

Rural Support of SB14 (Kanab)

Did you know...

Kanab has become known as "Little Hollywood" after the term was used as early as the 1950's by people in the movie industry. MGM liked Kanab so much they built a makeshift studio outside of town in the 1940s. More than 100 motion pictures have been filmed in Kanab and Kane County. More Westerns were produced in Kane County and near Kanab than anywhere outside of California. Clint Eastwood, John Wayne, Ronald Reagan, along with a host of movie stars made movies here. The "Gunsmoke" TV series used the Johnson Canyon Movie Set for about 20 episodes shot between the '50s and '70s. The now-famous western town was originally built for the 1952 film Westward the Women and is still located just east of Kanab. The set is on private property and can be viewed from the road. Nearby Lake Powell was the location for Maverick, Hulk, Broken Arrow, and both versions of Planet of the Apes. Clint Eastwood's classic, The Outlaw Josie Wales, was one of the last films to shoot on the Paria Canyon movie set. The original set has been relocated to Frontier Movie Town in Kanab where free movie set tours are available. There is also a movie museum located at the Kane County Office of Tourism where you can view photographs and posters of many of the films made in Kanab and Kane County. Jackie Rife, Movie Historian, stunt woman, and movie star double, can tell you of the movie history as she takes you from photo to photo telling you what each means and what movie it comes from.

Student film maker Danny Daneau came to Kanab to film The Attic Door in 2007 and filmed near Paria and in Kanab City at the historic Heritage House. He was able to film as a result of the Student Film Production Incentive. This incentive, \$15,000, was offered by the Kane County Film Commission and the Utah Film Commission in an effort to stimulate filming in the area.

While our movie heritage is very rich, to have the movie industry back in Kanab and Kane County would provide much needed employment as well as bring money to the communities greatly boosting the economy in our area. The area currently has to rely on tourism for income and it would be a great boost to the economy if filming came back to the area. Filming can be done year round and therefore could help the economy all year.

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