



## CONSUMER AFFAIRS

### LOCAL NEWS (MY NEWS AT 7)

**Thousands flock to Southern Utah farm in October tradition** (aired 11/1/2016 @ 12:00 am, 1:30 minutes) - A local farm in Southern Utah has made a big name for itself especially during the spooky month of October. From a multi-acre corn maize to its popular pumpkin patch, tens of thousands from around the states and the world have visited the Staheli Farms over the last 16-years. The manager of this Halloween attraction says they get about 30,000 people walking through their gates every October. But this popular place didn't become what it is today overnight, it started out and still is an educational opportunity for kids.

**October gun sales at record high** (aired 11/3/2016 @ 12:00 am, 1:30 minutes) – Across the nation, firearm sales are at an all-time high. A recent report links the increase in gun sales to the presidential election. Gun rights activist Clark Aposhian said, “The big point over the last eight years has been the uncertainty of changing gun laws. What is legal now, the perception is that it will be illegal later.” Nationwide, the FBI reports more than 2 million background checks for gun sales were processed in October.

**Holiday Travel** (11/24/16 @ 12:00 am, 1:35 minutes)- Thanksgiving holiday travel reached its peak Wednesday evening as a storm system moved in over Utah. The Utah Department of Transportation worked to make sure everyone got to their destination safely. UDOT anticipated the majority of the mountain routes and the roads in the Salt Lake Valley to be covered with snow and slush. UDOT reminded drivers to give plows enough room to work so they can clear the roads as quickly and safely as possible. Drivers will need to plan for extra travel time since the storm is expected to continue overnight.

**Brighton Snow** (11/25/16 @ 12:00 am, 2:00 minutes) - After a late start to the season, skiers and snowboarders will finally get to hit the slopes. Brighton resort is one of the first to open. Brighton and Brian Head both open the Friday after Thanksgiving. That means employees spend Thanksgiving preparing. At Brighton, 20 employees and 30 snowmakers were hard at work. Many people are excited for the first day of the season. It had been delayed several times because of warm temperatures and no snow. Employees say they don't mind



working a holiday when it means getting ready for the ski season. Several other resorts plan to open over the weekend.

**Gateway Plans** (aired 11/29/2016 @ 12:00 am, 2:15 minutes) – The new owners of the Gateway Mall are announcing new plans to breathe new life into downtown Salt Lake's Westside. The owners plan to invest 100-million dollars into the area, including a new hotel. For years, the Gateway has been struggling to keep businesses in the mall and fill vacancies. They are battling a major homeless problem in the area and have been facing stiff competition from the new City Creek Center. This story lets viewers know what changes they can expect, explains why the owners felt now is the time to make the changes and give details about when they expect the upgrades to be complete.

**Training Table Closing** (aired 12/3/2016 @ 12:00 am, 2:00 minutes) – Weeks before Christmas, a Utah business shuts its doors amidst a family feud that landed in court. The Training Table restaurants are known for their famous cheese fried and dipping sauce, both a thing of the past. The viewer learns about the popular restaurant that closed its doors, why it closed its doors and what former employees have to say about losing their job the week before Christmas.

**SLC Northwest Development** (aired 12/06/2016 @ 12:00 am, 2:15 minutes) – Salt Lake City officials are announcing plans to develop the land around where the new Utah State Prison will be located. Mayor Jackie Biskupski says she wants to see that land ready for new businesses in just two years. A new regional hub is already set to break ground in the area and officials say the hope that will help lure more businesses to the area. This story lets viewers know how leaders plan to develop the land, gives a timeline of when certain benchmarks are expected to be met and explains when the public can express their opinion on the plan.

**Amazon Utah Sales Tax** (aired 12/08/2016 @ 12:00 am, 2:45 minutes) – Utah State Tax officials says they've struck an agreement with Amazon.com where the online retailer will start collecting sales tax on purchases made by Utah residents. The deal was reached several weeks ago and Amazon.com will start collecting Utah's 4.7 percent sales tax on January 1. Utah officials say the state loses about \$200 million a year from online retailers who don't collect sales tax from customers and forward them to the state. This story lets viewers know they will soon have to pay sales tax upfront on the items they buy from Amazon.com, gives details about why the new deal was put in place and give details about



when the new deal goes into effect. This story also explain that shoppers should have already be paying sales tax for online purchase when filing their taxes.

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