

Copper Canyon Women's Center opens doors for displaced patients

After the unexpected closure of Westview Women's and Family Medical Center, many West Valley City women — including many who are pregnant — have been left without a healthcare provider.

Copper Canyon Women's Center is opening its doors and providing assistance for West Valley women looking for high quality healthcare, including Spanish-speaking residents.

"We understand that the sudden loss of a patient-physician relationship is very stressful, especially for women who are pregnant," said May Chambers, a board-certified Obstetrician and Gynecologist at Copper Canyon Women's Center who is bilingual. "Our staff is here and ready to help in any way we can."

Copper Canyon Women's Center is a full-service medical practice

that includes board-certified OBGYN doctors, Certified Nurse Midwives and a medical staff with more than 80 years of combined experience. They also have many staff members who are bi-lingual to better serve Spanish-speaking patients.

"It's very important to us that women in our community have access to the healthcare they deserve," said Joseph W. Bell, who is also a board-certified OBGYN at Copper Canyons Women's Center. "Switching providers is never easy. But we work hard to ease that transition as much as possible and make sure each woman knows we're going to be there for them though what can be a very difficult time."

Copper Canyon Women's Center provides a range of healthcare services to women including annual checkups, breast examinations, pelvic pain

and gynecological disorders. Copper Canyon Women's Center also provides care for women with routine and high-risk pregnancies and performs ultrasounds.

Because of the clinic's association with Pioneer Valley Hospital, patients also have access to additional facilities and diagnostic tools.

Copper Canyon Women's Center is located at 3336 South 4155 West, Suite 301 in West Valley City. The clinic has regular office hours of 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 8 a.m. to Noon on Friday, with extended hours until 8 p.m. on Tuesdays. The clinic also offers same day and next day appointments. Most major insurance plans, including Medicaid, are accepted.

For more information, call 801-964-3865 or visit www.PhysicianGroupUT.com.

The Beehive Archive: Creation of the Utah Territory

Why did the US Congress have a problem in 1850? And why did the solution lead to the creation, 160 years ago this month, of a place called Utah?

The lands of the American Southwest — an area now covering California, Wyoming, Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona, Nevada, and Utah — were ceded to the United States following the end of the Mexican-American War in 1848. The problem confronting the US, however, was whether the new lands should become slave states or free. The union of the nation depended on keeping a balance, and for two years, Congress wrestled with the question.

In the absence of any decision, people living in those areas began to organize governing institutions of their own. Mormon leader Brigham Young established an independent government called Deseret, which stretched from the Rocky

Mountains to the sea, and petitioned for statehood as a way to secure local independence.

Finally, members of Congress made a deal called the Compromise of 1850, wherein California was admitted to the Union as a free state, while the remaining lands became the New Mexico and Utah Territories, where people were allowed to decide the slavery issue for themselves. The compromise resolved the immediate crisis, but only delayed the question of slavery in western lands.

Congress also refused to grant statehood to Deseret because the region lacked the required number of eligible voters. Moreover, they objected to the huge size of the proposed state. When selecting a name for the new territory, Congressional support was strong for the name Utah, after the indigenous Ute tribe. Mormons resisted naming the territory after a people they scorned

and feared, but the name prevailed.

So, in September 1850, Congress passed a bill organizing the Utah Territory, rejecting the name Deseret and shrinking its presumptuous borders. However, President Millard Fillmore's politically astute selection of Brigham Young as governor made territorial status easier for the Mormons to accept. In gratitude, they named their new territorial capital and its surrounding county after him.

Utah would wait another 46 years for statehood.

The Beehive Archive is a weekly bite-sized look at some of the most pivotal — and peculiar — events in Utah history. It is part of The Utah Humanities Council, a nonprofit organization that provides lifelong learning across the state through programs that explore diverse traditions, values and ideas.

Special Olympics Founder to be honored in Utah Saturday

The Wasatch Front will take worldwide center stage this Saturday as communities around the world celebrate the life and legacy of Special Olympics, Best Buddies, and Community of Caring visionary Eunice Kennedy Shriver. But perhaps nowhere will this celebration be prouder than here in Utah.

The first-ever "Eunice Kennedy Shriver Day" (EKS

Day) is Sept. 25, and originates at the University of Utah, where Shriver's National Center for Community of Caring is headquartered.

"Eunice Kennedy Shriver Day has been created in her honor to inspire people to experience her legacy and embrace the movement that she founded more than 42 years ago in her backyard," said University of Utah's Dr. David Parker.

The program's five core values are caring, respect, responsibility, trust and family.

"This day symbolizes the importance of building positive relationships in schools and how this results in improved school communities all over the country," said Dr. Paula Smith, Executive Director of the Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Center for Community of Caring, University of Utah.

Hundreds of events will take place all over the world for EKS Day. All this week, starting in Utah, the Community of Caring has invited school libraries across the country to honor Shriver's legacy by creating book displays honoring the work of Shriver, including books of service, acts of kindness, character education and inclusion of children with disabilities.

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