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# SUU Opens New **VR/AR** Classroom & Hosts XR Southern Summit

STORY IN NEWS



PHOTO BY  
DONNIE HUNTER

# BZI Construction Innovation Parade



by May Hunter

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

March 15, 2024 marked a significant milestone for BZI and Innovatech as they hosted their first-ever Construction Innovation Parade, celebrating advancements in construction and engineering, and sharing their cutting-edge technology and equipment with the public.

Among the highlights were Trackzilla, a behemoth forklift that can lift 50,000 pounds and up to 100 feet in the air. InnovaCast, a revolutionary new system for on-site concrete wall casting, and MezzMaster 200, the most advanced version of their telehandler attachment, designed for lifting roof and mezzanine panels.

A procession of seven trucks, each carrying their state-of-the-art equipment designed and built for construction megaprojects, began their journey with several stops through Cedar City, Utah. The route went from Innovatech to Main Street, past BZI Steel on Airport Road, and culminated at their BZI headquarters in Kanarrville, where they celebrated with their team members, community leaders, friends, and family.

Their equipment showcased in the parade will service many of the top brands and most

significant construction projects in America, with the first stop at a multi-project mega site in Georgia. Those interested in following the cross-country journey can follow on social media: [@bzisteel on Instagram](#) and [@bzi on Facebook and LinkedIn](#).

More than just showcasing their innovative technology, the parade was BZI's way of saying 'thank you' to their dedicated team members, partners, government, and local community, which continually support them and their vision. It's also a celebration of the massive growth and opportunities that Iron County and Cedar City provide to companies and individuals throughout the nation.

CEO James Barlow stated,

*"Our culture of 'Teamwork, Innovation and Action' accomplished through trust, respect and integrity has a profound impact on our success."*

"Industry recognition for our approach is a testament to our team members and their commitment to the principles we hold paramount. We look forward to sharing more significant company advancements and industry innovations to be announced later in 2024."

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**Watching  
'Big Truck'  
with BZI  
Equipment.**

Photos by  
May Hunter



## BZI CONSTRUCTION

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"Innovation is the core of Innovatech, where we consistently challenge the status quo to make the impossible possible," said Worth Bistline, Lead Engineer at Innovatech. "Trackzilla is a great example of this commitment. We worked closely with our valued partner, Xtreme Manufacturing, to create a monster telehandler with dimensions and capacity that push industry records. I can't wait for it to travel from Utah to Georgia and finally be used by our field teams."



### RealClearPolitics election 2024

RCP Poll Averages

Election 2024	Trump	Biden	Spread
RCP Poll Average	47.2	45.1	Trump +2.1
5-Way RCP Average	41.1	38.4	Trump +2.7
Top Battlegrounds	47.4	43.5	Trump +3.9
Electoral College	Trump	Biden	Toss Ups
RCP Electoral Map	219	215	104
No Toss Up States	312	226	
Battlegrounds	Trump	Biden	Spread
Wisconsin	46.4	45.4	Trump +1.0
Arizona	47.8	42.6	Trump +5.2
Georgia	49.4	43.7	Trump +5.7
Michigan	46.5	43.0	Trump +3.5
Pennsylvania	46.2	45.6	Trump +0.6
North Carolina	49.3	43.8	Trump +5.5
Nevada	46.3	40.7	Trump +5.6
Battle for Congress	GOP	Dems	Spread
U.S. Senate	48	46	6 TU
Generic Ballot	44.5	43.7	GOP +0.8

\* From RealClearPolitics.com

# Police Seize \$5 Million Worth of Drugs in DUI Bust

by Tracie Sullivan

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Cedar City — A homeless California man is facing drug trafficking charges after officers found drugs in his vehicle with a street value of approxi-

mately \$5 million.

Julio-Partida-Pantoja, 50, was booked into Iron County Jail March 10 on two second-degree felonies for possession of a controlled substance with intent to distribute along with several misdemeanor counts of driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs, interfering with an officer, having an open container of alcohol inside a vehicle and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Iron County Sheriff Ken Carpenter said he is proud of his deputy, adding that the drug bust only underscores the open border crisis that has led to thousands of drugs flooding American streets.

"This bust, these drugs, the number of drugs we are finding in our community — it is all a direct result of our open border policy," Carpenter said. "I was in a conference last week where border agents were saying that the Northern border is also getting just as bad. And I-15 is a major drug trafficking pipeline, running from Mexico to

Canada. This is all a result of a federal government who is unwilling to close those borders and declare war on the cartel. And now, because of it, our local communities are being affected."

According to the probable cause statement

filed in Fifth-District Court, an Iron County Sheriff deputy noticed a white Cadillac remaining stationary at the intersection of 200 N. and 1400 West after the light turned green.

The deputy who had turned left continued to watch the vehicle in his rear-view mirrors and saw that it still did not move even after the light turned green again.

"I turned around and pulled behind the vehicle," the court documents stated. "Without lights or sirens I walked up to the driver's door and knocked on the tinted window."

The deputy said he "observed Partida-Pantoja had red bloodshot watery eyes, poor dexterity and slurred speech." He noted that the driver had to "use the door to crawl out of the vehicle"

The court documents indicated that the driver purportedly failed a field sobriety test and subsequently blew a blood alcohol level of 0.262 in a preliminary breath test, exceeding the legal limit in Utah by more than five times.

The driver was arrested and upon searching his vehicle police found what they believed to be "a substantial amount of presumptive methamphetamine and fentanyl pills," the affidavit stated.

The Iron-Garfield-Beaver Narcotics Task Force was then called in to process the evidence, which yielded 122.5 pounds of methamphetamine and 50.67 pounds of fentanyl pills, or approximately 231,540 pills. The street value of the drugs totaled approximately \$5 million.



**Evidence from a recent drug bust in Iron County, Utah, prominently featuring crystal methamphetamine and wrapped foil packages containing fentanyl pills valued at \$5 million, March 9, 2024 / Photo courtesy of Iron-Beaver-Garfield Narcotics Task Force, Iron County Today**



## opinion

### FROM THE EDITOR



**CASSI SCHMUTZ**  
COPY EDITOR

St. Patrick's Day is one of my favorite holidays. There's something magical about the idea of spending it in Boston or Dublin, immersing myself in the vibrant celebrations. My fascination with the holiday stems from

its rich heritage and captivating folklore.

The tale of St. Patrick, a Catholic priest who ventured back to Ireland to spread Christianity among the pagans, along with the legend of banishing snakes from the Emerald Isle, adds layers of intrigue to the holiday. But it's not just the historical aspect that draws me in; the Irish-American traditions, like indulging in corned beef and cabbage (a personal favorite!), and the lively parades, contribute to the holiday's allure.

While I could do without the pinching for not wearing green, I find joy in activities like leprechaun hunts or searching for the elusive pot of gold at the end of the rainbow with my family. These cherished traditions, whether steeped in history or family lore, bring us closer together and create lasting memories.

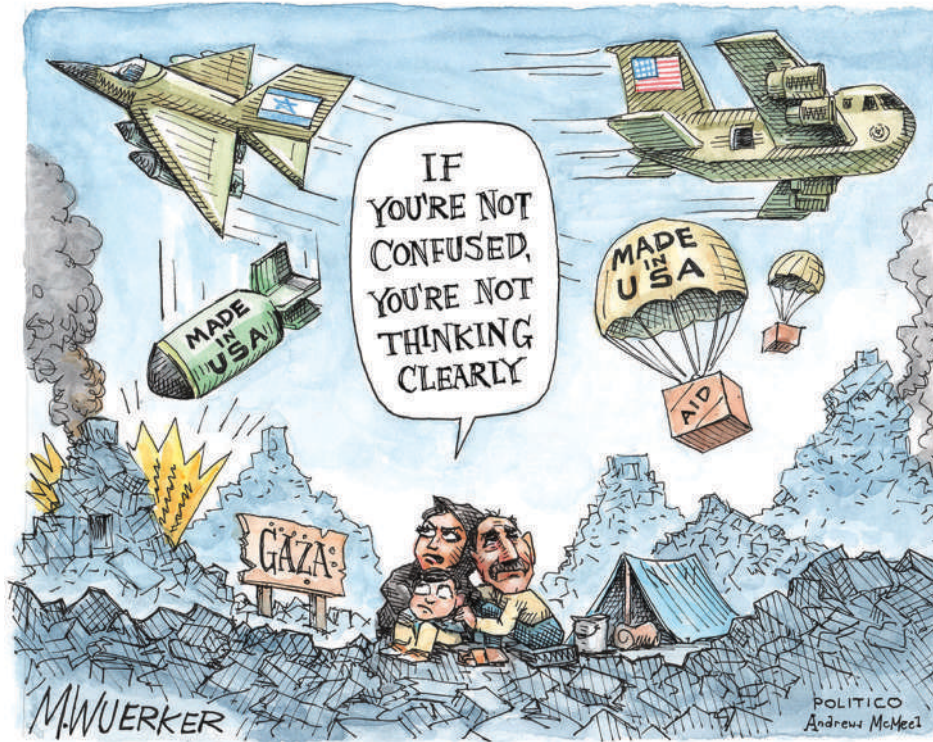
For those who aren't fond of corned beef, I've found a solution with a delicious sauce made from sour cream, horseradish, and whole mustard—a hit even with my husband!

Ultimately, I believe that having year-round traditions fosters a sense of community and togetherness, allowing us to appreciate life's simple pleasures. Whether you're drawn to the legends of St. Patrick or simply enjoy the festivities, I hope you find joy in celebrating St. Patrick's Day, however you choose to do so!

### WORD OF THE WEEK

**MAGANDA** [magan'da]

*a. Filipino adjective that refers to something or someone beautiful*



# Forever Chemicals

## PART 2

by **Edy Meredith**

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

**I**n 1962, a book was published that began the modern-day environmental movement. It was the third book written by an American biologist who became well-known for writing about environment pollution. Her name was Rachel Carson, and her prophetic book “Silent Spring” was a remarkable combination of scientific accuracy and thoroughness with an elegant and lyrical prose style. Rachel Carson died of cancer on April 14, 1964, before she could realize the impact “Silent Spring” would have in warning about the indiscriminate spraying of pesticides and herbicides on the environment. If she were alive today, she would be even more alarmed at the number of artificial chemicals infecting

the worldwide environment and the U.S. Her book, “Silent Spring”, even today should be read by scientists and lay people alike. Parents should be especially concerned about what chemically infected foods, especially oat-based, are being eaten by their children for breakfast. I have changed away from one of my favorite breakfast cereals after reading about the dangers in foods that are basically oak-with-poison because of the well-documented use of dangerous herbicides and pesticides on oat-grown crops.

You might ask if humans are “fouling” our own nest by spraying dangerous chemicals on crop fields as more and more pressure is being put on regulatory government agencies

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### QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*"You should never be ashamed to admit you have been wrong. It only proves you are wiser today than yesterday."*

**Jonathan Swift**

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### FOREVER CHEMICALS

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to allow commercial agriculture to spray dangerous chemicals on agricultural products that will be ingested by humans, especially by children who are more affected negatively by environmental pollution than adults because of their growth spurts. The grand American eagle reuses its nest from year-to-year as it rebuilds its nest for cleanliness, but it does not allow residue to infect its children. It takes action to cleanse and rebuild atop the nest framework each year. As far as humans are concerned, a fouled nest contaminated with artificial chemicals is threatening future generations as people live near lakes and lagoons contaminated by fecal waste and in desert-like areas where the wind blows such fecal waste into the dust and across the landscape where animals are raised for food. Remember, the eagle even knows that a fouled nest is no place to live and raise its children.

We are seeing according to medical authorities and insurance industry actuaries “unprecedented excess deaths” of young people today, perhaps in combination with environmental pollution and resurgent diseases caused

by viruses and germs that seem to be developing immunity to human efforts to eradicate them. Even measles is re-emerging among children in the U.S. To lengthen our human lives and our children’s destinies, please educate yourselves about what you and your family are eating and breathing that is affecting them negatively. Why are over 50 countries banning dangerous chemicals that continue to be sprayed across the United States such as chlormequat and atrazine? A first-of-its-kind study featured in the Environmental Health News reported on February 15, 2024, and published in the Journal of Exposure Science and Environmental Epidemiology revealed that chlormequat is showing up in 80% of the people tested. While the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) does not currently allow chlormequat use on any food crops, in 2018 the Trump administration approved its use on imported oats and two years later increased the allowable level on food. Even previous research found the pesticide in 92% of oat-based foods, including Quaker Oats and Cheerios. Cheerio, fellow citizens, let’s look after ourselves and our families in combating chemical invasion in our lives. More next week.

### TO THE EDITOR

## Iron County Commissioners Pass High-Density Subdivision in New Harmony Valley Despite Objections from Residents

by Lisa Beck

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

I appreciate you taking a minute to read my concerns and ideas regarding the development by Brad Esposito in the one-of-a-kind New Harmony Valley. We moved to the Valley in 2006. Our children attended Iron Springs Elementary School, Cedar Middle School and Cedar High School. Although there is a line on a map indicating we are residents of Washington County, I have spent more time and money in Iron County.

We, citizens of both counties, benefit when we get the development of a gem like New Harmony Valley correct. A walled-in, gated community with a guard and private sewer system seems like a recipe for disaster and doesn’t reflect the rural and agricultural nature of the area.

I am a ‘Not In My Backyard’ (NIMBY) person. However, I look at those majestic Kolobs of ZNP every day and know why people would want to move here. I am here for a rural and agricultural lifestyle. I don’t need a

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store or pizza delivery. I chose to live on acreage and 25 minutes from any services.

I and other citizens have been collaborating with Scott Messel and Reid Walkenhorst of the Washington County Economic Development Department for the last 18 months to lay the foundation for a New Harmony Valley Overlay Zone which fits within the parameters of the current Master Plan in Washington County. We have 70 responses to our community survey. We had a booth at the New Harmony Applefest to get feedback and gather input. This is a grassroots movement, and I’d like you to join us!

*Can Iron County and Washington County work together across the survey line and help us, the property owners in this valley, create a workable solution which represents the desires of its citizens? I believe you can!*

Slow down. Gather and share ideas between the counties. Create a vision and ZNP viewshed for the New Harmony Valley which is representative of the natural beauty and rural atmosphere that already exists.

Submit your letter to the Editor on our website at [www.ironcountytoday.com](http://www.ironcountytoday.com), or by emailing it to [news@ironcountytoday.com](mailto:news@ironcountytoday.com). All letters must be brief (generally under 300 words in length), list the writer’s name, city and telephone number (phone number will not be printed). Iron County Today reserves the right to edit all letters for length or content.

## IRON COUNTY GOVERNMENT RECAPS

### Cedar City Council Meeting

from Iron County Today Staff

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

The Cedar City Council convened their regular meeting on the evening of March 13, 2024, with Mayor Garth Green presiding. After an opening prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance, the mayor took a moment to recognize a visiting art display commemorating the Topaz Relocation Center where thousands of Japanese Americans were tragically incarcerated during World War II.

The highlight was honoring the winners of the annual "Love Where You Live" student essay contest organized by the city's events department. Over 250 entries were received from 3rd graders across the Iron County School District describing why they love living in Cedar City.

The top three essayists - Liam James, Olivia Barney, and Alexa Oliver - were invited to read their heartwarming essays. The students and their teachers received cash prizes donated by the Cedar City Rotary Club.

A representative from BZI construction company then provided details about their upcoming "Construction Innovation Parade" to showcase large machinery and equipment built in Cedar City.

During the open comment period, one resident thanked the council for repainting curbs downtown and encouraged following the city's general plan when making zoning decisions.

The meeting then transitioned to official business, with the council approving several procedural items on the consent agenda. This included ratifying bills, appointing a new member to the disability board, and approving permits for special events like the upcoming Belgium Waffle Ride cycling event.

More substantial discussions occurred around approving the vicinity plan for the new Iron Hawk Planned Unit Development (PUD),

which involved minor revisions based on previous council feedback related to mailbox placement. The council also amended zoning ordinances related to subdivision requirements, public improvements, and rules allowing for more flexibility in clustering smaller residential lot sizes.

A significant portion focused on proposals for an effluent reuse filtration project at the wastewater treatment plant. The city received bids from two companies - Stantec and AE2S. There was debate about whether to reject both proposals and re-bid with a revised scope, or award the contract to the lower bidder AE2S and have Stantec peer review their work for an additional cost. Ultimately, the council voted to award tasks 1-3 to AE2S and have Stantec peer review that portion of the work.

Other agenda items included unanimously rejecting a proposal to lease part of the old wastewater treatment plant property for gravel mining operations after an engineering analysis showed relatively low potential revenue that would still leave an undesirable pit on the site. The council also heard an overview from Fire Chief Mike Phillips on the department's staffing model that combines 13 full-time firefighters with 35 volunteers to maintain constant four-person crew coverage.

Phillips reviewed annual call volumes which have risen sharply in recent years. While most calls did not require a full volunteer response, about 17.5% did, underscoring the importance of maintaining a trained volunteer force to provide surge capacity for major incidents.

The Mayor informed the council about a meeting held earlier that day with stakeholders like the Bureau of Land Management and gravel company Staker Parsons. The discussions aimed to coordinate future access and expansion of gravel mining areas the city leases to Staker, while also potentially integrating groundwater recharge capabilities related to flood mitigation efforts.

In closing, Mayor Green commended the students honored for their essays, expressing how their perspectives remind everyone what makes Cedar City great.

### Cedar City Planning Commission

from Iron County Today Staff

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

The meeting commenced with a detailed examination of issues surrounding gated communities within planned unit developments (PUDs). The prevailing concern was the requirement stipulated in the current ordinance, mandating PUDs to be gated. However, it became apparent that this provision had been loosely interpreted in practice. Instead of actual gates, developments often resorted to installing some form of monument or entry signage, which served as a symbolic marker rather than an effective barrier.

Several commissioners questioned the logic behind the gating requirement, speculating whether it stemmed from emotional reactions of constituents dissatisfied with PUD residents paying equivalent taxes to regular neighborhoods while also bearing the burden of HOA fees for private road maintenance. Conversely, some argued that the gating provision was intended to dissuade developers from exploiting the more lenient PUD standards to bypass traditional subdivision regulations.

After deliberation, the consensus leaned towards removing the gated requirement from the ordinance altogether. This decision aimed to grant developers autonomy in deciding whether to implement gated communities, without the imposition of regulatory mandates.

Subsequently, the commission shifted its focus to the

ordinance's requirement for 6-foot high perimeter fencing around multi-family PUDs such as apartments and townhomes. While some commissioners struggled to discern the rationale behind this mandate, others expressed concerns regarding its efficacy and community benefits. However, there were reservations about the affordability of such fencing, with some commissioners advocating for it to be optional rather than mandatory.

