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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Community briefs: Provo River cleanup; Exchange Club honors youth; Sprouts foundation taking grant applications; Springville Historical Society lecture; Called to Swim presentation; Volunteers sought for Heber Half

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People pick up trash on the side of the road as well as near the river during a special cleanup event put on by the Brighton Anglers for Earth Day on Saturday, April 22, 2017 at Vivian Park in Provo Canyon. The Earth Day celebration was aimed at rising awareness about littering as well as educating people to keep their parks clean. DOMINIC VALENTE, Daily Herald

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Two students honored by local Exchange Club

The Exchange Club of Utah Valley honored two seniors, Benjamin Davis and Rebecca Livingston, as Youth of the Year on Wednesday. Davis is a senior at American Fork High School and Livingston is an Orem High School senior.

The Youth of the Year program recognizes hard-working high school students who attain high levels of scholastic achievement, community involvement and leadership. These outstanding youth write an essay and go on to compete for the District Youth of the Year and the National Youth of the Year Award.

Davis has a 3.9 GPA and is involved in band, choir, and plays on the school's varsity tennis team. He is a member of the National Honor Society, serves on the Athlete's Leadership Council, and volunteers his time as a math tutor at the local elementary school. He wants to become a cardiothoracic surgeon and use his medical knowledge to help those in need in developing countries.

Livingston has a 3.98 GPA and is a member of the National Honor Society. She is the Student Body treasurer, president of Critical Mass, and a member of the Hope Squad. She is involved in the multiple clubs, participates in theater, and serves in her community. She plans to get a degree in music therapy.

Help anglers fish for Provo River garbage

The Brighton Anglers, along with the nonprofit Fish For Garbage, will be celebrating Earth Day weekend April 21, with the 4th annual Provo River Cleanup & BBQ. This event is for all ages and will be based out of Vivian Park in Provo Canyon from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. with a free BBQ for supporters starting at noon.

To participate, attendees are requested to safely collect trash along the Provo River and deliver it to Vivian Park. In exchange for their garbage, they will be given one voucher for a free lunch (redeemed between noon and 2 p.m.) and a prize-drawing ticket. The prize drawing will be held at 2:30 p.m. It is anticipated there will be some unique prize categories at the event.

"We look forward to this event every year on the Provo River," said Jason Dyer, Brighton Anglers content manager. "Many anglers, kayakers and outdoor enthusiasts use the Provo for recreation and this is our way of giving back to such a great outdoor resource."

Brighton Anglers has secured several sponsors such as DWR, local fly shops, apparel manufacturers and local businesses. These sponsors will provide prizes, food, and other event support personnel and services throughout the event. Prizes range from sunglasses to a few grand prizes such as Canadian fishing vacation, Traeger Grill and multiple guided fly-fishing packages from local Provo river guides.

Brighton Anglers and Fish for Garbage promotes a simple concept: Fill your fishing net full of garbage every time you leave the river after fishing.

Sprouts foundation seeks grant applications

The Sprouts Healthy Communities Foundation is now accepting applications for its annual Neighborhood Grant program available to local nonprofit partners that support children's health and nutrition education programs.

Nonprofit organizations that serve cities and communities where Sprouts Farmers Market operates may apply for the grants at <https://sprouts.com/neighborhoodgrants>. Applications will be accepted through May 31.

Nearly 60 organizations received Neighborhood Grants in 2017 totaling \$430,000. Funds were donated from Sprouts, supported by in-store roundup campaigns and funds from the foundation. Shoppers can help make change in their communities by participating in Sprouts' in-store roundup campaign through April 25.

Springville Historical Society lecture set

The Springville Historical Society's April lecture will feature Jake Harward of Harward Farms. He will discuss the challenges and rewards of agricultural farming, in addition to additional topics, including: water and irrigation, hired help, obtaining machinery and weather.

The lecture will be at 7 p.m. April 25 at the Springville Art Museum.

'Called to Swim' presentation on May 2

The Springville Senior Center will host Greg Mockett, the first Utahn over age 50 to swim the English Channel. He will share his inspirational, spiritual journey, which he has titled "Called to Swim," at 6 p.m. May 2 at the Springville Senior Center, 65 E. 200 South, Springville. This event is free and open to the public.

Volunteers needed for Heber Half on June 30

Kids on the Move is looking for 300 volunteers to help with the Heber Half Marathon on June 30. The half marathon will benefit Kids on the Move. Volunteers need to be older than 16 and will receive a free shirt. To volunteer, go to kotm.org/volunteer-portal. Groups should call (801) 221-9930 x105 to volunteer.

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