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AGGIES REMEMBER

By Carter Moore
NEWS STAFF WRITER

Sixteen years after the attacks in Manhattan, Washington, D.C. and Pennsylvania, Utah State University rededicated the Huntsman 9/11 Memorial Friday to honor victims and heroes and to create dialogue on the state of terror.

The memorial benches are inscribed with the message, 'Where principles of integrity prevail, terrorism will fail', a proverb written by USU professor Kim Openshaw, now-former adviser to the National Society of Collegiate Scholars (NSCS).

Located outside the Jon M. Huntsman School of Business, the memorial was originally dedicated in 2012, but had to be moved during the construction of Huntsman Hall.

"This is the only student-placed monument on campus and possibly the only one they'll ever have on campus," Openshaw said. "This isn't just for New York. We see terrorism all over the world. The idea of the inscription is you can't have principles of integrity but also be out there killing people."

"I hope anyone who chooses to sit at the memorial or even just walk past and read it is able to take a moment and think 'Am I going to be a person of principles of integrity, and am I going to stand tall in the face of terror?'" Openshaw said.



PHOTO BY Megan Nielsen

On Sept. 9, the 9/11 memorial in front of Huntsman Hall on the Utah State University campus was rededicated.

the World Trade Center's first tower.

"Planes have hit buildings in the city before. We were far enough away that one incident wasn't enough to worry about," Flaherty said.

Flaherty had been a firefighter for the past decades of his life and had a two-year-old (now USU freshman Kevin Flaherty, Jr.) and an infant to worry about at home. It wasn't until the second plane had hit and the threat against American lives was clear that Brooklyn's 238 rushed to help.

"I always compare it to D-Day," Flaherty said. "As soon as we got there, there were bodies and body parts all around the street."

Flaherty charged into the buildings, one of many

firefighters fighting upstream to help recover people and evacuate before anything turned.

"We weren't expecting a collapse, we just thought it would be a non-stop fire until it burned out the building. We were more worried about another explosion; a backpack bomb on the stairwell was more possible to us than the buildings collapsing," Flaherty said.

Though Flaherty knew the danger to his own life was great, he had an innate duty to do what he was trained to do.

"You can't not try to save people," Flaherty said.

After both buildings collapsed, New Yorkers were scattered and taking shelter in subway stations. Flaherty himself was on the missing list until 3 p.m.

"We brought six people from Engine 238, and lost Lieutenant Glenn Wilkinson. I hate being asked how many we lost, because we were all the same. Once death is involved it affects us all," Flaherty said.

Lieutenant Wilkinson, a 46-year-old father of three, returned to the buildings looking for one of the missing firefighters and lost his life in the col-

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DOJ investigating USU for Title IX practices

By Allison Berg
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The Department of Justice is investigating Utah State University for how it handles sexual assault complaints.

The DOJ's Civil Rights Division is investigating how the university handles sexual assault complaints, said USU spokesperson Eric Warren. He added that the university is cooperating, but did not provide further detail.

Allison Allred, a sophomore studying marketing, shared her experience with the university's Title IX

office, which handles sexual assault complaints.

The Utah Statesman normally does not identify victims of sexual assault, but Allred agreed to be identified by her full name for this story.

Allred attended an off-campus party in fall 2015 with a male acquaintance, who she said sexually assaulted her during the party.

She first went to the Sexual Assault and Anti-Violence Information (SAAVI) office and after telling the office she wished to report her assault to the university, she was told to speak to the university's Office of Student Conduct. That office enforces the student code of conduct and decides consequences

for those found guilty of violating it.

Allred said she imagined — and hoped — the process would end there. She wanted closure and to not have to worry about seeing her assailant, she said.

However, she was then sent to the university's Title IX office, where she had to relive the experience once again, the third time in just a few days.

"You don't want to have to relive it," she said. "To have to go through telling the story over and over again and relive that process is frustrating and humiliating and upsetting to say the least."

After telling her story to the Title IX office, Allred said she was told that he was not currently enrolled in classes at USU. The office told her the only option was reporting the incident to the police, which she was not comfortable with.

"After (the Title IX coordinator) told me that, the process just stopped and nothing happened, which was frustrating," Allred said.

Still, she took comfort in knowing she would not see him on campus.

Or so she thought.

The next semester, she said she saw him at a social gathering which was only open to currently-enrolled USU students.

"I got so sick," she said.

Allred said she hoped she could avoid him — but later found out he was in her statistics class.

"Your stomach just drops. You can almost see the blood leave your face," she said.

Allred did not intend for her perpetrator to serve legal consequences but said she wishes he would have received even a small form of punishment.

"It almost would have been enough for me if they would have called him in and told him he was be-

ing watched," she said. "That would have been better than nothing."

Turner Bitton, executive director of the Utah Coalition Against Sexual Assault, said he "encourages all stakeholders to engage in this vital process and to provide the critical feedback that will provide critical information to the process."

Bitton added that "certainly, over the last several years, we've really seen some good standards of practice come out (of previous DOJ investigations)."

Five Utah higher education institutions are currently being investigated by the Department of Education for Title IX enforcement practices: Brigham Young University, Utah Valley University, the University of Utah, Westminster College and Dixie State University.

Although the U.S. Department of Education typically leads these type of investigations, it is unclear whether that organization is involved in the current case at USU. Usually, the Department of Justice only gets involved in "very high profile" cases, according to a national Title IX expert.

S. Daniel Carter, president of Safety Advisors for Educational Campuses, LLC., said a DOJ investigation into a university is usually warranted by a "broader, systemic concern that may also include the local criminal justice system."

Carter said in his more than 25-year career, he "can't think of any more than a handful of times that (the DOJ) has gotten involved in one of these cases."

At this time it is unknown what specific incidents led the DOJ to intervene at USU. Carter said the investigation could have been triggered by a com-

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Statesman File Photo

The Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice is investigating how Utah State University handles sexual assault complaints.

Through the eyes of a DREAMer: USU student calls for support in advocating reversal of Trump's DACA decision

By Jackson Murphy
NEWS SENIOR WRITER

The tropical storms wreaking havoc in the Caribbean have spared Jeune Roberts' birthplace, the island country of Trinidad and Tobago. It's here in the United States, though, that a political storm threatens to tear apart her life.

