



## The Whole Elephant

### Cache County GOP Newsletter

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#### Primary Election Results

Thank you for voting!

##### House 4

|                    |            |              |
|--------------------|------------|--------------|
| <b>Dan Johnson</b> | <b>56%</b> | <b>1,632</b> |
| Greg Merrill       | 44%        | 1,281        |

##### Senate 17

|                       |              |              |
|-----------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Clark Davis           | 48.7%        | 1,280        |
| <b>Scott Scandall</b> | <b>51.3%</b> | <b>1,349</b> |

##### US Senate

|                    |            |               |
|--------------------|------------|---------------|
| Dr. Mike Kennedy   | 24%        | 3,421         |
| <b>Mitt Romney</b> | <b>76%</b> | <b>10,753</b> |

[Official Election Results](#)



## **State Legislator Report - Val Potter**

Fellow Cache County Republican,

I hope you are enjoying a good summer with family and friends.

As with our other local legislators, I have been keeping busy this summer during our interim legislative sessions with committee work and preparing bills for the next legislative session in January. I am also campaigning for re-election to my position as the District 3 House Representative.

I am serving on the Business and Labor Interim Committee and the Transportation Interim Committee. This month I was also elected co-chair of the new Commission on Housing Affordability, along with Senator Jake Anderegg. This is a public/private commission started by the legislature in bill HB 430. We are working to help in issues of housing affordability which has become a major issue in Utah. There is also a second interim legislative session this month to address 11 items which have come up since our legislative session. Some of those issues we will address are amending provisions to the Utah Inland Port Authority legislation, amendments to the Utah Sales and Use Tax from the Supreme Court decision on internet sales, amendments to B & C Road Funds to local governments and several other items.

I thank those of you who voted in the recent primary election. I am also grateful to those who run for office, and also those who run the Cache County Republican Party and keep our Republican members and all others in our county informed of political and governmental matters that effect Cache County. I feel as though we should love those of all party affiliations in our county. We just might not agree with them on certain political ideology! We live in a beautiful place, and we all have a responsibility to stay involved in continuing to make our county the great place it is to live and raise a family.

I encourage you to stay strong in the Republican party, get involved with the party or in helping our local candidates and most importantly be sure to vote in the upcoming November election. Enjoy the remainder of your summer!

Best Regard,  
Rep. Val Potter  
District 3 Cache County



### **Cache Valley Report - Craig Buttars**

There are so many things happening in the County right now that it is hard to pick which ones to highlight. I will start with the upcoming Cache County Fair. This year will be the first in many years that the fair will not be managed by the County Clerk's Office. We will also have a new look at the fair with the opening of the Cache Event Center, a new 33,000 square foot facility that will make it possible to house many of the exhibits in one building. This facility will also make it possible for many organizations to hold trade shows, conferences, conventions and other events that will bring people to the valley year round to enjoy this great venue. Lane Parker is the Fair Chairman this year and LaMont Poulsen will again host the PRCA Rodeo. Be sure to attend this one county wide celebration that highlights everything good about our beautiful valley.

Growth continues to be evident here in the County. Everywhere you look it seems that there are new businesses opening and new developments taking place. Sales tax revenues continue to increase and we are in line to see another 8% increase similar to what we saw last year. Property values also continue to increase as a result of the red hot real estate market.

The Road Department has completed much of the repair work associated with the 2017 flooding that took place and are currently completing many chip and seal jobs for contracting cities and the County. Additional funding sources made possible by the Utah State Legislature and the County Council will make it possible to complete some projects that have been on the back burner for some time.

Finally, after much dedicated effort by our IT Department the county is offering a new online access to many county records. This program named the Cache Online Records Express (CORE) can be found on the [cachecounty.org](http://cachecounty.org) website. Additional records and information will continue to roll out with this program.

As always, I am seeking your input into ways that we can make county government more effective and efficient. If you have concerns or suggestions please give me a call here at the Historic Courthouse, My number is 435-755-1850. Thank you for this opportunity to serve as your Cache County Executive!

