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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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Looking Forward: the Springdale Community Forum

In October of 2025, the Springdale Community Forum (SCF) was created to provide a non-partisan, fair, and open space for civic dialogue between candidates and residents during the municipal election cycle. The SCF was proud to organize and execute the successful *Meet the Candidates Night* program.

With the election over, the SCF has re-tooled its purpose statement to better align with the group's focus moving forward. The new purpose statement reads: "*The Springdale Community Forum is a volunteer-led, nonpartisan group created to foster fair, open civic dialogue. Through events and gatherings, we seek to encourage community members to engage with each other and public officials to cultivate a deeper understanding of, and involvement in, the issues that shape our town.*"

SCF is pleased to announce that Merle Peifer, a long-time Springdale resident, has joined the Forum, alongside Robyn Chancey, Judith Figlo, Darci Carlson, and Adrian Player. Merle brings decades of lived experience and a deep understanding of Springdale's history, adding valuable perspective as the community continues to navigate important civic issues.

We're excited to share details about our next Springdale Community Forum event soon—stay tuned and be part of the conversation.

Robyn Chancey
803-215-9966



Martin Luther King

“Speaking words of wisdom…”

Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that.

If you can't fly then run, if you can't run then walk, if you can't walk then crawl, but whatever you do you have to keep moving forward.

It is always the right time to do the right thing.

May I stress the need for courageous, intelligent, and dedicated leadership... Leaders of sound integrity. Leaders not in love with publicity, but in love with justice. Leaders not in love with money, but in love with humanity. Leaders who can subject their particular egos to the greatness of the cause.

You don't have to see the whole staircase, just take the first step.

The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy.

I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character.

Everyone has the power for greatness, not for fame but greatness, because greatness is determined by service.

The SILENCE of the good people is more DANGEROUS than the BRUTALITY of the bad people

Use me, God. Show me how to take who I am, who I want to be, and what I can do, and use it for a purpose greater than myself.

We may have all come on different ships, but we're in the same boat now.

I have decided to stick with love. Hate is too great a burden to bear.

Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter.

The surest way to be happy is to seek happiness for others.

Never, never be afraid to do what's right, especially if the well-being of a person or animal is at stake. Society's punishments are small compared to the wounds we inflict on our soul when we look the other way.

History will have to record that the greatest tragedy of this period of social transition was not the strident clamor of the bad people, but the appalling silence of the good people. Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly. He who passively accepts evil is as much involved in it as he who helps to perpetrate it. He who accepts evil without protesting against it is really cooperating with it.

The richer we have become materially, the poorer we become morally and spiritually. We have learned to fly in the air like birds and swim in the sea like fish, but we have not learned the simple art of living together as brothers.

Life's most persistent and urgent question is, 'What are you doing for others?’

If you can't be a sun, be a star. For it isn't by size that you win or fail. Be the best of whatever you are.

The difference between a dreamer and a visionary is that a dreamer has his eyes closed and a visionary has his eyes open

Be The Peace You Wish To See In The World!

No work is insignificant. All labor that uplifts humanity has dignity

Peace is not simply the absence of conflict, but the existence of justice for all people.

Grounding: Reconnecting to the Earth

by Debi Keys

Grounding for Better Health
In a world filled with screens, schedules, and stress, one of the most powerful wellness tools is also the simplest—and free. It's called **grounding**, or **earthing**, and it's as natural as taking your shoes off and stepping outside.

What Is Grounding?
Grounding involves direct contact between your body and the Earth—bare feet on grass, dirt, sand, or natural stone. The idea is simple: the Earth carries a subtle electrical charge, and when we connect with it, that energy may help balance our bodies, reduce inflammation, calm the nervous system, and support overall well-being.

Some people notice benefits—like reduced stress or better sleep—within minutes. For others, it may take days or weeks. As with most healthy habits, **consistency matters more than perfection**.

How Much Grounding Do You Need?
To start proper grounding, aim for **15–30 minutes daily**, building gradually as your body adapts.