On Tuesday, President Donald Trump announced the end to an Obama-era immigration policy called Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, or DACA. Under DACA, undocumented children brought here by their parents could come out of the shadows to obtain a renewable two-year deferral from deportation and a work permit.

Without DACA, Roberts might not have been able to step out of those shadows and register for school at Utah State University. But she is a "Dreamer" — the term used to describe the program's nearly 800,000 participants. She didn't have to be afraid to stand in line at a place like the Office of the Registrar, the university's record-keepers.

That's where she was, unafraid, when she heard the announcement — she could no longer call herself a Dreamer.

"I felt sick," she said. "Instantly I just thought about everything I could lose in that moment."

That night, Roberts said, she got up, gasped and threw up while she wondered, "How can I continue my education?"

University officials weighed in on the announcement in vocal support of Dreamers across the country and called for swift action to keep USU's DACA recipients in good standing.

In a Tuesday letter addressed to Utah's senators and representatives, the presidents of eight Utah higher education institutions, including USU President Noelle Cockett, urged lawmakers to act quickly to provide educational opportunities to students "no matter their background or circumstance."

"We urge you to support a legislative solution as soon as possible to enable all students who have grown up in the United States to continue contributing to their communities and classrooms in ways made possible by higher education," the letter states. "Utah college students at our eight institutions known as Dreamers are working

hard to better themselves and have deeply enriched their campus communities."

"We appreciate each of you, as our elected representatives, proactively voicing support for those who came to this country as children and the positive impact they have in our communities," it states.

In a statement, the White House called the change an "orderly transition and wind-down of DACA, one that provides minimum disruption." Trump's announcement said DACA recipients will have their current expiration dates honored, and he challenged the United States congress in a tweet to "legalize DACA" in the six months before permits will begin to expire.

Most legislators in Utah came out in support of the president's decision to rescind the program and put the burden on Congress to pass legislation.

However, one legislator — Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-UT — urged Trump not to rescind DACA because it puts recipients "who were brought here as children through no fault of their own, in an extremely difficult position," Hatch said in a statement.

The majority of Utah's congressional delegation called for swift legislation that supports the young immigrants.

"As a child of immigrant parents, I am sensitive to the position in which young undocumented immigrants find themselves. From the beginning, Congress should have taken the lead in crafting a solution to this issue," Rep. Mia Love, R-UT, said in a statement.

Roberts was nine when she arrived to the United States with her parents. They were in search of opportunities that couldn't be found among the white sand beaches and tropical forests of Trinidad. She grew up in midtown New York and watched her mother clean apartments for \$20.

Now, only three weeks away from her 24th birthday, Roberts found herself reflecting on her American life.

"All of my memories are here, all my friends are here, my life is here," she said. "This is it for me — I don't have anything else."

In a decision that changed the course of her life, Roberts left the "hustle and bustle" of New York for USU. It was different — the culture and the people. It was foreign to her, but she said her faith in God pushed her forward and eventually she applied for DACA.

After a lengthy application process and \$495, it came — peace of mind came printed on an 8½x11 paper. It meant she could get a job and finally buy a car. She had a social security card and all of it was paper proof she was something she felt most of her life — American, she said.

Roberts said she's paid taxes, worked jobs and contributed to social security.

But today she feels uncertain, scared and confused that she'll be able to continue to do those things and is looking to the university for that peace of mind again.

"If they cut you right now and they cut me, we are going to bleed the same color," Roberts said, tears streaming down her face. "These are humans that you have under your roof, that put trust in a university to guide them and shelter them. You can't just throw them out when things start to look bad. They want help, need help and are begging for even one last chance."

Since Trump's announcement, other groups on campus have spoken out against the decision to end DACA.

"Termination of DACA directly impacts some members of Aggie Family," an Aggie Think, Care, Act post said on Facebook. "These are our friends and classmates who were raised here, and they now face being sent away from the only home they have known. When we think about that, how can we not care?"

The USU Access and Diversity Center pointed students to academic and counseling services and implored students to visit with the center's directors and coordinators.

"Please remember you are students in an institution that supports you and there are state-wide policies in place that Dreamers can access to achieve and succeed in higher education," the center said in a Facebook statement.

It's support Roberts needs but it doesn't change the fact that her education is in jeopardy.

"I was the best Aggie I could be," Roberts said. "I worked hard for the organizations I worked for, countless hours. It was about coming to a place and changing lives."

"Now it's like, I need some help; where are you guys?" she continued. "Don't throw me away."

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'Where's the line?'

Panel discussion to address free speech on college campuses

By Spencer Burt
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The Utah State University Institute of Government and Politics (IOGP) will host a panel titled, "Free Speech on Campus: Where's the Line?" at 5 p.m. Wednesday at the Huntsman Hall's Perry Pavilion.

The event comes at a time when free speech, especially on college campuses, has become a complicated, hot-button issue.

However, nationwide events of the past month — in particular, the white-supremacist rally in Charlottesville, Virginia and the resulting protests — are not what inspired the event. Jashon Bishop, the IOGP's Recruitment and Programs Coordinator, said the event has been in the works since the spring when protests and questions about free speech were increasing, and that these issues have "only gotten more relevant after what's happened in the last month."

Neil Abercrombie, director of the IOGP said debates about free speech on college campuses are a nationwide issue.

"It's a tricky balance of making sure someone feels that they're not being targeted or harassed," he said, "but that we continue to be this free marketplace of ideas where people feel they can share whatever idea they want, regardless of how controversial it may or may not be."

This panel will include Marina Lowe, legislative and policy counsel for the American Civil Liberties Union of Utah, Rep. Justin Fawson (R-North Ogden) of the Utah House of Representatives, Kim Lott, USU associate professor and Faculty Senate president and Michael Scott Peters, Utah State University Student Association president. The panel discussion will be moderated by Joseph Ward, Dean of the College of Humanities and Social Sciences.

"We were hoping this panel would be a representative of different groups of people and maybe some different perspectives, and to get some good discussion," Bishop said. "We definitely want to have diverse viewpoints that will bring up some good points and make people think about it."

Organizers said they welcome questions submitted beforehand. Questions may be sent to jashon.bishop@usu.edu or tweeted with the hashtag #usufreespeech.

"I think Utah State historically has always been a place where people have felt very comfortable sharing ideas and not feeling threatened or censored," Abercrombie said. "Everybody is asking a lot of questions about what the parameters are of free speech and I think they're all valid questions."

