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TRADER JOE'S EXPANSION

Trader Joe's plans expansion in Salt Lake County with three new locations confirmed for Herriman (Commons at Herriman Towne Center), South Jordan (Daybreak area) and West Jordan. That will bring the total number of stores along the Wasatch Front to 10. Timelines are yet to be announced.



U.S. Sen. John Curtis meets with audience members during a networking break at the Small Business Expo at Davis Technical College. (Brice Wallace, Salt Lake Business Journal)

Small business focus of expo in Kaysville

Brice Wallace
Salt Lake Business Journal

Businesses' approach to the federal government at one time was simple: "Get out of our way. We can handle things."

But that attitude nowadays is not enough, according to U.S. Sen. John Curtis, who organized a recent small-business expo in Kaysville and pushed for giving small businesses a predictable environment and helping them access opportunities for federal government work.

The event featured discussions about federal government programs and obstacles — such as navigating the sea of government acronyms — with Curtis leading the charge for an understandable, unsurprising, dependable federal government

that can benefit small businesses.

"If we're not, as a federal government, giving you a predictable landscape, I don't know how you do it," Curtis said at the event, which took place at the Davis Technical College. "Like, seriously, I don't know how you navigate the last 18 months of tariffs. 'They're 100 percent, they're 50 percent or they're 10 percent, they're back to 100 percent.' So, No. 1, coming from the federal government has to be better predictability, not just with tariffs but with all regulation and all tax policy."

The senator recalled a time when he was discussing the government with business partners, and the prevailing attitude was "Just stay out of our way."

"And I do believe in many cases that's true, but it's also a little bit more complicated than that," he said. "I think that for

you to grow in manufacturing or really whatever, there are a couple of bottlenecks that we either help with or hurt with."

U.S. Rep. Blake Moore listed several recent actions in Congress that kept tax cuts in place, reauthorized funding for programs that help businesses move from innovation to commercialization, or otherwise provide a smooth, dependable path that will benefit small businesses.

"When you invest capital, you have to know that we're not going to change the rules on you," Curtis said. "You have to know what your tariffs are, you have to know what your tax policy is, and the single best thing that we can do as your federal government is to give you pre-

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Seven local businesses honored by South Valley Chamber

The South Valley Chamber of Commerce (SVC) recognized seven outstanding small businesses at its inaugural Small Business Impact Awards luncheon on May 5. One business from each city within the chamber's footprint — Sandy, Draper, Riverton, South Jordan, Cottonwood Heights, Herriman and Bluffdale — was selected and honored with the SVC Small Business Impact Award, sponsored by O.C. Tanner Jewelers.

The 2026 award recipients are:

- Prime IV Hydration and Wellness (Sandy)
- AMY'S Martial Arts (Draper)
- B&R Chem-Dry (Riverton)
- Glenmoor Golf Club (South Jordan)
- Eight Settlers Distillery and Restau-

rant (Cottonwood Heights)

- Redemption Bar and Grill (Herriman)
- Adaptive Arena (Bluffdale)

Chamber President and CEO Jay Francis said the businesses were selected for their leadership, commitment to service, and positive impact within their communities. He said each demonstrates a strong dedication to supporting the well-being and growth of the South Valley through both business excellence and community involvement.

"Small businesses are more than storefronts or service providers," he said. "They sponsor youth sports teams, donate to local causes, mentor employees, support schools, create opportunities, and help shape the identity and culture

of our cities. They are often the first to step up in times of need and the last to seek recognition for it."

The Small Business Impact Award program was first announced at the chamber's State of the Chamber event in February. Beginning in 2027, award recipients will be announced at the State of the Chamber and formally recognized at the Small Business Impact Awards luncheon later in the year.

A little bit about the winners per SVC recognition comments:

Prime IV Hydration and Wellness:

Since opening in 2022, Prime IV Hy-

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dictability, and that's, quite frankly, also where we're failing the most."

The half-day event featured panel discussions and opportunities to learn about federal government agencies and programs and where small businesses might be able to meet their needs. Topics included nuclear energy and other power production, onshoring, capital access, defense, manufacturing, taxes and business commercialization. One emphasis was getting businesses to better understand the complexities of the federal government — with confusion being what Curtis described as a "gray cloud." Several speakers decried government acronyms but nonetheless used them to describe their agencies and programs.

"I think one of the single best things that we can do, why we're doing this today and where our efforts need to be in the future, is to really help all of you understand what opportunities are there, because they are vast, right? They are so vast," Curtis said.

"What we need to do is do a better job at helping all of you understand just how to bridge and have this interaction with the federal government where you understand what's available and how to access these."

The senator encouraged the audience to "pound these booths" in the exhibit area to get a better understanding of how government can help them grow their businesses.

"We need to be more for you than just 'get out of the way.' ... The federal government will spend trillions of dollars this year. We want to make sure that gets into small businesses' hands and spurs the economy and you have access to that," Curtis said.

For example, Josh Carter, associate administrator of the Office of Investment and Innovation at the U.S. Small Business Administration, said one current push is to help lower-level suppliers in defense work dominated by prime contractors. "It's absolutely overwhelming," he said of the scope of that work, noting that the F-35 fighter plane program alone has 40,000 suppliers.

Curtis said businesses have an opportunity to interface with the federal government in "a very unique window that I don't think has existed for decades and decades."

"I just want to point out that this is a very unique time," he said. "I think in the defense industry, in the past, you may have been able to, rightly so, accuse the federal government of favoring just a few large contractors. A number of things have changed: We have a



The audience listens to presentations during the Small Business Expo at Davis Technical College in Kaysville. The event was hosted by U.S. Sen. John Curtis. (Brice Wallace, Salt Lake Business Journal)

disruptor in the White House, we have a disruptor leading the Department of War, we have these conflicts overseas, we're changing the way that we're fighting wars.

"This is a really unique opportunity to bust up something that has been very, very 'tick tock, this game is locked.' So I am just really excited about the opportunities out there"

A former businessman in a family of businesspeople, Curtis told the audience that his colleagues in Washington, D.C., would be "more careful" with taxes and

regulations "if they understood just how hard you work to even just keep the lights on." While it is nice to have large businesses in Utah, government activities — such as law enforcement, schools and paved streets — are possible because small businesses "keep the wheels on the bus of the government," he said.

"And all of this is happening, as you know, in a context where things are very uncertain overseas and here in the United States," Curtis said, "and I suspect it's never been more difficult to be a small business than it is right now."

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dration & Wellness has shown impressive growth and resilience, building a strong client base while navigating a competitive and emerging industry. Dedicated to promoting health and preventative care, Prime IV plays an active role in the Sandy community — participating in local events and city initiatives and helping residents improve their overall well-being.

AMYS Martial Arts:

For nearly 40 years, Amy's Martial Arts has been a cornerstone of strength, discipline and Community — serving families across generations and, since 2018, here in Draper. Amy's Martial Arts is a true community partner — working with local schools, hosting programs and events, and creating meaningful opportunities for Draper families to connect and grow together.

B&R Chem-Dry:

For more than 40 years, B&R Chem-Dry has been a trusted, home-based business serving the Riverton community with consistency, care and professionalism.

The company also invests in local

college students. By providing flexible employment opportunities, students are able to get valuable work experience while supporting their educational goals.

Glenmoor Golf Club:

For decades, Glenmoor Golf Club has been a cornerstone of recreation and community in South Jordan — offering a welcoming, high-quality experience for golfers of all ages and skill levels. Through years of steady growth and resilience, Glenmoor has remained a trusted destination, providing local jobs, hosting tournaments, and continually investing in its facilities and programs. Its commitment to accessibility and affordability ensures that residents can enjoy the game in an inclusive environment.

Eight Settlers Distillery:

Since opening in 2020, Eight Settlers Distillery has become a standout destination in Cottonwood Heights — blending craft distilling, high-quality dining and a welcoming space for the community to gather. Today, they employ 40 team members and play an important role in supporting the local economy and tourism along the Wasatch Front.

Redemption Bar & Grill:

Since opening its doors, Redemption Bar & Grill has quickly become a thriving



Local businessmen joined with government officials and the South Valley Chamber of Commerce for its Small Business Impact Awards ceremony. (Courtesy South Valley Chamber)

and dependable part of the Herriman community — built on quality service, thoughtful growth, and a strong commitment to its customers. Through both business and outreach, Redemption has continued to strengthen the connections that make Herriman such a vibrant place to live.

Adaptive Arena:

Adaptive Arena, founded in 2023 by

sisters Ashley, Andrea and Miranda, was built on a simple but powerful belief: Everyone deserves to be part of a team. In just three years, this organization has created a one-of-a-kind space where athletes of all abilities can connect, compete and thrive. Adaptive Arena has become a true community hub — partnering with local events and creating meaningful opportunities for athletes, volunteers and families alike.

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New entertainment brand is ahead of the game

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Who hasn't dreamed of competing on a TV game show? Who hasn't wanted to match wits against opponents? Well, Great Big Game Show gives ordinary people the chance to shine.

Complete with a live host, flashing lights, booming music, a spin wheel and game-show buzzers, the experience is a one-hour adrenaline rush designed to recreate the nostalgia of those primetime television shows.

Contestants on Great Big Game Show can be friends, family or co-workers, split into two teams and facing off head-to-head in a variety of mini-games based on shows like "Jeopardy!" or "Family Feud." A live host keeps the energy high by encouraging fun competition while moving through a series of six to eight challenges.

Thomas Jenkins is the general manager for Great Big Game Show in Murray, located inside Fashion Place Mall (6191 S. State St.), next to the P.F. Chang's restaurant. He said since the venue opened in January, it's experienced a rise of visibility and interest.

"We are a family-friendly business. There are no crazy jokes, no cursing from our hosts. To make sure the experience works for everyone, we have the option to make trivia questions easier if we need to or harder, depending on how they want their expe-

rience to be," he said. "It's meant for anyone from 6 to 99 because at the end of the day, we're customizable to everyone."

Games are chosen randomly from about 18 options, but guests can request certain games when they make reservations. For returning guests, the host ensures they don't play the same games, unless requested. Jenkins said they're always testing new games to find ways to engage visitors in different and exciting ways.

"Those teams are racking up points, seeing who gets a great big win at the end. It's very competitive, very interactive."

Whether it's trivia games, drawing competitions, memory challenges or firing a blaster at on-screen targets, Great Big Game Show is a fast-paced experience, similar to being on a game show soundstage, but without the audience. The host explains the games and rules, with a focus on inclusion and fun.

The high-energy hosts lead guests through the interactive TV-style games. It's their job to keep things moving, engage participants, and track the players to ensure everyone is having a great time. Jackson Marsh is an experienced lead at Great Big Game Show who gets to practice his performance skills during each show.