Craig W Buttars  
Cache County Executive

## **Cache County Metrics**

| Economy  |          |           |      |
|--|----------|-----------|------|
| 2015   |          |           |      |
|  | County   | State     | Rank |
| Civilian Labor Force                           | 60,230   | 1,464,406 |      |
| Employed Labor Force                           | 58,433   | 1,412,474 |      |
| Unemployed Labor Force                         | 1,797    | 51,932    |      |
| Unemployment Rate                              | 3.0%     | 3.5%      | 29   |
| % High School Graduates, 25+ (2011-2015)       | 92.5%    | 91.2%     | 10   |
| % Bachelor's Degree or Higher, 25+ (2011-2015) | 36.1%    | 31.1%     | 3    |
| Median Household Income (2011-2015)            | \$50,497 | \$60,727  | 17   |
| Per Capita Personal Income (2011-2015)         | \$20,223 | \$24,686  | 19   |
| Percent Population Below Poverty (2011-2015)   | 16.0%    | 11.3%     | 6    |

| Public Safety             |               |        |       |      |
|---------------------------|---------------|--------|-------|------|
| 2015                      |               |        |       |      |
| Per 1,000 People          |               |        |       |      |
|                           | County Totals | County | State | Rank |
| Violent Crimes            | 79            | 0.7    | 2.2   | 24   |
| Property Crimes           | 1,512         | 12.5   | 29.4  | 20   |
| Adult Arrests             | 3,158         | 26.1   | 3.7   | 15   |
| Juvenile Arrests          | 673           | 5.6    | 0.1   | 6    |
| Law Enforcement Employees | 273           | 2.3    | 2.4   | 18   |

| Taxable Property Value    |                  |                        |      |
|---------------------------|------------------|------------------------|------|
| 2015                      |                  |                        |      |
|                           | Percent of Total | State Percent of Total | Rank |
| <b>Locally Assessed</b>   |                  |                        |      |
| Residential               | 56.1%            | 56.6%                  | 11   |
| Commercial & Industrial   | 24.2%            | 21.5%                  | 3    |
| Agricultural              | 7.2%             | 4.1%                   | 15   |
| Personal Property         | 7.3%             | 6.1%                   | 6    |
| <b>Centrally Assessed</b> |                  |                        |      |
| Utilities                 | 4.9%             | 6.7%                   | 20   |
| Natural Resources         | 0.2%             | 4.9%                   | 27   |

| Population                         |          |           |       |       |      |             |
|------------------------------------|----------|-----------|-------|-------|------|-------------|
| 2015                               |          |           |       |       |      |             |
|                                    | County   | State     | Rank  |       |      |             |
| 2006 Population                    | 101,236  | 2,525,507 | 6     |       |      |             |
| 2015 Population                    | 120,783  | 2,995,919 | 6     |       |      |             |
| Percent Change, 2006-2015          | 19.3%    | 18.6%     | 9     |       |      |             |
| Land Area, 2010 (square miles)     | 1,165    | 82,170    | 22    |       |      |             |
| Persons per Square Mile, 2014      | 103.7    | 36.5      | 5     |       |      |             |
| County Employees per 10,000 People | 27.6     | 42.0      | 26    |       |      |             |
| Population by Age, 2006            |          |           |       |       |      |             |
|                                    | Under 18 | 18-24     | 25-44 | 45-64 | 65+  | Average Age |
| County                             | 32.2%    | 19.4%     | 25.0% | 15.7% | 7.7% | 24.5        |
| State                              | 31.0%    | 12.5%     | 28.2% | 19.4% | 8.8% | 28.7        |
| Rank                               | 8        | 1         | 15    | 28    | 26   | 28          |