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'Be an Upstander': USU introduces new campaign against sexual assault

By Alison Berg
NEWS SENIOR WRITER

Utah State University introduced another effort to prevent sexual misconduct and provide resources for victims: upstander training.

According to the program's website, an "upstander" is "a person who sees wrong and acts to prevent harm to another."

The training "is about turning bystanders into upstanders," said Amanda DeRito, USU's sexual misconduct information and outreach coordinator, "it describes people stepping up."

Participants in the training watch a series of videos on the bystander effect, discuss various biases, gender roles and "the ways we think about harassment," DeRito added.

Michael Scott Peters, the Utah State University Student Association president, participated in the July 14 training and said the group focused primarily on the bystander effect, a psychological study which says people are less likely to intervene in a situation they know is wrong if they are surrounded by a group of people.

"If you're alone, you feel more of an obligation but if you're in a group of friends you just assume someone else will help," Peters said.



PHOTO COURTESY OF Utah State University
Bridget Baldwin, the Utah State University Student Association's student advocate vice president, advocates for the Upstanding campaign in a video published on the programs webpage, www.usu.edu/sexual-assault/upstanding/.

"The training really talked about why we step in."

DeRito added that the training program is geared toward various personality types and situations.

"You try to simplify it and make it accessible and also something that, even if you're shy or you're in

a situation where you're unsure if you're safe, there's always something you can do," she said.

"How can you maybe report it after or doing something afterward?"

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PRIDE RETURNS TO CACHE VALLEY

By Kali Tuttle
STUDENT LIFE WRITER

Through a day filled with lively entertainment, heartfelt messages and family fun, Saturday's Logan Pride Festival fulfilled its ultimate goal: to bring the community together and better understand and love one another. "I hope people take from this festival a message of love and acceptance and just continue to spread it throughout their community, continue to speak out for minorities and continue to just love everybody," said Rachel Hager, Logan Pride Foundation treasurer. That message reverberated throughout the day, starting in the morning with the Interfaith

Service at St. John's Episcopal Church, a program for anybody of any faith — or no faith — wishing to voice their acceptance of the LGBTQ community. The service could best be described by a line from the opening hymn, "We Are the Church Alive": "Destroying myths of doubt and fear/In Jesus' mighty name." "I think it provides a place for worshipping alongside people who are just people wanting to believe or be spiritual and share their love," said Doree Burt, the interfaith coordinator for the Logan Pride Festival. The service was not a formal one by any means. The speakers often joked with the audience, there was a moment where the audience

could stand and mingle with other attendees, and numerous musical numbers filled the program, including a rousing rendition of "Lean On Me" with audience participation. There were also solemn moments, such as the candlelight memorial to remember those LGBTQ members lost to suicide or other discrimination-related deaths, a flower communion prayer in which participants could reverently declare their participation in the LGBTQ community and a blessing led by Reverend Scott Thalacker of the Prince of Peace Lutheran Church ELCA. "We are Christians, straight and queer," said Vicar Steve Sturgeon of St. John's Episcopal Church.

"We are all one people — God's people," said Reverend Cindy Solomon-Klebba. At noon, the service concluded and many attendees drove to Willow Park to continue the festivities there. Entertainment included a performance from Shimmering Sands Belly Dance and music from artists like singer/songwriter Katie Jo, alternative rock band Bliss Witch and local band Open Door Policy. Numerous vendors and booths filled the park. Ogden Pride, Planned Parenthood, Utah Coalition Against Sexual Assault and more had booths set up at the park. There were also religious organizations, such as Mormons for Equality, St. John's Episcopal Church, Community of Christ and the Cache Valley Unitarian Universalists, professing their messages of love and acceptance toward the LGBTQ community.

Attendees to the festival could buy a multiplicity of LGBTQ-related items, including T-shirts, bath bombs, glitter and rainbow tattoos, hats and even lingerie. There was also a booth run by the Mama Dragons, an organization of mothers who advocate for the rights of LGBTQ youth, giving out free hugs. "I personally think that the best part of the festival are the booths, the vendors, the people who have donated and helped organize what makes this a great festival," said Kathryn Sorenson, a Logan Pride youth leader. Though the event is only in its second year, Sorenson said that this year's attendance was more than last year's 2,500 people. "Definitely a good turnout," she said. "It's definitely better than last year. Probably about double, maybe more."

The festival not only attracted the college crowd, but families as well. The Youth Zone, which held activities like a ring toss, bracelet making and painting, proved to be a big hit. "I think the Youth Zone is really what sets our pride festival apart from the other pride festi



PHOTO BY Sydney Oliver
Props and backdrops were provided for festival-goers at the Logan Pride Festival to take pictures in front of. The festival took place in Logan, Utah on September 9, 2017

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SEX + RESPECT = HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS

USU hosts workshops on consent and safer sex

By Shelby Stoor
STUDENT LIFE SENIOR WRITER

Utah State University has put a great deal of focus on educating the student body about healthy, consensual sexual relationships over the past year. Sex + Respect Week, an educational opportunity for students, wrapped up Friday, Sept 8. Sex + Respect Week was hosted by the Access and Diversity Center to provide support for students to make informed decisions. Macy Keith, the LGBTQQA coordinator, said it helped students learn respect for choices, boundaries and our entire Aggie family. "There is something for every student," Keith said. "Whether they are in relationships, married, dating or not. This week is encouraging dialogue between students, staff, and faculty about consent and sexual respect." Keith hopes that USU students know how seriously the university takes the topic of sex and respect. Students are the number one concern they have, which is why she hopes they take advantage of opportunities like these to educate themselves. Keith also said students who have attended the events have given nothing but positive feedback. "Students have been happy to see efforts being made by the university to help create a space of open dialogue and learning concerning these topics," she said. USU Senior Todd Speckhard attended many of the Sex + Respect week events because he feels that it is an important issue. Speckhard enjoyed his experience with the workshops greatly. "Surrounding yourself with people who teach and endorse consent, safe sex and healthy



PHOTO BY Kyle Todecheene
Felicia Galleges of SAAV speaks at the Sex & Respect Panel about the difference between sexual harassment and rape.

relationships is a really empowering experience," Speckhard said. Speckhard enjoyed many of the workshops, but his personal favorite was the Sex + Respect Panel. "It had a representative from multiple campus offices that used their expertise to answer any questions students had about sex, consent, health and sexual assault," he said. Speckhard was happy to see other students taking advantage of the learning opportunity. "It makes me feel proud," he said. "I believe through implementing sex education, our

Aggie family culture will shift and we can drastically mitigate sexual assault." Many people at USU wanted this event to be put on for a variety of reasons. For Keith, it was all about watching the students learn how to use the skills presented in the workshops. "I want students to be empowered to talk about their boundaries, what consent means to them and use those tools in their personal relationships for a better, happier experience," she said. Keith's advice to students when it comes to building healthier relationships and consent is

to become educated and start conversations. She believes through those conversations, students will become more confident and ready for healthy relationships. "Empower yourself and your friends," she said. "And if you're unsure how to do that, come seek us out — we are here for you."

