

# Nature and history meet



Utah State Parks employee Chris Haller, right, and LaVerkin resident Alan Olsen work on planting a tree at Confluence Park during the official opening and ribbon cutting celebration Monday for Confluence Park. PHOTOS BY JUD BURKETT / THE SPECTRUM & DAILY NEWS

## Park offers hiking and a glimpse of the area's past

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**LAVERKIN** — For generations, the scenic confluence of LaVerkin Creek, Ash Creek and the Virgin River has provided a place for Hurricane Valley residents to recreate and enjoy nature.

And thanks to the ongoing efforts of a number of area

entities, the area should continue to offer a scenic respite for years to come.

Several hundred visitors came together Monday to celebrate the work being done at Confluence Park, a 344-acre wilderness area tucked between Hurricane, LaVerkin and Toquerville.

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Brock Belnap, right, walks with his wife Chantie and their children, Grace, left, and Noah on the Confluence Trail during the official opening.