"I enjoy it a lot because I come from a theater background and I really love the performing aspect," he said. "We've got different film majors and people who are fantastic at dancing, so it's all sorts of performers. Or if you're great at marketing or



Contestants face off during a challenge at Great Big Game Show, an interactive entertainment experience that replicates TV game shows. (Courtesy Great Big Game Show)

any kind of front-facing thing, or if you have soft skills, that's very helpful."

Great Big Game Show is a Nashville-based private entertainment company that felt Utah would be the perfect place for its concept. Along with the game show, participants can also try The Escape Room right next door. Because the venue is not a franchise, it allows the company to create a more disciplined version of its experiential entertainment.

Tickets are \$38.99 for all guests (children age 4 and under are free), but there are regular deals like \$25 tickets for students on Wednesday, or a \$250 Sunday

show for up to 14 players. Guests also receive a 30-second highlight reel filled with their games' most exciting moments.

Jenkins said Great Big Game Show is perfect for social outings, birthday parties and team-building activities.

"The best reason to come here is that we are always changing," he said. "Since we are infinitely replayable, we are always looking to add more games and change it up. So not only can you come in and play a different show, but you'll also get new games."

For more information, visit greatbig-gameshow.com/murray.

ZEV Technologies relocates to Utah from Washington

ZEV Technologies, a maker of handguns, AR-style rifles and firearms components, has announced the relocation of its headquarters and manufacturing operations to Riverton. The move from Washington state was driven by the brand's desire to conduct its business in a state that "respects Second Amendment rights and fosters a positive business environment for 2A-affiliated brands," the company's announcement said.

ZEV's relocation is occurring in phases, with some business functions

already relocated to Riverton. The move to the Salt Lake City metropolitan area is expected to be complete by May 31.

ZEV said that Utah is a growing hub for firearm-related manufacturing and innovation and offers a skilled workforce and strong infrastructure to support the intricate nature of firearm production. In Riverton, ZEV Technologies will occupy a 40,000-square-foot facility, expanding the company's overall manufacturing capacity. The relocation aims to bring new jobs into the valley by the time it is complete, including ad-

vanced manufacturing, engineering and operational roles.

"Due to the evolving political climate in Washington state, our company determined that it could no longer, in good conscience, continue operations in a jurisdiction where law-abiding citizens are restricted from purchasing and owning the products we manufacture," said ZEV Technologies President Taylor Goode. "Relocating to Utah represents a strategic decision that not only expands our capacity for growth and scalability but also strengthens our ability to invest

in innovation, advanced manufacturing and product development."

"This transition positions ZEV Technologies to accelerate innovation and more effectively meet the evolving needs of our highly discerning customer base," Goode concluded.

ZEV was started in 2005 with a focus on competitive shooters, but over time, its customer base expanded to military and law enforcement users and then to retail gun stores and ranges with a line of pistols and rifles and upgrade parts for Glock firearms.

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Data center project landowner withdraws water right application — temporarily

John Rogers

Salt Lake Business Journal

One of the major private landowners involved in the development of the controversial Stratos Project data center in rural Box Elder County has withdrawn its application to reallocate a large chunk of its water rights to the proposed complex.

Bar H Ranch Inc. had previously filed with the Utah Division of Water Rights to convert 1,900 acre-feet of water from the Salt Wells Spring Stream from agricultural use to industrial use. The water would be dedicated to “Wonder Valley Utah” and used at the electrical generating plant built to power a massive data center.

However, on May 5, after the division received nearly 4,000 public protests, Bar H Ranch filed a notice of application withdrawal with the Office of the State Engineer. The withdrawal nullifies all the complaints filed by residents and organizations opposing the Stratos venture.

But the withdrawal does not mean developers are backing away from the project. In an email submitted with the withdrawal notice, water consultant Logan Riley, working on behalf of Bar H Ranch, said the company intends to refile the application soon.

“In light of the county’s action on

Monday, we are withdrawing the current change application at this time,” Riley wrote. “Bar H Ranch intends to resubmit in a timely manner with additional supporting information and to further demonstrate the feasibility of the application.”

On May 4, Box Elder County commissioners unanimously approved a pair of resolutions giving the green light to the Stratos Project, a “hyperscale” data center project that is a joint development between Utah’s Military Installation Development Authority (MIDA) — which approved the deal with a series of resolutions in April — and developer O’Leary Digital Utah Development Co., with TV personality Kevin O’Leary of ABC-TV’s “Shark Tank” at the helm. The development would occupy approximately 40,000 acres in western Box Elder County, most of which is unzoned private property.

Each of the protests submitted to the state over the water rights change application required a \$15 fee to file. The fees are nonrefundable, creating cynicism among the dissenters. When developers submit their new application, all protests will require a new fee, according to the division. Environmental groups and project opponents criticized the withdrawal, arguing that refiling the application would effectively restart the public protest process.

“The people of Utah, especially those from Box Elder County, filed protests in

record numbers because of their concerns about this project,” Ben Abbott, executive director of Grow the Flow and a Brigham Young University ecologist, said in a statement. “For the developer to sidestep the public input process by withdrawing their application and resubmitting later is another breach of trust. I keep trying to give them the benefit of the doubt, but this has all the hallmarks of an out-of-state megaproject with little to no concern for the local community.”

The Utah chapter of environmental watchdog Sierra Club also weighed in on the controversy.

“Over a thousand Utahns showed up to the Box Elder County Commission meeting to voice their opposition to this energy and water-guzzling project, only to be silenced by commissioners who made their decision in another room without taking public comment,” Sierra Club organizer Maria Archibald said in a statement. “Now, after spending their hard-earned money to file thousands of online protests, Utahns are being silenced once again. Developers and elected officials are changing the rules mid-game and shutting the people out of our own democracy in the process.”

MIDA, O’Leary Digital and Box Elder County officials continue to defend the Stratos Project over water usage concerns. Proponents claim that the data center and

its accompanying power generation station will not use water currently destined for culinary or agricultural use or reduce any flow to the Great Salt Lake. They say the data center power plant would use a closed-loop cooling system and use just the existing water rights attached to the property.

O’Leary, known as “Mr. Wonderful” in his television role, took to X following the water rights application news broke to address water in particular and environmental concerns in general. O’Leary noted that he graduated from the University of Waterloo with a degree in environmental studies.

“When a group comes to me and says, ‘Look, I have concerns about water, I have concerns about air, I have concerns about wildlife,’ I totally get it,” O’Leary said.

O’Leary said the public misunderstands the impact of data centers because they were poorly represented in the past, and that the technology powering them has advanced dramatically with modern iterations. He said data centers use much less water than they once did and the Utah project will use the closed-loop system to avoid the evaporation inherent in earlier centers. They can also employ air-cooled turbines to cool banks of computers — the major components of data centers, O’Leary said.

First ‘Titan 100’ honorees announced

The inaugural 2026 Salt Lake City “Titan 100” list has been announced, recognizing Utah’s top CEOs and C-level executives.

Presented by Gibson, a business insurance advisory firm, the awards program uses criteria that includes demonstrating exceptional leadership, vision and passion. Recipients will be honored at an event Aug. 27, 5:30-8:30 p.m., at the Utah State Fairpark in Salt Lake City.

Combined, the local Titan 100 honorees and their companies generate more than \$12 billion in annual revenue and employ over 43,000 people across the region and beyond, with over half of the companies exceeding \$35 million in annual revenue.

The Titan 100 is a national program in 12 markets across the country that recognizes the top 100 CEOs and C-level executives in a region, representing both the private and public sectors.

The 2026 Salt Lake City Titan 100 honorees are:

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Inc.; Jared Bauer, Seek Labs; Nate Randall, Final Mile Solar;

Kathleen Bodenlos, Discovery Gateway Children’s Museum; Gary Bowen, Just Ingredients Inc.; Alex Burdge, Shyft Global LLC; Mike Burnett, SmartMarket Solutions; Steve Burningham, Impact Healthcare; Mark Cacciamani, House Call Doctors/The Doctor’s Office; Karalynne Call, Just Ingredients; Aaron Call, G&A Partners; Jary Carter, OroCommerce; Caleb Chapman, Caleb Chapman’s Soundhouse;

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Drought relief loans offered by Small Business Administration

The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) has announced the availability of low-interest federal disaster loans to small businesses and private nonprofit (PNP) organizations in Utah to offset economic losses caused by drought beginning Jan. 1.

The declaration covers the Utah counties of Beaver, Box Elder, Carbon, Daggett, Davis, Duchesne, Emery, Garfield, Grand, Iron, Juab, Kane, Millard, Piute, Salt Lake, San Juan, Sanpete, Sevier, Summit, Tooele, Uintah, Utah, Wasatch, Weber and Wayne, as well as the Arizona counties of Apache, Coconino and Navajo, and the Colorado counties of Dolores, Garfield, Mesa, Moffat, Montezuma, Montrose, Rio Blanco and San Miguel, the New Mexico county of San Juan, and the Nevada counties of Elko, Lincoln and White Pine.

Under this declaration, SBA's Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) program is available to small businesses, small agricultural cooperatives, nurseries, and PNPs — including faith-based organizations — with financial losses directly related to the disaster. The SBA is unable to provide disaster loans to agricultural producers, farmers or ranchers, except for small aquaculture enterprises.

EIDLs are available for working capital needs caused by the disaster and are available even if the small business or PNP did

not suffer any physical damage. The loans may be used to pay fixed debts, payroll, accounts payable and other bills that could not be paid due to the disaster.

"Through a declaration by the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture, SBA provides critical financial assistance to help communities recover," Chris Stallings, associate administrator of the Office of Disaster Recovery and Resilience at the SBA, said in a release. "We're pleased to offer loans to small businesses and private nonprofits impacted by these disasters."

The loan amount can be up to \$2 million with interest rates as low as 4 percent for small businesses and 3.625 percent for PNPs with terms of up to 30 years. Interest does not accrue, and payments are not due until 12 months after the date of the first loan disbursement. The SBA sets loan amounts and terms based on each applicant's financial condition.

To apply online, visit sba.gov/disaster. Applicants may also call SBA's Customer Service Center at (800) 659-2955 or email disastercustomerservice@sba.gov for more information on SBA disaster assistance. People who are deaf, hard of hearing or have a speech disability may dial 7-1-1 to access telecommunications relay services.

The deadline to submit completed loan applications to SBA is Dec. 10.

New requirements issued for kratom retailers

The Utah Department of Agriculture & Food (UDAF) has implemented new requirements for kratom processors and retailers, as well as for specialized product retailers. Both come as results of legislation passed this year by the Utah Legislature.