| Public Finance                 |                     |                      |                          |           |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|-----------|
| 2015                           |                     |                      |                          |           |
| Revenues                       |                     | County<br>Per Capita | State Ave.<br>Per Capita | Rank      |
| Taxes                          | \$28,418,183        | \$235.3              | \$450.8                  | 27        |
| Licenses and Permits           | \$559,154           | \$4.6                | \$10.4                   | 22        |
| Intergovernmental Revenue      | \$7,142,199         | \$59.1               | \$127.9                  | 26        |
| Charges for Services           | \$6,534,764         | \$54.1               | \$66.4                   | 23        |
| Fines and Forfeitures          | \$110,321           | \$0.9                | \$6.2                    | 28        |
| Interest Revenue               | \$141,589           | \$1.2                | \$12.6                   | 26        |
| Other                          | \$852,289           | \$7.1                | \$24.1                   | 27        |
| <b>Total</b>                   | <b>\$43,758,499</b> | <b>\$362.3</b>       | <b>\$698.4</b>           | <b>28</b> |
| Expenditures                   |                     |                      |                          |           |
| General                        | \$10,224,940        | \$84.7               | \$102.1                  | 26        |
| Public Safety                  | \$15,057,805        | \$124.7              | \$167.5                  | 27        |
| Public Health                  | \$4,992,748         | \$41.3               | \$48.3                   | 18        |
| Highway and Public Improvement | \$6,092,208         | \$50.4               | \$127.2                  | 26        |
| Parks and Recreation           | \$3,728,211         | \$30.9               | \$71.9                   | 19        |
| Economic Development           | \$0                 | \$0.0                | \$15.5                   | 23        |
| Debt Service                   | \$1,301,648         | \$10.8               | \$45.1                   | 23        |
| Capital Outlay                 | \$0                 | \$0.0                | \$50.6                   | 23        |
| Other                          | \$0                 | \$0.0                | \$66.8                   | 12        |
| <b>Total</b>                   | <b>\$41,397,560</b> | <b>\$342.7</b>       | <b>\$695.0</b>           | <b>29</b> |

| Percent of Land Ownership |         |       |                    |                                 |
|---------------------------|---------|-------|--------------------|---------------------------------|
| 2015                      |         |       |                    |                                 |
|                           | Federal | State | Native<br>American | Private and Local<br>Government |
| County                    | 38.1%   | 5.1%  | 0.0%               | 56.8%                           |
| State                     | 64.4%   | 10.0% | 4.5%               | 21.0%                           |
| Rank                      | 23      | 24    | 15                 | 4                               |

| General Fund Revenue and Expenditure |              |                     |                           |      |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|---------------------|---------------------------|------|
| 2015                                 |              |                     |                           |      |
|                                      | Value        | Percent of<br>Total | State Percent<br>of Total | Rank |
| General Fund Revenue                 | \$22,775,521 | 52.0%               | 38.9%                     | 15   |
| General Fund Expenditure             | \$20,715,148 | 50.0%               | 36.1%                     | 13   |



## **Meet Mark Hurd, Cache GOP Vice Chair**

Husband 18 years  
Father of 3 awesome kids  
Raised in Star Valley, WY for 13 yrs.  
Lived in Cache Valley for 23 yrs.

Employed:  
Ophir-Spiricon in N. Logan, AxiomV LLC in Smithfield  
Previously employed at:  
RR Donnelley in Logan  
Internship with American Lands Council

### **Public Service**

Hyde Park City Councilman  
P&Z Commission Member  
NPPD Law Enforcement Board  
Citizens Corp. Council,  
Hyde Park City EPREP  
Lions Club Intl. Member:Hyde Park Club President, Vice President  
Cache GOP:  
Vice Chairman  
Leg District 3 Co-chair  
Hyde Park 1 Precinct Chair, Vice Chair, State Delegate County  
Delegate

### **Favorites**

Camping, Hunting, Shooting  
Games with Family and Friends  
Basketball  
Auto Racing  
TV shows: Modern Marvels, Burn Notice, Psych

### **Interests**

Liberty  
Political Philosophy  
History: U.S. and World (what works and what doesn't)  
Technology & Planning (what can help us now and in the future)

A favorite quote:

"Of liberty I would say that, in the whole plenitude of its extent, it is unobstructed action according to our will. But rightful liberty is unobstructed action according to our will within limits drawn around us by equal rights of others. I do not add "within the limits of the law," because law is often but the tyrant's will, and always so when it violates the rights of an individual." Thomas Jefferson

## **Summer Image Gallery**







[More Cache GOP Summer Photos](#)



## Events

**August 9 - 11** Cache County Fair

**August 16-24**  
Paradise Trout & Berry Days

**August 21** First Day of School Logan  
**August 22** First Day of School Cache

**August 23**  
Utah Water Issues Townhall  
Historic Courthouse, 7 PM

**August 25**  
River Heights Apple Days

**September 3 Labor Day**  
Wellsville Founders Day



Death Penalty Townhall  
(early September TBA)  
Historic Courthouse, 7 PM

Medical Marijuana Ballot Initiative  
(late September TBA)  
Historic Courthouse, 7 PM

**October 6**

Providence Oktoberkraut Celebration

**November 6**

Election Day

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