Recommended Timelines & Tips:

- **Starting Out:** Begin with 10–15 minutes and work up to 30–60 minutes a day.
- **For Deeper Benefits:** Longer and more consistent sessions tend to bring greater stress and inflammation relief.
- **Break It Up:** Try 15 minutes in the morning and 15 in the evening if needed.
- **Consistency Is Key:** Regular grounding helps your body respond more quickly.
- **Listen to Your Body:** Start slow and increase time based on how you feel.
- **Choose Safe Surfaces:** Grass, sand, and clean dirt are ideal. Avoid contaminated areas.

Why We're Lucky to Live Here
Living in **Zion** gives us a remarkable opportunity to ground naturally. Walking *cautiously* barefoot along the Virgin River, standing on cool red rock, or resting your feet on clean desert sand connects you not only to the Earth—but to the beauty around you. These moments can be deeply calming, restorative, and grounding in every sense of the word.

The Bottom Line, Grounding is a gentle reminder that health doesn't always require something new—sometimes it's about reconnecting with something ancient. Your body knows what to do when given the chance.

Now, go take off your shoes. Step outside. And let the Earth do what it's always done best—support you.

— **Debs~**

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Heavens Above!!

I (Pat Campbell) hiked to scouts overlook to get some shots of angels landing. I was excited to see that Orions constellation was lined up nicely with it. If you look closely you can see orions nebula, and to the left, the faint outline of rosette nebula. I sat up there for an hour just letting the camera do its work. (from his facebook post)

New Writer's Club

If you are interested in joining a writer's club, tentatively called, Scribblers, see you at 650 Watchman Dr this Thursday, January 22, at 2:30 pm.

Once There Was a Town Council Meeting

by E Cutler

An outline of all the agenda items and their resolutions is on page 8. The first item for discussion in this article is C2: whether to change the property next to town hall that the town recently purchased from residential zoning to public use zoning. There were three letters written to Council available in last week's TSS and here: <https://www.springdaletown.com/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Agenda/_01142026-1028?html=true>. For a summary of points made in the three citizen letters, see page 8

There were also citizens at the meeting to dissuade council from making that change. There are at least two necessary reasons to make a change to public use zoning. One is that the intended use is appropriate for public use, another reason is there is compelling need for that intended use. Some citizens felt that a medical clinic was not an appropriate entity for public use lands, and pretty much everyone against the zone change felt that the need for a medical clinic had little to no substantiation.

There was public input, public questioning, then council deliberations which went on for nearly half an hour in total. That discussion was pretty much cut off when, the town's lawyer, Mr. Hardman, let us know that the land was purchased "under threat of condemnation" which is the legal first step towards a government entity using their right of eminent domain. Long story short, if we didn't change the zoning we would be in breach of contract. (They couldn't have led with that? No, no, they should have, back when the decision to purchase was being considered, sought public input. Three of the current council members were involved in this transaction.)

What was the point of people doing research, taking the time to voice their opinions (see pg 6), showing up, bothering to care, when it was a done deal? And when people obviously did care, why was there no communication to tell them discussion would be irrelevant? **And why, in the name of even a minimal respect for the community, was public input not sought and encouraged before the decision was made? Why was a highly publicized town hall not held?** It is not a light thing to 'take' a citizen's property, well, **force** them to sell. That is what Springdale did — without input from Springdalians.

We can argue the merits of that use of eminent domain, whether it was appropriate (or bullying), etc. But there are no merits to the lack of transparency and public input when it was being done. If I am missing something here, please advise and inform. Mayor? Jack? Randy? And don't tell me you didn't have to. We know that. You certainly ***could*** have and why wouldn't you want to?

One can churn out town newsletters praising the council's transparency, but no amount of ink can cover the lack of it. Transparency is demonstrated through actions, not articles.

This Worked Out Well

It was highly encouraging that the next item on the agenda, to make medical clinics, pharmacies, and drugstores permitted uses on Public Use lands, was tabled. Those uses are currently only allowed on commercial properties, probably because they are usually, ya know, commercial establishments. The deliberation had not proceeded very far when, out of the blue, a motion was made to table. A motion is usually not made until you can tell how council is leaning, often after the Mayor asks for one. I applaud Kyla Topham for making that motion before even a hint of possible majority had emerged. In the years I've been watching these meetings, I have not seen that happen before. It passed unanimously. That was the right call. Thank you to all of them with special kudos to Kyla. *(Kudos to Kyla* - sounds like a good book title for young adult fiction.)