The regulations that went into effect on May 6 ban any kratom product that is not "pure leaf kratom" as defined in Utah Code Section 4-45-102. Pure leaf kratom products are those that are identifiable as plant matter and are not mixed with other substances. Under the new law, kratom extracts or products made from extracts are not considered pure leaf kratom and cannot be sold. Additionally, kratom products may be sold only by retailers that are registered as a retail tobacco speciality business (RTSB).

To help kratom processors transition as these changes are implemented, products not considered pure leaf kratom may continue to be manufactured in Utah until March 2027, but may not be sold here.

"These changes to the kratom law are significant, but necessary to keep the public safe. UDAF is committed to helping kratom processors and retailers understand the requirements and navi-

gate the changes successfully," UDAF Commissioner Kelly Pehrson said in a release.

"Specialized products" as defined by HB385 include cannabinoid products, kratom and tobacco products, electronic cigarettes, and other substances described in the bill. The regulations include a requirement that all specialized product retailers obtain a new license from UDAF in addition to all other required licenses. The new license will require payment of a fee between \$300 and \$2,500, depending on the type of products sold. Licensed retailers will also need to provide UDAF with a list of specialized products they sell as well as ingredient information, if requested. Specialized product retailers must be in compliance with the new regulations to continue or initiate product sales in Utah.

"Our goal is to provide retailers with clear guidance and a workable path to compliance as these new regulations are implemented. This is a significant update for affected businesses," Pehrson said.

The two legislative measures passed were HB385 (Specialized Product Sales Amendment) and HB45 (Kratom Adjustments). Both can be found at the Utah Legislature website, le.utah.gov.



Every Wednesday home game is "Swig Night" for the Salt Lake Bees. All fans can get the Swig dirty soda of their choice for \$3. The Bees are in the midst of a long home stand that continues May 19-24 against Tacoma at The Ballpark at America First Square in South Jordan. The team is also called the Salt Lake Dirty Sodas on those nights, making it one of several co-branding teams in professional baseball. (Tom Haraldsen, Salt Lake Business Journal)





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Utah pool owners renting out their facilities using Swimply

Tom Haraldsen

Salt Lake Business Journal

Erin Ingram faced a number of problems that a lot of swimming pool owners do: ongoing maintenance costs, sometimes a short usable season, and time commitment versus actual use by her family. So the entrepreneur in her started to think outside the box. That's when she discovered Swimply.

"I began wondering how to rent out our pool, like Airbnb does with homes for vacation rentals," the Bountiful homeowner said. "A pool can become a money pit, and our kids weren't swimming in it that much, but we still had friends asking if they could use it. So I went online, Googled the idea, and Swimply came up."

Swimply coordinates the rental of over 15,000 pools nationwide from homeowners in 125 cities, including several in Utah. The Swimply system matches up potential renters with pools based on locations, available dates, size of the rental parties, and requested amenities. Ingram's husband is an attorney, and he looked into the legal side of things — liability issues, for instance. They did their research and began working with Swimply four years ago.

"We have what is called a sports pool; it's shallow on both ends and never too deep in the middle, so it can be used to play games like volleyball," Ingram said. "We changed our system to salt water because it's better on the skin. It

doesn't make it itchy or irritate it, and it's softer for the hair. A lot of people like saltwater pools better than chlorine." They maintain their pool at a temperature of 90 degrees year-round.

Renters can check in online and enjoy the pools without having to bother the homeowners. In the Ingram's case, they have a pool, a hot tub and an adjacent Jacuzzi on their property, but not overlooked from their home, so renters have some privacy. They also have a complete private changing room, an outdoor grill, a fire pit, a ping-pong table, and both volleyball and basketball equipment. Towels are available to rent as well, if needed. Pools can be rented by the hour or for an extended period such as for a half or full day.

"We try to make it as chill as possible," Ingram said. "I treat my guests that way. We don't spy on them or watch them. We're here to help, if necessary, but other than that, we leave them alone."

The Ingram pool site, located on the Bountiful bench with a view to the west of the Great Salt Lake, has space for up to 75 people and plenty of parking. Ingram said they have hosted graduation parties, birthday parties, company get-togethers and lots of church groups. Swimply handles all the safety and liability waivers online, and the profits from the business have allowed the Ingrams to cover pool maintenance as well as allowing them to add new things each year.

"I've owned a pool most of my life,



Bountiful resident Erin Ingram is renting out use of her swimming pool, hot tub and Jacuzzi to families and tourists using an online reservation system. (Courtesy Ingram family)

and they involve so much maintenance and so much money," she said. "If I had made a choice before working with Swimply, I would rather have never had a pool — I would rent one from somebody. It's kind of like owning a boat

when you consider the amount of time you will actually use it. Now, others can enjoy the pool and hot tubs and we earn enough to cover our costs."

You can learn more about the program at <https://swimply.com/>.

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Study finds ‘significant evolution’ in Utah’s energy landscape, with more to come

John Rogers
Salt Lake Business Journal

In just the past five years, Utah has seen major changes in the way it produces — and uses — energy, and market pressures will demand yet more change in the years ahead.

The Beehive State has seen a significant decline in its dependence on coal-fired generation to produce electricity and has flipped back to being a net exporter of energy. Those are among the findings in a comprehensive analysis from the Kem C. Gardner Policy Institute at the University of Utah and the Utah Geological Survey published on April 30. The study highlights significant change in the energy sector and offers insights into future trends.

“Utah’s energy landscape has experienced a significant evolution in the past decade as market demands change and priorities shift,” said Michael Vanden Berg, Energy and Minerals Program manager at the Utah Geological Survey. “Understanding the data behind this evolution will help prepare Utah for future changes.”

Remarkable among the findings, Utah flipped back to being a net exporter of energy in 2024 after needing to import energy to meet demands from 2020 to 2023. From 1980 through 2019, Utah was a net energy exporter, meaning the state produced or generated more energy than needed within the state and exported the excess to surrounding states — and sometimes to other countries. Utah returned to exporter status through significant increases in crude oil production and, to a lesser extent, natural gas production, according to the study.



The Natural Bridges Solar Power Station in southwestern Utah is one of 57 operating utility-scale solar electricity-generating facilities in Utah. A new study shows a significant shift in the way Utah makes power, with solar becoming a major player. (Public domain photo via Wikipedia)

Also noteworthy in the study was Utah’s precipitous decline in its dependence on coal as a source of power generation. According to the report, the state’s usage of electricity from coal-fired plants dropped from 94 percent of the total power consumption to 48 percent in just the past five years. This was despite a record yearly consumption of 35,075 gigawatt-hours of electricity in 2025 — a 1.1 percent increase over the previous year.

According to preliminary 2025 data reported in the study, Utah benefits from the seventh-cheapest residential electricity price in the nation — over 30 percent lower than the national average.

Demand for coal at Utah power plants increased 8 percent in 2025 but will drop in 2026 because the Intermountain Power Plant idled its coal units and the Sunnyside plant has shut down due to a turbine failure.

Meanwhile, all the active coal mines in Utah are owned by the same company. Operated by Wolverine Fuels, only five coal mines are currently producing in the state — the fewest since mining operations began nearly 150 years ago. The idling of the Coal Hollow and Lila Canyon mines in 2023 reduced the number of active mines to four for a period of time. Wolverine Fuels then opened Utah’s newest coal mine — the Fossil Rock operation — in 2024.

Overall, coal production increased from a 45-year low of 7 million short tons in 2023 to 7.4 million tons in 2024 and 8.5 million tons in 2025, but still well below the 24.5 million tons averaged in the 2000s and 22 percent lower than just three years ago. Production at two Wolverine mines — Skyline and Sufco — accounted for 81 percent of Utah’s total coal production in 2025.

But as coal diminishes as an energy source, other fossil fuels continue to increase in importance to Utah’s energy landscape.

Rebounding from a major COVID-19 epidemic-induced hit in 2000, Utah’s total crude oil production for 2025 reached a record high of 67.9 million barrels — an average of 196,700 barrels per day — in June 2025. Production bottomed out at 69,600 barrels per day in May 2020. Ninety-three percent of this production comes from Eastern Utah’s Uinta Basin.

Utah’s refineries cranked out 81.7 million barrels in 2025, 4.5 percent higher than 2024 and the second-highest volume behind the 82.8 million barrels reached in 2022.

And Utahns continue to gobble up petroleum products — motor gasoline, diesel, jet fuel, etc. — with usage reaching a new record high of 63 million barrels (2.6 billion gallons) in 2025, according to preliminary estimates contained in the report. Gasoline made up 48 percent of total petroleum demand, while diesel represented 26 percent. Utah imports and exports significant amounts of petroleum products via pipelines and trucks, but overall, Utah is a net exporter, using only 77 percent of the product refined at Utah-based refineries.

However, the state remains dependent on out-of-state crude oil imports to supply its refineries.

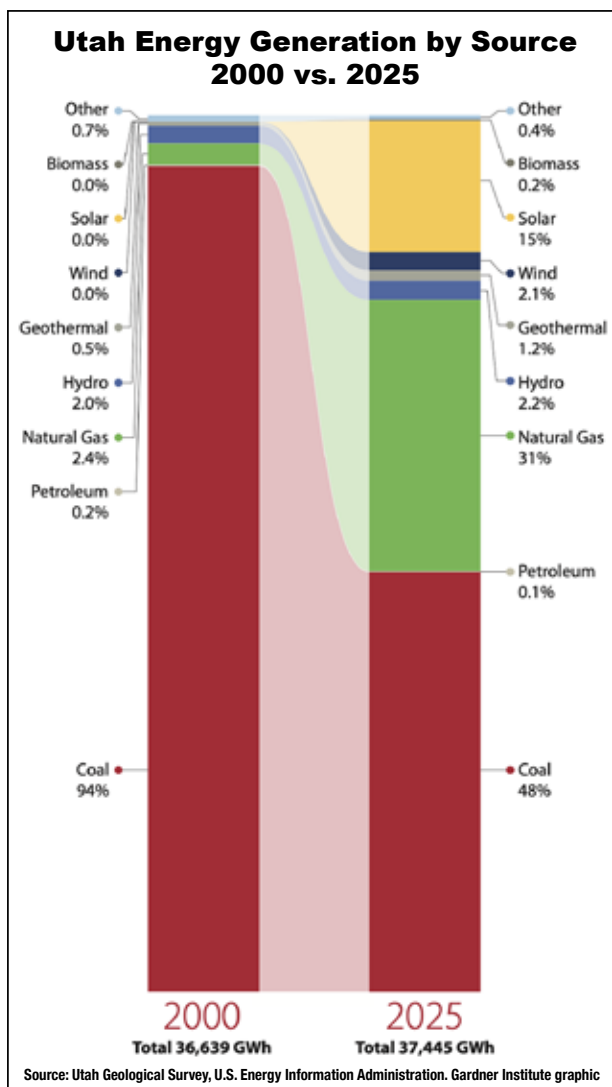
The Gardner/Geological Survey study forecasts that demand for petroleum products in Utah will stay near record highs in 2026 and beyond. Petroleum demand reductions based on the electrification of Utah’s transportation sector will take years to materialize as electric vehicles still account for only less than 2 percent of total vehicle registrations.