Amidst debates over the role of fencing in balancing development costs and community needs, concerns emerged regarding visibility and sightline obstructions caused by solid fencing, particularly in close proximity to street corners. While this aspect wasn't directly part of the fencing discourse, it underscored the need to address issues related to vegetation, decorative walls, and improper placement that could impede visibility.

Furthermore, the commission delved into fence requirements outlined in the city's zoning ordinance, sparking debates over the allocation of responsibility for fence installation between commercial/industrial and residential properties. Contentions arose over whether the burden should rest on the party developing second or always on the higher intensity use.

Despite extensive deliberations, no consensus was reached on altering the existing requirements. However, considerations were made for potential exceptions, especially for unified, walkable mixed-use developments where housing and commercial components are intentionally integrated.

As the meeting drew to a close, the commission tasked staff with examining potential revisions to ordinance language pertaining to fencing and related issues. Emphasizing a measured approach to ordinance changes, the commission underscored the importance of frequent, focused discussions on specific sections rather than wholesale overhauls.

# Congresswoman Maloy Reintroduces the Daylight Act

from Bella Pincock

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Washington, D.C. — Today, Congresswoman Celeste Maloy (UT-02) reintroduced the Daylight Act, legislation that would allow states to observe Daylight Saving Time year-round.

## POLICE SEIZE

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During an interview with Iron County Today, the Tri-County Task Force Commander, Zac Adams, commended his deputy's work.

# Lee Introduces Bipartisan Legislation to Accelerate Adoption of Geothermal Energy



from Senator Mike Lee

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

WASHINGTON – Senator Mike Lee (R-UT), along with Senators Martin Heinrich (D-NM), James Risch (R-ID), and Catherine Cortez Masto (D-NV), all members of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee, introduced the Geothermal Energy Optimization (GEO) Act to accelerate the adoption of geothermal energy nationwide.

Next-generation geothermal technologies offer several unique advantages that distinguish it from other forms of clean energy — including its potential to complement inter-

“Americans are tired of springing forward and losing sleep and falling back and losing sunlight. Dozens of states, including Utah, have already passed laws to make Daylight Saving Time permanent. The federal government needs to get out of the way and allow them to make that choice instead of

“The deputy did a great job,” Adams said. “Honestly, he is responsible for saving so many lives and deserves to be recognized for that. Fentanyl is so dangerous because you never know how potent one pill is. One time, someone could take a pill

mandating the needless practice of changing our clocks twice a year,” said Rep. Maloy.

In 2020, Utah passed a law that would make Daylight Saving Time permanent. However, the law cannot go into effect until Congress changes the federal statute. 18 other states have passed similar laws.

and be fine and the next pill they take can kill them because it has a stronger potency.”

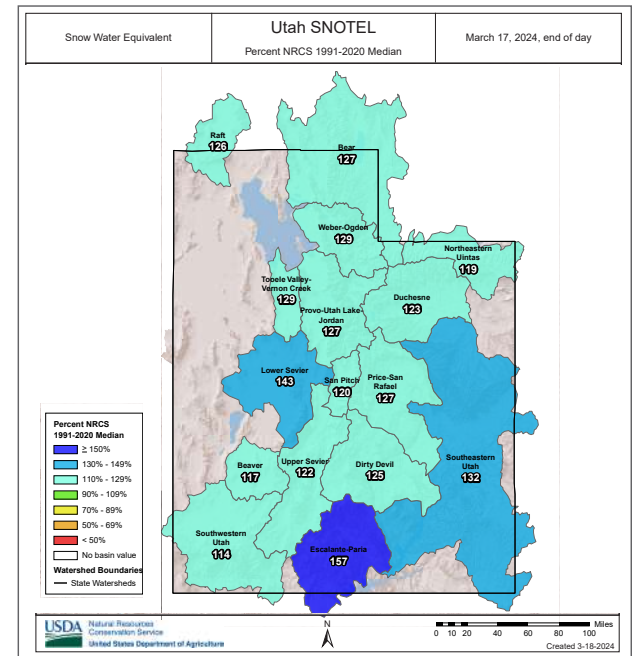
According to the charging documents, Partida-Pantoja is a California resident with no ties to Utah and has allegedly been homeless for eight months.

brink of becoming a leader in geothermal innovation. Through this bipartisan effort, we are preparing for a future where geothermal power plays a key role in our energy strategy.”

“With a highly skilled workforce already trained in the technologies of this emerging industry, New Mexico is ready to lead the nation in the deployment of geothermal energy,” said Heinrich. “By breaking down barriers that are preventing companies from fully harnessing the power of geothermal energy, my bipartisan GEO Act builds on the successful efforts our state has advanced to unlock this new, carbon emission-free energy source. This is how we will accelerate our clean energy future, grow our economy, lower costs for working Americans, and create more high-quality jobs that New Mexicans can build their families around.”

“Idaho has long utilized the abundant natural geothermal resources just below its surface. With breakthrough technologies underway, there is great poten-

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**IRON COUNTY FORECAST**

GREAT WEATHER TO CLOSE THE WORKWEEK WITH MOSTLY SUNNY SKIES AND MILD TEMPERATURES! WE'LL START TO SEE CHANGES THIS WEEKEND AS A COLD FRONT MOVES ARRIVES, RESULTING IN SHOWERS AND COOLER TEMPERATURES BY THE END OF THE WEEKEND INTO MONDAY.

Check your local forecast anytime at: [ABC4.com/weather](http://ABC4.com/weather)

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WINDS: SW 10-15

**FRIDAY**  
Mostly Sunny  
**63°/41°**  
PRECIP: 0%  
WINDS: SSW 10-15

**SATURDAY**  
Chance Rain  
**59°/36°**  
PRECIP: 20%  
WINDS: SSW 20-25

**SUNDAY**  
Chance Rain/Snow  
**50°/27°**  
PRECIP: 60%  
WINDS: W 10-15

**MONDAY**  
Chance Rain/Snow  
**47°/28°**  
PRECIP: 50%  
WINDS: W 10-15

**TUESDAY**  
Slight Chance  
**50°/31°**  
PRECIP: 20%  
WINDS: W 10-15

**WEDNESDAY**  
Partly Cloudy  
**53°/32°**  
PRECIP: 10%  
WINDS: SW 15-20

# Iron Springs Road in Line for Major Overhaul

by *Tracie Sullivan*

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Cedar City – Iron County is grappling with substantial infrastructure challenges following the recent surge in population growth since 2020.

With a current population of nearly 66k, Iron County has experienced a 2.96% increase year over year since 2020. It is now considered the eighth most populous county in Utah.

To help deal with the rapid growth, and bolster connectivity in the area, Utah Congresswoman Celeste Maloy has allocated a \$7 million grant to the county for the upgrade and construction of Iron Springs Road.

Iron County Commissioner Marilyn Wood emphasized the significance of federal funding for this infrastructure project, citing the county's inability to finance the estimated \$10 million undertaking independently.

“There is no way we could have come up with \$10 million to redo a road. We're too small of a county. We just don't have money like that and this road really needs to be redone,” Wood said.

The road serves as a critical artery in the region, linking Interstate 15 to state Route 56 and

extending to Iron Springs Road and a vital thoroughfare for accessing the burgeoning industrial hub known as the Iron Springs Project Area.

Encompassing 820 acres, the project is Utah's first rural inland port and a focal point for economic development in the region.

As industrial activity continues to expand, the upgrade of Iron Springs Road is essential to facilitate the flow of goods and services and alleviate traffic congestion in downtown Cedar City.

“The belt route takes the traffic out of the middle of Cedar City and reroutes it off of I-15 at the Hamilton Fort exit to Iron Springs Road where the semi trucks need to go,” said Iron County Engineer Richard Wilson.

Wilson underscored the urgent need for road improvements on Iron Springs Road, highlighting safety concerns and the anticipated increase in traffic volume due to port-related activities.

Additionally, businesses in the area and the county landfill further emphasize the importance of these upgrades.

Wilson anticipates that the road will need to undergo complete reconstruction due to the inadequate subbase.

The road subbase functions as a foundational

layer upon which the base course is laid. It provides stability and support for the road structure, contributing to its overall durability and longevity.

While the road currently doesn't experience a lot of traffic, county planners anticipate a significant increase in volume in the coming years.

“As it is now, that road has deteriorated so badly it can't handle those large trucks driving on it everyday and the traffic that is only going to increase as that area continues to be built out,” he said.

Wilson also stressed the importance of future-proofing the road to accommodate projected growth and ensure the efficient movement of goods and people.

The design of the new road will include left-hand turning lanes as well as deceleration and acceleration lanes to help with the flow of traffic.

The upgrade of Iron Springs Road is just one of many efforts local leaders are currently addressing in response to the area's growth. As Iron County continues to evolve and grow, decisions regarding such projects will remain subject to community input and consideration.



### **Future improvements:**

*Iron Springs Road set for upgrades to support growing population and industrial needs, March 15, 2024*

Photos courtesy of Johnnie Sullivan, Iron County Today

## The Budget Committee Must Stop its Theater and Start Acting to Restore Fiscal Responsibility

from Senator Mitt Romney

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

WASHINGTON—At a Budget Committee hearing today to discuss the President's budget proposal, U.S. Senator Mitt Romney (R-UT) railed against the unserious nature of the Committee in the midst of our country's debt crisis. Out of the 29 Budget Committee hearings this Congress, only three have dealt with the topic of the budget—while 14 of them have been on climate change. He urged the Committee to address the topics actually under its jurisdiction and get serious about addressing the budget and debt.

In an exchange with Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Director Shalanda Young, Senator Romney argued that the Administration

has put out a budget proposal it knows has no chance of becoming law, and that in order to get legislation passed, Republicans and Democrats have to actually work together. Romney also offered his bipartisan, bicameral Fiscal Stability Act as a viable solution to getting a handle on our debt.

Senator Romney's opening remarks: "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. It's appropriate that this hearing is being held during Academy Awards season. I'm afraid what we do here is more Barbie than it is Oppenheimer. The public thinks we work on the budget, but we don't. You realize in the time I've been in this Committee, we've never met privately. We've

never come together and negotiated and given some give and take and come up with proposals to somehow get us closer to a balanced budget or deal with the debt. Frankly, the only time we meet is in these hearings. And if you've been watching over the 118th Congress, you realize that we've had 28 hearings before today. Do you know how many of those hearings have been on the budget? Two! Now, I'm concerned about the climate, but 14 of our hearings have been on climate change. For instance, "the cost of oil dependence in a low carbon world: how climate change is changing the insurance market; the real cost of fossil fuels: how the climate crisis threatens ocean industries?"

These are important topics. They just don't belong in the Budget Committee! This is a committee that's about performing, getting on stage, and acting like we care about these things. But there's actually no work being done by this Committee to deal with our budget and to deal with federal spending.

"Now, we

pretend we're going to be bringing down the deficit, but the Administration is comparing our spending to the COVID years. And any American knows that we spent a massive amount of money to deal with the COVID crisis and to help American families. And pretending like we're cutting the deficit when we're comparing to a COVID year is absurd. Now, people on both sides of the aisle, including economists, say that the increase in debt is unsustainable, that raising debt as a percentage of the GDP cannot go on forever. And we're apparently not in the position to do the job because we won't even meet to talk about it. So my question is, does the Administration support the idea brought forward by Senator Manchin and myself in our chamber—but also in the House by two leaders there—to put in place a bipartisan, bicameral commission to look at ways to see if we can't hold the debt as a percentage of GDP at a constant level. Does the Administration support that legislation?"

## Double Trouble: Man Charged in Back-to-Back Assaults

by Tracie Sullivan

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Cedar City Police recently arrested a man for threatening his roommate with a power drill. The incident came just weeks after he was charged for allegedly assaulting an officer.

Jayson Jade McDonald was booked into the Iron County Jail March 6 for aggravated assault, obstruct-

ing justice, disorderly conduct and failing to stop at the command of police.

According to charging documents, police responded to an address on Spruce Street on a report that a shirtless man was seen chasing another man down the street threatening to kill

him while holding a Ryobi power drill.

Police found McDonald in a car holding the drill. He allegedly ignored their commands and went inside the residence. He then refused to come back out, the charging documents stated.

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## public & health

### SOUTHERN UTAH VETERANS ASSOCIATION

#### *Serving Veterans, Restoring Lives, Building Community*

by Chuck Waddell

SOUTHERN UTAH VETERANS  
ASSOCIATION

#### THE CHALLENGE

We are currently facing a mental health epidemic that is affecting many of our citizens, veterans included. The nature of the roles they play in our communities, many first responders, law enforcement, and even 911 dispatchers suffer from Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD).

Among military veterans alone we have lost approximately 80,000 precious souls due to PTSD. The most effective treatment for many is the formation of a community that builds relationships and allows sufferers to find relief by engaging in the creative arts. The sense of community built while engaging in sculpture, painting, woodworking, or metalworking is the key to removing PTSD sufferers from their isolation.

#### PTS MAN SCULPTURE

This sculpture represents the effects of Post Traumatic Stress on human beings. This sculpture is modeled on an actual combat veteran who experienced the life-affecting symptoms of being in combat.

Many of our first responders, medical personnel, and others who deal with frequent traumatic situations also experience the symptoms of Post Traumatic Stress syndrome.

You will notice that the sculpture has his heart in his left hand and his right hand holds his brain. The absence of the heart and brain in their normal body positions indicates the way that Post Traumatic Stress Syndrome affects the individual in both

physical and mental health.

Southern Utah Veterans Association commissioned this sculpture to serve as the focal point of their Veterans Center. The purpose of the Center will be to provide healing and a social network using arts and other disciplines. This Center is currently in the planning stages and further announcements will be made as progress is being made.

#### SOUTHERN UTAH VETERANS ASSOCIATION

To provide a central place for participation in the creative arts, the Southern Utah Veterans Association was formed in 2021 by Chuck Waddell, a retired US Navy Chief Steel Worker and Diver. During his time in Vietnam and later he participated in many significant activities. He also was one of the inhabitants of the first Sea Lab along with many of the NASA Astronauts. Chuck has also seen many of his fellow servicemen perish because of PTSD which he also suffers from.

Southern Utah Veterans Association was incorporated in Utah to provide resources for those who are experiencing PTSD. SUVA is also a 501c3 organization that is engaged in assisting local individuals in their struggle to obtain assistance for housing, medical needs, and basic necessities.

#### HELP IS ON THE WAY

Upon research SUVA determined that adequate facilities to assist PTSD sufferers do not exist in Iron County, the official board of SUVA made the decision to construct a facility to assist those individuals.

SUVA has obtained the services of a commercial architect and has received conceptual plans for the building and the entire site. SUVA has also engaged in a diligent search for a suitable piece of property sufficient to house the Arts Center Building, an Amphitheater, and a full-size replica of the Vietnam Memorial in Washington DC.

Southern Utah Veterans Association has just entered into a memorandum of Understanding with a local developer to purchase 20 acres of prime property at a greatly reduced price. We have five years to purchase the property and are currently in the process of raising the funds needed to construct the Arts Center Building. We are aware that this is an ambitious undertaking, but it needs to be done to preserve the lives of our citizens and our rural underserved community.

Because of the lack of Veterans Administration medical facilities in our area, we are in the process of meeting with the Veterans Administration regarding the construction of a VA clinic adjacent to our site.

The location of the Veterans Creative Arts Center is slated to be built along Old Highway 91, north of the City of Enoch, and comprises approximately 20 acres of land. It will house the Veterans Arts Center, the Amphitheater, and the Vietnam Wall Memorial replica.

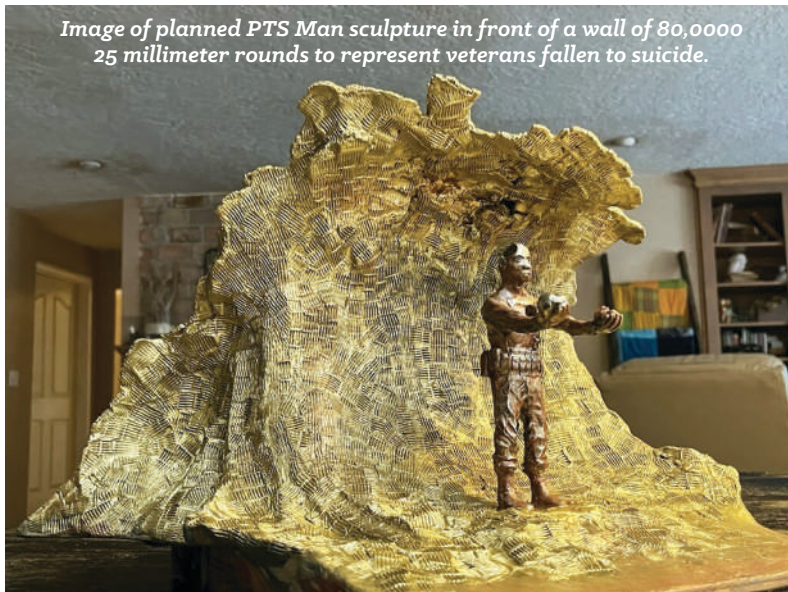
For more information please visit our website at [suveterans.com](http://suveterans.com) or Chuck Waddell, President of the Southern Utah Veterans Association at [boatheaver@gmail.com](mailto:boatheaver@gmail.com).



PTS MAN - LEFT - Jacob Dean, Sculptor; Right - Rick Hughes, Manager, Hurst Ace Hardware.

PHOTOS BY: CHUCK WADDELL

Image of planned PTS Man sculpture in front of a wall of 80,000 25 millimeter rounds to represent veterans fallen to suicide.



# Primary Sources: Supreme Court Unanimously Rules in Favor of Donald J. Trump in Colorado Election Case

by Iron County Today Staff

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

*Disclaimer: We highly encourage our readers to view the primary source at [https://www.supremecourt.gov/opinions/23pdf/23-719\\_19m2.pdf](https://www.supremecourt.gov/opinions/23pdf/23-719_19m2.pdf). Due to the length we are unable to publish the ruling in its complete form.*

In a recent ruling, the Supreme Court of the United States addressed the issue of whether states have the authority to enforce Section 3 of the Fourteenth Amendment against federal officeholders and candidates. The case, brought by former President Donald J. Trump against Norma Anderson and others, centered on whether Trump could be disqualified from seeking the Presidential nomination of the Republican Party due to his alleged involvement in the events of January 6, 2021.

The Colorado Supreme Court had sided with the respondents, ordering the exclusion of Trump from the Republican primary ballot in the

state. However, the Supreme Court reversed this decision, emphasizing that the responsibility for enforcing Section 3 against federal officeholders lies with Congress, not the states.