I think a future issue will be a better place for why that was the right call. I know, you can hardly wait. Try to contain yourselves.

Shedding More Light

Another point that needs clarification is the discussion around planning for the future. All of the points raised focused on factors that make the need for a medical center seem inevitable—such as increased visitation and population growth in Springdale (more on that shortly). However, there are also significant future considerations that point in the opposite direction:

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- I was amazed that no one brought up the information given by the Fire District representative in regards to a new hospital coming to Hurricane across from Walmart with a strong increase in emergency support and availability
- The east side of ZNP is on the verge of explosion and the more competition, the lower Springdale tourist attendance will be
- Virgin, Toquerville, La Verkin, and Hurricane are all much greater sources of competition for nightly rentals than they used to be and that competition is likely to increase.
- There is increasing use of mail for receiving medications
- There is increasing use of FaceTime type of interactions for medical care, including in the mental health care field
- There are studies ongoing of how to control visitation including reservation systems which have worked well for popular hikes like Angel's Landing, limiting daily use on specific areas, maybe even park wide caps
- There are plans in the works to expand recreational use outside the most used part of ZNP which is from the south entrance to the east entrance plus the scenic drive.
- if TC members are correct and Springdale continues to see tourism increase, it will become less and less attractive as a place to call home. If people are less attracted to come here, and, as we all know, we already have an older population that is only going to decrease, the population may see a significant downturn. Already, we've seen people move to be closer to medical care (not just a clinic).
- The 700 population they quoted is unlikely to be accurate. Springdale has already seen cycles of population decline.
- I bet there are others I didn't think of.

Mayor Bruno said she read that Springdale's population was now 700, stating she had read it in a county document. I checked with Washington County and there is no such document. If you do a google search or any AI search you will get many estimates based on the most recent census (2020 when it was 514-521, even that varies) and calculated using various assumptions all of which yielded results between upper 500's and lower 600's. One website,<https://utah.hometownlocator.com/ut/washington/springdale.cfm> which looks official but it is definitely not associated with Washington County, They do not clarify what metrics they are using. They also said the average family size was four with no definition of family. Assuming they used the census definition, (two or more people living in the same domicile and related by marriage, blood, or adoption), that number is not possible. We all know we have way too many two-person families for that four assumption to be valid. I think their estimates are less accurate than others. The 100 person difference is not really worth getting one's knickers in a bunch but the way things are stated as having some basis in fact when it supports one's personal agenda, does, well, chafe.

And, There's More, including:

1. the contract with Family Health,
2. the Annual Financial Report — lots there
3. 4 of the TC members and the contents of a letter from Rick Wixom
4. asking a citizen for another copy of something he said he had sent them twice before,
5. the letters from citizens and council deliberations
6. comments about overcrowding in the CCC

I will conclude, for this issue, with the contract with Family Health and take other items up in other issues. I've got to put this baby to bed. (I also need to get The Springdale Sun out — notice what I did there?)

When asked if there were any guarantees that Family Health would make use of the medical clinic if built, Springdale's lawyer, Mr. Hardman, said as long as the contract was in force, then, yes, they knew the contract meant they would take over the new clinic with rent at the going rate. When asked how long the contract was for, after checking his papers, he said, "Three years from Nov. 2023." It's up this year, IN A FEW MONTHS (they do have the right to renew, but do not have the obligation to do so) In other words, there are no, zero, nada guarantees that we even have someone to use the proposed facility.

How did we get here? Certainly not with public scrutiny or input.

Okay, okay, one more quick, kinda funny, one, number 3. So, at the meeting, Pat Campbell asked a question about the floor plan for the proposed clinic, a floor plan included in the letter Rick Wixom had written to Town Council members. Rick said he didn't think there was a floor plan there; the other members of town council seemed befuddled. I had previously made a GRAMA request for that letter and voila! I received, among other things, the medical center floor plan to the right. (more legible version on page 15) I suppose they could have inadvertently sent me more than they sent Town Council but I just asked for the same letter that was sent to town council with all the attachments. Is a puzzlement!!!



