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Idol Hands are the Devil's Workshop!

Sheriff James D. Perkins Jr.



As the saying goes, "Idol hands are the devil's workshop." The Garfield County Jail houses approximately 93 state inmates and 20 county. As many people know, discipline problems can be rampant in any facility that houses inmates.

The Garfield County Jail is proud that our discipline problems have so far been low within our facility. We feel the reason for part of our success is that we try to keep a person busy, which helps reduce the numbers of discipline problems.

You ask, "What is the secret of the Garfield County Jail?" Well plainly stated, it's Projects, Educational Classes and Programing, Programing, Programing....

We have also had different programs within our facility, which include the Dare to Soar Substance Abuse Program, Life Skills, and

others. Some of the other classes we offer are welding, auto glass repair, blueprint reading, and financial literacy. We have just introduced a greenhouse where the inmates can earn the privilege to work.

The Garfield County Extension Agent came up and taught the inmates about different soils, watering, fertilizing, and much more. All the vegetables grown in the greenhouse, which are started from seed, will be used in our kitchen and eventually help us save money.

I think everyone would agree that we would like to see these incarcerated individuals released and prepared to be successful in the real world.

As I stated earlier, "Idol hands are the devil's workshop," and the more opportunities we are able to give the inmates within our facilities, the better chance they have to succeed in life and be productive.





Letter from the President

By Sheriff Jim Tracy
President, Utah Sheriffs' Association

This will be my last article for "The Utah Sheriff" that I will write as President of the Utah Sheriffs' Association. In September of this year, at the end of our Fall Conference in Saint George, Utah, Millard County Sheriff Robert Dekker will be sworn in as the new President.

Sheriff Dekker is a dedicated, hardworking elected official, and we welcome him as he steps into the position of President of the Utah Sheriffs' Association and extend our support and best wishes as he takes the "baton" and hits the ground running. It has been an honor representing and serving the Sheriffs of Utah as an officer of the USA Executive Board over the past eight years and particularly as President for the last two years.

Within the boundaries of Utah County, there is a unique mix of rural and unincorporated land and a major urban corridor that runs through the middle of the 2,141 square miles of county land that is home to over 500,000 people. This mix within Utah County presents many different issues for our Sheriff's Office as we fulfill our duties of legislatively mandated services and public safety expectations of the citizens of Utah County.

Volunteers are vital in assisting us to meet our service challenges in almost every area of the Sheriff's Office. Currently there are more than 250 volunteers that serve alongside the full time employees of our Sheriff's staff. The total volunteer hours exceed 45,000 labor hours per year and have an estimated value of over \$900,000.

As Sheriff, I want to express my deep appreciation and admiration to the many men and women who freely give of their time and means to serve and assist the Utah County Sheriff's Office in meeting our desired level of service and the public safety expectations of the citizens of one of the best—OK, the best county in Utah. Of course I'm not prejudiced!

James O. Tracy

Preserving History in Weber County

In 2014, Sheriff Terry Thompson initiated what has been affectionately referred to as the Weber County Sheriff's Office Heritage Project. The goal of this project was to gather and preserve items related to the history of the Sheriff's Office which was first organized in 1850. Current and former employees were sought out and asked to donate any memorabilia they possessed from days gone by. Documents, photographs, newspaper clippings, scrapbooks, as well as other tangible items such as old badges, patches, uniforms, and police equipment were acquired. Sheriff Thompson then commissioned the construction of some lighted display cases in the lobby of the 12th Street complex to house all of the artifacts.

These new displays now contain a plethora of items that go back decades. There is an assortment of old hats and uniforms dating back to the 1950s, a large collection of radios and police equipment, many effects related to the Weber County Jeep Patrol, as well as tributes to deputies who

have been injured in the line of duty. There is also a memorial



Sheriff Terry Thompson
Weber County

plaque honoring Chief Deputy Seymore Clark who was killed in 1908 during a gun battle in Uintah.

Many of the documents that were donated but could not be displayed are being kept in the historical archives at Weber State University. Our hope is to be able to preserve and digitize these items, and then make them available in electronic form for everyone to enjoy in the future.

The Sheriff's Office wishes to thank everyone who donated to this project that will remain a work in progress. We are always looking for further contributions that would help us enhance our collection. We would also like to invite you to come and view these displays, and to take a look into the past of this great organization!

For more information, contact the Weber County Sheriff's Office.



