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## **Utahns Rally for Better Treatment of Deaf and Blind Students**

*By Nicole Gonzales, reported on www.ksl.com, July 8th, 2008 @ 4:03pm*

Parents, children and advocates for deaf and blind students are letting their voices be heard today. Nearly 100 people gathered at the Capitol this morning to rally for children who attend Utah Schools for the Deaf and Blind.



Parents, children, grandparents and even a legislator showed up this morning to support deaf and blind children who, they believe,

should get the same benefits other children get.

Parents say their children are facing an educational nightmare. Students have been moved every year to different locations with no permanent building to call their own.

Whitney Ingram was one of the older deaf children at the rally today. She is going into 10th grade and wants to finish out high school at a stable location.

"We're in one building for a few years, then they send us to a different building. And the buildings are old, and they're kind of crumbling. We really want to go to a school that's nice, where we can stay," Ingram said.

Ingram is like many Utah deaf and blind students who have to move year to year to different locations to go to school. Some of the younger children don't understand why they're being moved.

"They'll ask, 'Well, why can't we go back to that school?' And you just say, 'They don't have room for us.' And they ask, 'Why don't they have room for us?' 'Well, we don't know, honey,'" explained Ellen Porter, grandparent of a deaf student.

Utah has just over 2,100 students who are blind or deaf; 350 to 450 of them attend schools in the Salt Lake Valley, most are part of regular classrooms or mainstreamed.

Seventy-five to 80 children will move to a temporary facility in Holladay this fall. But some mothers still do not know where their children will be this year. "I'm scared to death. I'm scared to death. He wants to know where he's going

to be," Jennifer Jackson said.

Organizers hope today's protest brings awareness to the situation and gets the Legislature to back their cause. A House representative at the rally said there's no excuse to ignore these children.

"I'm hoping that this year will be different. I'm hoping that these parents and teachers and the advocates being more vocal, more visible, will make it harder to deny their legitimate request," said Rep. Christine Johnson.

People who spoke at the rally wanted to remind residents to write to their representatives about this problem. They said the only way the system will change is if more of the public speaks up.

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## **Utah Men's Softball Team**

*By Rod Jex*

Having competed over the weekend of the 4th of July, the Utah Men's Softball team returned from a sunny and somewhat hazy Pleasanton, CA. This year's NWSAD tourney felt the effects of the economy and rising gas prices. For the first time in 25 years, there was no women's tournament. In addition, there were only five California teams and one Utah team, with northwest representatives in Washington, Oregon and Idaho absent.

Thursday night brought the homerun derby and 4 players from the Utah Rapids - James MacNicholl, Kevin Bishop (K5), Brian Munroe, Ben Smith, joined local Utahans Cory Fletcher and Matt Spurgeon from the Hoys Boys and over 30 others in a wild and crazy derby using 30 foot high fences at 280 feet. Both K5 and Cory made the semi-finals blasting towering homeruns that appeared to land 350-400 feet away.

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## President's Message

By Rob Kerr

*Editor's Reminder:* Due to Rob being out of town for several weeks this summer, there will be no President's Message until September.

## Utah Men's Softball Team

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After pushing defending Champion Henry Cdebaca to the brink, K5 bowed out 4-3 out of 5 balls each, but not before gaining tremendous notoriety and respect.

After losing the first two games against the eventual championship game participants - Hoy's Boys and Nor Cal, the Rapids savored their first win 10-9 over the West Coast Hit-men. Unfortunately, that ended up being the only win of the day. However, K5 was a beast in the outfield, seemingly covering the entire field to snag impossible catches, including several acrobatic, diving moves through the air.

The tournament games brought about a new day and sense of urgency. However, all appeared lost to the Fresno Fireballs when the game ended 2-6 after 55 minutes. Tournament games are 60 minutes however, and the additional 5 minutes brought the Rapids to life, rallying to score 5 runs for the win 7-6. The next game was a re-match against the Hoys Boys and they used it as their batting practice cruising 29-1. That brought up the first elimination game against the Fresno Silverhawks. Playing with renewed enthusiasm, the Rapids sent them packing 14-3.

Facing the Fireballs again with dreams of breaking through to 3<sup>rd</sup> place, the game ended in a closely fought 4-6 decision and ended the tournament for the Rapids. Utah Rapid looks forward to playing with the big boys at Nationals on July 31-Aug 2.

Cory and Matt took the NWSAD Championship with the Hoys Boys over Nor Cal 20-4. Cory, clearly injured, and suffering with each swing battled Henry into overtime before Henry retained his Homerun Derby championship 3-2.

NWSAD Utah Award Winners: 1<sup>st</sup> Team All Star - Kevin Bishop, 2<sup>nd</sup> Team All Star - James MacNicholl and Ben Smith Jr. Thanks to all who supported the Rapids, Cory and Matt at NWSAD 2008!