Little Sister Had a Book Launch Day

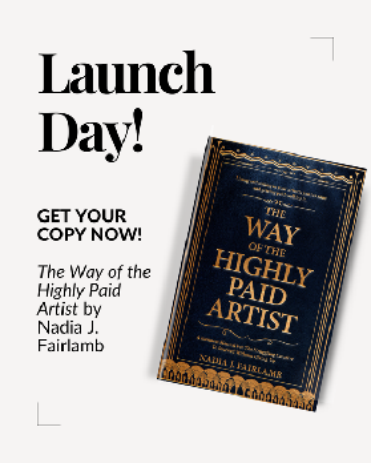
I have no idea if you're interested in hearing about this or not; however, I'm ridiculously thrilled to announce that my **amazingly talented** little sister, Nadia Fairlamb, Artist Extraordinaire, is now a freakin' **published author!**

Today (Jan 13, too late to get in last week's Sun) is her launch day and is currently live on Amazon as I type this!

You can find her book, *The Way of the Highly Paid Artist* here: https://www.amazon.com/dp/B0GG9LJ289/

I sure hope y'all will enjoy this; I know I will!

~Tina (Fairlamb) xoxoo



You bet we're interested. What thrills one member of our community, thrills us all. Congratulations, Nadia!

Comments Made at Town Council Meeting and Well Worth Reading

Thank you, Mayor and Council members.

I want to be clear about my position. I support access to medical care in Springdale, and I support maintaining a clinic here. What I do not support — at least not based on what has been presented — is the assumption that our town requires a brand-new 4,000-square-foot medical facility on newly rezoned land

In my view, the Town moved too quickly to a preferred solution without adequately evaluating alternatives. Modifying the existing medical building, renovating it, expanding it, or even replacing it on the same site all appear to be viable options that were never meaningfully analyzed in a public, data-driven way. Instead, the Town appears to have decided first that a new facility was necessary, then moved forward with acquiring land, pursuing rezoning, and now amending Public Use zoning to allow additional uses. That sequence puts the cart before the horse.

I have not seen clear metrics presented publicly — such as resident utilization rates, projected resident demand, or cost-benefit comparisons between renovation and new construction — that would justify a permanent zoning change and a new municipal facility.

I am also concerned about **who this facility is primarily intended to serve**. Springdale is a small town. While we host millions of visitors each year, our residents should not be expected to bear the long-term land-use, financial, and policy consequences of facilities designed primarily to support tourism demand. That distinction has not been clearly addressed.

There is also a significant **risk question** that has received little public discussion. The Town is proposing to purchase land, rezone it, construct a new building, and lease it to a single medical provider. What happens if that provider — Family Healthcare — later determines the operation is not financially viable and withdraws? The Town would then be left owning the land, the building, and the ongoing obligations, with limited alternative uses justified by the rezoning. That downside risk deserves transparent discussion before irreversible decisions are made.

My concerns were reinforced by the Planning Commission's review. Although the staff memo encouraged analysis of impacts, scale, alternatives, and long-range implications, the Commission's discussion focused almost entirely on whether the proposal met a minimum legal threshold under the General Plan. There was little examination of whether a zoning change was necessary at all, or whether less permanent tools could achieve the Town's stated goals.

A zoning map amendment is a permanent legislative act. It runs with the land and sets precedent, particularly when viewed alongside the Future Land Use Map, which designates multiple Valley Residential areas as Mixed Use. A Conditional Use Permit, or a phased, site-specific approach tied to demonstrated resident need and a secure operating agreement, appears to be a more proportional and responsible option, yet it received little to no consideration.

I respectfully ask the Council to slow this process down, to fully evaluate renovation or redevelopment of the existing site, to openly assess financial and operational risk, and to consider whether alternatives to rezoning better protect the Town and its residents. Regardless of the outcome tonight, I ask that these concerns be clearly reflected in the record.

Thank you.