Natural gas production in Utah has also increased (up 37 percent) over the past four years, after experiencing significant declines from 2012 to 2021. Price spikes in 2022 and 2023 resulted in resumption of gas-specific drilling that had stalled for nearly five years. New usage by natural gas power generation has also added to the increase in demand.

The most significant change in Utah’s electricity sector came from the recent exponential increase in utility-scale solar generation capacity — more than wind, hydroelectric, geothermal and biomass combined. Total solar capacity has increased to 3.2 gigawatts and now accounts for 15 percent of Utah’s total electric generation.

The research concludes by foreseeing new technologies adding to Utah’s energy sector. On the horizon are next-generation nuclear energy facilities, generation of carbon-neutral hydrogen coupled with underground storage, enhanced geothermal systems and carbon capture and sequestration facilities, the study predicts.

“Energy consumption in Utah keeps rising, whether gasoline for vehicles, natural gas for home heating or electricity to power everything else,” study authors concluded. “Balancing all these factors can be tricky, but Utah leaders will continue prioritizing proactive policy to preserve affordable and reliable energy. Utah leads out on these efforts nationally, supplying abundant energy alongside responsible environmental stewardship.”



Utah is in the midst of a major transition away from coal as a power source. (Gardner Institute graphic)

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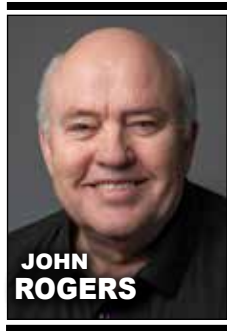
Many years ago, I worked for a company owned by billionaire Warren Buffet's Berkshire Hathaway. Our company's executives and marketing department personnel — that's where I came in — had traveled to a nearby state for the grand opening of a new retail location.

As was often the case, the unfamiliar surroundings of a hotel room kept me awake, and as dawn's early light broke through the not-very-effective blackout drapes, I gave up my quest for sleep, quickly showered and headed for the hotel's coffee shop. As I entered, I saw Buffet seated alone in a booth at the back of the very quiet restaurant — also unable to sleep, I surmised. He beckoned me to join him, and we had a very pleasant 30-minute conversation before others from our company joined us.

During the course of our chitchat, I had the occasion to suggest that he must receive baskets full of offers for him to buy this company or that, as he had ours a few years earlier. I wondered what the secret was to his success in picking those that would flourish under his ownership.

Buffet very succinctly answered something to the effect of, "Really successful people say 'no' to almost everything."

That phrase has stuck with me over the intervening three decades. Since that day in the Marriott Boise's coffee shop, I've seen Buffet quoted many times expressing similar sentiment. It's tough to ar-



JOHN ROGERS

gue with the wisdom of one of the world's most successful investors.

So, let's apply Buffet's principle to Utah's flourishing entrepreneurial climate.

When anyone starts a business, the goal seems to be to close as many deals as possible to grow the customer base and see the bottom line transition from red to black. But saying "yes" to every opportunity is seldom the best decision for long-term success.

Entrepreneurs — especially those new to the rat race — face endless requests and demands on time, energy and resources. Trying to strike a healthy balance is a constant struggle. Learning to say "no" — to set healthy boundaries — allows the startup CEO to focus on important tasks and avoid all-too-common burnout.

Barnaby Lashbrooke, founder and CEO of Time etc and author of *The Hard Work Myth*, suggests that a simple "no" can go a long way toward saving your new business — and you — from the death trap spawned by the inability to turn someone down. He submits for our consideration a list of reasons that "no" may be the better reply.

Here are some of his and some of mine:

- It's no secret that the better you take care of yourself, the better you can run your business. Running a successful venture requires some boundaries and discipline, Lashbrooke said. You need to set limits on how much you can and cannot do. Saying "no" allows you to put boundaries in place so that neither you nor your business are overextended or overwhelmed by too many tasks.
- The most important asset for any business owner is his or her time, and it's crucial to use it in ways that will yield the greatest return. Saying "no" to additional workload allows a boss to prioritize the tasks that are most important for the company's growth and maintain better control over time and schedule.
- There can be no more stressful occupation than that of an entrepreneur — the very definition of a risk-taker. You just have to say "no" occasionally to avoid the stress inherent in launching a new venture. A study by business data website ResearchGate found that "role overload" — when the demands of a leader's role exceed available time, energy and the capabilities to meet them — is easily the leading cause of deadly stress in entrepreneurs. Further research also ties role overload to anxiety and depression.
- In any new business, resources are always limited. The only secret to protecting and preserving those valuable

assets — including all-important capital — is the ability to tell certain folks to go pound sand. Maybe today isn't the day to succumb to the sales pitch for new acoustic privacy pods and ergonomic adjustable workstations.

- As fun as it sounds, this may also not be the time for that Alaskan fishing trip. In other words, find a way to say "no" to distractions. And they don't have to be big distractions to get you off track. Maybe it's just a 15-minute perusal of your Instagram page. Data from the website *lifehacker.com* says that, on average, it takes 23 minutes to get back on track after getting distracted by something. Even switching tasks too often disrupts workflow, preventing people from maintaining that focused state of mind where they can do their best work.

There are plenty of opportunities to say "yes" in the evolution of a new business, but it's vital to recognize when "no" is the preferred option. "No" doesn't necessarily mean "no forever." It can simply be "no for now."

So, take the advice of first lady Nancy Reagan during the 1980s War on Drugs and "Just say no."

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South Valley Chamber awards 24 college scholarships

Twenty-four seniors from high schools across the Jordan and Canyons school districts were awarded \$1,000 scholarships after completing the South Valley Chamber of Commerce's Jr. Women in Business program.

The scholarships were made possible through the support of America First Credit Union, with a total of \$24,000 awarded.

The yearlong Jr. Women in Business program provides mentorship, education and networking opportunities to help young women prepare for future academic and career success.

"Jr. WIB is an inspiring program filled with such driven young women," Laura Klarman, manager of marketing and communications at Intermountain Health – Riverton Hospital, said in a release. "It has been so rewarding to watch my daughter learn and grow, and mentoring alongside her has been so fun. The connections and confidence built through this program are invaluable."

This year, participants volunteered with The Road Home, assisting with a community carnival that raised funds to support individuals and families experiencing homelessness, and completed job



The 2025-26 graduating class from the South Valley Chamber of Commerce's Jr. Women in Business program included 24 seniors who earned \$1,000 college scholarships through the program. (Courtesy South Valley Chamber)

shadow experiences to explore potential career paths.

"One of the most impactful experiences for me was my job shadow with Laura Klarman," said Saylor Jensen, Jr. WIB participant and Mountain Heights Academy senior. "It gave me a better understanding of how fast-paced, meaningful and people-centered these careers are. It also

helped me realize I really do want to go into this profession."

Commencement speaker Chelsea Fairbourn, executive director of the Tony Finau Foundation, encouraged students to define success by their values and lifestyle, be resourceful and build strong relationships.

"I built my career off of relationships,"

said Jay Francis, president and CEO of the South Valley Chamber, who encouraged students to stay connected with mentors and peers.

The chamber has selected a new cohort for the 2026-27 school year and the program will begin in late August.

For more information, visit www.southvalleychamber.com/jr-wib/.

KeyBank provides \$600,000 grant for Suazo Business Center

KeyBank Foundation's largest-ever grant in Utah will help the Suazo Business Center, a Utah-based nonprofit business development organization expanding access to business ownership, capital and financial education.

The \$600,000 grant will support the development of a hybrid entrepreneurship program that combines self-paced learning with live instruction, helping remove barriers related to language, scheduling, transportation and geography for economically disadvantaged entrepreneurs.

Over time, the funding will expand the number of participants served, supporting both new and existing entrepreneurs. It will also enable virtual bilingual cohorts

with one-on-one advising, helping create and retain jobs while strengthening household stability.

"For nearly 25 years, our mission has always been to provide individuals and entrepreneurs across Utah with pathways to build generational wealth," said Silvia Castro Bennett, Suazo's president and CEO. "We do that by expanding access to business ownership, capital and financial education. This award from KeyBank will allow us to expand our services into a framework that will help our clients to thrive for many years to come."

The KeyBank Foundation focuses its philanthropic efforts on three pillars: neighbors, education and workforce.

"Suazo Business Center is empowering Utah entrepreneurs with the skills and confidence to build sustainable careers and businesses," said Drew Yergensen, KeyBank's Utah market president. "This initiative aligns with KeyBank's neighbors, education and workforce priorities by expanding access to education and supporting job creation."

"We appreciate the work Suazo does to help our local entrepreneurs succeed financially," said Brianna Hein, KeyBank's corporate responsibility officer for Utah. "We are proud to support this impactful, barrier-removing program that strengthens our community."

The Suazo Business Center is one of

only a handful of Community Development Financial Institutions in Utah and has served the community since 2002, assisting in educating, growing and developing over 11,000 clients and small businesses. The center has created more than 7,000 new small businesses and helped generate billions of dollars in revenue as an investment into Utah's local economies.

KeyBank, based in Cleveland, Ohio, has assets of approximately \$189 billion. It provides deposit, lending, cash management and investment services to individuals and businesses in 15 states through a network of approximately 950 branches and about 1,100 ATMs.

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Lockheed Martin invests \$25M in Utah's Fortem Technologies

Global security and aerospace company Lockheed Martin, widely recognized as the world's largest defense contractor, has made a \$25 million investment in Lindon's Fortem Technologies.

Fortem specializes in airspace security, providing solutions that protect against autonomous aerial threats. The Lockheed Martin investment represents the initial tranche of Fortem's Series B fundraising round and will enable Fortem to accelerate production at scale and enhance deployment within Lockheed Martin's Sanctum counter-UAS ecosystem. Building on an established relationship, the investment advances a jointly developed, integrated approach to counter-UAS that is moving into broader operational deployment.

Fortem said the rapid proliferation of small, cheap and easily acquired unmanned aerial systems has created a new, pervasive threat to military platforms, critical infrastructure and civilian airspace. The new investment round will help in the rapid development and

deployment of measures to combat these threats.

