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of Sanpete
to be held
Saturday

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SANPETE WEATHER

FORECAST

High/Low % precip.

Wednesday
Clear, 69/38 0%

Thursday
Clear, 73/42 0%

Friday
Mostly clear, 73/41 5%

Saturday
Clear, 69/37 0%

Last Week's Weather

(Courtesy Ted Olson, Snow College)

Date	Max.	Min.	Prec.
Sept. 16	80	43	
Sept. 17	78	36	
Sept. 18	77	38	
Sept. 19	79	43	
Sept. 20	80	41	
Sept. 21	83	42	
Sept. 22	70	43	.12"

AT A GLANCE

Arnoldson leaves Snow College

EPHRAIM — Gary Arnoldson, interim vice president for administrative services, has left Snow College.

Arnoldson, who had been on the Snow staff for 24 years, stepped into the interim vice presidency after Larry Christensen retired about 10 months ago.

President Scott Wyatt said there had been an understanding at the time that Arnoldson would serve until a new president was able to hire his or her own vice president.

Prior to appointment to the interim post, Arnoldson was controller, a job in which he supervised Vicki Murray. She was recently sentenced to jail stealing more than \$100,000 from the college. But Wyatt said Arnoldson's departure had nothing to do with the case.

"I hold him in high regard and think that his integrity is beyond reproach," Wyatt said. "That's exactly the way I feel, and I've told him that. His resignation has nothing to do with blame being put on him for any wrongdoing on campus."

Wyatt said Arnoldson had resigned but had not yet submitted a formal letter of resignation.

Spiritual feast awaits LDS women

By Karen Prisbrey

GUNNISON—Women of the Gunnison Utah Stake of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints are encouraged to begin a spiritual feast in conjunction with the annual general Relief Society Conference to be held Saturday.

The conference will be broadcast at 6 p.m. from the LDS Conference Center in Salt Lake City, and Gunnison Stake Relief Society President Jeanette Andersen has extended an invitation to all women of the Gunnison Valley to attend the broadcast.

"Encourage your daughters, moms, sisters and friends to take part in this spiritual feast," she said.

Andersen suggested that women prepare themselves by attending the temple twice or working toward completing a family-history activity.

Andersen also suggested reading an ancestor's history, researching a family name, writing family records or filling out a pedigree chart.

A discussion of the conference and the articles will follow the conference. Light refreshments will be served.

The meeting will be broadcast via the church's satellite system into the Gunnison Stake Center, and will also be available on the Internet at www.lds.org.

Jail construction to begin in earnest

Friday groundbreaking heralds
'protection of future' for Sanpeteters

By Lloyd Call

Associate publisher

MANTI—County, construction, and financial participants were on hand Friday, Sept. 21 to break ground for the Sanpete County Jail, a half-mile south of Manti on the east side of U.S. 89.

Under the direction of commissioner chairperson Claudia Jarrett, groups took turns making brief comments and then turning shovelfuls of dirt. County officials first, then sheriff's department members, financial advisors, and Manti City officials got a chance to say a few words.

Commissioner Bruce Blackham said, "This jail protects our future; it gives us the infrastructure we need to live our

lives in this great county."

Jarrett and commissioner Mark Anderson both commented that many hours have been put into the jail project.

Funding for the project is provided by state and county funds. Jack Cox, Utah state director for USDA Rural Development said, "We are extremely pleased to be able to provide \$3 million in a low interest loan to Sanpete County for the new jail."

CIB added an \$8.2 million low-interest loan to the project, and the county approved a general obligation bond for \$6 million following a county vote held June 2006.

Oklad Construction is building the 128-inmate bed facility with a completion date of Nov. 8, 2008.

Following the groundbreaking, refreshments were provided by KMTI Radio.



Sheriff's Department deputies joined other dignitaries in groundbreaking for new Sanpete County Jail last Friday.

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Casino Star concert season opens to positive reviews

By Kirsten Reimschuessel

Staff writer

GUNNISON—The audience in attendance at the season opener of the Casino Star Theatre's Live Performance Series last Thursday left smiling.

From Spring City to Aurora, people had come to Gunnison to listen to six musicians perform "Red Rock Rondo," the stories of regular folks who settled the area around Zion National Park.

"It's so wonderful to hear

songs about people just like us," said concertgoer Mary Louise Sorensen.

Some of the group's songs tell of tragedies, like the story of a newborn baby swept away in a "Marvelous Flood" of the Virgin River, or men dying during the construction of the Zions Tunnel in "Rocks on Fire."

Less fatal melancholy runs through "Hay Colored Leaves," which mourns the sacrifice of old mulberry trees to modern development, and "Driving Back to

Hurricane," describing the difficulties of hospitality workers "who can't afford to live in town." "When President Harding Came to Zion" shares the sadness of Carnelia Crawford when her home became part of Zion National Park.