Washington County Sheriff Dances for a Good Cause

Sheriff Cory C. Pulsipher is an active, strong supporter of his community and has rarely turned down a plea for help. So when he was approached to participate in a fund raising event for the Washington County Children's Justice Center, he readily agreed. Sheriff Pulsipher can frequently be found flipping pancakes or turning over Dutch oven potatoes at one fund raising event or another. But this time, he traded in his chef's hat for dancing shoes, with only slight hesitation.

In March of this year, Sheriff Pulsipher performed the Tango with professional dance partner Debra Agrello, in the first annual "Dancing with your Community Stars" event. Fashioned after television's Dancing with the Stars, the event partnered prominent community members with professional dancers in a unique competition. All proceeds from the event benefited the Washington County Children's Justice Center

Dixie State University Ballroom Dance Team, Red Rock Swing Dance, and dancers from Agrello Dance and



Fitness spent weeks rehearsing Sheriff Pulsipher and the other participants. Although he was well outside of his comfort zone, he dedicated his time to prepare for the competition for this worthy cause.

On the night of the event, this strong, fearless lawman may have been seen trembling on stage, but he performed like a star. We salute Sheriff Pulsipher for his courage, above and beyond the call of duty.

6 Tips to Stay Cool & Healthy This Summer

Summer in Utah is a wonderful time to be outdoors. But long periods of time outside come with a few risks, including sunburn, dehydration, heatstroke, and unfriendly critters. Here are 6 tips to help you stay healthy and cool this summer as you enjoy Utah's beautiful outdoors.

- 1. Stay hydrated.** Make sure you always carry at least one water bottle with you, more if you're going to be on a longer hike. Reusable bottles are a good investment that allow you to fill up at any number of convenient places with potable water.
- 2. Cover up.** Protecting yourself from the sun doesn't just prevent a sunburn in the short term; it can also help you prevent skin cancer in the future. Use a broad-brimmed hat to protect your face, ears, and neck. Use light-weight long-sleeved shirts and long pants when you'll be in the sun for extended periods of time. Clothing is the best sun protection, but you should also use sunscreen to cover any exposed areas of skin.
- 3. Enjoy the shade.** If you'll be outdoors during the day's peak heat, make sure you take time to cool off in shaded areas. Time in the shade will give your body a break and can help prevent heatstroke.
- 4. Use insect repellent.** If you're going to be in areas with woods or heavy vegetation, be sure to use insect repellent made for wilderness areas. Spraying your clothing and any exposed areas of skin will help prevent bites from ticks and mosquitoes, which can both carry dangerous diseases.
- 5. Stay alert.** While deadly interactions with bears, mountain lions, and rattlesnakes are rare, they usually happen when the animals are spooked and feel threatened by humans. Staying observant of your surroundings, and any wildlife you encounter, will help avoid a dangerous situation. Wildlife experts also recommend that you always travel with a buddy and stay on approved paths.
- 6. Keep in touch.** When you head out on an adventure, big or small, it's wise to tell a loved one where you're going and when you expect to be back. That way, if something happens and you don't return when you're expected, they'll be able to contact the proper authorities. You should also travel with a cell phone and call 911 in case of any emergency. Be sure to keep track of your location so you can tell first responders how to find you.

Scholarship Awards for 2015

The following students have been selected by the Utah Sheriffs' Association's Executive Board to receive a \$500 Scholarship Award for the 2015-2016 school year.

AWARD RECIPIENT	COUNTY	COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY
Madison Christine Palacios	Carbon	USU Eastern University
Brent E. Peters	Davis	Utah Valley University
Jarica Nichole Huntington	Emery	USU Eastern University
Sicily Ann Houston	Garfield	Southern Utah University
Cherish Ann Moore	Garfield	Snow College
Tanner Steven White	Grand	Colorado Northwestern
Bradley Michael Tischner	Juab	Snow College
Tryler Bair Greenhalgh	Juab	Snow College
Jordan Dee McDonald	Millard	Snow College
Alexis Anna Oliver	Millard	Dixie State University
Tyler Dale Ashman	Millard	Dixie State University
Shayli Kilmer	Morgan	Southern Utah University
Shaylee Anne Gleave	Piute	Southern Utah University
Nicole Morgan Nunley	Sanpete	Snow College
Austin Joseph Weaver	Tooele	Salt Lake Community College
Jordan Andrew Tabbee	Uintah	Weber State University
Kelly Martin	Utah	Utah Valley University
Teryl Jo Kent Morgan	Utah	Colorado State University
Chris Dominador Ruiz	Utah	Utah Valley University
Rejis Irene Hinton	Washington	Dixie State University
Carson Bradly Aprato	Washington	Dixie State University
Jennifer Jewel Sandberg	Weber	Weber State University

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