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Fast track your career at SLCC's Westpointe Campus

By Michael Evans

Finding good-paying jobs is crucial for west Salt Lake City residents, especially since fifteen percent of the population in 84104 and 84116 zip codes lives below the poverty line and the median income per household was only \$49,471, according to the 2010 Census.

But, good-paying careers almost always require education beyond high school. It costs time and money to acquire those necessary skills, but Salt Lake Community College is on the scene to help qualified local residents acquire good existing jobs through cash grants and flexible class hours, with the active aid of technical industry partners who need good employees.

Salt Lake Community College opened a massive educa-

tion and training complex in August of 2018 in Salt Lake City's industrial northwest quadrant, in the Westpointe community. SLCC's Westpointe Workforce Training & Education Center, located at 1060 N. Flyer Way between 2200 West and I-215, is geared toward industrial trades that only require a one-year certificate for beginning workers.

West-side residents can take advantage of these opportunities to earn certificates in technical fields by visiting the Westpointe Campus website at www.slcc.edu/westpointe/ and then contacting SLCC representatives who can help with advising and financial aid resources. Technical career training programs can

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The Kenworth Sales Co. has generously provided trucks and other equipment for training future mechanics and drivers at SLCC's Westpointe Workforce Training and Education Center located near the SLC Airport.

FRIEND OR FRAUD? How to be aware of financial scams targeted at older adults

By Katherin Nelson

Imagine receiving a phone call late at night informing you that a family member is in jail and needs to be bailed out. This kind of information can cause panic, worry and desperation for those on the receiving end. It can also result in those well-meaning relatives shelling out thousands of dollars to bail out a person who is not even in jail. This type of call is one of the many common scams being

run to convince people to hand over money by preying on vulnerable populations and creating a sense of urgency.

"I think that the first step in preventing these scams is awareness because almost all of them have a common theme where they catch you unaware, get you on the phone and push you to do something immediately," said Brent Henry, a vice president of engineering at a cyber

security company who taught a community awareness class on protecting finances and identity." Henry decided to teach this class at his local church in Millcreek when he started hearing numerous stories about older adults getting scammed in his community.

According to Henry, one of the most common scams targeted at older adults is a phone call from someone claiming to be either an IRS employee or a police officer.

During these calls, the caller demands an immediate payment and threatens a fine or jail time if immediate action isn't taken. Other scams include phone calls informing someone of a virus on their computer with the caller recommending the installation of a "cleanup tool" that is actually a virus or ransomware. Other common scams come in the form of direct solicitation at your doorstep for

alarm or solar systems that have free equipment, or 100 percent financing, but require immediate action.

These scams are often targeted at older adults because they may have cognitive issues or be, as Henry believes, "more trusting," than other populations. However, there are frequently red flags that can help older adults, and any targets, identify the validity of

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From the Editor



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The late Robert "Archie" Archuleta poses with West View Editor, Charlotte Fife-Jepperson at the 2015 Sorenson Unity Fair, where they talked with neighbors about *The West View*.

By Charlotte Fife-Jepperson

Money. Jobs. We all need them – whether we like it or not. Some believe that money makes the world go 'round. Others say money can't buy happiness. Maybe the truth lies somewhere in between.

Whatever your feelings are concerning money, we all need it to make a living in today's society. It is a necessary evil, one might say. To make money, one needs some sort of employment. And many people would argue that to acquire a meaningful, high-paying job, one needs an education beyond high school.

According to the National Center for Education Statistics, in 2017, the employment rate was higher for young adults (ages 25-34) with higher levels of education. For example, the employment rate was highest for those with a bachelor's or higher degree (86 percent). The employment rate for those with some college (80 percent) was higher than the rate for those who had completed high school (72 percent), which was, in turn, higher than the employment rate for those

who had not completed high school (57 percent).

And the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) data consistently show that the more you learn, the more money you earn. However, there are many different paths to getting an education, a rewarding job and the money that comes with it. That process varies for every person.

In this Employment and Money issue, contributors have written about many different facets of jobs and money – from certificate programs in applied technology fields at Salt Lake Community College, to the importance of volunteering to build up your resume, to the challenges of finding employment after incarceration.

Our collective education and employment experiences are as diverse as we are as a community, but we all need to make a living to have our basic needs met and to live fulfilling lives. It is our hope at *The West View*, that some of these stories can help you in that quest.

It is with great sadness and respect that we mourn the loss of a beloved and influential west-side community member, Robert "Archie" Archuleta, who passed away on January 25, 2019. Archie spent a lifetime working for social justice, peace and equality; was the founding leader of Utah's Chicano Movement; and served on countless boards and commissions throughout his life. A well-attended and moving celebration of his life was held on March 2 at the Rose Wagner Performing Arts Center. Our condolences go out to his family, especially his wife, Lois. He is sorely missed and will always be remembered.

We would be remiss not to pay tribute to Archie in *The West View*, since he was a longtime supporter, cheerleader and contributor to it. He served and guided West View Media on the Board of Directors for six years. It was Archie's hope that *The West View* would continue to tell our authentic stories and bridge the divide between east and west sides of the city.

FROM THE RIVER DISTRICT CHAMBER

Give people the dignity of work



By Nigel Swaby

In Salt Lake City, there are many resources for people experiencing homelessness. To find them all in one place, the Weigand Homeless Resource Center of Catholic Community Services hosts space for representatives from different service providers.

Many people know the Weigand Center as a place to get a free hot meal twice a day but it also houses all the resources needed for a disadvantaged person to get back on their feet. Starting with showers, lockers and laundry facilities, this downtown facility next to the Road Home at 437 W. 200 South also provides a “homeless court” every other Friday, job fairs, representatives from the Department of Workforce Services and help finding housing assistance. And if an applicant lacks clothes suitable for a job interview, a side room is filled with clean clothing that can be borrowed.

Later this year, when the Road Home closes, Catholic Community Services will remain open and continue to offer services. The group also won the bid to operate the mixed-gender resource center on Paramount Avenue. According to Matthew Melville, Director of Homeless Services

for the center, the organization is planning to start a culinary training program to help provide better paying jobs for those exiting homelessness.

About seven blocks away from the Weigand Center is Maud's Cafe, at 422 W. 900 South. Operated by the nearby Volunteers of America, Maud's provides employment training programs for homeless youth. VOA has won the contract to operate the women's resource center on Hope Ave.

On 622 W. 100 South, another food-related employer provides job opportunities for women leaving homelessness. The Green Team Farm, part of Wasatch Community Gardens, provides employment and a 10-month agriculture course.

Over at Workforce Services on 42 S. 200 East, a contracting business owner is meeting with staff to see if he can hire some workers for his construction company. He doesn't care if they may have a criminal past. He'll even provide them tools and training.

For most people experiencing homelessness, programs like these work. They provide the push and opportunity for those actively seeking help. However, those who are chronically homeless, don't always benefit from such programs. One former addict I spoke to said people over their head in drug addiction don't look for work or services. Others suffering from mental illness lack resources like transportation or sometimes the persistence necessary to see success.

Next door at the Road Home on 210 S. Rio Grande, only two case managers serve the nearly 1,000 people who obtain shelter each night. According to Matt Minkevitch, executive director of the Road Home, about 16 percent of the residents use about 60 percent of

the beds. He suspects this ratio is similar in cities throughout the nation.

