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Two die in crash on I-15

By DON BAKER
Standard-Examiner Davis Bureau

WOODS CROSS — A three-vehicle collision on Interstate 15 near Wood Cross early Sunday claimed the lives of two West Valley City children and left three other people hospitalized in critical or serious condition.

Police reported the crash occurred when a pickup truck driven by Marsha Wells, 39, of Bountiful, crossed the freeway median and struck a passenger car broadside before slamming into a minivan.

Killed in the crash were 9-month-old Raymond Polhamus and his 12-year-old sister, Melissa, who were both riding in the passenger car.

Another brother, 5-year-old Zachary Polhamus, was listed in critical but stable condition in the Primary Children's Medical Center intensive care unit. The children's 37-year-old mother, Kristeen, was hospitalized in serious but stable condition at Lakeview Hospital with head and neck injuries.

Wells, who was alone in the pickup, was ejected from her vehicle and was listed in serious condition at University Hospital with head injuries.

Eugene Polhamus, 41, the driver of the passenger car, and his 9-year-old son Dan, were treated for minor injuries and



Associated Press

Two children died Sunday and three other people were seriously injured in this crash on I-15 at Woods Cross.

released from Lakeview Hospital.

None of the accident victims were wearing seat belts, police said.

No one in the minivan was injured.

Police reports said the accident occurred at about 10:20 a.m. while Wells was driving southbound on I-15 near the Woods Cross interchange. The Polhamuses were headed for

Kaysville to attend church.

Witnesses said the pickup crossed the median and into the path of oncoming traffic. Polhamus swerved to miss the Wells vehicle, but his car was struck broadside.

Police said they didn't know what cause the Wells vehicle to drift across the freeway median, and the accident remains under investigation by the Utah Highway Patrol.

Mayor: Syracuse shot self in foot over storm drain

By DONNA BROWN
Lakeside Review

SYRACUSE — Opposition from land owners has caused city officials to back away from a 3½-year effort to build a mile-long stretch of storm drain even though Davis County was going to pay for it.

"I think we've shot ourselves in the foot," Mayor DeLore Thurgood said.

He said the drain is badly needed. While the city does not have major flooding problems, lack of the storm drain may interfere with future development, he said.

City Manager Michael Moyes said the drain, which would have been between 1700 South and 2700 South paralleling the 1500 West corridor, was intended to collect water from storms and to relieve pressure from existing storm drains that are not adequate.

Storm drainage needs have been a subject of discussion in council meetings for several years. But because the city could not come to an agreement with residents over the type of system to be installed, officials have opted to put the issue aside.

Engineers estimated the cost of piping the system to be more than \$784,000, while an open

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channel drain was estimated at about \$643,000. Although the city offered to contribute \$40,000 to the project from its storm drain fund, county officials said funding was not available for the more expensive system.

"I really feel defeated. But on the other hand, I represent the people, and the majority of the land owners who responded did not want a storm drain unless it was piped," Thurgood said.

At residents' request, Syracuse officials asked the county to totally pipe the system for the portion of the drain that was to run through the city, as opposed to an open concrete-lined channel.

Under the less-expensive alternative, a 4-inch-thick concrete ditch would have been installed and lined with a chain link fence. People owning land would have been required to sell a 50-foot wide right of way to the county

for the canal at an estimated \$6,000 per acre.

The mayor said residents complained about the unsightly, unsafe and generally undesirable nature of an open storm drain.

"Although this is the perceived concept, I believe the reality of the matter proves otherwise, because many open storm drains exist all over the country, including our own county and in some very elite neighborhoods."

One woman said she opposed the open ditch because her land was too narrow to accommodate it.

"We had a contractor go over a plat and it would take half of our building lot," said Ila Burton. She said the drain would decrease the resale value of the property. "I think about everybody in the whole mile, except maybe two, would oppose it unless it were piped."

The mayor said because of the difficulty and delays encountered on the project, county officials had time to assess that the project, if approved, would deplete the county flood control funds.

"As a result, they have been looking for a gracious way out of their commitment, which we have allowed through internal disagreement," the mayor said.

Two injured in accident on U.S. 89

LAYTON — A two-vehicle accident on U.S. 89 today sent two people to the hospital with multiple injuries.

Utah Highway Patrol Sgt. Dave Lesley said witnesses indicated a southbound station wagon appeared to attempt a U-turn just south of the Oakhills Drive intersection and was hit broadside on the passenger side by a northbound pickup truck.