*The ruling highlighted several key points:*

## Background and Argument:

Colorado contended that Trump's actions on January 6, 2021, rendered him ineligible to serve as President again under Section 3 of the Fourteenth Amendment.

## State vs. Federal Authority:

While states have the power to regulate their own governance and prescribe qualifications for state officers, they lack the authority to enforce Section 3 against federal officeholders and candidates, particularly concerning the Presidency.

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## DOUBLE TROUBLE

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Due to the previous confrontation, the Iron County Metro SWAT team responded to the scene.

After police gave the suspect multiple commands to come outside, McDonald eventually exited the residence. He was then taken into custody without further issues.

According to the court documents filed in the first case, officers responded to a report of "a male screaming at his family breaking things with a hammer" on Feb. 21.

McDonald allegedly threatened officers and fought them while they were taking him into custody, leading to several class A misdemeanor charges including, four counts of assault on a peace officer and two counts of spitting. He was also charged with interfering with an arrest, a class B misdemeanor.

McDonald is currently being held without bail in Iron County Jail in the second incident for obstruction of justice and aggravated assault, both third-degree felonies.

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## Southern Utah University

# SUU Opens New VR/AR Classroom & Hosts XR Southern Summit

by Nikki Koontz

SUU MARKETING COMMUNICATIONS

Southern Utah University is proud to announce the launch of its new Virtual Reality and Augmented Innovation Classroom. This facility offers students hands-on experience in virtual reality and augmented reality content, equipped with state-of-the-art technology, including VR and AR headsets and high-end computers and software.

The VR/AR classroom was made possible through a nearly million-dollar innovation grant awarded by the Utah System of Higher Education (USHE) that was written collaboratively by Dr. James Brandt, Dr. Richard Cozzens, Dr. Jeffery Cowley, Aundrea Frahm, Benjamin Kirkby, and Dr. Brandon Wiggins. VR offers a highly immersive learning experience that engages students in ways traditional methods cannot. By simulating real-world environments and scenarios with low-risk stakes, VR enables students to interact with content and explore concepts in a more profound and memorable manner whilst maintaining a safe environment the entire time. The classroom is equipped with 23 of the newest

headsets from Meta, a monitor for every headset, and a computer dedicated to development. Over 15 classes are using the classroom in their curriculum. Students are using VR to learn human anatomy, build professional soft-skills, take virtual field trips, and create collaborative molecular design.

**“SUU is interested in being on the leading edge of integrating emerging technologies into their higher education curricula,”**

said VR/AR Director Aundrea Frahm.

Along with the classroom facility, SUU will host a large-scale virtual reality conference at the end of the month. The XR Southern Summit will take place on March 29 and March 30 in the Hunter Alumni



Conference Center. This conference is aimed at exploring the latest advancements and opportunities in the fields of Virtual Reality and Augmented Reality in relation to education. It will bring together experts and enthusiasts from various industries and universities to share their knowledge and experiences. Whether you are a beginner or an experienced professional, the XR Southern Summit is an opportunity to gain knowledge, connect with others, and explore the exciting world of VR and AR.

The conference will feature keynote speaker Kevin Steed from KRS Electric, a company leading the way in using VR in the construction industry, as well as plenary speaker Rob Nelson, who is a content creator and biologist. Attendees

will be provided with a unique opportunity to learn about the latest developments and trends in VR and AR with presenters from the University of Utah, Utah State University, Utah Tech, Southern Utah University, Boise State University, University of Maryland, Harvard, and University of Nevada Reno and vendors from Transfr, SimX, KRS, Serlio and more. To register or learn more about the conference, visit the conference website at <https://www.suu.edu/xr/>

SUU's Center for Teaching Innovation exists to support SUU's learning community, providing expertise and resources for projects of all scopes—from answering technical questions and assisting with webinars or conferences to working to create innovative teaching solutions.

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tial to scale up production of this clean, reliable energy. The GEO Act will streamline leasing and permitting processes, allowing the responsible and efficient development of traditional and enhanced geothermal resources on our public lands,” said Risch.

“Nevada is primed to continue to grow our geothermal energy sector, which will play an essential role in our clean energy future,” said Cortez Masto. “This bipartisan legislation will make it easier for companies to explore and invest in geothermal projects that power our communities while lowering energy costs for Nevada families.”

The GEO Act would put geothermal projects on an equal footing with oil and gas projects on public land, and direct the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and Forest Service to develop a streamlined process for geothermal observation well permits on public land. The bill also creates a Geothermal Ombudsman and Strike Team to provide additional resources for field offices. Additionally, it sets new geothermal lease targets on federal lands and requires the Bureau of Land Management and Forest Service to hold auctions more frequently than every two years.

“In 2005, the U.S. was in an energy crisis and rightly granted oil and gas a categorical exclusion to produce more energy to meet demand. We may be approaching a new crisis if we don't start producing more clean power to meet energy demand, and this bill helps achieve parity for 24/7, renewable geothermal,” said Rich Powell, CEO of ClearPath Action. “The GEO Act will streamline the permitting process, expand development leasing, and provide much needed resources to get more geothermal power onto the grid.”

“Next-generation geothermal energy is available today to provide 24/7 clean and reliable electricity all over the West, creating jobs in rural communities and enhancing American energy security. We commend the leadership of Senators Heinrich, Risch, Lee, and Cortez-Masto in developing the GEO Act to make it easier to deploy this critical technology at the speed we need to support a thriving economy and stave off the worst impacts of the climate crisis,” said Sarah Jewett, VP of Strategy, Fervo Energy.

“We are grateful for the leadership of Senators Heinrich, Risch, Lee and Cortez Masto in introducing this critical legislation,” said Jeanine Vany, Eavor Co-founder and Executive Vice Presi-

# Stabbing results in non-fatal injuries and one arrest

by *Tracie Sullivan*

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Cedar City Police arrested a 45-year-old man early Saturday morning after a stabbing incident that occurred the previous night.

Steven Daniel Harris was booked into the Iron County Jail March 16 on charges of aggravated assault, a second-degree felony, and possession of a dangerous weapon, a third-degree felony.

The arrest came after police responded to a call at around 6 p.m. at an apartment complex located on 199 E. Canyon Commercial Avenue. There, they found an injured man with two stab wounds, specifically in his lower left chest and on the inside of his right leg near his knee.

“Officers also saw a large amount of blood and blood drops on the floor in the bathroom and a hallway leading to the kitchen as well as on the kitchen floor by the kitchen sink,” the court documents state. According to the charging documents filed in Fifth-District Court, the altercation started after the other man reportedly spat on Harris’ parked vehicle, which angered Harris.

Harris then followed the man into his apartment to confront him, allegedly holding a pocket knife in one hand and a pair of scissors in the other. Both men were injured during the ensuing fight,

with Harris sustaining a cut on his hand near his thumb.

During the police interview, Harris claimed that the other man was also armed with a knife. However, police reported the man denied the allegations and said Harris’ injuries likely came as a result of the fight when he was trying to get the weapons away from his alleged attacker.

Harris also told police he didn’t intend to stab the man.

“Steven stated that as they fought he pressed his knife against (the man) in order for him to feel the tip of the knife and back away,” the report states. According to the police statement, the two men have known each other for some time. Police later found Harris near his car after he had fled the scene. He told police that he had thrown the knife out of the car window because he was unsure whether he could possess it due to his prior felony convictions, according to the charging documents.

Both men were treated at the hospital for non-fatal injuries and later released. Court records show Harris’ criminal history dating back to 2003 with his most recent conviction in 2021 involving a felony drug distribution charge that was later reduced to a misdemeanor after he successfully graduated from mental health court in August 2023.

During an interview with Iron County Today, Public Information Officer Justin Ludlow said there were no drugs or alcohol involved in the case. However, Harris reportedly told police Saturday he has been diagnosed with schizophrenia and bipolar disorder.

He said he had changed his prescription just two days prior and didn’t like the new medication.

Police are asking for no bail as they believe he would be a danger to others and the community.

“With the recent changes to his medi-

cations I believe that Steven is a danger to himself or others, the affidavit states. “He also currently has the words, ‘f\*\*\* you’ carved into his left forearm. He stated that he cut these words into his due to his schizophrenia. Therefore, I humbly ask for NO Bail to be allowed for Steven at this time.”

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dent of Corporate Affairs. “The Geothermal Energy Optimization Act of 2024 streamlines the permitting process and will advance geothermal energy development on federal lands. As we look towards the energy systems of the future, Eavor’s technology provides carbon-free, sustainable energy development that aids in the decarbonization of heating and electricity. We also create high-paying jobs and provide grid hardening capabilities – all while using minimal water and land. This legislation will help advance geothermal projects like Eavor’s to become a reality more quickly across the United States.”

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### Congressional Authority:

The Supreme Court emphasized that Congress, through Section 5 of the Fourteenth Amendment, has the power to enforce its provisions, including Section 3, through appropriate legislation.

### Historical Precedent:

The ruling cited historical examples of Congress enacting legislation to enforce Section 3 against federal officeholders and candidates, underscoring that state enforcement of Section 3 would raise significant constitutional concerns and lead to inconsistencies across states.

### Uniformity in Presidential Elections:

Permitting state-by-state resolution of Section 3 disqualifications for Presidential candidates would undermine the national interest in fair and consistent Presidential elections.

In a unanimous decision, the Supreme Court reversed the judgment of the Colorado Supreme Court, emphasizing that states cannot enforce Section 3 against federal officeholders. The ruling clarified that responsibility for such enforcement rests solely with Congress.

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**A** Visit To A Museum - search for beauty, truth, and meaning in our lives. Go to museums as often as you can. Museums have a calming effect-the peaceful atmosphere, the silence, the lack of distractions and the beauty of the art can all help create a sense of relaxation. One of the great benefits of visiting museums is that it allows you to change your perspective and place yourself in the shoes of the artists and those who left us a part of their lives.

Museums and galleries are a great way to learn more about your city while appreciating art and history. There are several museums around to visit. These museums all feature different ways of showing history. The five museums located here are open, easy to find, and ready for you to explore.

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Welcome to Frontier Homestead State Park

Daughters of Utah  
Pioneers Museum,  
Parowan Utah Rock  
Church. Photo by  
Donnie Hunter



Museum. Discover the pioneer and early industrial history of Cedar City, and Southwest Utah through an extensive horse-drawn wagon collection which belonged to Gronway Parry, historic buildings, Native Heritage exhibit, sawmill, and replica blast furnace, just to name a few items you will find here.

Welcome to Southern Utah Museum Of Art, on the campus of Southern Utah University.

Features artwork from SUU students, local and regional artists, as well as nationally and

internationally recognized artists. SUMA houses nearly 2000 objects in its permanent collection,

including a significant body of work by Jimmie F. Jones, a distinguished landscape painter

whose estate laid the foundation for the museum's creation. A must-visit, ponder, and enjoy this state-of-the-art museum. Find inspiration in rotating exhibits, outstanding artists, and stunning

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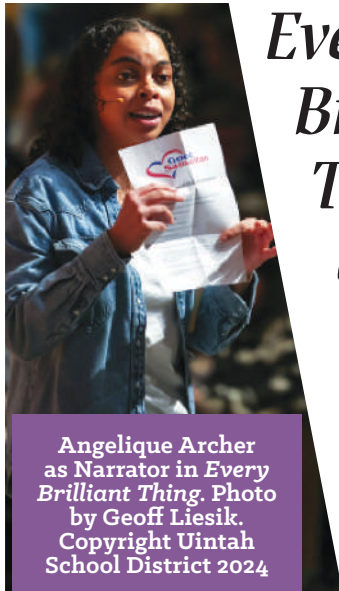
## THE IMPACT OF MUSEUMS

from May Hunter

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY



Southern Utah Museum Of Art.  
Photo from SUMA



## Every Brilliant Thing comes to a Close: The Tour in Review

Angelique Archer as Narrator in *Every Brilliant Thing*. Photo by Geoff Liesik. Copyright Uintah School District 2024

from Mario Ihler

UTAH SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL

The Festival is extremely proud of the inspiring production *Every Brilliant Thing*, which for the second year traveled all across the state of Utah, with over forty performances in schools and communities in 2024.

With the intention of “cultivating the use of proactive, life-affirming communication when you or those you love are confronted with depression,” this is one of the most critical pieces of work the Festival has ever produced, according to Director of Development and Communications Donn Jersey.

“Young people need the affirmation that they are not alone. Each and every student that will watch this production will be reminded that they are needed, they are loved, and they belong here,” Governor Spencer J. Cox said.

The tour was funded by the Utah State Legislature and recently received formal recognition for their work in collaboration with

SafeUT from the legislature.

“This tour is about saving lives,” Tour Manager Jordan Simmons said.

Simmons noted that the project had five goals, the first being to create an active dialogue between all stakeholders about emotional and mental well-being in regards to depression and suicide.

Another goal was increasing awareness in Utah schools of mental health resources available for students and to find applicable ways to use these resources. The tour also strived to provide an artistic experience that enabled young people to see things from a new and positive perspective, provided opportunities for students to both practice and participate in a number of skills related to Utah Core standards, and inspired people to see the beauty in life.

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sculpture courts. This museum is open year-round Monday-Saturday, 10-6, admission is free.

Located at 13 S. 300 W. Cedar City Utah.

Welcome to the Daughters Of The Utah Pioneers Memorial Museum. It is located in the Iron Country Visitor Center. They are working to preserve the history and artifacts of its Pioneer

ancestors. The Museum is noted as the world's largest collection of artifacts, displays the

memorabilia from the time the earliest settlers entered the Valley as early as May 10th, 1869. As

you enter the Pioneer Memorial Museum, you walk into history. Here

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Daughters of Utah Pioneer Museum. Photo by Julia Corey

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are the belongings of a hardy pioneer people who migrated 2,000 miles west across the plains from Nauvoo, Illinois, and from all parts of the world seeking freedom and a better

life.

Welcome to The Daughters Of The Utah Pioneers Museum, Parowan Utah, located in the Old Rock Church. After fifty-two years of use, the Daughters of the Utah Pioneers obtained the site. They worked to restore it to its original condition and converted it into a museum.

Step back in history as you enter this unique "Museum." A must-visit. The Rock Church is under renovation now.

Welcome to the Frehner Museum of Natural History. This Museum displays taxidermy, specimens, shells, plants, minerals, dinosaur tracks, and fossils. The Frehner Museum of

Natural History, located at Southern Utah University, is dedicated to researching and collecting natural history and providing interactive exhibits that illuminate humanity's interconnectedness with the natural world. To understand the natural history of southern Utah, visit this Museum.

SUMA Museum.  
Photo from SUMA



### Where to find these "Incredible Museums"

#### Frontier Homestead State Park Museum

635 North Main Cedar City Utah open 7 days a week 9-6, \$4 per person.

#### Southern Utah Museum Of Art (SUMA)

13 South 300 West Cedar City Utah open Monday-Saturday, 10-6 free admission.

#### Garth & Jerri Frehner Museum Of Natural History

300 West 162 South Cedar City Utah

open Tuesday-Thursday, 9:30-3:30 free admission.

#### Daughters Of Utah Pioneers Museum

located in the Iron County Tourists and Visitor Center.  
581 North Main Cedar City Utah open Wednesday-Friday 1-4 winter hrs, summer hrs 9-4 free admission.

#### Daughters Of Utah Pioneers Museum/Old Rock Church Museum

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Museums make you feel good, make you smarter, provide effective ways of learning, inspire, great ways to spend time with friends and family. Museums connect us to the larger world around us. With museums, we can travel across the world in a single building, fly over outer space without leaving the ground, or visit moments in history long passed. They offer new

Frontier Homestead State Park.  
Photo from State Park

experiences we can't find in other places or by staying at home. Follow your eyes to wherever they lead you-and the world should begin to change for you. "The best introduction to art is to stroll through a museum." Visit a museum!

## TOUR IN REVIEW

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The Festival's *Every Brilliant Thing* tour team in front of the Utah State Capitol Building

The tour began January 4 and will conclude March 23, with two free public performances in Cedar City at Southern Utah University's Auditorium Theatre. The public is invited to attend on Friday, March 22 at 7:30 pm and Saturday, March 23 at 2:00 pm. These performances are in collaboration with SUU's Storytelling Festival, Creative Outreach Collaboratory, and SUU Health and Wellness.

The tour was directed by Britannia Howe, who will also be writing and directing this season's Greenshow. The traveling company consisted of Tour Manager Jordan Simmons, Stage Manager Kathryn Whilden, and actors Angelique Archer and Marco Antonio Vega.

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# No News Desert Here. We Water our Plants.

by *Mary Ann Anderson*

CEDAR CITY ARTS COUNCIL

I've heard the term "news desert" used to describe those places where the residents have no access to reliable information addressing their immediate concerns. According to Cameron Joseph, more than half of the counties in the United States have no local news coverage! Since 2005, two-thirds of journalism jobs have vanished. The cause: money, as you might surmise. Even the super-rich get tired of predictably losing on their investments. The result: millions have no way to hold their local officials accountable, for instance. And without people like me (who harangue you constantly), residents just have no way to know what's goin' on.

But that's not us.

As I leaf through the latest edition of Iron County Today, I see a whole page devoted to news about the Cedar City Council and the School Board, where they are revisiting the dust-up about the name of our oldest high school. (Now as it happens, that doesn't push my particular buttons, but I like knowing that it is a matter of passion to my neighbors.) There is a mind-boggling report about an attempted murder, from which I felt pride and relief about our local law officers. A letter to the editor details a scary phone scam, from which I now feel more prepared to avoid such predators. Millions have no warnings about such shenanigans right under their noses.

But that's not us.

Sports section: if we didn't have our beloved "Iron County Today", I wouldn't see this quote from Canyon

View High School senior Lincoln Rushton: "This is where I really wanted to go from the beginning. My dad graduated from SUU and played football there as well". Now I don't know Lincoln and don't follow football—at any level—much but I enjoy seeing his picture with his friend Scotty Irons. In my day we would have referred to them as "hunks", meaning handsome, someone we would want to know. In a news desert, we wouldn't know them if we ran into them in Lin's, or know that they were local big shots.

But that's not us.

We don't live in a news desert. People who study such things say that citizens with local news wafting on the very air they breathe are more likely to vote, for instance, more likely to have opinions about local AND national news. It is hard to go to any event in this town without seeing our hard-working editor there with his camera, shaking hands and calling people by name. If said editor wants to move on, he leaves us with a feeling that we are a community, that we care about each other, for better or worse.

Here is the important part, guys. News deserts exist because the inhabitants of such places aren't willing to support the sources where they learn about local theatrical drama or what their kids are reading in school. That is not us. We will put our money where our curiosity is.