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SAVING MAN'S BEST FRIEND

By **Miranda Lorenc**
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When Hurricane Harvey hit the coast of Texas, Best Friends Animal Society immediately went to help the relief efforts.

Two weeks later, the storm has passed and Houston – as well as the surrounding cities affected – are beginning to recover from the damage caused by the Category 5 hurricane.

Along with the flood of people who had to evacuate their homes, there are also thousands of pets who have been left behind or lost.

“They’re out of their homes, they’re away from their families, they’re stressed, they’re scared,” said Sadie Smith, the transfer coordinator for Cache Humane Society. “But Best Friends is down there rounding up those dogs and cats and animals and giving them a place to sleep and giving them food and care while they look for the families of these animals.”

Best Friends was founded in 2000 with the goal to end killing pets in Utah. Across Utah, the animal society brought together other animal organizations in a No-Kill Utah (KNUT) coalition.

To help return these lost pets to their owners, the coalition partners have decided to empty all of the shelters in the Houston area of current shelter animals to make space for all of those that had been displaced by Harvey, said Stacey Frisk, the executive director of CHS.

Around 100 dogs already in shelters and up for adoption at the time of the hurricane’s arrival were sent to Utah last week, Frisk said. Of these 100, seven were taken in by the Cache Valley Humane Society. The rest of the dogs were divided up among the other members of the coalition and taken to shelters around the state.

“I think they’re being smart about it,” said Ashley Houston, a Utah State University senior in pre-veterinary medicine. “I mean, trying to get all the dogs that have been there for a while out of the shelters so that the new ones coming in are going to be more likely ones that have recently lost their families, been displaced.”

Houston recalled hearing about a situation during Hurricane Katrina where a lot of people wouldn’t evacuate because the evacuation buses wouldn’t let them take their animals with them. With Harvey, however, residents are being allowed to take their animals with them, helping more people leave.



PHOTO BY **Erica McNeill**
USU senior Ashley Houston is one of the clinic staff members who handles check-ups with the dogs. The dogs’ temperature, skin, hair and teeth are just a few of the many things that have to be checked.

“If someone said, ‘oh there’s a fire by your house,’ like the first thing I’m going to do is drive home and get my dog,” Houston said.

The Community Animal Welfare Society (CAWS), one of the oldest no-kill rescues in Utah, sent four vans to Texas to help transport the shelter animals and bring them to Utah. It’s a 20-hour drive from Houston to Salt Lake, Smith said.

When the dogs arrived in Cache Valley on Monday, there were a lot of volunteers present to help unload and comfort the stressed animals.

“We tried to bring them into this facility with a positive experience,” Frisk said.

Smith said each dog that arrived was bathed, cuddled, vaccinated, microchipped, and spayed

or neutered.

Houston demonstrated the medical check-up process they performed on each new addition to the facility.

She brought in a young dog named Abby, who was numbered 1004 from the shelters in Texas.

First, Houston checked the dog’s gender and noted that she was not neutered. Abby was then checked for microchips and her age was estimated by looking at her body size, personality and teeth. Houston guessed Abby was around 10-11 months of age and a Staffordshire terrier or Pitbull mix.

Houston noted any markings and other physical features on the dog, then checked Abby’s eyes, ears and mouth. Finally, she checked her skin for ringworms under a black

light and took her temperature.

Overall, Abby looked healthy.

After the dogs had their check-up, the next step was getting them into a foster home.

“Some of these dogs are coming in, they’re stressed. Some of them have injuries,” Frisk said. “Being able to send them into a home is really crucial.”

Now that the hurricane is over, rescue groups in Houston have committed to holding all displaced pets for 30 days, Frisk said. Animals who remain unclaimed for over one month will then be transferred to no-kill shelters like Cache Humane to find their next home.

“At the end of that month, we do anticipate thousands of dogs remaining unclaimed,” she said.

Cache Humane is equipped to hold up to 60 dogs. Knowing they will be taking more Texas dogs as the situation develops, Frisk asks community members to help by volunteering and donating supplies to the facility.

Volunteer and foster home applications can be found online at CHS’s website, cachehumane.org.

A wish list of supplies can also be found on the website.

“The biggest thing we would love to have would be a bed for every dog coming in,” Frisk said. “Right now, we don’t.”

The best beds for use in the animal shelter are Kuranda beds, which are easy to keep clean. Foam beds can’t be sanitized, so the brand needs to be specific.

“That’s important to us just because we feel like they’ve been through so much,” she said.

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PHOTO BY **Erica McNeill**

Shelter dogs from Houston, TX were transferred to Utah because there are more dogs than ever being stranded.

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“Pride” events that happen in Utah,” said Kaylee Litson, who oversees logistics at Logan Pride. “We have activities for youth, children, families. We try to create this to be a very family-friendly event.”

The festival is not an easy undertaking. Randy Golding, Logan Pride entertainment coordinator and public relations/marketing representative, said planning for the festival began in January, and planning for next year’s festival will most likely begin immediately after this one wraps up.

However, Logan Pride received help from sponsors like Square One Printing, Caffé Ibis, Even Stevens and Herm’s Inn. They also received support from Logan City and the Logan City Police Department.

“Logan City has been amazing to work with and the Logan City Police Department has been

very receptive with all of the concerns that we brought to them,” Litson said.

With people wearing T-shirts that read, “Gay OK,” “There’s nothing wrong with love,” and “Some people are gay, get over it,” the purpose for the festival was never far from people’s minds.

