

## Attorney General candidate Stormont visits Kanab

By Dixie Brunner

The office of the Attorney General should ideally be beyond reproach. With a mission of upholding the constitutions of both the State of Utah and that of the United States, it is also tasked with providing counsel to state agencies and public officials to work with law enforcement and protect the interests of Utah, its people, environment and resources.

The Utah Attorney General's Office has had its share of shame of late. After many months of investigations, eventually felony charges were filed against former Attorney General John Swallow (R). The highest legal institution within the state was an embarrassment. As time has gone on, prior Attorney General Mark Shurtleff (R) has also been charged with several felonies.

Swallow's replacement, Sean Reyes (R), was appointed by Republican Governor Gary Herbert, after all the chaos and scandal to fill the post until the November elections.

But in a department mired with a negative perception and activities not befitting the state's highest law enforcement office, some people think it's time for a change. Charles Stormont (D), who was recently in Kanab, wants to be that change.

"Several things made me decide to run," said Stormont. "While watching the news in January, I had it in my mind, 'when is someone going to do something about this?' I under-

stand the office. But independence of an Attorney General is crucial, and there is definitely a lack of independence!"

Stormont knows the office well. He has worked for most of the last decade as a line attorney for the State of Utah. He has a degree in mathematics and political science, and his legal practice has focused on economic issues. He has been practicing law since 2001, and has served in the Attorney General's Office since 2008.

As a former small business owner, farm and ranch manager, father and husband, he desires to be a public servant (not a politician)! He has a wife, Valerie, and two young children. They love

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Democratic candidate for Utah Attorney General, Charles Stormont, was campaigning in Kanab recently.



The start of the Grand to Grand Ultra Marathon last Sunday overlooking the Grand Canyon. Photo by Matt Brown.

## G2G last supper, cowbells, sweat and cheers

By Susana Young

What would you want to eat for your last supper before you begin a 170-mile race, carrying in your backpack all the food you'd eat for the next seven days? The G2G Ultra runners' answers are as varied as the answers you and your friends and family would give. Some runners carbo-loaded, piling their plates high with pasta. Some wanted lots of meat. Some ate salad and vegetables. Some had gooey brownies, others preferred fruit for dessert.

The amazing thing was that Mel Heaton and his crew prepared it all, and no matter what runner preferences were, they all got what they wanted and needed for their last supper before starting the grueling race. Well, except for a few who might have liked a bit of wine with their supper.

As the race began under cloudy skies near the North Rim of the Grand Canyon, the runners' goals were as varied as their food preferences. Some thought that if they could just make it through the first two days, they'd be able to keep going. Some hoped to be able to at least cross the finish line at the end of day seven, even if they came in last. A few runners had their sites on crossing the Day 7 finish line first. All were eager to begin.

Cowbells are rung by G2G volunteers and the race directors as each competitor approaches the day's finish line... "the sweetest sound imaginable," a competitor said, "because it signals we have made it another day."

The camaraderie among the competitors is evident, as tentmates chat in the shade of their tents and gather around to cheer as their friends make it to the

camp. By the end of Day 2, six people had dropped out. However, our local runners, Gregory Castle, Todd Seliga and Mike McTeer, were still going strong. They each said that they have an advantage because they know the terrain and are accustomed to the altitude.

At the beginning of Day 3, the "long stage" (52.5 miles), Seliga led the pack of those departing at 8 a.m. The 15 fastest runners left two hours later at 10 a.m. This delayed start gives the slower runners more daylight running time, and the possibility to run with the fastest competitors as they likely pass them somewhere along the route.

About 23 miles into the "long stage" route on Day 3, a cheering station at Best Friends pet cem-

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## Five charged with unlawful ATV ride in Recapture Canyon

A two-count misdemeanor information filed in federal court on September 17 in Salt Lake City, charges five individuals in connection with an unlawful ATV ride in Recapture Canyon on May 10, 2014. The information alleges one count of conspiracy to operate off-road vehicles on public lands closed to off-road vehicles and one count of operation of off-road vehicles on public lands closed to off-road vehicles.

Charged in the information are Phillip Kay Lyman, age 50, of Blanding; Monte Jerome Wells, age 50, of Monticello; Jay Demar Redd, age 40, of Santa Clara; Shane Morris Marian, age 33, of Monticello; and Franklin Trent Holliday, age 31, of Blanding. A summons will be issued to the five to appear in federal court in Salt Lake City on October 17, 2014, at 2 p.m., before U.S. Magistrate Judge Evelyn Furse. Each count in the information carries a potential penalty of up to a year in jail and a fine of \$100,000. The investigation in the case is ongoing.