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# BRYCE CANYON announces Visitor Information for Spring 2024

IMPORTANT SEASONAL UPDATES FOR PARK  
FACILITIES, CONCESSIONS AND SHUTTLE OPERATIONS

by *Peter J. Densmore*

FOR NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

**BRYCE, UT** – Planning a visit to Bryce Canyon National Park this spring? Today the park announced updated facilities, concessions and shuttle information for its 2024 spring season. No reservations are required to enter Bryce Canyon National Park, but planning ahead will help park visitors to enjoy a predictable visit even on the busiest days.

## SHUTTLE OPERATIONS

Starting April 5, the Bryce Canyon Shuttle will be available to help ease traffic congestion at popular viewpoints and trailheads. Unlimited use of the shuttle is included with your park admission.

Shuttle service will run until Oct. 20, and begin every day at 8 a.m. In spring and fall, the last bus will depart the park at 6:15 p.m. Final bus times will extend to 8:10 p.m. from May 10 to Sept. 22.

Visitors riding the shuttle are encouraged to take advantage of free parking at the shuttle station in Bryce Canyon City. As in years past, vehicles 23 feet (7 meters) and longer are restricted from parking at Bryce Amphitheater viewpoints during shuttle operating hours.

## CAMPGROUNDS

North Campground remains open all winter for first-come, first-served camping, and will transition to reservation-based camping May 18 through Oct. 7. Reservations are available on a 6-month rolling basis.

Sunset Campground is closed each winter, and will open for first-come, first-served camping April 15 through May 17. Reservation-based

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## family

# Parenting while Pregnant

Last week I visited with a close family member who is scheduled to deliver her third baby next week. I couldn't be more excited for her! As I watched her maneuver around her belly to wrangle her three-year-old into his shoes, I was equally excited that my own pregnancy days are over.

I was reminded how painful and sleepless that last trimester was and how frustrating it can be to care for young kids when you hardly feel like caring for yourself!

In an effort to help other expectant mothers survive those final weeks of pregnancy while also keeping up with family, I have compiled a list of tips to help simplify the last trimester.

## 1. Read.

Kids love to have mom and dad play with them! While you may not feel much like kicking a soccer ball or digging in the sandbox, reading a story requires zero physical effort. I can't think of a better way to connect with children than bonding over a book! Better yet, this activity can be enjoyed while snuggled up in bed.

**2. Snack.** We all know that anyone suffering through their ninth month of pregnancy requires frequent breaks. And we all know that toddlers are always hungry. In an effort to prevent mama-to-be from standing up immediately after laying down, I suggest keeping an adequate snack variety easily accessible to younger children. That way when they insist they are starving, mama can direct them to the snack station to tide them over while she takes a much-needed break.

**3. Watch TV.** While parents are encouraged to limit the amount of TV that young children watch, there is an acceptable amount of time approved

by pediatricians. Check with your child's doctor if you're worried about an exact time, but if you approve of an hour or so of uplifting educational TV, I suggest you capitalize. Either be productive around the house or take another much-needed break while your kids are entertained and distracted!

**4. Ask for help.** Kids are very sensitive when it comes to mom not feeling great. Oftentimes this makes them feel insecure and clingy, which can be very counterproductive to someone who has a hard time walking from point A to point B. It can be mutually beneficial to ask kids for help with even the smallest tasks at this point.

Helping makes them feel needed

## mom's CORNER(ED)

by **Weslie Stratton**

CONTRIBUTOR



and assists you with exhausting busy work like searching for your cell phone, retrieving your shoes from the other room, hanging your jacket on a hook, putting dishes in the sink, and hundreds of other child-friendly chores that add up throughout the day.

These are tasks that, when presented right, can help kids feel like they are saving the day and helping moms prepare for a new baby!

Maybe your own months of third-trimester misery are behind you, but these tips apply to any parent who may be under the weather or just need a day to reset. Remember that parenting is a marathon, not a sprint. It's important to take care of yourself, and sometimes that requires taking it easy for a day here and there!

## celebrations

## SEARCHING FOR GEORGE WOOD FAMILY DESCENDANTS FROM CEDAR CITY, UTAH.

A sculpture statue of George Albert (Bert) Wood is in the making. A committee is being formed to support the cost of this sculpture to be placed in front of the Union Pacific Railroad Depot in Cedar City. Looking for those who would like to assist on this committee. Wood family members are being sought out to help with donations for this sculpture.

If you are a Wood family descendant **please send your Name and email to: Wooddescendants@gmail.com**

Your donations can be sent to: Marilyn Wood, 525 Cedarwood Terrace, Cedar City, Utah 84720 or Georgia Johnson, 4279 W 275 N, Cedar City, Utah 84720

George A. Wood was a Southern Utah Business man, innovator, and Builder. He contributed to the economic stability in Southern Utah and surrounding areas. As the Superintendent of Building for the Union Pacific Railroad he oversaw the building of the lodges at each of the four now National Parks. George A. Wood was instrumental in the planning, building, and architect plans for the El Escalante Hotel, approximately 63% of the homes built in Cedar City, the sidewalks, the water systems, the LDS Rock Church, and various other projects that are too numerous to mention at this time. Please help us gather Wood family member names and emails. It's time the Wood name is represented on Cedar City's main street. All contributions in any amount will be appreciated.

A long awaited overdue WOOD FAMILY reunion is also being planned for July 20, 2024, at Wood Ranch up the Canyon off of Hwy 14. Details will be forthcoming.

## 2024 SUU Howard Driggs Memorial Lecture

Zonnie Gorman Speaks about the Navajo Code Talkers

by **Ruth Scovill**

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Zonnie Gorman is the daughter of Carl Gorman who was one of the first group of Navajo Code Talkers during World War II. She has been involved with the Code Talkers' story throughout her life. Zonnie Gorman has a Master's in History from New Mexico State University, and she is now pursuing her Ph.D. in History.

When the U.S. was bombed by Japan on Sunday, December 7, 1941, at Pearl Harbor, they suddenly found themselves thrust into the middle of a war they had been trying to stay out of. The

U.S. wasn't too prepared for the war. Gorman said that the Japanese had broken the military and diplomatic codes for the U.S., but the Americans had only broken the diplomatic code of the Japanese. So one thing

they were looking for was a safe way to communicate.

There was a man named Philip Johnston who was working with the 319th Engineers as a civilian in Los Angeles. Johnston's father, who was from Kansas, had started a mission on the Navajo Reservation in Arizona. From the time he was three, Johnston had grown up on the reservation and spoke a fair bit of Navajo. He was aware that other Native American languages had been used as code in earlier wars, and thought that Navajo would make a good code. He presented his idea to Major Jones at Camp Elliot in San Diego. Jones found four or five Navajo

## calendar

## ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES

## GOVERNMENT

**Brian Head Council**

2nd & 4th Tues, 1 pm • Brian Head Town Hall, 56 N. Hwy 143

**Cedar City Council**

Wed (except 5th), 5:30 pm • City Hall, 10 N. Main St (435) 586-2950

**Enoch City Council**

1st & 3rd Wed, 6 pm • City Hall, 900 E Midvalley Rd • (435) 586-1119

**Enoch Planning Commission**

2nd & 4th Tues, 5:30 pm • City Hall, 900 E Midvalley Rd • (435) 586-1119

**Iron County Commission**

2nd & 4th Mon, 9 am • Commission Chambers, 68 S 100 E, Parowan

**Iron County Democrats**

3rd Sat, 10 am-11:30 am • Cedar City Library, 303 N 100 E

**Iron County Republican Women**

3rd Wed, 11:30 am. Tickets \$20, <https://www.ironcountyrepublicanwomen.com>

**Parowan City Council**

2nd & 4th Thurs, 6 pm • City Hall, 35 E 100 N • (435) 477-3331

## SERVICE GROUPS

**American Legion Post 74**

2nd Mon, 6pm, Cedar Library, 303 N 100 E. Learn about Veteran benefits, opportunities, fellowship. Honor Guard provides military honors at Veterans funerals. Post Commander Larry Bell (435)-559-2017.

**Bikers Against Child Abuse**

2nd Thurs 7 pm • Courtyard Marriott, 1294 S Interstate Dr (Cedar Breaks Conference Rm)

**DAR – Bald Eagle Chapter**

2nd Sat, 10 am • Cedar Library, 303 N 100 E

**Elks Lodge #1556**

111 E Freedom Blvd. Cedar City, (435) 586-8332

**Lion's Club**

Tues, 12 pm • Call Pres. Michelle Wilson for mtg. info. Everyone welcome! (802) 359-2183

**Marine Corps League**

Detachment 1315, 2nd Wed, 6:30 pm Cedar City Library (303 N 100 E)

**Rotary Club**

Tues, 12:15 • Southwest Tech, 757 W 800 S, Cedar City • (435) 233-0244

**So. Utah Veterans Assoc.**

1st Thurs, 7pm • Westview Christian Center (2624 West Hwy 56, Cedar). Veterans, First Responders, All are welcome to attend.

## SUPPORT GROUPS

**AA—Alcoholics Anonymous**

(435) 635-3603 • [www.utahaa.org](http://www.utahaa.org). Helpline: John (702) 802-1332, Kara (702) 232-6829 KKCB Club (203 E. Cobblecreek Dr, Cedar City) unless otherwise listed

**Speaking From The Heart** • M – Sa, Noon

**Steps and Traditions** • M – Su, 7 am

**Red Road to Sobriety** • Mon, 6 pm Paiute

Tribe, 440 N Paiute (435) 586-1112 Ext. 307

**Misfits** • M – F, 6 pm

**Cedar Group** • Tues, 8 pm

**The Great Fact** • T, F, Noon. True Life Center 2111 N. Main. (702) 802-1332 or (702) 533-7856

**Red Creek Group** • Wed, 7 pm • 685 N 300 E, Parowan • (435) 477-8925

**Uncommon Sense** • Sat, 10:00 am

**My Story** • Sat, 8 pm

**Thank God Sunday Spiritual** • Sun, 11 am

**What a Way to Start the Day** • Su, W, F 7-8 am • All are welcome

**Al-Anon**

KKCB Club (203 E. Cobblecreek Dr, Cedar City) unless otherwise listed

**Al-Anon** • 1st, 3rd Tues, 7-8 pm • 435-704-8984

**Easy Does It** • Tues, 7-8 pm • (435) 559-3333

**Hope for Today (Family Groups)**

Thurs, 6 pm • (435) 559-3333

**Alzheimer's/Dementia**

Last Tues, 5:30-6:30 pm • Cedar Library (303 N 100 E). Learn, access resources, connect. Virtual option available. Raven Albertson, 385.831.7124, [utahprograms@alz.org](mailto:utahprograms@alz.org).

**ARP—Addiction Recovery**

1st Wed, 7 pm • Parowan Seminary building, Main & 300 N, Parowan Sun 7:30 pm • 85 N 600 W, Cedar, Rm. 102 – LDS bldg. Back entrance. 435-218-9578

**Caregivers**

3rd Thurs, 5:45-7 pm • Zion's Way Home Health, 369 N 100 W #1, Cedar. All levels of the caregiver's journey from pre-caregiving to bereavement and rebuilding welcome. INFO: Kat at 702-292-9911.

**Celebrate Recovery 12-Step**

Fri, 6:30 pm • Sunrise Christian Church (6843 W 1800 N, Cedar). God can change any hurt, habit or hangup, not just alcohol addiction INFO: 435-586-3640

**Embrace Grace**

Unmarried, pregnant? You don't have to walk alone! Safe, judgment-free zone. Free baby stuff at a baby shower for you. Text or call 407-719-8595. Info under Resources tab @ Threshingfloor.life.

**Grief Support Group**

2nd Tues, 5 pm • Southern Utah Mortuary (190 N 300 W, Cedar). Safe, supportive for those who have lost loved ones. You are not alone. Free. INFO: 435-586-4040

**Grief Support - Child Loss**

1st Tues, 7 pm • Cedar Library (303 N 100 E). FREE for bereaved parent, sibling or grandparent. Includes any child loss (pre-birth, young, teen, adult). INFO: 435-327-1856

**Helproom**

Fri, 2-3 pm • Free online support group for survivors of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault. Safe to communicate, share perspectives on healing, recovery. Join: [affiliate.rainn.org/helproom/canyoncreekservices](http://affiliate.rainn.org/helproom/canyoncreekservices).

**Multiple Sclerosis**

3rd Thurs, 6-8 pm • Cedar Visitor's Center, 581 N Main. Caregivers and those with MS

**Narcotics Anonymous**

[www.nasouthernutah.org](http://www.nasouthernutah.org) • (435) 635-9603 KKCB Club (203 E. Cobblecreek Dr, Cedar City) unless otherwise listed

**Basic Text Study** • Mon, 8 pm

**Just for Today** • Wed, 8 pm

**Hope Without Dope** • Thurs, 8 pm

**Live and Let Live** • Fri, 8 pm

**Candle Light Mtg** • Sat, 9:30 pm (Sm rm)

**Women Only** • Sun, 11 am

**Dopeless Hope Fiends** • Sun, 8 pm • Mtg Hall, 1067 S Main, Cedar (877) 865-5890

**Nicotine Anon (12-Step)**

Fri 5 pm • KKCB 203 Cobble Creek Dr. Ste. 201 (North Room), Cedar • (435) 559-0394

**Porn Addiction Recovery**

Men Only • Thurs, 7:30pm • Canyon View seminary building (54 W 1925 N). North entrance.

**Pregnancy, Infant Loss**

1st Thurs, 7:30 pm • Share Families of So. Utah • 565 N Main Street, Ste. 6, Cedar • [www.southernutahshare.com](http://www.southernutahshare.com)

**Senior Blind/Visually Impaired**

3rd Thurs, 1:30 pm • Cedar City Library

**Southern Utah Veterans Assoc.**

1st Thurs, 7 pm • Westview Christian Center, 2624 W Hwy 56, Cedar. INFO: Chuck Waddell 907-252-1365.

**Southwest Parkinson's Alliance**

2nd Tues, 1:30-2:30 pm • Cedar City Senior Center, 489 E 200 S • Kristy 435-559-9681.

**Widows Ministry**

2nd Sat, 11-1 pm • New Journey-Widow's Ministry @ Sunrise Christian Church (6843 W 1800 N, Cedar). INFO: 435-586-3640, [info@sonrisechurch.net](mailto:info@sonrisechurch.net), [sonrisechurch.net](http://sonrisechurch.net).

## CLASSES, CLUBS &amp; ACTIVITIES

**Adult Barre/Modern Dance**

Wed, 11 am-noon, Spirit Wellness Club, 1615 N Main, Cedar City • All levels, Free to members, or \$8 drop-in fee.

**Arthritis Foundations Exercise**

Time TBA, Cedar Senior Center, 489 E 200 S • 435-586-0832. FREE. Trained instructors. Range-of-motion exercises, endurance-building activities, relaxation techniques, and health education topics.

**Arts for Adults w/ Disabilities**

Every other Tues, 1-2pm, starts Nov. 28. • Johnson Arts Center (59 N 100 W Cedar). Fun, engaging activities. Drum/Flute circles, group juggling, fine arts projects, more! All levels/abilities! 702-917-2151.

**Bingo & Lunch**

Fri, lunch @Noon, Bingo @3 pm. Free for Seniors @ Our House Assisted Living (995 S Regency Rd, Cedar). INFO: 435-867-0055.

**Book Club**

2nd Thurs, 6 pm • Cedar Library 303 N 100 E.

**Boy Scout Troop 1848**

5th-17 yrs • Thurs 6:30 pm • Old School Library, upstairs, west door. Text Sheila 805-208-4545

**Cedar Breaks Model A/ Vintage Car Club**

1st Thurs, 6pm • Get to know other vintage vehicle enthusiasts, great camaraderie, have fun, win awards at car shows, parades, etc. INFO: Mel @ 435-919-4183 or email [cedarbreakmodela@gmail.com](mailto:cedarbreakmodela@gmail.com).

**Cedar Chest Quilters' Guild**

Thurs, 10 am • Cedar Senior Center, 489 E 200 S. Projects for all abilities. Block of the Month. Make friends, improve skills & have fun. Visitors welcome. Info: Ms. Ronnie Badgett. 435-477-2243. [cedarchestquiltersguild.org](http://cedarchestquiltersguild.org)

**Cedar City ESL**

Wed, 6:30 - 7:30 pm • Free ESL lessons offered at Cedar Library, Rare Book Room (303 N 100 E). No pre-registration required.

**Cedar City Toastmasters**

Thurs, 7 am • Cedar City Visitor Center, 581 North Main. Find your voice, shape your future. Be the leader & speaker you want to be. (603) 731-0116

**Cedar Professionals**

Tues, 7:30 am • Springhill Suites, 1477 S Highway 91, Cedar City. Organization of business people. Stimulate business through exchange of ideas, information, referrals. visit [www.cedarprofessionals.org](http://www.cedarprofessionals.org)

**Cedar Radio Control Club**

4th Thurs, 7 pm • Cedar City Library, 303 N 100 E.

**Cedar City Community Band**

We offer a wealth of opportunities for individuals of all ages and skill levels to get involved and experience the joy of ensemble music-making. Contact us at [www.cedarcitycommunityband.org](http://www.cedarcitycommunityband.org) or by calling 435-590-2513.

**Cub Scout Pack 1848**

K-5th • Thurs, 5 pm • Old School Library, upstairs, west side door, next to Enoch City Business office. Text LaRee Kurtz 435-559-211.

**Explorer Bible Club**

Wed, 6:30-8 pm • 4yrs. to 6th grade, Valley Bible Church (4780 N Hwy 91, Enoch). 435-586-0253

**International Folk Dancing**

Fri, 1-2 pm • Cedar Senior Center (489 E 200 S) FREE; No Partner Needed; teaching! INFO: 626-808-6129

**Iron County Moms For America**

1st Wed, 7pm • Cedar City Library. Keep liberty alive in your hearts, homes with liberty minded book discussions. INFO: Kami Merrill 435-592-4152 or email: [ironcountymoms4america@gmail.com](mailto:ironcountymoms4america@gmail.com)

**O.A.R.S. Young Adult Group**

Tues, 9, 6-8 pm • Cedar Library (303 N 100 E). Open, Authentic, Relevant, and Spiritual. Dinner group, ages 18-30. Talk about spirituality, mutual support, curiosity, community service. Text 541-579-1554, [pastorschuyler@gmail.com](mailto:pastorschuyler@gmail.com)

**Parowan Pickleball**

Mon, 6-8 pm • Tues-Thurs, 9-12 pm • Iron County Exhibit Building. Range of skill levels, 3 indoor courts, beginners welcome. INFO, fees and signup: Parowan Visitors Center 435-477-8190.

