



# Cache County Republican Party Newsletter

July 18, 2017

## Welcome!

This is the first Cache GOP Newsletter. You are receiving this email because you gave us your address at the last caucus meeting. You may unsubscribe by clicking the link at the bottom, but we seriously hope you don't, because Cache County, Utah and the United States of America needs principled and intelligent men and women to help preserve our freedom.

The purpose of this newsletter is to inform you about the people of the Cache County Republican Party and the issues that we face. This is NOT a national or state political news report - our focus on what Republicans are doing in Cache Valley and Utah to preserve our constitution and govern effectively.

We will highlight public officials, Cache and Utah State GOP officers, feature articles written by legislators and precinct officers. We want you to know how the Cache Republican Party is working on issues important to you. Enjoy!

Cache GOP Executive Committee

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## GOP vs. Dem Baseball Game

The Cache County Republican Party and the Cache County Democratic Party will be hosting a friendly community softball game on **August 17th at 6:30 PM at Ridgeline High School**. The event will raise money for the Ridgeline High School Softball Team as well as the Cache County Food Pantry. Please come with a donation and support our County. Non-perishable bulk food items such as sugar and flour are highly encouraged.



## Message From Casey Snider The New Cache County GOP Chairman

Dwight Eisenhower once observed that „Äülf a political party does not have its foundation in the determination to advance a cause that is right and that is moral, then it is not a political party; it is merely a conspiracy to seize power.,Äü

Our Party has gone through one of the most difficult and grinding campaign cycles in recent memory. It has been as rough and tumble as they come. Battered and bruised we won out and from Logan to the Oval Office we here in Cache Valley are fortunate enough to be governed by Republican leadership. The easy part was winning, now it becomes our responsibility to ensure that we stay true to the principles that allowed our leaders to be elected in the first place.

To make this happen we as a party must continue to hold our Republican Platform up as road map to successful governance. Pulling from that defining document, here in Cache County we must continue to demand honesty, integrity, morality, and accountability of our public officials. We must affirm and reaffirm the infinite worth of all individuals, and seek the best possible quality of life for all. We need to continue to push for candidates and policies that promote free markets, provide for a strong national defense, reduce the impact of government in our lives, encourage self-sufficiency, limit taxation, and maintain the rights of life, liberty, property, and the pursuit of happiness.

I am confident that if we continue to stay true to our principles, to the principles enshrined in our country,Â’s founding documents and those espoused in our party platforms, we will continue to be successful. I look forward to working with all of you to make this happen.

Casey Snider  
Chair  
Cache County Republican Party

*Casey grew up farming just south of the Cache County line in Liberty, Utah. While attending Utah State, he was fortunate enough to meet his wife Kelli Snider (a Millville native). He spent the last several years working in Washington, DC for the US Senate and House of Representatives. Casey currently resides in Paradise with his wife and daughter.*

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## Cache County Convention Results

The Republicans organized the Cache County GOP Leadership at the County Convention:

### Cache GOP Officers

- **Chair:** Casey Snider
- **Vice Chair:** Mark Hurd
- **Secretary:** Desiree Hennessy
- **Treasurer:** Teresa Jewkes

### Legislative District Co-Chairs

- **District 1:** Dale Buxton & Natalie Levi
- **District 3:** Chris Booth & Lyndsay Peterson
- **District 4:** Lee Edwards & Seth Humphries
- **District 5:** Ladd Kennington & Geoff Cox



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## Teenage Republicans

The Teenage Republicans are a youth group that teaches the Republican values through doing service in our community. For example, we are making pillowcases for Logan Hospital for the hospitalized children. In September, we will be helping assemble back packs for children in need at [littlambsofutah.com](http://littlambsofutah.com).

We are also working with the Key clubs at the High Schools for other service projects that give teens a chance to make a difference in our community. The Teenage Republicans believe in teaching principles through action, not just books.

The Teenage Republican Leadership and Service Group (affiliated with TARS) will meet at Logan High School at 10 AM July 24 to be on the Pioneer Day Cache County Republican Party Float.

To get involved with the Cache Teen Republicans, call Natalie Levi at 435-801-682-3568.



Visit our booth at the Cache County Fair August 10 - 12!



### What Do Cache Republicans Stand For?

We, the Republican Party of Cache County, affirm our belief in a Divine Providence and recognize the importance of the moral and spiritual foundations upon which this State and Nation are built.