Some folks experiencing homelessness or joblessness do so because of physical limitations. For them, shelters provide relief while they navigate getting disability or Social Security benefits, which can take months or years to be awarded. “Lenny” developed an infection that claimed part of his leg. His mother died and her home was foreclosed on. He also lost his job due to his illness. After the amputation, Lenny was discharged from the hospital with nowhere to go. He spent 14 years on the streets until very recently when someone helped him get disability and a temporary shelter. Others simply fall through the cracks. “G” explained to housing outreach volunteers one freezing January morning she has a housing voucher, but can't find a place to rent

because of her poor credit. Some of those in the “system” get frustrated with road blocks and simply withdraw completely when a case manager could help overcome obstacles.

There are only two ways in to the Other Side Academy, an employment-based drug treatment facility just east of downtown; write a letter from behind bars or sit on the bench. Inside their back door is a wooden bench. Buzzing around it are staff and other Academy students. For someone who has hit rock bottom with their drug use, this bench may be their only way to recovery without incarceration. Some spend eight hours sitting on the hard wooden bench contemplating their future. The average student has been arrested 25 times and spent several years in prison. The Academy offers counseling and employment through its moving company

and shelter. Students work their way up in the two-year minimum program. Upon completion, graduates can stay on as counselors to others or walk away with the savings they've earned and start a new life.

As the new homeless resource centers open later this year, let's understand as a community a holistic approach is needed to address people facing homelessness. A lot of great programs and organizations are in place. To fully benefit from the sizable investment made during Operation Rio Grande, we need to provide more people, not more programs, to best help our most vulnerable members of society.

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FROM SLCC TECH COVER



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SLCC's School of Applied Technology and Technical Specialties (SATS) at 1060 N. Flyer Way, between 2200 West and I-215, shows its presence on the full-sized trailers and tractors parked in the Truck Driving Range facing the freeway.

lead to having one steady job, rather than balancing several part-time jobs.

Starting in the 1960s, several High Tech/Aerospace firms built manufacturing plants in Meadowbrook and Westpointe. Among the first were Sperry Corporation, Univac, and Litton Systems, which is still there as Northrop Grumman. Utah's millionth resident came to work in the Aerospace industry. Hundreds of west side families found employment in high tech industries surrounding the airport, with the active aid of SLCC/Utah Tech.

This area was once semi-rural land, criss-crossed by modest ranches, farms, and canals, while the marshy Jordan delta north toward Davis County was called North Point. Many Rose Park families once rented temporary housing in WWII military barracks at the long-gone "Air Base" along 2200 West.

L3 Technologies took over many of the Sperry/Univac buildings, but they also built more facilities that continue to create jobs for the local community. Boeing runs several factories in and around Westpointe for handling aircraft composites, construction, and cockpit manufacturing for their new McDonnell/Douglas planes, and they sponsor customized training through SLCC's Westpointe Campus.

High-quality training facilities exist at the Westpointe Campus for manufacturing trades like Injection Molding,

Machining, Welding, and a huge area devoted to Diesel Mechanics and Heavy Truck Driving at the north side.

Becton, Dickinson and Company, a major international medical equipment firm, furnished equipment for a lab to teach the basics to students who will later learn the proprietary details of their jobs while working for BD. Other labs feature three stations for lathing, two stations for welding, and plenty of portable tools, lifts, and cranes. Most of the classes are taught Monday through Thursday, with classrooms and desks near the equipment. Blueprint reading and Computer Aided Design are also taught right in the building.

Kenworth Sales Co. donated \$400,000 worth of equipment, including trucks and trailers for the enormous truck driving range, complete with a computerized training simulator, made possible by neighboring L3 Technologies.

SLCC's Diesel Mechanics Team won competitions in Utah State and became National Champions in 2018. They belong to one of only three apprentice programs partnered with Cummins Diesel Corporation, who estimate that there will be 25,000 job openings during the next decade for diesel mechanics, because of retirements and continuing needs for diesel power.

The Program Advisory Committee, an industry-led group, meets with faculty three times per year to discuss

present and future needs. Eric Heiser, Applied Technology's Dean said, "One of the hottest employment fields is Robotics, Automation Controls and Instrumentation."

A certificate holder can both work in this industry and take the additional classes at the Taylorsville campus to achieve the Associates Degree necessary to gain further advancement. SLCC Associates can seamlessly transfer to Weber State College's Engineering program for further opportunities.

The certificate program includes Basic Electronics, which involves the rudiments of DC, AC, Analog and Digital Circuits, Electronic Assembly, Test and Measurement. Electro-mechanical assembly technicians are needed, and SLCC teaches the latest techniques and tools of Integrated Circuit soldering and manufacturing to IPCA 610E Standards. This field has historically hired large proportions of women as well as men. Other technical and engineering jobs are open to all sexes and ages.

Salt Lake Community College prides itself on "The Promise" to all its students: if someone qualifies for any amount of public educational aid, like a Pell Grant, than the college will assist that student financially and materially (books, etc.) in achieving the certificate or associate degree they need to achieve their aims.

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FROM SCAMS COVER

the call or offer.

"The IRS doesn't contact you by phone, they contact you by mail and don't require immediate payment," says Nate Wharton, who has worked in banking for over five years and has witnessed clients affected by scams. "A lot of these things play into some kind of fear and threaten things like arrest in order to create a sense of urgency and panic to coerce targets," Wharton says.

Wharton claims that scam-

mers are getting better at circumventing situations where safeguards, such as financial fraud prevention systems, would be triggered. "I haven't seen a situation where one of these scammers required a large transaction in several years. Now they're making use of other avenues to get money, like having people buy a series of Visa gift cards that total several thousands of dollars."

So, how do you know when you're being targeted by a

scammer, or you actually have a relative in need, or a virus on your computer? Henry cautions to be aware of any situation where someone is trying to browbeat you into taking action. "Anyone who is in a hurry, and using high-pressure sales tactics is probably trying to rip you off. Take your time, talk to friends, and get other opinions."

Wharton says he's been able to prevent clients from completing transactions with scammers because those

targeted simply called their banking institution for a second opinion.

A lot of information is available online about common scams and fraud prevention. When asked how he became a scam expert, Henry responded, "a lot of googling."

"There is a lot of great information published by local and federal governments, but it doesn't get a lot of attention until something bad happens," said Henry. Some websites Henry used in his

class include <http://consumer.ftc.gov/topics/identity-theft>, and <http://optoutprescreen.com>.

The best way to stay abreast and aware of these scams is to talk about it.

"It's good to talk to your friends, neighbors, family about what may be an embarrassing moment for you, just because that's part of the problem, we're not talking about it," says Henry.

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BREAKING LANGUAGE BARRIERS/ROMPIENDO LAS BARRERAS

Spanish Translation below. / Traducción español abajo.

¿Amigo o fraude? Cómo estar al tanto de las estafas dirigidas a adultos mayores

Por Katherin Nelson/
Traducción por Vicky Lowe

Imagínese recibiendo una llamada telefónica avanzada la noche informando que un miembro de su familia está en la cárcel y necesita pagar fianza para salir. Esta información puede causar pánico, preocupación y desesperación para quienes la reciben. También puede hacer que parientes bien intencionados desembolsen miles de dólares rescatando a una persona que ni siquiera está en la cárcel. Este tipo de llamada es una de muchas estafas comunes que crean una sensación de urgencia, se realizan para convencer a las personas desembolsar dinero, y atacan a poblaciones vulnerables.