Robyn Chancey

Never Bored in Springdale

AT THE LIBRARY: ["Think before you speak. Read before you think." Fran Lebowitz]

Story Time - Every Wednesday @ 10:30AM

To access the Town's January newsletter with lots of information about Town happenings: <https://www.springdaletown.com/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/232> (may have to cut and paste)

Jan 20, Tuesday, 8am, High Fitness, CCC, there is a cost

Jan 20, Tuesday, 10am, Yoga, CCC, cost

Jan 20, Tuesday, 2-4pm, Craft Group

Jan 20, Tuesday, 4pm, After School Club, craft, CCC, see pg 13

Jan 21, Wednesday, 4pm, Teen Time, library, game, see pg 11

Jan 21, Wednesday, 5pm, Planning Commission Public Hearing re:Banner Permits

Jan 22, Thursday, 5pm, A Night about the Stars, see pg 13

Jan 23, Friday, 10am, Yoga, CCC, cost

Jan 27, Tuesday, 8am, High Fitness, CCC, there is a cost

Jan 27, Tuesday, 10am, Yoga, CCC, cost

Jan 27, Tuesday, 2-4pm, Craft Group

Jan 27, Tuesday, 4pm, After School Club, science, CCC

Jan 28, Wednesday, 4pm, Teen Time, library, book club, discussing Sweep by J Auxier, see pg11

Jan 30, Friday, 10am, Yoga, CCC, cost

Jan 30, Friday, 2pm, Historic Zion Presentation, CCC, see pg 14

Feb 3, Tuesday, 8am, High Fitness, CCC, there is a cost

Feb 3, Tuesday, 10am, Yoga, CCC, cost

Feb 3, Tuesday, 2-4pm, Craft Group

Feb 11, Wednesday, 11:30am, Adult Book Club, discussing *Me Before You*, by Jojo Moyes, library

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://bumbleberry.com/springdale-utah-theater/>

Looking ahead: Springdale's 66th Birthday Party, March 6, Friday

Zion Chalk & Earth Fest, April 18

Concert in the Park, April 24, 6pm, at the Gazebo

March 4, Wednesday, noon, Bring Your Own Lunch-meet with the Mayor, CCC, which the Mayor will continue to have as long as people attend.



Spiritus Musica March 17, Tuesday, at the Nama-Sstay Retreat Center, 111 Juniper **Ln,** Springdale, from 6:30 to 10 pm.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/spiritus-musica-17th-march-nama-stay-retreat-center-zion-tickets-1980297457002?aff=oddtdtcreator&fbclid=IwY2xjawPajyFleHRuA2FlbQIxMQBzcnRjBmFwcF9pZBAyMjIwMzkxNzg4MjAwODkyAAEeX9HOnsGkOSBYdFsBI7lzYs7sWGsUFj2Z1cekLdEHwlio6PAgb9NOjqTZFlg_aem_cX2-PTzyUpKjpQUoNkNQeg>

I read recipes the same way I read science fiction. I get to the end and I think, "Well, *that's* not going to happen.

Summary of Points Made in the Three Citizen Comment Letters to Town Council about the proposed zoning change. This is what AI does best.

1. Process and Fairness
* The rezoning and code amendment were approved rapidly with minimal discussion, no design details, and little scrutiny.
* The process appeared to pre-select a medical use rather than openly evaluating the best use of Town-owned land.
* Town-initiated rezoning received less scrutiny than comparable private requests, raising equity and public-trust concerns.
* Major financial and policy decisions were made before meaningful public input or demonstrated need.
2. Definition and Scope of Public Use
* Redefining “Public Use” to include private clinics and pharmacies departs from traditional public-facility zoning.
* Public benefit alone does not justify PU zoning and may set a broad precedent.
* The rezoning allows for future, undefined public uses whose cumulative impacts have not been fully evaluated.
3. Demonstrated Need
* Available data does not show the existing clinic operating at capacity or turning patients away.
* Unfilled appointments and limited operating hours suggest operational, not space, constraints.
* The provider is still assessing community need, making permanent rezoning premature.
* Alternatives such as expanded hours, staffing, or service models were not fully explored.
4. Changing Healthcare Context
* Regional medical access has expanded, reducing reliance on a single local clinic.
* Rural healthcare trends favor centralized services, tele-health, and mobile care, potentially lowering long-term demand.
5. Financial Risk
* The Town has committed substantial funds before confirming need.
* Total project costs are high and increasing, with unclear long-term obligations.
* Clinic viability depends on uncertain funding sources and fluctuating tourism-based demand.
6. General Plan and Land Use Priorities
* While medical access is supported, the General Plan also calls for protecting residential areas and restraint in rezoning.
* The site is adjacent to neighborhoods, raising compatibility concerns.
* Housing and mixed-use alternatives aligned with long-identified community needs were not fully considered.
7. Overall Concern
* The central issue is whether current evidence justifies a permanent zoning change now, or whether the Town should pause, gather clearer data, evaluate alternatives, and engage the public before proceeding