We affirm our support for individual freedom as expressed in the Declaration of Independence and protected in the Constitution.

We applaud the efforts of people in all parts of the world to obtain the freedoms which we enjoy in this land.

We support the Platform of the National Republican Party. Republican principles are consistent. Our candidates do not espouse one position while in Utah and another while in Washington.

*Read the entire document (it is actually not very long, only two pages) by clicking on the link:*

[Cache GOP Principles](#)



## Calling Precinct Officers!

Why are you a member of the Republican Party? Write a paragraph or two about your reasons for supporting the Republican Party or explain a conservative principle or concept from the Cache Republican Party Platform (link above), and your article will be included in a future Cache GOP Newsletter. Email article and your short biography to [info@cachegop.com](mailto:info@cachegop.com).

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### Senator Lyle Hillyard: June 2017 Interim Highlights and Top Issues

Last week we concluded the June 2017 Interim legislative meetings. It was a busy 2-day interim session and we discussed many important issues to the State of Utah. Included here is a summary of the top issues and discussions we had during the interim meetings.

For your reference, the Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel has compiled summaries or "highlights" of the current and past interims. That publication can be found here: <http://le.utah.gov/lrgc/interimHighlights.jsp>.

#### Separation of Powers Issues

As you may have heard, Congressman Jason Chaffetz will be stepping down on June 30th before his term ends in 2018, creating a vacancy in the office of Congressman in the 3<sup>rd</sup> district. This vacancy requires a special election to find a replacement representative. The US Constitution gives the legislature the right to establish the "times, places, and manner" of all elections ([Article 1 Section 4](#)). After we learned of the vacancy, we asked the Governor to call a special session to work out the details of the vacancy election. The Governor refused to do so.

As a follow-up, the Legislature requested an opinion from the Attorney General about the legality of the Governor's actions in unilaterally deciding the logistics of the special election. We wanted to get an impartial, third-party analysis to find out if any party in the dispute had acted illegally. The Governor's office intervened behind the scenes to prevent the Attorney General from exercising this statutory prerogative. This intrusion into the Separation of Powers has greatly concerned the Legislature. This interim, the House Republicans and House Democrats joined together to discuss their concerns. You can watch a recording of the event [here](#). The Senate Republican and Democrat caucuses also met to consider this issue as well.

#### Recodification of Education Code

Education is always one of the big issues the legislature considers every session. That means we see a lot of education bills and education laws can get confusing and messy. The last time our Education Code was cleaned up by the legislature many years ago, the code went from over 400 pages of code down to about 250 pages of code. The purpose of recodifying is to simplify and clean up the code. This year the Education Interim Committee has agreed to not make any major changes to the code via the recodifying bills, but rather keep the bills focused on basic clean up and updating. The goal is to pass the bill early in the legislative session, and have all changes from the bill become effective immediately, so any new education bills during the session will work with the new code. You can learn more about this [here](#).

#### Candidate Replacement Amendments

Occasionally, part way through an election, one of the two final candidates may drop out of the race for personal reasons. This leaves voters with only one option and no way to replace the now vacated candidate position. The draft legislation for Candidate Replacement Amendments would allow the 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> place candidates from the primary to fill in the available spot. There was a bill introduced this last session that attempted to make this change, but it was introduced too late in the session to go through the entire process. You can learn more about this bill [here](#).

#### Tax Reform

One of the biggest issues we considered during the 2017 Legislative Session was tax reform. After reviewing our budget and funding sources, it became clear that some of our primary funding sources are too volatile for a consistent steady income to the state budget. The legislature ultimately ran out of time to find the right solution to our tax reform, but instead tasked The Governor has also asked the Tax Review Commission, primarily made up

[.here](#) the Revenue and Taxation Interim Committee with studying out potential tax reform throughout this year. During the latest meeting, the committee discussed guiding principles of good tax reform and began looking into sales tax

exemptions. You can listen to the committee discussion of nonpolitical professionals, to do the same thing. You can listen to our last meeting [here](#).

### Expansion of State Parks

During the most recent legislative session, we passed two bills encouraging consideration for creating a State Park at Hole in the Rock and Little Sahara. To help with the consideration, a core group has been formed to review successful management models to learn how to adapt it for these sites. This core group involves local input and partners. Once the core groups have collected the pertinent information, they will submit it to the State to consider whether they would like to take over the areas as State Parks. You can listen to the committee discussion [here](#).