"Creo que el primer paso para prevenir estas estafas es la concientización, ya que casi todos tienen un tema común en el que, agarrándole desprevenido, le llaman por teléfono y le empujan a actuar inmediatamente", dijo Brent Henry, vicepresidente de Ingeniería en una empresa de seguridad

cibernética quien enseñó una clase de concientización comunitaria sobre la protección de finanzas e identidad". Henry decidió impartir una clase en su iglesia local en Millcreek al escuchar numerosas historias sobre adultos mayores en su comunidad que habían sido estafados.

Según Henry, una de las estafas más comunes dirigidas a adultos mayores es una llamada telefónica de alguien que afirma ser un empleado del IRS o un oficial de policía. Durante estas llamadas, la persona llamando exige un pago inmediato y amenaza con una multa o sentencia de cárcel si no se toman medidas inmediatas. Otras estafas incluyen llamadas telefónicas que informan sobre un virus en la computadora, la persona llamando recomienda la instalación de una "herramienta de limpieza" que es en realidad un virus o ransomware. Otras estafas comunes se presentan como solicitudes directas en la puerta de su casa ofreciendo sistemas de alarma o solares

que cuentan con equipos gratuitos, o 100% de financiamiento, pero requieren una acción inmediata.

Estas estafas suelen estar dirigidas a adultos mayores que podrían tener problemas cognitivos o ser, como cree Henry, "más confiados" que otras personas. Sin embargo, a menudo hay señales de advertencia que pueden ayudar a los adultos mayores, y cualquier persona, a identificar la validez de la llamada u oferta.

"El IRS no se comunica con usted por teléfono, se comunica con usted por correo y no requiere un pago inmediato", dice Nate Wharton, quien ha trabajado en el banco por más de cinco años y ha sido testigo de clientes afectados por estafas. "Muchas de estas estafas siembran algún tipo de temor y amenaza, como el arresto, crean un sentido de urgencia y pánico y así obligan a sus víctimas", dice Wharton.

Wharton afirma que los estafadores están mejorando sus tácticas, evadiendo situaciones que activen dispositivos de se-

guridad, como los sistemas de prevención de fraude financiero. "No he visto, en varios años, una situación en la que uno de estos estafadores haya requerido una gran transacción. Ahora están haciendo uso de otras vías para obtener dinero, como que las personas compren una serie de tarjetas de regalo Visa que suman varios miles de dólares".

Entonces, ¿cómo sabes si te está atacando un estafador, o si realmente tienes un pariente necesitado, o un virus en tu computadora? Henry advierte que debemos estar atentos a cualquier situación en la que están tratando de intimidarnos para que hagamos lo que piden. "Cualquier persona que tenga prisa y esté usando tácticas de venta de alta presión probablemente está tratando de estafar". Tómese su tiempo, hable con amigos y obtenga otras opiniones".

Wharton dice que ha podido evitar que clientes completaran transacciones con estafadores porque los beneficiarios simplemente llamaron

a su institución bancaria obteniendo una segunda opinión.

Hay mucha información disponible en línea sobre estafas financieras comunes y prevención de fraudes. Cuando se le preguntó cómo se convirtió en un experto en estafas, Henry respondió, "googleando mucho".

"Hay mucha información excelente publicada por gobiernos locales y federales, pero no reciben mucha atención hasta que sucede algo malo", dijo Henry. Algunos sitios web que Henry usó en su clase incluyen <http://consumer.ftc.gov/topics/identity-theft> y <http://optoutprescreen.com>

La mejor manera de estar al tanto y mantenerse al corriente de estas estafas es hablando de ellas.

"Es bueno hablar con sus amigos, vecinos y familiares sobre lo que puede ser un momento vergonzoso para usted, porque eso es parte del problema, que no lo estamos hablando" dice Henry.

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Rose Park native opens high-end barber shop in the community that raised him

By Atticus Agustin

The piece of property on 910 N. 900 West in Rose Park once housed a 7-Eleven, a QuickStop, and a Supermeats, and then it stood vacant for three years. Rose Park native, Ricky Arriola, had a vision that the property would someday house his own barber shop. That vision was realized in the fall of 2018, when Break Bread Barber Co. was established “to bring people together for the betterment of the community through their company culture and every haircut they give.”

“At Break Bread, we are a culture. A mixed one. But at the end of the day, everyone gets a haircut,” Arriola said. “Unlike most types of businesses, a barber shop can move places. It’s a communal thing and a sanctuary. I felt the need to give back to the community by providing employment and a space for people to take care of themselves in many aspects.”

Arriola’s cousin, a former employee from the smoke shop next door, bought the property, put it up for sale, and it eventually fell into the hands of Arriola, who saw potential in renovating the old building on the property. The location is strategic, as the 600 North and 1000 North freeway ramps make it easy to access the shop.

For Arriola, it is also a strategic way to draw people from other parts of the city to the west side. “We’re home-grown. That’s why we’re here. Not because we need to be, but because we want to be,” said Arriola. “There’s never been a high-end barber shop [in Rose Park] until now,” he said.

Arriola was born and raised in Rose Park. He is proud to be familiar and have a genuine camaraderie with the neighborhood. His young son is a motivator for starting his own business, because he wants to give his son opportunities that

weren’t available to him.

The barber employs stylists of all walks of life. Jai Santos, 32, hails from Brazil and proudly admits that he is skilled in “cutting black people hair,” meaning those with textured hair.

Zach Hansen, 27, has been cutting hair for five years. He is also a Salt Lake County native but had a short stint in Costa Mesa, California, and eventually came back to the valley. Zach learned the craft of barbering at Paul Mitchell and couldn’t be more grateful to work alongside Arriola and the other barbers.

For some, cutting hair is akin to creating a piece of art, as is the case with Diego Martinez, 20. “Everyone that comes in has a different head shape. It’s tailoring. It’s like a work of art,” said Martinez.

Arriola has competed in a couple of haircut contests and recently took third place in the women’s creative bob competition at the Salt Lake City Beauty and Barber Expo, which was held at the Union Event Center in April. The event featured big names in the barber industry.

“Break bread” has many meanings. Initially, it symbolized the Christian Eucharist. Other metaphors for break bread include sharing a meal together or breaking the ice. For Arriola, to “break bread” is to affirm trust, confidence, and comfort with an individual or group of people. He explains it as “the act or process of sharing worthiness, such as knowledge used to enhance life with the intent to uplift others.”

To book an appointment with any of the Break Bread barbers, visit www.breakbread-barber.com. Regular men’s haircuts start at \$25.

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Break Bread Barber Co. owner, Ricky Arriola, gives just as much attention to young customers as adults.



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Modern urban interior design of Break Bread Barber Co. in Rose Park - the first of its kind in the area.

Different job experiences may lead to dream job

OPINION

ences may have prepared me for my eventual occupation.

As a mom of two lively sons, we visited the library as a diversion from their boredom. Those weekly visits steered me in the direction of my future job. A wanted ad in our local paper sent me on my way. Now, instead of being a mom finding books for my sons, I was perusing the stacks for books as a library clerk. Although I spent a great deal of time at the library prior to working there, it never entered my mind that this was my dream job. Seeing books come down the conveyor belt to be checked in was like going to a candy store with a selection beyond my imagination.

There's also the time-honored way to get your dream job, and that is by whom you know. Sending out a hundred resumes and not getting a single prospect can be discouraging, but the light at the end of the tunnel may just be a family friend who can guide you through the labyrinth. Of course, headhunters and temp agencies are there to help as well.