Outline of Town Council Meeting-with Resolutions

Town Council Special & Regular Meeting Decisions
WEDNESDAY, January 14, 2026

SPECIAL MEETING
Approval of the Special Meeting agenda
A. Closed Session
1. Strategy Session to Discuss Pending or Reasonably Imminent Litigation.
2. Discussion of the Character, Professional Competence, or Physical or Mental Health of an Individual
B. Action Required by Closed Session
Approved Unanimously
C. Adjourn

Pledge of Allegiance
Oath of Office – Randy Aton

Approval of the Regular Meeting Agenda
Approved Unanimously

A. Announcements/Information/Community Questions/Presentations
1. General Announcements
Ryan Gubler:
- A Night About the Stars, 5PM-7PM , Community Center
- Virgin River Revegetation Project, Jan-31, 1 PM. Come plant native willows along the banks of the Virgin River! Bring gloves, warm clothes, water and prepare to get a little dirty!

2. Zion National Park Update – Superintendent Bradybaugh
Final visitation number: 5,006,025
2026 Budget-Omnibus Act approved hopefully by Jan-31
Hiring freeze still in effect, except for seasonal and emergency services

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Fee schedules have changed; new annual non-resident:

- Multi-park fee = $200
- Regular entrance fee + $100 for 4 adults (just in ZNP).

Tunnel Restrictions: Kane Co is seeking funds to upgrade the alternate route

3. Council Department Reports, Questions, and Comments
None

Fire District:
6,300 calls (7% increase); EMS was 70% of the calls; 30% of the calls for people out-of area
New medical facility coming to Hurricane
New station at Sand Hollow: Admin Bldg

4. Community Questions and Comments
The Mayor announced that community comments limited to 3 timed minutes
A resident requested 15 minutes before Council to present a neighbor issues; suggested submitting something to Counsel for review.
A resident was concerned that there was no public comment permitted on the community oversight committee.

B. Consent Agenda
1. 2026 Council member Committee Assignments.
2. Review of Monthly Purchasing Report.
3. Appointment of Jack Burns as Mayor pro tempore.
4. Reappointment of Bob Carlton to the Springdale Historic Preservation Commission.
5. Reappointment of Rich Levin to the Springdale Historic Preservation Commission.
Approved Unanimously

C. Legislative Items
1. Public Hearing: Ordinance 2025-19 Amending Chapter 10-18 of the Town Code by Adding a Requirement for Enhanced Buffering and Screening on Commercial Properties Adjacent to Residential Uses.
Staff Contact: Thomas Dansie.
Motion: Table to add an adjusted requirement for fencing
Approved Unanimously

2. Public Hearing: Zone Change from Valley Residential (VR) To Public Use (PU) On Parcel S-137-C, A Two-Acre Parcel Immediately Adjacent to the East of the Town Hall Property. Applicant: Town Of Springdale.
Staff Contact: Thomas Dansie.
Approved 4 to 1

3. Public Hearing: Ordinance 2025-20 Amending Chapter 10-7A of the Town Code by Adding Medical Offices, Drugstores, Pharmacies, and Medical Clinics as Permitted Uses in The PU Zone.
Staff Contact: Thomas Dansie.
Table to allow staff time to address issues raised regarding pharmacies in the PU Zone
Approved Unanimously

4. Ordinance Revision 2026-01: Changes to Section 6-2-9 Adding a Prohibition on Camping in a Vehicle Parked in the Public Right-of-Way.
Staff Contact: Thomas Dansie.
Approved Unanimously

D. Administrative Action Items
1. Consideration of a Proposal Made by Jeff McKee to Form a Community Oversight Committee.
Staff Contact: Greg Hardman.
Denied Unanimously