### Removal of Local Officials

On Wednesday, June 21<sup>st</sup>, the Political Subdivisions Interim Committee discussed an issue that has been in the media recently. Rep. Chavez-Houck presented to the committee possible legislative remedies for the situation involving Salt Lake County Recorder, Gary Ott. Concerns surrounding the competency of Gary Ott have been evaluated in Salt Lake County government and in local media. The question always arises, what can be done?

Perhaps the biggest concern is that any tool implemented could be misused by political opponents against elected officials. Senator Thatcher said that the best way to make any process less political is to make it a judicial process, which also allows for more privacy for the individuals involved. His vision would be to require the legislative body with jurisdiction to have a unanimous vote asking for a judicial evaluation of the competency of that elected official. If the judge or judicial body ruled that the elected official is incompetent, the case would return to the legislative body for a vote to remove that official from office.

Darcy Goddard with the Salt Lake County District Attorney, Ås Office was on hand to discuss the various legal implications involved and to answer the committee member, Ås questions.

To listen to the discussion, click [here](#).

In the News: [Salt Lake Tribune](#) | [Deseret News](#)

### Downsizing Bears Ears?

At the end of last year, President Obama set aside 1.3 Million Acres in San Juan County, Ån area larger than all five of our national parks combined, Åto create a national monument in the Bears Ears region. The Trump administration, encouraged by our Federal Delegation, expressed a desire to reexamine the national monuments created in the past twenty years including Bears Ears.

In May, the Secretary of the Interior, Ryan Zinke, toured the Bear Ears Region with local officials from San Juan County and other state leaders. After seeing the region firsthand, he announced that he would be recommending to the President that the Bears Ears national monument be downsized. Secretary Zinke, Ås report emphasized there were sacred Native American artifacts and structures that needed protection but the protection of these objects didn, Åt require a 1.5 Million Acre. Some of the monumentland can be opened for multiple use without jeopardizing the preservation of objects there. Some of the land can be jointly managed with Tribal coalitions as well to ensure Native Americans have a part in deciding how their cultural relics are protected.

Legislative leaders commended Secretary Zinke for re-examining the issue and working closely with the people most affected by the national monument. As a Legislature, we remain hopeful to find a working and lasting solution. You can read Secretary Zinke, Ås full report [here](#).

### DUI Law

The Transportation Committee continued its discussion of the implementation of the .05 BAC law ([HB155](#) from 2017). The committee heard from national representatives of the American Beverage Institute and the National Restaurants Association. They raised concerns that the DUI law negatively impacts Utah, Ås image and could hurt Tourism. Senator Adams, one of the co-sponsors of the bill, said the bill discourages drunk driving which saves lives. Listen to the full committee hearing [here](#).

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I will be holding my next town hall meeting to discuss tax reform on July 25th. Please join me! Bring your friends, thoughts, and ideas about how to make Cache County a better place. I can be reached by email at [lhillyard@le.utah.gov](mailto:lhillyard@le.utah.gov), or by phone at 435-757-0194.

As a part-time legislature we only have official interim meetings once a month. I am honored to represent you - my colleagues, friends, and neighbors , Å in the Utah State Senate.

Senator Lyle Hillyard  
Utah State Senate, District 25

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## **Layne Beck**

Fellow Cache County Republicans,

I have been asked to write up some of my involvement in the Utah Republican Party. I thank you for your vote of confidence in my re-election to represent Cache County on the State Central committee at our Organizing Convention on March 31<sup>st</sup>. I look forward to serving another two year term.

Several members of the committee across the state have been quite active in preserving the integrity of our neighborhood election system. In February of this year, many members from all across the state were successful in preserving the present legal appeal in the 10<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court of Appeals to the SB54 law that allows candidates to gather signatures and completely circumvent one of the major jobs of delegates, vetting candidates. We should have an opinion from the 10<sup>th</sup> Circuit within a few months.

I have asked Chairman Casey Snyder to appoint an education officer for the Cache County party and have offered myself to serve in that capacity. I believe we as a party desperately need to train our delegates, precinct officers, caucus attendees on what their jobs are. I am working with this same group of State Central Committee members to create short video,Âs describing the duties of delegates and precinct officers. If Chairman Snyder appoints me as Cache County Education officer I plan to conduct precinct officer/ delegate training at 3 different locations throughout the county in the near future.