Elaborating on that purpose, Golding said, “(The purpose is) to bring awareness that there is a queer community in Cache Valley and that we’re just like everybody else. We’re just people, we have families, we have jobs. Just like everybody else.”

Eight-year-old Grace put it best when she enthusiastically stated her purpose for coming to the festival.

“I’m looking for some friends!”

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PHOTO BY **Megan Nielsen**

People of many different faiths gathered at St. John’s Episcopal Church to show their love and support for the LGBTQ community.

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SPORTS

AGGIES DOMINATE BENGALS



PHOTO BY Megan Nielsen

The Aggies took care of business in the home opener, defeating Idaho State 51-13 and moving to 1-1 on the season. Senior quarterback Kent Myers led the way with more than 300 yards passing and just two incompletions. The team now faces consecutive road games against Wake Forest and San Jose State, before returning to Maverik Stadium for a game against BYU on Sept. 29. A full photo gallery from Thursday's win can be found on usstatesman.com.

USU rolls in easy home win

By Logan Jones
OPINION MANAGER

Utah State football is in the win column after a 51-13 romp over the Idaho State Bengals. The Aggie offense, which faltered against Wisconsin after a strong first half in last week's season opener, settled into a groove early with 38 points in the first half alone. Senior quarterback Kent Myers threw for 323 yards and rushed for two touchdowns before tagging out in the third quarter with the Aggies up by nearly 40. Senior cornerback Jalen Davis added two interceptions to the victory, including a second quarter pick-six.

"Always satisfying to come out and perform the way we did right out of the gate," said USU head coach Wells. "We played catch. We caught some contested balls. I thought Kent was fairly accurate and we gave him time to throw."

The Bengals managed to move the ball well on their opening drive, crossing into USU territory before stalling at the 46 with a failed fourth down try. Utah State took possession and quickly involved junior wideout Ron'Quavion Tarver, who snagged back-to-back passes to move the Aggies up to the Bengals 23-yd line. Still knock-

ing on the door of red zone after LaJuan Hunt found no room to run on second down, quarterback Kent Myers' took a shot at one of Utah State's new faces — Jordan Nathan. The true freshman came down with the pass just a step too deep out of the back of the end zone, and the Aggies were forced to settle for a made 40-yd field goal from sophomore Dominik Eberle.

It didn't take long for the offense to fully charge. Utah State's following drive, capped by a nine-yard rush from JUCO transfer Eltoro Allen, saw Utah State find the end zone for a 10-0 lead. The Aggies proceeded to reach paydirt on three of their next four drives — Allen would finish the night leading all rushers with 103 total yards.

"Eltoro did a phenomenal job today," Myers said. "He's running super hard, going out there putting it all on the line."

The home team further padded the lead with Davis' 25-yd interception return for a touchdown, his second pick of the season. Myers also displayed the flashes of rushing prowess which previously earned him the title "dual-threat," tossing a touchdown pass to Tarver before

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By the numbers: A stats-based look at the victory

By Jaden Johnson
SENIOR SPORTS WRITER

596 - The number of total yards by the USU offense

In just the second game of his tenure as Utah State's offensive coordinator, David Yost and the Aggie offense had a performance to remember. The team was clicking early and often, putting up numbers which many people couldn't even reach in a game of Madden, including 392 yards in the first half alone. Behind 341 passing yards and 255 rushing yards, last night's showing goes down as the 12th greatest offensive yardage showing in Utah State history.

2 - The number of incompletions by Aggie QB Kent Myers

Much of the offseason chatter surrounding the USU football team involved the quarterback position, and Kent Myers certainly doesn't have a shortage of doubters. But after a lackluster 3-interception game against Wisconsin last week, Myers was nothing short of spectacular in the second game of his senior year. He completed 24 of the 26 throws he made for 323 yards and two touchdowns. Tack on 85 rushing yards and two touchdowns on the ground, and that won't be a

game Myers will forget anytime soon.

But what about the two incompletions that he threw? One was a back corner-of-the-endzone lob to Jordan Nathan which was complete but a couple of inches out of bounds, the other was a pass which hit Braelon Roberts in the hands but was tipped into the air for an Idaho State interception.

30 - The number of USU players who recorded at least one tackle

Yes, you read that right. 30. Perhaps the greatest perk of playing an FCS-level opponent early on in the season is that you get to put in a bunch of guys who won't regularly see a ton of playing time. A 38-6 halftime lead allowed Aggie coaches to experiment with lineups and rotations, and much of the second half was played by second and third string guys on each side of the ball for USU. There's an old coaching adage which says one hour of in-game experience is worth 100 hours of practice, and if that's true, who knows when that could pay off for Utah State.

13 - The number of USU players who caught a pass

For all the grumbling about David Yost and the

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AGGIES IN THE NFL: WEEK ONE

By Matt Harris
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

As the first week of the National Football League regular season played out, many former Aggies saw the field, some more than others. Here's how they repped the "A" in this week of NFL action.

THE BEST

Kyler Fackrell (Green Bay Packers)
Fackrell, second on the depth chart at right outside linebacker for the Packers, logged a tackle against the Seahawks in the winning effort, but was most instrumental in recovering a fumble off a strip-sack by a teammate. The fumble recovery all but secured the win for Green Bay.

Nick Vigil (Cincinnati Bengals)
Despite a disappointing shutout of the Bengals by the Baltimore Ravens, 20-0, Vigil's performance did not disappoint. The sophomore strongside linebacker started the game and racked up six tackles, assisting on another four. Vigil also defended a pass and snagged an interception in the loss.

Kerwynn Williams (Arizona Cardinals)
Williams aided in a losing effort to the Detroit Lions, backing up star running back David Johnson with five carries for 10 yards. During the second quarter, Johnson was injured on a play that put the Cardinals at the 3-yard of the Lions,

putting the reins in Williams' hand momentarily. The fourth-year vet did not disappoint, gaining the last three yards on the next play for the Cards' first touchdown of the game.

THE REST

Bobby Wagner (Seattle Seahawks)
Wagner started at middle linebacker for the Seahawks in the loss to the Packers. The sixth-year vet logged six tackles and assisted on three more and defended a pass.

