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Mission Statement: ***The Springdale Sun*** strives to inform, enlighten, illuminate, listen to, amuse, and encourage Springdale citizens, while also providing analysis, clarification, and an honest forum in order to increase the sense of community and well being in Springdale. Truth is mandatory.

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🎄 Christmas Season, Part 2 of 4

by Debi Keys

Party Season:

Plan Ahead & Stay Mindful
Holiday parties = fun, memories, and… temptation on every table. The goal isn't perfection — it's **mindful enjoyment**.

🍽️ **Tips for Better Holiday Choices**

- **Don't arrive starving.** Eat a protein snack before you go.
- **Survey the table before filling your plate.** Choose favorites, skip fillers.
- **Use the "2 Treat Rule."** Pick two indulgences and enjoy them slowly.
- **Alternate cocktails with sparkling water.** Staying hydrated keeps you clear-headed *and* reduces overeating.

🍇 **Healthy Holiday Appetizer**

Cranberry Goat Cheese Cucumber Bites

- Sliced cucumbers
- Small dollops of goat cheese
- A tiny spoon of cranberry sauce
- Sprinkle with chopped pecans

Fresh, festive, and easy on the waistline.

To Healthy and Happy Choices,

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Happy Hanukkah in America,
Evening of Sun, Dec 14, 2025 – Mon, Dec 22, 2025

summarized from an article in ***The Conversation***, written by Dianne Ashton, professor of Religion, Rowan University, who received funding for her research on Hanukkah from the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Gilder Lehman Institute, the American Jewish Archives, and Rowan University

Hanukkah is one of the most widely recognized Jewish holidays in the United States, but historically it has been considered a minor festival within Judaism. Its modern prominence in America contrasts with its relatively modest status elsewhere in the Jewish world. Understanding why Hanukkah has become so significant in the U.S. requires examining both its ancient origins and the particular circumstances of American Jewish history.

The holiday's name, "Hanukkah," means "dedication" and refers to the rededication of the Second Temple in Jerusalem in 165 B.C. after it had been desecrated byAntiochus IV. Antiochus banned many Jewish practices and installed Greek idols in the Temple. A Jewish rebel group known as the Maccabees eventually defeated his forces and reclaimed the sacred space. After purifying the Temple, they sought to relight its great oil lamps, which signified God's presence. According to tradition, they found only a tiny amount of ritually pure oil—enough for a single day—yet it miraculously burned for eight. This miracle is commemorated by lighting candles for eight nights, adding one candle each evening.

For much of early American history, however, Hanukkah passed largely unnoticed. The Jewish population in the United States was extremely small, reaching only about a quarter of a million by 1880. Jewish life was often difficult to sustain: kosher food, Hebrew books, and other religious necessities were hard to come by, especially outside major cities. In such circumstances, Jewish communities focused their limited resources on major holidays like Passover or the High Holy Days. Minor festivals—including Hanukkah—often received little attention.

The holiday's transformation in the U.S. began slowly in the mid-19th century. One early milestone came in 1840, when Penina Moise, a Jewish poet and Sunday school teacher in Charleston, South Carolina, wrote an English-language Hanukkah hymn. She used Hanukkah as a symbol of steadfast Jewish commitment in the face of pressure to assimilate or convert. Her hymn, published in her congregation's songbook, became popular in Jewish communities across the country for decades and helped kindle a sense of pride and identity around the holiday.

A more significant shift occurred after the Civil War, when Rabbis Max Lilienthal and Isaac M. Wise—leaders of the growing Reform movement—introduced special Hanukkah programs for children. Inspired in part by Christmas celebrations, they created festive Hanukkah assemblies that included storytelling, candle lighting, hymns, and treats. As editors of national Jewish publications, they encouraged congregations around the country to adopt similar practices. Their efforts reframed Hanukkah as a joyful, child-friendly celebration and helped spread the holiday's observance throughout American synagogues.