My fellow State Central Committee members elected me to serve on the Audit Committee for the state party and the Audit Committee asked me to serve on the State party budget committee. Unfortunately, the previous administration of the State party refused to appoint a budget committee; I will work with Chairman Anderson and assist the new administration in adopting a budget for the State party.

Thank you for your service and involvement in the Cache GOP. I look forward to continuing to serve in whatever way I can to find ,Good and Honest Men and Women, to serve in public office.

Thank You  
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### **Gina Worthen, Cache County Council**

Cache County Council meetings are now streamed live on [facebook.com/cachecounty/](https://www.facebook.com/cachecounty/)

The Council meets regularly at 5:00 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month. This is a great way to see what's going in the county from the comforts of your own home.

### **Fair Buildings Coming Down; Pictures Wanted**

This summer's Cache County Fair will be the last to use the historic white buildings at the fairgrounds.

The Pavilion (which displays art/photography), the 4-H building, the Home Arts building, and the Community Building (with the ,Ábean displays,À) are coming down shortly after the 2017 Cache County Fair. These buildings, built between 1911 and 1920, are beyond repair and will be replaced by a new, 30,000 square foot, multi-purpose events center (funded by hotel room tax.) The \$5.1 million building with a 20,000 square-foot main exhibit hall will be used year-round for sports tournaments, trade shows, conventions, banquets, concerts, workshops and training. See flyer below.

In working to preserve the history of these buildings, it has been discovered that there are very few pictures of these buildings available. If you have pictures of these buildings,Àeven if they are in the background and you are holding your winning entry in the foreground ,À the county would love to have them and possibly use them in a display. Maybe there,Às a picture of your grandparents or parents at the fair with those buildings, too.

If you have photos you are willing to share, please contact the Cache County Executive,Às office at [435-755-1850](tel:435-755-1850) or email [Gina.Worthen@CacheCounty.org](mailto:Gina.Worthen@CacheCounty.org).

### **Fixing Flood**

More than 35 miles of county were damaged in this Spring's flooding. County Developmental Services has been working with FEMA, (through which the county was given federal aid) in an extensive process authorizing repairs. Some repairs are complete, and the county will continue to make repairs.

One of the routes which sustained significant damage and caused an extreme inconvenience is 600 South -- Mendon Road. The county has been actively pursuing funding for permanent repairs. Unfortunately, even though the County is receiving federal funds, the road doesn't qualify for those funds. Road repairs will likely come from a county rainy day fund. Engineering and permitting for repair of the failed box culvert on that road are moving forward, and repairs should begin once things dry out.

\* There may be assistance for flood damage to farms. Contact John Hardin with NRCS in North Logan, [435-753-5616](tel:435-753-5616)

\* Here is a link to information on flooding: <http://www.cachesheriff.com/emergency/who-do-i-call.html>

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# Reflections

## Celebrating the Past, Looking to the Future



### A Farewell to the Historic Fair Buildings

The historic fair buildings are beyond repair and will be coming down this year after the fair to make way for a new Events Center.

Gone will be four buildings: the Home Arts Building, the 4-H Building, the Community Building, and the Pavilion/Art & Photography Building.

Join us in reflecting on the history of the Cache County Fair as we give these buildings a farewell celebration!



#### TOURS

Tour the buildings and discover some of the history of the Cache County Fair. Featuring historian Ken Godfrey.

- Thursday, Friday & Saturday, Aug. 10-12
- 4:00 pm
- 5:00 pm
- Meet in the Community Building

#### PROGRAM

A toe-tapping musical event with singers, dancers and Big Band celebrating the past, present, and future of the Cache County Fair.

- 12 Noon, Saturday, Aug. 12
- Fairground Stage Area
- Free Admission
- Bring a chair or blanket to sit on

#### DISPLAY

See the display commemorating the history of these buildings in the Community Building.

Brought to you by the Cache County Historic Fair Buildings Committee



### Joni Crane, Utah State Republican Vice Chair

Cache County! As you get to know me you, I'll learn all about the work. The new UTGOP leadership team hit the ground running. We quickly meshed and built a positive rapport with each other and our reorganized office staff. BJ Griffin is our new Executive Director, volunteering for now and Peter Simonson and Teresa Lott are staying on after executing a smooth flowing State Organizing Convention. They deserve respect and credit for their hard work.

