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## Study shows Utah women see uptick in voter turnout

BY **KATIE ENGLAND**  
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Utah women have seen an increase in voter turnout since 2006, though there's still room for improvement, a new study from Utah Valley University shows.

In 1992, Utah women had

the highest voter turnout in the nation at 76%. By 2006, Utah women ranked dead last in the United States for levels of voter turnout. About 48.6% of U.S. women turned out to vote, compared to only 36.8% in the state. Utah ranked 51st, after the other 49

states and Washington D.C. That number somewhat dramatically jumped up to 11th place this year, with 60.5% of Utah women voting in 2018 as opposed to 55% nationwide, according to a research snapshot released Wednesday by the

Utah Women and Leadership Project.

"We still need work, but we are making some progress," said Susan Madsen, a UVU professor and the founding director of the Utah Women and Leadership Project.

What exactly caused the

drastic changes in Utah women's voting is still in question, Madsen said.

"People will guess, but there's not actual data on why (women in Utah) have disengaged," Madsen said.

A brief from 2017 shows that more women are running

for office, and while there is not exact research to show the relationship between more women voting and more women being elected to office, Madsen said she believes the two are related.

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DOMINIC VALENTE, DAILY HERALD FILE PHOTO

Orem Police Chief Gary Giles mingles with retired police officers during a luncheon in preparation for the 100th birthday of the city of Orem on April 20, 2017, in Orem.

## Council finds funding for safety officer wage raises

BY **GENELLE PUGMIRE**  
Daily Herald

The Orem City Council took Tuesday night to look a bit closer at a variety of suggested plans to help raise the wages of police, fire and emergency dispatchers in the city.

After two hours of discussion, the council approved of a list of areas where money has been found to help with wages, including the second phase of a step-ladder program for officers to advance. This program is designed to help officers more easily progress to new promotions and ranks.

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## Charges filed against two men who reportedly fired shots near Orem apartment

BY **ASHLEY STILSON**  
Daily Herald

Two men are being held without bail and will face felony charges after several shots were fired during a robbery attempt near an Orem apartment complex last week.

Cameron Todhunter, 18, of Salem, was charged on Monday with aggravated robbery, a first-degree felony; possession of a weapon by a restricted person, a second-degree felony; riot, a third-degree felony; and reckless endangerment, a class A misdemeanor.

According to charges filed in 4th District Court, Todhunter planned to rob a drug dealer and gang member at an apartment complex parking garage on Aug. 27.

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## NEW YEAR, CONTINUING DISCUSSIONS



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Brigham Young University students pass by an entrance sign as they make their way toward campus during the first day of classes for Fall Semester on Tuesday in Provo.

## BYU classes begin as many students eye more honor code updates, clarity

BY **BRALEY DODSON**  
Daily Herald

The first meetings of Restore Honor BYU were held at night, at the neighboring Utah Valley University and under the fear that simply questioning their university's honor code would get its founders into trouble.

But months later, the group is seeing its work with Brigham Young University's administration pay off.

"It has gotten to be a really good relationship," said Liz Ericksen, a senior and vice president of Restore Honor BYU. "We are still going to keep up with the pressure

and there's still a ways to go, but it is nice to have that foundation to work with."

The movement got off to a raring start in spring after the Instagram account Honor Code Stories exploded in popularity, spurring the creation of several groups intended to reform BYU's honor code and how it's enforced.

Restore Honor BYU emerged as the predominant student-run group, hosting both a social media campaign and a university-ap-

proved, on-campus sit-in that drew hundreds of students.

Then the movement went quiet over the summer. Social media posts from the group have been scarce, and its website is currently deactivated.

BYU released a handful of incremental changes during the same time, with the most recent update posted about two weeks before the start of the academic year. The

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## ASD opens second alternative high school



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Polaris junior Seth Tolerico tests out a ramp as his classmates brainstorm how to best adjust the piece of equipment during lunchtime at the newly-opened Polaris West High School on Tuesday in American Fork.

BY **BRALEY DODSON**  
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Kristopher Packer's first tour of what would become Polaris High School's western location was a lot like a before shot on HGTV.

The walls were purple and orange, there wasn't a commons area and it would take a lot of demolition and remodeling to get the American Fork building to look like a high school.

"When I first walked through, it was one of those fixer upper shows where you are trying to see the potential in it," said Packer, the school's principal.

The building was remodeled and ready to see students by the first day of school last month, officially opening the doors of the Alpine School District's second alternative school.

Polaris High School-West, located at 704 S. Utah Valley Dr. in American Fork, joins the original Polaris High School, which is located on the district's southern side in Orem.

The western location's 32,452-square-foot building is being leased at \$382,731 a year for the first year of a three-year lease. The building has previously housed three other schools, including Aristotle Charter Academy and the Pioneer High School for the Performing Arts, both of which have closed. It was also the temporary location of the Utah Military Academy Valdez-Peterson Campus before the school moved to a permanent building in Lehi.

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