**PB&J Therapy Groups**

These two groups teach skills for different areas of life by utilizing recreational activities and engaging in other forms of expressing emotions. INFO: 435-267-4212. College: [forms.gle/SmGytgCfVQ1tS2pB7](mailto:forms.gle/SmGytgCfVQ1tS2pB7) Adolescent: [forms.gle/BZieppPW63pR6Zd8k9](mailto:forms.gle/BZieppPW63pR6Zd8k9)

**Rock Club**

1st Thurs, 6 pm • Gateway Academy, 201 W Thoroughbred Way, Enoch. Learn about geology, find gems, fossils and minerals. Learn to cut and polish and make jewelry. [southernutahrockclub.org](http://southernutahrockclub.org)

**Sagebrush Fiber Artisans Guild**

Wed, 9:30-11:30 am • Grind Coffee House (19 N Main, Cedar City). Knit, crochet, weave, spin, etc. Come learn a craft, work on a project, or just socialize. Beginners welcome! Questions: Jane 435-233-8366.

**Senior Yoga Classes**

Mon, 10-11 am & Wed, 1-2 pm • Cedar City Senior Center (489 E 200 S). Easy to do. Please bring own mat. (435) 586-0832

**Sewing Group**

Wed 9-2:30 pm • Cedar Senior Center (489 E 200 S). Bring machine, cord, projects, supplies. No fees. All abilities welcome. Annie Anzalone (702) 232-0063.

**Southern Utah Woodturners**

2nd Sat, 9 am, Cedar High School wood shop, 703 W 600 S.

**StrongBoard Classes**

M-W-Fri, 9 am • IFS Studio, 2390 UT-56 #9, Cedar City. Improve core strength, balance, stability. All fitness levels welcome. Class size limited to 8. Call (661) 436-0259 to register/reserve your spot.

**Tai Chi For Health**

Wed & Fri, 9:30-10:30 am • Cedar Senior Center, 489 E 200 S. FREE low-impact, health for Seniors. Helps coordination, balance, flexibility. Maria Bailey, 435-673-3548 x103. Pre-registration not required. Space limited.

**Top Bar Hive Bee Keeping**

1st Tues, 7 pm • Cedar City Library 303 N 100 E. (435) 586-6661

**TOPS—Take Off Pounds Sensibly**

Wed • Weigh-in 9 am, mtg 9:30 am., Cedar City Library, 303 N 100 E. Lose weight affordably • 586-3233 (am mtg)

**Water Aerobics Class**

Tues, Thurs, 9 am • SUU pool, 2-56 N 600 W., Fun, up-tempo workout to music. Intensive cardio, full body muscle toning. Any fitness level. All ages. \$3/class, including pool admission. (435) 327-2091 (no text)

**Wellness Place**

583 S Main Suite #5, Cedar City. (435) 592-5308. Classes: [thewellnessplacecc.com/upcoming-classes](http://thewellnessplacecc.com/upcoming-classes)

**Wellness Wednesdays**

Wed Noon-1 pm • Create Better Health. ZOOM Mtg ID: 841 6308 8990, PW: health, Info: Kristi Sharp (435) 986-2564, [ksharp@swuhealth.org](mailto:ksharp@swuhealth.org)

**Youth Group**

Wed, 6:30-8 pm • Ages 12-18. Meal, games & Bible Study. @ Sunrise Christian Church (6843 W 1800 N, Cedar). INFO: 435-586-3640, [info@sunrisechurch.net](mailto:info@sunrisechurch.net), [sunrisechurch.net](http://sunrisechurch.net).

## calendar

SUN, MAR 17

**SPECIAL TALK - "THE RESURRECTION—VICTORY OVER DEATH!" AT 1:00 P.M.** located at Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses - 620 E Nichols Canyon Rd Cedar City, UT. This 30-minute, Bible-based public discourse will focus on the scriptural hope of a resurrection of the dead in the near future.

SUN, MAR 24

EASTER SUNDAY

**MEMORIAL OF JESUS' DEATH AT 7:30PM** located at Festival Hall Conference Center - 96 N Main St. Room 7 Cedar City, UT. Jehovah's Witnesses have started a worldwide campaign to invite as many people as possible to the annual commemoration of Christ's death. Jesus instituted this right before his death with the command at Luke 22:19 "Keep doing this in remembrance of me". Jehovah's Witnesses will be observing this most important yearly event on March 24th which correlates to the Jewish calendar of Nisan 14.

**THE MASTER SINGERS'** Annual Easter Concert at 6:00 p.m. free free at the Heritage Theatre

MON, MAR 25

**IS REMOTE WORK RIGHT FOR ME? (11:00 AM TO 2:00**

**PM)** Extension - Iron County 585 North Main Street #4, Cedar City, Utah 84721. Join us for a Remote Work Open House. Contact Meagan at Meagan.johnston@usu.edu or (435) 267-1753.

**2024 MESSIANIC DANCE WORKSHOP (4-5:30PM),** Cedar City Library, 303 N 100 E. Come and learn fun, easy ancient Judeo-Christian dances. Info @ (702)460-2317.

TUES, MAR 26

**THE ART OF MAKING MUSIC AND MOTION (1-2 P.M.),** workshops for Intellectually Disabled Adults, funded by The Cedar City Arts Council, will be held at St Judes Church Labyrinth, 70 N 200 W. No cost. Info @ (702)917-2151

WED, MAR 27

**LABYRINTH WALK (12 TO 2pm)** We have many great films and events for film fans and filmmakers alike. This year it will also coincide with the St. George Art Festival. It's going to be a blast! Early Bird All-Access Badges are on sale now through March 5th.

*Want your event on our calendar?*

There is no charge for calendar items. Your submissions can be made online at ironcountytoday.com, or emailed to news@ironcountytoday.com or brought to 479 N 100 W, #1, Cedar City, Utah 84721. The deadline is Friday at noon. The calendar is not to be used for advertising. Items will be printed at our discretion.

## HOWARD DRIGGS

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them send messages to each other. The demonstration went so well that the idea was sent to Washington to the Commandant of the Marines, who decided to do a pilot program with the Navajos.

Gorman's father was one of the first 29 soldiers to be recruited into this effort. He claimed to be ten years younger than he was in order to get into the service, while two other recruits lied that they were older than they were: Wilsey Vinsey and Dean Wilson (aka Bill Dean Yazzie) who was "just shy of fifteen years old." As the group was assembled, they first had a serious discussion about whether it was right to use their language, which they considered to be sacred, in this manner. They did decide to do it, feeling that the need was urgent. They then had to come up with a lot of words that didn't exist in Navajo at the time but would be needed to communicate military information.

The code was more sophisticated than just speaking in an unusual foreign language. Gorman described five features of the code that made it effective. The first actually was that it was so unique from English.



*From left to right - Ariana Paul, Miss Native American of SUU; Zonnie Gorman; and Acacia William--Miss Western Navajo. Photo by Ruth Scovill*

1. Navajo is made of morphemes (small pieces of a word that carry independent meanings.) Although all languages have morphemes, the Navajo language is poly-synthetic, allowing them to pack a lot of meaning into their words easily and easily create new words.

2. Most people are familiar with the phonetic alphabet (alpha, bravo, charlie, etc.) The Navajos adopted their own phonetic alphabet. Later, military cryptographers they were working with suggested they make it several layers deep (multiple words per letter) to make it even harder to break.

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**Sonrise Christian Church  
Has Two Services  
for You to Celebrate  
the Resurrection  
of Our Savior Jesus Christ**

**9:00 am or 11:00 am**

**6843 W 1800 N**

**435-586-3640**

# Henry's Place—A Retreat with a Purpose

by Ruth Scovill

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Henry's Place is named in honor of Sergeant Henry Prendes of the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department, Officer Prendes lost his life while responding to a domestic violence call. He was shot through the door while approaching the house. It was the first death in the line of duty in Las Vegas in about 30 years, and it was big news in the media at that time.

Sergeant Prendes had dreamed of having a camp where at-risk youth could come and be guided towards better options in life. In his own life, he had participated in such a camp that had helped him get his life on track. Before his death, Officer Prendes and his wife, Dawn, had purchased land in Montana to establish a camp. When he died, members of the community came forward and said to Dawn Prendes, "Let's keep that dream alive." The decision was made to make it more accessible by moving it closer to home. For a few years, the camp was run out of Camp Lutherwood, near Todd's Junction at Highways 89 and 14.

Last summer, Henry's Place found a permanent home in New Harmony. The Martin Family Lodge, on the property of Henry's Place, was funded largely by Frank Martin and his family from Las Vegas.

At this point, it is important

to clarify that while Henry's Places serves at-risk inner-city kids, these youth are not juvenile delinquents. Henry's Place does not accept any adjudicated youth. Rather these are under-privileged young people who might be at risk if left to their own circumstances and need help to gain a vision of what they can do in life.

I spoke with executive director Toni Maruyam and his wife Monica, who is the assistant director, and Dan Spatafore, who with his wife Dara, are the camp directors. Along with church groups in the Vegas area, the program works with *Community and Schools*, a non-faith-based organization, the Department of Family Services, the YMCA, police agencies, and others to help find youth who would benefit from their program.

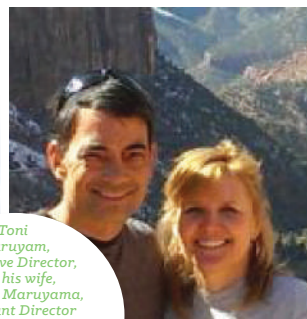
The main program currently runs for 10 weeks in the summer. There is a new group which comes in each week for a 5-day camp. The camps alternate between girls and boys each week. The Inter-Varsity program at SUU which is a Christian program, has provided a lot of staff. The program follows a four-year track, with a faith-building focus, hoping that students will advance through all four years, and gain the vision of what their lives can be. The program is non-denominational with an orthodox protestant faith statement.

The program has also found a

lot of support from churches and organizations in the Southern Utah Area, as well as neighboring ranchers and families in the New Harmony area. Some have helped with livestock activities for the youth in the program. The inter- varsity program at SUU which is a Christian program, has provided a lot of staff. Henry's Place has also opened its doors to local youth in need from the Southern Utah Area including Beryl, Cedar City, and St. George areas.

During the off-season, Henry's place is open for rentals for business retreats, family reunions, and other groups. The lodge is fully equipped with sound and presentation equipment. They have a large range of wonderful activities available, including a disc golf course, an archery and ax-throwing range, large and small amphitheatres, hiking, water sports, a commercial kitchen, two youth cabins accommodating 10 each (8 youth and 2 staff), and sleeping facilities inside the lodge capable of accommodating about 45-54 depending on sleeping arrangements (some beds are queens).

If you would like to donate, Henry's Place is in need of water socks, sports equipment, beach towels, and new mattresses for some of their beds. A full wish can be found at their website.



Toni Maruyam, Executive Director, and his wife, Monica Maruyama, Assistant Director



Dan Spatafore, Camp Director and his wife



Main Lodge Henry's Place  
Provided from Henry's Place website

## SPRING

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camping on a 14-day rolling basis is available May 18 through Oct. 14. Sunset Campground returns to first-come, first-served camping on Oct. 15 before closing for the winter season on Nov. 1.

Sunset Campground's Group Site also remains on a reservation basis from May 20 through Oct. 14. Reservations are available on a 12-month rolling basis.

**Reservations for North and Sunset Campgrounds can be made online at [Recreation.gov](http://Recreation.gov) or by calling 877-444-6777.**

### PARK CONCESSIONS

The General Store at Sunrise Point is currently open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. On March 27, shower and laundry facilities will reopen, and operating hours will extend to 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. On May 1, summer hours of 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. will take effect.

The Lodge at Bryce Canyon will also reopen on March 27. Lodging reservations can be made by visiting [www.visitbrycecanyon.com](http://www.visitbrycecanyon.com) or by calling 855-765-0255. The historic Lodge dining room will serve breakfast from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m., lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., and dinner from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. Valhalla Pizzeria is expected to reopen in early May this year.

The park's historic service station will also reopen this spring to provide e-bike and bicycle rentals, though the official date is weather-dependent. The adjacent Shared-Use Path provides 18 miles of paved path for hikers and bikers between Inspiration Point and Red Canyon.

For those looking to explore below the canyon rim, Canyon Trail Rides will begin providing horse and mule rides as soon as April 1 if weather and trail conditions allow. **Visit [www.canyonrides.com](http://www.canyonrides.com) or call 435-679-8665 for booking and other information.**

### VISITOR INFORMATION

Currently the Visitor Center and Bryce Canyon Association Bookstore is open every day from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Hours will extend to 6 p.m. on April 7 and then to 8 p.m. on May 5.

As your 2024 visit to Bryce Canyon approaches, we recommend visiting [www.nps.gov/brycecanyon](http://www.nps.gov/brycecanyon) for conditions, alerts, and other important information. Those planning a visit are also welcomed to contact the park via social media, or by calling **(435) 834-5322**.

## history

# Powell's Geological Surveys – Filling in the Gaps in the Map (Part 6)

by Jay M. Jones

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

After the second exploration of Major John Wesley Powell along the Green and Colorado Rivers in 1871 and 1872, he turned his attention to gathering more information about the Colorado Plateau region. Better maps were greatly needed,

but Powell was also interested in gathering scientific data from the region – the zoology, botany, geology, and anthropology.

With funding from Congress, the Major divided his time between administrative tasks in Washington, D. C. and the study of Southwestern Indian languages and cultures. He turned the task of mapping the region over to his brother-in-law Almon Thompson, one of the members of the second expedition. Scientists were hired to conduct studies in various disciplines.

The mapping effort began during the winter of 1871-72 in Kanab, as members of the Powell expedition established a base line and began survey efforts. Local help was hired to provide logistical support.

Thompson and his team are credited with producing the first map of the Grand Canyon area, and also the first accurate map of Utah Territory, which included for the first time the Escalante River, named for the Spanish explorer, and the Henry Mountains, named after Joseph Henry, the first director of the Smithsonian Institution and a big supporter of Powell's explorations and studies.

Botanist for the scientific study of the region was Ellen (Nellie) Powell Thompson, wife of Almon and sister of John Wesley Powell. She



*Portion of an 1868 map of the United States and Territories, before the Powell explorations and surveys of the Colorado River and the surrounding area provided better information for the Colorado River area. Note the large blank, undocumented spaces.*

collected hundreds of plants, some of them new to science. Thompson's Penstemon (*Penstemon thompsoniae*) and Thompson's Woolley Locoweed (*Astragalus mollissimum* var. *thompsoniae*) are Southwestern plants named in her honor.

Grove Karl Gilbert, who became one of America's great geologists, joined Powell's survey in 1874. His professional

writings about the Henry Mountains and Lake Bonneville are considered masterpieces, still relevant today.

Clarence Dutton also became part of the Powell team as a professional geologist. According to John Weisheit, "Dutton's geologic insight was impressive, but his ability as a nature writer was uncanny. Dr. Wallace Stegner did his graduate thesis on the literary work

of Dutton and called him 'the John Muir of the Colorado Plateau.'"

One of several great American photographers of the era, Jack Hillers, learned the art as part of the Powell Survey. Frederick Dellenbaugh began his career as artist, explorer, and writer in Powell's employ.

Powell's team was not the first to explore the rugged Southern Utah country. A local militia expedition led by James Andrus of St. George trekked through much of the high plateau area northwest of the Colorado River in 1866 during the time of the Black Hawk War, leaving the first known written description of the Aquarius Plateau region. Elijah Averett Jr. was killed in an ambush near Cannonville on 16 Aug 1866 during that campaign.

Powell's survey was not the only large government survey being conducted in the Western U.S. at the time. The U.S. Geological Survey Circular 1050 describes three other multi-year surveys being conducted by military or civilian branches of the U.S. government.

Clarence King was a civilian scientist who organized an Army-sponsored survey along the 40th parallel, roughly following the route of the transcontinental railroad and adjoining lands. His reports included quality scientific information useful in the development of the Western mining industry.

Ferdinand Hayden was appointed geologist-in-charge of the U. S. Geological and Geographical Survey of the Territories in 1867. His explorations in northwestern Wyoming led to the establishment of Yellowstone National Park in 1872.

First Lieutenant George M. Wheeler established an ambitious survey for the army – everything west of the 100th meridian – essentially the eleven western continental states. The first Wheeler expedition took place in 1869, the last in 1879.

The objectives and territories of these various surveys overlapped

## GAPS IN THE MAP

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and competed with each other, and highlighted the issue of civilian versus military control of the federal surveys. In 1879 the U. S. Geological Survey was established under civilian control, replacing the Powell, King, Hayden and Wheeler Surveys. Clarence King was appointed as the first director of the national survey.

John Wesley Powell was appointed as the first director of the newly founded Bureau of Ethnology, which became part of the Smithsonian Institution. When King resigned from his post two years later, Powell became director of both the Geological Survey and the Bureau of Ethnology.

Powell also facilitated what may have been the first stopover of an international tourist to Southern Utah. Albert Tissandier from France visited Cedar City, Kanab, and the Grand Canyon in 1885 as part of a six-month tour of America. He wrote about his travels, including a stay at the Lunt Hotel in Cedar City and his excursion from Kanab to the Grand Canyon with Nathan Adams, whom Powell had recommended as guide.

Next in the series, Powell's work at the Bureau of Ethnology.



Jack Hillers

## obituaries

### George Cherrington



Delores Mortensen Imrie paGeorge Cherrington, 89, passed away on March 12, 2024, in Cedar City, Utah. George was born July 14, 1934, in Panguitch, Utah, to Alfred Riley and Cleta Merriee Kennedy Cherrington. He was the youngest of 3 boys.

George graduated from Panguitch High School in May 1952. During his high school years, he played the trumpet in a dance band with some hometown friends. He attended (BAC) Branch Intercultural College (now SUU) from 1952 to 1955. In 1956, he was drafted into the US Army and was stationed in Korea. In 1958, after the military, he worked at Bryce Canyon for a summer, then moved to Provo. He worked in the service department at Commercial Tire in Provo until 1962, then he became a wholesale salesman for them, where he eventually became their top salesman.

George married Kay Riggs on July 2, 1960, in Orem, Utah. They were sealed for time and all eternity in the Salt Lake Temple on August 10, 1967. Together, they had 3 children: Craig, Kelly, & Amy. Kay passed away on January 7, 2003. After Kay's death, George married Elizabeth Ann Thomas Jones on May 8, 2004, in Cedar City, Utah. With their marriage, he inherited 5 bonus children: Rebecca, Elyce, Selene, Zane, and Burke.

