



## Area-Wide WEEK IN REVIEW

Items from  
regional newspapers

### Explosive growth in San Juan County...

**Monticello** - Explosive growth in San Juan County is evidenced by a host of new subdivisions and building permits. County building inspector Bruce Bunker said that new construction is occurring throughout the county. "New homes are scattered here, there and everywhere," said Bunker. Bunker said that the San Juan County Commission approved seven building permits on Sept. 24 and five permits the previous week. He added that five more permits are on his desk awaiting approval. Homes are being built in many areas with approved subdivisions, including Spanish Valley, Bridger Jack Mesa, Wilson Arch, Old La Sal and Elk Meadows. The number of homes that could be built in approved subdivisions would total in the hundreds. Development is occurring in and around area municipalities, including the recently approved Avikan Subdivision, southwest of Shirttail Corner near Blanding. Second phases are currently under development at the Elk Meadows and Wilson Arch subdivisions. Significant growth is occurring in and around Monticello, with the Monticello City Council set to consider two annexation proposals. The two proposals, if approved, would increase the size of the city of Monticello by nearly 75 percent, from roughly 1,600 acres to more than 2,800 acres.

—San Juan Record

### Sheriff's complex gets underway...

**Manti** - County, construction, and financial participants were on hand Friday, Sept. 21 to break ground for the Sanpete County Jail. Under the direction of commissioner chairperson Claudia Jarrett, groups took turns making brief comments and then turning shovelfuls of dirt. County officials first, then sheriff's department members, financial advisors and Manti City officials got a chance to say a few words. "This jail protects our future; it gives us the infrastructure we need to live our lives in this great county," said Commissioner Bruce Blackham. Jarrett and commissioner Mark Anderson both commented that many hours have been put into the jail project. Funding for the project is provided by state and county funds. Jack Cox, Utah state director for USDA Rural Development said, "We are extremely pleased to be able to provide \$3 million in a low interest loan to Sanpete County for the new jail." CIB added an \$8.2 million low-interest loan to the project, and the county approved a general obligation bond for \$6 million following a county vote held June 2006. Okland Construction is building the 128-inmate bed facility with a completion date of Nov. 8, 2008.

—Sanpete Messenger

### Tribal water taps federal funds...

**Cortez** - The Ute Mountain Ute Tribe hopes to use a \$1 million federal grant for water conservation. The grant is part of a proposed federal package of more than \$120 million for water-related projects across Colorado. The Water Resources Development Act of 2007, which includes the grant monies, passed the U.S. Senate Monday. "To the West and rural America, water is our most important resource," Sen. Ken Salazar, D-Colo., said in a statement. "I am pleased that Congress has recognized the importance of authorizing these water projects for Colorado." Tom Rice, the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe's environment director, said the tribe has numerous water and wastewater issues, including water lines — in need of repair — running from Cortez's water-treatment plant to the reservation. "We have a variety of infrastructure water and wastewater needs that we need to address," Rice said. "We have a long list of water and wastewater needs we'll look at." The tribe owns water rights for 1,000 acre-feet of water per year from the McPhee Project. The water is treated in Cortez and sent to Towaac's water plant, where it's treated again, Rice said. The tribe also wants to expand its waste-treatment system, which would include building more treatment plants, Rice said.

—Cortez Journal

### Train derails at site near Helper...

**Helper** - A total of 18 coal cars derailed at approximately 10:15 a.m. on Sept. 25. All 18 cars, which came off the track approximately six miles north of Helper, were owned by the Union Pacific Railroad. No injuries or chemical spills occurred during the incident according to UP director for media information James Barnes. "The cause of the accident is still under investigation," said Barnes. "And we don't consider the incident a collision as there was no locomotive impact." According to the UP spokesman, seven loaded coal cars initially derailed while traveling west bound on main track one. The railroad cars were en route to Kentucky from Utah. The train was 107 cars long and according to an on-site UP employee each loaded car weighs in excess of 250,000 pounds. "We have not determined why or how, but the initial seven cars caused 11 additional empty rail cars to come off the track," explained Barnes. The 11 empty railroad cars were traveling east bound on the outside main track two. "We expect to have rail service returned to main number two on the morning of the Sept. 26 and we will keep working around the clock until we return service to main number one," Barnes said.

—Sun Advocate

### Riding the trails...

**Richfield** - The 2007 ATV jamboree closing ceremonies were held recently, wrapping up a week of good rides and family fun in Sevier County. There were 598 participants in this year's jamboree, up from 537 in 2006, and the event took place in the Sevier Valley Center for the first time, on the campus of Snow College Richfield. Participants in the event came from 38 states and Germany, and enjoyed clear weather for most of the jamboree. Kevin Arrington, organizer, said he received good feedback about this year's event. "Most of our comments were really positive," Arrington said. The jamboree has traditionally been held at the Richfield City Park, and Arrington said he wasn't sure if the Sevier Valley Center would continue as the home of the jamboree, or not.