Hanukkah's evolution accelerated in the early 20th century as American culture became increasingly shaped by Christmas, especially its domestic rituals and gift exchanges. For the 2.3 million Jewish immigrants who arrived between 1881 and 1924, giving children gifts in December became a way to participate in American culture and signal upward mobility. By choosing to place these gifts within Hanukkah rather than Christmas celebrations, Jewish families expressed both their American identity and their loyalty to Judaism. Gift-giving during Hanukkah became a symbolic bridge between integration and distinctiveness.



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After World War II, suburbanization brought new pressures. Jewish children in public schools often found themselves among small minorities and were frequently encouraged—or required—to participate in Christmas pageants and activities. In response, Jewish parents advocated for their children's religious freedom and simultaneously expanded Hanukkah celebrations at home. Decorations, nightly gifts, family parties, and enriched synagogue programming all became more common. National Jewish organizations and advertisers further promoted Hanukkah as a vibrant domestic holiday.



By the late 20th and early 21st centuries, Hanukkah had taken on multiple functions in American Jewish life. It provided a meaningful way to assert Jewish identity during a season dominated by Christian imagery, strengthened family bonds, and offered children a festive experience parallel to that of their peers. In many interfaith families, it also served as a harmonious shared celebration. Although still a minor holiday in traditional Jewish law, Hanukkah has become a major cultural and religious touchstone for American Jews.

Greetings to Use

- English: "Happy Hanukkah!", "Wishing you a joyful Festival of Lights!", "Happy Hanukkah! Sending light and love".
- Hebrew:
  - Hanukkah Sameach (Chah-nu-KAH sah-MAY-ach) - Happy Hanukkah.
  - Chag Sameach (Chahg sah-MAY-ach) - Happy Holiday.
  - Chag Urim Sameach (Chahg oo-REEM sah-MAY-ach) - Happy Festival of Lights.

How to Show Support & Be a Good Neighbor

- Avoid Comparison: Don't call it the "Jewish Christmas"; it's a distinct holiday celebrating miracles and light.
- Learn the Basics: Understand it's the Festival of Lights, about the miracle of the oil in the Temple, not a major gift-giving holiday (though many give gifts now).
- Respect Individual Practice: Ask them how they celebrate; traditions vary.
- Bring Thoughtful Treats: Oily foods are traditional, so jelly doughnuts (sufganiyot) or latkes (potato pancakes) are great gifts if you're invited over.
- Acknowledge the Light: Focus on themes

Never Bored in Springdale

AT THE LIBRARY: ["We read to know that we are not alone." C.S. Lewis]

Story Time - Every Wednesday @ 10:30AM

To access the Town's December newsletter with lots of information about Town happenings: < https://www.springdaletown.com/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/230>

Dec 9, Tuesday, 8am, CCC, High Fitness, more details: <https://www.springdaletown.com/Calendar.aspx?EID=5597&month=11&year=2025&day=17&calType=0

Dec 9, Tuesday, 10am, CCC, Yoga More info: < https://www.springdaletown.com/Calendar.aspx?EID=5603&month=11&year=2025&day=10&calType=0

Dec 9, Tuesday, 2pm, CCC, weekly, knitting, crochet, craft group

Dec 10, Wednesday, 4pm, Teen Time, D&D w/ Rae, see page 11

Dec 10, Wednesday, 2pm, CCC, Alcoholic Anonymous

Dec 11, Thursday, 11am-4pm, CCC, Wrapping Party. All are welcome to help wrap presents for those in need. They often finish early, so if you want to help, best get there more like 11 than 4.

Dec 11, Thursday, 4pm, Library, After School Club, Group Game, see Page 11.

Dec 11, Thursday, 5pm, every 2nd Thursday, Jr D&D Club, see page 12

Dec 12, Friday, 10am, CCC, Yoga

Dec 12, Friday, 4pm, Bumbleberry Theater, Free Movie, *Elf*. (Then watch the Light Parade!)