"Low-cost, increasingly autonomous drone threats are scaling faster than traditional defenses were designed to handle," said Fortem Technologies CEO Jon Gruen. "Our work with Lockheed Martin reflects a shared recognition that counter-UAS capabilities need to be autonomous, integrated and deployable at scale. Together, we're taking technology that has already been proven in operational settings and accelerating its deployment to deliver a stronger, more responsive defense against evolving threats."

"This strategic collaboration will deliver robust mission capability aligned to our customers' demand for rapidly fieldable solutions that scale in volume and evolve as fast as the UAS threat," said Stephanie C. Hill, president of Lockheed Martin Rotary and Mission Systems. "This is just the latest example of our commitment to investing ahead of need to deliver at the speed of relevance, and with affordability in mind."

PEOPLE ON THE MOVE

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BANKING

• **Bank of Utah**, based in Ogden, has named **Justin Shaw** and **Wendy Medley** as branch managers. Both will help clients explore financial options and connect them with lending, business and specialty banking solutions, as well as lead efforts to enhance the branches' customer experience and support continued growth and community engagement. Shaw is manager of the Redwood branch. Fluent in Spanish, he will also help expand access to banking services for Spanish-speaking community members. His promotion follows his time as a mortgage loan officer with the bank. Shaw began his banking career at Pinnacle Bank in New Mexico, where he spent five years in roles



Justin Shaw



Wendy Medley

boards of the Utah Sports Commission, the Olympic Legacy Foundation and the USA Climbing Foundation, and he also chairs the legislative Olympic Coordinating Committee. In those roles, Hawkins has helped shape projects, policy and conversations around major events, stakeholder priorities and the broader impact of sport.

ranging from personal banker to loan officer assistant. After relocating to Utah, he helped launch D.L. Evans Bank's Logan branch as an operations supervisor. He later served as the sole mortgage loan originator at Ascent Credit Union. Shaw earned a bachelor's degree from Southern Utah University. Medley is manager of the Price branch. She has more than 20 years of experience in the financial and title services industries. Medley spent more than two decades with Professional Title Services and has an additional five years of experience in commercial insurance.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

• The **Economic Development Corporation of Utah** has appointed **Jon Hawkins** as a strategic advisor. He will help support community development, advise cities on Olympic readiness initiatives, and foster economic development opportunities throughout Utah. Hawkins' experience in Olympic readiness includes consulting, governance and advocacy. He serves on the



Jon Hawkins

TRANSPORTATION

• **Dibble**, an Arizona-based company providing services for the airport industry, has hired **Travis Biggs** as project manager, airport development lead in its Airport Development Business Unit. Biggs will serve as Dibble's primary representative in Utah, leading the launch and growth of the firm's new Orem office and providing airport design and construction phase services. Among his duties, he will support airport sponsors with capital program planning, FAA and state grant strategies, airport administration and compliance, and stakeholder engagement, while co-



Travis Biggs

ordinating technical resources inside and outside Utah to deliver complex projects. Based in Heber City, Biggs has more than a decade of hands-on airport management, capital program leadership and public safety experience. Since 2016, he has served as airport manager for Heber Valley Airport. Biggs also serves as president of the Utah Airport Operators Association, chairs the Utah Valley University Aviation Industry Advisory Board, participates in the Electrification of Utah Airports initiative, and is engaged with the Alliance for Financially Sustainable Airports. He has taught aviation and airport management courses to both high school and Utah Valley University students. He began his career in public safety and business operations, working as a firefighter/EMT with the Higgins Fire Department in California and as an owner/manager of a flooring business. He has also worked in security roles, including armed security at Temple Square in Salt Lake City. His education includes earning a Master of Public Administration degree from Brigham Young University and a bachelor's degree in aviation management from Utah Valley University.

Davis Chamber Expo unites businesses with community

It's been a tradition for more than 20 years, and this year's Davis Chamber of Commerce Expo was once again a great success. That's how chamber President and CEO Angie Osguthorpe described the event at the Davis Conference Center in Layton on April 29.

"As we usually do, we had a lot of high energy and the vendors were very upbeat," she said. "The expo is always a place for a lot of good connections between our member businesses and the community — lots of great food and some amazing booths."

She said the purpose of the event is to help elevate Davis County businesses and the people behind them. It helps increase their exposure and is part of the chamber's involvement with the community.

There were about 90 booths at this year's expo, everything from colleges to financial businesses to banks and credit unions, along with restaurants, the City Journals family of publications, public service organizations and health institutions.

Among the most popular booths were Texas Roadhouse in Layton, the Great Greek Mediterranean Grill in Layton,

Game On! Sports for Girls, Symbol Arts engraving products, Safe Harbor, Western Sports Park in Farmington, Sliderbabe Recovery and Veteran advocates, Enable Utah, Wasatch Integrated Waste Management District, Iron Gate Catering, Bee The Hope, We Eat Bugs pest control, Climbaxe Tree Services and Davis County Community and Economic Development.

The Better Business Bureau, my529, WaFd Bank, HopeBox Theatre, Utah Purple Star Schools, Paw Tree, Weber State University, Larry H. Miller Senior Health, LSI, Security 101 and Bombshell Studios were participants as well.

In addition to the booths, prizes donated by vendors were given away every 15 minutes, and there were literally hundreds of free samples offered at the different booths.

"I'd never heard of some of these companies, so it was great to get an introduction here today," said Diane Huggins, who came to the show for the first time. "There's such a great variety of things that are offered in Davis County. This show really gives us a chance to broaden our horizons with local businesses."



Close to 90 vendors had booths at the Davis Chamber of Commerce Expo, sharing their products and offerings to many new customers. (Cassie Goff/Salt Lake Business Journal)

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CONSTRUCTION

• The **Capitol Preservation Board** has voted unanimously to name the North Capitol Building in honor of former Gov. **Michael O. Leavitt**, recognizing his contributions to the preservation and stewardship of Utah's Capitol Hill Complex. Leavitt served as Utah's 14th governor from 1993 to 2003 and later served in President George W. Bush's cabinet as administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency and secretary of Health and Human Services. In 1998, the Utah Legislature and Governor Leavitt created CPB, which has since overseen the care, preservation and planning of the Capitol Hill Complex. The North Capitol Building expands space for public access, state functions and civic gatherings, and will house the Museum of Utah. A public ceremony recognizing Leavitt and the naming of the North Capitol Building will be held at a future date.

• **Cal Wadsworth Construction**, a Draper-based general contractor, recently hosted a free social event to raise awareness for the ongoing historic restoration of the iconic **Fisher Mansion**. Constructed in 1893 for brewer Albert Fisher, founder of one of Utah's earliest and most successful breweries, and designed by architect Richard K.A. Kletting, the Fisher Mansion is a symbol of Salt Lake City's industrial growth and Victorian-era craftsmanship.

CONTESTS

• Nominations are being accepted until July 17 for the **University of Utah Innovation Awards**, a fourth annual program that recognizes the researchers at the university who are working to translate their research into technologies that benefit the public. Each year, the university recognizes those who received patents or Ascender Grants in the past fiscal year and participated in entrepreneurial programming. In addition, the following awards are presented: Startup of the Year, Founder of the Year, Global Impact Award, Innovator of the Year, Investigator on the Rise, Lifetime Achievement Award, Excellence in Innovation Graduate Student Award, Breakthrough of the Year, Startup of the Year, Excellence in Innovation Undergraduate Student Award, Undergraduate Student Startup of the Year, and Graduate Student Startup of the Year. Details are at <https://technologylicensing.utah.edu/innovation-awards>.

CORPORATE

• **Trove**, a Lehi-based parent company of brands Owala, BlenderBottle and Oath Nutrition, has broken ground for Building 3, a new 100,000-square-foot facility at

its global headquarters. The new building will bring Trove's Lehi campus to 300,000 square feet across three buildings, supporting the company's growth to more than 500 employees. Designed by architecture and engineering firm **AE Urbia** and constructed by commercial contractor **Stout**, Building 3 will add modern workspaces and collaborative environments as the company continues to scale. It will feature a work-lounge atrium that serves as a central gathering space for collaboration and connection and a golf simulator, complementing the recreational and lifestyle offerings already available across the campus. Building 3 construction is underway, with completion expected in summer 2027. Founded by Kim and Steve Sorensen in 2000, Trove has grown into a global consumer products company with distribution in hundreds of thousands of retail locations worldwide.

ECONOMIC INDICATORS

• **Salt Lake City International Airport** is ranked second (behind Washington Dulles International) on a list of **most expensive large hub airports**, compiled in a U.S. Airfare Watch Index from **Upgraded Points**. The list is based on the most recent four quarters of federal data, using key pricing indicators to provide a clear, data-driven view of where travel costs stand and where they are heading. The average itinerary airfare at Salt Lake City International is \$445.89, with prices expected to rise. The average one-way airfare in the U.S. is \$233.21. The Washington Dulles International figure is \$482.31. The most expensive medium hub airport is Ted Stevens Anchorage International in Anchorage, Alaska, at \$541.57. The most expensive small hub airport is Jackson Hole in Jackson, Wyoming, at \$577.60. Details are at <https://upgradedpoints.com/travel/airlines/us-airfare-watch-index/>.

• **Utahns** say \$4.77 for a **gallon of gasoline** is their "breaking point," or when they would start cutting back on buying essentials, according to a survey by **Advance America**. With prices at \$4.24 on the day of the poll, April 7, they were only 53 cents away from that tipping point. That was No. 4 among states. Vermont was only 17 cents away on that date, at \$4.28 per gallon. The highest threshold was \$1.40 in Alaska, meaning they would cut essentials at \$6.02 per gallon. Details are at <https://www.advanceamerica.net/money-saving-tips/money-management/survey-americans-gas-price-breaking-point>.

• **Waldenbooks** is the defunct retail chain that Utahns **most want to see come back**, according to a survey of people 45 and older by financial media company **MarketBeat**. It was followed, in order, by Borders, Hollywood Video, Hastings Entertainment and Blockbuster. Details are

at <https://www.marketbeat.com/originals/which-stores-that-no-longer-exist-do-people-miss-most/>.

• **Sugar House** in Salt Lake City has the **most envied middle-class lifestyle** in Utah, according to a survey by real estate platform **Calgary Homes**. That is No. 20 nationally. Sugar House is followed by No. 72 **Logan** and No. 112 **Provo**. Topping the list nationally is Colorado Springs, Colorado. Details are at <https://calgaryhomes.ca/blog/most-envied-lifestyles-survey.html>.

