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## 2010 Juab High Sterling Scholars to compete next week

JHS has fifteen candidates heading to the Deseret News/KSL Television Sterling Scholars of Central Utah. The students were selected in the Fall on the basis of Scholarship, leadership, citizenship, and character, as demonstrated through activity and interest in the category to which the student applied. Since their nomination, students have compiled a portfolio of their achievements and involvement in school and the community.

On March 9, the student will take part in Judging Day in Richfield. Portfolios will be judged and interviews will take place.

On March 16, the Thirty-Eighth Annual Sterling Scholars Awards Program will take place at the Sevier Valley Center in Richfield. The program begins at 7:00 p.m.

Schools include: Juab, Milard, Delta, North Sanpete, Piute, Richfield, North Sevier,

South Sevier, Cedar Ridge, Manti, Gunnison Valley, Tintic, and Wayne.

Juab students are: Tyler Whitlock, son of Dale and Sue Whitlock; Josh Richens, son of Kent and Darlene Richens; Kellie-jo Farr, daughter of Mark and Heidi Farr; Kelly Reber, daughter of Doug and Sandy Reber; Tanner Linton, son of Troy and Monica Linton; Kevin Johnstun, son of Bryce and Larita Johnstun; Sean Gibson, son Allan and Mariann Gibson; JaBoe Garrett, daughter of Tyson and Jamie Garrett; Kara Lee Jenson, daughter of Brian and Tanna Jenson; Kelsie Jones, daughter of David and Maurie Jones; Karissa Carter, daughter of Steve and Judith Carter, Ariel Peterson, daughter of Michael and Rosalie Peterson; Nicole Brough, daughter of Chad and Lisa Brough; Colt Oliver, son of David and Raquel Oliver, and Landon Hitchcock, son of Craig and Merry Hitchcock.



Tyler Whitlock  
General  
Scholarship



Josh Richens  
Math



Kellie-jo Farr  
English



Kelly Reber  
Foreign Language



Tanner Linton  
Science



Kevin Johnstun  
Speech and  
Drama



Sean Gibson  
Music



JaBoe Garrett  
Agriculture  
Science



Kara Lee Jenson  
Family and  
Consumer Science



Kelsie Jones  
Social Science



Karissa Carter  
Dance



Ariel Peterson  
Visual Arts



Nicole Brough  
Business and  
Marketing



Colt Oliver  
Trade and Techni-  
cal Education



Landon Hitchcock  
Computer  
Information and  
Technology

## FiberTEK is awarded \$1.25 million Industrial Assistance Fund grant

By Myrna Trauntvein  
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A \$1.25 million Industrial Assistance Fund grant was awarded to FiberTEK at its Nephi plant on Thursday.

The money was a state incentive to draw the fiberglass insulation plant to Utah in the form of a grant which was to be presented once the Nephi plant was built, workers were hired and production had begun.

"We now have 80 employees and are at about one-third of our capacity," said Jordan Radman, President of FiberTEK.

Radman was present to accept the check in behalf of FiberTEK.

On hand to present the check were Les Prall, Rural Development, with the State of Utah Governor's Office of Economic Development, and Tamy Dayley, CPA, Senior Financial Analyst with the Corporate Recruitment and State Incentives with the Governor's Office of Economic Development.

Also present were: Justin Seely, Nephi City Council; Glenn Greenhalgh, Juab County Planning Director; Kent Park, Nephi City Council; Robert

Painter, Nephi City Council; Byron Woodland, Juab County Economic Development Director; Blair Painter, Nephi City Recorder.

"All of you here were helpful," said Radman, "and the city was good to work with."

FiberTEK Insulation LLC constructed the new 300,000-square-foot distribution plant in Nephi to serve the residential, industrial and commercial building industry in the Western United States and to an expanding international market.

The company already serves its clients in the East through a 275,000-square-foot manufacturing plant near Tampa, Florida.

"Energy costs in Utah are quite reasonable," said Radman.

The big draw on utilities comes from the electric power consumption at the facility. Water, another utility used in the manufacturing process, is recycled and only water lost to evaporation is replaced.

"Our investment in equipment is approximately \$15 mil-

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## John Kuhni's Sons is working to make themselves into good neighbors

By Myrna Trauntvein  
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John Kuhni's Sons, an animal by-product plant located in south Juab County near Mills Junction, is working to make themselves into good neighbors.

