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of the NAIA basketball championships and a 30-5 overall record. His 65.2 field goal percentage was third best in the nation and he was 11th in scoring at 20.7 points per game.

“He is one of the most skilled players I have ever seen,” said Shay Wiatt, Westminster’s athletic director.

Still, Payne held no illusions about why he was working out for the Jazz. He admitted he was “too small for the inside game” and not quick enough to play the perimeter in the NBA.

“They had five guys coming in to work out prior to the draft and needed a sixth person to make the workouts better,” he said. “But I was still honored to be the one they

called. There are a lot of good players around here they could have called. I was lucky enough to be the one chosen.”

Payne helped lead Alta to the 2003 state 5A championships and was named Most Valuable Player that year. He turned down offers to play college ball for a walk-on spot at his favorite school, Utah. He sat out his first year so he could keep his eligibility, but spent the following year helping coach Alta instead of returning to play for the Utes.

He returned to college ball in 2005 with the Snow College team. He played two seasons for the Badgers and received Conference Player of the Year honors as well as earning junior college All-American status.

Payne then went to Southern Utah University for one year and received Summit League Newcomer of the Year accolades before coming to Salt Lake to play at Westminster.

“Coach Conner had recruited me before and was still interested,” Payne said. “It worked out well for me to be able to keep playing.”

He remained humble through all the awards, never crediting his own abilities as the reason for the honors but on those of his teammates.

“I have been lucky to have good coaches and players around me which makes it more enjoyable,” he said.

Payne now has an agent and is hoping to play basketball overseas where his height and speed will be more effective.

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and drawings and jugs to collect the money and they made announcements reminding kids to donate. They really worked hard.”

Cabrera is not sure where the University of Learning program first began but she learned about it from another teacher, Trish Boswell, while student teaching at Quail Hollow Elementary. “She did it in her class but she got it from someone else who did it as their master’s thesis,” Cabrera said. “The premise behind it is that learning happens all the time, everywhere. It’s not just at school.”

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WWI, WWII, Korea and Vietnam eras up to the present. The Wasatch & District Pipe Band, Salt Lake Salty Dogs, SunShade ‘N Rain and Pro Music Show will all be featured. Proceeds will go to both the disabled veterans summer and winter Games and to participants in the National Veterans’ Creative Arts Festival.

Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors, \$5 for children. Disabled veterans are free. For further information and to obtain tickets online visit: www.saltlakesaltydogs.com. “It’s a great way to say thank you,” Judy said.

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flags (provided by Colonial Flag of Sandy) each July 4 at the Sandy parade. Club members found this year’s parade to be perhaps the best attended yet.

Worth mention for the most outstanding patriotic costume in the group was Dan Oredson with his Uncle Sam costume. The handing out of the flags brought moments of bright, connecting smiles with parents and children alike, who welcomed the opportunity to show the flag.

‘Taste of Sandy’ returning on Aug. 18

The Annual Taste of Sandy is coming back. The Sandy Area Chamber of Commerce is staging this popular event once again on Tuesday, Aug. 18 from 5 to 9 p.m. at the South Towne Expo Center.

The Valley Journals, Home Depot, and Walmart, are co-sponsors of the event.

“We want everyone to take part in this great community event and have the opportunity to meet local businesses and other families,” said Jeff Wright, operations manager for the chamber.

Those who attend will have the opportunity to sample foods from restaurants in the Sandy area. Wright says many restaurants have signed on, but there is still space availability for others who’d like to participate. All restaurants in the area are invited to take part.

“We’ve had more than 1,500 attendees in previous years, so we’re encouraging the public to purchase tickets in advance while they are still available,” Wright said.

Special guests at the Taste of Sandy will include the Utah Jazz Bear, Leo the Lion from ReAL Salt Lake, Grizzbee from the Utah Grizzlies, and Bumble, the mascot of the Salt Lake Bees. Wright said



there will be a kids section at the event with inflatable toys and other games.

Sandy Mayor Tom Dolan is planning to kick off the event that evening. Restaurants will have a chance to win prizes in categories such as best presentation, best dessert, best ethnic Chinese, tastiest meal, best beverage and a culinary excellence award. Judging the event will be members of the Sandy City Council.

Tickets are \$8 a person. Family passes are also available for \$23 for a family of five. They can be purchased in advance at the Chamber offices, 8807 South 700 east. Booths are also still available by contacting Wright at 801-566-0344 ext. 105.

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