• **Utah** had the nation's sixth-most **hazardous materials transports incidents** per capita from April 1, 2021, through April 1 of this year, according to an analysis of federal data by **Trace One**. Utah's rate was 68.6 per 100,000 residents. During that timeframe, Utah had 2,362 hazmat transport incidents, with 21 incidents that caused either hospitalization or death. Total damages reached nearly \$2.5 million. The most common material in Utah incidents was flammable liquids, while nationally it was corrosive substances. Texas led with 11,748 incidents. Per capita, Alaska led with 127.7 incidents per 100,000 residents. Nationally, highway shipments accounted for 119,346 incidents during the period, far exceeding other modes such as air (8,106), rail (1,684) and water (37). In the U.S., hazmat transit incidents have surged 84.8 percent since 2010, exceeding 27,000 cases annually nationwide. Details are at <https://www.traceone.com/resources/plm-compliance-blog/states-most-exposed-by-hazardous-materials-transport-incidents>

• **Utahns** reach **peak life satisfaction** at age 54, according to a survey of people age 65 and older by survey platform **Cherry Data Signals**. The national average is 52. The youngest age is 37 in Maryland and Mississippi. The oldest is 57 in California and New York. Details are at <https://cherrysignals.com/blog/peak-life-satisfaction-age-52>.

• **Utah** has seen a 5 percent decline in **international student enrollment in higher education**, according to an analysis of federal visa data on behalf of immigration firm **Manifest Law**. There were 13,716 international students in Utah in March 2025. A year later, that figure was down slightly to 13,028 students. Utah accounted for 1.1 percent of all international students nationally this year. The most common country of citizenship for Utah international students is China, while nationally it is India. Nationally, international student enrollment peaked in 2025 and is now leveling off. International student totals reached 1,325,800 in March 2025 during a post-pandemic rebound before declining to 1,279,758 in March 2026. Nationally, more than 90 percent of international students are in higher education. Over 1.1 million students are enrolled in postsecondary programs, includ-

ing 512,841 in master's, 351,908 in bachelor's, and 188,184 in doctoral programs. The largest international student enrollment decline was in Washington, with a 15.8 percent drop. Details are at <https://manifestlaw.com/blog/states-losing-most-international-students/>.

ENVIRONMENT

• The **U.S. Environmental Protection Agency** has proposed repealing the December 2024 decision to reclassify Utah's Northern Wasatch Front (which includes the Salt Lake City metropolitan area) from a "moderate" to a "serious" nonattainment area under the 2015 Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards. Using Section 179B of the Clean Air Act, the EPA is proposing that the Northern Wasatch Front would have met federal ozone air quality standards by its Aug. 3, 2024, deadline if not for emissions transported into the area from outside the United States. If finalized, this proposal would ensure that manufacturers and residents in the area are not penalized for pollution originating beyond their borders and control. Under the CAA, areas that fail to attain the federal ozone air quality standards by their attainment date are reclassified to a higher nonattainment level, which triggers more stringent requirements.

GOVERNMENT

• **Five American Indian tribes in Utah** will receive **Indian Housing Block Grant** funding, the **U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's** Office of Native American Programs has announced. Nationally, the total is more than \$1.1 billion for eligible American Indian tribes, Alaska Native Villages, and Tribally Designated Housing Entities to support affordable housing projects in nearly 600 tribal communities. The funding is for housing development, operation and modernization of existing housing, housing services for eligible families and individuals, safety and crime prevention measures, and model activities. The Utah awardees are **Confederated Tribes of the Goshute Reservation**, Ibapah, \$759,071; **Northwestern Band of the Shoshone Nation**, Ogden, \$625,252; **Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah**, Cedar City, \$2,690,627; **Skull Valley Band of Goshute Indians**, Skull Valley, \$110,362; and **Ute Indian Tribe of the Uintah & Ouray Reservation**, Fort Duchesne, \$2,224,807.

HEALTHCARE

• **Dr. Timothy Duerler**, a veteran family medicine practitioner with two decades of clinical experience, has launched a new concierge medical practice in Park City, in partnership with **Ovation Private Health**. A permanent location will open

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this summer at Kimball Junction at 6546 N. Landmark Drive, Suite C. The practice offers a membership-based care model designed to address regional challenges regarding physician availability and wait times. Ovation Private Health is part of the **Castle Connolly Private Health Partners** network, an organization dedicated to optimizing healthcare through a concierge model that prioritizes comprehensive wellness, longevity programs and enhanced connection. Patients are connected to a vast network of physicians nationally and in Europe, of benefit to the many Park City residents who have second homes elsewhere and travel frequently. Duerler also owns Utah's two Smart Fit Method locations in Park City and Millcreek.

INDOOR RECREATION

- **Pickleball Kingdom**, an Arizona-based indoor pickleball company, has announced a new club to be at 2250 S. 850 W., Woods Cross. It will have 10 indoor courts across 27,840 square feet and is expected to open in the winter of 2026-27. The new facility will feature court reservations, drop-in play, coaching, clinics, tournaments, and a community room for parties and corporate events. The Woods Cross club is led by franchisees Justen Glad, Andrew Brody, JJ Miller and Calon Heindel. Brody and Glad are professional MLS athletes and former teammates at Real Salt Lake. Miller and Heindel are business consultants with extensive experience in franchising and operations.

INVESTMENT

- **Zanskar**, a Salt Lake City-based AI-native geothermal energy company, has closed on \$40 million in a Development Capital Facility, co-led by **Just Climate** and **Spring Lane Capital**, with additional capital committed by **Tierra Adentro Growth Capital**. The DCF is among the first ever structured for early-stage geothermal development. The financing establishes a revolving development credit facility designed to accelerate project development across Zanskar's portfolio. The non-recourse facility covers key pre-construction activities, bridging projects to traditional bank project financing, and is structured to grow to \$100 million as the portfolio scales. The announcement follows Zanskar's \$115 million Series C raise in January, which has since been expanded with an additional investment from Just Climate.

PARTNERSHIPS

- **Vant4ge**, a Salt Lake City-based technology company focused on AI-driven platforms for public safety and human services, has partnered with **Guidehouse**, a Virginia-based global professional services firm serving the commercial and public sectors, to deliver integrated solutions

that help agencies modernize operations, make smarter use of data, and strengthen outcomes. The collaboration aims to help unify data across systems; reduce administrative burden; and equip frontline staff and leadership with actionable insights that support more informed, consistent decisions. Vant4ge's flagship platform, Vant4gePoint, enables agencies to unify data, automate workflows, and apply advanced analytics to support operational and clinical decision-making. When combined with Guidehouse's advisory, implementation and change management capabilities, the partnership will work to provide a comprehensive approach to modernization that addresses both technology deployment and organizational readiness.

RECOGNITIONS

- **HKS** is ranked No. 31 on a list of **Most Innovative Architectural Firms for 2026** by **Fast Company**, with the recognition spotlighting its work on **Astra Tower** in Salt Lake City as a model for how buildings can directly respond to environmental and public health challenges. Astra Tower is a residential high-rise that was conceived as an active system to support healthier urban living through advanced air filtration and wellness-focused design strategies.

- **Gabb Music**, a product of **Gabb**, a Lehi-based company offering safe technology for youngsters, has been named a **2026 National Parenting Product Awards** winner in the Music category. For over 36 years, NAPPA Awards has recognized the best products on the market through testing by evaluators, parents and children. Gabb Music is a kid-safe streaming platform, offering millions of songs across genres and eras without explicit lyrics, suggestive imagery or adult themes, with no parental controls required.

TECHNOLOGY

- **Groove Technology Solutions**, a Midvale-based producer of property technology solutions for multifamily and student housing communities, has been selected as a "Preferred Technology Partner" for **RangeWater Real Estate** across its portfolio of approximately 75,000 multifamily units across 13 states. Groove will serve as a vetted technology solutions provider for RangeWater's managed communities, working alongside ownership groups to consult, design and implement tailored technology strategies. The collaboration is designed to accelerate project timelines, improve operational efficiency, and reduce complexity through more coordinated vendor management and expert guidance. As part of the partnership, RangeWater will gain access to comprehensive technology audits and expert support for both on-site staff and residents.

NOW OPEN

A new feature in the *Salt Lake Business Journal* is this list of new businesses that have opened or plan to open shortly in our area.

- **Hammer & Nails**, an elevated men's grooming "barberspa," has opened its first Salt Lake City-area location in Herriman at Miller Cross (5139 Miller Crossing Drive), bringing a more refined, full-service approach to men's self-care.

The concept reimagines the traditional barbershop with services like precision haircuts, beard grooming, and signature hand and foot treatments — including the brand's signature whiskey-infused foot treatment — all in a space designed for comfort, confidence and consistency. It is locally owned by Herriman resident Damien Olson.

- **Bringit**, a Utah-based travel-tech company, is operating at Salt Lake City International Airport. The company provides a "loophole" that allows travelers to walk off the plane and head directly into their trip, whether for business or pleasure.

By utilizing a professional, secure courier network, Bringit retrieves and

delivers luggage independently, allowing visitors to head straight to the mountains, a high-stakes meeting or a downtown lunch the moment they hit the jet bridge, regardless of their hotel check-in time. The service provides on-demand delivery across all of Salt Lake and Summit counties, including white-glove service to Park City resorts.

- **Keke's Breakfast Cafe**, a full-service Floridian breakfast concept backed by Denny's Corp., is currently exploring growth opportunities in Utah, with an estimated capacity for 10 locations across the Salt Lake City metro area. The brand is specifically focused on high-growth areas — including Herriman, Farmington and Sandy — to meet the rising demand for elevated, sit-down daytime dining in family-friendly neighborhoods.

When fully developed, a 10-unit footprint in Salt Lake City would create over 140 local jobs, ranging from hospitality staff to district-level leadership.

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Trove breaks ground on third building at Lehi headquarters

Trove, the parent company of Utah-based brands Owala, BlenderBottle and Oath Nutrition, has held the groundbreaking for a third building at its global headquarters in Lehi.

The 100,000-square-foot facility will bring Trove's Lehi campus to more than 300,000 square feet, supporting the company's nearly 500 employees.

Designed by architecture and engineering firm AE Urbia and constructed by commercial contractor Stout, Building 3 will add modern workspaces and collaborative environments as the company continues to scale, according to the firm's news release.

"At Trove, our growth has always been fueled by great people and a culture that encourages collaboration and innovation," said Michael Sorensen, CEO of Trove. "This new building reflects the momentum we're seeing across our brands and gives our team the space and environment they need to keep creating what's next."

Sorensen said the Trove campus is

intentionally designed to maximize functionality and productivity while supporting the company's focus on employee wellness, work-life balance and workplace culture. A centerpiece of the new building will be a work-lounge atrium that serves as a central gathering space for collaboration and connection. The building will also feature a golf simulator, complementing the other recreational and lifestyle offerings already available across the campus, including an indoor basketball and volleyball court, a fully equipped fitness center, yoga and meditation spaces, outdoor gathering areas and natural light and indoor greenery.

