IN THE KNOW

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Battle for The Old Wagon Wheel

The Cougars and Aggies have been playing against each other since 1922. USU was the school that BYU played its first official game against. Brigham Young Academy played a few games between 1896 and 1900, but BYU considers the 1922 season to be the official beginning of its football program. The Aggies traveled to Provo and took the Cougars down: 42-3.

The two teams decided to play for a trophy every year to make things more interesting. In classic college football tradition teams play for the possession of items such as: the Old Oaken Bucket (Indiana vs. Purdue), Paul Bunyan’s Axe (Wisconsin vs. Minnesota), and the Little Brown Jug (Michigan vs. Minnesota). The Cougars and Aggies fight over The Old Wagon Wheel. The wagon wheel is a symbol of Utah’s pioneer heritage, an important reminder of the state’s past. The first game that was played in order to possess the Old Wagon Wheel was on October 23, 1948. The Aggies took the wheel with a 20-7 victory.

The legendary coach of the Cougars, LaVell Edwards was an Aggie football player back in his prime. Before he took the coaching job at BYU, the Aggies had a winning record over the Cougars: 27 wins to 17 losses. LaVell lost his first three games against the Aggies, but he only lost three more (a total of six losses) to the Aggies in his entire 29 season career in Provo. By the time LaVell retired, BYU took a 38-33 lead in the series. 48-35 is where the series record currently stands with the Cougars ahead.

Even though Utah State has fallen behind in the overall record, we still old the advantage in games played at home against Brigham Young. USU leads in wins whenever the Cougars travel to Logan. All three of USU’s wins since 1978 have been in Logan, until the Aggies took down BYU in October of 2014 in Provo on their home field.

Although BYU is favored to win tonight’s game (according to predictive rankings and some smart computer generated formula/report), it’s expected to be a close game. Vegas sport-books have BYU winning 24 to 22. I hope the Aggies can handle a two point comeback and stand a real chance against the Cougars. Rather you’re a True Blue Aggie or a die-hard Cougar *cough* Allen Dawes *cough*, I hope you can stay warm out there and enjoy a good football contest between these two so-called ‘rivals’!

Thank You!

Jeff Crosbie has been with us for 5 YEARS
Betsy Clark has been with us for 13 YEARS

We made it through another year! Congratulations to Jeff & Betsy for hitting another anniversary mark this month. We hope you know how much we appreciate you! If you don’t—ask me and I’ll tell ya. Thanks for all of your hard work!

Happy Birthday

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Wendy Rodesky (4th)
Laura Lake (4th)
Gina Hooten (10th)
Brent Sorenson (19th)
Jake Winmill (23rd)

IMPORTANT DATES

USU Homecoming Parade (14th)
Halloween (31st)

looking FORWARD

Thanksgiving Break (November 23rd–24th)

Celebrate!

National Golf Day (4th)
Bald & Free Day (7th)
Take Your Teddy Bear to Work Day (11th)
National Candy Corn Day (30th)
Carve-A-Pumpkin Day (31st)

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**Haunted Hollow**  Friday & Saturday Nights starting on October 6th from 7:30 to 10:30 PM @ The American West Heritage Center | Walk through a haunted river hollow & get lost in a corn maze!

**Scarecrow Fun Run**  100 yard dash, 1/4 mi, 1/2 mi, 2 mi, and 10k runs available @ Heritage Park in Nibley | October 7th @ 8:30 AM

**Fall Harvest Festival**  October 21st & 22nd @ The American West Heritage Center | Cider Pressing, Corn Shelling, Candle Making, Steam Engine Threshing, Corn Maze, & Haunted Hollow included!

**Pumpkin Walk**  October 19-21, 23-24 from 9 AM to 10 PM | Free Admission & Free Shuttle Ride | Elk Ridge Park in North Logan

**Corn Maze on the Farm**  September 22nd—October 31st @ The American West Heritage Center | Corn Maze, Pumpkin Patch, Bounce House, Straw Mountain, Hippity Hop Rodeo, Hay Bale Bowling, BB Gun Range, Pony Rides, & Spooky Train Rides

**Boo at the Zoo**  October 27th from 1 to 5 PM | Willow Park Zoo | Games, activities, and animal interactions | $5 for kids, $4 for adults

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### Sharyn’s Famous Macaroni & Cheese

**Ingredients:**
- 2 cups uncooked elbow macaroni
- 4 tablespoons butter
- 2 1/2 cups sharp cheddar, grated
- 1/2 cup sour cream
- 1 can condensed cheddar cheese soup (10 oz)
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup whole milk
- 1 teaspoon dry mustard
- 1 teaspoon black pepper

**Instructions:**
1. Boil the macaroni in water for six minutes. Drain.
2. In a medium saucepan, mix butter and cheese. Stir until the cheese melts.
3. In slow cooker, combine cheese mixture and add sour cream, cheese soup, salt, milk, mustard, and pepper. Add drained macaroni and stir again.
4. Cook on low for 2 1/2 hours, stirring occasionally.

This was the macaroni & cheese that Sharyn brought to our Fall Potluck a few weeks ago. It was one of the first things to go! Her crock pot was scraped clean. A lot of you were asking for the recipe, so here it is! Enjoy!

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**HAVE YOU HEARD THE WORD?**

ICYMI

**acronym**
in case you missed it; used to communicate a piece of information or news, typically by providing an online link.

*ex:* Hey! ICYMI, I just sent you a link to Friday night’s podcast.

I was Googling words that have recently been added to Webster’s Dictionary so that I could give you a new “Have You Heard The Word?” for the month...and ICYMI is one of the more recently added words! It was listed alongside FOMO and TMI. Wow. What a time to be alive.