Depending on your needs besides money or how you envision yourself in that newly found job, there is a lot of variety in the job market. Like the Uber driver who enjoys driving with the added perk of

making his or her own hours. Or the person who makes money recovering electric scooters. House sitters and dog walkers continue to be necessities. Granted, these jobs may not necessarily be high-paying, but they may fill a temporary niche in your life.

Cindy Joseph was first a mom then a makeup artist when she was approached by a modeling agency at the mature age of 49. In her own words, she was an unlikely candidate for a model, being of smaller stature and sporting her naturally gray hair. Eventually, she became the CEO of a cosmetic company and a spokeswoman for the Pro-Aging Movement.

Whether you are 8 years old and refurbishing golf balls to resell or writing a book at the ripe age of 80, dream. Dream big or dream small, but dream. A successful endeavor requires a dream – a paraphrase from the Good Book.

Lila Sweeney is the mother of two sons, grandmother of six, and a mentor for three children. She has worked at her local library in Erie, Pa. for the past 18 years and looks forward to being involved in the Salt Lake area soon.

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2020 Census brings jobs amid controversy

by Lisa Kolstad

Article 1, Section 2 of our U.S. Constitution requires that a census – an accounting of each person living in the United States – shall take place every ten years. The first census was taken in 1790, and the count was used to determine taxes and proportional representation in congress, meaning the most populous states got more congressional representatives.

The task of counting every person in our nation has always been a huge undertaking, but it has changed over the last 230 years. How and who we count has been addressed in at least three constitutional amendments and the questions have changed. For example, the first census had six categories, and inquired about gender, race, relationship to

the head of household, and the number of slaves, if any. They only collected the name of the head of household, and slaves counted as only three-fifths of a person. It wasn't until 1820 that the U.S. Census Bureau added a question about income.

The 2020 census, which will mark the 23rd census of our country, will be tracking number of people in each household, and will include questions about marriage, race, age, gender and more, and there is still an unresolved legal controversy surrounding the possibility of including a question regarding citizenship.

Even though census responses are confidential by federal law, many worry that if a citizenship question is included, families with individuals of mixed immigration status may not complete the

census due to fear of being deported. The Census Bureau states: "By law we cannot share your information with immigration enforcement agencies, law enforcement agencies or allow it to be used to determine your eligibility for government benefits. Your answers can only be used to produce statistics."

Each census provides unique challenges and many questions. How does the census affect each of us, our communities, our state, and finally our country? The census does not only affect us politically by reapportioning seats in the House of Representatives and realigning congressional districts, but also affects other parts of our lives – from the economy to education – for the next ten years. The census count affects the formulas that distribute hundreds of billions of

dollars in federal funds each year. That's why it is important to count everyone.

This year, the census will be conducted online for the first time, and it can also be taken over the phone. For the people who respond electronically, it will only take about 10 minutes. Paper documents will be mailed to those who do not respond online. And for those who fail to respond in either format, census field workers will go door to door to try and get an accurate count of these "hard-to-count" populations.

The Census Bureau is currently looking to fill temporary jobs in all areas including field agents (address canvassers and census takers), recruiting assistants, office staff and supervisors. The length of employment will depend on the job, with some jobs starting right away and

others not beginning until early next year. The pay scale starts at \$17.00 an hour and goes up as job responsibilities increase.

If you are at least 18 years old and a U.S. citizen with a Social Security number, you can investigate and apply for census jobs online at 2020census.gov. You can also learn more at census job fairs that are currently being held in local libraries and community centers. The census is an important event that helps ensure our democracy can operate fairly and smoothly. In order for that to happen, many part time, temporary jobs will need to be filled. This is a great job opportunity for seniors, college students and others looking to supplement their income.

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Local Mexican folk dance troupe seeks support for annual Cinco de Mayo celebration

By Flor Olivo and Ed A. Muñoz

One day in March, parents of WestSide Dance students saw a Facebook update from the group's director Maxine Lucero. She was inquiring about a space to meet for practice that day. This year Lucero's ballet folklórico troupe (traditional Mexican folk dance group) has been meeting at Mary W. Jackson Elementary in the Fairpark neighborhood. That day, Mary W. Jackson experienced a power outage during school hours and Maxine was worried about having to cancel practice later in the evening. She didn't want to cancel practice due to a fast approaching and important event for the group. Fortunately, power was restored and practice went on as usual.

Before Mary W. Jackson Elementary the group practiced at Rose Park Elementary for many years. In fact, for the past 21 years Maxine has gathered hundreds of youth in different locations on the west side of Salt Lake City to practice ballet folklórico. She has shared her passion for this Mexican cultural tradition with young people since 1997 when she first founded the group.

Since then the group has made a mark in Utah by mentoring young dancers for over two decades and proving that their talent and dedication can bring much individual and group success. Their dedication has allowed WestSide Dance to perform at prestigious events such as the 2002 Olympic Winter Games, Hispanic Fiesta Days,

Westfest, Hispanic-American Festival, Living Traditions and more.

Members of the dance troupe volunteer their time by participating in many community service projects. Over the years they have provided yard care for the elderly, prepared and served food to the homeless, organized clothing and food drives to name a few.

Of late, Maxine has opened her arms to community organizers who have helped her put together a small board of directors. With their help, a plan of action was developed and is being implemented to help solidify her dreams for the group to become a standing force on the west side for years to come.

When board members

asked Maxine where she saw WestSide Dance in five years, the first thing she said was "a place that is ours." She envisions the group expanding into more schools, providing community workshops, and becoming a formal component for the school district's after-school programs. She imagines the group's mission "to honor our cultures and share the joy and vibrancy of dance with our community" strongly coming to fruition through this larger institutional presence.

For now, the group is working on solidifying its presence on Salt Lake City's west side by organizing a 21-year anniversary gala celebration. A festival celebrating the popular Mexican-American holiday Cinco de Mayo is coming back to Salt

Lake City's west side. The board is busy planning for a bike and car show, vocal and dance performances, mariachis, children fun booths, karaoke y baile, and a silent auction along with food and drink vendors.

The event takes place on Sunday, May 5 at Sugar Space Arts Warehouse at 132 S. 800 West. The board is currently looking for sponsors that will serve as Padrinos and Madrinas (Godfathers and Godmothers) for the event. The sponsor packages range from \$100 - \$1000 and include a variety of perks. You can find more information about WestSide Dance and their Cinco de Mayo event at <https://westsidedanceutah.squarespace.com/>.

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WestSide Dance, a Mexican ballet folklórico dance troupe, performs at many different events throughout the year, including Dia de los Muertos or Day of the Dead, the International Peace Gardens Festival, and the Cinco de Mayo Celebration which has returned to a west Salt Lake City venue, Sugar Space Arts Warehouse

Grupo local de danza folklórico mexicana busca apoyo para la celebración del Cinco de Mayo

Por Flor Olivo y Ed A. Muñoz
Traducción por Vicky Lowe

Un día de marzo, los padres de los estudiantes de WestSide Dance vieron un informe mediante Facebook de parte de la directora del grupo, Maxine Lucero. Ella buscaba un espacio para practicar ese día. Este año, el grupo de ballet folklórica de Lucero (grupo de danza folklórica tradicional mexicana) se reúne en Mary W. Jackson Elementary en el vecindario Fairpark. Ese día, Mary W. Jackson sufrió un apagón durante clases, Maxine estaba preocupada de cancelar la práctica de esa noche. Ella no quería cancelar porque el grupo tenía un evento próximo. Afortunadamente, la energía eléctrica se restauró, la práctica continuó como de costumbre.