The information charges the five individuals with conspiracy to operate off-road vehicles on public lands closed to off-road vehicles.

According to the information, from about February 27, 2014, and continuing until about May 10, 2014, the defendants conspired among themselves, with each other, and with others

known and unknown, to operate off-road vehicles through land restricted to off-road vehicles and administered by the BLM.

The information alleges the purpose of the conspiracy was to unlawfully operate off-road vehicles through the restricted area as a means of expressing opposition to the BLM and its management of Recapture Canyon.

"We respect the fact that the citizens of this state have differing and deeply held views regarding the management and use of Recapture Canyon, and recognize that they have the right to express those opinions freely. Nevertheless, those rights must be exercised in a lawful manner and when individuals choose to violate the law, rather than engage in lawful protest, we will seek to hold those individuals accountable under the law," Acting U.S. Attorney Carlie Christensen said.

"Regrettably, a number of individuals organized and engaged in an illegal ATV ride through Recapture Canyon, an area rich in archaeological history" said BLM Director Neil Kornze. "Today's actions by the U.S. Attorney's Office underscore the importance of protecting culturally significant areas and holding accountable those who broke the law."

Count one of the information alleges beginning on or about March 2, 2104, Lyman began advertising the proposed ATV ride through the restricted area to occur on May

8, 2014, through social media. It was further part of the conspiracy, the information alleges, that on April 11, 2014, Lyman advertised the proposed ATV ride through the restricted area of Recapture Canyon by publishing an article in the *Deseret News*.

The information alleges Lyman further promoted the published article using social media. Later in April, according to the information, Lyman, using social media, began advertising a change in the date for the proposed ATV ride from May 8, 2014, to May 10, 2014, to allow more people to participate.

The information alleges that in late April, Lyman and Wells used social media websites to publish and promote an invitation, with accompanying instructions, to the public to join the proposed ATV ride through the off-road vehicle restricted area in Recapture Canyon on May 10, 2014.

Around May 5, 2014, Lyman and Wells filmed a three-part video interview in which they discussed the nature, origin, and plans for the proposed ATV ride through the off-road vehicle restricted area in Recapture Canyon. It was further part of the conspiracy, according to the information, that Lyman and Wells used various social media websites to advertise and promote the proposed ATV ride.

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## West Nile Virus reported in three Utah horses

Tests confirm three cases of West Nile Virus (WNV) in Utah horses. In Utah, mosquitoes carrying the West Nile Virus have been discovered in stagnant bodies of water in various counties with horses testing positive for WNV in Box Elder, Uintah and Iron counties. WNV is not transmissible from horses to humans.

The Utah Department of Agriculture and Food (UDAF) strongly advises horse owners throughout the state to protect their animals by vaccinating them for the West Nile Virus if they haven't already done so.

Horse owners can protect their animals by applying approved repellants to the animals, and by controlling mosquitoes and mosquito breeding areas. Horse owners may also protect the animals by putting them in a barn or other enclosed structure.

Horse owners are advised to check with their veterinarian to assure their horses' vaccination status is current. The WNV vaccine is available from local veterinarians.

One human case of WNV has been reported to date.

The most common sign of West Nile Virus in horses is weakness, usually in the hindquarters. Weakness may be indicated by a widened stance, stumbling, leaning to one side and toe drag-

ging. In extreme cases, paralysis may follow. Fever is sometimes evident, as are depression and fearfulness. WNV causes encephalitis and affects the central nervous system.

Horse owners who suspect West Nile Viral infection of their animal should contact their veterinarian immediately. Approximately one third of horses that show signs of the illness will die. Eighty percent of WNV in horses occurs in the months of August and September.

Horse owners, who have not already done so, should contact their veterinarian and have their horses vaccinated, though vaccination after exposure may not protect the horse against the disease. The equine vaccine requires two doses and takes approximately five weeks to offer protection from the disease. Once vaccinated, yearly booster shots are necessary.

If you have questions concerning your health or believe you may have contracted West Nile Virus, please contact your physician.

For more information about the West Nile Virus, please visit the Utah Department of Agriculture and Food's web page at: [www.ag.utah.gov/](http://www.ag.utah.gov/) or the Utah Department of Health's web page: [www.health.utah.gov/](http://www.health.utah.gov/).

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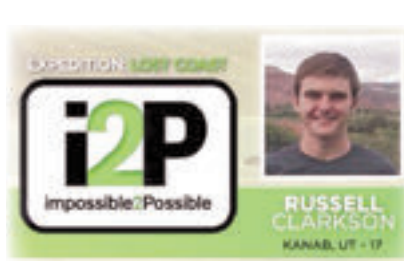
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