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Dec 12, Friday, 7-9pm, Light Parade and Sweets Social, LAST FEW DAYS TO REGISTER FLOATS, see page 14 or Details: https://www.springdaletown.com/Calendar.aspx?EID=5614&month=12&year=2025&day=17&calType=0

Dec 14, Sunday, 8:30 am, CCC, Catholic Service, every Sunday

Dec 15, Monday, 6:30 pm, CCC, Alcoholics Anonymous

Dec 16, Tuesday, 8am, CCC, High Fitness

Dec 16, Tuesday, 10am, CCC, Yoga

Dec 16, Tuesday, 2pm, CCC, weekly, knitting, crochet, craft group

Dec 17, Wednesday, 2pm, CCC, Alcoholic Anonymous

Dec 17, Wednesday, 4pm, Library, Tween Book Club discussing Little Women by Alcott, see page 10

Dec18, Thursday, 4pm, Library & CCC, After School Club, Holiday Craft

Dec 18, Thursday, 5pm, Library Paint Night, 18+, free, materials provided, but register, see page10.

Dec 18, Thursday, 5pm, Library, Story Time with Santa

Dec 18, Thursday, 6pm, Bumbleberry Theater, Elementary School Christmas Program, see page 13

Dec 19, Friday, 10am, CCC, Yoga

Dec 19. Friday, 3:30-5:30pm, CCC, Kids Paint & Games with Twisted Arts, limited spaces, $20, register at <https://bit.ly/paintnight1219>

Dec 19, Friday, 6pm, Bumbleberry Theater, Free movie sing-a-long, *White Christmas*

Dec 20, Saturday, 10am, Jolley-Gifford Cemetery, Wreaths Across America, short ceremony followed by placing wreaths on Veteran's headstones

Dec 21, Sunday, 8:30 am, CCC, Catholic Service, every Sunday

Dec 22, Monday, 6pm, Bumbleberry Theater, Free movie, *The Grinch*

Dec 22, Monday, 6:30 pm, CCC, Alcoholics Anonymous

Dec 23, Tuesday, 8am, CCC, High Fitness

Dec 23, Tuesday, 10am, CCC, Yoga

Dec 23, Tuesday, 2pm, CCC, weekly, knitting, crochet, craft group

Dec 24, Wednesday, 2pm, CCC, Alcoholic Anonymous

Dec 28, Sunday, 8:30 am, CCC, Catholic Service, every Sunday

Dec 29, Monday, 6:30 pm, CCC, Alcoholics Anonymous

Dec 30, Tuesday, 8am, CCC, High Fitness

Dec 30, Tuesday, 10am, CCC, Yoga

Dec 30, Tuesday, 2pm, CCC, weekly, knitting, crochet, craft group

Dec 31, Wednesday, 2pm, CCC, Alcoholic Anonymous

Dec 31, Wednesday, 6pm, CCC, New Year's Eve Celebration

Z-Arts upcoming events: https://www.zarts.org/event-list

For Lion's Club: https://www.springdaletown.com/290/Zion-Canyon-Lions-Club

For Zion Animal Lovers (ZAL): https://www.springdaletown.com/310/Zion-Animal-Lovers-ZAL

For a great listing of community events with links to greater details: <https://www.springdaletown.com/calendar.aspx>

Information about Wellness and Fitness Classes: <https://www.springdaletown.com/458/Wellness-Fitness-Classes>

Events at Bumbleberry Theater: <https://www.springdaletown.com/458/Wellness-Fitness-Classes>

Winds of Change

Springdale is losing Aren Emerson as Town Clark, who is replaced by Robyn Romero. In addition, Rick Wixom, Town Manager, will be leaving us February 10, 2026. *The Springdale Sun* has had only limited interaction with each of these individuals but found them all knowledgeable, helpful, and efficient and wishes them well in their next stage of life.
Aren and Rick will be missed. Congratulations to Robyn.

With Change There Is Opportunity

From the Springdale Community Forum: Darci Carlson, Robyn Chancey, Jude Figlo, Adrian Player

The Springdale Community Forum (SCF) is an all-volunteer, non-partisan group dedicated to fostering community engagement and ongoing civic dialogue with our local public officials. In part, we achieve this by creating opportunities for citizens to gather and meet with these representatives so their voices and concerns can be heard and discussed in an open and respectful environment. Our first organized event was "Meet the Candidates" program that was very well attended. In advance of the meeting, the SCF received well over 120 questions from the community. Thus, demonstrating a clear desire by our citizens to be involved in local matters.