2. Audit Presentation for the FY 2024-2025 budget – Caleb Rees, Rees CPA.
Staff contact: Dawn Brecke.
Presentation only

3. Consideration and Possible Approval of an Engagement Letter from Rees CPA for Auditor Services for the Fiscal Year 2025-2026.
Staff contact: Dawn Brecke.
Approved Unanimously

4. Resolution 2026-01: Adopting a Revised Parking Zone Map for the Town of Springdale. Staff contact:Thomas Dansie.
Approved Unanimously

5. Resolution 2026-02: Amending the Fee Schedule to Include Solar Permits, Agricultural Use Permit, and Administrative Agricultural Use Permit.
Staff contact: Kyndal Sagers.
Approved Unanimously

6. Discussion and Possible Approval to Extend the Resignation Period of Town Manager Rick Wixom through March 31, 2026.
Approved Unanimously

E. Administrative Non-Action Items
None

1. General Council Discussion
None

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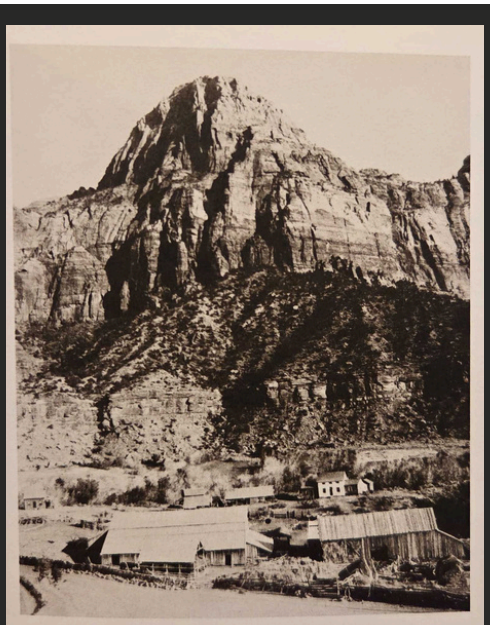
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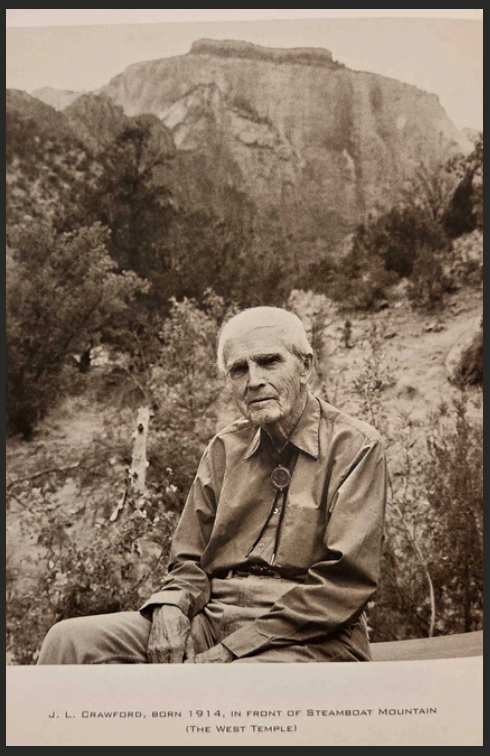
PIONEER VOICES OF ZION CANYON

BY EILEEN M. SMITH-CAVROS

"As we stood near the split of Left Hand Fork and Right Hand Fork in Oak Creek Canyon, we looked back down to the east and J.L. swept his arm across the 360 acres his family had owned when he was a boy. The delightful, trickling stream called Oak Creek ran through the middle of it. Only 14 acres had been suitable for farming. Most of the rest was too vertical or rocky. He showed me remnants of irrigation ditches... and expressed how much he loathed cleaning those ditches as a boy. He showed me where the ice pond had been, the magical place that lingered most of the day in canyon shadows, where the Crawfords extracted ice during the colder months of the year... showed where the barn had been that housed the cow he milked every morning before school, where the hay field had been where he and his brothers cut and raked hay into winrows... As J.L. and I finished our walk that morning, he realized we were standing near what was once his father's watermelon patch... The Crawford Family [would pray] 'Bless the water and the elements,' J.L. recalled. 'When I was very young, I thought he was saying: Bless the watermelons. I figured my father had a lot of pull with the Lord because his watermelons were always the best.'"