Donald Penn (Oakland Raiders)
The ever-durable Penn started at left tackle for the Raiders, something he has done every game in a Raider uniform. Penn's active streak of consecutive starts now stands at 157 games, one of the longest in the NFL.

Nevin Lawson (Detroit Lions)
Lawson started at cornerback for the Lions and logged three tackles against the Arizona Cardinals. Lawson also batted down a pass in a win for the Lions, 35-23.

Marwin Evans (Green Bay Packers)
Evans, third on the depth chart at strong safety for the Packers, logged a tackle against the Seattle Seahawks in a 17-9 win.

Maurice Alexander (Los Angeles Rams)
Alexander started at strong safety for the Rams and logged two combined tackles (one individual) in a huge win over the Indianapolis Colts, 49-6.



PHOTO BY AP Photo/Frank Victores
Cincinnati Bengals inside linebacker Nick Vigil (59) makes an interception off Baltimore Ravens quarterback Joe Flacco in the second half of an NFL football game, Sunday, Sept. 10, 2017, in Cincinnati.

Robert Turbin (Indianapolis Colts)
Turbin, listed second on the running back depth chart, had two carries for seven yards. He also caught a pass, but was dropped for a four-yard loss on the play as the Colts fell to the

Rams.
Devante Mays (Green Bay Packers)
Mays is listed as active, fourth on the depth chart at running back, for the Packers. He did not record any stats in the Packers' win.

New head coach for club baseball

By Sara Sloniger
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

The Utah State University club baseball team recently named Jacob Anderson, a player on last year's team, to run the program for the 2017-2018 year.

The team last won the national championship in 2014 but after last week's tryouts the Aggies have hopes of being serious contenders for the title in the spring of 2018 as well, Anderson said.

"We have an excellent shot," Anderson said. "I mean those teams back in North Carolina they're great teams, but with the addition of some of the guys that came and tried out I think we're better than we were last year."

While the transition from teammate to coach can be difficult, Anderson isn't worried about establishing boundaries.

"The way I've been able to play the last couple years, I've been able to play that leadership role," Anderson said. "I think players respect me player wise and respect what I say for them do as far as hitting, fielding, throwing."

One element the new coach wants to further develop is communication with the players. Explaining to the player why he isn't playing or why he's being taken off the field can be difficult for a coach, but is important, Anderson said.

"I have to work on being that coach and separating myself," Anderson said. "Letting them know I am the coach and putting my foot down when needs be, when there needs to be discipline, when players aren't playing up to their potential. I need to be able to talk to them."

USU Baseball hosts open tryouts

By Lauren Lomeli
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

The USU club baseball team heralded the start of fall ball with its open tryouts, hosted last Tuesday and Wednesday at the Richard V. Hansen Ballpark in Smithfield. While it's primarily a time for new players to show their skills, the returning players don't take this opportunity lightly.

"I wouldn't say I've been guaranteed a spot," said senior Alex Munns. "Either way I would come back and coach if I didn't make it, just cause I like the program."

Former players coaching the team is not a foreign concept as Jacob Anderson, who played on last year's squad, is taking the coaching reins this season for the first time.

"He's been here, he's done it, he's seen the team through the player's eyes and now he's

gonna coach it and I think it's awesome," said junior Justice Purser. "I've played with him for two years and he's an awesome guy."

While the team has had sustained success the past few years — the Aggies played in the club World Series last season — it hasn't been able to raise the national championship trophy that it claimed in 2012 and 2014. The championship remains the ultimate goal for this team.

"We've been so close ever since and each year we've been getting a little bit better," Munns said. "Last year we made it back there and this year we'll make a pretty good push."

An influx of talent from the tryouts should help the team with that goal.

"I would say it was better than last year, talent-wise," Purser said. "We are filling a few spots but overall it went pretty well and I'm pretty excited about it."

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scampering for a pair of scores from 23 and 36 yards out. Myers did record an interception — his fourth of the season — but ended the night with 323 yards and two touchdowns on 24-of-26 passing, all in under three quarters of playing time.

"I think your best players have to play great every night," Wells said. "If you're All-Mountain West, play All-Mountain West."

Idaho State's Tucker Louie-Mcgee's interception set up a nice 2-yd touchdown run by Ty Flanagan, but the Bengals' star running back was otherwise limited in the game's opening quarters. By halftime, the contest had already

shown signs of losing control with Utah State in front 38-6.

The second half saw the return of Jordan Nathan in a big way. The freshman kept the Aggies' offensive assault rolling by taking a 19-yd pass into the end zone, leaping into a lone Bengal goal line defender for his first career score.

Utah State began its first drive with backup quarterback Jordan Love less than five minutes into the third quarter, an opportunity the Bengal defense pounced on. Love was taken down for a loss of eight on third down, forcing the first Aggie punt of the evening. The teams traded possessions without success for more than five minutes before Idaho State's Tanner Guelter found wideout Michael Dean two full steps

ahead of his closest defender for a 42-yd touchdown strike. Ending the third quarter on top 45-13, the Aggies set the offense to cruise control for the final 15 minutes and captured their first victory of the season.

"We got sloppy, I guess that happens with a lot of young players that haven't played," Wells

said of the Aggies' late-game play. "...All in all good win, good crowd, and good to get back on the winning side."

Defensively, Utah State held the Bengals to 113 rushing yards, adding a blocked point after and a blocked punt to the stat sheet.

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"new-look" Aggie offense following Saturday's loss at Wisconsin, they sure earned themselves a lot of praise against Idaho State. Now, I know what you're thinking, obviously Idaho State and Wisconsin are on a very, very different level. I get that (see below.) But this performance showed Utah State fans that when clicking, this is a VERY capable offense with a lot of different players who can step up. Led by Ron'quavion Tarver's seemingly effortless seven catches for 75 yards, 13 Aggie players, including three different tight ends, made receptions for USU.

27 - The number of consecutive Idaho State losses against FBS opponents

I hate to end this column on a down note, but I feel like it would be irresponsible to throw all of these impressive numbers out there and not bring things back down to Earth at least a little bit. Let's not get things twisted, Idaho State is a

really bad football team. Picked to finish 13th (aka last) in the Big Sky conference, they haven't had a victory over an FBS team since the year 2000. Anybody wanna take a guess who that was against? Yep, that's right, the Bengals defeated Utah State 27-24 at what was then known as Romney Stadium 17 years ago. Here is perhaps the most ridiculous number I found in all of this. The average score of ISU's losses throughout the FBS losing streak? 51-13. Sound familiar?

