

G2G: a race for good causes

By Susana Young

To be able to marry your passion with helping to make a difference in the world is a laudable idea. Some people actually do it.

Sandy Kerr, local coordinator for G2G, had a dream or two. You've likely heard about the Children's Justice Center (CJC). Kerr's dream will hopefully have raised enough funds by the beginning of next year to break ground on the building that will become a safe, friendly and comfortable place for children who are dealing with difficult and often frightening issues that surround abuse.

Before she retired, Kerr administered a program to help transients in Kanab. She realized there was no program in place to help locals who face an emergency causing financial difficulty and to offer a bridge until they can meet their financial obligations. Sometimes local churches can help, but Kerr felt there should be a community option.

She worked with the county, her Pastor, Will Leonard, and many other local people who shared her dream. With the vision, "Caring for our Community in Times of Need," the Kane County Assistance Program (KCAP) was born. It receives no government funds. All funds are donated, then provided to local families who can pay back their loan when they can, or do volunteer work when able.

Colin and Tess Geddes, G2G founders, had been

searching for a local charity that was meaningful to them. Kerr helped them see the importance of the CJC and KCAP. What a marriage! The Geddes made generous donations to both charities.

Twenty charities will benefit this year from the Grand to Grand Ultra. Five of these are supported directly by G2G, while another 15 charities will benefit from G2G entrants, using G2G as a platform to raise money for causes important to them. You may recall that Gregory Castle raised funds for Best Friends the year he participated. This year's G2G entrants are running for a variety of good causes.

The Rawson family (father and his three kids) will be participating in G2G to raise funds for blindness. Another team will be raising funds for Walking with the Wounded, an organization to help veterans with physical or mental injuries. The Jar of Hope team will be running to raise funds to help find a cure for muscular dystrophy. The New Jersey Jar of Hope founder, James Raffone, will be greeted and cheered at the finish line by his wife and their young son who has Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy. Other charities include those helping children with cancer, to helping people in need of hospice care.

If you want a little inspiration, go to the G2G Entrants' Charities at <http://g2gultra.com/entrants-charities>. Click on the logos there to read or watch a video about why a person may have a higher purpose.



Rob Van Dyke, Kane County Attorney, and Devin Shakespear, Victim Service Coordinator, receive a donation from Colin and Tess Geddes for building the Children's Justice Center. When the funding goal is met through donations, construction will begin. Pictured (l-r): Colin Geddes, Rob Van Dyke, Devin Shakespear, Sandy Kerr, Tess Geddes. Photo by Susana Young.



John Burgoyne
3/31/1929-9/12/2017

John Lloyd Burgoyne was born on March 31, 1929, and passed away on September 12, 2017. John was raised in Kanab, Utah. In 1949, while a student at Utah Agricultural College in Logan, Utah, he married Regina Heaton — a girl from his hometown. They were the parents of three sons and three daughters, all of whom were raised in Tooele, Utah.

After college, he was commissioned as an officer in the Army and served during the Korean War, stationed in Korea and other locations. He graduated from Northwestern University School

of Dentistry in Chicago, and practiced for many years as a well-loved dentist in Tooele.

As a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, he held a variety of leadership positions, including serving as a Bishop of the Tooele Fourth Ward. After his wife Regina died in 1987, he married Nancy Duffin, and together they completed two service missions to Laos and China, and gained a deep love for the people and cultures.

He will be remembered by all for his warmth, intelligence, wit, and dedication to his family and his faith.

He was preceded in death by his wife Regina, son Gary, daughter Wendy Roper, daughter-in-law Janice and sister Donna Hansen.

He is survived by his wife Nancy, sons Dale and Neil, daughters Heidi Weitzel and Lisa Chipman, his brother Roscoe, as well as 15 grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, sons and daughters-in-law, and stepchildren.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, September 16, at the Tooele 13th Ward of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 1025 Southwest Drive, Tooele, UT. Interment was in the Tooele Cemetery.

OBITUARIES



Odean Crofts
9/9/1936-9/14/2017

Edward Odean Crofts, age 81, passed away peacefully surrounded by his loving family on Thursday, September 14, 2017, at Garfield Memorial Hospital in Panguitch. He was born on September 9, 1936 in Kanab to Daniel and Marilla Crofts. He was the youngest of 11 children.

Odean started working at 12 at the local sawmill. As an adult, he worked on the Glen Canyon Dam and as a truck driver hauling logs and oil.

He married Ramona

Frandsen on January 11, 1955 in Fredonia, Arizona, later solemnized in the St. George Temple. He was an active member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

He enjoyed fishing, hunting, woodworking, the Utah Jazz, western movies and spending time with his family and friends. He was loved dearly by all who knew him.

Odean is survived by his loving wife Ramona Crofts; children DeLynn (Glenda) Crofts, Kenneth (Melissa) Crofts, and Kathy (Kevin) Tracy; two sisters Fawn Jolley and Hilda Heaton; nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his other eight siblings and his parents.

Funeral services will be held at the Orderville LDS Church on September 23, 2017, at 11 a.m., with a viewing from 9-10:45 a.m. Burial will be in the Orderville Cemetery. Services were arranged with Mosdell Mortuary.

Death Notice David Busener

David Busener died on September 15, 2017, at his home in Fredonia, Arizona. He is survived by his children Stephen (Katie) Busener, Jeff Busener, and Jaicee (Cade) Judd; and two grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, September 23, 2017, at 11 a.m. (AZ time) in the Fredonia LDS Church, with a viewing from 10-10:45 a.m.

Please contact Mosdell Mortuary for further information at 644-2214.

Oktoberfest in Duck Creek this weekend

By Karen Williams

Crisp fall air and beautiful autumn leaves have arrived in the mountains of southern Utah! Enjoy the fall weather and scenery and a great family friendly Oktoberfest in Duck Creek Village on Saturday, September 23.

Duck Creek Village Association presents Oktoberfest, from noon to 5 p.m. at the Duck On In Saloon, an outdoor venue where families are welcome. There will

be delicious German food, live music, games and fun for everyone.

Duck Creek Village is along Dixie National Forest's scenic "Fall Color Loop." It is the perfect place to see the forest in its spectacular autumn colors while enjoying the crisp cool mountain air. Come enjoy Oktoberfest and the beautiful fall colors of Cedar Mountain this Saturday!



Will Leonard and Sandy Kerr (center) receive a donation for the Kane County Assistance Program from Colin and Tess Geddes. Photo by Susana Young.

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There will be a large contingent from France. Marjorie Casse (G2G participant from Belgium in 2014 who now lives in Kanab and is the co-owner of the Kanab Creek Bakery) is looking forward to welcoming G2G participants to enjoy fabulous French baguettes, croissants and many other authentic tasty foods.

Many local businesses are gearing up for the event, providing lodging, selling supplies and feeding hungry runners before and after the race. The G2G "goodie bag" for the runners includes discount coupons for several local businesses.

If you would like to see the race in action, be at the pet cemetery at Best Friends Animal Sanctuary next Tuesday, September 26 in the afternoon. The leaders will likely go by around 2 or 3 p.m. Some may be as late as 8 or 9 p.m. They will have already run the length of a marathon (26 miles), and will have that much again to go before the "long stage" is finished. It is an inspiration to see their stamina and determination as they pass by.

So give a Kanab "howdy" and a hug or two to our fabulous G2G guests this week!

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