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Alexa Back wins title of Miss Nephi 2024

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The Miss Nephi Scholarship Pageant was held on Saturday, March 16 and Alexa Back, daughter of Kristin Christensen, won the title of Miss Nephi 2024. Her attendants are 1st, Leah Thorn, daughter of Dr. Andrew and Stacy Thorn, and 2nd, Addison Olsen, daughter of Trenton and Rachelle Olsen.

As the new Miss Nephi, Back won a \$1,000 scholarship. She was also the recipient of the Miss Photogenic Award, \$100, and the Talent Award, \$300.

As 1st attendant, Thorn received a \$700 scholarship. She also won the Community Engagement Award, \$500. As 2nd attendant, Olsen received a \$600 scholarship. She also received the Academic Scholarship, \$300.



MISS NEPHI 2024 • Alexa Back, center, was crowned Miss Nephi 2024 on Saturday night. Her attendants are 2nd, Addison Olsen and 1st, Leah Thorn.

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Vandalism at Levan Town Park is costing the town money

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"We just can't have nice things," is the saying.

Mayor Bruce Rowley brought to the attention of the Levan Town Council members that there had been some significant vandalism done to the playground equipment at the town park.

He said that someone had beat some holes in the tube slide causing irreparable damage and is also creating a safety hazard.

He said that in the past there had been vandalism to the bathrooms, as well as the splash pad. It had cost the town quite a bit of money to fix them and he was asking for help from the townspeople to catch the culprit(s).

"It's all of our park," he said.

"Please keep an eye out for it."

He said that if anyone knows who did the damage to please come forward and report it.

"It's going to be a major expense to replace that slide," he said.

The playground equipment was installed approximately 20 years ago and cost \$25,000 at that time. Rowley said that it would probably be twice that much now. He hoped that they could find replacement parts or a replacement slide for a good price.

Ray Evans, council member, said that at one point the town thought they could patch up some minor problem areas on the tube slide, but because someone had made the problem bigger, that was not feasible anymore.

Christine Carrigan, town clerk, said that the most dan-

gerous damage was at the bottom of the slide, but there were other places where someone had kicked a hole and in other places it looked like someone had taken a knife or hatchet to it.

"There's multiple parts that will need to be replaced," she said.

Rowley said that the town would probably need to install security cameras to catch whoever was doing this.

"It's sad that we have to do this," he said.

Rowley said that there were some new security cameras at the town building because someone had been putting garbage in the mail slot on the building.

Judy Smith, treasurer, asked if someone would block off the slide so no one got hurt. Rowley said that they would do that in the next few days.



VANDALISM • There have been some instances of vandalism at the Levan Town Park and council members ask for help from the community to catch the culprits.

Work at Mona Sewer Plant will be delayed until ground can dry out

By Myrna Trauntvein
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The contracted work at the Mona Sewer Plant will have to be postponed.

Tyler Faddis, Project Manager at Jones & DeMille Engineering, Inc., met with the city council to inform them that the work at the plant could not be completed at the sewer site because of the ground water that had made the site too muddy for work.

"Dennis Lear, the contractor, wants to do the job," said Faddis. "However, the water at the site is making it impossible."

He said that Union Pacific Railroad had been contacted

about the sinkhole in their railroad tracks. That problem is likely connected to the problem of the excess water at the sewer plant because the area is not draining as it should.

"The culvert leading under the railroad tracks is probably rotted out," said Faddis.

It was approximately a 35-inch culvert and would need to be replaced by the railroad. As they talked about the sewer trash auger work delay, he said, the performance bonds would need to be paid a partial payment of 54 percent.

At trash auger removes trash and unwanted solids, so the treatment plant runs more efficiently and life is easier for operators, managers and cities.

"Do you know if Nephi has a camera that we could put down inside the pipe that they would let us borrow?" asked Faddis. "It isn't long."

He said he would estimate that the line to be viewed would be only 1,500 feet long.

"We have not been able to look at that line for years," he said.

Faddis said the construction company would not be able to get on the land to install the trash auger work until the end of May or the first of June.

Two weeks ago, Chad Phillips, water, gas roads operator for the city, had been to the construction site to mark the water line for the contractor. At that time, he reported that

there was a lot of standing water at the site.

Proposed pumping of the water from the ground was not feasible.

The project for installation of a trash auger has been on the need list for the past couple of years, said Randy Christensen, mayor.

Last October, Faddis provided a bid for a building and the installation of the Mona City sewer auger.

He stated that he split the bid into two separate schedules in case the funding was not available for both schedules.

At the time, the council agreed to approve \$201,990 for the construction of the sewer auger.

Last year, with the help of Faddis, Mona City advertised for bids on the 2023 Wastewater Improvements. They had listed a completion date of April 30, 2024.

The project included the following work: Schedule 1 included approximately 120 feet of 8-inch sewer pipe, installation of a sewer trash auger and related work. Schedule 2 included a lift station building, electrical and related work.

"We talked about the delay in our work session prior to council meeting," said R. Christensen.

If the ground was too wet to work on and in, there was nothing to be done except to wait for the soil to dry out.



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