George was a hard worker and after leaving Commercial Tire in 1974, he opened a gas/service station, Imperial Tire Service in American Fork until 1980. He worked for Lehi Roller Mills, Alpine School District as a Bus Driver, a custodian for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and Sellers Management in charge of maintenance. He also worked for Anderson & Sons Mortuary helping with funerals part-time. He worked for American Fork City Ambulance for a brief time. He also worked for Southern Utah Mortuary in Cedar City for a few years.

George was an active member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and held many callings. He served as a counselor in the bishopric of the American Fork 13th ward, and the 28th (Single's) ward. He had many fond memories from his service. He and Kay served in the Mount Timpanogos temple. After he married Ann, they were able to serve several missions in the Mesa Arizona Humanitarian Center and the Mesa temple.

George is survived by his wife, Elizabeth Ann; children, Kelly (Clayton) Anderson, Amy (Kent) Hone, Charlotte Cherrington (daughter-in-law), Rebecca (Kevin) Orton, Selene (Kevin) Corbridge, Zane (Michelle) Jones, Burke (Janette) Jones; 31 grandchildren, 54 great-grandchildren, and 8 great-great-grandchildren. George was preceded in death by his parents, Alfred and Cleta; wife, Kay; son, Craig; daughter, Elyce Schmutz; granddaughter, Charla; daughter-in-law, Merilee Jones; and brothers, Robert and Julian.

There will be a viewing on Thursday, March 21, 2024, from 5:00 to 7:00 PM, at Southern Utah Mortuary, 190 N 300 W, Cedar City, Utah 84720. A second viewing will be held on Saturday, March 23, 2024, from 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM at Anderson & Sons Mortuary, 49 E 100 N, American Fork, Utah 84003. A graveside service will follow at 1:00 PM at the American Fork Cemetery, 600 North Center Street.

We wish to express our deepest gratitude to our sister, Rebecca Orton for her many hours and years of helping take care of dad, and Heather at Zion's Way Home Health and Hospice for her care for dad these past several months. And for all the family and friends who served and cared for and loved dad.

Please share a memory on George's Tribute Wall at [www.AndersonMortuary.com](http://www.AndersonMortuary.com)

### Want to submit an obituary?

There is a charge of \$100 for obituaries to be published. Submissions can be made online at [ironcountytoday.com](http://ironcountytoday.com), emailed to [news@ironcountytoday.com](mailto:news@ironcountytoday.com) or brought in typed/digitized format to 479 N 100 W, #1, Cedar City. A single submission may be up to 600 words and may include up to two photos. Submitted obituaries over 600 words will be charged an additional 10¢ per word. The deadline for submissions is Monday at 11 am for Thursday's publication.

### Lucy Wood Venables



Beloved wife, mother, grandma, sister, aunt, friend, and everyone's favorite elementary teacher, Lucy Wood Venables, 74, passed away peacefully in her sleep of natural causes, on March 14, 2024, at the home of her daughter, in Eagle Mountain, Utah. She was born June 7, 1949, in Cedar City, Utah, to Lehi and Elsa Wood.

Lucy was born the second of six kids and as the only girl, she soon became the glue to the whole family. As a child she enjoyed the school years in Cedar City and the summers at the ranch on the desert. As a proud Redman, high school graduation was from Cedar City High School Class of 1967, then later from Southern Utah State College, now Southern Utah University, in Education, and later in Special Education. She taught at Beryl Elementary (kindergarten), South Elementary (2nd grade), and then retired from Enoch Elementary (Special Education). She lived in many places, including California as a child, but was happy to return back to the farm in Utah, where she spent a whole week outside. Returning to California later in life, she met her lifetime partner and eternal spouse, Dan. Together they created a life with four children whom she dearly loved and enjoyed every visit and conversation. Lucy loved watching them all grow and begin families of their own, whether it be children or dogs. Once the grandchildren started coming, she began creating grandma projects and teaching her grandchildren many crafts at her children's houses where she did not have to clean up. As her family, we are happy to know that she is out of pain and reunited with loved ones whom she missed dearly. Lucy is now celebrating with her mother for her 100th birthday, in heaven. Lucy was the glue and the rock that kept her entire family together all the way until the end.

She was a devoted member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and held many positions, including primary, young women's, and relief society.

Lucy had many things she loved outside of her family, such as reading, baking, crocheting, making baby bibs, quilting, reading some more, playing the piano, and watching the horses run from the window. Some of her favorite authors were Richard Paul Evans and Debbie McComber. She was also a great storyteller and teacher of genealogy. When she was young, she enjoyed racing her brothers to the bus. The one time that she actually won, it came at the price of a violin, but she has always been proud that she won that race to the

school bus. After working her whole life, she discovered her love of sleeping in. As a proud Marine's daughter, she gladly served as a volunteer for the Marine Corps Auxiliary. She also enjoyed volunteering at the Cedar City Hospital in the gift shop and at the front desk.

Lucy is survived by her spouse Dan Venables and their children, John (Krista) Venables of West Jordan, Dana (J.T.) Reilly of Cedar City, Amanda (Matt) Davis of Eagle Mountain, and Anne (Jason) Excell of Panguitch. She is also survived by grandchildren, Austin Duran, Wyatt (Hope) Davis, Trenten (Kiley) Duran, Cheyenne Davis, Linda Reilly, Rhett Davis, Aylla Davis, four great grandchildren, and one on the way. She is also survived by her brothers, Val Wood, Matthew (Marilyn) Wood, Randy (Aleta) Wood, and Mont (Cindy) Wood. We cannot forget how much she has loved all of her granddogs!

To the best mother and teacher, we apologize for any grammatical errors that you may find in this tribute.

Lucy is preceded in death by her father, Lehi Wood, mother, Elsa Pendleton Wood, brother, David Wood, sisters-in-law, Margo Wineinger and Regina Wood, nieces, Wendy Wood and Brigitte Galindro, and son-in-law Jerry Edwards.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, March 21, 2024, at 12:00 p.m., at the Heritage Chapel (290 W 1045 N, Cedar City, Utah, 84721). A viewing will be held on Wednesday, March 20, 2024 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., at Southern Utah Mortuary, 190 N 300 W, Cedar City, Utah, 84720, and at the Church on Thursday, March 21, 2024, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., before the funeral service. Interment will be in the Cedar City Cemetery under the direction of Southern Utah Mortuary. Online condolences can be made at [mortuary.org](http://mortuary.org).

# Gateway Academy Student Update

by Amy Gibson

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Gateway Academy's second-grade and third-grade students have been talking about citizenship and kindness. We asked 3rd grader Paizley Beaty to share their most recent field trip. Here is what she had to tell us! "We went to Our House (Assisted Living), brought them cards, and performed songs. We sang "I Like To Teach The World To Sing," "All You Need Is Love," and "What A Wonderful World." The residents were so happy they asked for an encore. The cards had pictures we drew for them. They were so thankful for this act of kindness."



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## Business & Finance

### ASK RUSTY: SOCIAL SECURITY

## How Do Survivor Benefits Work for a Married Couple?



RUSSELL GLOOR  
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**Dear Name:** How does Social Security handle the death of one spouse? Say, for example, the husband receives \$2,000 per month in Social Security and his wife receives \$1,000 per month. How is the death of either spouse handled?

**Signed: Concerned spouse**

**Dear Concerned:** Benefits to a deceased beneficiary stop as soon as Social Security (SS) is notified of the death (notification is usually done by the funeral director who handles arrangements). Benefits are not paid for the month of death, only for the preceding month when the beneficiary was alive for the entire month.

A surviving spouse is entitled to the higher of two benefits – their own personally earned SS retirement benefit, or an amount based on the deceased spouse's benefit at death. In the example you cite, and assuming the surviving spouse has reached full retirement age (FRA): if the husband dies first the wife will receive the husband's \$2,000 monthly benefit instead of her previous \$1,000 amount. But if the wife died first, the husband would continue receiving only his \$2,000 monthly amount because that is more than his deceased wife was receiving. Note in either case, the surviving spouse would be entitled to a one-time lump sum "death benefit" of \$255.

The surviving spouse would need to contact Social Security to claim the "death benefit" and - unless the surviving spouse was previously receiving only a spousal benefit – also to claim the higher monthly amount, if eligible. If the surviving spouse was previously receiving only a spousal benefit from the deceased (and not entitled to SS retirement benefits on their own), then Social Security would automatically award their higher survivor amount when notified of the death.

If a surviving spouse has reached full retirement

age (somewhere between 66 and 67 depending on year of birth) and is eligible for a survivor benefit, the amount of the survivor benefit will be 100% of the deceased spouse's benefit. But if the survivor claims the benefit before reaching FRA, the amount of the survivor benefit will be reduced (by 4.75% for each full year earlier). The survivor's benefit reaches maximum at the survivor's full retirement age.

If a surviving spouse has not yet reached their FRA, and if they are entitled to (not necessarily collecting) their own Social Security retirement benefit, the surviving spouse has the option to delay claiming the survivor benefit until it reaches maximum at their full retirement age. And if the survivor's personal SS retirement benefit will ever be more than their maximum survivor benefit, the surviving spouse also has the option to claim only the smaller survivor benefit first and allow their personal SS retirement benefit to grow (to maximum at age 70 if desired).

With Social Security there is hardly ever a simple answer to a question but, in the example you use, if both are over their SS full retirement age:

- If the husband dies first, the wife will get 100% of the amount (\$2000) the husband was receiving, instead of the small amount (\$1000) she was previously receiving.
- If the wife dies first, the husband's monthly benefit will remain at \$2000, and he will get no increase in his monthly amount.
- In either case, the surviving spouse will be entitled to a one-time lump sum death benefit of \$255.

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## faith

# Guiding Principles for the Church of Jesus Christ's Use of Artificial Intelligence

ELDER GONG URGES RELIANCE ON THE SPIRIT, WISDOM, AND TRUSTED SOURCES WHILE USING AI

from *The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Newsroom*

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

**E**mergent technologies including in construction, communication, and transportation have allowed the restored gospel of Jesus Christ to reach out to every nation, kindred, tongue, and people. Artificial intelligence (AI) is the latest tool to help the message of Christ spread throughout the earth.

Knowing that the proper use of AI will help the Church accomplish God's work of salvation and exaltation, the Church has issued the following guiding principles for using AI. These were introduced to employees of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints worldwide on Wednesday, March 13, 2024, by Elder Gerrit W. Gong of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles (co-chair of the Church Communication Committee) and Elder John C. Pingree of the Seventy (executive director of the Correlation Department).

***“We can create appropriate balances in our perceptions, plans, and implementation of generative AI that are realistic both of opportunity and challenge — put another way, that are neither giddy nor alarmist.”***

*Elder Gong said of these principles.*

### Spiritual Connection

- The Church will use artificial intelligence to support and not supplant connection between God and His children.
- The Church will use artificial



***Elder Gerrit W. Gong of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles speaks to Church employees worldwide from the Church Office Building auditorium in Salt Lake City on Wednesday, March 13, 2024. The Apostle helped introduce guiding principles for using artificial intelligence***

intelligence in positive, helpful, and uplifting ways that maintain the honesty, integrity, ethics, values, and standards of the Church.

### Transparency

- People interacting with the Church will understand when they are interfacing with artificial intelligence.
- The Church will provide attribution for content created with artificial intelligence when the authenticity, accuracy, or authorship of the content could be misunderstood or misleading.

### Privacy and Security

- The Church's use of artificial intelligence will safeguard sacred and personal information.

### Accountability

- The Church will use artificial intelligence in a manner consistent with the policies of the Church and all

applicable laws.

- The Church will be measured and deliberate in its use of artificial intelligence by regularly testing and reviewing outputs to help ensure accuracy, truthfulness, and compliance.

“The guiding principles are intended to support the responsible use of AI by the Church workforce,” Elder Pingree said. “These principles may also be helpful for members and friends of the Church as they navigate a world changing due to AI.”

The Church of Jesus Christ sees several opportunities with AI including in family history work, accelerating and automating processes, and great potential for language translation and interpretation. Generative AI may also offer natural language queries and prompts to help Latter-day Saints find current, accurate information from designated, grounded, and approved Church sources, such as [ChurchofJesusChrist.org](http://ChurchofJesusChrist.org).

“Overall, I am optimistic about our ability to use these AI technologies

wisely and effectively, and to protect Church members and friends from deceitfully spread falsehoods or untruth,” Elder Gong said.

Elder Gong acknowledged that some people will weaponize AI tools. Of particular concern are deepfakes, the fictitious or malicious use of someone's name, image, and likeness. These are most likely to happen to people — such as Church leaders — who have a recognizable face and voice, a significant amount of video and audio in the public domain, and known and motivated antagonists.

Elder Gong said reliance on the Holy Spirit, wisdom and trusted sources can help inoculate against deepfakes.

### The Holy Spirit

“‘Light and truth’ are a scriptural definition of intelligence,” Elder Gong said, speaking of Doctrine and Covenants 93:36. “While generative artificial intelligence may be quick to offer information, it can never replace revelation or generate truth. If something does not feel right or is inconsistent with what you know is true, seek to discern before believing.”

### Wisdom

“Wisdom,” the Apostle said, “helps us use knowledge, experience, and judgment to make good decisions. The scriptures remind us: ‘blessed are those who hearken unto my precepts, and lend an ear unto my counsel, for they shall learn wisdom’ (2 Nephi 28:30). Draw from your experiences and apply wisdom to know what is true.”

## faith

### GUIDING PRINCIPLES

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#### Trusted Sources

Because so many voices vie for our attention, it is critical we “anchor ourselves with trusted sources of truth,” Elder Gong said. These include “the Holy Ghost, scriptures, words of the prophets, and the Church’s authoritative website, ChurchofJesusChrist.org.”

The Church of Jesus Christ will, as needed, address deceitful content through official Church channels.

Elder Gong gave two cautions for employees and service missionaries as they use AI in their work. First, he said, they should avoid the temptation to use the speed and simplicity of AI to oversaturate Church members with audio and visual content. Second, he said, is a reminder that the restored Church of Jesus Christ is not primarily a purveyor of information but a source of God’s truth.

“The Holy Ghost only attests to truth,” Elder Gong said. “The Holy Ghost must always be able to attest to the truth and authenticity of all we say and share both in our form and in our content.”

Elder Gong said he is optimistic the Church of Jesus Christ can use AI tools wisely and effectively and protect Latter-day Saints and friends of the faith from deception.

*“As employees and missionary volunteers of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, you have opportunity to learn about, understand, and apply artificial intelligence wisely, according to the guiding principles outlined [above], as we advance the Lord’s sacred work together,”*

Elder Gong said.



Jane and Dan Robert's  
(both honorees)



Honoree Carrie Trenholm with  
husband Jim Aton

## SUU Founders' Day Banquet

by Ruth Scovill

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

On Thursday, March 14, the Founders' Day Awards Banquet was held in the Gilbert Great Hall at SUU.

Dinner music was provided by Breanna Wilson, and a delightful rhythmic musical number, “Bring Me Little Water, Sylvie” was performed by the women’s choir Luminosa, under the direction of Kristin Briggs.

Carrie Trenholm received a distinguished service award for her work in the SUU art department. Before coming to SUU, Trenholm taught art for 21 years in the public schools. She is renowned for her

beautiful work in fused glass. She became interested in this field through her father’s work with glass. She also followed her mother’s footsteps by becoming an educator. Although Trenholm is now retired, she continues to teach glass workshops to young people. At SUU, Trenholm received the first-ever endowed chair of the Beverly Taylor Sorenson Foundation. Sorenson’s vision was to enrich children’s lives by using university programs throughout the state to bring art into elementary classrooms. This vision was deeply shared by Trenholm who worked with Lisa Cluff and Sue Houston

in creating Arts Fusion, a program that brings art into elementary education. Trenholm is married to Jim Aton who is also a retired SUU professor; The two are involved in camping,

whittling, and assisting with archaeological excavations on public land.


Dan and Jane Roberts were also pre-

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## VERSE OF THE WEEK

### JOHN 6:40

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## HOWARD DRIGGS

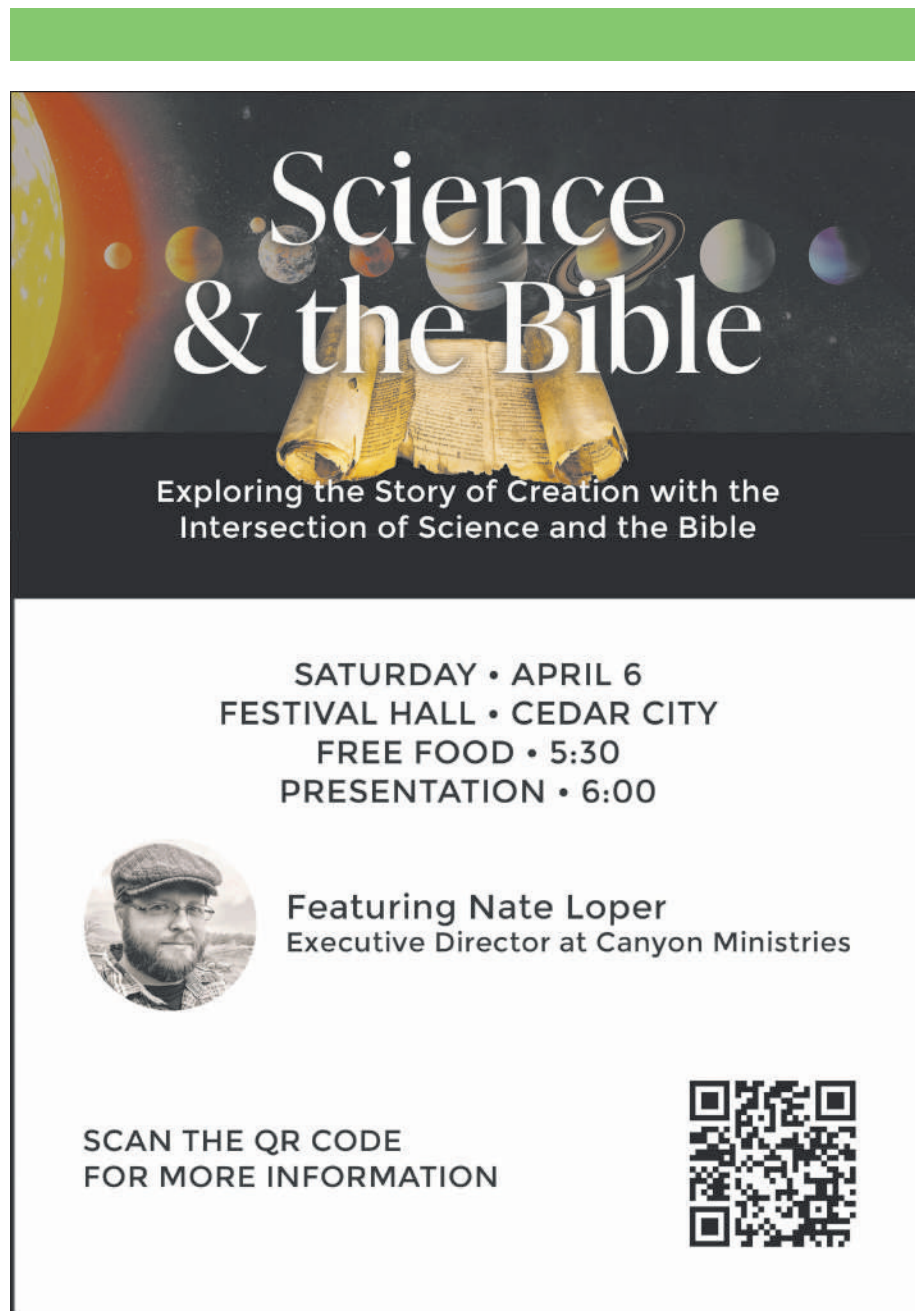
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3. They used a technique called compounding where they used substitutions for parts of words within words.

