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STDS ON THE RISE

County reports more chlamydia cases than the flu

Deficit in health awareness of STDs may be a contributor

BY BRALEY DODSON
Daily Herald

Sexually transmitted diseases continue to rise for at least the fifth year in a row, according to information from

the Utah County Health Department. Each of the four major STDs tracked by the health department increased last year from previous five-year averages, making STDs some of the

most-diagnosed infectious diseases in 2018 in Utah County.

There were 1,257 reported cases of chlamydia last year, making a chlamydia diagnosis more common than

influenza, which had 1,203 reported cases. 2018 continued chlamydia's upward climb from a five-year average of 999 cases a year from 2011 to 2017.

There were 225 cases of gonorrhea last year, up from the five-year average of 135.8 cases a year. Reported diagnoses of HIV and syphilis more than

doubled from their five-year averages. There were 22 new, reported cases of HIV last year, compared to a five-year average of 10.8 cases a year, and 36 cases of syphilis in 2018, compared to a five-year average of 15.2 cases a year.

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NATALIE BEHRING, SPECIAL TO THE HERALD

Orem High School student Katie Wilson waters plants in the school's greenhouse Saturday in Orem. While schools like Provo High have shuttered agriculture programs, one third of students are enrolled in a CTE Agriculture Course at Orem High School.

A third of Orem High's students are in an ag class

BY BRALEY DODSON
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Four years ago Georg Wardell showed up to Orem High School to find dead grass, pine trees and a greenhouse that was a wreck.

Today, there are plants popping up

where the dead grass used to grow, basil fertilized by koi floats on foam in the greenhouse and a cluster of pumpkins are expected to be ready in time for Halloween. It's taken a lot of work, but about 500 students — nearly a third of Orem High School's

study body — are now enrolled in an agriculture class.

"We are growing, and it speaks to the students' want to know where their food comes from," said

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Groups work to raise voices of Latinos for the outdoors

Time, expenses are barriers to getting families to parks

Editor's Note: This is one story in a series of stories on Latinos in Utah County publishing every Sunday from August through November.

BY KATIE ENGLAND
Daily Herald

Being outside has historically been a part of Latino culture for generations. While Latinos are not always represented in mainstream conservation groups and movements, groups around the state and the nation are working to change that.

For State Rep. Mark Archuleta Wheatley, D-Murray, the outdoors has always been a part of his life. His mother's family had lived in New Mexico for generations, and hunting and fishing were a regular pastime. Conservation was a natural extension of that.

Wheatley now serves as a board member for HECHO, or Hispanics Enjoying Camping, Hunting and the Outdoors, an organization that works to get more Latinos involved in the outdoors and conservation policy.

One challenge to Latinos specific to Utah, Wheatley said, is that, particularly for those who moved here from another country and are new to the state, they may have barriers that others may not have.

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TIMPANOGOS STORYTELLING FESTIVAL

Storytellers, volunteers reflect on 30 years

BY CARLEY PORTER
Daily Herald

Tens of thousands of story-lovers attended the Timpanogos Storytelling Festival, one of the largest events of its kind in the country, this weekend at Thanksgiving Point's Ashton Gardens. But the festival's roots are much more humble.

The first Timpanogos Storytelling

Festival took place 30 years ago in the backyard of Karen and Alan Ashton. Among the first attendees were Debi Richan and her husband.

Richan said she was hesitant at first about going to the festival — her husband had read about the event in the paper — but when her husband offered to take the day off work to check it out, Richan said she jumped at the

chance. While their four children were in school, Richan and her husband sat in the front row that first day. Then they came back the second day, and the third day.

"And we've been there ever since," Richan said.

At the time, Richan's had four young

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Storyteller Carmen Deedy draws an audience in as she tells a story from her life at the 2019 Timpanogos Storytelling Festival in Lehi on Saturday.

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