Antes de la Escuela Primaria Mary W. Jackson, el grupo practicó en la escuela primaria Rose Park por años. De hecho, durante los últimos 21 años, Maxine ha reunido a cientos de jóvenes en diferentes lugares del lado oeste de Salt Lake City para practicar ballet folklórico. Ella comparte su pasión por esta tradición cultural mexicana con los jóvenes desde 1997, cuando fundó el grupo.

Desde entonces, el grupo ha dejado su marca en Utah guiando a jóvenes bailarines por más de dos décadas, demostrando que su talento y dedicación pueden traerles éxito individual y grupal. Su dedicación ha permitido que WestSide Dance se presente en prestigiosos eventos como los Juegos Olímpicos de Invierno de 2002, Fiesta

Hispana, Westfest, Festival Hispanoamericano, Living Traditions y más.

Los miembros del grupo de danza ofrecen su tiempo como voluntarios en proyectos de servicio comunitario. Por años, han ayudado a cuidar el patio de personas mayores, han preparado y servido comida para personas sin hogar, han organizado colectas de ropa y comida, entre otros.

Recientemente, Maxine abrió sus brazos a organizadores comunitarios quienes ayudaron formando una junta directiva. Con su apoyo, se desarrolló un plan de acción que se está implementando para solidificar sus sueños y convertir al grupo en una fuerza permanente del lado oeste para el futuro.

Cuando los miembros de la

junta preguntaron a Maxine dónde veía WestSide Dance en cinco años, lo primero que comentó fue "un lugar que es nuestro". Ella prevé que el grupo se expanda a más escuelas, ofrezca talleres comunitarios y se convierta en un componente formal para el programa de después de la escuela del distrito escolar. Ella imagina que la misión del grupo de "honrar a nuestras culturas, compartir la alegría y la vitalidad de la danza con nuestra comunidad" se está materializando con una presencia institucional amplificada.

Por ahora, el grupo trabaja en consolidar su presencia en el lado oeste de Salt Lake City organizando una gala en celebración al aniversario 21 del grupo. La fiesta popular Mexicoamericana del Cinco de Mayo volverá al lado oeste de

Salt Lake City con un festival. La junta está planificando un espectáculo de bicicletas y autos, presentaciones vocales y de danza, mariachis, puestos de entretenimiento para niños, karaoke y baile, y una subasta silenciosa junto con vendedores de alimentos y bebidas.

El evento tendrá lugar el domingo 5 de mayo en Sugar Space Arts Warehouse en 132 S. 800 West. Actualmente, la junta busca patrocinadores que servirán como padrinos y madrinan para el evento. Los paquetes de patrocinadores varían de \$ 100 a \$ 1000 e incluyen una variedad de beneficios. Más información sobre WestSide Dance y su evento del Cinco de Mayo se pueden encontrar en <https://westsideandanceutah.squarespace.com/>.

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FOTOS POR FLOR OLIVO

Westside Dance, un grupo de ballet folklórico mexicano, interpreta bailes en muchos diferentes eventos durante el año, incluyendo el Día De Muertos, el "International Peace Gardens Festival", y el "Cinco de Mayo Celebration" que ha regresado al oeste parte de Salt Lake City a Sugar Space Arts Warehouse.

Employment after incarceration is the most important factor in rehabilitation

By **Katherin Nelson**

The United States has the highest incarceration rate in the world, according to Prisonpolicy.org. The Bureau of Justice Statistics reports that in 2016, there were almost 2.2 million offenders in

confinement. That's a population greater than many of the largest U.S. metropolitan cities, including Dallas and San Diego. For those who are released, finding stable employment is crucial to rehabilitation. But a criminal record can impose challenges like limited employment opportunities and preparedness, making the task of entering the workforce an uphill climb.

“My biggest challenge getting a job after I got out was not having the education that I should,” says Andria Atwood, who was first incarcerated at the age of 19. “It’s hard to go into places and take a chance on getting rejected. I just settled at the lower end of the totem pole.”

“I was walking a mile at 3:00 a.m. every morning to take the train to this job that didn’t even have enough hours for me and was also compromising my job search time, so I was going nowhere,” he said. “I wasn’t ready, and I ran from probation.”

Although finding suitable employment is difficult, Ward says, it remains the most important part of successful reentry into the community. “Stable employment lowers the risk of reoffending drastically. It’s one of the biggest

“Offenders are absolutely worth a chance because so many of them have goals and aspirations. ... When they get the chance, they take it and run, and they’re unbelievably good employees.”

factors as far as criminogenic needs,” he said.

The dichotomy between the freedom of the outside world and the staggering amount of structure of a halfway house can be daunting to those reentering the community. Both Johnson and Atwood weren’t able to complete their first program at a halfway house before being sent back to prison.

“The first time I went to a halfway house, it was overwhelming, and I ran. There is so much structure and stress. But, it’s been good for me this time,” Atwood said.

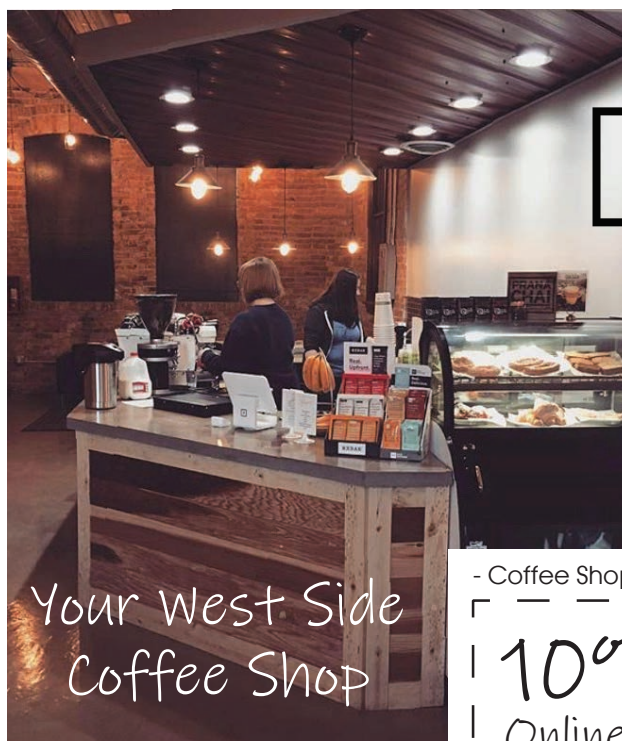
However, staff at Orange Street believe that the structure at halfway houses is de-

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Many of the jobs available to offenders are low-paying, making it difficult not to turn to illegal sources of income.

Nick Ward, a shift leader at Orange Street Community Corrections Center, a halfway house on Salt Lake City’s west side, says, “The hardest part that we are running into now is that a lot of the jobs that our residents get are not a high enough living wage for them to transition out of here.”

Crasaun Johnson spent years in and out of prison before he found an em-



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Don't forget to volunteer to get your career

OPINION



By Olivia Juarez

A huge smile had its way on my face after my first volunteer experience in Rose Park with an organization called Peaceful Uprising in 2012. My service experience was spent walking door-to-door, asking neighborhood residents about their thoughts on living next to oil refineries and the harmful impact of tar sands refinement on community health.

I encountered residents whose kind faces became sullen when saying that their kids have been hospitalized for asthma attacks. Others told me that they made their

living at those plants, and that they wouldn't change a thing. Regardless of people's position on the matter, a golden sense of accomplishment emanated from my smile and my chest when I biked home. Years later, that volunteer experience and many others to follow actually paid off in the coming years. It helped me form a career out of environmental activism, helped me succeed in college, and qualified me for scholarships and internships.