"Our mission has always been to create products people love and a workplace where our talented team can turn out the most meaningful work of their careers," Sorensen said. "This next phase of our campus is an investment in both."

Construction of Building 3 is now underway, with completion expected in summer 2027.

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Calendar

Information about upcoming events may be sent to brice.w@thecityjournals.com.

May 18-21

Red Rock Data Science Data Conference, a gathering for Utah's data science, ML and AI community. Location is Atwood Innovation Plaza, Utah Tech University, 1453 S. 600 E., St. George. Cost ranges from \$100 to \$500. Details are at www.redrockdatascience.com/red-rock-conference-2026.

May 18, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

"Membership Engagement Event: 2026 Legislative Wrap-Up," a Point of the Mountain Chamber of Commerce event. Location is Kiln, 2701 N. Thanksgiving Way, Lehi. Free for chamber members Silver and above, \$20 for chamber members Bronze or Business Builder, \$25 for nonmembers. Details are at thepointchamber.com.

May 19, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

Women in Business, a South Valley Chamber of Commerce event. Speaker Jenn Drummond, mountaineer and motivational speaker, will discuss "Limitless: Women Redefining What's Possible." Location is WCF Insurance, 100 W. Towne Ridge Parkway, Sandy. Cost is \$23 for members, \$35 for nonmembers. Details are at southvalleychamber.com.

May 19, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

Professional Development Luncheon, a ChamberWest event. Speaker Greg Peterson, president of Salt Lake Community College, will discuss "Building Tomorrow's Workforce: Education, Industry and Opportunity." Location is Utah Trucking Association, 4181 W. 2100 S., West Valley City. Details are at chamberwest.com.

May 19, noon-1 p.m.

"Build a Client Journey," a Women's Business Center of Utah event that takes place online. Details are at wbcutah.org.

May 19, noon-1 p.m.

"Start School," a Silicon Slopes event featuring John Koelliker of Leland discussing "From BYU to Stanford to Forbes 30 Under 30 to Building Leland." Location is Silicon Slopes, 2600 W. Executive Parkway, No. 140, Lehi. Details are at siliconslopes.com.

May 20, 8-9:30 a.m.

"Breaking Barriers Over Bagels," a ULI (Urban Land Institute) Utah event. Theme is "Navigating the Development Process from Community Engagement to Entitlements." Session will explore how projects move from early community conversations through complex entitlement pathways, highlighting the realities of balancing stakeholder input, regulatory requirements and financial constraints. Location is Parsons Behle & Latimer, 201 S. Main St., Suite 1800, Salt Lake City. Details are at <https://utah.uli.org/events-2>.

May 20

Women in Business Golf Clinic, a ChamberWest event. Morning session is 8:15 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Afternoon session is 11:15 a.m.-3:15 p.m. Location is The Ridge Golf Club, 5055 S. Westridge Blvd., West Valley City. Cost is \$125. Details are at chamberwest.com.

May 20, 9-10:30 a.m.

"Starting Your Business 101," a

Small Business Development Center event that takes place online. Details are at <https://clients.utahsbdc.org/events.aspx>.

May 20, 11:15 a.m.-1 p.m.

"Business Forum: Unreasonable Hospitality," an Ogden-Weber Chamber of Commerce event. Location is Weber County Commission chambers, 2380 Washington Blvd., Ogden. Free for chamber members, \$10 for nonmembers. Details are at ogdenweberchamber.com.

May 20, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

Business Alliance, a Davis Chamber of Commerce event. Location is Boondocks Fun Center, 525 Deseret Drive, Kaysville. No RSVP needed. Free. Lunch available for purchase. Details are at davischamberofcommerce.com.

May 20, noon-1:30 p.m.

"Strictly Networking Lunch," a West Jordan Chamber of Commerce event. Location to be determined. Free (pay for own lunch). Details are at westjordanchamber.com.

May 20, 5-7 p.m.

"Building AI Governance," a panel and networking event hosted by the AI Collective. Panelists are Peter Shiozawa, Kirton McConkie; Erin Byington, MaloufOne; and Trevor Hebditch, Salt Lake County. Location is Kirton McConkie, 36 S. State St., Suite 1900, Salt Lake City. Free, but registration is required at <https://luma.com/aic-sl-AI-Legal>. Details are at siliconslopes.com.

May 20, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Tax Planning Clinic, a Small Business Development Center event that takes place online. Details are at <https://clients.utahsbdc.org/events.aspx>.

May 20, 6-8 p.m.

Marketing Clinic, a Small Business Development Center event that takes place online. Details are at <https://clients.utahsbdc.org/events.aspx>.

May 21-22

Accelerate Summit, presented by Pattern and focused on the future of global e-commerce. Location is Salt Palace Convention Center, 100 S. West Temple, Salt Lake City. Cost is \$600. Details are at <https://www.accelerationsummit.com/>.

May 21, 8:30-10 a.m.

Women in Business Breakfast, a South Salt Lake Chamber of Commerce Women in Business event. Speaker Celeste Edmunds, executive director of the Christmas Box International, will discuss "From Survival to Purpose: A Story of Resilience, Leadership and Hope." Location is Salt Lake Culinary Education, 2233 S. 300 E., Salt Lake City. Cost is \$15 for members, \$20 for nonmembers. Details are at sslchamber.com.

May 21, 9-10:30 a.m.

"Buzz, Build & Brew," a Women's Business Center of Utah event. Location is The Neighborhood Hive, 2065 E. 2100 S., Salt Lake City. Free. Details are at wbcutah.org.

May 21, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

Mayors Luncheon, a Davis Chamber of Commerce event. Location is Davis Tech College Allied Health Building, 435 S. Simmons Way, Kaysville. Cost is \$25 for members, \$35 for guests. Details are at davischamberofcommerce.com.

May 21, 6-9 p.m.

"Under One Sky" America250 Awards Gala, a Salt Lake Chamber event honoring individuals and organizations whose leadership has significantly strengthened the fabric of Utah and the nation. Event will also include a special recognition of Utah businesses that have operated for more than 100 years. Location is Grand America Hotel, 555 S. Main St., Salt Lake City. Cost is \$300. Details to be announced at slchamber.com.

May 21, 6-7:30 p.m.

"AI Productivity and Marketing Workshop," a Small Business Development Center event that takes place online. Details are at <https://clients.utahsbdc.org/events.aspx>.

May 21, 6:30-8 p.m.

"How to Start a Business 101," a Small Business Development Center event. Location is Orem/Provo SBDC at Utah Valley University. Details are at <https://clients.utahsbdc.org/events.aspx>.

May 22, 8-9:30 a.m.

"The Fika Collective: YLG Breakfast Meet-Up," a ULI (Urban Land Institute) event. Event is the kickoff of The Fika Collective - YLG Meet-Up, a recurring opportunity for ULI Utah's Young Leaders Group (professionals under 35) to connect in a relaxed, welcoming setting. Location is Hill's Kitchen in Sugar House, 12188 Highland Drive, Suite 101, Salt Lake City. Details are at <https://utah.uli.org/events-2>.

May 22, 8:15 a.m.-4 p.m.

Operation Gigawatt Summit, with Gov. Spencer Cox convening builders, policymakers, investors and industry leaders to discuss energy abundance. Location is Grand Hyatt, 1702 Glencoe Mountain Way, Park City. Details are at <https://www.gigawattsummit.com/>.

May 22, noon-1 p.m.

"Start School," a Silicon Slopes event featuring Brock Blake discussing "\$1 Billion to 50,000 Small Businesses and Counting." Location is Silicon Slopes, 2600 W. Executive Parkway, No. 140, Lehi. Details are at siliconslopes.com.

May 26-27

Project Alta: The 47G AAM Summit, a 47G event, in partnership with the Governor's Office of Economic Opportunity and the University of Utah and focused on scaling aircraft production and activating the infrastructure required for deployment. May 26 focuses on the supply chain, manufacturing ecosystem and production readiness required to bring advanced air mobility aircraft to market at scale. May 27 centers on the infrastructure and integration required to operationalize advanced air mobility. Location is Ken Garff University Club at Rice-Eccles Stadium, 451 S. 1400 E., Salt Lake City. Cost is \$50 for 47G members and \$100 for nonmembers for the full summit; \$30 for members and \$60 for nonmembers for single days. Details are at <https://www.47g.org/projectaltasummit/>.

May 26, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

Women in Business Luncheon, an Ogden-Weber Chamber of Commerce event. Speakers Reid Thompson and Ce-

cily Kiss of the Ogden Downtown Alliance will discuss "Building Connections, Collaboration & Community." Location is Jeremiah's Lodge & Garden, 1329 W. 12th St., Marriott-Slaterville. Cost is \$25 for members and first-time guests, \$35 for nonmembers. Registration deadline is May 19 at noon. Details are at ogdenweberchamber.com.

May 26, noon-1 p.m.

"Massive Marketing Mistake You're Probably Making," a Women's Business Center of Utah event that takes place online. Details are at wbcutah.org.

May 27 and June 2

"AI Master Class," a Salt Lake Chamber event. First session May 27 at 1:30-3 p.m. is "AI 101: From Hype to Practical Business Value" and takes place online. Second session June 2 at 9-11 a.m. is "Operationalizing AI, From Use Case to Scaled Deployment" and takes place at the Salt Lake Chamber, 201 S. Main St., Suite 2300, Salt Lake City. Presenters are Aaron Rieke, senior partner at Clarion AI Partners and a lawyer-technologist; and Brennett B. Borden, founder and CEO of Clarion AI Partners, lawyer, data scientist and global authority on the legal, technological and business implications of artificial intelligence. Cost is \$49 for individual sessions, \$75 for both. Details are at slchamber.com.

May 27, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

"Chamber Connections," a Davis Chamber of Commerce event. Location is the Davis Chamber, 450 S. Simmons Way, Suite 220, Kaysville. Details are at davischamberofcommerce.com.

May 27, noon-1 p.m.

"Start School," a Silicon Slopes event featuring David Bradford discussing "Two Forbes Fastest-Growing Companies, a Lifetime Achievement Award and He's Still Building." Location is Silicon Slopes, 2600 W. Executive Parkway, No. 140, Lehi. Details are at siliconslopes.com.

May 27, 5-6 p.m.

Legal Workshop (in English and Spanish), a Small Business Development Center event. Location is Orem/Provo SBDC at Utah Valley University. Details are at <https://clients.utahsbdc.org/events.aspx>.

May 27, 6-7 p.m.

