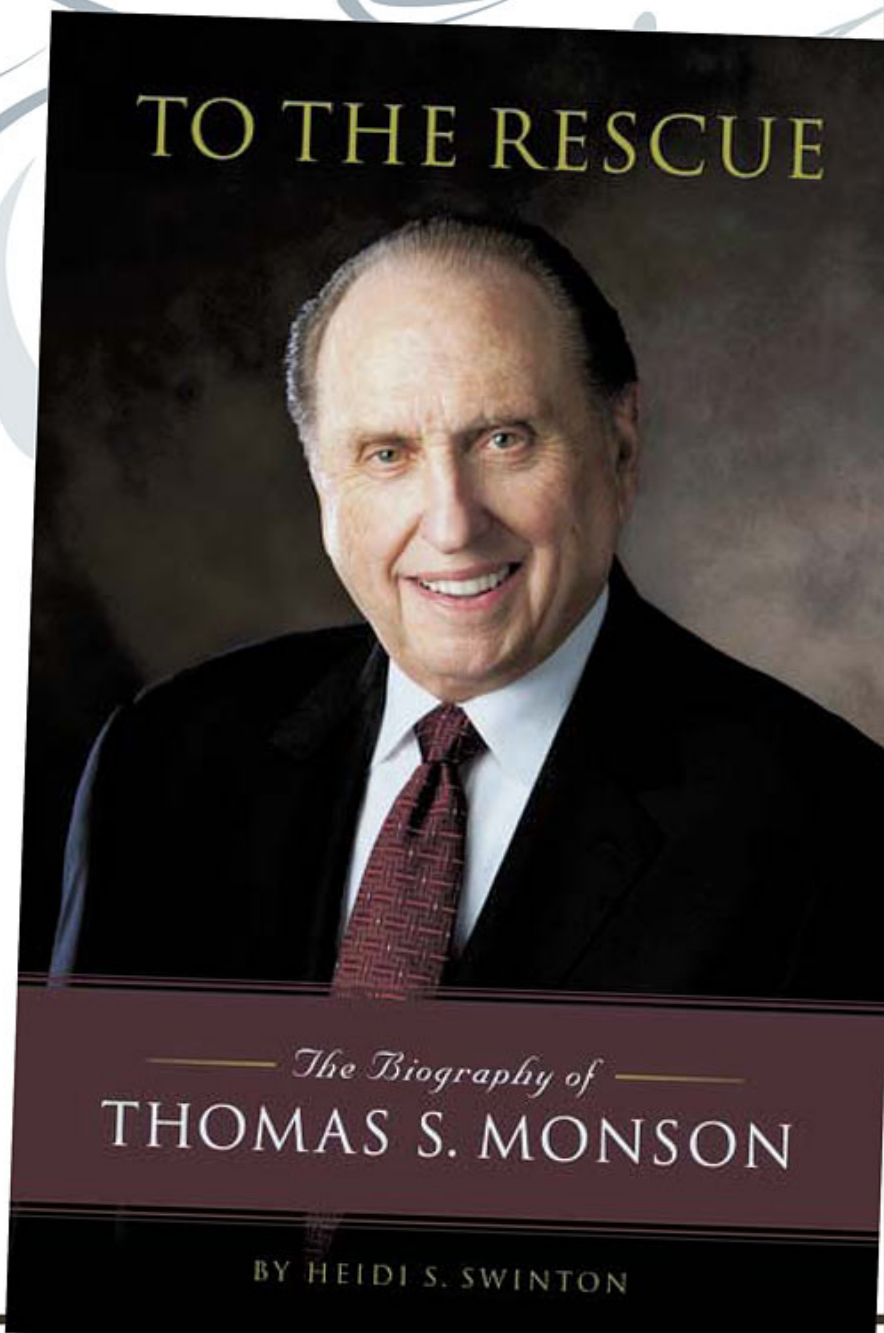
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