Only minutes after the filing deadline for Congressional District 3 candidates our staff distributed a stunning Republican Candidates Guide to all GOP candidates. Conversations have begun with office holders, bridges are being built, CD3 convention planning is almost complete, the introduction of ASK (Ask-Study-Know) video debate on our website is a hit, and we are prepping for an improved caucus night experience for all attendees.

I was asked to provide a few positive accomplishments in my life, so you could get to know me.

1 - As a Boy Scout volunteer for over 25 years, I've seen my efforts

rewarded as many have emerged prepared to serve as ethical, compassionate, and wise leaders.

2 - While living in Parker, Colorado the news aired about the shootings at Columbine High School. So many people wanted to help the families, so I organized a 3-day blanket making event for Columbine students to provide comfort and a sense of safety. Ultimately, 1600 of the 1800 students Helloaskedfor,Schooland helped make blankets for their friends.

3 - In the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, a teacher in Rapides Parishdistrict, Louisiana reached out with exasperation over the 10,000 displaced students evacuating to her area. Uintah Basin residents & businesses helped me organize a semi-truck full of humanitarian aid, school textbooks, computers, clothing, water, musical instruments, and school supplies.

4 - Over the years, I,Ãve been a part-time Bail Bond Agent in addition to my full-time job and I,Ãve connected with real people with real struggles. Although I helped many with recovery and resources they needed, they helped me to learn to be non-judgmental and compassionate.

My hope for the future of the Republican Party is that we transcend bickering and replace it with respectful dialogue to unite in a common purpose which is our Platform Preamble. We can disagree on the individual planks but our Preamble binds us in our common principles and desires.

Our platform specifically states we "affirm our belief in God and declare our support for government based upon a moral and spiritual foundation." I ask you to pray for our President, our Country and for our team of leaders here in Utah as we work to rebuild a respect for the Republican Party ideals. I would be grateful.



## **Cache County Citizen Getting Involved at State GOP Convention**

As the great parliamentarian Edmund Burke said, "The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing." That singular philosophy was the reason I became involved in the Republican Party over two decades ago.

When I began attending my neighborhood Caucus, I didn't go with the purpose of getting elected to any office. I participated because I wanted to know who my neighborhood representatives were, and why our elected officials were casting votes contrary to the Republican Platform. My neighbors felt similarly and elected Delegates would ask the "hard questions" and keep our legislators accountable to the People.

Most recently, I ran for the office of Vice Chair of the Utah Republican Party. Six people filed to run, two dropped out, and the remaining four of us had the humbling opportunity to visit Delegates from across the state. Throughout that election, I repeatedly conveyed two message:

1. I wasn't running "against" the other candidates - we're "on the same team".
2. Although Republicans may disagree over the details, we're mostly united around the Planks in our Platform.

During the election, I made two new friends (Joni Crane and Natalie

Callahan), I'd like to express my congratulations to Joni Crane on

and made an existing friendship stronger (Don Guymon). None of us spoke poorly about one of the others, and there were no character attacks. In my opinion, the Vice Chair election was representative of what I'd like all Party elections to be: friendly, victorious, and to express my thanks to Natalie and Don for their sportsmanship. They are fantastic examples of how we can strengthen the Party through friendship and mutual respect.

- Joe Levi

Technical advisor for the Cache County Republican Party website

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### **Where Does The Cache GOP Get Its Money?**

Well, from you at caucus night. Remember the envelope that was passed around, this is where the Cache GOP obtains funds to operate.

The other source of funds is the annual Lincoln Day Dinner. In 2017, this was held in February. We invite all of the political bigwigs to come and eat a rubber chicken and hobnob with the powerful.

There are several businesses in the valley that also contribute at the Lincoln Dinner. Contributors include:

Zions Bank, Summit Creek Station, Rocky Mountain Power, Lewiston State Bank, Farm Bureau, Cornerstone Real Estate, Cache Valley Bank, Cache rich Association of Realtors, Cache Republican Women, America First Credit Union.

Sen. Orrin Hatch, Rep. Rob Bishop, Gov. Gary Herbert, Sen. Lyle Hillyard, Rep. Ed Redd, Rep. Val Potter & Rep. Curt Webb, Cache County Sheriff Chad Jensen, Cache County Attorney James Swink & Councilwoman Gina Worthen.

**Plan now to attend our next Lincoln Dinner next February!**

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