"Driving Website Traffic for Free," a Small Business Development Center event that takes place online. Details are at <https://clients.utahsbdc.org/events.aspx>.

May 27, 6-7:30 p.m.

"Facebook/Instagram Ads: Create and Manage Ads Like a Pro," a Small Business Development Center event that takes place online. Details are at <https://clients.utahsbdc.org/events.aspx>.

May 28, 6-7 p.m.

Intellectual Property Clinic, a Small Business Development Center event that takes place online. Details are at <https://clients.utahsbdc.org/events.aspx>.

June 2, noon-1 p.m.

"Bites & Insights" Lunch, a ULI (Urban Land Institute) Utah event. Location is Hunt Electric Technology Building, 1811 Alexander St., Salt Lake City. Free. Details are at <https://utah.uli.org/events-2>.

June 3, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

“DisruptHR Salt Lake City 9.0,” featuring 10 speakers (five minutes each) and panel discussions. Location is The Rooftop, 139 Hunter’s Grove Lane, Lehi. Cost is \$79.95. Details are at <https://lnkd.in/gneBhsrU>. Registration can be completed at [Eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com).

June 3, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

Wasatch Back Business University, a Park City Chamber/Bureau event with the theme “The Resources You Never Knew You Had: Utilizing SBA Programs, Funding and Free Business Support.” Location is Blair Education Conference Center, 900 Round Valley Drive, Park City. Details are at <https://www.parkcitychamber.com/events/>.

June 3, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

Business Alliance, a Davis Chamber of Commerce event. Location is Boondocks Fun Center, 525 Deseret Drive, Kaysville. No RSVP needed. Free. Lunch available for purchase. Details are at [davischamberofcommerce.com](https://www.davischamberofcommerce.com).

June 3, 5-7 p.m.

“Business After Hours,” a Salt Lake Chamber event. Location is Utah Museum of Contemporary Art, 20 S. West Temple, Salt Lake City. Free for members and \$30 for nonmembers until May 29, \$20 for members and \$40 for nonmembers the week of the event. Details are at [slchamber.com](https://www.slchamber.com).

June 4, 8 a.m.-1 p.m.

UrbanPlan Workshop – Southern Utah, a ULI (Urban Land Institute) Utah event featuring interactive simulation that places participants in the role of real estate developers responding to a fictional RFP to redevelop a ½-block site in the city of “Yorktown” and craft a redevelopment proposal that balances community interests, political pressures and economic realities. Location is St. George City Hall at Town Square, 61 S. Main St., St. George. Details are at <https://utah.uli.org/events-2>.

June 4, 9:30 a.m.-noon

AI Innovation Summit, a Women Tech Council event with the theme “AI Won’t Wait.” Event features a look at the AI-driven economy; trend insights reshaping companies, jobs and the talent landscape; panels and TED-style talks from practitioners in the field; and practical AI tools that can be used starting the same day you open your laptop. Location is Show Barn at Thanksgiving Point, 2975 S. Thanksgiving Way, Lehi. Cost is \$35. Details are at <https://luma.com/kw52czd1>.

June 4, 4:30-6:30 p.m.

“Make Your Point. Make It Matter,” a Women in Tech & Science (WITS) event. Speaker Katherine Matsmoto will discuss the power of storytelling. Location available upon registration. Event is open to anyone who supports women in STEM. Details are at <https://luma.com/4s98v52f>.

June 9, 8-10:30 a.m.

“The Founder’s Blind Spots: Where Legal, Tax and Wealth Planning Actually Break Down,” the second event in DBD Investment Bank’s 2026 Executive Event Series. Session brings together legal, tax and wealth planning professionals who specialize in identifying the structural vulnerabilities that most owners don’t know they have. Panel will be moderated by Iliya Zogovic, CEO of DBD Investment Bank. Location is Laurel Brasserie at the Grand America Hotel, 555 S. Main St., Salt Lake City. Registration can be completed at <https://luma.com/u35mo7ir>.

June 10, 7 a.m.-3 p.m.

Annual Golf Classic, a Chamber West members-only event. Location is Stonebridge Golf Club, 4415 Links Drive, West Valley City. Details to be announced at [chamberwest.com](https://www.chamberwest.com).

June 10, 5-7 p.m.

“Business After Hours,” an Ogden-Weber Chamber of Commerce event. Location is Jo Jo Bowls, 252 25th St., Ogden. Free for members and first-time guests, \$35 for nonmembers. Details are at [ogdenweberchamber.com](https://www.ogdenweberchamber.com).

June 10, 6-7:30 p.m.

“Online Marketing Fundamentals,” a Small Business Development Center event that takes place online. Details are at <https://clients.utahsbdc.org/events.aspx>.

June 11, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

“Employer Tax Workshop,” a Small Business Development Center event. Location is Salt Lake SBDC at Salt Lake Community College. Cost is \$24. Details are at <https://clients.utahsbdc.org/events.aspx>.

June 11, 8:30 a.m.

Women in Business Breakfast, a South Salt Lake Chamber of Commerce event. Speaker Cherie Wood, mayor of South Salt Lake, will discuss “People-Centered Leadership.” Location is Salt Lake Culinary Education, 2233 S. 300 E., Salt Lake City. Cost is \$15 for members, \$20 for nonmembers. Details are at [sslchamber.com](https://www.sslchamber.com).

June 11, 6-8 p.m.

“Business Essentials,” a Small Business Development Center event that takes place online. Details are at <https://clients.utahsbdc.org/events.aspx>.

June 17, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

“Build Your Custom AI Business Assistant, and Turbocharge Your Business,” a Small Business Development Center event. Location is Salt Lake SBDC at Salt Lake Community College. Cost is \$59. Details are at <https://clients.utahsbdc.org/events.aspx>.

June 17, 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m.

“Critical Ventures: Investing in National Security Materials,” presented by 47G, the Critical Minerals Institute, Utah Mining Association, Small Business Administration, Idaho National Lab, Park City Angels and the University of Utah for Critical Ventures to showcase the growing market demand and other key initiatives that are enabling the sector. Location available upon registration, which is available at [Eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com).

June 17, 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Sports Tourism Symposium, a Sport Salt Lake event hosted by Miller Sports & Entertainment and bringing together municipalities, event organizers and hospitality partners to share ideas, explore trends, and collaborate on strategies that make communities stronger through sports. Location is America First Field, 9256 S. State St., Sandy. Cost is \$40. Details to be announced at <https://www.visitsaltlake.com/sports/summit/>.

June 17, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Business Boot Camp, a South Valley Chamber of Commerce event. Instructor Brandon Allen, founder of New Work Revolution, will discuss “Conflict Smart: Practical Tools for Teams, Clients and Lasting Respect.” Location is Salt Mine Productive Workspace, 7984 S. 1300 E., Sandy. Cost is \$35 for members, \$55 for nonmembers. Details are at [southvalleychamber.com](https://www.southvalleychamber.com).

PUBLIC NOTICES

ANNOUNCEMENT OF APPOINTMENT AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Probate No. 263700225
In the Second District Court, Davis County, State of Utah

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF CHARLES PATRICK GILMORE

Joye Gilmore whose address is 1227 South 1300 East, Bountiful, Utah 84010 has been appointed Personal Representative of the above-entitled estate. Creditors of the estate are hereby notified to: (1) deliver or mail their written claims to the Personal Representative at the address above; (2) deliver or mail their written claims to the Personal Representative’s attorney of record, Robert W. Hughes, 438 East 200 South, Salt Lake City, Utah 84111; (3) file their written claims with the Clerk of the District Court at 800 West State Street, PO Box 769, Farmington, Utah 84025 in Davis County, or otherwise present their claims as required by Utah law within three months after the date of the first publication of this notice or be forever barred.

DATED this 12th day of May, 2026.

/s/ Joye Gilmore
/s/ Robert W. Hughes
438 East 200 South
Salt Lake City, Utah 84111
(801) 364-9075

ANNOUNCEMENT OF APPOINTMENT AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Probate Case No. 253700766. In the Matter of Ronald Dean, in the Second Judicial District Court, Davis County, State of Utah. Ronald Brian Dean, Shane Hallas Dean, and Taylor Joseph Dean, whose address is c/o Donald Reay, 11038 N. Highland Blvd, Ste. 100, Highland, UT 84003, have been appointed Personal Representatives of the above entitled estate. Creditors of the estate are hereby notified to: (1) deliver or mail their written claims to the Personal Representatives at the address above; (2) deliver or mail their written claims to the Personal Representatives’ attorney of record, Donald Reay, at 11038 N. Highland Blvd, Ste. 100, Highland, UT 84003; (3) file their written claims with the Clerk of the District Court at 800 West State Street, P.O. Box 769, Farmington, UT 84025, or otherwise present their claims as required by Utah law within three months after the date of the first publication of this notice or be forever barred. Dated this 05/08/2026 /s/ Donald S. Reay Publishing: 5/18/2026

UTAH DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

DIVISION OF WASTE MANAGEMENT AND RADIATION CONTROL

NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT ON S Link Plus, LLC Stipulated Compliance Order UTP000001815

The Director of the Division of Waste Management and Radiation Control is soliciting comments on proposed Stipulated Compliance Order No. 2601009 for resolution of Compliance Order No. 2509091 for S Link Plus, LLC.

A 30-day public comment period to receive comments on the proposed Stipulated Compliance Order will commence on Tuesday, May 19, 2026, and end at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 18, 2026.

Documents related to this application can be reviewed at the Division of Waste Management and Radiation Control Public Notices website at <https://deq.utah.gov/public-notices-archive/waste-management-radiation-control-public-notices>. If further information or assistance in obtaining a copy of documents is required, contact Deborah Ng at 385-499-0837 or dng@utah.gov.

Written comments will be accepted if received by 5:00 p.m. on June 18, 2026. Written comments must be directed to the following address:

Ted H. Sonnenburg, P.E., L.E.H.S., Director
Division of Waste Management and Radiation Control
P.O. Box 144880
Salt Lake City, UT 84114-4880

Comments can also be submitted electronically by email to: dwmrcpublic@utah.gov. Comments submitted by email must be identified using the following in the subject line: “Public comment on S Link Plus, LLC Stipulated Compliance Order.” All documents included in comments must be submitted in pdf format or as ASCII (text) files.

Under Utah Code Section 19-1-301.5 a person who wishes to challenge a Permit Order may only raise an issue or argument during an adjudicatory proceeding that was raised during the public comment period and was supported with sufficient information or documentation to enable the director to fully consider the substance and significance of the issue.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, individuals with special needs (including auxiliary communicative aids and services) should contact LeAnn Johnson, Office of Human Resources at 385-226-4881, Telecommunications Relay Service 711, or by email at leannjohnson@utah.gov.

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