I guess what I'm saying with all of this, is we still don't know much about this Aggie football team. But at least we're not UNLV, who recently lost to 45-point underdog Howard at home. The Aggies came out, took care of business, and we'll learn a whole lot more about them next week-end against Wake Forest.

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AGGIE ROUNDUP

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lapse of the second tower. Flaherty, along with approximately 500 other 9/11 first responders, suffers from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder. “If God had a reason for me to live that day, he never told me what it is. For every person that entered the World Trade Center, it was a gamble if they were coming out,” Flaherty said. Only about half of those killed during the attacks have been laid to rest with remains, while 1,717 families never even got to see a piece of their loved ones again. “There were only 13 unidentifiable bodies found on the actual day. My lieutenant, Glenn Wilkinson, was one of them,” Flaherty said. There were a total of 343 firefighters and paramedics killed that day, as well as 37 port authority officers and 23 police officers. 2,753 people lost their lives in the attacks on the World Trade Center. “There were people killed that day from every religion, every nation. I don’t worry about dying anymore. If it was time for me to die that day I would have. I know when it’s my time to go I don’t stand a chance to prevent it. I learned to live each day as if it’s my last,” Flaherty said. Following the attacks and cleanup, those who died were honored both by their families and the nation. “I started going to two, sometimes three funeral services a day. My wife couldn’t understand why I had to keep going to funerals and couldn’t stay home and rest; but those people could have been me. I felt the need to be close as possible to honor those who lost their lives,” Flaherty said. Rudy Guiliani, former mayor of New York City, attended 200 funerals in the proceeding months. “Looking back, I did a lot to help people that day,” Flaherty said. If firefighters had not been at ground zero, the death toll is approximated to have at least doubled due to confusion and a lack of organization. “After 9/11 happened, for months no one wanted to hear you were hurting. We continued to keep looking through the debris, trying to find bodies,



PHOTO BY Megan Nielsen
On Sept. 9 the 9/11 memorial in front of Huntsman Hall on the Utah State University campus was rededicated.

and didn’t have time to take care of ourselves,” Flaherty said. There are 700 9/11 memorials across America, and the Ground Zero monument hosts over 2 million visitors annually. “People should never forget that that happened. It has become history, and needs to be taught in school as such. We need to keep the heroes alive by talking about their stories,” he said. The Ground Zero monument in lower Manhattan is located in the foundation of the World Trade Center, and has a fountain bearing the name of each person killed. “Nobody should ever forget. Good, bad or ugly, we need to remember the heroes as well as the fallen. No matter what your beliefs are, these people died heroically protecting American values and it is our duty to remember them,” Flaherty said.

The same day, 2,200 miles away at USU, Openshaw watched the attack unfold on TV. The NSCS was set to have a convocation meeting that night at 7, and Openshaw wrestled with the question of cancellation. “It was decided that we would move forward with the convocation as a display of unity and a statement to terrorism, implying by our action that nothing would detract us from our mission of encouraging academic excellence and unity under the American flag,” Openshaw said. He quickly realized there was a need to further memorialize the heroics and sacrifices of Americans, and to create a space for introspective reflection on the USU campus.

“It would then become a place of memory for us who experienced that day and for those who walked by and were curious enough read the plaque, the inscription on the chairs, and maybe to ask questions,” Openshaw said. Between domestic terrorism from White Nationalist groups to international Islamic terrorism as seen in Barcelona and Paris, the idea of terror-based crime is all-too prevalent in Americans’ minds, Openshaw said. “I think the monument is a statement about me or about you and whether we will stand tall in the face of terrorism — to remember the past but to connect it to today,” Openshaw said.

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“Upstanding” FROM PAGE 2

The program was developed by the Utah Department of Health’s Violence and Injury Prevention program and is being implemented throughout the state, although DeRito said she thinks USU is the first university to provide the training. “What’s cool about it is it’s a community sort of intervention program,” DeRito said, adding that the program will be offered throughout various junior high and high schools in the state. Community resources such as The Family Place, Citizens Against Physical and Sexual Abuse (CAPSA) and the Cache County Sheriff’s Office will be participating, DeRito said. “If you hear these terms in middle school and high school, you kind of just extend what you apply it to as you get older,” she added. DeRito also said bystander intervention training of this sort has proven to be one of the most effective means of preventing sexual misconduct and helping victims. “They’ve found that these kind of bystander programs work a lot better than calling out perpetrators and calling out victims because people don’t identify as either of those,” she said. “Even by talking about consent and sexual

violence and the context of the bystander intervention program, students take away a little and learn a little.” July’s training focused primarily on student leaders and faculty across campus and taught participants how to provide similar training to their respective auxiliaries. “Our idea is that we train staff and students in every corner of campus,” DeRito said. University representatives will be sending out periodic emails and other forms of contact to track the progress of those who have participated in the training. “We get this campus-wide buy-in to the program but then we have all these people who are training their staff, and we’re going to track all of that,” DeRito said. “We want to know what everyone’s doing. We’re providing resources ongoing.” Peters agreed, adding, “I think the coolest part about this is that the resources will continue to be provided.” While July’s training was primarily for student leaders and faculty, free training is available for all students, faculty and staff members. “I would encourage anyone to participate in this training,” Peters said. Students, faculty and staff members can register

for training at www.usu.edu/sexual-assault/upstanding/. According to the program’s website, those who wish to participate can choose between a 40-minute or a two-hour training session. The two-hour program “will empower participants to become upstanders and allows time to practice scenarios for safe and effective intervention,” according to the website. This option is recommended for student clubs and organizations, and “those who want or need to practice or become

comfortable with the concept of bystander intervention.” Similarly, the 40-minute session introduces the concept of becoming an upstander. The website says this session is recommended for “classes and those who just want to find out about the upstanding program.”