Volunteerism is a definite pathway to success. Offering your time in community service is an excellent way to be qualified for excellent jobs, get into the college of your dreams, and earn scholarships.

What does community service look like in your imagination? If the image is of serving soup at a kitchen, or visiting with elderly, you're not wrong. There's more, though. It can look like being on the other side of an organization's table at the 9th West Farmers Market, speaking to the public about

a public issue. It can involve landscaping a community radio station. It can be giving, like running a drive for menstrual hygiene products. It can be administrative, like helping a local nonprofit with membership services. Or it can be creative: from making sleeping pads, to writing an article for your local newspaper!

Each of these service opportunities gives you three important skills that employers and internships are looking for. First, they often require interacting with people you do not know, improving your public speaking skills and your ability to be a team player. Second, it shows you are self-motivated. Employers want to hire people who can be their own boss – the volunteer experience on your resume demonstrates that you can self-direct and contribute to your workplace. Finally, volunteering is the best way to get experience in a career field. If you've ever been stumped by the line "two years of experience" on a job posting that you

don't have, fear not! The time you spend volunteering at an organization or in a community service role that gives you that experience counts.

Colleges and scholarship funders also value volunteerism because they want to see students succeeding outside of the classroom. Getting into college with scholarships is about more than GPA; it's also about willingness to bring what you learn into the community. When you can write about service experiences in admission or scholarship essays, the people reading your essay will see a community member they know is going to do good in the world. Having volunteer experience is an excellent way to stand out and get into your dream school.

These service experiences pay off in terms of job experience and feeling deeply satisfied. But what about paying off your bills? Keep an eye out for stipended volunteer opportunities that provide a small amount of money for your service. Organizations like Spypop,

YouthWorks and Uplift have these opportunities. Also, be on the lookout for volunteer opportunities at work. You can volunteer to get recycling bins at your workplace, organize rideshares, or start a project to make your workplace better.

Today, when I ride my bike home from work, the same golden feeling I felt when volunteering seven years ago emanates from my chest. I live in the satisfaction that my work efforts are driven by what I'm passionate about; it's not always easy, but it's always meaningful and worthwhile. My volunteer experiences set me up for success on my career path in environmental advocacy, and through college. It can do the same for you.

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SQUARE KITCHEN supports emerging food businesses and serves as a community gathering space on SLC's west side

By Nkenna Onwuzuruoha

Ana Valdemoros and Tham Soekotjo, the owners of Square Kitchen, can be described as unassuming, hard-working people. As I walk in their culinary incubator warehouse space at 751 W. 800 South, I find them sitting side by side, heads down, engaged in paperwork behind a folding table where the open area meets the kitchen. They are humble, yet they have both played an integral part in increasing economic opportunities and a general feeling of community on the west side.

Tham worked for over eight years at Neighbor-

Works Salt Lake, a local organization focused on community housing and development, and runs his own food truck. Ana received her master's degree in city and metropolitan planning from the University of Utah nearly two years ago, worked for the Salt Lake City Department of Economic Development and Planning Division, runs her own empanada business, and was recently appointed to represent District 4 on the Salt Lake City Council, replacing Derek Kitchen, who was elected into the Utah State Senate.

Ana and Tham have personally encountered some of

the challenges that prevent small food makers from growing their businesses. Their willful spirits and long-standing commitment to the west side set them on a mission over two years in the making to create an outlet to help small business owners learn how to navigate some of these hurdles.

In fall 2018, the couple opened the doors to Square Kitchen, a culinary incubator kitchen where small-scale food producers prepare their goods to sell from their food trucks or in public venues like farmers markets, festivals and retail stores. Clients schedule time in the fully equipped space



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Square Kitchen, at 751 W. 800 South, offers support and space for emerging food businesses.



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Market-goers check out the food offerings at a recent Sunday pop-up market featuring local food vendors.



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Square Kitchen owners, Tham Soekotjo and Ana Valdemoros, chat with Mayor Jackie Biskupski at their April 2018 grand opening.

anywhere from a day, which is ideal for traveling chefs, to months at a time.

The incubator offers emerging businesses an environment that fosters growth and independence. Ana and Tham mentor clients on being efficient with their time, keeping their finances in order, and maintaining a clean work environment. Clients also have access to resources they would not receive elsewhere, including legal services, photographers, and marketing, branding and professional design consultants at no cost. Collaboration and cross-referencing often occur among members. One business may use the bread that another business bakes in one of its menu items. One entrepreneur may tell another about an opportunity to work an event. Square Kitchen clients chat informally and

during their meetings that happen every two months about what has and has not worked for them.

Recently, Spice Kitchen Incubator, a nonprofit that provides around 25 refugees and low-income community members with opportunities to grow a food business, relocated to Square Kitchen. The partnership between the two incubators has meant more material resources on site and a lively flux of customers and clients frequenting the space.

This quieter part of the Poplar Grove now not only has more vigor but security. The lights are always on at Square Kitchen since it remains available to clients at all hours. Ana and Tham believe this has been an appreciated crime deterrent in the neighborhood. "We watch out for each other," she said. Ana and Tham also believe that Square Kitchen's



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Sunday Markets at Square Kitchen feature delicious brunch items of pop-up vendors such as, Raclett Machine and Streusel.

presence has inspired the houses and businesses to take more pride in their own properties and work with the city to beautify their neighborhood. They both have started to see proof of this along 800 South.

A measure of success for both Square Kitchen and its clients is outgrowing the space. Local businesses Hello Bulk Market, Wasatch Nectar, Fuego Mexican Grill, and Buzzed Coffee have most or all of their production and sales off-site. Moreover, two of the aforementioned businesses have established a physical location on the west side. Buzzed Coffee truck's owner, long-time Rose Park resident Trina Perez, is looking to open a brick-and-mortar coffee shop in her neighborhood.

For entrepreneurs who look to Ana and Tham or

their clients for inspiration on how to start their own business, they stress that perseverance and persistence are key. Tham believes, "If you're willing to not just work hard, but persevere through all of the trials and tribulations, then good things will come out of it. And don't forget that there's always help. We didn't go through this alone. We had a lot of help and support."

Ana and Tham have as much ambition as they did when they first embarked on starting their own businesses. I asked them what they see in the future for Square Kitchen five or 10 years down the road, and they look at one another and smile. They tell me about phase two. In the near future, they plan to convert the front space into a retail shop and food court open regularly with about four or

five permanent tenants and rotating clients. They also plan to establish an advisory board to assure that Square Kitchen's mission continues to attract community support.

In the meantime, the two invite everyone to attend the incubator's Sunday pop-up markets from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Visit Square Kitchen's social media pages for details. Square Kitchen also rents its front area for events, such as birthday parties, wine clubs, conferences, neighborhood meetings, fundraisers, and wedding receptions, with the option of having any number of Square Kitchen clients cater their event. Ana and Tham are also accepting new clients. There's an easy pre-application for prospective Square Kitchen clients on squarekitchenslc.com

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Consider investing in your wealth

OPINION



By Joaquin Galvan

Realistic goals are important when it comes to money. The average person's short-term financial goals should be simple: Try not to rack up too much debt, and find a steady job. When making financial goals, you should consider these three values: independence, stability, and security.

Investing is key to acquiring wealth. I try to remember my FIOA – the Financial Invest-

ment Options of an American. The primary place for passive investments is government security, for example, Treasury securities or U.S. Savings Bonds, because they have low risk or no default risk.