On the brighter side, "Pretty Quilts Out on a Line" describes a Grafton woman's beautiful quilts and her pursuit of thieves who tried to steal them.

(See "Casino" on A3)

County proposes new courts location south of Manti

By Suzanne Dean

Publisher

EPHRAIM—Sanpete County Commissioners are looking at land fronting on the east side of U.S. 89 near the south entry to Manti as a possible location for the proposed courts building.

Commissioner Mark Anderson said the parcel as a whole was 26 acres, but the county was focusing on the highway frontage only. If the deal goes through, the county would purchase at least three acres. But if the Utah Administrative Office of the Courts approved, the county might buy more, he said.

Just after noon on Tuesday, commissioners were on their way to present the site to the Utah Administrative Office of the Courts, the prospective lessee of the courts facility. If state courts officials give the green light, the county will pursue negotiations with the landowners, Anderson said.

The commissioners talked about the possible site at a presentation last week before the Ephraim City Council, one of several appearances they've scheduled at city and town council meetings around the county.

There isn't enough time to

close a deal before the election, when voters will approve or reject bonds for the structure, Commissioner Claudia Jarrett said. But she said commissioners hope to be able to present a letter from the property owners confirming their intent to sell the land to the county for the court facility.

The commissioners have been trying to make their case for a proposed \$8.5 million facility, to be financed using county-issued revenue bonds. The bonds will be repaid from lease payments the state court system will make to the county for use of the building.

In Ephraim as elsewhere, Kathy Frischknecht of Manti, a leader in Concerned Citizens of Sanpete County, among others, was on hand to counter the commissioners' statements.

Frischknecht said the state court system is attempting to "use" the county to build a project that is the state's responsibility.

She expressed fear that if construction costs rise, as they have on the jail, Sanpete County taxpayers would end up paying for the overrun.

But Anderson said that wouldn't happen. The court system understands that Sanpete County is issuing bonds for \$8.5

(See "Courts" on A2)

Keith Bartholomew among those receiving Silver Beaver

By Lori Smith

Staff writer

PROVO—Two Sanpete County residents received the Silver Beaver award from the Utah National Parks Council of the Boy Scouts of America at its annual recognition evening.

On Saturday, Sept. 15 at the Brigham Young University Marriott Center in Provo, Keith Bartholomew of Fayette and Gary Jensen of Fairview were honored with the highest award a council can bestow on volunteers for their noteworthy service to young men.

Bartholomew has served over 26 years in scouting. He began his service as an Explorers adviser and recalls the great experiences he had then, including annual Yampa/Green River rafting trips. Other scouting positions he has held include scoutmaster, troop committee member and scouting coordinator.

Bartholomew has also served on the district level in many positions including Webelos woods



Joel Zabriskie, council commissioner for the Utah National Parks Council, presents Keith Bartholomew with the Silver Beaver award in scouting.

chair, assistant district commissioner, roundtable commissioner, Cub Scout day camp staff, and basic training chair.

He has also assisted at merit badge powwows, summer camps and scouting expos. He has been a

merit badge counselor for over 25 years and has worked with youth as a hunter education instructor for 20 years.

In conjunction with this

(See "Silver Beaver" on A3)

Snow player in coma following motorcycle accident

By John Hales

Managing editor

EPHRAIM—A Snow College football player is in a coma following a motorcycle accident that sent him to LDS Hospital with serious injuries last week.

On Thursday afternoon, Sept. 20, Amoni Neiuifi, a Snow College student from Springville and red-shirt freshman on the Badger football team, collided his motorcycle into the rear end of a garbage truck.

According to information

from the Ephraim City Police Department, there was no indication that Neiuifi attempted to brake for the truck, but instead, witnesses said, was trying to go around the truck, which was also moving at the time.

He was not wearing a helmet and suffered severe head trauma and other injuries. He was transported to LDS Hospital in Salt



Amoni Neiuifi

Lake via LifeFlight.

He has been in an induced coma in the hospital's shock and trauma intensive-care unit ever since, while doctors continue to operate on him and treat his injuries, some of which, such as a lacerated liver and other internal injuries, were life-threatening.

"Everyday he's been up there, he's been in surgery, and probably will be for the next few days," said Snow College football head coach Steve Coburn on Tuesday.

(See "Accident" on A3)

Top honors at the state fair



COURTESY AMERICAN ANGUS ASSOCIATION

Tyrell Hansen (right), Centerfield, stands with his cow Blackbird and judge Richard Hubman of Central Point, Ore., after the cow was awarded reserve grand champion female at the Utah State Fair.