## REMINDER:

UAD Board Meeting  
August 2nd, 9am at SCCDHH

Check out the latest movies  
and times at:

[www.uad.org/cmoviesutah](http://www.uad.org/cmoviesutah)

# Society Page



## Rattles 'n' Powder

**June 15, 2008** - Addyson Kay, daughter of Jona and Brad Davis of Fremont, CA. Addyson is Ron and Joyanne Burdett's first grandchild, and they are delighted! The Burdett's live in Ivins, UT.

**June 18, 2008** - Summer Joy, daughter of Andrea and Justin Anderson of Riverton. Her brothers, Hunter, 5 and Jackson, 2, were on hand to welcome her home.

**June 21, 2008** - Amulek Euzene, son of Micah and Sarah Jarvis.



## Wedding Bells

**June 13, 2008** - Steven Dearing of SLC and Annaleise Taylor Peeples of Cedar Hills were married. An open house will be held at the groom's parents' home in Cedar Hills.

**June 20, 2008** - Rachel Miller of Mesa, Arizona and formerly of Magna, Utah was married to Justin Gurr at an LDS Church in Mesa. They had an open house at the home of Rachel's parents in Magna on June 28. They will be making their home in Mesa.

## Extreme Makeover: Standard Examiner



Fern Lewis' home in Ogden was one of seven homes included in "The Extreme Home Makeover Youth Conference Edition" handled by the youth conference of the Pleasant Valley stake of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Her home had its roof tarred, house trim and fence painted, lawn mowed and a new driveway and new windows put in. Fern is president of the Relief Society of the Ogden deaf branch. The Ogden deaf branch is under the Pleasant Valley stake.

## 20 Years Ago

Saturday 20th - A workshop, To Be or Not to Be, will be of interest to all hearing children of deaf parents. Special guest is Bonnie Kraft of Malden, Massachusetts, who is a child of deaf parents. All those 18 and older are welcome to attend. Although it is free, please call 533-6063 for reservations. Also on tap for the evening, starting at 7:30 pm, is Amateur Night. Call the same phone number and ask for Sherry to book your act.

## MDUP Website

*Andrea Anderson, State Director*

Miss Deaf Utah Pageant Organization is ALIVE! We are excited to share with you of our new website as it is awesome. Many thanks to Cathy Holt for her hard work. We will have our first event on September 6<sup>th</sup> at the deaf center. This event is for EVERYONE. We have tons of things going on, for both adults and children. More information and flyer is posted on the website.

Also for those young ladies who are interested in competing in the Miss Deaf Utah pageant, check for more information on our website at [www.mdup.uad.org](http://www.mdup.uad.org) and come to our first event on September 6<sup>th</sup>.

## Reversible Table Runner

This easy quilt-as-you-go table runner is perfect for any occasion! Quilt one side as you assemble the other! Make one side Halloween and the other side in another season!

Registration is required! Deadline is Friday, August 8, 2008. Email [dsdhhregistration@utah.gov](mailto:dsdhhregistration@utah.gov) or call at 801-263-4860. If you need a sewing machine, please reserve at registration.

Items to bring with you: 1/2 yard color fabric for one side, assorted fabrics (up to 1/2 yard) for one side, 1/2 yard of another color fabric for other side, assorted fabrics (up to 1/2 yard) for the other side, For example, one side can be in Halloween and the other side be Christmas. Bring 3/4 yard of batting, 1/4 yard for binding, scissors, rotary cutter, rotary mat, rotary (grid) ruler, pins, matching thread, and brown bag lunch with bottled pop/water.

Class taught at Sanderson Community Center of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, 5709 S 1500 W, Taylorsville, UT, on August 16th, 2008, from 10am to 5pm. Class will be taught in ASL. If accommodations needed, email registration.

Jennifer A. Byrnes, *Office Specialist I*, 801-263-4861

## UAD Organization Honored by NAD

During the National Association of the Deaf awards in New Orleans on Tuesday, July 8, the Utah Association for the Deaf was honored with an award for its exceptional advocacy and service. Trenton Marsh, UAD representative to the NAD conference, and Eli McCowan, attending MDUP activities the same week, were on hand to receive the award.



# Local News

## SUDHHP Office Gains New Staff

*by Emily Tanner, Programs Director*

The Southern Utah Deaf and Hard of Hearing Programs (SUDHHP) office is very fortunate to have Peggy Garrison onboard. She began working on July 9<sup>th</sup> as the Hard of Hearing Specialist. The responsibilities includes working with people with hearing loss who may be struggling with how to cope with losing some or a lot of hearing and assist with the quality of life. Coping with Hearing Loss, Living with Hearing Loss, and Conceptually Accurate Signed English are some



classes that are taught. The Hard of Hearing Specialist will meet with people with hearing loss explaining the different assistive technology devices available that will help with their hearing loss. Peggy will also meet with clients one-on-one to discuss their needs with hearing loss.

Born in Salt Lake, Peggy lived in Brigham City for 25 years and in St. George for the past 17 years ago. Peggy has 5 children, two are boys and three girls. She has six grandchildren. Two Shiatsus dogs are her pets! Yellow is her favorite color. Peggy enjoys eating different kind of melons. Her favorite dessert is German Chocolate cake!