4. They played around with the plain text (parts of the code that just used Navajo, not code words.)

5. They introduced new words and made up new terms. For example, they matched the characteristic of particular birds to different types of planes (such as hawks, or hummingbirds for fighter planes)

The code talkers were outstanding in their military training as well. They not only excelled in code but they were outstanding in marksmanship and other parts of their training. The code talking went so well that by the end of the war, about 400 other Navajos had been recruited to serve as code talkers in both the Asian and European theaters of the war, contributing greatly to the success of the United States military.




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sented with distinguished service awards. Jane has been a teacher in Cedar City public schools as well as being an adjunct professor of English at SUU. She has been deeply involved with the Daughters

of the Utah Pioneers and their efforts to preserve the history of our region, serving as a Camp Captain, and then as President of the Iron County Camps. Her heritage with the Bladen family ties her deeply into the heritage of SUU.

Dan Roberts is the principal realtor at Coldwell Banker in Cedar City. He is also a distinguished member of the Utah National Guard, having served in the guard for 34 years. During that time, he was commanding officer of the 222nd field artillery battalion, first corps artillery deputy commander, and the post commander of Camp Williams. He was also instrumental in working on the Korean War Memorial commemorating the Miracle at Gapyeong where 600 young men



*SUU President Mindy Benson with a statue of a Korean War Veteran honoring the miracle that brought all members of the Utah National Guard unit 222 home safely from Korea. The miniature is a gift from Dan and Jane Roberts. The 7 foot original stands in Veterans' Park in Cedar City*

from Southern Utah, including 240 members of the 222 division from Cedar City survived an attack by the Chinese with no fatalities. Roberts presented President Mindy Benson, and former SUU Presidents Bennion and Wyatt who were in attendance a miniature of the 7-foot statue that stands in the Cedar City War Memorial Park to have a place of honor at SUU.

In her closing remarks, President Mindy Benson shared a message of gratitude for those who keep the legacy of SUU going. She quoted from the booklet "For Sweet Learning's Sake" by Rob Bulloch which was distributed to all the attendees of the banquet. The booklet had been provided by Jane and Dan Roberts. It captured the spirit of sacrifice that Cedar City exhibited in getting the first building ready so that they could receive funding for the school.

Bulloch wrote: I'd just like to say here that never did a community throw itself so wholeheartedly into any enterprise as did Cedar City, into the task of getting that building done. She lived and breathed that work for months. Her every resource was turned to that end. I could not recount even a small part of the prodigious efforts of the general building and building committee in handling dozens of almost insurmountable difficulties.

Benson continued: "That captures the essence of who our community is, who our founders are, and who each one of you are. You continue to carry on that spirit. There are things known and unknown that you continue to do for SUU, for our community, and to make this world a better place. And for that, I am eternally grateful for all of you. I am so appreciative of the support that you give and for all you do to continue on the legacy of this great institution."

President Benson gave a recap of the progress being made towards building the new music building on the east end of campus where the parking lot across from the Hunter Conference Center is. She says that with planned expansion of the parking lot, the end result will give more parking space than now, even after the music building is built. The building will be beautiful, featuring a stain-glass window created by Frank Adams that was preserved when the 2nd/8th ward building was torn down. She also promised that none of the old elm trees will be lost.

# Thunderbirds Triumph Over Vaqueros on Senior Day

by Tyler Francis

SUU ATHLETIC  
COMMUNICATIONS

CEDAR CITY, Utah - Ava Uhrich scored 20 points to lead the Southern Utah University women's basketball team to victory against the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley 65-52 on Saturday afternoon at the America First Event Center. With the win, SUU earns a berth in the 2024 Western Athletic Conference Women's Basketball Tournament next week in Las Vegas. The Thunderbirds improve to 8-21 overall and 6-14 in WAC play, while the Vaqueros finish their season with a 6-23 record and a 5-15 effort in conference play.

Head Coach Tracy Mason says "I'm just super proud of this team. We knew what was on the line today and we took care of business. I think it was a special night for Lex and she definitely deserved this win."

The two teams traded baskets to start the game as the score was tied at 5-5 with 7:23 on the clock. After the Vaqueros scored the next five points to go up 10-5, Shiho Isono sparked a 10-0 burst to push SUU ahead 15-10 at the end of the first.

UTRGV used an 8-3 run to tie the



game at 18 points apiece with 7:28 remaining in the second period. Four T-Birds added a bucket as Southern Utah outscored the Vaqueros 10-9 the rest of the way to take a 28-27 lead at the break.

Southern Utah came out hot to begin the second half, scoring six consecutive points to go up 34-27 with 7:20 left in the third quarter. The

Vaqueros earned two trips to the foul line on the following possessions, connecting on three free throws to get within four, 34-30. Then, Samantha Johnston knocked down a pair of three pointers to spark an 8-3 run to give SUU a 42-33 advantage midway through the period. Ava Uhrich poured in seven of the next nine points for the Thunderbirds as the team went up by

double digits, 51-40, at the 1:04 mark. Southern Utah led 51-44 heading into the final period of play.

The Thunderbirds relied on a balanced attack in the fourth quarter, with Uhrich and Ballena each adding four points as Southern Utah outscored the Vaqueros 14-8 in the period to claim a decisive 65-52 victory over UTRGV.

# Kay, Matakaiongo claim national wrestling titles

by Tom Zulewski

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY



Canyon View wrestler Tilisa Matakaiongo, left, and Julia Kay celebrate with head coach Dallas Lowry as the pair won titles at the USA Wrestling 16 U Nationals held March 15 and 16 at the UNI Dome in Cedar Falls, Iowa. (photo courtesy Dallas Lowry)

Just like they did at the Utah 3A girls state championship last month, Julia Kay and Tilisa Matakaiongo continued their dominating stretch as the pair won national titles in their respective weight classes at the USA Wrestling 16U Nationals held March 16 at the UNI Dome on the campus of Northern Iowa in Cedar Falls.

Competing at 115 pounds, Kay defeated Iliana Castaneda of Arizona in a 4-2 decision to earn her championship medal. Matakaiongo earned her second championship medal in as many months when she pinned Ella Brown of Big Game Wrestling Club in the heavyweight final at the 2:49 mark.

Along with Kay's win in the weight class, CV head coach Dallas Lowry confirmed Kristie Jensen finished 7th after pinning Kate Seery of Big Game at 2:47. For the weekend, the Falcons had three All-American honorees and three others – Lini Matakaiongo, Eliana Santos-Banks and Marc Richardson – who just missed advancing to the medal rounds at the championships.

# Falcons baseball splits pair of games

by Tom Zulewski

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

After dealing with snow and a pair of postponed games earlier in the week, the Canyon View baseball team returned to play over the weekend with a pair of games at the Dixie High Invitational with mixed results.

Park City scored in five of six innings and Colton Schmidt threw a complete-game four-hitter as the Miners beat the Falcons, 8-1, in the second game of the day March 16. CV scored its run on an RBI double by Cameron Calvez in the top of the first, but Park City countered with two in the bottom half and added on from there to earn the win.

Canyon View started the day with early offense and held off Clearfield for a 3-1 victory. The Falcons scored a run in the first and added two more in the second to build a 3-0 lead, but the opposing Falcons got a run back in the third before a batting order violation

was called that led to the final out of the inning and ended the rally.

CV is 2-3 on the season and returned to Region 12 play Tuesday with a road game at Richfield against the Wildcats that was too late for press deadline. They returned home to host Richfield on

Wednesday and will play against Kanab and Duchesne today before finishing the week against Crimson Cliffs and Pine View on Friday.

Elsewhere in Iron County, the Parowan baseball team played a single game last week and was shut out 11-0 by Enterprise on March 12.

# Rams softball sweeps through weekend

by Tom Zulewski

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

After dropping its region opener, the Parowan softball team recovered well when they headed to St. George and swept three games at the March Warm-Up played at the Canyons Complex. The run started with an 8-4 win over the Gunnison Bulldogs in the opening game played March 15. Parowan trailed 2-0 early, but put together a seven-run rally in the top of the fifth to take control and earn the victory.

In the second game of the day, the Rams scored all the runs they would need in the top of the sixth inning as they shut out the Union Cougars, 5-0. Parowan

would complete the sweep in the evening as they scored two runs in the third and four in the fourth inning to wipe out a 3-1 deficit and beat the Grand Red Devils, 8-3 to improve to 3-1 overall.

Parowan started its 2024 season with a 13-3 loss to Enterprise in 2A South play March 12. The Wolves put together a pair of six-run innings to grab control and ended the game early by scoring a run in the bottom of the fifth. No other details were available.

The Rams returned to region play Tuesday with a road game at South Sevier that was too late for press deadline, and they will host the opposing Rams on Friday at home in a 3:30 p.m. start.



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# Reds baseball struggles through week

by Tom Zulewski

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

The Cedar Reds baseball team had some good innings on the offensive end in a very busy week of games last week. When all was done at the end, the opposition got the better of things on the scoreboard and sent the Reds into a tailspin.

Springville scored four runs in the top of the fifth inning and rallied to beat Cedar, 11-10, in the final game of the K.J. Harrison Classic at Snow Canyon on March 16. The Reds lost their sixth straight game and fell to 2-8 on the season.

Cedar led 9-5 after three innings, but the Red Devils rallied by scoring twice in the fourth before producing the winning rally in a game that was called due to a tournament time limit. Jaxon Burgess, Cody Nash and Colter Bunnell drove in two runs apiece for the Reds in the loss.

Earlier in the day, the Reds scored six runs in the second inning, but Uintah answered with six runs of its own in the top of the third and went on to post an 11-6 victory over Cedar at the Classic. The Utes started the game with three runs in the top of the first before Cedar had its rally.

After Uintah's outburst in the third put them back in front, the team put the win away

with two more runs in the top of the fourth.

To start its run at the Classic, Cedar's offense struggled to find any rhythm as they dropped a pair of 6-1 decisions to Wasatch and Provo, respectively. The Wasps jumped out early with three runs in the first inning and added two more in the third before Cedar got on the board with its only run in the fourth on an RBI single by Collin Corry.

In the Provo game, Nash and Jared Monn traded zeroes on the scoreboard until the Bulldogs loaded the bases with no outs in the bottom of the fifth. A throwing error allowed two runs to score, and a single added two more runs on the board to put Provo up 4-0.

The Bulldogs scored twice in the sixth, and the Reds broke the shutout bid in the seventh on an RBI single by Gavin Mackert.

Cedar got its week started with a pair of Region 9 games against Pine View and fell in each. The Reds lost 10-7 at Pine View on March 12 and fell 12-1 to the Panthers the next day. The second game was returned to the PV campus due to weather problems in Cedar City.

In the opener, Pine View scored in each of the first three innings to build a 4-0 lead, but Cedar cut the deficit in half with two runs in the top of the fifth. The Panthers scored six runs

in the bottom of the inning, but fell short of putting the game away early due to the run rule.

It opened the door for the Reds as they put together a five-run rally in the sixth, but couldn't get any closer. Cedar got a baserunner on with a leadoff walk in the top of the seventh, but failed to score as Pine View secured the victory.

Cash Sisneros had four RBI to lead the Panther offense, and Carter Stubbs added three RBI. Koden Lunt doubled and had three RBI to lead the Cedar offense in the loss.

Pine View made sure to end the rematch early by using a pair of big innings to break the game open and secure a 12-1 win over Cedar on March 13. The Panthers led 2-1 after scoring once in the top of the third, but put together a five-run fourth and added five more runs in the sixth.

Cedar had loaded the bases in the bottom of the frame with no outs, but Sisneros struck out the side to end the threat and the game due to the run rule.

The Reds returned to Region 9 play Tuesday with a home game against the Dixie Flyers that was too late for press deadline, and the rematch happened Wednesday at Dixie. They will play a pair of tournament games Friday against Wasatch and Juab at Desert Hills High.

# Cedar softball breaks out, routs Pine View

by Tom Zulewski

FOR IRON COUNTY TODAY

Seven may be a lucky number for some, but the Cedar softball team had double the fun as it started Region 9 play in impressive fashion last week. The Reds got a pair of seven-run innings to easily beat the Pine View Panthers, 20-5, in four innings at home March 12.

Sadie Parson pitched a complete game, went 3-for-3 at the plate and added a home run in the win.

Cedar scored seven runs in the first and ended the game early with seven more runs in the fourth. Mya Bishoff added three hits to the Reds' 18-hit attack and scored four runs.

With the venue switched to Pine View, Cedar didn't let up

and rolled to a 17-1 win over the Panthers on March 14 to start 2-0 in region and improve to 4-4 overall. Parson allowed only one hit in four innings and homered for the second straight game to go with four RBI.

Six different players scored two runs apiece for Cedar, and the team

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# Twists and turns are real in the playoff push

## RANDOM thoughts

Tom Zulewski

IRON COUNTY TODAY



Just before the calendar turned over to March, the Detroit Red Wings looked like it could do no wrong and had a very real chance to break a seven-year playoff drought. The team blew out the Washington Capitals, 8-3, on Feb. 27 and had a firm hold of the first Eastern Conference wild card playoff spot with 72 points.

All felt right with the world, and the Wings sat within two points of the Toronto Maple Leafs for third place in the Atlantic Division.

The Wings haven't won since – seven losses in a row and counting as of March 15 – and have fallen out of the playoff picture completely. There's no real cause for panic yet, but when you've been without the postseason for so long, the fear can be understood.

Among the lowlights, Detroit has been outscored 36-12 in the last seven games and lost to the Arizona Coyotes twice along the way. This includes a 4-0 shutout March 8 and a 4-1 home loss six days later.

And for more fascinating trivia (read the sarcasm here, friends), the Coyotes play home games at Mullett Arena. Not only is the name weird – business in front, hockey in back, maybe – the building located on the campus of Arizona State University in Tempe seats 4,600.

Weirdness aside, the Red Wings have looked lifeless and awful for more than two weeks since the losing streak started with a 5-3 home loss to the New York Islanders on Leap Day, Feb. 29.

The "leap" has been squarely into the abyss.

Before the Wings faced the Buffalo Sabres – who haven't been to the playoffs in a dozen years – on March 16, they were tied with the Islanders for the last playoff spot in the East, but only one point ahead of the Capitals and three ahead of the Sabres. The New Jersey Devils and Pittsburgh Penguins are also lurking in the chase at four and five points behind, respectively.

Over the remaining 16 games of the regular

season, Detroit has to face the Sabres, Capitals and Penguins twice. The Wings also have to play the Islanders tonight at Little Caesars Arena.

When Red Wings legend Steve Yzerman was hired as the team's general manager in 2019, the excitement was real. Yzerman built the Tampa Bay Lightning into a perennial Stanley Cup contender, but left before the team won back-to-back Stanley Cups in 2020 (the COVID year) and 2021.

But try as he might, the Red Wings have yet to capture the magic from when Stevie Y was a player wearing his No. 19 jersey that hangs from the rafters these days. Should the team fail to make the playoffs again, heads are likely to roll.

We didn't forget about the Utah Jazz, but they have a playoff push that's running out of steam. Through March 15, the Jazz were 12th in the 15-team Western Conference, six full games behind the Golden State Warriors with 17 to play. In between, the Houston Rockets are 3.5 games behind the Warriors and 2.5 ahead of the Jazz.

The small bit of good news here is the Jazz have to face the Rockets three more times – March 23, 29 and April 11 – and the Warriors twice in a week (April 7 and the regular-season finale April 14).

There's a lot more bad news among the remaining games on the schedule as all but one involve Western Conference teams fighting for playoff position. It started with a pair against the Minnesota Timberwolves on March 16 and 18, then a road game at Oklahoma City on March 20. OKC was tied with the defending champion Denver Nuggets for the best record in the West at 46-20 and Minnesota was just a game off the pace.

So whether it's a team that's in the middle of a pretty epic collapse or one that's dealing with too big a hill to climb to get to the playoffs, the moments of the chase in a regular season are never dull and can be downright maddening to deal with.

I'll have the stress ball ready if necessary.

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## CEDAR SOFTBALL

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took full advantage of 11 walks issued by Pine View pitching.

Cedar played a road game at Dixie

on Tuesday that was too late for press deadline, and they will return home for the rematch with the Flyers on Thursday starting at 3 p.m.

## TOM'S SPORTS TRIVIA

*The NCAA Tournament has arrived, and that means brackets, chaos and upsets galore. This week's dozen takes a look at surprises from the greatest sports weekend of the year. Have fun, embrace the chaos, and please remember...no wagering!*

1. When it comes to the first round of the NCAA Tournament, the men have had two No. 16 seeds beat a No. 1 – UMBC in 2018 and Fairleigh Dickinson in 2023. Name either school that was defeated and sent home way too early (one is from the ACC, the other from the Big Ten)
2. The NCAA Women's Tournament has only had one 16 seed beat a No. 1, and that happened in 1998. What Ivy League school stunned Stanford?
3. True or False: No team seeded 14 or 15 has won a first-round game at the NCAA women's tournament.
4. Also from the 2023 NCAA men's tournament, a No. 15 defeated a No. 2 seed for the third year in a row. What Ivy League school beat No. 2 Arizona last March?
5. Defending national champion Connecticut won the 2014 crown as the No. 7 seed and beat what SEC school, who was seeded No. 8 and had won eight national titles?
6. Five No. 11 seeds have reached the Final Four at the men's tournament, but none have played for the national title. What Pac-12 school was the most recent to achieve the feat when it knocked off Michigan in 2021?

