

OGDEN CITY DIVERSITY COMMISSION NEWSLETTER



Back row from left to right: Tom Szalay, Juliana Woodbury, Vernon Jackson, and Fernando Morales

Front row from left to right: Shardae Jones, Christine Ipsen, Haille VanPatten, and Monica Gil

Not pictured: JuanCarlos Sanristeban

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“Share our similarities, celebrate our differences.”

- M. Scott Peck

Upcoming Events:

Spikers High School Rodeo This event is held on Mar. 29th from 3-8pm and FREE. For more information visit www.uhsra.gov

Free Community Craft Night This event is held on Mar. 12th from 5-7pm. For more information visit www.localartisancollective.com

EAC Art Pantry is provides FREE art supplies for students. They are open every Thur. & Fri. afternoon at the Eccles Art Center. Fore more information call 801-392-6935

For a full list of events happening across Ogden City, visit www.ogdencity.com/2385/Full-Calendar-of-Ogden-Community-Events

Diversity Commission Chair Shardae Jones

Ms. Jones has served on the Diversity Commission since August 2021. She’s a lifelong resident of Ogden. She earned her bachelor’s degree in integrated studies from Weber State University. Ms. Jones sees the challenges faced by those in her community daily as she and her family have faced similar challenges. She is a proud member and ally of the LGBTQ+ community and knows the importance of seeing yourself reflected in those

who serve. Her main goal is showing young Black and Brown people they too have a voice. Her innate love of people and service to others is what attracted her most to serving as a member of Ogden’s Diversity Commission. She continues to dedicate her time to making Ogden the place where all are welcome and heard.

Diversity Commission Vice Chair Fernando

Morales - Mr. Morales brings a vibrant passion for advocating for BIPOC communities and vulnerable populations facing adversity. Currently, as the Regional Director for 211 at the United Way of Northern Utah. Mr. Morales takes immense satisfaction in witnessing the transformative journey of individuals as they improve their lives. He is a proud alumnus of Brigham Young University – Idaho with a degree in Business Administration, and is currently pursuing an Executive Master’s in Public Administration degree at BYU. Known for his warm and approachable demeanor, he is a friend to all. Should you cross paths, feel free to say hi. You’re sure to enjoy the encounter with a friendly and engaging individual.

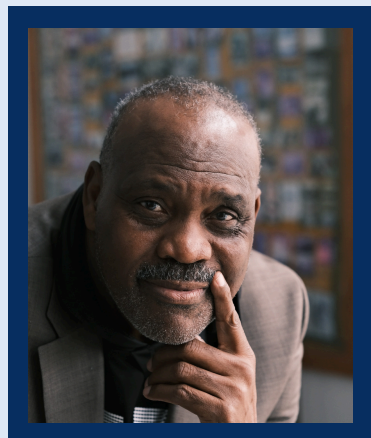
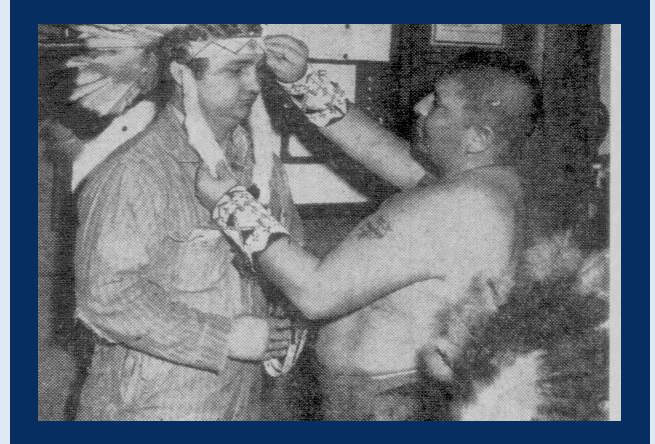




United Way of Northern Utah - is celebrating its 90th anniversary as a cornerstone of our community. Their dedication to transforming lives is shown in their efforts to build a healthy, stable, and well-educated community where everyone thrives. From providing resources through 211 and their advocacy for systemic change, their efforts have touched many lives by fostering meaningful connections and nurturing strong community bonds. Their initiatives include Welcome Baby, Learn with Playgroups, Community Schools and Student Success programs. Alongside other community-centric programs, they collaborate with various partners to enhance the entire community's well-being and support the work of other local nonprofits, embodying the spirit of LIVE UNITED.

TODAY IN 1960

On March 11, 1960 Chief Little Rock, a Navajo Indian, was recognized for his contributions working at Hill Air Force Base as a warehouseman as well as being a professional wrestler in his spare time. Chief Little Rock spent his childhood on the Navajo Indian reservation. At the time, he had been in 40 pro matches and had won 37 of the 40.



Meet Your Neighbor

Pastor Charles Petty

When Charles Petty graduated from High School in 1973, he enrolled in a cooperative education

program at the University of Alabama. It landed him at Hill Air Force Base and he earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business and Accounting. For the next 37 years, he advanced in several positions, His last title was Resource Flight Chief. Yet his HAFB career was only half of his working life. He was a Baptist minister. Since 1985, Petty has been a pastor for Ogden's local Baptist community. You will find him nearly every day at 2nd Baptist in Ogden.

When I visited him recently, his office was visual evidence he is a busy man. Books and papers piled high indicated a full schedule. His ministry is all over Weber County. You'll find him in nursing

homes, hospitals, and at weekly meetings with the Ogden City Police Chief, Weber County Mental Health counselors, and at the Center of Excellence in Ogden.

When I asked the congregation at 2nd Baptist what makes Pastor Petty such a fine leader? They all pretty much said, "He is a people person! He's on so many committees around town and he welcomes anybody. Pastor Petty knows the love of God and that every human struggle can find an answer in the bible."

In honor of Black History Month last month, Pastor Charles Petty was recognized as a leader in the Black community by the Ogden City Council.

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