Another aspect of our work is to raise awareness of issues or upcoming changes in our government that will significantly impact our day to day lives here in Springdale. To that end, the SCF would like to acknowledge the upcoming retirement of Mr. Rick Wixom, Town Manager. We thank him for his contributions to the town of Springdale and appreciate his dedication and years of service to our town. At the same time, we want to highlight the critical role the Town Manager has in shaping the character and dynamics of our town as we look towards the future.

The Town Manager is not an elected position but one that is vetted and hired by the Town Council and Mayor. It is not term limited. It is a pivotal position that is both operational and strategic. As managers, they are responsible for overseeing the day to day business of local governments including managing financial and human resources and overseeing the execution of essential community services. As leaders, they also guide the vision and long-term strategic planning for the communities they serve.

Given the significant impact this position will have on our community, the SCF has submitted a letter to the Mayor and Town Council for their consideration of the following:

- Prioritize a Thorough Search Over Speed: This is the first time in several decades that town officials can seek new leadership that can bring a breadth of different experiences and new perspectives. Given the towns' future challenges, it is critical that the selection process is thoughtful and given the necessary time needed to select the right candidate.
- Cast a Wide, National Net: This is a high-profile, desirable position. This person will not only be an important figurehead for the town, but also a key role model for staff. This is a unique opportunity to shape the leadership for years to come. We should not limit the search for experienced and exceptionally qualified candidates to our area or even Utah.
- Acknowledge Springdale's Growth: Since Mr. Wixom was hired, Springdale has witnessed significant growth and transformation. The challenges and opportunities facing our community today require a strong leader suited to this reality and one that demonstrates resiliency and creative thinking.
- Maximize Transparency and Communication: The Town Manager is not only an important ally and resource for the Council, but also for the citizens of Springdale. As such, there is a strong desire for members of the community to be informed of the process and perhaps provide guidance given their experience in executive level management. This is a unique opportunity to demonstrate the commitment of town officials to transparency by sharing their vision and the ongoing progress in filling this pivotal position.

The SCF stands ready to support the Mayor and Town Council as they begin this search. We encourage our fellow citizens to share your perspectives—whether directly with the Mayor and Town Council or with the SCF, as we work together as a strong collective voice for the community.

The Springdale Community Forum is planning our next event in April. Our goal is to have a Town Hall meeting where citizens will be able to ask our Mayor and Town Council questions directly. We hope to have the new Town Manager introduced and join in this meeting as well. We look forward to seeing you there for another informative engagement.

Planning Commission Meeting Recap

The Planning Commission met last Wednesday. They approved enhanced buffering zones between commercial use properties and residential use properties.

They discussed whether to change the 2 acres next to Town Hall that the town recently purchased from residential zoning to public use zoning. They spent some time discussing whether a medical center was an appropriate use of public use land and whether putting a 4000 square foot medical center on the land would have too great a negative impact on the surrounding area; they appreciated the proposed look of structures for that parcel. Having determined the impact was minimal, and the medical clinic falls within appropriate use of public land, they approved the zone change. They also approved allowing medical offices, drugstores, pharmacies, medical clinics as appropriate uses for public lands.

The American Planning Association states, "Public uses of land should not be given special privilege over private uses of land except when there is **clear necessity for essential** public facilities." and further explains, "**Essential services address a clear need** for public facilities like libraries, [medical clinics], fire stations, etc." Though the medical clinic was determined to fall within the appropriate use of public land, zero discussion was given to whether the medical center was clearly needed.