Lesley said the car's driver, a woman, was taken by ambulance to McKay-Dee Hospital in Ogden in critical condition. The pickup's driver, a man, was taken by helicopter to LDS Hospital suffering back and head injuries, he said.

Hosts sought for Hof carnival visitors

OGDEN — Coming soon, a unique opportunity to brush up on your German language skills. The Ogden Sister Cities Committee is looking for residents who will open their homes to visitors from Hof, Germany, arriving for Ogden's 4th Annual Hof Winter Carnival.

Mayor Scott Sneddon, also longtime chairman of the sister cities panel, said about 35 visitors from Hof, Ogden's sister city, are expected for the carnival Jan. 18-21. About 25 residences will be needed to house the visitors, including a 19-piece Bavarian musical group.

Sneddon said the first 11 visitors are expected by Jan. 12, with the rest arriving Jan. 16. All will depart by Jan. 26.

Those interested can call Inge Adams at 479-9869 or the City Recorder's Office at 629-8318.

Farmington may not seek funds

Mayor wants to give other cities chance for federal grants

By VALERIE PHILLIPS
Lakeside Review

FARMINGTON — Saying they want to give other cities a better chance of receiving funds, Farmington officials might not apply for a Community Development Block Grant this year.

City officials made three suggestions on projects that could be funded by the federal program at a public hearing Wednesday, but Mayor Robert Arbuckle recommended not applying this year so other cities could be considered. He pointed out that two years ago Farmington received \$50,000 to buy land for its new fire/police station.

"There are some cities in the county that have not received any of the money," he said. "We would like to see them apply for it and make sure the money is equitable throughout the county."

But, we want to be prepared in case some of those cities don't apply."

The Housing and Urban Development Department CDBG program allocates funds to the state, then the state divides the money among seven planning areas. The Davis County Council of Governments administers the local share.

To apply for the money, a public hearing must be held to solicit ideas for projects in the community, especially in low- and moderate-income areas. A second hearing is held to select a project and receive public comments on it.

Police Chief Val Morton asked the council to consider building a sidewalk at Second East and Second South. He said the street is a major school route and a major collector route. Presently a

lined line on the asphalt designates where pedestrians should walk.

"It was especially noticeable during this last storm, where there was nowhere to walk with all the ice and snow," said council member Pat Achter, who then suggested another project — buying the old "Rock Hotel," which is for sale.

The building, on the southwest corner of State Street and 100 East, was built in 1850. Over the years it has been used as a tavern, a hotel, apartments and offices. Currently, the building is empty with an asking price of \$125,000 from Zions Bank.

City Manager Max Forbush said his choice would be storm drains in the city's center.

"We have some real bad drainage problems in the center part of town," he said.

Davis clerk to run for new office

By WENDY OGATA
Standard-Examiner Davis Bureau

FARMINGTON — Davis County Clerk Margene Isom has announced her candidacy for the combined clerk-auditor office that will be up for election this year.

"I have gained experience operating the clerk's office and plan to continue to do so this year in an honorable and efficient manner," Isom said. "I'm looking forward to the challenge of the combined clerk-auditor position as I am confident that with the experience and exposure I've had this past year, I will be able to bring credibility and respect to the combined office."

The filing period for county elections does not open until March 15, but Isom said she wanted to announce her intentions now "to get a jump on it and let people know what I'm going to do."

Isom won the clerk's election in November 1988 and took office in January 1989 to fill the two years left on the unexpired term of former clerk Michael Allphin. Allphin left office in mid-term to become a state courts administrator.

Last September, before commissioners voted 2-1 to combine the clerk and auditor offices as a means of streamlining county government, Isom opposed the

merger but agreed to support whatever decision was made.

"I think it can be done with good administration and good chief deputies," she said today.

Auditor Ruth Kennington said today she is considering running for the combined office but has yet to make a firm decision.

Kennington vehemently has opposed combination of the two offices, saying she feels the move by commissioners was aimed at getting her out of county government and will weaken the system of checks and balances in the county.

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What's happening

GIRL SCOUTS MEETING: Organizational meeting to form neighborhood Girl Scout troops for girls 6 through 12 in the areas of Lomond View, North Ogden, Hillcrest, Lincoln, Edison, Gramercy, Bonneville, Valley or Lynn Elementary schools, 6:30 to 8 p.m. Wednesday in the Highland Middle School Media Center, 325 Gramercy Ave., Troop leaders, co-leaders and assistant leaders are needed. Registration dues of \$4 per girl or adult. No children other than the potential

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