7. Where is the 2024 Men's Final Four being played?
8. Where is the 2024 Women's Final Four being played?
9. In the history of the NCAA Women's Tournament, only one No. 9 seed was the lowest to advance to the Women's Final Four. Arkansas pulled off the feat in 1998, but what team beat the Razorbacks in the semifinal before going on to win the title under the late Pat Summit?
10. Who was the lowest men's seed (No. 8) to win a national title when it shocked Georgetown in 1985?
11. North Carolina State won its only NCAA men's title in 1983 as a No. 6 seed when Lorenzo Charles dunked a miss that beat the buzzer and gave the Wolfpack a 54-52 win. What school that featured players like Hakeem Olajuwon and Clyde Drexler did the Wolfpack beat?
12. How many teams are in the NCAA Men's and Women's basketball tournaments?

### LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS

1. 50 points. The Celtics beat the Warriors (140-88 on March 3), the Brooklyn Nets (136-86 on Feb. 14) and the Indiana Pacers (155-104 on Nov. 1, 2023).
2. Connecticut. Florida was the last repeat NCAA champion, done in 2006 and 2007.
3. Steve Garvey
4. The game will allow female players to develop their careers as baseball players.
5. Netflix
6. LSU
7. Detroit
8. Canada
9. Atlanta Braves
10. Mitch Trubisky
11. Denver Nuggets
12. Houston

# Thunderbirds Finish Third at Washington Quad-Meet

by Regan Hunsaker

SUU SPORTS INFORMATION

**CEDAR CITY, Utah**—The Flippin' Birds placed third on the road at the Washington quad-meet Friday night, scoring 196.525. First place in the meet went to the host Washington Huskies,



who scored 197.175; next came BYU, who scored a solid 196.750; and finally, the Hornets of Sacramento State scored 195.350.

Freshman Niya Randolph placed second in the all-around, scoring an outstanding 39.275. Freshman Brinlee Christensen took home the top spot on the vault with an incredible 9.925. Sophomore Trista Goodman placed second on the bars with a 9.900. The Flippin' Birds tied with host Washington for the best bars rotation with a 49.150.

Head Coach Scotty Bauman said "This team stepped up and showed how they respond when things are tough. We struggled in our warm-up, but our athletes battled the entire meet to score very well on the road. As

a staff, we are very proud of the effort they put into each event tonight."

## Beam (48.900)

Freshman Alyssa Fernandez set the tone for the opening rotation of

the T-Birds' performance with an exceptional score of 9.850. Sophomore Kennedy McClain delivered a solid performance, earning a score of 9.850. Junior Ellie Cacciola stumbled on the dismount, earning a 9.200. Randolph returned the team's momentum with a strong performance, achieving a score of 9.800. Senior Aly Coutu contributed to the team's score with a routine that was scored 9.600. Finally, Senior Anna Hartley concluded the rotation for the Flippin' Birds by scoring 9.800 to bring the team total to 48.900.

## Floor (49.275)

Transitioning to the floor for the second rotation, the Thunderbirds needed to bring the heat. Fernandez

ignited the momentum with a routine, earning her a score of 9.825. Junior Taylor Gull added to the team score with a solid routine, securing a 9.800. Christensen contributed a great routine, earning a noteworthy 9.825. Cacciola followed that up to score 9.875 with her incredible performance. Sophomore Kayla Pardue was next, scoring a 9.825. The energy soared even higher, with Randolph delivering an exceptional routine, garnering an outstanding score of 9.925.

## Vault (49.200)

The Flippin' Birds moved on to the vault for rotation three, spearheaded by Cacciola, who set the pace with an impressive 9.825. Randolph followed suit, notching a 9.825 of her own. McClain was next and contributed with a score of 9.800. Sophomore Kayla Pardue added to the team total with a vault, earning her 9.825. Next up was Christensen, who soared to a career-

high, earning a 9.925 with an incredible vault. Concluding the rotation for the Thunderbirds was sophomore Trista Goodman, who wrapped up the scoring with a 9.800.

## Bars (49.150)

The Flippin' Birds kicked off the final rotation with an impressive display on the bars. Freshman Brinlee Christensen started strong with a score of 9.850. Freshman Alex Routsis came next, scoring 9.200. Sophomore Trista Goodman flew to an incredible 9.900, leading the team on the bars and increasing her season average. Randolph contributed a 9.725 to the team score. Junior Isabella Neff added an impressive 9.825, further bolstering the team's performance. Senior Aubri Schwartze concluded the meet for the Flippin' Birds with a routine that earned her a score of 9.850, bringing the team total to 196.525.



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## BASEBALL

## Region 9

<b>3/12</b>	Pine View 10, Cedar 7 Dixie 9, Desert Hills 0 Crimson Cliffs 6, Hurricane 1
<b>3/13</b>	Pine View 12, Cedar 1 Viewmont 19, Pine View 2 Hamilton (AZ) 13, Snow Canyon 5, Desert Hills 6, Dixie 2, Crimson Cliffs 11 Hurricane 0
<b>3/14</b>	Dixie 13, Roy 1, Snow Canyon 3, Mountain Ridge (AZ) 2 Desert Hills 9, Maple Mountain 6, Dixie 17, Mountain Crest 2 Pine View 10, Highland 0 Copper Hills 13, Crimson Cliffs 9
<b>3/15</b>	Wasatch 6, Cedar 1 Provo 6, Cedar 1 Crimson Cliffs 7, Olympus 2 Pine View 16, Idaho Falls (ID) 0 Dixie 13, Park City 3 Desert Hills 20, Richfield 7 Burley (ID) 12, Desert Hills 10
<b>3/16</b>	Uintah 11, Cedar 6 Springville 11, Cedar 10 Queen Creek (AZ) 11, Snow Canyon 0, Pine View 4, Murray 3, Pine View 10, Carbon 0 Desert Hills 5, Orem 2 Dixie 9, Viewmont 0 Crimson Cliffs 7, Tooele 1 Payson 4, Crimson Cliffs 3, 9 innings

## Region 12

<b>3/11</b>	Manti 18, North Sevier 5 Uintah 7, Emery 4
<b>3/12</b>	Delta 10, Richfield 9 Carbon 8, North Sanpete 7
<b>3/13</b>	Richfield 15, Delta 5
<b>3/14</b>	Timpview 16, North Sanpete 5
<b>3/15</b>	Carbon 11, Murray 5 Carbon 8, Highland 2 Delta 14, South Summit 5 South Sevier 10, Delta 5 Maple Mountain 11, Richfield 2 Emery 17, Montezuma (CO) 2 Emery 13, North Summit 2 Manti 9, Juab 8, 8 innings
<b>3/16</b>	Canyon View 3, Clearfield 1 Park City 8, Canyon View 1 Carbon 12, Idaho Falls (ID) 2 Pine View 10, Carbon 0 San Juan 3, Emery 1 Emery 5, Grand 4 Richfield 8, Gunnison 4 Green Canyon 11, Richfield 7 Orem 6, Richfield 3 Gunnison 7, Delta 5

## 2A West

<b>3/12</b>	Enterprise 11, Parowan 0
<b>3/14</b>	Beaver 12, Milford 5

<b>3/15</b>	Beaver 6, Milford 5 Milford 18, Gunnison 8 Milford 14, Millard 8 Gunnison 7, Millard 4, Enterprise 5, South Summit 2, South Sevier 10, Delta 5, Beaver 15, North Sevier 3
<b>3/16</b>	Beaver 5, Enterprise 3 Beaver 13, South Summit 0 Enterprise 10, South Summit 2 Am. Leadership 5, Millard 2 North Sevier 9, Millard 7 Duchesne 7, Milford 6 South Sevier 10, Milford 2

## SOFTBALL

## Region 9

<b>3/12</b>	Cedar 20, Pine View 5 Desert Hills 15, Dixie 0 Hurricane 5, Crimson Cliffs 3
<b>3/13</b>	South Summit 21, Dixie 5 Crimson Cliffs 5, Hurricane 1
<b>3/14</b>	Cedar 17, Pine View 1 Spanish Fork 5, Snow Canyon 1 Crimson Cliffs 9, Sky View 1 Hurricane 19, West 9
<b>3/15</b>	Bingham 7, Desert Hills 1 Desert Hills 7, Spanish Fork 2 Snow Canyon 8, Murray 3 Snow Canyon 7, Weber 1 Weber 7, Crimson Cliffs 4 Hurricane 11, Skyridge 8 Hurricane 10, Murray 5 Altamont 8, Dixie 4 Dixie 8, Moapa Valley 1
<b>3/16</b>	Crimson Cliffs 3, Layton 2 Bingham 6, Crimson Cliffs 3 Desert Hills 15, Weber 0 Desert Hills 19, Murray 0 Snow Canyon 12, Skyridge 1 Queen Creek (AZ) 11, Snow Canyon 0, Snow Canyon 6, Salem Hills 1, Dixie 5, Milford 3 Dixie 5, White Pine (NV) 4 Spanish Fork 4, Hurricane 2 Hurricane 16, Uintah 3

## Region 12

<b>3/11</b>	Juab 16, South Summit 6
<b>3/12</b>	North Sanpete 17, Richfield 2 Manti 13, Emery 3 Carbon 18, Delta 2
<b>3/13</b>	Manti 20, Delta 0
<b>3/14</b>	Emery 6, Carbon 3
<b>3/15</b>	Richfield 12, Fredonia (AZ) 1 Morgan 12, Richfield 2 Richfield 18, Skyline 13 Emery 7, South Sevier 2 Emery 10, Stansbury 5 Bonneville 10, Emery 3 Corner Canyon 14, Delta 2 Kearns 16, Delta 3 Maple Mountain 17, Manti 2

## 2A South

<b>3/12</b>	Enterprise 13, Parowan 3 South Sevier 15, Millard 2 Kanab 10, Panguitch 4
<b>3/14</b>	South Summit 16, Beaver 9 South Sevier 11, Millard 1 Emery 7, South Sevier 2
<b>3/15</b>	Parowan 8, Gunnison 4 Parowan 5, Union 0, Parowan 8, Grand 3, Altamont 9 Milford 4, Beaver 11 Northridge 10, Beaver 12 American Fork 6, Sky View 15, Beaver 6, South Sevier 11 Stansbury 1, Emery 7, South Sevier 2, South Sevier 11, Shelley (ID) 6, Moapa Valley 10, Milford 9, Altamont 10 Milford 4, American Fork 6 Milford 4
<b>3/16</b>	Altamont 11, Beaver 9 Beaver 8, Moapa Valley 2 Dixie 5, Milford 3 Milford 6, Northridge 5

## BOYS SOCCER

## Region 12

<b>3/13</b>	Canyon View 2, North Sanpete 1, Delta 0, Richfield 0, Rabbits win 3-2 on penalty kicks Manti 5, Emery 0, Carbon 5 Juab 1
<b>3/15</b>	Carbon 0, Delta 0, Dinos win 2-1 on penalty kicks, Manti 4,= Richfield 0

## 2A South

<b>3/12</b>	Beaver 4, Parowan 0 Grand 8, Millard 1 Gunnison 7, South Sevier
<b>3/14</b>	Waterford 2, Parowan 0 Gunnison 5, Millard 0 Beaver 2, South Sevier 1, 2 OT
<b>3/15</b>	Grand 7, Parowan 0

## BOYS VOLLEYBALL

## Region 9

<b>3/12</b>	Snow Canyon 3, Dixie 1 Westlake 3, Crimson Cliffs 1
<b>3/15</b>	Snow Canyon 3, Pine View 0

## STANDINGS

## RPI RANKINGS IN PARENTHESES

## Region 9 Baseball

	REGION	OVERALL
Crimson Cliffs	2-0	8-3
Pine View	2-0	9-2
Dixie	1-1	8-2
Desert Hills	1-1	6-3
Snow Canyon	0-0	5-2
Hurricane	0-2	3-3
Cedar	0-2	2-8

## Region 12 Baseball

	REGION	OVERALL
Manti	1-0	5-1
Carbon	1-0	6-2

Delta	1-1	4-4
Richfield	1-1	1-5
Emery	0-0	6-4
Canyon View	0-0	2-3
Juab	0-1	2-3
N. Sanpete	0-1	1-4

## 2A West Baseball

	REGION	OVERALL
Beaver	2-0	7-2
Enterprise	1-0	7-2
Kanab	0-0	2-0
Water Canyon	0-0	0-0
S. Server	0-0	5-1
Millard	0-0	0-5
Parowan	0-1	1-3
Milford	0-2	4-5

## Region 9 Softball

	REGION	OVERALL
Cedar	2-0	4-4
Desert Hills	1-0	8-2
Hurricane	1-1	10-3
Crimson Cliffs	1-1	6-5
Snow Canyon	0-0	7-3
Dixie	0-1	5-7
Pine View	0-2	0-5

## Region 12 Softball

	REGION	OVERALL
Manti	2-0	3-4
N. Sanpete	1-0	3-3
Carbon	1-1	1-2
Emery	1-1	4-2
Juab	0-0	7-0
Canyon View	0-0	2-3
Richfield	0-1	2-4
Delta	0-2	0-5

## 2A South Softball

	REGION	OVERALL
S. Sevier	2-0	6-2
Enterprise	1-0	7-0
Kanab	1-0	1-0
Beaver	0-0	6-6
Milford	0-0	3-5
Water Canyon	0-0	0-2
Parowan	0-1	3-1
Panguitch	0-1	2-1
Millard	0-2	1-6

## Region 9 Boys Soccer

	REGION	OVERALL
Dixie	0-0	2-0
Desert Hills	0-0	1-1
Crimson Cliffs	0-0	1-1
Snow Canyon	0-0	0-1
Hurricane	0-0	0-2
Cedar	0-0	0-2
Pine View	0-0	0-2

## Region 12 Boys Soccer

	REGION	OVERALL
Manti	4-0	4-0
Carbon	3-0	3-0
Canyon View	2-0	2-0
Delta	2-2	2-2
Juab	1-2	1-2
Emery	0-2	0-2
N. Sanpete	0-2	0-2
Richfield	0-2	0-4

## 2 A South Boys Soccer

	REGION	OVERALL
Gunnison	3-0	3-0
Grand	2-0	3-1
Beaver	2-2	2-2
South Sevier	2-2	2-3
Millard	1-2	1-2
San Juan	0-2	0-2
Parowan	0-2	0-4

## Region 9 Boys Volleyball

	REGION	OVERALL
Snow Canyon	1-0	4-3
Cedar	1-0	2-4
Crimson Cliffs	0-0	3-5
Desert Hills	0-0	1-5
Dixie	0-0	0-5
Pine View	0-1	5-3
Hurricane	0-1	2-3

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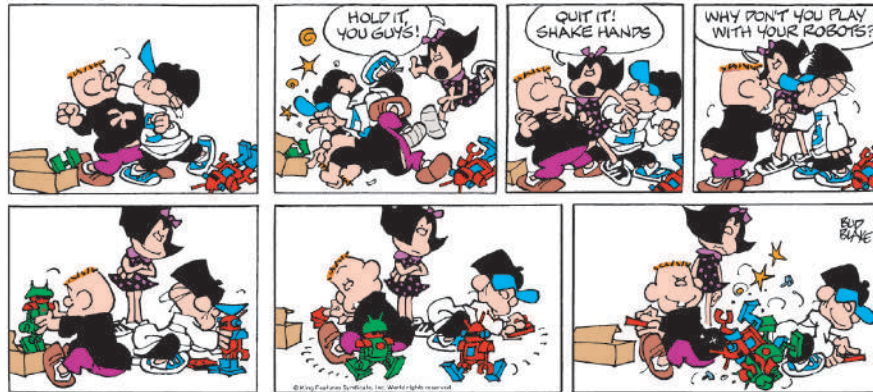
# Amber Waves

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# Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging  
◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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# HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTIHOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Fishing line is different. 2. Branch is higher. 3. Hat is different. 4. Mountain is added. 5. Cloud is larger. 6. Cap is different.

# King Crossword

## ACROSS

- 1 Gold-loving king
- 6 Soviet space station
- 9 Actress Dennings
- 12 "That — I ask"
- 13 Longoria of TV
- 14 Writer LeShan
- 15 "What — mean?"
- 16 Journal
- 18 Singer Timberlake
- 20 Monster
- 21 Med. plan option
- 23 Sweetie
- 24 Different
- 25 Exile isle
- 27 Russian villa
- 29 Deceived
- 31 There
- 35 Rocker Adams
- 37 Harvard rival
- 38 City near Venice
- 41 Prefix with gender
- 43 Shriek bark
- 44 Teensy bit
- 45 Frenzied
- 47 Pampering places

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- 49 Dizzying designs
- 52 Dad on "Black-ish"
- 53 Swiss canton
- 54 Bellini opera
- 55 Feminine side
- 56 Favorite
- 57 Idyllic spots
- 6 Islamic holy city
- 7 Infamous tsar
- 8 Shaft of light
- 9 IRA relative
- 10 Worship
- 11 Greedy sort
- 17 Plant science
- 19 Hot rum drink
- 21 Skirt edge
- 22 Roman 1051
- 24 Discoverer's call
- 26 Photo collections
- 28 Doubter
- 30 Notable time
- 32 Workplace perk, maybe
- 33 Yalie
- 34 Gym unit
- 36 Nails the test
- 38 Rice field
- 39 Arcade pioneer
- 40 Senior member
- 42 14 pounds
- 45 Aesopian also-ran
- 46 Apple product
- 48 Young dog
- 50 LBJ's successor
- 51 Prof's aides

## DOWN

- 1 Central
- 2 Equal (Pref.)
- 3 Nine-to-five gigs
- 4 Matty of baseball
- 5 Melting snow

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# Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. LITERATURE: What is the name of the kingdom in "The Princess Bride"?
2. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: In British royalty, what is King Charles' family name?
3. TELEVISION: Which TV sitcom features Sheldon's catchphrase "Bazinga!"?
4. U.S. STATES: Which U.S. state is home to the Awatovi Ruins, a national historic landmark?
5. HISTORY: According to a WWII government slogan, what sinks ships?
6. GEOGRAPHY: What is the name of the small principality that lies between Spain and France?
7. ANATOMY: Which part of the brain controls hunger?
8. LANGUAGE: The Latin word "caput" refers to what part of the human anatomy?
9. SCIENCE: Which color has the longest wavelength in the visible spectrum?
10. FOOD & DRINK: What is the primary alcohol used in margaritas?

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Answer

## Weekly SUDOKU


Solution time: 26 mins.

Answers

## King Crossword

1. Flornia; 2. Mountbatten-Windsor; 3. "The Big Bang Theory"; 4. Arizona; 5. Loose lips; 6. Andorra; 7. Hypothalamus; 8. The head; 9. Red; 10. Tequila.

Trivia Test Answers



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