Non-governmental bonds are very liquid, meaning they can easily be sold, but you won't make much money buying and selling them; they have almost no return. However, most are exempt from state and local taxes.

Certificates of Deposits are another investment option. However, a third party should be involved; there is some liquidity risk (losing money) without someone handling your money. The inflation on these investments is something that you should be aware of. Typically every year the inflation is three percent.

Investment in precious metals is another time-honored,

secure option. The net investment of precious metals has a long history in America. The dollar used to be tied to the price of gold. However, President Nixon took us off of the gold standard in 1971 because of domestic shifts in the country. Precious metals remain good investment in the sense that the government will always buy them.

There are many types of investors, however, investing in small businesses or stocks requires careful research, because of the liquidity risk. It must be considered that the money that is tied up with an investment may get locked up and could be inaccessible in a time of crisis. It's risky to invest in the stock market because of this.

One of the benefits of secure, stable and accessible investments is that you can claim them on taxes. The

higher the liquidity, the more likely they would be exempt from state and local taxes.

There is a saying, "Don't put all your eggs in one basket." When I was in Ecuador, I learned that chickens aren't the only things that lay eggs. Many animals lay eggs and managing your money in this way is diversification of investments. Snakes tend to eat eggs and credit loan ads on the radio are the same to your pocket book.

If you are considering investing, it would be wise to get some financial education or advice. Some banks and credit unions offer free financial advice, and another valuable resource is local nonprofit AAA Fair Credit. Visit the website at <https://faircredit.org>.

Joaquin Galvan is a 24-year-old native of the Guadalupe neighborhood. He took a class

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signed to provide the support needed for offenders to reach their goals. Spencer Turley, regional administrator at Orange Street, said, “Our number one focus as an agency is successful felon reentry ... it reduces recidivism and increases public safety.”

The structure, combined with community resources Orange Street connects their residents to, provides a path for offenders to transition into hard-working contributors to the community.

Although Ward says some employers won't hire felons at all, he repeatedly has companies requesting more applicants from Orange Street because they provide such quality employees.

“I got an email from the owner of a bakery that said, ‘I currently have one of your offenders that works for me and he's the best employee I've ever had. Can you send me another one?’” Turley said.

Amanda Kloepfer, a general manager at a local transportation company, has hired offenders in the past and believes there are benefits. In her experience, offenders have worked diligently, she believes, because they've been given a chance that can be hard to come by.

“She actually progressed faster than any of our other employees because I felt like she wanted to prove herself,” said Kloepfer of an offender she employed. “She worked her way up, and within a year of her employment, she became a lead for her team because of her work ethic and dedication.”

Although Kloepfer's decision to hire an offender is made on a case-by-case basis, she says she wouldn't hold it against someone if they did have a felony.

The opinions on the availability and effectiveness of training programs differ from the staff at Orange Street and the offenders interviewed.

“In prison they sent me to a class to write a resume and go to a mock interview, but I couldn't go to the classes I needed to get skills to get the jobs,” says Johnson.

But Liam Truchard, information specialist at Utah Department of Corrections says, “Davis Technical College teaches a number of courses and programs for men and women. Anything from machine work, to welding, to a women's program for cable installation ... a lot of these guys come out ready to go with 1200-hour certificates.”

However, the level of commitment and dedication required by the offenders is something upon which both groups agree. Since her release, Atwood has is completing a yoga teacher training in May, hopes to teach yoga at recovery centers, and is focusing on “continuing a normal life.” As for Johnson, he consistently works over 40 hours a week

as a cement truck delivery driver. He is also preparing to return to school to study law in order to make a positive impact on those who may endure experiences similar to his own. Although he took correspondence courses while in prison and earned a paralegal diploma, he was unable to put those skills to use after incarceration because of restrictions put on felons.

There are various community programs designed to provide assistance and support to offenders, such as Utah Support Advocates for Recovery Awareness — for substance abuse support, Journey of Hope — for housing resources, Department of Workforce Services — for employment resources, and Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) — for education assistance.

To offenders struggling to find employment, Ward says, “Be honest about your past and about where you want to be,

and you'll get people will take a chance on you. People get off probation and parole successfully every day. It will happen; you just have to work at it.”

And, for employers interested in providing the opportunity every offender needs, information can be found on the Utah Department of Corrections website. Corrections.utah.gov references federal tax incentives of \$2,500 per employee and protections against employee theft or dishonesty ranging from \$5,000 to \$25,000.

Orange Street staff hopes that employers will join them in their mission to support successful reentry to those that have been incarcerated.

Turley says, “Offenders are absolutely worth a chance because so many of them have goals and aspirations. ... When they get the chance, they take it and run, and they're unbelievably good employees.”

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577 South 900 West, 801-594-8623

Growing in the Grove

May 11, June 1, 12 – 1:30 p.m.

Adult gardening workshop with Dan Potts
Learn to plant your vegetable garden, compost
and more.

Judgement Call – Robot Demos

Thursday, June 6, 2 – 3 p.m.

The award-winning JudgeMent Call Robotics
Team will demonstrate their newest robot,
Lieutenant Ripley. You'll learn what it takes to
build and program a robot completely from
scratch!

Comic Workshop for adults and teens

Saturday, June 8, 3 – 5 p.m. Meet other comic
artists and writers. Find collaborators for your
vision or polish your masterpiece. We'll have tools
and time to create and publish complete mini
comics. For all experience levels.

Family Storytime in the Park

Saturday, June 15, 4 – 5 p.m.

Engage your five senses and your imagination
with an outdoor storytime at the Chapman
Library, followed by a walk in the park with
Kendal Scott of the SLC Division of Trails & Natural
Lands.

Day Riverside Library

1575 West 1000 North, 801-594-8632

Kidding Around Yoga Storytime with TreeUtah

Tuesday, May 14, 11 – 11:30 a.m.

Join TreeUtah for a very special story time! We will
read stories about trees, learn new songs, and do
Kidding Around Yoga with Sarah Bly. For families
with preschoolers.

Capoeira Class

Third Thursdays: May 16, June 20, 3 – 4 p.m.

Kick, spin and sing your way into Capoeira,
one of Brazil's most beautiful art forms. For all
ages, led by Jamaika and his instructors.

Field Work: Aligning Poetry and Science - River Walk

Thursday, May 16, 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Take a walk along the Jordan River with Jordan
River Commission project manager, Brian Tonetti
and Utah Poet Laureate, Paisley Rekdal.

SLC Bicycle Collective Community Maintenance Clinic - Flat Fix

Saturday, May 18, 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Learn how to fix your own flat. We'll teach you
which supplies you'll need to carry for a quick
repair when you're on the road. Please do not
bring your bike to class. We will provide demo
bikes.

Glendale Library

1375 South Concord, 801-594-8660

Hip Hop Dancing with Bboy Federation

Every Monday, 5 – 6 p.m.

Learn hip-hop dancing from members of the
Bboy Federation. Listen to classic beats, stretch,
dance and learn the essential breakin' and hip-
hop moves. For kids, tweens and teens.

West View Teen Newsroom

Every Thursday, 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.

Teens will be guided as they explore their
community through writing, multimedia
storytelling and journalism.

Herbalism at Home

Saturday, May 25, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m

Learn about herbs and alternative ways to
promote health with the series of classes with
Erika and local Mobile Moon Co-op. For adults.

STEAM at Glendale

Every 1st and 3rd Saturday throughout the
summer

June 1 - 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.