It was pointed out that citizens (J Zambella, and M. and J. Gregoric) had written letters about the topic, but no time was spent discussing the concerns of those citizens which included:

- **Undermines the General Plan and FLUM (Future Land Use Map)**
  - Repeated zone-change attempts on this parcel contradict the intent of the General Plan.
  - The proposed uses are not aligned with the FLUM's call for higher-density residential and *small-scale* commercial; instead, the Town proposes large quasi-commercial facilities without any residential components.
- **Inconsistency and Unequal Treatment**
  - Private property owners (e.g., Starnes/ Madsen, Mike Lang, Justin Maebe) have previously been denied similar requests on this same parcel.
  - Approving the Town's request—after the Town purchased land with inappropriate zoning—creates a double standard.
- **Premature and Improper Land Acquisition**
  - The Town "jumped the gun" by buying land that was not zoned for public use development.
  - A private buyer would not be allowed to purchase first and ask for zoning changes later.
- **Lack of a Complete and Credible Development Plan**
  - Future uses presented by the Town are speculative and rhetorical.
  - Private applicants must submit full phased plans before any zone change is considered; the Town should meet the same standard.
- **Proposed Uses Do Not Meet Mixed-Use Requirements**
  - The Town cites "mixed use" as justification, but the proposal offers *no* residential uses and instead increases government and quasi-commercial facilities.
  - A 4,000 sq ft building and a transit hub exceed "small-scale commercial" intent and are incompatible with the surrounding neighborhood.
- **Unnecessary or Misguided Public Facilities**
  - Medical facilities often operate in the red, and expansion is unnecessary when existing properly zoned public-use parcels are available.
  - A new post office is described as impractical and a poor long-term investment given USPS's uncertain future.
- **Better Alternatives Exist**
  - The Town already holds multiple parcels from the Ferber Development agreements, including a Village Commercial lot suitable for a medical clinic.
  - The current VR-zoned parcel would be better aligned with the General Plan if used for employee or low-income housing and genuinely small-scale commercial.
- **Preservation of Community Character**
  - Expanding government facilities and staff counters the goal of maintaining the town's village atmosphere.
  - More housing and appropriately scaled commercial activity would better serve community needs.

E Cutler's Editorial comments about the preceding PC Mtg recap:

Without making any judgments about the comments submitted by Springdale residents, it is absolutely clear that those comments should have been addressed. No matter how grateful I am for the Planning Commission's time and dedication, this level of dismissiveness toward public input is intolerable.

Additionally, the Commission was instructed by staff to consider whether the proposed medical clinic (and the Post Office, new Town Hall, etc.) were appropriate uses within the Public Use zoning. They clearly are. **Staff should also have directed the Commission to consider whether there is an actual *need* for those uses**—which is far from obvious—before approving a zone change. Whether this omission was a staff oversight or an assumption that Commissioners would already know to evaluate need, I cannot say. What I do know is that a decision was made with only half the necessary analysis, and the most critical half wasn't even acknowledged. Had the Commissioners fully understood and respected the public's comments, they would have addressed that point as a matter of course.

I wish I didn't care so much about things like this. Or maybe I wish TC and PC cared more???

A Remarkable Little Fish in Springdale's Backyard

The **Virgin River spinedace** may be tiny—usually only 2–3 inches long—but it's one of the most distinctive creatures in the shallow runs and pools of the Virgin River near Springdale. Found nowhere else but the Virgin River system,



this silvery, quick-moving fish has survived conditions that would challenge most freshwater species, making it one of the desert's quiet success stories.

Built for Extreme Waters

The spinedace is remarkably tolerant of **warm, shallow water**, often thriving in summer temperatures that push toward 80°F. Its streamlined body and rapid, darting swimming style help it navigate shifting sandbars and the fast, unpredictable flows that define desert rivers. It favors gentle currents, gravel bottoms, and pockets of aquatic vegetation where it can slip out of sight when predators pass.

Its diet is just as adaptable. Spinedace feed on a shifting mix of aquatic insects, algae, and drifting organic material—flexibility that helps them ride out seasonal changes and the sudden surges of food (and silt) that follow storms. During spring floods, they take advantage of temporarily expanded habitat, exploring new foraging areas before retreating to quieter backwaters as flows recede.

Rare but Hanging On

Once more widespread, the Virgin River spinedace now occupies scattered stretches of its former range due to drought, water diversion, and competition from invasive fish. Even so, restoration work in Zion and its watershed has helped the species stabilize and, in some cases, rebound—proof that small interventions can have big effects.

