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**SANPETE WEATHER**

**FORECAST**

High/Low Chance precip.

**Wednesday**  
89/41, Partly cloudy.....0%

**Thursday**  
79/44, Mostly Sunny.....0%

**Friday**  
78/43, Mostly Sunny.....0%

**Saturday**  
76/44, Mostly Sunny.....20%

**Last Week's Weather**

Weather Data courtesy Ted Olson

Date	High	Low	Precip.
Sept. 19	92	37	
Sept. 20	84	47	
Sept. 21	85	35	
Sept. 22	81	43	.04"
Sept. 23	78	40	
Sept. 24	83	33	
Sept. 25	89	35	

## Mt. Pleasant may bond to help bring in new business

By Christian Probasco

Staff writer

MT. PLEASANT—A fertilizer company from Oklahoma is interested in opening a plant in Mt. Pleasant and a mine in Milburn which, combined, would employ up to 50 workers.

Mt. Pleasant Redevelopment Agency Chairman Monte Bona told the city's redevelopment board during its Sept. 14 meeting that Humate Technologies was asking the city to sponsor a bond to enable the company to open a fertilizer processing plant in town and reopen a mine in



CHRISTIAN PROBASCO / MESSENGER PHOTO

The empty King's Outdoor World building in the Mt. Pleasant industrial park may become home to Humate Technologies, of Grove, Okla. The company wants the city to sponsor a bond to help pay for its move.

Milburn.

Bona said the Economic Development Corporation of Utah and the Governor's Office of Economic Development were in favor of the deal.

Humates form during the middle stages of plant

decomposition in a process which eventually leads to the creation of lignite and coal. Those substances have been used as fertilizers since prehistoric times. Humate Technologies promotes the material as an ecologically friendly alternative to modern

phosphorous and nitrogen fertilizers, which can pollute streams and lakes.

Humate Technologies wants to house its operations in the building formerly occupied by King's Outdoor

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**You said It!**

"History is replete with decisions made and roads not taken. How different this area's history would have been had Snow been shuttered."

—Brian Cannon, speaking about Snow College's history at recent symposium.



CHRISTIAN PROBASCO / MESSENGER PHOTOS

Smoke from a fire in Cedar Hills west of Fairview begins to rise into the northern Sanpete skies Thursday following lightning strikes.

## Lightning-caused fire suppressed, held to 40 acres

By Christian Probasco

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FAIRVIEW—Fire crews quickly extinguished a wildfire that broke out in the afternoon Thursday, Sept. 23, high in the mountains west of Fairview.

Sanpete County Fire Marshall Thomas Peterson said the blaze, in an area known as "Cedar Hills," was a holdover from lightning strikes during showers the day before.

He credited the quick response of fire crews

from Mt. Pleasant, Fairview, Fountain Green and Moroni, and federal crews from the Little Sahara Recreation Area, Ephraim and the Uinta Fire Station for containing the 40-acre blaze.

A helicopter dispatched from Provo also helped extinguish the flames.

The area was difficult to reach due to steep terrain and poor roads. Fire trucks had to drive for miles along winding jeep trails to reach the blaze.

Peterson said the fire was mostly contained by 7 p.m. Thursday, but firefighters remained on the mountain Friday to make sure flames were

completely out.

The fire would have spread further had winds exceeded Thursday's five to 10 mph breezes, Peterson said. The only nearby structures were a log cabin and some turkey sheds.

Last week Utah was under a wildfire "red flag alert" due to little rainfall, dry conditions and gusty winds. A fast-moving blaze in Herriman, Utah, destroyed three homes; the Twitchell fire near Beaver grew to 39,000 acres, and the Coffee Pot fire near Indianola grew to more than 700 acres.

## Symposium examines Snow College's vital role in history of Central Utah

By Alec Barton

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EPHRAIM—The Utah Humanities Council (UHC) bills itself as an organization that "expands minds—one story at a time."

Or maybe 10 or 20 stories at a time, as the case may be, for Snow College students and members of the community who attended "Education in Context," a day-long symposium devoted to analyzing important events in Sanpete County and sponsored jointly by UHC and Snow College.

No less than seven speakers explored topics ranging from Sanpete's quirky approach to naming, to education and economy in the 1920s and '30s, to Ute and pioneer history. More than 100 attended throughout the day.

Lecturers heralded Snow's contributions to local economy, culture and education. English professor David Rosier, in speaking about teacher training at early Snow College, recognized the defining role the college played in supplying quality teachers to the state.

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## Ephraim goes after student-housing complex for \$60K in unpaid water bills

By Debra Fraser

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EPHRAIM—Ephraim city officials are hoping to soon resolve the city's lawsuit against the owners of the Pinetree apartments and condominiums for what they say is more than \$58,000 in unpaid water bills.

In its suit the city claims that the owners, Pinetree Associates, LLC, have only paid a portion of their monthly sewer and water fees, according to court records.

Pinetree disputed that claim and the city filed a lawsuit against the company in June 2009.

"Pinetree denies the allegations in the current lawsuit," said Ken Cahoon, an owner and managing partner. Cahoon said he would not comment further due to the ongoing litigation.

Ironically, this dispute is related to a separate one with Pinetree that goes back to 1994. But in that dispute—over the same minimum utility fees—the company sued the city, and in March 2003 the Utah Supreme Court ruled in favor of Pinetree, which was eventually awarded just over \$82,000, court records show.

The court ruled Ephraim did not have the right to collect the minimum fees for each separate condominium unit based on the ordinance in effect at the time.

Pinetree claimed the original ordinance, which was passed in 1991, only allowed Ephraim to charge the minimum fee for each water meter—and there is only one for the whole building.

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