—Richfield Reaper



Grand's Cayden Black runs the ball during their 25-13 loss to San Juan in Blanding.

Photo by Steve Cannon

## Broncos beat Red Devils at Blanding

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Although the Grand County Red Devils started strong and threatened to spoil San Juan's homecoming football game last Friday, Grand was unable to score in the second half and ultimately fell to the Broncos, 25-13.

Bronco quarterback Dane Lyman threw two touchdown passes and ran for another score as San Juan once again disappointed the Red Devils at Blanding. Grand hasn't won a varsity football game at Blanding since the fall of 1986.

Grand scored a touchdown on the second play of the game when quarterback Gordon Garrett and tight end Derick Eddy pulled a role reversal. Eddy took the snap and heaved the ball down the left sideline and into the waiting arms of Garrett, who

sprinted into the end zone for a 65-yard touchdown reception. Garrett Sisco's extra-point try was good, putting the Devils up 7-0.

San Juan fumbled the ball away on the ensuing kickoff, and Grand was able to advance inside the Broncos' 10-yard-line before turning the ball over on downs. San Juan then drove the length of the field and scored on a 13-yard pass from Lyman to Nathan Einerson. The extra-point kick failed, leaving San Juan behind 7-6.

On Grand's next play from scrimmage, Garrett broke loose for a 77-yard scoring run that put the Red Devils ahead 13-6 with 1:45 left in the first period. It ended up being the last time the Red Devils scored.

"It wasn't for lack of effort on our part," said GCHS head coach Dennis Wells. "We

just didn't get the job done."

"We just didn't have enough discipline," added Wells, referring to the Red Devil defense's continued inability to stop the Broncos on third or fourth down. "We've got to do our job on defense."

The Red Devils were also plagued by costly penalties throughout the game, and dropped more than a couple of potential interceptions.

In the second period, Lyman again connected with Einerson, this time from 30 yards out. Kohler Black's kick was good, tying the score at 13-13. The Broncos had one more chance to score before halftime, but, following a faked 44-yard field-goal attempt, Lyman's fourth-down pass into the end zone as time expired was incomplete.

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## Soccer team wins one, loses one as season nears close

Even though the Grand County Red Devils girls soccer team fell a bit short of their desired results, the team won one of two games last week, soundly defeating Gunnison on Sept. 25, and losing yet another overtime game to Manti on Sept. 27.

In the Gunnison match, the girls were confident of their play. The outcome was determined in the first 10 minutes of the game, as the Devils were able to take shot after shot against an over-matched Bulldog defense.

The girls played a solid game, yet the passing wasn't as crisp and clean as it should have been, said coach Ed DeFrancia. Too

many balls were slow, off target or otherwise misplayed, but the girls kept their minds in the game and at the end of the first half held a 4-0 lead.

In the second half, Grand was able to find the net four more times, building an 8-0 lead with almost 20 minutes left to play. Junior varsity players got some quality playing time as the lead stretched out, and coach Krista Guss forced the girls to play a control game.

"We've been on the other side of these games in the past," Guss said. "We know what it feels like, and there are many fundamentals elements that we can

improve. Our goal is to play good soccer and not totally deflate the ambition of a new program, as Gunnison has. We want them to enjoy the game, and continue to play. It's sportsmanship."

Grand did just as they were instructed, and passing was clean and crisp. The final tallies showed Oceanna Irish, Drew Camps and Felicia Tsosie with one goal each, Grace Tyler with two, and Britany Tibbetts three. Britany Tibbetts also contributed two assists. Robyn Dickerson got her fourth shutout of the season, needing to make only two saves during the entire contest.

The rematch with Manti

turned out to be the girls' best game of the year, in spite of falling 2-1 in overtime, DeFrancia said. The first half saw both teams challenging often, but Grand seemed to have the upper hand. Dickerson was tested, and rose to the occasion, supported by the defensive efforts of Audrey Baird, Madeline Savarese, Amy DiMare and Athena Hawks. Manti's Emily Olsen, among the leading scorers in the state, was held in check throughout the contest.

After a scoreless first half, both teams came out with more determination and Manti got the

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Medal winners at the cold Orm cross country meet were (l. to r.) Jamie Lamb, Audrey Baird, Charlie Schildt, Sheena Stucki, and Hayley Knouff.

Photo courtesy of GCHS Cross Country

## Grand runners shine despite adverse weather

The Red Devil's Cross Country teams competed in the Orem Kiwanis Invitational meet on Saturday. Though the weather in Moab was ideal for a winning, the Wasatch front held a rainy feeling with chilled breeze and a light drizzle. With chattering teeth, the high school running team took the task before them.

Nearly all of the 25 Grand runners improved their respective times. The ladies fielded a six-person team and nearly took first place against the bigger 3A schools. Judge Memorial edged the ladies by 10 points.

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