Why Springdale Still Matters

Residents of Springdale play a subtle but vital role simply by living near one of the species' last strongholds. Clean water, intact riverbanks, and respectful recreation all support the conditions spinedace need to persist. Their presence just outside town is a point of local pride: a native species that survives precisely because this reach of the Virgin River still functions as a living, dynamic system.

A Springdale-Specific Tidbit

The Virgin River spinedace can endure **sudden, dramatic swings in water flow** caused by flash-flood pulses—changes that can unfold within minutes in Zion's slot canyons. Because the Narrows and nearby drainages funnel stormwater so quickly, the spinedace has evolved to withstand abrupt transitions from calm, ankle-deep water to surging, sediment-laden currents. Its body shape and fin placement help it hold position in turbulence, and it can retreat into tiny cobble cracks or patches of submerged vegetation until the river settles.

Why That Matters Here

Springdale sits just below some of the most efficient flash-flood channels in the region. The spinedace's ability to thrive in this unpredictable hydrology means the fish is **perfectly adapted to the same river behavior Springdale residents witness each summer**—sudden rises, murky pulses, and rapid drop-offs.

In other words, **the same forces that shape Springdale's riverbanks have shaped the spinedace itself**—a small, resilient fish perfectly tuned to its extraordinary home.



What's the difference between a piano and a fish?
You can tune a piano but you can't tuna fish.

What did one fish say to the other?
Keep your mouth shut and you won't get caught.



Let's Change the Rules of Procedure at Town Council Meetings
Another Opportunity for Improved Communication

op ed by E Cutler

At a recent Town Council meeting, a resident raised concerns about the ongoing sewage situation during the public comment period. When Randy Aton began offering an explanation, Mayor Bruno cut him off, stating that it was not the appropriate time.

Here's the thing: it *could* have been the appropriate time. Allowing a brief explanation is entirely within the Mayor's discretion. While public comment is not the time for debate, short clarifying responses are absolutely acceptable. If the resident had replied to Randy with argumentative remarks, the Mayor could have then reminded everyone that debate is not permitted and that the topic could be placed on a future agenda for fuller discussion.

More recently, during the portion of the meeting reserved for citizens' questions, a speaker was so concise that her inquiry wasn't entirely clear. The council asked her to return to the podium and restate her question. About twenty seconds into her clarification, the Mayor interrupted to say it sounded more like a comment than a question.

Another time, a resident spoke thoughtfully about the lengthy delay in addressing a water-usage inequity. Her remarks were cogent and well expressed, yet the only response she received was a perfunctory "Thank you."

In all of these situations—and many more—the response could have been more human, more conversational, and more conducive to mutual respect. Exchanges could have included brief information, acknowledgment, or clarification. Instead, each instance carried an unmistakable feeling of "us vs. them." When the Rules of Procedure begin to obstruct transparency, communication, and respect for citizen input, they warrant reconsideration.

The State of Utah does not dictate the specifics of those rules—only that they exist and be followed. One particularly frustrating feature of Springdale's Rules of Procedure is that citizens are given no opportunity to respond after the council deliberates.

All of these issues are fixable. Sometimes a procedure needs rewriting; other times, it simply needs to be carried out with a little more humanity. Some ordinances explicitly state that a council "need not respond" to public comment. But "need not" is not the same as "must not." Many councils choose to offer a brief response, ask for clarification, or refer the matter to staff—while still avoiding extended debate or decision-making in that moment.

TSS maintains that there is a world of difference between *no* response and *extended* debate. That middle ground is called courtesy—genuine, basic courtesy—and a desire to make citizens feel valued and heard.

Minimal changes would make a significant difference:

- allowing brief, respectful responses from council to comments and questions;
- showing flexibility when distinguishing between a comment and a question;
- permitting limited follow-up from citizens after council deliberation.

A long-time Springdale resident reminded us that decades ago, council meetings were so unruly that police attendance became necessary. Perhaps today's caution is a reaction to that contentious past. Certainly, decorum and civility must be maintained. But again, there is a considerable difference between offering respectful engagement and allowing a meeting to devolve into disorder.