Allan Young, attorney for the venture, and Paul Kuhni, president, attended county commission meeting to give a report on the activities of the facility.

Kuhni's grandsons fought in court over ownership of the company which ended with a settlement that gave Kevin Kuhni control of operations. It was Kevin Kuhni who headed

the move to Juab County in 2004.

However, it was under his leadership that things started to go awry. Over the next year, several violations were accumulated.

Then in March 2009, there was another family shake-up and Paul Kuhni became president of the animal by-products plant.

"The company will have to be financially reorganized," said Young. "But we are getting tons of support from those who use us."

"We made a proposal to our creditors and they were not interested," Young said.

That would, likely, mean that the company would need to apply for Chapter 11, or reorganization, bankruptcy.

Three of the four brothers: Gregory, Paul and Jeffrey now serve as officers of the plant. Kevin Kuhni is still involved but not in the day-to-day management of the plant.

"We have entered into a second consent decree with the state," said Young.

When the state did some recent water testing, it was found that the soil is clay and doesn't percolate, said Paul Kuhni.

Juab County Sheriff's Deputies and officials from the Central Utah Public Health Department, in January 2005, discovered a 10-foot deep pit next to the plant.

It was reported to Juab County Commissioners as holding raw and untreated slaughterhouse waste.

Then in February 2005, waste water was found running from the plant into Chicken Creek.

Storm water can be another problem if it runs across the

property into Chicken Creek unless the property is kept clean of contaminants.

Commissioners have worked, since 2005, to bring the company into compliance. Kuhni's operates on a conditional use permit granted by the county.

That permit has been threatened if compliance is not forthcoming.

Division of Water Quality officials were alerted. They took on-site samples, tested them and established that fecal bacteria, along with other contaminants, was in the waste water.

Over the next short while, six other violations occurred. One of those was for boiler water being dropped at private property in surrounding counties. Those included Sanpete and Utah Counties in addition to Juab County.

There were equipment failures and operator errors which resulted in the commission requiring that they be notified in advance of those types of problems. As the problems escalated, state fines of more than \$200,000 resulted.

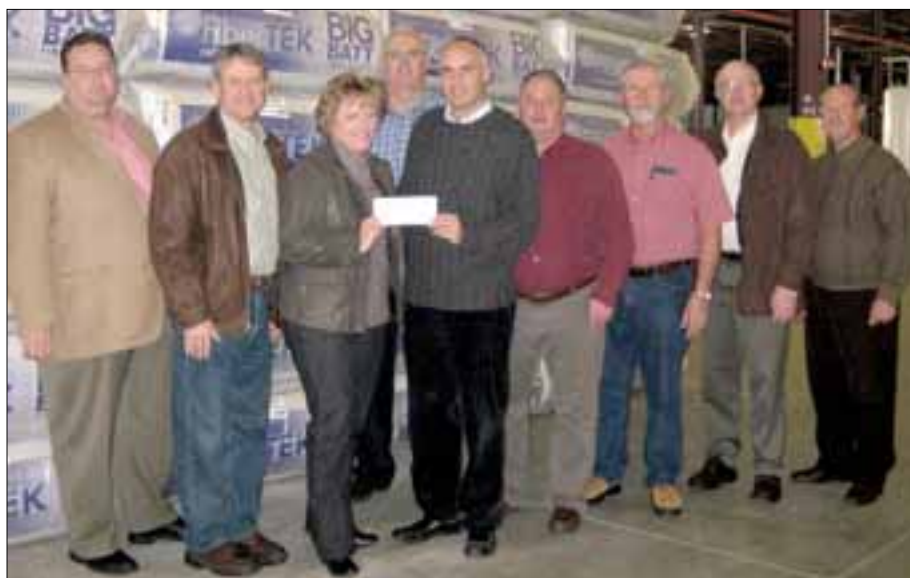
"Before Paul came," said Young, "the plant was cooking 24-hours a day. Now the plant operates 10 to 12 hours a day."

Requirements of the state, said Paul Kuhni, are that, not only must the plant and its grounds be cleaned-up but that they must also be kept that way or maintained.

"Is the water by-passing the septic system?" asked LuWayne Walker, commissioner.

The state came, said Kuhni, and did die tests in November.

However, the plant has not been



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