Keep your science skills sharp this summer! We'll
work on open-ended science, engineering, art,
and math activities.

Parade of Raptors - With Hawkwatch International

Tuesday, June 11 - 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Meet Hawkwatch International's birds: a hawk, a

community councils

Community councils are neighborhood-based organizations developed to help community members directly advocate for change in their communities. Their job is to provide various city departments with input and recommendations generated directly from the community. These councils consist of local residents, service providers, property and business owners. Meetings are open to the public.

To find out which community council area you live in, visit:
www.slcgov.com/commcouncils

Ballpark Community Council

Chair: Bill Davis
ballparkcc@gmail.com
Meets: 1st Thursday at 7:00 p.m.
Jan. 3, Feb. 7, Mar. 7
Taylor Springs Apartments
Community Room,
1812 South West Temple

Poplar Grove Community Council

Chair: Eric Lopez
385-743-9767
poplargrovecouncil@gmail.com
Meets: 4th Wednesday
at 7:00 p.m.
Jan. 23, Feb. 27, Mar. 27
Pioneer Precinct
1040 West 700 South

Fairpark Community Council

Chair: Tom King
earth4alllife@gmail.com
Meets: 4th Thursday
at 6:30 p.m.
Jan. 24, Feb. 28, Mar. 28
Northwest Multipurpose
Center,
1300 West 300 North

Rose Park Community Council

Chair: Dan Strong
801-232-0517
danstrong13@gmail.com
Meets: 1st Wednesday
at 6:30 p.m.
Jan. 2, Feb. 6, Mar. 6
Day-Riverside Library
1575 West 1000 North

Glendale Community Council

Chair: Dane Hess
dane.hess@slcschools.org
Meets: 3rd Wednesday at
7:00 p.m.
Jan. 16, Feb. 20, Mar. 20
Glendale Library,
1375 S Concord St. (1240 W)

Westpointe Community Council

Chair: Dorothy P. Owen
801-503-7850
dorothy.owen@q.com
Meets: 2nd Wednesday
at 6:30 pm
Jan. 9, Feb. 13, Mar. 13
Day-Riverside Library
1575 West 1000 North

Jordan Meadows Community Council

Chair: Aldo Tavares (Interim)
Meets: 2nd Wednesday
at 6:30 p.m.
Jan. 9, Feb. 13, Mar. 13
Meadowlark Elementary
School
497 North Morton Dr.
Salt Lake City, UT

River District Chamber

Chair: Nigel Swaby
801-634-4950
nigel@swabyrealestate.com
Meets: 2nd Tuesday at 8:00
a.m.
Feb. 12, Mar. 12
Mestizo Coffee House
631 West North Temple

falcon, and an owl. Learn their stories and how we can help these species through conservation actions. Part of the ZAP Summer Passport program.

Marmalade Library

280 W. 500 North, 801-594-8680

Marmalade Coffee and Chocolate Society

Thursday, May 2 & June 6, 7:00 p.m.

The first Thursday of each month, enjoy tasty samples and learn something new and about the classic combination – coffee and chocolate – from local producers and experts.

Code Club

Monday, May 6, 4 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Jump into coding at your own pace with the help of City Library staff. Kids and teens ages 8–18 will collaborate and work through a self-guided programming curriculum.

Art & Maker Class - With Clever Octopus

Thursday, May 9, 4 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Kids will make art and practice sustainability! Clever Octopus Creative Resource Center will provide reused, repurposed, or donated art materials that have been saved from the landfill.

Business Growth Strategies with Salt Lake

SCORE - Digital Tools & Apps

Saturday, May 9, 4 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

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Citizenship Class –

IRC (International Rescue Committee)

Mondays, 6-8 p.m.

Come and prepare for the United States Citizenship exam in a fun and relaxing classroom setting.

Utah Prostate Cancer Support Group

First Wednesday of the month, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Support program for men and their families to learn about the diagnosis and treatment of prostate cancer.

YouthCity Afterschool Program

Monday-Friday

Afterschool Program for 3rd through 8th graders. Snacks, activities, homework help, and field trips. Fees range from \$11-\$228 per month based on family size and income.

Guitar Classes - Utah Classical Guitar

Adult Class: Wednesdays, 6-7 p.m. & Youth Class: Thursdays, 6-7 p.m.

Free guitar class for adults & youth. Open to all skill levels.

Women Empowerment Series –

PIK2AR (Pacific Island Knowledge 2 Action Resources) Wednesdays 6-8 p.m.

Pacific Island women's peer-to-peer support group.

Diabetes Focus Group – PCORI (Patient-

Centered Outcome & Research Institute) Second Wednesday of the month, 6-7:30 p.m.

Focus group for people with diabetes that teaches about how to maintain a healthy lifestyle.

Teen Success - Planned Parenthood

Tuesdays 5-7:30 p.m.

Weekly support group for teenage girls who are mothers or pregnant.

Sugar Space

132 S 800 West

Cinco de Mayo Celebration

Sunday, May 5, 12 – 1:30 p.m.

Celebrate Cinco de Mayo and WestSide Dance's 21st Anniversary Gala! There will be traditional Mexican ballet folklorico song and dance performances, bike and car show, mariachis, children's fun booths, karaoke y baile, and a silent auction along with food and drink vendors.

Westside Music Arts and Food Festival

Saturday, June 22, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Join us for this 3rd annual free festival full of arts and crafts from local artists, a variety of musical, dance and cultural acts and tasty food and beverages. Vendor and volunteer info at <https://www.restorenorthtemple.com/westside-festival-2019.html>

University Neighborhood Partners

Partners in the Park Events

6 - 8 p.m.

Free food, fun, and info about higher education, health and other community resources.

June 11 at Jordan Park, 1060 S. 900 West

June 25 at Westpointe Park, 1920 W. Colonel Rd. (1120 N)

Rose Park Elementary School

1105 W 1000 North

Zumba Classes - Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. Free zumba fitness classes! Great for cardio training.

Fife Wetlands

945 S 1100 W

Becoming a community scientist is easier than you think.

2nd Wednesdays - May 8 at 8:30 p.m., Sep. 11 at 7:45 p.m., Oct. 9. at 7:00 p.m.

Explore Fife Wetlands with experts after sunset. Take photos of wildlife you find. Upload pictures onto the free iNaturalist app. Earn recognition awards: Community Science Advocate Award Most Valuable Community Scientist Award

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El Maíz, nuestra raíz/We are all born from Corn

Mary W. Jackson Elementary School, 750 W. 200 N.

Tuesday, May 14 at 5:30 p.m., or

Rose Park Community Garden

871 N. Cornell Street

Thursday, May 16 at 5:00 p.m.

Workshops (in Spanish with English translation) that will increase our appreciation for the cultural legacy of Milpa and "The Three Sisters" - traditional systems of growing corn, beans, and squash.

Talleres (en español con traducción en inglés) que aprenderemos sobre el valor cultural de la Milpa y de "Las Tres Hermanas" - los sistemas tradicionales de cultivo de maíz, frijoles y calabaza.

Weigand Homeless Resource Center

235 S Rio Grande

Monthly Job Fair - May 21, June 18, July 23, August 20, 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

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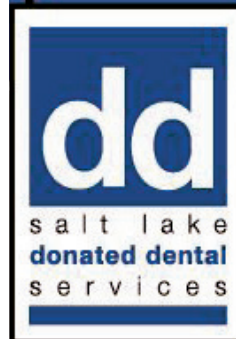
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Just show up at the library, or call West View Media at **385-355-0910** for more info.