Courtesy—and a genuine desire to make those who speak feel heard—does not threaten order. It strengthens trust.

[As always, your remarks, observations, and opinions are welcome.]

$50.00 offered for bio's about any person in town if ***The Springdale Sun*** prints it.

DeZion Gallery Joins the Mass Blackout (of the Corporate Overlords) and Then Some



In the spirit of the Mass Blackout (Nov 25–Dec 2), where we collectively take a cozy little break from feeding the corporate overlords their seasonal feast of profit-margins and questionable ethics, we decided to join in — and then go a step further.
Here at the gallery, we're rolling out a holiday sale exclusively for cash-carrying patrons.
Yes. You read that right. Cash.
The original off-grid currency.
The analog hero.
The jingly little symbol of independence in your pocket.

Bring cash, get the Deal!
Credit Cards? Cute, we still love you, and still No Deal
Get it?
Got it?
Good-O!!!
We're doing this partly out of solidarity… and partly because, let's be honest, every small business owner is one unfair transaction fee away from screaming into a decorative wreath. So let's keep it simple, keep it human, and keep more resources in the actual community — you know, where real art and real people live.

WHEN:
• Mass Blackout sale: Nov 25 – Dec 2
• Our extended CASH-ONLY Holiday Deal: **all the way to Dec 25...** because we're festive like that!

WHY:
Because we love you.
Because artists deserve better.
Because VISA et al. already has enough yachts.
Because community > corporations.
And because it feels extremely punk-rock to say "cash only" during the holidays in a National Park Gateway Town.
So grab your mittens, your good cheer, and your little green paper friends, and come snag some art that was made by actual humans.

TWEEN BOOK CLUB

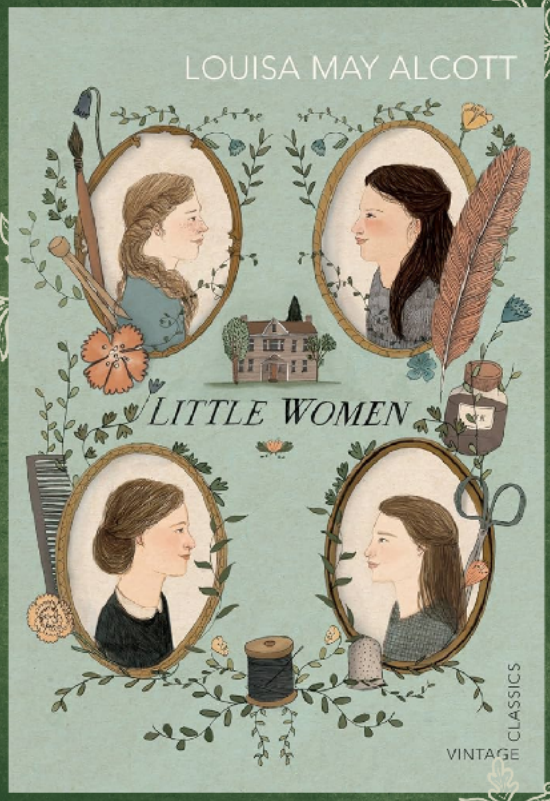
[AT] THE SPRINGDALE LIBRARY

Discussion of

Little Women

By Louisa May Alcott

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17TH [AT] 4:00PM



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SPRINGDALE ELEMENTARY'S

HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Please come join us for Springdale Elementary's annual Holiday Program held at the Bumbleberry Theater.

December 18, 2025

6:00 PM
FREE ENTRY

Springdale Elementary would like to thank Bumbleberry for hosting this event!

897 Zion Park Blvd. Springdale Utah

JOY TO THE WORLD

ANNUAL

Light Parade & Sweets Social

DECEMBER 12 AT 7 PM

PARADE STARTS ON CANYON SPRINGS DR., ONTO SR-9 TOWARD ZNP, LEFT ON LION BLVD. TO THE CANYON COMMUNITY CENTER. SWEETS SOCIAL AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER FOLLOWING PARADE.

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