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plaint from a victim or university staff member, or could have arisen simply from the DOJ becoming aware of a mishandled case. Carter added that because the Department of Justice historically only involves themselves in high-profile cases, he speculates that the Torrey Green case could have sparked the investigation. In that case, four women, who reportedly did not know each other, reported then-USU student and football player Torrey Green to local police agencies. Green was not removed from the university and charges were not filed until the story was published by The Salt Lake Tribune more than a year later. Since then, Green has been charged with sexual misconduct involving seven women. “There’s no question in my mind that people across the nation and across the world were aware of (Green),” Carter speculated. “That case might involve the broader systemic issues that, historical-

ly, the Department of Justice would look into.” The Utah Statesman requested details of the investigation from the university and the DOJ. USU declined to provide further details and the Department of Justice would not comment, in general. “All we do know is that there were two very high-profile, very serious cases involving Utah State, either one of which — or both of which — could have provided information to the Department of Justice that would raise concerns,” Carter said, referring to Green’s case as well as the case of Jason Relopez, who was convicted in 2016 of attempted rape and attempted forcible sex abuse. The DOJ is seeking feedback from participants who have been through the Title IX process at USU to aid in its investigation. The department asks those willing to share their experiences to call (202)-616-2540 or email brigid.benincasa@usdoj.gov for more information. — alisonberg28@gmail.com @Alison_Berg

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What I wish I knew about sexual assault (this time last year)

by Allison Allred
GUEST COLUMNIST

The feeling of being a freshman in college is a feeling many experience only once in their life. Walking into your first lecture class, full of 500 underclassmen who are just as anxious as you. Showing up to Day on the Quad, trying to sift through all the tables to find some club or organization that seems interesting. For me, I took an immediate interest in sorority life. The girls were (and continue to be) welcoming, kind, and ready to help me find my place here at Utah State. But prior to meeting the women who would become my sisters, I met a boy. This boy was the first upperclassman to show me any kind of attention the first week of school, and naturally, I was excited. He was in a fraternity, and asked me if I considered rushing. I said I had, and his influence ultimately led me to making the decision to rush.

Please note — I do not include information about fraternity and sorority life to paint the organizations and members in a negative light. But in order to tell my story accurately, this information needs to be included.

I went through rush week, and had the time

felt alone, scared, worried. My mind was constantly occupied with what I was going to do next, how I could proceed, and what people would think. And all those negative feelings stemmed from trying to take the healing process on all alone. Little did I know at the time, I had a group of women who were there to support me through the whole process, I had on campus resources, like SAAVI, who were there to help me by giving me information.

However, though the on-campus individuals handling my case were trying to be helpful, I often found myself frustrated and exhausted by the process. I chose to take University Action against my attacker, which led to me attending meeting after meeting, and telling my story repeatedly. This was an exhausting process on its own. And became even more frustrating and humiliating compounded by the fact that the University couldn't take any action against my assailant because he wasn't enrolled in classes at the time — he did re-enroll in the Spring, and faced no punishment from the University upon his return to school.

I understand that when you are sexually as-

“Above all, know that you are not alone in your struggle. There are women and men out there just like you and me who experience this every day.”

of my life up until the final day of recruitment week known as Bid Day. I was thrilled to have received a bid, and I couldn't wait to spend more time with my new friends. That is, until this boy contacted me. He was having a party off campus, and invited me to come along. I knew no one there except for him, and it was very late at night when I finally set out to this apartment. Immediately upon entering the party, I felt an odd feeling come over me. But I went in anyways. Ultimately, this boy that I had a crush on, this boy who got me excited about joining a sorority, sexually assaulted me. Luckily, my cell phone rang at just the right moment and my roommate on the other line gave me a reason to leave.

Had her phone call not happened at that exact moment, had my phone been on silent, had she called another roommate, who knows what else could have happened.

I am choosing to tell my story today because I want those of you who have experienced sexual assault or who will, very unfortunately, experience sexual assault to know that you are not alone. In the weeks after my assault, I

saulted, the event itself and often the process afterwards is terrifying and humiliating. As a freshman last year, all I would have wanted to know was that I was not alone in my struggle. This time of year is known as the “Red Zone”. During this time from the beginning of school to Thanksgiving, sexual assaults and rapes are much more prevalent than other times of the year. We need to be vigilant. one in three college-age women will experience sexual assault — 15,032 women are enrolled at USU. That means, statistically, about 5,010 will be the victims of sexual assault. We need to change this. Don't go out alone. Always let people know where you're going. Follow your instincts. If you feel that a situation is bad, leave. Above all, know that you are not alone in your struggle. There are women and men out there just like you and me who experience this every day. I was one of those women. And I want you to know that I am here to help. Please feel free to reach out to me. I would be happy to help in any way I can.

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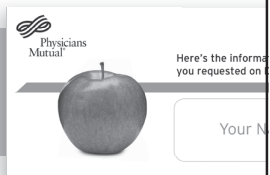
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CALENDAR | SEPTEMBER 12 - SEPTEMBER 18

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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

Avoid Falling For a Jerk or Jerkette!

9 a.m. In this FREE 1-day course, singles will learn what to look for in a health...

hy relationship. Location: 180 North 100 West Logan. Registration is required. Must be 18 or older to attend. Questions? Contact Leticia at 435-770-1244 or r.l.clegg@usu.edu.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

Parenting the Love and Logic Way

9 a.m. This FREE 1-day course teaches parents how to raise responsible kids and enjoy parenting. Participants will learn how to end power struggles with their children, teach responsibility, and prevent arguments. Registration is required. Location: 180 North 100 West Logan.

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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

4th Annual Patriotic Golf Tournament

8:30 am 550 E 100 N Smithfield. Tournament benefiting local veterans orgi...

nizations in and around Logan and Cache Valley. We look forward to seeing you on the green!

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

Annie

Heritage Theatre 2505 South Highway 89 Perry at 7:30 p.m. Price: \$10-12. Annie is a spunky D...

pression-era orphan determined to find her parents, who abandoned her years ago on the doorstep of a New York City Orphanage.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

2nd Annual "Walk With Someone" Family 5k Walk/Run & Activities Night

4:30 p.m. 800 W. Forest Street, Brigham City.

We'll have face painting, balloon artist, food, and walk to raise funds for awareness and prevention of suicide.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

Swaner's Craft Sunday

Bring your crafty kids to Swaner's Craft Sunday! Swaner Preserve & Eco-Center will offer a nature-themed craft every...

Sunday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. All ages are welcome!

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

CAAS Week

7:00 am - 5:00 am

Celebration Week / College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences

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Contact Sheri Anderson at (435) 797-1596 for more information.

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