

Lakeside



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Debbie Talbot watches her dog's 12 puppies as they wobble about on the lawn.

## Family in for 'dog days'

Spaniel gives area residents 12 more mouths to feed

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LAYTON — The pitter-patter of 48 tiny paws can be heard in one Layton home tonight.

The stork must have dropped his whole bundle about three weeks ago when he brought 12 Brittney spaniel puppies into the home of Bob and Debbie Talbot.

Things were pretty quiet for the Talbots, their daughter Sarah, a cat and Brittney spaniel, until the 1½-year-old mother showed up with the 12 pups.

"She's got more pups than she has places to feed them," Talbot said.

"It doesn't happen all the time by any means, to have that many puppies is quite a bunch," said Richard B. Winward, a local veteri-

erinarian. "But it happens from time to time."

Winward said the litter is certainly no record, but still pretty impressive.

The pups' proud papa is also a full-blooded Brittney. This is her first litter. Despite her inexperience, she is taking good care of the entire bunch, said Talbot.

"She's feeding them all and not pushing any of them away," Talbot said.

Another local veterinarian, Marr Fawcett, said if the pups have made it this far, they all have a good chance of survival.

"An average size litter is anywhere from four to six. Any time you get above that it's abnormal, and 12 is quite abnormal," he said.

The Talbots say they don't mind the imposition of 12 more hungry mouths to feed. In fact, they are all one big happy family.

Last week Talbot said the family, pups and all, would spend the Memorial Day holiday fishing and camping. "This should be quite an experience," he said.

Mrs. Talbot said, "When you go to bed and wake up and there are 12 pups where there were only eight the night before, that's quite a surprise."

When asked what he would do with all those dogs, Talbot said, "Uh, you want one?" Although the dog, appropriately named Brittney, is not registered, he will try to sell the pups for hunting dogs.

## Teen designs fair book cover

FARMINGTON — A Clearfield High senior has drawn the winning design for the 1990 Davis County Fair Book cover.

Ebon Thurgood's design, centering around the contest theme, "From the Ground Up," will appear on all this year's fair books.

Winners were announced recently by the Davis County Fair Board. The awards will be presented during the county fair to be held in Farmington, Aug. 1-4.

Ebon, age 18, of Syracuse, won a \$75 savings bond.

Second-place winner to receive a \$50 savings bond is Chad Downs, a 10-year-old student from Sunset who attends Dockey Elementary.

Honorable mention winners will receive \$10 cash awards. They are 13-year-old Baron Barker of Farmington, who attends Farmington Junior High School, and Kathy Bingham, 12, who attends Layton Elementary.

More than 150 entries were received from schools throughout the county.

Participating elementary schools included Columbia Elementary, Kaysville; Dockey Elementary, Sunset; Knowlton Elementary, Farmington; Layton Elementary, and Jennie P. Stewart Elementary, Centerville.

Entries from Farmington Junior High and Clearfield High School were also received. The fair book will be available in early summer. All entries will be on display at the fair and may be picked up by participants when the fair ends.

## Channel 30 will air salutes to hometowns

Local television station KOOG Channel 30 will present a series of shows that salutes the people and communities along the Wasatch Front.

Starting on May 28 and running through Aug. 27, 13 different communities will be highlighted on the series "Hometown Salutes." Ron Kirby, assistant productions and promotions manager at KOOG, said, "(The

series) lets people know that Channel 30 is interested in what's going on in their community. It performs kind of a public service for them and is good publicity for us."

For Davis County viewers, Farmington will be showcased on June 4, with Clearfield on July 16, Layton on July 23 and Bountiful on July 30. The series will show each community celebrat-

ing a holiday or enjoying a community activity, such as Bountiful's Hand Carts Day on July 23.

Each two-minute segment will air scenes, activities and comments from local residents on living in their community. The salutes will be broadcast at 7:20 a.m. and 7 p.m. each night throughout the summer. This is the third year the series will run on Channel 30.

## 4-H seeking adult leaders

FARMINGTON — Adults who are interested in being a 4-H leader or would like to enroll their children or teens in 4-H should call the Davis County Extension office at 451-3409 or stop by the 4-H office at 125 S. Main, Farmington.

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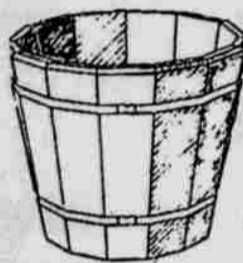
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