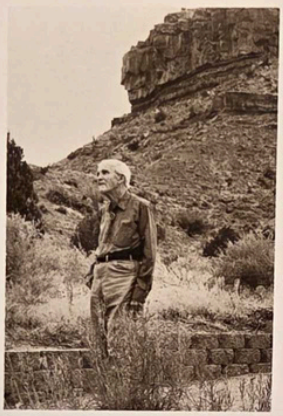


Oak Creek Village, 1920, photograph by William L. Crawford.



J. L. Crawford, born 1914, in front of Steamboat Mountain (The West Temple)





LEFT: J. L. Crawford at about 15 (1929) with the Zion Sphinx in the background. Photograph by William L. Crawford.

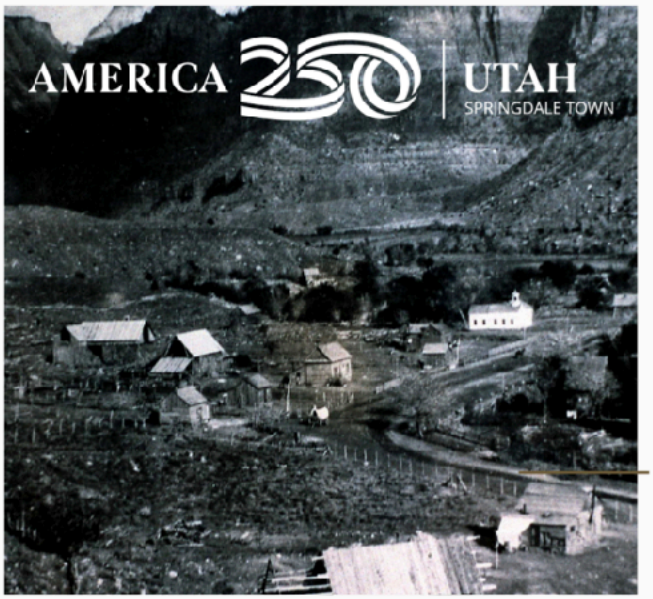
RIGHT: J. L. Crawford in front of the same ledge that now resembles the profile of his father's face, July 2006. Photograph by Michael Plyler.


January
TEEN TIME SCHEDULE
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7TH@ 4:00PM
TEEN CRAFT
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14TH @ 4:00PM
D&D W/ RAE
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21ST @ 4:00PM
GROUP GAME
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY28TH @ 4:00PM
TWEEN BOOK CLUB
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Nice
Clean plastic bottles (keep caps on)
Most clean plastic to-go cups & lids
Aluminum beverage cans
Clean paper containers, like cardboard drink holders, & clean paper bags
Clean plastic food containers* (usually #1, 2 & 5 plastics are recyclable)
RECYCLE ALL THE WAY
Naughty
Polystyrene foam cups & containers
Used napkins or food containers
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Plastic bags
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THIS TRAVEL RECYCLING LIST TWICE
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Washington County
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CANYON
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A Night about the Stars
Thursday, January 22nd @ 5:00PM
Dark Skies Astronomy Tours will be bringing their telescopes for a FREE astronomy lecture & night sky viewing. We will start indoors and end outside viewing the night sky.
Please RSVP by calling (435) 772-3676 or email emilyj@washco.utah.gov


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TUESDAYS @ 4:00PM
January Activities:
01/06 : Movie
01/13 : Games
01/20: Craft with Robyn
01/27 : Science Project
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JANUARY 30, 2026
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114 SF
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60 SF
STAFF RESTROOM
68 SF
PRIVATE
59 SF
BREAK ROOM
160 SF
STORAGE/ RECEIVING
51 SF
PHARMACY
334 SF
VACCINATION ROOM
61 SF
PICK UP/TRA
STANDING W
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PRIVACY FILM
STORAGE ALCOVE
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80 SF
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103 SF
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STORAGE
90 SF
STERILIZATION
37 SF
CARE TEAM
145 SF
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108 SF
PATIENT RESTROOM
66 SF
PUBLIC RESTROOM
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WAITING
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124 SF
FRONT DESK
74 SF