Peggy earned her bachelor's degree from Weber State University in Social Work and Gerontology. With a rich experience working with the aging population for twenty-four years in different agencies and capacities, she is ready to work with the Hard of Hearing population. When working in a nursing home, Peggy was a social worker and a recreation therapist. She also worked in the mental health field for ten years. For the last four years, she worked as a case manager for the local aging program in St. George and the Five County Association of Governments. This has helped Peggy prepare for this position.

As the Hard of Hearing Specialist for southern Utah, Peggy's goals include giving assistance to the Hard of Hearing with different needs and educating the public about the services as well as the needs of the Hard of Hearing community. With the large population of people with hearing loss, Peggy hopes to see the services expand greatly to fulfill the needs of the citizens of southern Utah with hearing loss.

Extend Peggy your welcome and support as the new Hard of Hearing Specialist for southern Utah!

## Sign up for UAD Announce

Get up-to-date information on local happenings, news, and activities at [www.uad.org](http://www.uad.org).



## The Heat from Southern Utah

*by Emily Tanner, Programs Director*

On a hot evening of June 20, folks of southern Utah ignored the heat and met together at a nice park for a delicious Dutch

Oven dinner! The fantastic cooks, Steve and Bonnie Christensen, taught about Dutch Oven cooking, why it is essential, and the benefits of Dutch Oven cooking. After learning the tidbits of Dutch Oven cooking, we enjoyed eating the delicious food and getting to know one another. Watch for dates for Dutch Oven cooking in the future. And, come join us next time!



# Local News & Articles

## SCCDHH Calendar

<u>DAY</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>TIME</u>
Fri	Aug 1	SYHO	6pm
Sat	Aug 2	UAD Board Mtg Hands & Voices	9am 1pm
Mon	Aug 4	Service Dog Training	5pm
Wed	Aug 6	Seniors Cards Kids Klub	8am 10am
Mon	Aug 11	Service Dog Training	5pm
Wed	Aug 13	Seniors Cards Kids Klub	8am 10am
Thurs	Aug 14	Ballroom Dance	6pm
Fri	Aug 15	SYHO	6pm

<u>DAY</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>TIME</u>
Sat	Aug 16	Y.E.S. Quilting	10am 10am
Mon	Aug 18	Service Dog Training	5pm
Wed	Aug 20	Seniors Cards Kids Klub	8am 10am
Thurs	Aug 21	Ballroom Dance	6pm
Mon	Aug 25	Service Dog Training	5pm
Wed	Aug 27	Seniors Cards Kids Klub	8am 10am
Thurs	Aug 28	Ballroom Dance	6pm

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# MDUP Flyer

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# Sorenson ad



# Y.E.S.!

## You Empowered Series

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Sego Lily Center and American Express are proud to sponsor the Y.E.S. Series!

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*All classes are taught in American Sign Language. Let us know if need any other accommodations.*

**Registration deadline is one week before each workshop.**

**\*Children's activities are available for ages 5 to 10.\***

When registering, please include the number of children and which workshops you plan to attend (1 or all 4). RSVP by email: [info@slcad.org](mailto:info@slcad.org) or call 1-888-328-5486 (TTY, V, Fax). Hurry, space is limited!

**1) June 21, 2008 (10:00 to 1:00) Self-Esteem/Self-Care Learn simple ways to improve your self-esteem and how to fit taking care of yourself into your busy lives!**

**2) July 19, 2008(10:00 to 1:00) Budgeting - Learn to set up a budget that makes sense!**

**How to Save Money (when you don't have any)!**

**3) August 23, 2008(10:00 to 1:00) Dressing for Success- How to Impress for Less (\$)**

**Job Interviewing/Resume Writing/Job Searching**

**4) September 20, 2008(10:00 to 1:00) Smart Shopping  
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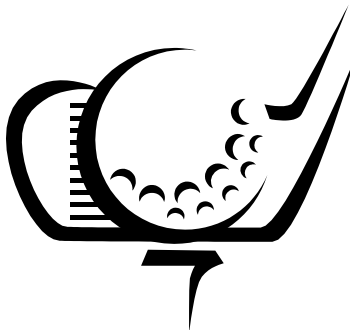
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### **Things You Never Knew You Always Wanted To About AUGUST:**

- The August birthstone is a jade or peridot.
- Flower of the month is Gladiolus, which means "splendid beauty".
- Francis Scott Key, the writer of *The Star Spangled Banner* was born on August 1st, 1779, in Maryland.
- Elvis Memorial Day is August 16th, he died in 1977 at the age of 42.
- August 21st is Hawaii's statehood day, which was proclaimed in 1959.
  - Kiss and Make up Day on August 25th
- Dream Day, August 28th, from when Martin Luther King gave his famous "I Have a Dream" speech in 1963
  - National Golf Month
  - Immunization Awareness Month
  - Romance Awareness Month
  - Smile Week (2nd week of August)
  - Respect for Parents Day on August 1st

