Slashed the race for Small business loans restart, run into snags

By SAVANNAH PACE/staff writer
After watching hours of candidate speeches and a midnight voting setup, state GOP delegates voted to take incumbent Rep. Kyle Hilyard, R-Logan, to the primaries and slimmed down the race for Utah’s 1st Congressional District. In online voting on Saturday, Hilyard received 57 percent of the votes cast in Senate District 25, while challenger Chris Wil-son, a political newcomer, won 42 percent of the delegate votes. Hilyard narrowly missed the 60 percent threshold needed to become the Republican party’s nomination for the November general election, and instead will face Wilson in the GOP state primary on June 23. I was pleased with the results, it was a good win,“ Hilyard said. “The only frustrating thing was not being able to meet with the delegates. I really enjoyed part of it, but it is just not the same over the phone. Now, I just keep working. It will be busy over the next few months.“ The 40-year incumbent ran unopposed in 2016 and has longevity experience with legisla-tion, taxes and the political landscape in the legislature, which can be a big draw for some people. Others, as Wilson suggested when he announced his candidacy, are looking for a change. “I feel privileged to be selected to continue my campaign to bring people a choice,“ Wilson said. “From all the feedback we had received from delegates, we felt hopeful and fairly confident that we would make it to the primaries, but being the under-dog has been an interesting role to play. The people who are really involved in politics really know what a great feat this really is.“ The Senate District 25 race is brought to the state convention because the district includes parts of both Cache and Rich counti-nes. The same is true for State House District 1, where Rep. Joel Furry ran unopposed and the Republican nominee heading into the general election. GOP delegates trimmed the field in the 1st Congressional District. With the Republican party had hoped to take Rep. Rob Stoddard, R-Logan, to the primaries. He shifted his focus to Utah’s gubernatorial race as President Donald Trump and Governor Shumway’s running mate. Former state lawmaker Kerry Gibson and former U.S. Rep. Greta Hughes, officers Blake David Moore were both selected by delegates to join Kaysville Mayor Kate Witt and Davis County Commissioner Bob Stevenson on the primary ballot.

Senate District 25 race heads to primary, other races narrow

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NEW YORK (AP) — The second round of loan applications for the govern-ment’s small business relief program has been slowed by computer issues at the Small Business Administration. Lenders complained Monday that they couldn’t get their applications into the SBA system known as ETran that processes and approves loans. The agency said it notified lenders Sunday that it was limiting the number of applications any lender could submit at once. The SBA began accepting applications at 10:30 a.m. Eastern time for $310 billion in funding. The program’s initial $349 bil-lion was exhausted in less than two weeks after more than $1.7 million loans were ap-proved. That first round was also slowed by computer issues at the SBA. Banks had thousands of applications ready to go Monday; Richard Huitt, president of the trade group Consumer Bankers Association, said the SBA’s an-nouncement on application limits was too last-minute — bankers had already sent large batches of applications to the agency, not knowing that a new procedure was being planned. “We learned at the 11th hour that SBA changed its process. They could have told us well ahead of time,” Huitt said. He said the agency’s computers weren’t able to accept even the reduced number of ap-plications per hour that it had planned. The ETran system normally handles under 40,000 applications in a year and wasn’t built to handle the volume of appli-cations it has been receiving this month.

Chalk of the Town

Abby McBride, left, makes a chalk drawing on the sidewalk with her sister Katie McBride last week, at their house in Hyrum. The sisters said some of the designs were inspired by plants in their home.

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USU alumnus writes prison reform book

By JACKSON WILDE/staff writer
When Mark Hugentobler was selected to be the principal of the Central Utah Academy, an adult education program located in the Central Utah Correctional Facility in Gunnison, he was sent there against my will,“ Hugentobler said. “I was sent there for 23 years, predominately as a boys basketball coach, athletic director and teacher at Miami High School — Hu-gen-tobler said the decision to make him the new CUA principal came down from the Utah State Athletic Board. Coaching players and making coaching decisions had ruined feath-ers in the community, resulting in his removal after a successful career in public education. “One of the downsides of being a basketball coach in small schools is you make a lot of enemies," Hugen-tobler said. “I made a lot of friends, a lot of supporters, but you make a fair amount of enemies." Education jobs at the prison weren’t exactly coveted, according to Hugen-tobler. Educators at the prison usually looking for entry into the school district. Selected there intentionally by the school board. “They were after me for several years," Hugentobler said. “They finally said, ‘Well, we’re going to let you go. ‘" for this guy, we’re going to send him to prison. “What seemed like a “sentence” became the blessing for Hugentobler. He spent eight years as the principal of CUA and published a book in February entitled “All My Friends Are Felons” based on his experiences and advocating prison reform.